



### City of Heath Officials Join FM 740 Ribbon Cutting Celebration

Mayor Lorne Liechty and Councilmembers Bob Hille, Julie Zurek and Barry Brooks joined other Rockwall County leaders on January 18 for the official ribbon cutting of the newly-widened FM 740 from Horizon Road to Heathland Crossing. Mayor Liechty noted the event was an opportunity to celebrate the cooperation that exists among County communities and leaders to achieve road and infrastructure improvements that benefit all residents and support regional economic development. Special guests included U.S. Representative Ralph Hall and State Representative Scott Turner.

#### SECOND PHASE OF FM 740 WIDENING

The next phase of this important project involves widening FM 740 from Heathland Crossing/FM 740 to FM 1140/Hubbard Drive. TxDOT anticipates a Let date of August 2013 for the project. Maps and drawings are available for public inspection and reproduction at the TxDOT Dallas District Office, 4777 E. Highway 80, Mesquite, Texas 75150 and online at [www.keepitmovingdallas.com](http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com). You may also contact Brenda Callaway of TxDOT at 972-962-3671 for information.

### City of Heath General Election is May 11

#### REGISTER TO VOTE BY APRIL 11

The City of Heath General Election will be held May 11. City Council Places 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be on the ballot. Early voting will be April 29 through May 7. For additional information and voter registration applications, visit the Rockwall County Elections Administrator's office at [www.rockwallcountytexas.com](http://www.rockwallcountytexas.com) or 107 E. Kaufman St., Rockwall. You may call the office at (972) 204-6200.



### Kick Off Easter Weekend at The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on March 30

This family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities ranging from the casual walker to the elite runner.

- Run begins at 8:30 a.m. - Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive.
- Experienced race management by Rockwall Running Center.
- Certified course.
- Awards based upon chip time; start and finish chip timed.
- New 5-year age categories from age 20 to 70 and over.
- Awards for Overall Male and Female winners.
- Awards for Over-40 Masters Male and Female winners.
- Every participant receives a Heart of Heath long sleeve T-shirt while supplies last.
- Drawings held after the race for prizes donated by local businesses.
- Bunny Run for children ages five.
- All proceeds benefit the Heath parks and trails.

**REGISTRATION ONLINE AT [WWW.HEATHTX.COM](http://WWW.HEATHTX.COM)**



## Heath Accident Reports Now Available Online

A traffic accident is never a happy incident, but the City of Heath Department of Public Safety has made obtaining a copy of your accident report easier and faster by providing online access at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com). In most cases, reports will be available within 24 hours of the accident.

To search for a report you will need:

1. The Accident Report Number
2. The Location of the Accident
3. Your Driver's License Number

The fee for each report is \$6.00 and payable by a major debit or credit card. Accident reports can still be obtained in person at the Heath DPS office located at 200 Laurence Dr., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost in person is also \$6.00. For more information, contact Heath DPS at 972-961-4900.

## Rockwall County Offers Basic Skywarn Training Class

With the spring storm season right around the corner, the Rockwall County Emergency Management Office will offer residents the opportunity to become a trained Skywarn Spotter on Saturday March 9.

This free class will teach you:

- How to identify weather threats in Texas
- Visual clues regarding thunderstorm strength
- Safety rules to follow so that you can help protect yourself, your family, and neighbors

The class will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Rockwall County Library. All course materials are provided, and a certificate of completion will be given at the end of the class.

To register call 972-204-7080 or email [emergencymanagement@rockwallcountytexas.com](mailto:emergencymanagement@rockwallcountytexas.com).

## Making Spring Clean-Up Projects a Little Easier:

### IESI BI-MONTHLY BRUSH PICK UP

Please remember that you can place your brush curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the first and third Mondays for collection that week. The amount of brush hauled away free of charge is three cubic yards. Anything over three cubic yards will continue to be billed at \$10 per yard. Residential customers also now have the option of exchanging their 64-gallon blue recycling polycart for a 95-gallon recycling polycart. The enlarged cart is \$1 extra per month. Please call City Hall at 972-771-6228 if you would like to upsize!

(Note: If you have questions about the amount you are billed for additional brush picked up, you can contact IESI customer service direct at 972-686-5665.)

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The City of Heath will join the City of Rockwall to host the 13th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rockwall's Service Center at 1600 Airport Road in Rockwall. The event is open to City of Heath residents, who must obtain a free voucher to deliver items to the collection site. If you would like to volunteer as your neighborhood coordinator or need a participation voucher, please drop by Heath City Hall during regular business hours or call 972-771-6228.

## Fun Facts about Your Hometown...

- Heath was named for John O. Heath, who in 1846 became one of the earliest settlers in the area.
- Heath was originally known as Black Hill—a reference to the black soil of the area—and received a post office, the first in what is now Rockwall County, in 1849.
- In 1854, the post office was moved to nearby Rockwall. From this time until 1886 the settlement was known as Willow Springs, after a local stream.
- In 1886, the name became Heath, and the town again received a post office, which operated until 1906.



## Today, Heath is...

- Ranked as 11th Best Dallas suburb, *D Magazine*, June 2012
- Ranked as 10th Fastest Growing North Texas city, *Dallas Business Journal*, October 2012
- Heath zip code ranked as the 12th Most Affluent North Texas zip codes, *Dallas Business Journal*, October 2012
- Located in Texas' fastest growing retail market, with Rockwall County growing 17.9% over the last five years, *Texas Retail Survey*, December 2012



## Get Emergency Alerts and Weather Warnings from Nixle

The Rockwall County Office of Emergency Management offers the free Nixle notification system, which sends emergency alert emails and/or text messages to your computer, mobile phone or smart phone devices (message and data rates may apply). It takes just a few minutes to sign up for the alerts at: [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Do it today!