



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

EMERGENCY PLANNING MAKES THE DIFFERENCE WHEN SECONDS COUNT

September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM), which serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. One easy step is to be sure you and your family members are registered for free text emergency alerts at nixle.com. For a comprehensive guide of other steps you can take to be prepared, visit www.ready.gov.



HONORING SERVICE...

Heath DPS Officer Casey Northcutt was presented a Life Saving Award by Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett at the City Council meeting on August 8. In June, Officer Northcutt provided life-saving CPR to a gentleman who was having a medical emergency. Due to Officer Northcutt's quick thinking and training, the gentleman survived and was in attendance at the award presentation. Thank you, Officer Northcutt!



ROCKWALL CERT SEEKING HEATH MEMBERS

The Rockwall Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which serves the entire Rockwall County area, is seeking Heath residents. If you have ever wanted to be of service during a disaster such as the Rowlett/Garland tornados in 2015, this is your opportunity. The next two-day Basic Training Class will be held on September 23 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The curriculum includes indoor and outdoor training on disaster preparedness, fire safety, controlling utilities, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, introduction to the incident command system, disaster psychology, and terrorism response. Learn more and register at www.rockwall.com/FireDepartment/cert.asp

2017-2018 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY

The City of Heath Council and staff are preparing a budget for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Budget discussions have been held in City Council meetings, which residents are encouraged to attend. A Public Hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed budget will be held at the September 12th City Council Meeting. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council at its September 26th meeting to become effective October 1. View the proposed budget online at heathtx.com/finance.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PICNIC FOR THE PARKS

The City of Heath Park Board is hosting a Picnic for the Parks on August 31 at the Hidden Creek Special Events Center to gather citizen input on the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan being developed. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a free hamburger supper. Reservations were required for supper by August 25, but limited space is still available on a first-come, first-served basis. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at heathtx.com.

NEW ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Heath City Council has appointed a new Architectural Standards Advisory Committee to review the City's current architectural design standards. The committee will make recommendations for an architectural theme and architectural tools to be consistently applied. Skill sets and occupations sought for this committee included civil engineers, architects, builders, developers and local business owners. The City thanks the following residents who were selected for their service: Thomas Brand; Sharon Caldwell; John Curtis; Jeff Grinnan; Larry Huit; Jaime Lewis; John Main and Thomas Smith.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

FM 740

The TXDOT contractor is working to complete all four lanes between Smirl (City Hall) and the FM-740/ FM-550 intersection (Shell) shortly after the first day of school. It is anticipated that four lanes will be open along the entire length of the project from Smirl to Heath Crossing (CVS) by the end of December, although TXDOT will continue to install sidewalks and grass and perform clean-up after December.

Signal lights should also be installed and operational by the end of December. The traffic signals will be located at the following intersections: Hawk Drive and FM-740; FM-740 and Smirl; and FM-740 and FM-550.

RABBIT RIDGE-HORIZON ROAD PROJECT

Construction has begun on two lanes of the concrete roadway along Rabbit Ridge from Dennis Bailey to Horizon Road; and along Horizon Road, from Old Vineyard to Rabbit Ridge. It is estimated that it will take seven months to complete the project.

CITY OF HEATH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROGRESS

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Dennis Bailey Drive/Rabbit Ridge Phase 1 (adjacent to Ridge Lakes subdivision)
- 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 On-going Citywide Street Repair Program
- Towne Center Baseball Field Rehabilitation
- Jeff Boyd Waterline (12" water line ext. 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

- 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. Extension (Adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision) - The project began in July and is scheduled to 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 by November 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. Two of the necessary right-of-way parcels have been acquired. Private utilities will have to be relocated before the project will be bid. Once started, construction time is estimated to be 6 to 7 months.



CURIOUS ABOUT THESE NEW SIGNS ON CHRIS CUNY BOULEVARD?

The Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) owns the 25 acres of land along Chris Cuny Boulevard and Hawk Drive. This land, branded as The Reserve, is adjacent to an additional 46 acres owned by the City. The MBC land is available for purchase or ground lease to business prospects that meet the City's vision for distinctive, high quality development that expands the City's sales and property tax base. Prospects enter an extensive review process with the Heath Economic Development Corporation and HMBC, which was established to help carefully guide the growth of the City's commercial base in line with citizen expectations. You can learn more at www.heathcdc.com.



HEATH AND ROCKWALL WELCOME THE U.S. OPEN TRIATHLON AND 5K OCTOBER 15

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. You can register to participate at www.playtri.com.

PREPARE FOR MINOR TRAFFIC DELAYS

The Triathlon is Sunday, October 15 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Streets will start to be affected as early as 4 a.m. Certain roads in and around the bike and run routes have closures or will be traffic controlled to ensure the athletes' safety. You can view the route map at www.healthtx.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 Sunday, October 15.

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.