



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



RICH KRAUSE, PLACE 6



FRANK NEW, PLACE 1



PAUL RUFFO, PLACE 2



BRENT WEAVER, PLACE 4

NEWLY-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE OFFICE

Newly-elected Councilmembers Frank New, Paul Ruffo, Brent Weaver and Rich Krause were sworn into office at the May 9 City Council meeting by Rockwall County Judge David Sweet. A welcome reception was hosted after the meeting by the City of Heath.



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Heath Mayor Brian Berry with Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett and the A-Shift officers proclaimed May 14-20 as National Police Week in Heath and recognized the ultimate sacrifice given by law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2016 and 2017. From left: Sergeant Brandon Seery; Mayor Berry; Chief Terry Garrett; Officer Brandon Peterson; and Officer Michael Morgan.



JULY 4TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

Start planning now to be a part of this Heath tradition on Tuesday, July 4! The City invites all veterans to ride in a special float created to honor your service. Staging begins at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary at 8 a.m.; judging at 8:15 a.m.; and the parade at 9 a.m. Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park, featuring a live barbershop quartet, free popsicles and pie! Watch for more details next month and at www.heathtx.com.

NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a parade announcer based near City Hall. If you plan to participate in the parade, please RSVP so we have your entry information to share with the crowd! This also facilitates the judging process, and allows Heath DPS officers to prepare for the utmost in safety and timing of intersection closures along the parade route. RSVP at www.heathtx.com.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

In January 2014, the City Council adopted a Capital Improvement Plan that provided more than \$20 million in investments to ensure the City remains a premier North Texas community. These projects benefit the entire City with improvements to roads, trails, parks, public utilities and other infrastructure. Most are completed or underway.

This success enables the City to move forward with additional and very important Capital Improvement Plan projects that are much needed, and in some cases, past due. Many are necessary to ensure that the City is able to deliver water and sewer services to a growing community.

At its January 10, 2017 meeting, the City Council voted to approve a new Plan of Finance from the City's financial advisor that funds close to \$20 million in new Capital Improvement Projects, mainly water and sewer facilities. The new plan includes the financing of approximately \$6.6 million to fund various projects including streets, trails, a fire truck and public works building improvements. These investments 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, with a very minimal impact anticipated to service rates.

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 Phase 2 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 On-going Citywide Street Repair Program
- Towne Center Baseball Field Rehabilitation
- Jeff Boyd Waterline (12" water line extension along FM-549 and Jeff Boyd)
- Country Club Drive Paving and Drainage Repair
- CIP Street Repair Phase 2 – 11 Locations throughout the City

PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

- Dennis Bailey Drive/Rabbit Ridge Phase 1 (adjacent to Ridge Lakes subdivision) - The new roadway is now open to two-way traffic. The contractor is completing project clean-up. The contractor anticipates being completed by mid-June.
- 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 - The project is waiting on the relocation of existing private utilities along Crisp Lane, upon which the City will bid the project. Construction time is estimated to be 7 to 9 months.
- Rabbit Ridge and Horizon Rd. Project (Adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision) - The project has been bid. Construction is scheduled to begin late June and take 7 months.
- Hubbard Drive Roadway Improvements (reconstruction of sections of Hubbard Drive, including drainage improvements, FM-740 to south Scenic Drive) - Engineering has started. Additional right-of-way will be needed for the project.
- 3 Million Gallon Ground Storage Tank and Pump Station Expansion - The project is under design. Construction is anticipated to start October 2017 and be completed February 2019.
- McDonald Road Phase 2 Roadway Project (Phase 1 to City Limits: Falcon Point Subdivision): Right-of-way is being obtained. New right-of-way will reduce the amount of one-lane roadway during construction. Once right-of-way is acquired, the project will be bid. Once started, construction time is estimated to be 6 to 7 months.

- City of Heath Wastewater System Modeling: The study will look at areas throughout Heath to identify and prioritize wastewater system rehabilitation, replacement, and upgrade needs. Current and future CIP construction projects will address some of the identified items.
- City of Heath Water System Modeling: The study will look at various areas throughout Heath to identify and prioritize water system rehabilitation, replacement, and upgrade needs. Current and future CIP construction projects will address some of the identified items.

TXDOT UPDATE ON FM 740 WIDENING PROJECT

Two new lanes between the Smirl and FM-740 intersection and FM-550 have been open to traffic. The contractor has started removing the existing roadway beginning at the Smirl intersection down to the intersection at FM-550. Once the section of FM-740 in front of the high school and up to the CVS is completed, the traffic will be switched over to the new pavement. This is scheduled for late June. 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 currently scheduled to be completed late November 2017.



Heath DPS will once again participate in Carry the Load, a national event dedicated to restoring the true meaning of Memorial Day by connecting Americans to the sacrifices made by members of the military, law enforcement officers, firefighters and their families. Heath's officers will be a part of the Rockwall County First Responders team, which has hosted numerous activities including fund raising efforts that also benefit the local charity, Patriot Paws. The team will welcome Carry the Load's National Relay Team when it comes through Rockwall, and participate in the 20-hour Dallas Memorial March at Reverchon Park in Dallas spanning May 28 and 29.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- Greet the National Relay Team and attend the ceremony held at 1 a.m., May 28 at the Rockwall County Courthouse.
- Attend and/or participate in the Dallas Memorial March at Reverchon Park. Opening ceremony begins at 3:30pm, May 28
- Join the team or make a donation to the Rockwall County First Responders team at: <https://tinyurl.com/RockwallCTL>

CITY MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE/ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The City is now trapping and testing 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 way 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!

STAY CONNECTED!

The City is committed to keeping citizens informed about new projects and developments happening within the City. Here is how you can get the information you need:

- City website, www.heathtx.com
- The monthly City newsletter, included in your hard copy utility bill, or as a link if you receive your bill via email
- City of Heath Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Attendance at all City Council and Board/Commission meetings - dates are posted at www.heathtx.com
- Sign up for the City's Notify Me service to receive an email notice and link to the City Council and Planning and Zoning agendas when posted. Sign up at www.heathtx.com.
- Contact the City by phone at 972-771-6228, or email a City Councilmember or staff member. Email addresses can be found at www.heathtx.com.