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Council Members Honored and Introduced

Retiring Councilmember Robert "Bob" Hille was honored by the community and present and past councilmembers on May 14 for his long tenure of service to Heath. In addition to serving on the City Council from 2004-2013, Bob served the Planning and Zoning Commission from 1997 to 2004 and was a member of the 1995 Comprehensive Plan Committee.

New Councilmember Kevin Lamberth is sworn into office by Mayor Lorne Liechty during the May 14 council meeting (inset right).

Incumbent Councilmembers Rich Krause, Barry Brooks and Justin Holland, who were unopposed, also took the oath of office to serve new two-year terms.

Stage 3 Water Conservation Restrictions begin June 1

Stage 3 mandatory water restrictions will be enacted June 1 by the City of Heath as directed by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the city's water supplier via the City of Rockwall.

City of Heath water customers will be allowed to water landscapes and lawns with sprinklers or irrigation systems one day per week, according to the schedule below.

These water conservation measures are necessary due to low water levels at the reservoirs for NTMWD, which are Lake Lavon, Lake Chapman (Cooper Lake) and Lake Tawakoni. The water conservation measures are also needed because of the loss of the NTMWD's supply from Lake Texoma due to the Zebra Mussel infestation.

While NTMWD is working to secure additional water supplies, it is likely that water use restrictions will remain in effect for the foreseeable future if North Texas does not receive significant rainfall.



You can view watering schedules, a map and list of the streets included in the water schedule, and a complete list of water use actions allowed and prohibited at the City's website by selecting the Drought Declaration document.

Stage 3 restrictions are mandatory, and violations could result in a fine of up to \$2,000. You can get more information about potential future water supplies, tips on how to conserve water at home and view water reservoir levels at www.ntmwd.com.

STAGE 3 MANDATORY WATERING SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF HEATH CUSTOMERS | EFFECTIVE 6.1.13

(View a map showing your location and schedule at www.heathtx.com)

Neighborhood	Odd # Addresses	Even # Addresses
Stoneleigh & Buffalo Creek	Tuesday	Thursday
All Other Heath Customers	Monday	Wednesday

****NO WATERING ANY DAY BETWEEN 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.****

If you are a Heath resident and your water is furnished through Forney Lake WSC or RCH WSC, please check with your water supplier for their specific Stage 3 watering schedule.

(See Water Saving Tips on reverse side of this newsletter)

City of Heath Launches Mosquito Surveillance/Abatement Program

The Heath City Council approved a Mosquito Surveillance and Abatement Program at the April 23 City Council Meeting. While the West Nile Virus was not found in Heath last year, the City wants to be pro-active heading into the prime mosquito breeding season of spring and summer.

The first step of the program involves the weekly placement of traps by an approved contractor. The contractor will collect and analyze the samples and test in accordance with CDC procedures. The contractor will report all collected data to the City weekly.

City staff will then provide weekly larviciding treatment as-needed based upon the results from the surveillance reports. Treatment would include public areas prone to providing breeding areas for mosquitoes. Adult mosquito control will also be conducted as-needed based upon the surveillance data received. This may include the use of Ultra Low Volume (ULV) truck mounted spraying based on Federal and NPDES regulations. Any spraying would be preceded by public notification.

For more information about mosquito bite prevention, visit: www.cdc.gov.



25 Easy Ways to Save Water at Home:

1. Check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
2. Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately. Most replacement parts are inexpensive and easy to install.
3. Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. Every time you flush, five to seven gallons of water are wasted.
4. Put plastic bottles in your toilet tank. To cut down on water waste, put an inch or two of sand or pebbles inside each of two plastic bottles to weigh them down. Fill the bottles with water, screw the lids on, and put them in your toilet tank, safely away from the operating mechanisms. This may save 10 or more gallons of water per day. Be sure at least 3 gallons of water remain in the tank so it will flush properly.
5. Insulate your water pipes. It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation.
6. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators. Also, all household faucets should be fit with aerators. This single best home water conservation method is also the cheapest.
7. Take shorter showers. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.
8. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for rinsing.

9. Rinse your razor in the sink. Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water. This will rinse your razor just as well as running water.

10. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons.

11. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.

12. Minimize use of kitchen sink garbage disposal units. Start a compost pile or use an indoor kitchen composter as alternate methods of disposing food waste.

13. When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running for rinsing. If you have a double-basin, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water. If you have a single-basin sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a panful of hot water.

14. Don't let the faucet run while you clean vegetables. Rinse them in a stoppered sink or a pan of clean water.

15. Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge. Running tap water to cool it off is wasteful.

16. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering.

17. Deep-soak your lawn. When watering the lawn, do so long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots. Put an empty tuna can on your lawn - when it's full, you've watered about the right amount.

18. Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy.

19. Water shrubs, flower beds and lawns efficiently with a strategic placement of soaker hoses, rain barrel catchment systems or simple drip-irrigation systems.

20. Plant drought-resistant shrubs and plants. Many beautiful shrubs and plants thrive with far less watering than other species.

21. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants to slow evaporation of moisture and discourage weed growth.

22. Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not paved areas.

23. Don't run the hose while washing your car. Use the hose only for rinsing.

24. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.

25. Check for leaks in exterior pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.

Heath DPS Walks in Carry the Load, Memorial Day Weekend

Heath DPS has a Walking Team in Carry The Load, an event that brings meaning to Memorial Day by honoring the sacrifices made by members of the military, law enforcement officers, firefighters and their families. Especially those who have died or were wounded while carrying the load for their fellow Americans.

Carry The Load's National Relay Team leaves West Point, crosses the country, and comes through Rockwall (on the way to Dallas) on Sunday, May 26 at approximately 4 a.m. The Relay then leaves Rockwall and heads to Dallas.

Learn more about how you can participate or support:

<http://carrytheload.kintera.org>

Heath Celebrates Freedom!



Annual Independence Day Parade & Popsicles in the Park is JULY 4!
More Details Next Month!