

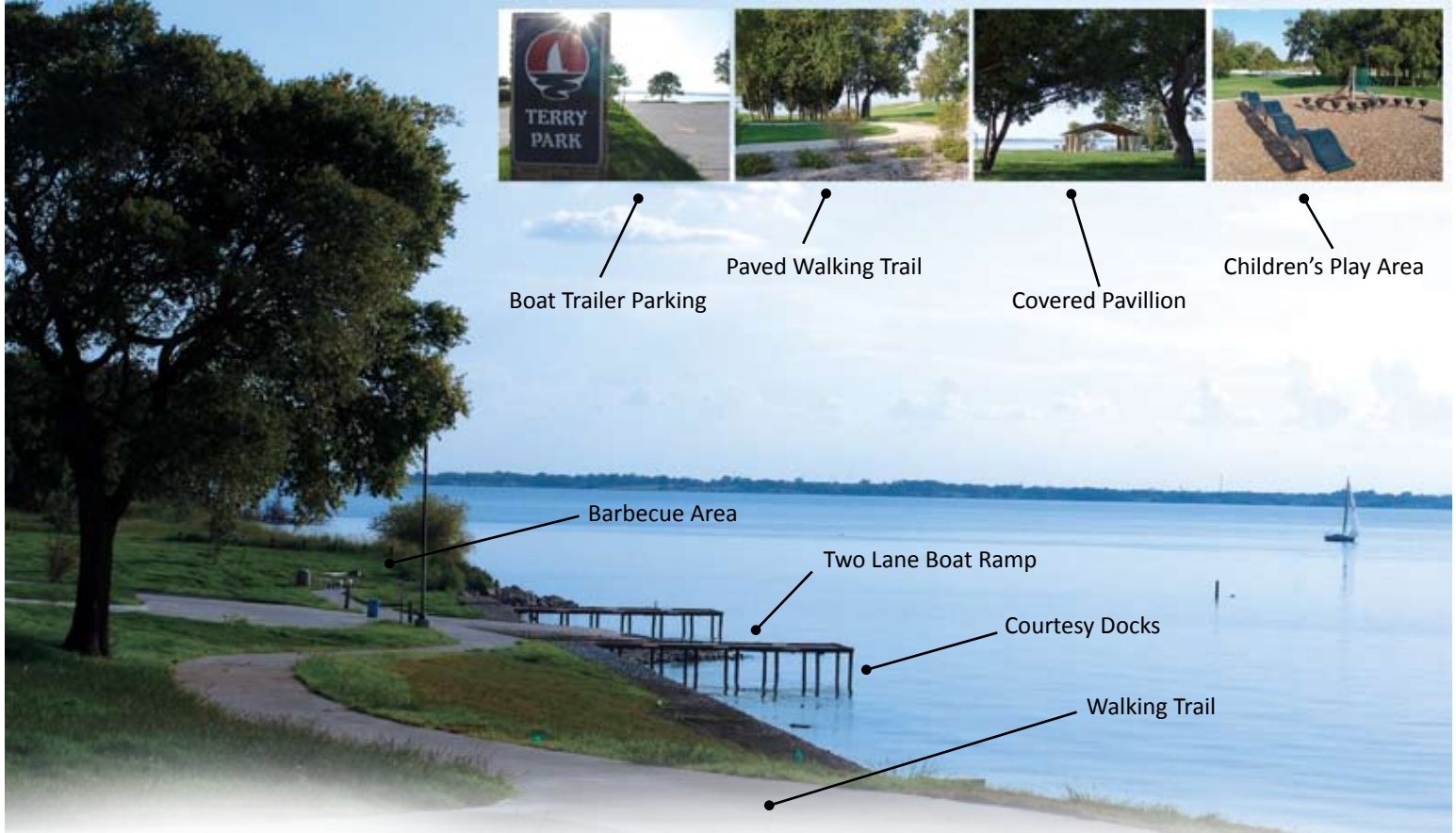


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# HEATH NEWSLETTER

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## Terry Park is Open

The Heath City Council, Park Board members and other dignitaries gathered at Terry Park on September 24 for a ceremonial opening of this newly-renovated seven-acre waterfront park located on Lake Ray Hubbard.

