



CITY OF

HEATH NEWSLETTER

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Pictured left to right: City Manager Ed Thatcher, Council member Karen Lewis, Council member Lorne Liechty, Mayor John Ratcliffe, Council member Bob Hille, Mayor Pro Tem Julie Zurek, Council member Rich Krause, Rockwall County Commissioner Lorie Ginnan and Rockwall County Commissioner Dennis Bailey.

Widening of FM 740 Begins

Phase I of the expansion of FM 740 was officially launched during a ground breaking ceremony on December 4.

“This is an important day for the City of Heath,” said Mayor John Ratcliffe. “Getting to the starting point of this project has been a long process that has involved our citizens and many leaders in Heath and Rockwall County through the years. We are very grateful for their support and so happy to be here today.”

The ground breaking was hosted by Rockwall County Judge Chris Florance and County Commissioners Lorie Grinnan and Dennis Bailey, who Mayor Ratcliffe credited with helping to speed the project’s progress along in recent months. Also recognized for its role in communicating the importance of widening FM 740 to citizens was The Building Better Roads Committee, led by Kevin Fowler.

The Regional Transportation Council approved funding for Phase I of FM 740 on March 5, 2009. Phase I involves widening FM 740 from FM 3097 to Laurence Drive. City and county leaders are now working to ensure the funding for Phase II, which will widen FM 740 from Laurence Drive to the intersection of FM 549 and FM 550.

For updates on the project, visit www.heathtx.com and select “FM 740 Construction Update”.



White Road is Completed

The widening and reconstruction of White Road north of Country Club Drive to Tubbs Road is complete and the road is open to traffic. The scope of the project involved widening 2,000 feet of road and installing curbs, gutters, sidewalk, new water and sewer lines, lighting and landscaping.

Upcoming Events...

City Council
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.,
City Hall.

Planning & Zoning Commission
2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Park Board
4th Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.

Special Events Board
2nd Monday of the Month, 7 p.m.

Municipal Court
2nd Monday of the Month, 1 p.m. in City Hall.
Juvenile Court follows, 3 p.m.

Agendas for City of Heath meetings are available at www.heathtx.com.

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City of Heath Celebrates at Holiday in the Park

The bitter cold weather was just the way Santa likes it as hundreds of Heath residents bundled up and gathered to welcome the Jolly Old Elf at the annual Heath Holiday in the Park on December 4. The City thanks the many individuals and groups who helped continue this special community tradition in 2009:

Musical Performances

Honor Choir of Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary,
Directed by Laci Strickland Betterton
Honor Choir of Amy Parks-Heath Elementary,
Directed by Jan Stonestreet
Rockwall-Heath High School Cheerleaders and Mascot Harley Hawk

Santa Claus

Home-baked Cookies and Refreshment Service

Rockwall Women's League
National Charity League

City of Heath Special Events Board

Joel Palin, Chairman
Brian Berry
Pamela Miley
Alma McClintock
Melody Hail
Jason Severn
Gayle Kuhrt

Christmas Tree, Lighted Vignettes and Grounds Set Up/Clean Up
City of Heath Parks and Public Works Employees

Security

Heath Department of Public Safety

Heath Recycles!



Many Heath residents recycle and do so abundantly! The City has received reports that some residents separate up to 80 percent of their household trash for recycling.

Statistics show that in 2009, the community's overall recycling efforts topped out at just 4 percent below the City's goal of being in the top 10 percent of all North Texas cities in recycling.

"I am convinced that we are capable of closing that gap to become the leader in this environmental stewardship effort," says Les Horvath, the City's point person for Heath's recycling programs.. "Our vision is to be an example to other cities of what can be accomplished by citizens striving together toward this worthwhile goal."

If you have questions about recycling or want to share ideas on how Heath citizens might recycle more efficiently as a community, please contact Mr. Horvath at 972 961-4883.

Christmas Tree Collection

IESI will collect unadorned Christmas trees on the regular trash collection and bulky days. Please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel and any other decorations from your Christmas tree and place at the curb with your garbage and recycling bins.



Annual Registration Reminders

Residential and Commercial Alarm Permits Expire December 31

Anyone responsible for the operation of or in possession of an alarm system in the City of Heath is required to obtain an annual permit for operation of such system. The permit is good for a calendar year and a penalty of \$200.00 may be assessed if an alarm system permit is not current.

Any commercial or residential alarm system should be registered or renewed by January 1, 2010. For your convenience, the form is available at www.heathtx.com under the City Documents menu. If you have questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

Dogs

City dog registrations expire December 31 each year. Please present current rabies certification at City Hall to update or obtain your dog's registration tag. The annual cost is \$10 for intact dogs and \$5 for those that have been spayed or neutered.

All dogs are required to wear current registration and rabies tags on their collars at all times. Should your pet become lost or injured, the registration tag will help animal control officers get him or her safely home to you.

Volunteer Applications

If you are resolved to become more involved in your community in 2010, go to www.heathtx.com to download a Volunteer Application. Completed applications may be returned to the City Secretary via email, fax or delivery to City Hall.