



## City Receives Upgrade in Bond Ratings

The City of Heath's bond rating upgrade ensures the lowest cost possible as bonds are issued to fund CIP projects to improve roads, trails, parks, public utilities and other infrastructure throughout the community.

Standard and Poor's, one of the nation's leading bond rating agencies, raised its long-term and underlying ratings on the City's existing General Obligation (GO) debt and Certificates of Obligation (CO) to "AA+" from "AA" in March. GO and CO bonds are tools that cities generally employ to obtain funding for capital projects.

"This is the highest rating the City has ever held and a tremendous accomplishment for a community of your size," Jim Sabonis of First Southwest, the City's financial advisor, told the Heath City Council during its March 25 meeting.

S&P cited many positive factors as being exceptionally strong in its assessment of the City, including the economy, community demographics, budget flexibility and performance, and financial management.

First Southwest will issue \$14.4 million in CO bonds as planned to fund projects in the Capital Improvement Plan adopted by City Council this year. With the upgraded credit rating, the anticipated interest rate improved from 4.04% to 3.3% and will result in approximately \$100,000 in interest savings the first year.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT	ENGINEERING/DESIGN	ANTICIPATED START	ANTICIPATED END
Buffalo Creek Trail Repair Trail Will Be Closed During Construction		Underway	May 2014
Country Club Paving		Underway	
Jeff Boyd 12-Inch Water Line	May 2014	August 2014	January 2015
Shepherds Glen Force Main & Gravity Sewer		May 2014	July 2014
FM 740 Phase 2 Utility Relocations	Underway	May 2014	Phase 1- July 2014
Towne Center Park Driveway (Amy Parks Driveway)	Underway	May 2014	July 2014
Rabbit Ridge Road Paving	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015
Crisp Lane / Myers Road Paving	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015
McDonald Road Paving	February 2015	December 2015	October 2016
Myers Road / Yankee Creek Road Paving	February 2015	October 2015	April 2016
Terry Park Wall Repair	Underway	May 2014	December 2014



## City Launches Mosquito Surveillance/Abatement Program

While the West Nile Virus was not found in Heath last year, the City continues to be pro-active heading into the prime mosquito breeding season of spring and summer. Mosquito traps will be placed in the same six locations weekly. Trapped mosquitoes will be taken for arboviral testing and species identification weekly. Results will be reported on the City's website at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

Additionally, the City will implement a larvicide program to target stagnant water areas. Adult mosquito control will be conducted as-needed based upon surveillance data received. Protecting yourself and your loved ones is one of the best ways to help prevent the contraction of mosquito transmitted diseases.

### Remember the 4 D's:

- Drain – standing water around your home and property.
- Deet – use insect repellent that contains deet.
- Dress – wear long sleeves and pants to protect yourself.
- Dusk to Dawn – avoid being outdoors during early morning hours and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active.

For more information about mosquito bite prevention, visit: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

## Go Green, Go Paperless with e-Billing!

Your City of Heath monthly utility bill is now available via e-billing. You can begin e-billing by:

1. Signing up online through the City of Heath Utility Billing payment site at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/heathtx>
2. Signing up in person at City Hall
3. Sending an email to [utilitybilling@heathtx.com](mailto:utilitybilling@heathtx.com). When requesting via email, be sure to include your name, service address, account number and requested email address.

\*Once you enter the e-billing program you will no longer receive a paper bill. You will receive an email notification with a copy of your bill and a link to the City of Heath's monthly newsletter online.

## Business Spotlight:

### A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



When Dr. Robyn Abramczyk opened her cosmetic and family dentistry practice in 2011, there was never a doubt where her office would be located.

"Rockwall/Heath is my home and where my family lives," said Dr. Abramczyk. "I wanted to return to my roots to establish my practice and contribute to the community where I was raised."

Smile Ranch Dentistry is located at 6700 Horizon Rd., where Dr. Abramczyk and staff maintain a spa-like environment and welcome patients of all ages for aesthetic work such as implants, veneers, crowns and bridges; in-office whitening; and regular care such as cleanings and fillings.

"I use a laser for most fillings," said Dr. Abramczyk, who enjoys working with children. "No shots are required, and my patients love it!"

In addition to providing dental care to the community, Smile Ranch has a "Christmas Giveaway" of \$5,000 in services to a needy recipient each year. Dr. Abramczyk is also a member of the City of Heath's Special Events Board. For more information, visit [www.smileranchdentistry.com](http://www.smileranchdentistry.com).

## Community Kicks Off Easter at Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk

More than 300 hundred participants enjoyed picture-perfect weather for the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on Easter Saturday, April 19. Taking first place in the run for the third consecutive year was Justin Tokuz with a 17.32 time. Placing second was Casey Allison, 20.00; and third was Timothy Boseman, 20.32. The Top Overall Female winner was 12-year-old Maddie Hatfield, 21.49.

Complete race result, photos and an event-day video can be viewed at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com). All proceeds benefit Heath parks and trails.



From left: Heath Mayor Lorne Liechty; Justin Tokuz; Casey Allison; and Timothy Boseman. Maddie Hatfield front row.



Following the Heart of Heath, children gathered 5,000 Easter eggs in the inaugural Bunny Dash for Easter Eggs. A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 157 for scattering the eggs throughout Towne Center Park.

## Upcoming Elections

### GENERAL ELECTION

May 10 | Heath City Hall | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Early voting begins April 28.

On the ballot for the City of Heath:

- Mayor
- City Councilmember Place 3
- City Councilmember Place 5

### PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION

May 27 | Heath City Hall | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Early voting begins May 19.

## City Sponsors Free E-Waste Collection on May 17



Recycle your E-Waste by dropping your items at the Free Electronic Waste Collection Event co-sponsored by the City of Heath on Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon at the RHHS parking lot. For a complete list of accepted items visit [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).



**WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT. PLEASE CHECK [WWW.HEATHTX.COM](http://WWW.HEATHTX.COM) FOR CURRENT WATERING SCHEDULES.**