Make plans to come see the results for yourself! The weather is perfect for enjoying the many new amenities including the two-lane boat ramp with courtesy docks, trails, playgrounds and pavilion. Additional enhancements include restroom facilities, new lighting, landscaping and concrete parking for vehicles and boat trailers

## City Council Adopts Budget for 2009-2010

The Heath City Council unanimously adopted a budget during its September 15 meeting for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The new budget maintains the tax rate at .3433 per \$100 of appraised property value.

Of that tax rate, .2786 funds the City's maintenance and operations budget of just over \$4.6 million, and .0647 funds the debt service budget of \$1.2 million. Utility, garbage and recycling collection rates were increased to provide adequate resources to operate the delivery and collection systems.

The new fiscal year will begin October 1. The final budget and rates can be viewed at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

### 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](http://www.heathtx.com).

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## WHITE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

For illustrative purposes only. Final construction may vary.



## Reconstruction of White Road ahead of Schedule

The widening and reconstruction of White Road north of Country Club Drive to Tubbs Road is ahead of schedule and close to completion.

The scope of the project involved widening 2,000 feet of road and incorporating curbs, gutters, sidewalk, new water and sewer lines, lighting and landscaping. Access to the road has been given to area residents, with full public access expected by November upon the installation of sidewalks, lighting and landscaping.

## Vote and Give Blood on Election Day

The American Red Cross is turning to the Heath community to help replenish critical blood supplies before the holiday season and its increased needs arrive.

The City of Heath will host the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. at City Hall. So mark your calendar now to vote, and then give! For further convenience, visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and use sponsor code "cityofheath" to make an appointment. You may also make an appointment by calling 1-800 GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

## Save the Date. Santa Claus is Coming to Town December 4!

Annual Heath Holiday in the Park  
Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m.  
Towne Center Park Pavilion  
(Located behind Heath City Hall)

Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and online at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).



## Important Safety Reminders from Your Heath Department of Public Safety

### Safety Matters...

#### Creating a Safer Home for Older Adults

Falls are the leading cause of disability and impairment among older adults, according to the Rockwall County Meals on Wheels. If you have older adults visiting or living in your home, there are a few simple adjustments that you can make to prevent accidents including:

1. Removing unnecessary furniture.
2. Arranging remaining furniture to allow space for someone to walk through easily and wide enough for a walker or wheelchair.
3. Adjusting furniture so that it will not move if leaned upon.
4. Ensuring that a favorite chair has armrests that are long enough to help the person get up and down.
5. Removing stacks of books, newspapers and other hazards.
6. Moving low tables and barriers out of pathways.
7. Cushioning sharp corners on furniture, cabinets and vanities with tape or thin padding.
8. Increasing lighting throughout the home; especially at night by using automatic night-lights in hallways, bathrooms, the kitchen and other areas the person may need during the night.
9. Checking smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year.
10. Placing a fire extinguisher in the kitchen.
11. Placing non-skid tape on the edges of stairs to create contrast that someone can see clearly to prevent tripping.
12. Setting the telephone to ring the maximum number of times to avoid rushing to answer the phone.
13. Leaving the answering machine on high volume so the person can hear and screen incoming messages.
14. Calling a carpenter for safety suggestions such as installing railings in places where a person might need extra support.

Older family members still living in their own homes should also have these changes made to their property. Additional information and assistance in caring for older adults can be found at [www.familycaregiversonline.net](http://www.familycaregiversonline.net).

For more information on how you can support Meals on Wheels in Rockwall County or obtain services for an older adult, call 972-771-9514.