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**INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE:
CITY OF HEATH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
UPDATE**

The Heath City Council approved a Capital Improvement Plan that includes more than \$20 million in investments that benefit the entire city in 2013. Bonds were issued to fund the first portion of the plan. Here's a progress report on this important work to ensure Heath continues to be a desirable place to live and attracts the type of high quality residential and commercial development that enhances our community:

APPROVED IN 2013 AND UNDERWAY:

- Towne Center Park Driveway to alleviate peak traffic on Laurence
-City council approved a professional services agreement for engineering design of the two-lane driveway at its January 14 City Council meeting
-Estimated start date is April 2014 with a completion by the end of July 2014
- Utility relocation for Ph 2 of the FM 740 widening
-Enables this project to continue through Heath from FM 1140/FM 740 to City Hall and FM 1140
- Water and sewer projects
-Critical to improve efficiency of systems for all customers
-Shepherds' Glen force main and gravity sewer underway
- Northern FM 740 entry feature
-City council authorized staff to obtain design bid on a signature gateway entry into Heath, such as the one pictured to the (above, right)
-Heath Economic Development Corporation has expressed interest in partnering in the funding of this amenity
- Buffalo Creek Trail Repair
-Sections of the trail along the west side of FM-3097 (Horizon Road) between Country Club Drive and Pullen Elementary will be repaired.
-Construction is scheduled to begin February 3 and take 45 calendar days. NOTE: The trail will be closed during the construction.
- Trail system link in Stoneleigh

**Save the Date and Start Training!
The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk
Easter Saturday, April 19**

Run begins at 8:30 a.m. | Heath City Hall | 200 Laurence Drive.

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

Watch for more details next month and at www.heathtx.com



POTENTIAL PROJECTS IN 2014

At the January 14 City council meeting, City council authorized staff to proceed with the process required to issue the bonds that will fund potential and future projects such as:

- Road and water line improvements throughout the City
-Rabbit Ridge Road, McDonald, Myers, Yankee Creek and Crisp
- Citywide paving improvements
-Over 30 specific sites citywide identified for repair
- DPS radio system
-To replace equipment approaching "end-of-life" status
- Terry Park seawall repair
-Critical to maintaining this valuable waterfront recreational amenity

BUILDING PERMITS

new single-family homes



Year-to-Date December 2012 to Year-to-Date December 2013

Ice Storm Brush Pickup Update: Council Authorizes Fee to Accelerate Collection

Due to winter storm damage, Progressive Waste Solutions offered in December to pick up all brush free of charge until further notice. However, the amount of brush requiring pick up has been significant not only in Heath, but in cities served by Progressive throughout the Metroplex.

To accelerate the collection process, City Council authorized a special program to increase the number of days Progressive collects brush in the City from two days during the collection week to five days. The increase will require an additional weekly fee of \$6,000, which will be paid from the City's sanitation fund. The program will be in operation for up to four weeks, and then evaluated to determine if it should be continued or if the increased response has met the storm collection needs of the City's customers.

Upon return to the City's regular brush collection plan, the collection fee will be resumed. Anything over three cubic yards will once again be charged \$10 per cubic yard.

(Reminder: Please do not put brush on top of your water meter cover.)

Honoring Service...



The Heath City Council recognized the Rockwall Women's League at its January 14 City Council meeting for exceptional service to the community since the non-profit organization was chartered in 1973. Nearly \$3 million has been raised through the Rockwall Women's League Annual Charity Ball for distribution to support over 35 charitable organizations and fund annual scholarships for graduating seniors at three area high schools. For details about this year's ball on April 12, go to: www.rockwallwomensleague.org.

Pictured above from left: Cathy Bedsole, Alison Fox, Mayor Lorne Liechty, Cathy Knoff, Vicki Alexander, Toni Humes, Charlene Norris and Nancy Norris.

City of Heath Honors Employees of the Year

The City of Heath recently honored employees for their outstanding performance in 2013. "An important part of what makes Heath a premiere hometown is the quality and caliber of the City employees" said City Manager Ed Thatcher during the awards presentation.

"From our professional DPS officers who are triple certified as police officers, firefighters and EMTs, to our tireless Public Works staff, there is a shared commitment throughout City Hall to provide the best service to our citizens."

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

City of Heath Employee of the Year

Detective Brian Burton (below left)

Administrative Department Employee of the Year

Norma Duncan, Assistant to the City Manager (below middle)

Public Works Department Employee of the Year

Francisco Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker – Parks (below right)

Department of Public Safety Employee of the Year

Officer Michael Weems (below inset)



CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR TENURE OF SERVICE INCLUDED:

15 Years

Renee Kelly, Department of Public Safety
Scott Trammell, Department of Public Safety

10 Years

Dee Brumit, Department of Public Safety
Brian Burton, Department of Public Safety

Stage 3 Water Conservation Remains in Effect

As a water customer of the North Texas Municipal Water District and the City of Rockwall, the City of Heath remains under Stage 3 water restrictions. In the winter months, that means landscape watering is limited. You can find the most current watering schedule at www.heathtx.com. Please call City Hall at 972-771-6228 anytime you have questions.

WINTER WATERING SCHEDULE | NOVEMBER 1 – MARCH 31, 2014

NO WATERING AT ALL ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

NO WATERING ANY DAY BETWEEN 10AM – 6PM

Stoneleigh & Buffalo Creek Neighborhoods	ODD Numbered Addresses	Water 1st and 3rd TUESDAY of Month
	EVEN Numbered Addresses	Water 2nd and 4th THURSDAY of Month
All Other Heath Customer Locations	ODD Numbered Addresses	Water 1st and 3rd MONDAY of Month
	EVEN Numbered Addresses	Water 2nd and 4th WEDNESDAY of Month