



Heath Earns Scenic City Certification

The City of Heath is one of 16 cities in Texas awarded the Scenic City Certification in 2011 by Scenic Texas, an organization dedicated to supporting Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces.

The Scenic City application process contained 73 possible criteria points, including a percentage of park and open space, implementation of multi-use trails and recreation areas, strong litter enforcement laws, street lighting standards, and utility line management.

“The benefits of having the ordinances and programs that enabled Heath to earn the Scenic City certification are numerous,” said Mayor John Ratcliffe. “These stringent regulations help to maintain property values, enhance economic development efforts, and improve the quality of life and sense of place our residents enjoy.”

The City of Heath will be honored as a Scenic City during the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference this October in Houston. Other Texas cities earning the certification in 2011 include Frisco, Fairview, Grapevine, Horseshoe Bay and Trophy Club.

Stage 2 Water Mandatory Restrictions in Effect

Stage 2 Water mandatory water conservation measures became effective August 19. Under Stage 2, the city will accelerate efforts to reduce water use in the community by 5 percent.

The implementation of Stage 2 was requested by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the city’s water supplier via the City of Rockwall, as a result of the temporary loss of 22.5 percent of the Lake Texoma raw water supply due to invasive zebra mussels; the continued drought conditions; and high water usage.

City of Heath water customers are required to take the following actions:

- Limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to no more than two days per week.
- Restrict landscape and lawn irrigation between the hours of 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Do not plant new landscaping until the current drought has passed.
- Avoid all other activities that can waste water such as washing vehicles or using water hoses to clean driveways, patios and sidewalks.

These restrictions will remain in effect until further notice or more stringent measures become necessary.

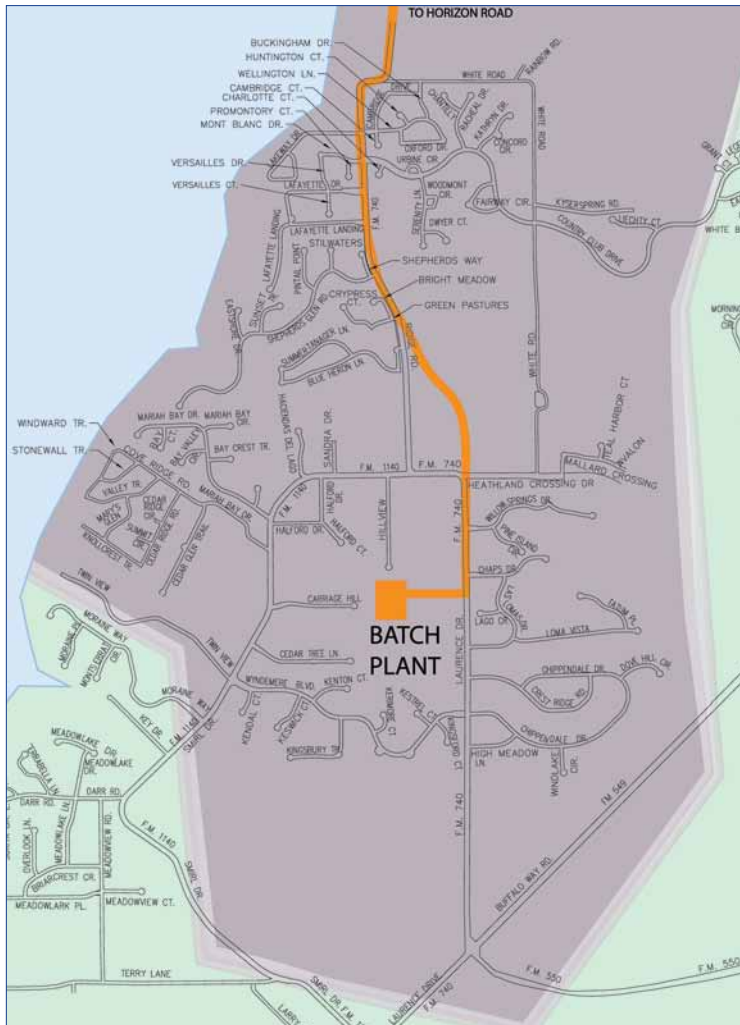
More information and tips on water conservation can be found at www.ntmwd.com.

Extreme Heat Affects FM 740 Road Expansion Project

Due to extreme heat conditions, the northern section of the FM 740 road expansion project has experienced construction delays. Concrete cannot be poured above a determined temperature and still meet TxDOT standards.

As a result, the contractor for this project – Ed Bell Construction Company – requested and received a temporary waiver to the City of Rockwall and City of Heath noise ordinances to be able to pour concrete during quiet hours, which are the coolest part of each day.

The hours temporarily approved for construction work are 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. The time period for the temporary approval spans Sunday, August 21 to Thursday, September 1. The area affected by the construction is highlighted on the map below.



The contractor will make every effort to use low-noise equipment and vehicles and direct lighting away from residential areas. If you have questions, please contact Kerry Lively, TxDOT project manager, 972-962-3617.

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Get the latest FM 740 construction updates, request public works services with My Fix It, and sign up for emergency alerts via Nixle.

New Municipal Court Office Hours Begin October 1

Beginning October 1, the City's Municipal Court office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Municipal Court Office will be closed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, court fines can be paid online at www.heathtx.com.

HEATH COMMUNITY MEETING

Hosted by : Rockwall County
Judge Jerry Hogan

7 p.m., Thursday, September 15
Heath City Hall, Council Chambers

Judge Hogan invites you to come discuss matters affecting your county government.

The change in hours is another measure taken by the City to be cost efficient while still providing convenient service. The staff person currently serving in the Municipal Court Office full-time will now be

able to fulfill important Code Enforcement duties for the City's Public Works Department on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

2011-2012 Budget Process Continues

The City of Heath Council and staff have been working hard to prepare a budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm. A final budget will be adopted by City Council September 20 and become effective October 1.

You Can Make a Difference in Heath

The Heath City Council periodically makes appointments to the City's boards and commissions as positions become vacant. The Boards and Commissions include Planning and Zoning, Park, Special Events, Economic Development, Board of Adjustment and Take Area Appeals. If you are interested in serving, please complete a volunteer application and return to City Hall. You can download an application from the government section at www.heathtx.com.

If you have questions, please contact City Secretary Stephanie Galanides at 972-771-6228 or sgalanides@heathtx.com.

Support Rockwall County Law Officers and WIN!

The Rockwall County Law Enforcement Support Committee provides vital support to police officers, firefighters and EMTs in the county, including the Heath Department of Public Safety. To help raise needed funds, the committee is selling raffle tickets for a Gravelly ZT XL Zero Turn Mower donated by Four Brothers Outdoor Power. The mower is valued at \$3,800, and raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25.

There will also be a drawing for a giant Chick-fil-A cow that comes with free sandwiches for a year. Call Heath DPS Administrative Assistant Renee Kelly at 469-853-8541 to purchase tickets.

The drawing will be held October 15 at the Rockwall Chick-fil-A. You do not need to be present to win.