



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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*Season's
Greetings*
from The City of Heath

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS IN HEATH!

As this newsletter was going to print, Santa and his wonderful helpers in Heath were getting ready for another spectacular Holiday in the Park at Towne Center Park on Friday, November 30 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Now in its 24th year, this hometown tradition features all of the sights and sounds of Christmas, including live music, the Christmas Tree Lighting, kids' activities, miniature train rides, cookies, hot cocoa, food trucks and the Jolly Old Santa himself. To make your parking easier, the Heath Economic Development Corporation/Municipal Benefits Corporation (HEDC/HMBC) is providing a courtesy mini-bus shuttle from the parking lot of Rockwall-Heath High School to Towne Center Park from 5 to 9 pm. You can see photos and a highlights video after the event at www.heathtx.com and www.facebook.com/HeathTX.

HEATH CITY HALL AND HEATH DPS COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS

With drop off sites right here in Heath, it's easy to make Christmas brighter for children who need your help! Toys for Tots collection boxes are located in the foyer of Heath City Hall and in the Heath DPS office at 200 Laurence Drive. Drop off your donation of new, unwrapped toys appropriate for children from 0-14 years of age by December 16, and Santa's Helpers will get them in the right hands by Christmas. The City offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 690 SERVES HEATH

Boy Scout Troop 690 had an exciting camping trip planned for a recent fall weekend. Thanks to the rain, it was a wash out. So Scoutmaster Rick Handschuch asked if the Scouts could perform a service project for the City instead. Troop 690 ended up cleaning the entire Highlands of Heath Trail, which involved removing a tree that was blocking the path, shoveling off mud from the rain, trimming shrubs and trees, and collecting trash. Thank you, Troop 690! If you are looking for a Scouting home for a young man in your life, Troop 690 welcomes your interest. Contact Scoutmaster Handschuch at 214-755-5464 to learn more.

CUSTOM OUTDOOR TRENDS SUPPORTS ADOPT-A-PARK OR TRAIL PROGRAM

The City Council and Park Board have approved a local business, Custom Outdoor Tends, as a participant in the City of Heath Adopt-A-Park or Trail Volunteer Cleanup Program. Custom Outdoor Tends adopted the Heath Crossing Trail and will be responsible for a general cleanup of the trail every quarter. Custom Outdoor Trends is owned by Heath resident Craig Stevenson. His company has been building pools and outdoor living areas in Heath since 2009 and employs over 20 people, many of whom also live in the area.

For information about the Adopt-a-Park or Trail Program, contact Suzanne Brooke, sbrooke@heathtx.com.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY SALES TAX DOLLARS IN HEATH!

Even a trip to Rockwall can become a journey during the hectic holiday season, so look around our hometown first for your needs before wasting precious time in the car. Here are just a few ideas for services and gifts:

DINING AND QUICK TAKE OUT:

Arboledo's Mexican Grill | 213 Hubbard Dr. | 972-722-7805
Hawk Donuts | 217 Hubbard Dr. | 972-757-0998
Milano's Pizza | 201 Laurence Dr. | 972-961-4402

BEAUTY AND PAMPERING:

Heath Salon and Spa | 201 Hubbard Dr. | 972-771-0688
Glamour Nails & Lashes | 110 Smirl Dr. | 214-304-3573
Southern Glam Salon | 201 Laurence Dr. | 972-989-0697
KB Dental Associates | 110 Smirl Dr. | 972-525-0279
Smile Ranch Dentistry | 6700 Horizon Rd. | 972-772-7645

SPECIALTY GIFTS & ACTIVITIES

Aerie Lane DIY Crafts | 207 Laurence Dr. | 972-722-4449
Anytime Fitness | 203 Laurence Dr. | 972-202-6594
Select Wine Club | 223 Hubbard Dr. | 469-338-0219

