



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

The Capital Improvement Plan adopted in January 2014 provides more than \$20 million in investments that benefit the entire City with improvements to the City's roads, trails, parks, public utilities and other infrastructure. Take a tour of these projects and follow the progress at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) by selecting Capital Improvement Plan from the Newsletter Quick Links menu.

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Shepherds Glen Force Main and Gravity Sewer
- Woodbridge Lift Station
- Country Club Drive Rehabilitation
- Amy Parks Driveway (Towne Center Park)
- Stoneleigh Pedestrian Bridge Crossing (shown above)
- Utilities Relocation for Next Phase of TxDOT FM-740 Widening
- Safe Routes to School Trails
- Buffalo Creek Trail Repair along Horizon Road
- New Shoreline Wall at Terry Park
- Multiple Utility Improvements to Prepare for Current and Future Residential and Commercial Development
- 15 Streets included in the Ongoing Citywide Street Repair Program

### PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

- Towne Center Baseball Field Rehabilitation (at ½ the anticipated cost)
- Dennis Bailey Lane/Rabbit Ridge Road Phase 1 (Adjacent to Ridge Lakes Subdivision)
- Rabbit Ridge Road Phase 2 (Ridge Lakes Subdivision to FM-550 - Includes 12" Water Line)
- McDonald Road Improvements Phase 1 (FM-550 to Stoneleigh Subdivision Connection)
- Myers/Crisp Roadway Improvements
- Rabbit Ridge Road and Horizon Road Extension (Adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision)
- Jeff Boyd Water Line

### A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION TO DATE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2014 CIP PROJECTS ENABLED THE COMPLETION OF PREVIOUSLY UNFUNDED PROJECTS INCLUDING:

- Lighting for the City Hall Parking Lot
- Additional Streets in the Ongoing Citywide Street Repair Program

### 2015-2016 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY

The City of Heath Council and staff have been working hard to prepare a budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Budget discussions have been held during City Council meetings, which residents are encouraged to attend.

A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council at its meeting on September 22 to become effective October 1. View the proposed budget on the front page of the City website under Quick Document Downloads.

### TXDOT FM 740 PROJECT UPDATE

TxDOT began the construction phase of the FM-740 widening project from FM 1140 north to FM 1140 south in July. This is an important project for Heath and well worth the little bit of extra time daily travels around town will require during the construction phases. The contractor anticipates a completion date in the winter of 2017.

Thank you for your patience!

## NEW STREET SIGNS GOING UP



Council members unanimously approved a bid during the July 28 City Council for the assembly and installation of 55 new street signs. Phase one of the project will include 42 signs located at the intersections with TxDOT roadways - excluding the portion of FM 740, which is now under construction - and street signs along Hubbard Drive and Horizon Road.

The next phase of the project is scheduled for 2016. New residential developments underway will be constructed with the new signage. The street sign project was spearheaded and funded by the Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation using sales tax revenue.

## ROCKWALL COUNTY RANKS HIGH AGAIN!

Rockwall County ranked 6th on the Top 10 List of Texas counties with the strongest local investment and economic expansion, the *Dallas Business Journal* recently reported. Rockwall County had a high showing in each factor gauged in the SmartAsset study, including business growth, gross domestic product growth, new building permits and municipal bond investment. Collin County ranked 5th in the state, and Dallas County was 8th. The study used data taken between 2010 and 2012 by the U.S. Census Bureau

## HEATH TEE'S AVAILABLE ONLINE



Did you love the HEATH, TX t-shirts worn by the Special Events team at the Independence Day Parade and Celebration in the Park? Now you can order your own online! Styles and sizes are available for youth, men and women for \$19.99 each. Thank you to Special Events Board members Jenni Knox, left, and Sarah Corrigan, center, pictured with City of Heath staff member Norma Duncan for coordinating the "inaugural" patriotic design with Allsports, Etc! Get one and wear it with pride!

## HEATH AND ROCKWALL WELCOME THE U.S. OPEN TRIATHLON AND 5K OCTOBER 18 REGISTRATION DISCOUNT EXTENDED TO HEATH RESIDENTS

Triathletes from all over the world will travel to Heath and Rockwall in October to race in the U.S. Open, the largest triathlon event in the D/FW area. They will swim 1500 meters in Lake Ray Hubbard, bike 24.8 miles and run 6.2 miles. A segment of the bike route will come through Heath. Cyclists and runners will be given the right of way on the roads that are part of the course.

### Discounts for Heath Residents

This year the event will also feature a 5k run, and Heath residents who participate in either event will receive a discount. Register at [www.usopen-triathlon.com](http://www.usopen-triathlon.com) and insert the following codes:

- \$5 Discount on the 5k: HEATH5
- \$10 Discount on the Triathlon: HEATH10

### Triathlon Date/Time

The Triathlon is October 18 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Streets will start to be affected as early as 4 a.m.

### Traffic Delays:

Certain roads in and around the bike and run route have closures or will be traffic controlled to ensure the athletes' safety. You can view the route map at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under the News menu. Please allow an extra 20 to 30 minutes to get where you need to go between 6 a.m. and noon on October 18.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



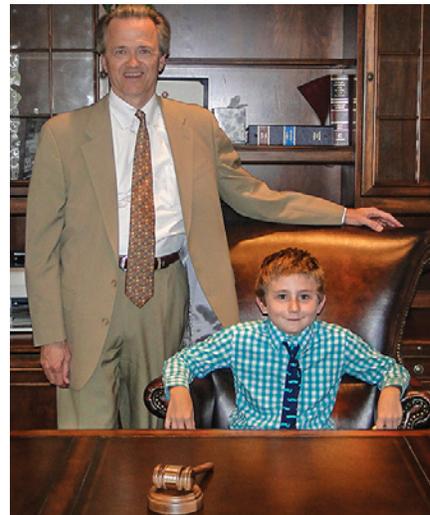
Sheila Hudson wanted to live and work in a great community filled with great people. And that's just what she achieved when she opened the Hudson Financial

Group office at 6730 Horizon Rd. in 2006.

A Heath resident since 1994, Sheila notes that her associates enjoy taking care of their clients by providing them with the best coverage and prices available from the best companies in the insurance industry.

The Hudson Financial Group is equally proud to be involved in the community as a longtime supporter of the many organizations affiliated with the RISD including the RISD Education Foundation. Her company also supports the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, Hannah 4 Hope, Toys for Tots and belongs to the Rockwall Chamber of Commerce. Learn more about the Hudson Financial Group at [www.HudsonFinancialGroup.com](http://www.HudsonFinancialGroup.com) and [www.HFGVentures.net](http://www.HFGVentures.net).

## APHE STUDENT COOPER BRANDY SERVES AS MAYOR FOR THE DAY



When Cooper Brandy shares "What I Did This Summer" on the first day of school, he can list serving as Mayor of Heath for the Day among his activities. "Mayor Brandy" skillfully oversaw City operations including Public Works and the Department of Public Safety on August 11. He concluded his tenure as Mayor by opening the City Council meeting that evening, where he led the invocation and issued a City proclamation for the Teal Pumpkin Project.

Cooper and his family have a special interest in the

initiative, which recognizes that as many as 6 million children in America have food allergies. To help make Halloween a fun, positive experience for all, the Teal Pumpkin Project encourages people to paint a pumpkin teal and place it on their porch to let Halloween Trick-Or-Treaters know that non-food treats await!

The Mayor of the Day opportunity was donated by Mayor Lorne Liechty as a silent auction prize for a recent PTO fund raiser at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School.

## 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](http://www.heathtx.com).