



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

WATER RESTRICTIONS & PUMP REPAIR UPDATE

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SEPTEMBER
2023



HEATH DPS RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING LIFE OF TODDLER

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

- SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY
- SEPTEMBER 10 GRANDPARENTS DAY
- SEPTEMBER 11 PATRIOT DAY - 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

Pictured: The Life Saving Award was presented to Heath DPS Shift B during the July 25 City Council meeting. From left: Captain Michael Morgan; Chief Brandon Seery; B Shift Sergeant Dallas Talley; Officers Billy Termin; Kenny Griffith, Clint Crabtree, Joseph Willis and Jake Ahrens. Not pictured are B Shift Officers Justin Smith and Bill Rushing.

Heath Department of Public Safety (DPS) Chief Brandon Seery presented the Life Saving Award to Heath DPS Shift B for their heroic actions on June 25.

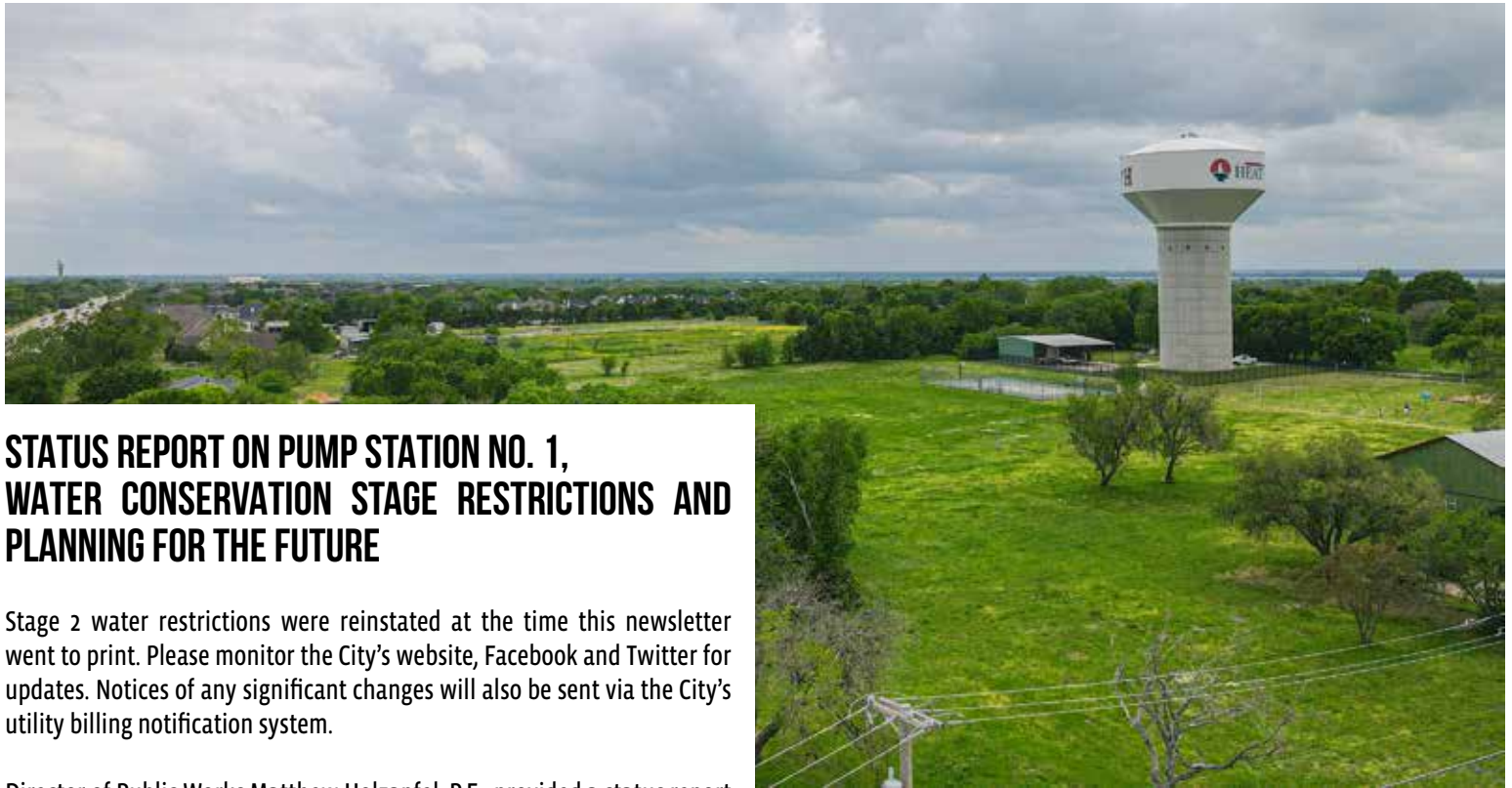
The officers were dispatched to the Cedar Glen Estates neighborhood in reference to a drowning. Dispatch advised that a 2-year-old child had fallen into a swimming pool and was not breathing. CPR was in progress by the residents, which provided the foundation for a strong Chain of Survival.

