



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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October



Fall is a busy time in Heath! Here are some important dates for your calendar...

OCTOBER 9-15 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

“Don’t Wait, Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!”

According to the National Fire Protection Association, most people don’t know that smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years to be effective. You can find the date of manufacture on the back of your alarms. If it’s prior to 2006, you have another fall chore to complete!

Another fact you may not know: Fire Prevention Week was established in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O’Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire. Learn more at www.nfpa.org.

OCTOBER 15 U.S. OPEN TRIATHLON COMES THROUGH HEATH



The bike segment of the U.S. Open Triathlon will travel through Heath on Sunday, October 15. The race is from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, and streets will start to be affected as early as 4 a.m. Event organizers have been in communication with Heath churches and Homeowner Associations regarding the race route and traffic patterns since late summer. You can view the route map at 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 15.

DISCOUNTS FOR HEATH RESIDENTS

Heath residents who participate in the triathlon will receive a discount. Register at www.usopen-triathlon.com Insert the discount code: USOHeath15

NOVEMBER 12 CITY SPONSORS FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION

Recycle your E-Waste by dropping your items off at the Free Electronic Waste Collection Event co-sponsored by the City of Heath on Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. to noon at the RHHS parking lot.

E-waste is any electronic equipment that has reached end-of-life or end-of-usage in your home or office. Items accepted free of charge include: computer hardware, TV’s, printers, copiers, scanners, faxes, servers, cell phones, corded phones, stereos, DVD players, small household appliances, ink and toner cartridges, and batteries. Document shredding will also be available, and you can donate reading glasses to the Lion’s Club. For more information: 972-524-0007 or eco@trashbusters.org.

DECEMBER 2 FOOD! FUN!! SANTA!! Holiday in the Park Kicks Off Christmas



The Annual Heath Holiday in the Park is Friday, December 2, with the Christmas Tree lighting and musical performances at 6:30 p.m. There will be food trucks, kids’ activities, miniature train rides (2 trains to accommodate all the kiddos), Mrs. Claus’ complimentary cocoa and cookies, and of course, Santa! You can also bring a new unwrapped toy or make a cash donation to Rockwall County Helping Hand’s Christmas Toy Drive. So mark your calendar now and watch for more details about this Heath tradition held in Towne Center Park.

DECEMBER 31 ALARM PERMITS EXPIRE

Any one responsible for the operation of or in possession of an alarm system in the City of Heath is required to obtain an annual permit for operation of such system. The permit is good for a calendar year and a penalty of \$200 may be assessed if an alarm system permit is not current. The fee for a residential permit is \$35 per year. Any commercial or residential alarm system should be registered or renewed by January 1, 2017. For your convenience, the renewal form will be included with next month’s utility bill and newsletter mailing. It can also be downloaded at www.heathtx.com from the DPS page or obtained at City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive.



FIND DOCUMENT LINKS ONLINE
www.heathtx.com



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.healthtx.com.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Shepherds Glen Force Main and Gravity Sewer
- Woodbridge Lift Station
- Country Club Drive Rehabilitation
- Amy Parks Driveway (Towne Center Park)
- Stoneleigh Pedestrian Crossing
- Utilities Relocation for Next Phase of TxDOT FM-740 Widening
- Safe Routes to School Trails
- Buffalo Creek Trail Repair along Horizon Road
- New Lake Wall at Terry Park
- Multiple Utility Improvements to Facilitate Current and Future Residential and Commercial Development
- McDonald Rd. Improvements Phase 1 (FM-550 to Stoneleigh Subdivision Connection)
- 18 Streets included in the Ongoing Citywide Street Repair Program
- Towne Center Baseball Rehabilitation

PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

- Dennis Bailey Drive/Rabbit Ridge Phase 1
Contract Awarded; Construction should begin in October (Adjacent to Ridge Lakes Subdivision)
- Rabbit Ridge Phase 2 - Obtaining Right of Way/Plans are 85% Complete (Ridge Lakes Subdivision to FM-550 - Includes 12" Water Line)
- Myers/Crisp Roadway Improvements - Obtaining Right of Way and Easements; Plans are 99% Complete
- Rabbit Ridge and Horizon Rd. Extension - Obtaining Right of Way; Plans are 85% Complete (Adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision)
- Jeff Boyd Waterline - Received Bids on August 30
- Country Club Drive Paving and Drainage Repair - Received Bids September 7
- CIP Street Repair Phase 2 - 11 Locations throughout the City; 8 Locations Completed

TxDOT Update on FM-740 Widening Project

As this newsletter went to print, the contractor for the FM-740 project was scheduled to begin storm sewer installation and pavement removal between Smirl and the Shell gas station during the week of September 19. The contractor will begin at the Smirl intersection. The ½ of the FM-740 roadway work, in front of City Hall and Amy Parks Elementary, down to the new intersection at FM-550 and the section of FM-740 in front of the school and up to the CVS, once completed, is scheduled to have traffic switched over to it by late February/early March. Once the traffic is moved to the new pavement, the contractor will start the other ½ of the roadway. The entire FM-740 project is scheduled to be completed late October/early November 2017.

Welcome to Heath!



Final plans for the City's new entry monument welcoming residents and visitors to Heath have been completed and the project will go out for bid in October. The monument was funded by both the City and Heath EDC/Municipal Benefits Corporation and will be located at the City's north entry on FM 740/Ridge Road near White Road/Henry M. Chandler.

Business Spotlight: THE FULTON SCHOOL



The Fulton School has been a part of the Heath community since 1987, and just recently welcomed long-time Rockwall resident Brenda Cross as its Director of Business Development. Brenda is excited about this opportunity to become more involved in the City and shares these interesting facts about the school:

- Fulton will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2017
- Fulton graduates average \$140,000 in scholarships
- Fulton graduates have received over \$8 million in scholarships during the past 8 years
- Fulton has a 100% graduation and college acceptance rate
- Fulton is a private college preparatory school serving Pre-k to 12th grade students
- The average class size is a maximum of 16 students
- The school is named after Dr. Bernard Fulton, who founded the Greenhill School in Dallas

You can learn more at: www.thefultonschool.org



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 and tips on how to protect yourself and your family at www.healthtx.com.