



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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December

Wishing You a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

- The City of Heath



A HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, December 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Towne Center Park | Rain or Shine!

Check heathtx.com for inclement weather info

Come celebrate the season at this community gathering featuring the sights, sounds and treats of the season!

SCHEDULE:

5:30-8:30 pm

Food Trucks

Activity Booths

Miniature Train Rides

Complimentary Cocoa Served

Complimentary Cookies Served

Heath Holiday Shoppe

6:15-6:45 pm

Cain Orchestra Plays in
Dining Area

7 pm

Christmas Tree Lighting

Santa's Arrival

RHHS Jazz Band

Amy Parks Elem. Honor Choir

Pullen Elem. Honor Choir

7:45-8:30 pm

Photos with Santa

HEATH CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPORTANT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Heath City Council reviewed a Plan of Finance from the City's financial advisor to fund close to \$20 million in new Capital Improvement Plan projects and approved a Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to issue Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation during its October 25 meeting.

"As a result of the City's astute and proactive financial management, you are in an excellent situation to pursue this Plan of Finance for issuing these bonds," said Jim Sabonis, Managing Director of FirstSouthwest, when he presented the Finance Plan for the new CIP projects. "Your cash management practices are saving citizens money, and your tax rate remains among the lowest of any city with which we work."

The Plan of Finance presented by Sabonis encompasses the financing of approximately \$6,615,400 to fund various projects including streets, parks/trails, a fire truck and municipal building improvements. The Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation issued are not anticipated to impact the current tax rate.

The plan also includes \$13 million to fund critical water and sewer infrastructure to serve a growing community. The Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation are anticipated to increase current utility bills by \$6 per month.

"I am excited about the opportunity to continue an aggressive approach to launching and completing Capital Improvement Plan projects that are much needed, and in some cases, past due," said Mayor Brian Berry. "Many are necessary to ensure that we deliver water and sewer services to a growing community in compliance with state and federal mandates."

"We are committed to ensuring a high quality of life and sustaining Heath's reputation as a premier DFW community, and we are very pleased that these critical projects can be addressed with an anticipated minimal financial impact on the citizens we serve," said Mayor Berry."

According to the Financial Plan presented by Sabonis, the Heath City Council will consider and approve issuance of the bonds in January 2017. Sabonis noted that "near historically-low interest rates" made the timing of the bond issuance another positive factor of the financial plan.

PROPOSED GENERAL AND UTILITY CIP PROJECTS

UTILITY CIP PROJECTS

- 3MG ground storage tank
- Water pump station upgrade
- Future water supply purchase
- Future water connections
- Shepherds Glen sewer line rehabilitation
- Sewer line rehabilitation projects (various locations)
- Buffalo Creek parallel sewer
- Public Works building (½ funding)
- Water tower painting
- SH-276 TxDOT water line relocation
- Sewer system replacement (City wide)- 3-year program
- Water line replacement (various locations)

GENERAL CIP PROJECTS

- Hubbard Dr. reconstruct/widening
- Hubbard Trail (FM-740 to Dunford)
- Terry Lane right-of-way
- Terry Park lake wall phase 2
- Public Works building (½ funding)
- Rabbit Ridge and McDonald Road- additional project funding



RISD Breaks Ground on Elementary School #14 Located in Heath

You can learn more about the new school and RISD's plans for attendance zoning at: <http://www.rockwallisd.com/bond/elementary-school-14>.

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.

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 Road improvements Phase 1 (FM-550 to Stoneleigh subdivision connection)
- 18 streets included in the ongoing citywide street repair program
- Towne Center baseball field rehabilitation

PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

- Dennis Bailey Drive/Rabbit Ridge Phase 1 (adjacent to Ridge Lakes subdivision) - construction started
- Rabbit Ridge Phase 2 (Ridge Lakes subdivision to FM-550 - Includes 12” water Line) - Obtaining right-of-way; plans 85% complete
- Myers/Crisp roadway improvements – right-of-way acquired; plans are 99% complete; coordinating private utility relocation
- Rabbit Ridge and Horizon Road extension (adjacent to Cobblestone subdivision) - obtaining right of way; plans are 85% complete
- Jeff Boyd waterline (12” water line extension along FM-549 and Jeff Boyd) - construction started
- Country Club Drive paving and drainage repair - construction started
- CIP Street Repair Phase 2 – 11 Locations throughout the City - 9 locations completed
- Hubbard Drive roadway Improvements (reconstruction of sections of Hubbard Drive, including drainage improvements, FM-740 to south Scenic Drive) - the engineering has started

TXDOT UPDATE ON FM 740 WIDENING PROJECT

The contractor has started installing the roadway base on one side of FM 740, beginning at the Smirl intersection 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 high school and up to the CVS. Once this side is completed, the traffic will be switched over to the new pavement. The switch is anticipated to occur in late February/early March. Once the traffic is moved to the new pavement, the contractor will start the other side of the roadway. The entire FM-740 project is scheduled to be completed late August 2017.

For updated construction information, visit the City website at heathtx.com and look for the “Happening In Heath” section on the front page.

HEATH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

SELECT WINE CLUB: 223 HUBBARD DRIVE

With Select Wine Club right around the corner, you don’t have to leave Heath to find a special gift for the wine aficionados in your life. This Heath business stocks more than 500 domestic and imported wines at competitive prices from \$7 to \$700!

The owners are dedicated to providing a fun, non-intimidating atmosphere with a professional staff who can help you navigate this selection to choose the perfect wines for a meal, party or gift. There’s also Wine Discovery and Red Wine Discovery Clubs. Join either, and you can expect two expertly-selected wines delivered to your door every month.

In addition to being a valued part of the Heath business community, Select Wine Club generously supports local events, including the City’s Annual Heart of Heath 5k and Family Run. Learn more at www.selectwineclub.com.

SAMANTHA KNOTSMAN MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND INCLUDES LITTLE LIBRARY



Take some time out this busy season to come read and play with your family at the Samantha Knostman Memorial Playground and Little Library, located in the City of Heath’s Towne Center Park. The playground was built through private contributions on park land made available by the City. The free Little Library is part of a nationwide movement to increase literacy.

Visitors are encouraged to borrow and return books at their convenience. New donations are also welcome. You can learn more about Little Libraries at www.littlefreelibrary.org. Learn more about the Samantha Knostman Memorial Fund, now dedicated to raising funds for annual scholarships for Heath and Rockwall students, at www.facebook.com/SammyMemorialFund.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION REMINDERS
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
ALARM PERMITS EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31
RENEWAL FORM INCLUDED WITH THIS MONTH’S UTILITY BILL/NEWSLETTER

Anyone who has a commercial or residential alarm system in the City of Heath is required to obtain an annual permit for the operation of the system. All alarm systems should be registered or renewed by January 1, 2017.

The permit is good for a calendar year. A penalty of \$200 may be assessed if an alarm system permit is not current. A renewal form is included with this month’s utility bill/newsletter. You can also electronically submit or download the form at www.heathtx.com under the Department of Public Safety menu or obtain a hard copy at City Hall.

If you have questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

DOGS

Dog registrations also expire December 31 each year. Please bring current rabies certification to City Hall to update or obtain your dog’s registration tag. The annual cost is \$10 for intact dogs and \$5 for those that have been spayed or neutered.

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