



## Heath is Improving...



### FM 740 Widening Update

This important project remains on schedule for completion in the Fall of 2012. During a recent Rockwall County Planning Consortium meeting, TxDOT representatives stated that the contractor plans to switch the traffic to the new pavement on FM 740 (Ridge Road) between FM 3097 (Horizon Road) and FM 1140 (Smirl Drive) soon.

The section of FM 740 now being widened will have six-foot sidewalks behind the curb on both sides of the new roadway.

### North Water Tower FAQ's

- The City's new north water tower is now under construction and can be seen near the northern intersection of FM 740 (Ridge Road) and FM 1140 (Smirl Drive).
- The construction period is approximately 18 months with an estimated Fall 2012 completion date.
- The finished height will be 134.5'.
- The water tank will hold 1.5 million gallons of water.
- The tank provides the City with 10 hours of water storage during maximum demand periods of use by water customers, such as the summer.
- The tank provides one day of storage during periods of average use by water customers.



### City of Heath: 2011 Review

From earning the Scenic City Award to launching important projects such as the new water tower, 2011 was a year filled with accomplishments. Heath councilmembers share highlights in a new video now available at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

## Texas Attorney General Offers Online Senior Resource and Consumer Alerts

The Attorney General protects senior consumers by taking legal measures under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act and other consumer protection statutes. The agency has created an online resource of information about numerous senior issues including Internet safety, lotteries and sweepstakes, investments and property, elder abuse and long-term care.

The agency also issues periodic senior and consumer alerts. Seniors (and their family and friends) can sign up to receive these alerts through an email subscription service. Visit [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us) to access the senior resources and sign up for the email alerts. You can also call the agency at (800) 252-8011.

## The City of Heath Wishes You and Your Family a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

The community welcomed the 2011 holiday season at the Annual Holiday in the Park celebration on December 2.

Thank you to all the participants who made the event possible:

Honor Choir, Dorothy Smith Pullen Elementary  
- Directed by Chris Ghormley  
Honor Choir, Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School  
- Directed by Jan Stonestreet  
Rockwall Women's League  
National Charity League  
Kroger's Grocery Store  
City of Heath Special Events Board - Joel Palin, Chairman, Brian Berry, Harry Heinkele, Gayle Kuhrt, Mary Luxton, Pamela Miley and Mike Rask



From left: Councilmember Robert Hille, Jason Staten, Tara Plexico, Kristi Smith and Councilmember Barry Brooks.



Chief Terry Garrett (left) congratulates DPS Employee of the Year Officer Andrew Poindexter.

## City Honors Employees of the Year

A strong work ethic, positive attitude and the drive to go beyond the boundaries of their own duties were common traits displayed by the City of Heath staff members honored for their outstanding performance in 2011 at the Awards Luncheon in December.

### Congratulations to the following employees:

#### City of Heath Employee of the Year:

Tara Plexico  
*Accountant, Finance/Admin. Department*

#### Department of Public Safety Employee of the Year:

Officer Andrew Poindexter  
*- also named 2012 Rockwall Rotary Club Officer of the Year*

#### Administrative/Finance Employee of the Year:

Kristi Smith  
*Customer Service Representative*

#### Public Works Department Employee of the Year:

Jason Staten  
*Utilities Maintenance Worker*

## Recycling Tip

Make recycling part of your New Year's exercise routine! Fill up and roll your blue Recycling container to the street. If you don't use it, we lose it. Remember, more than 70% of trash is recyclable material.

## December 31:

### Residential & Commercial Alarm Permits Expire

Please visit City Hall to renew your permits. The alarm permit renewal form can be downloaded at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).