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CITY OF HEATH: 2013 REVIEW

From the adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan benefiting the entire City to hosting successful community events like the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk, 2013 was a year filled with accomplishments. Heath City Councilmembers share highlights in a new video now available at www. heathtx.com.

Mayor's Holiday Message

As 2013 comes to a close, it's a good time to reflect upon the progress we've made this year, and our gratitude to live and work in the City of Heath.

Good fiscal management has enabled us to maintain a healthy fund balance, keep the City's excellent financial ratings and provide the services necessary for a healthy, vibrant community without an increase in our ad valorem tax rate.

To continue developing into the kind of community citizens want and deserve, we have focused on three key areas.

- First, we have worked to improve our roads, trails, parks, public utilities and other infrastructure. This year the City Council approved a Capital Improvement Plan that includes more than \$20 million in investments that benefit the entire city.
- We've also made significant strides in continuing the high quality residential development that has been such an attraction to families living in Heath.
- Finally, we're working hard to attract distinctive commercial development that provides convenience, without altering the culture of our City.



I've shared updates on these areas of focus throughout the year, but I invite you to view a video now online at www.heathtx.com in which my colleagues on the City council share the highlights of 2013. As you will see, it's been a great year for our community.

At this time I also want to offer a special thank you to all those who make our City such a fabulous place to live: our Department of Public of Safety officers who protect and serve us; the rest of the City staff who come to work each day to ensure the City runs smoothly; our volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions; and to our City Councilmembers, who work so hard and tirelessly to shape our City into the kind of community it can be.

And finally, thank you to my fellow citizens for all of your support, your friendship and your smiles. You have made Heath a place where my wife, Mary, and I have been proud to live and raise our own family for the last 27 years.

God bless each of you... God bless the City of Heath... and have a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Lorne Liechty

HEATH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS...



Garland • North Garland • Murphy • Rockwall

A Baylor-Health Texas Affiliate

Baylor Family Medical Center at Rockwall was established in 1989 in Rockwall and has provided medical care to multi-generations of families in the Lake Ray Hubbard community for 24 years. The clinic relocated to Heath eight years ago.

The family practice medical clinic located at FM 549 and Horizon Road includes Dr. David Lensch, MD, Dr. John Wiprud, MD and Nurse Practitioner, Cheryl Maldanis, FNP-C.

"We consider it a privilege to provide quality, compassionate medical care to the residents of our own community in a comforting environment," said Dr. Lensch.

Dr. Lensch explains that his clinic is recognized as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home, which is the highest level for a model of care focused on strengthening the physician-patient relationship.

"We encourage patients to establish a relationship with a primary care physician who will lead a team of clinicians collectively responsible for all of the patient's health care needs. This includes arranging for appropriate care with other qualified clinicians and/or specialists as needed. The model results in a more personalized, coordinated, effective and efficient care."

Dr. David Lensch is also the Medical Director of the Rockwall County Helping Hands Clinic, where he volunteers his time to provide charity medical care. Dr. John Wiprud is a volunteer physician at the Hope Clinic in Garland.

You can learn more about this Heath business at www.fmcrockwall.com.

Each month the City features a hometown business in the newsletter. If you have a "good news" business story to share, please contact Community and Economic Development Director Kim Dobbs at kdobbs@heathtx.com.

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 MONDAY-FRIDAY BETWEEN 10AM - 6PM NO WATERING AT ALL SATURDAY & SUNDAYS

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

Honoring Our Troops

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, HONORING OUR TROOPS HAS REMAINED AN IMPORTANT TRADITION IN THE CITY OF HEATH.

If you have a family member or friend who has recently returned home to Heath from active duty, or will be returning at some time in 2014, the Heath City Council would like to honor him or her during an upcoming Council meeting.

For more information, please contact City Secretary Stephanie Galanides at 972-771-6228 or sgalanides@heathtx.com.

The City also invites veterans and active members of the military to march alongside or ride on a special float in the City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade each year.



Photo caption: The Heath City Council recently welcomed United States Army National Guard First Sergeant Timothy Hardman home from his deployment to Africa. From left: Wayne Jones, Anna Smirl, Tommy Bryan, Carolyn Bryan, Mayor Liechty, First Sergeant Timothy Hardman, Denise Hendley, Theresa Lindsey and Dennis Lindsey and Clarice Isbell.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION REMINDERS

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ALARM PERMITS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31

Anyone who has a commercial or residential alarm system in the City of Heath is required to obtain an annual permit for operation of the system. All alarm systems should be registered or renewed by January 1, 2014. The permit is good for a calendar year. A penalty of \$200.00 may be assessed if an alarm system permit is not current. A renewal form can be downloaded at www. heathtx.com under the City Documents menu or obtained at City Hall. If you have questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

DOGS

Dog registrations also expire December 31 each year. Please bring current rabies certification to City Hall to update or obtain your dog's registration tag. The annual cost is \$10 for intact dogs and \$5 for those that have been spayed or neutered.



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