



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

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City of Heath Mayor's Message

During 2013, the City Council and City Staff spent a significant amount of time developing, with citizen input, a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) that included more than \$20 million in projects to benefit the entire community. The CIP was adopted by Council in January 2014; and bonds were issued

in April at very favorable interest rates due to our City's improved S&P rating. A drive around the City of Heath makes it apparent that many of the CIP projects are now underway, and I thought this would be a good time for an update on the construction projects you are seeing in our City.

TRAILS & PARKS

- The Buffalo Creek Trail along Horizon Road is repaired and open.
- The Safe Routes to School trails projects are underway. The section from the FM-740 (Laurence)/Smirl intersection to Rockwall-Heath High School is the first to be constructed. The next phase will be the trail section connecting that intersection to Amy Parks-Heath Elementary and across the front of the school. The last sections from Pullen Elementary connect to Cobblestone Farms and the Hills of Buffalo Creek and are scheduled to begin very soon. The Safe Routes trail segments, funded in part by a \$1.2 million Safe Routes to School grant, should be completed this fall.
- The Terry Park wall repair project is underway. A portion of the park will remain closed until the project is completed in November.

STREETS & ROADWAYS

- Amy Parks Driveway (Towne Center Park) was designed to improve traffic flow around Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School. This driveway is under construction and should be completed before school resumes. City Staff is working with the RISD to develop traffic patterns that will reduce congestion in this part of town and will also provide better access to the Towne Center Park.
- TxDOT reports that the paving for the FM 740 South widening project will begin in the fall with an anticipated 24-month construction schedule. This second phase of the FM 740 project spans from the FM 740/1140 (north) intersection to the FM 740/FM 1140/Hubbard Drive intersection. Utility relocations for this project have begun.
- Initial paving repairs to Country Club Drive are complete, and additional street repairs are ongoing at locations throughout the City.



UTILITIES

- In Shepherds Glen, a new force main and gravity sewer are being installed and should be operational by September.
- The construction of a 24-inch diameter water line is underway from Wallace Road/Horizon to FM 549/Kings Pass. This water line will increase the water supply capacity to the City and encourage future commercial development in the area along Horizon Road. The project should be completed in December.

CIP UPDATE ONLINE

More detailed information regarding the CIP is available on the City's website at www.heathtx.com under the Government tab in the menu. The page includes a Capital Improvement Plan mapping application that explains each project, CIP news and images. In addition to our CIP projects, commercial developments are underway that will help us attract high quality residential and commercial developments into our City.

While construction can present some inconvenience over the short term, we are extremely excited about the long-term benefits these projects will bring as we improve Heath's roads, parks, trails and water and sewer systems.

Mayor Lorne O. Liechty



Heath Celebrates Freedom And Honors Our Military

Laurence Drive was drenched in red, white and blue as hundreds of residents and guests lined the streets for the City's Annual Independence Day Parade on Friday, July 4. View the parade video that includes the story of resident and World War II veteran Odis Lowe at www.heathtx.com. Photo gallery at: www.facebook.com/HeathTX

2014 PARADE WINNERS

Floats:

- (1) Best Overall: Rush Creek Yacht Club
- (2) Mayor's Award: All American GI Joe and Barbie - Spraggins, Knox, Scott, Warren, Lovell, Glaze, Vandling, Somerville, Pinkham and Wingard families
- (3) Most Team Spirit: Stingrays, Oasis Beach & Tennis Club
- (4) Most Community Spirit: Rockwall County Republican Club

Best Decorated:

- (5) Bicycle/Wheels: Meagan Pelegreen
- (6) Wagon/Stroller: Kylie, with mother Kristen Jones
- (7) Golf Cart: ABH Roofing
- (8) ATV/Racing: #35 Gabby Seldon; #4 Caiden Mitchell; #4 Megan Mitchell; #84 Carson Mitchell
- (9) Classic Car: Kent Barnett
- (10) Pet: Molly, The Moore Family

City Mosquito Surveillance/Abatement Program

The City continues to trap and test mosquitoes for the West Nile Virus on a weekly basis with no positive results reported. You can find the results and tips on how to protect yourself and your family at 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 www.municipalonlinepayments.com/heathtx or contact City Hall at utilitybilling@heathtx.com.

Community Accolades:

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.



BEST SUBURB RANKING

Heath Ranked 14th Best Suburb out of 63 by D Magazine!



CITY MANAGER HONORED

Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher was named 2014 Member of the Year by the Rockwall County Sheriff's Posse. He also earned the 35-Year Service Award from the Texas City Managers Association. *Ed is pictured above left with his son and fellow Posse member Jon Thatcher.*



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