July 2014







City of Heath Honors Outgoing Councilmember Julie Zurek; New and Incumbent Councilmembers Sworn into Office

Outgoing Councilmember Julie Zurek was honored for more than 20 years of dedicated service during a Farewell Reception hosted by the City of Heath on June 10.

In addition to serving on the City Council from 2000 to 2014, Julie was a member of the City's first Comprehensive Planning Commission from 1995 to 1996. She continued on to be a Charter member and the first Chairperson of the Park Board from 1996 to 2000. She also served on the Heath Economic Development Corporation board from 2001 to 2004.

Projects completed during her tenure on the City council included two new water towers, Towne Center Park, development of the trail system, and adoption of the current Capital Improvement Plan that includes more than \$20 million in improvements that will benefit the entire community.

"We will miss Julie," said Mayor Lorne Liechty. "She's been an extraordinary public servant."



As the June 10 City Council meeting opened prior to the reception, Mayor Liechty (left) and Councilmember Brian Berry (center) took the oath of office to serve new two-year terms. New Councilmember Joe Chamberlain (right) was welcomed and also sworn into office.

Annual Independen Day Parade & Popsic in the Park is July

CELEBRATE FREEDOM AT THE ANNUAL CITY OF HEATH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND ENJOY FREE POPSICLES IN THE PARK ON FRIDAY, JULY 4!

Staging for the parade is at 8 a.m., judging and awards are at 8:30 a.m., and the parade begins promptly at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School at 330 Laurence Drive.

Veterans from any branch of the U.S. Military are invited to ride on the Veterans Float.

- Best Decorated Parade Awards presented to:
- Float Bicycle Wagon/Stroller Golf Cart
- Off-Road Vehicle
 Classic Car

Awards also presented for:

- Best Costume
 Most Patriotic Pet
- •Most Spirited Mayor's Award

For everyone's safety: throwing candy or trinkets along the parade route is not allowed. City of Heath offices will be closed on Friday, July 4. Please celebrate safely: The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in the City of Heath.

PLAN AHEAD FOR BRIEF ROAD CLOSURES:

The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/ FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. To avoid inconvenience or delays, an alternate route or time frame for driving through the area should be planned. Find maps of the parade route and staging area at www.heathtx.com.

Rockwall County among Healthiest in Texas

Rockwall County has been rated the 6th healthiest county out of 232 in Texas. The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk, the U.S. Open Triathlon coming through Heath this year on October 12, and our growing system of trails help contribute to this distinction. The study was conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and results were released in early 2014. Factors included quality of air and water, access to healthy foods, levels of obesity, rates of smoking, and education and economic factors.

Capital Improvement Plan Updates (see table below)



The Safe Routes to School project is underway! The trail section from the FM-740 (Laurence)/Smirl intersection to RHHS is the first section to be constructed and should be completed by June 30 (*pictured above*).

The next phase will be the trail section connecting the intersection to Amy Parks Elementary and across the front of the school. That trail section is scheduled to begin June 23 and be completed July 30. The last section, from Pullen Elementary to approximately Bison Meadow, is scheduled to begin July 1 and be complete by July 28. The cleanup of the entire project is scheduled to be complete by the end of August. This CIP project is funded in part by a \$1.2 million grant.

Replacement of the Terry Park retaining wall has also begun. This project requires closing up to 75% of the park during re-construction. The anticipated completion date is November 2014.

This year the Heath City Council approved a Capital Improvement Plan that includes more than \$20 million in investments that benefit the entire city. A complete list of projects can be found at www.heathtx.com.

2013 Drinking Water Quality Report Published

A copy of the 2013 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Quality Report has been included with the June utility bills and is also available at www.heathtx.com. If you have questions, contact the City at 972-771-6228.

Business Spotlight: A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



When Carter Kendall was searching for a new home for his family and his business, he wanted a community that still felt close to its roots. He wanted a family atmosphere. And he wanted a more slowly paced atmosphere. *He found it all in Heath*!

"Heath and the Rockwall area are a perfect fit," said Carter, who relocated from Collin County. "This is a community where we can make a long-lasting home and career."

Kendall Land Advisors, LLC, specializes in single family and retail/commercial land brokerage in Rockwall, Collin, Kaufman

and Hunt Counties. The company's focus is on helping clients buy and sell land investment tracts either before or after the value-add process is completed. Their secondary focus is assisting clients by selling to the end user.

Carter and his wife are members of Lakepointe Church and look forward to volunteering in other areas of the community as they meet people in their new hometown.

You can welcome Carter by contacting him at 214-632-8238 or carter@kendalllandadvisors.com. Learn more about his company at www.kendalllandadvisors.com.

City Mosquito Surveillance/Abatement Program

The City continues to trap and test mosquitoes for the West Nile Virus on a weekly basis. You can find the results at www.heathtx.com. Please remember the 4 D's...the best ways to help prevent the contraction of mosquito transmitted diseases.

- Drain standing water around you home and property.
- Deet use insect repellent that contains Deet.
- Dress wear long sleeves and pants to protect yourself.
- Dusk mosquitoes favorite time of day, take extra precaution!

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 at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/heathtx or contact City Hall at utilitybilling@heathtx.com.



WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT. PLEASE CHECK WWW.HEATHTX.COM FOR CURRENT WATERING SCHEDULES.

PROJECT	ENGINEERING/DESIGN	ANTICIPATED START	ANTICIPATED END
Buffalo Creek Trail Repair	Complete	Complete	Complete
Country Club Paving Repair	Complete	Underway	June 2014
Jeff Boyd 12-Inch Water Line	June 2014	August 2014	December 2014
Shepherds Glen Force Main & Gravity Sewer	Complete	June 2014	September 2014
Fm 740 Phase 2 Utility Relocations	Complete	June 2014	Phase 1- August 2014
Towne Center Park Driveway (Amy Parks Driveway)	Complete	June 2014	July 2014
Rabbit Ridge Road Paving	July 2014	January 2015	December 2015
Crisp Lane / Myers Road Paving	On-hold	-	-
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	Complete	Underway	November 2014

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