PET CARE

Elite Suites Pet Resort | 10 Hope Dr. | 469-402-1350

PARTIES AND EVENTS

Hidden Creek Special Events | 215 Chris Cuny Pkwy. | 972-535-6686

SUNDRIES, STOCKING STUFFERS AND GIFT CARDS GALORE

CVS Pharmacy | 4282 Ridge Rd. | 972-722-2040



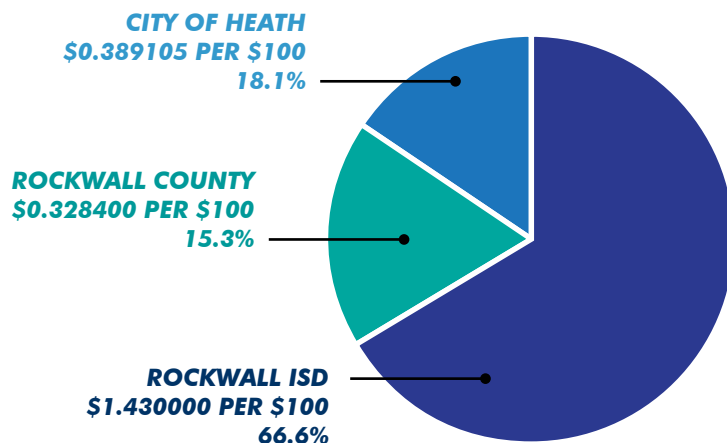
Re-Investing Your Sales Tax Dollars into Heath's Quality of Life

RECENT PROJECTS OF THE HEDC/HMBC INCLUDE:

- Funding for a new picnic pavilion at Antigua Bay Park in its FY 2018-2019 budget.
- Funding for new lights for practice fields at Towne Center Park in its FY 2018-2019 budget.
- Continued assistance in funding upscale street signs citywide in its FY 2018-2019 budget.
- Appraisal and branding of 25 acres of land owned by the HMBC along Chris Cuny Parkway and adjacent to the 50 acres of City-owned land.
- Ground lease agreement on HMBC-owned land with the Hidden Creek Special Events venue.

TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE:

WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?



FAQS ABOUT YOUR WATER SERVICE

Who is the City of Heath's water supplier?

The City of Heath's water supplier is the City of Rockwall, which is a member city of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

What is the NTMWD?

The NTMWD is a conservation and reclamation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. NTMWD's primary mission is to meet the needs of member and customer cities, whether that is the need for drinking water, solid waste disposal or wastewater treatment. NTMWD acts as a regional wholesaler of water to its member and customer cities.

How are water rates set?

NTMWD is responsible for setting the rates charged to their customers. Rates are calculated annually and are based on the projected cost of providing the service. Water rates are set per 1,000 gallons. As our provider, the City of Rockwall charges Heath an administration fee of 10 cents per 1,000 gallons in addition to the NTMWD's rate.

The rates charged to the City of Heath's customers are based on a rate study performed by Willis, Graves and Assoc., Inc. The study takes into account the City's cost of providing water, including debt service and administrative costs in addition to the actual cost of the water. The study also structured the rates to promote water conservation.

Why are rates higher or lower in some communities?

In a community with a large population such as Plano, the cost of providing water is distributed over a greater number of customers, allowing for lower per-customer rates. In a low-density community such as Heath, a smaller number of customers share the cost of water delivery, creating the need for higher per-customer rates.

What are the water sources?

Lavon Lake serves as the NTMWD's main raw water supply source. The NTMWD also obtains raw water from Lake Texoma, the East Fork Water Reuse Project, located along the East Fork of the Trinity River, Jim Chapman Lake (originally named Cooper Lake) and Lake Tawakoni on the Sabine River in Rains and Van Zandt counties.

To meet future water demands, NTMWD broke ground this year on Bois d'Arc Lake in Fannin County, which eventually will provide 120,000 acre-feet of water per year to residents in North Texas.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM PROGRESSIVE WASTE

Please put your waste items to be recycled in the blue polycart designated for dry recyclables. Recyclable items such as paper, plastic and aluminum that are placed in trash bags end up in the land fill instead of being recycled. Also, please do not put motor oil in your trash or recycling polycart. Recently, oil was placed in a recycling bin, and the entire load of recyclables collected that day were ruined and had to go into the land fill. Most automotive retailers offer motor oil collection services.

ALARM PERMITS EXPIRE DECEMBER 31

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. For your convenience, the renewal form is included with this month's utility bill and newsletter mailing. It can also be downloaded at www.heathtx.com under the City Documents menu or obtained at City Hall, 200 Laurence Dr.

ONLINE PAYMENT CHANGES

Starting December 1, 2018, processing fees for paying utility bills (\$1.25) and court fees (\$1.50) online with a credit card will be charged to the customer.