

## Special Event Forney Fit Fest

**Where:** Downtown Heritage Towne Center at Main & Elm Street on **Saturday, May 7, 2011**. Beginning at 8:30 am with a 5K RACE and 1 mile FUN-RUN, the festival includes activities, demonstrations, vendors, entertainment and food until 3:00pm for the whole FAMILY! Come experience everything there is to know about living environmentally, physically, mentally and spiritually FIT - in FORNEY!

For more information contact Karen at [publicworks@cityofforney.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofforney.org) or visit [www.forneytexasedc.org](http://www.forneytexasedc.org).

## Go Vote

The General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011. Positions up for election are the Mayor and Places 2, 4, and 6.

Early voting by personal appearance starts on May 2, 2011 and ends on May 10, 2011. In addition to the Saturday early voting on May 7, 2011, there will be two late days during early voting: Thursday, May 5, 2011 and Tuesday, May 10, 2011. The early voting location in Forney is the County's Sub-Court House on Main Street.

The City contracts with the County for election services, so for information regarding where you will need to vote on Election Day, please call the Election Administrator at 972-932-0298.

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

May 14<sup>th</sup> -- "TANGLED"

May 21<sup>st</sup> -- "HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"

June 18<sup>th</sup> -- "MEGAMIND"

*Movies sponsored by Orange County  
Container Group LLC*

## Landscape and Garden Series Workshops

**Landscape Maintenance Workshop** (Cost Effective Practices for Lawn Maintenance & Gardening) **May 21, 2011 9:00 am – 12 pm**

**Water Wise Landscape Workshop** (Basic Irrigation, Irrigation Self Audit, Scheduling Controller, & Rain Catchment practices) **June 18, 2011 9:00 am – 12 pm**

All Classes will be located at:

Forney's Central Fire Station  
104 E. Aimee  
Forney, Texas 75126

Cost: \$FREE to Forney Residents  
\$5 per Workshop for County Residents

Reservations: Karen Sanders, City of Forney Public Works  
[publicworks@cityofforney.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofforney.org); 972-564-7340 [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org)

The Splash Pad opens at Community Park on Memorial Day Weekend (May 28-30, 2011).

## Safety Tips from the Police Department

- Never leave your valuables in plain view even if your car doors are locked. Put them in the trunk or at least out of sight.
- Keep doors locked – at home and when in your car.
- While shopping keep your purses closed and in the lower part of a shopping cart to help prevent a "Snatch and Grab".
- Apply your Texas Drivers License Number or another ID number to Tools, Bikes, etc. to help recover items if they are stolen. The numbers need to be engraved and/or permanently applied.
- Keep garage doors closed and keep all tools and yard items put away when not in use.
- Join a neighbor watch group and get involved in your community.
- Keep shrubs and bushes trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide; keep a clear view.
- Make sure you write down all makes, models, and serial numbers of your property. That way if they are stolen they can be reported to the police properly and it can help recover the items.



## Citizens on Patrol (COPs) Program

The next meeting of the COP will be Monday, May 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in being "eyes and ears" for our local Police – then come to this meeting. See your community with different eyes – daytime or nights.

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

**THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN BAD WEATHER CAN OCCUR. SO STAY ALERT AND STAY SAFE.**

## Bad Weather Threats

Forney Dispatch Center works with the Fort Worth NOAA National Weather Service when bad weather hits our area, along with local storm chasers. Between the two, it helps us determine how severe the weather is, the direction it is moving, and how fast it is moving.

If the severity of the weather calls for it, the tones to the Forney Outdoor Warning Sirens are sounded. Please note that those sirens are meant for people who are outside and need to take cover from the bad weather. We suggest that if there is a possibility of bad weather, or it appears to be close, that you watch local weather channels or monitor a weather radio. Unless you live directly near the one of the three sirens in the city, you will not hear it inside your home.

When bad weather does hit your area, please take cover to ensure that the people you are with are safe. Please limit the usage on cell phones, during bad weather high cell phone usage will congest cell phone provider services and emergency calls cannot be made.

### Terms to know

**Watch:** Likely to occur. **Warning:** Has been spotted in the area and people in the path are in danger. Take cover if it is a Tornado or Hurricane Warning.

Take the time now to determine the safest room in your house – preferably an “inside” room without windows or outside walls – such as a bathroom or a closet.

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I know this information was in the last newsletter, but it bears repeating: The City of Forney uses this system to alert citizens of water outages, gas leaks, bad weather, etc. To help us ensure that we are reaching you during an emergency, please go to [www.cityofforney.org](http://www.cityofforney.org) on the home page, then go to Get Connected and follow the link at Sign Up Now! You can also call Ashley at the Police Department 972-564-7611 for help in getting signed up.



Think  
SHOP  
Live  
FORNEY

So far we haven't had much rain, so please...

### REMEMBER TO CONSERVE WATER

**Watering is not allowed from  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily.**

Citizens can water their property twice a week, on any day, but not between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Congrats!

CWD--Community Waste Disposal was awarded the **2010 Keep America Beautiful Award – Certificate of Merit** for CWD's unique waste minimization programs.

### Important May Dates

May 3, 2011 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street

May 14, 2011 – Election Day  
Vote in your precinct

May 17, 2011 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall, 101 E. Main Street

May 30, 2011 – Memorial Day  
City Offices will be closed

### Future Events

City of Forney and CWD Green Carnival  
Recycling Events

Saturday, June 11, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
Saturday, August 6, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to Noon  
Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to Noon

The following will be collected: Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Automotive Tires, Household Metal Appliances, Cardboard, Document Shredding, and Eye Glasses. For more information call 972-564-7390.

Thank you for participating in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Citizen Survey. Results will be featured in a future newsletter.

### Summer Fun

School will be out before you know it. If you are looking for things for your kiddos to do, the Environmental Co-op is sponsoring a Summer Science Series (S<sup>3</sup>). For more information about the S<sup>3</sup> programs listed below, or to register for one of the series, email [ecoprograms@trashbusters.org](mailto:ecoprograms@trashbusters.org) or call 972-524-0007.

### Real Girls Get Their Hands Dirty (S<sup>3</sup>)

Hands-On gardening  
Vermi-composting  
Famous women and the environment  
Take-home plant, snack, games, and more!

**Who:** Girls Only  
**When:** June 14 (8-10 years old) & June 16 (11-13 years old)  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Co-op Office: 401 N. Adelaide Street, Terrell, TX  
**Cost:** \$25 (please bring your own lunch)

### Environmental Detectives (S<sup>3</sup>)

Where does trash come from? Where does it go?  
Help crack the case!

Hands-on crime scene investigation!  
Learn about the first environmental detective  
Take home environmental investigation kit  
Trash art, games, and fun!

**Who:** Earth-wise boys and girls  
**When:** June 21 (8-10 years old) & June 23 (11-13 years old)  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Co-op Office: 401 N. Adelaide Street, Terrell, TX  
**Cost:** \$25 (please bring your own lunch)