



Outgoing councilmembers Karen Lewis and Steve McKimmey are honored for their service to the City of Heath by Mayor John Ratcliffe (center). Councilmember Lewis served on Council from 1999-2011; Councilmember McKimmey served on Council from 2005-2011 and on the Park Board from 2000-2005.

Councilmembers Honored for Service

Councilmembers Karen Lewis and Steve McKimmey were honored during their final council meeting on May 17. After serving the community for a combined 18 years, both chose not to run for office in the May 14 election.

"In today's society, selfishness is everywhere, but that makes it even more rewarding when you have the complete and utter selflessness both Karen and Steve have demonstrated as councilmembers," said Mayor John Ratcliffe. "They donated thousands of hours during their combined 18 years of service to every person in our community. And they served with one purpose: to make Heath a better place to live."

The Mayor noted that the councilmembers were a part of significant progress in Heath as roads were built and improved; the widening of FM 740 was launched; parks were built and renovated; trails were expanded; and entire neighborhoods were created.

May 14 City Council Election Results

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CITY'S NEW AND RETURNING
COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Place 1 – Bob Hille
Place 2 – Justin Holland
Place 4 – Barry Brooks
Place 6 – Rich Krause



Voluntary Water Restrictions Authorized

Stage 1 voluntary water conservation actions have been authorized for City of Heath water customers in response to a request by the City's water suppliers, the City of Rockwall and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

The request follows the discovery of zebra mussels in Lake Texoma. The non-native mussels are a potential environmental threat that affects the total raw water supply available to NTMWD to service its customers.

Currently, NTMWD is not drawing water from Lake Texoma to help prevent the spread of the zebra mussels, which multiply rapidly and attach themselves to boats, piers, cables and other objects. Zebra mussels can also block water treatment plant intakes and pipes and cause declines in fish populations, native mussels, and birds.

Heath water customers are asked to adhere to the following Stage I measures:

- Do not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 to October 31.
- Do not water or wash hard surfaces such as concrete.
- Do not water during rain or freezing temperatures.
- Limit lawn and landscape irrigation to two times per week.
- Lawn and landscapes may be watered more frequently than two times per week if irrigations systems are installed with an evapo-transpiration controller.
- Heath customers may also water more than two times per week to establish new lawns or landscaping for a 30-day period or as approved by the City.
- Rain and freeze sensors and/or evapo-transpiration controllers must be properly maintained.
- Fund-raising and at-home car washing are permitted only when using a water hose with a shut-off nozzle.

New Fire Engine Joins the Force

A 2011 E-One Tradition pumper received the traditional welcome as Heath DPS officers pushed the new engine into the fire bay on May 11. "Proper equipment is critical to ensuring the success of any emergency response," said Chief Terry Garrett, director of Heath DPS. "Having a second certified fire engine will enhance our capabilities to save lives and properties and provide a more efficient and safer work platform for our officers."

The fire engine is equipped for structural firefighting operations with a 970-gallon water tank, 30-gallon foam cell and 1,800 feet of hose.

2011 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk Participation Soars

A record 457 registered runners and walkers kicked off Easter weekend at the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk presented April 23 by the City of Heath Special Events Board.

New race features this year, including professional management by Rockwall Running Center, a certified course, expanded race categories and RIFD tags, resulted in a 39 percent increase from 2010 participation.



Above: Heath Mayor John Ratcliffe congratulates the overall winners of the 2011 Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk from left: Kimberly Stark (2nd); Mathew Hearn (1st); and Justin Tokuz (3rd). View more photos and a video at www.heathtx.com.

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Heath Salon & Spa
Horizon Auto Center
Lady of America
Rockwall Running Center
Smile Ranch Family Dentistry
Walmart

2011-2012 Budget Process Begins

The City of Heath Council and staff have begun the process for preparing the budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The first public hearing on the budget will be Tuesday, August 16 with a second public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 6. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by City Council September 20 and become effective October 1.

Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate Where Your Tax Dollar Goes...

City of Heath \$0.34 (15.6%)	Rockwall County \$0.35 (17.6%)	Rockwall ISD \$1.47 (66.8%)
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Dirt is Flying!

The widening of FM 740 from Horizon Road/FM 3097 to Laurence Drive is progressing and on schedule for completion by TxDOT in the fall of 2012. Please continue to keep this project in mind as you plan drive times in and out of Heath. For updates follow the City on Facebook, Twitter and www.heathtx.com.

Quiet, Please...

Heath residents will be interested to know that the City Council amended existing ordinances regarding quiet hours. Construction activities, including concrete work, are now prohibited between the hours of 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and all day on Sunday. The quiet hour regulations apply to both professional construction firms and homeowners conducting their own projects. The full ordinance including exceptions and notifications is available at www.heathtx.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

Special Events Board
4th Monday of the Month, 7 p.m.

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

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

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