Upon arriving on scene within four minutes, Heath DPS took over the resuscitation efforts with Rockwall County EMS in route to the scene. Due to the complexity of the location, Heath DPS officers carried the child out to the ambulance when it arrived for advanced care. (Thank you, Officer Crabtree!). Once inside the ambulance, the child's condition began to improve, and he was transported to a DFW hospital.

Because of the professionalism and expertise displayed by all responders involved, the patient was discharged from the hospital after making a complete recovery.



Heath has been ranked the 10th Safest City in Texas for 2023! The annual ranking is compiled by Safewise.com based upon crime statistics data, including vehicle burglaries -- of which Heath has had ZERO to date in 2023. Thank you to our Heath Department of Public Safety (DPS) for all they do to protect our community, and to every citizen who does their part to keep their family, vehicles and property safe.



STATUS REPORT ON PUMP STATION NO. 1, WATER CONSERVATION STAGE RESTRICTIONS AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Stage 2 water restrictions were reinstated at the time this newsletter went to print. Please monitor the City's website, Facebook and Twitter for updates. Notices of any significant changes will also be sent via the City's utility billing notification system.

Director of Public Works Matthew Holzapfel, P.E., provided a status report on Pump Station No. 1 and Water Conservation Stage restrictions during the July 25 City Council meeting.

You can listen to the presentation and view the accompanying PowerPoint slides at heathtx.com from the Water-Wise or Government pages. In addition to learning about the intricacies involved in repairing this complicated equipment within a 33-day time span, you will learn more about the City's current water pumping and storage capacity, and the planning for redundancy and future needs now underway.

IN SUMMARY:

- Holzapfel reported that the 300-horsepower pump that failed on June 22, which prompted initiation of Stage 2 water restrictions on June 23, had been repaired and reinstalled.
- As of July 25, all three pumps in the City were operating at full capacity.
- Because the water infrastructure was working at full capacity, Stage 1 water restrictions were reinstated on July 26, allowing customers to water lawns and landscaping with an irrigation system on their designated watering days, shown below.
- Watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. remained prohibited.
- The presentation emphasized that water usage prior to the equipment failure on June 22 was already close to exceeding the City's allotment of 6 million gallons per day from the City of Rockwall.
- If usage behavior during the continued hot, dry conditions with elevated fire conditions again reached the point of exceeding 90% of the 6-million-gallon daily capacity (5.4-MGD) two days or more within a 7-day period, re-instating Stage 2 water restrictions would be necessary.
- By August 2, customer usage had reached this trigger for Stage 2.
- As a result, Stage 2 Water Restrictions were reinstated August 5. Please monitor the City's website, Facebook page and Twitter account for any changes.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The demand for a finite supply of water makes the need for conservation a new norm not only locally, but throughout Texas and the U.S. However, the City is planning to increase the infrastructure's capacity for delivery and storage. This includes initiating a water study to identify sources of water to supplement or replace the supply from the City of Rockwall and to determine the additional infrastructure and funding needed for new transmission mains, water storage and pump stations.

This planning is incorporated into the current budget process for FY 2023-2024, and staff are scoping the design effort for the water study with an engineering firm.

If you have questions, contact Matthew Holzapfel, P.E., Director of Public Works at mholzapfel@heathtx.com.

STAGE 2 WATERING SCHEDULE:

The last number of your property address determines which day you may water with an irrigation or sprinkler system. *For example, if your house number is 1265 your designated day is Wednesday.*

HOUSE NUMBER	DAY OF THE WEEK
1 OR 2	MONDAY
3 OR 4	TUESDAY
5 OR 6	WEDNESDAY
7 OR 8	THURSDAY
9 OR 0	FRIDAY



CITY MANAGER CHAT PODCAST SERIES PACKED WITH HOMETOWN INFORMATION

The City Manager Chat podcasts are packed with information about your hometown coming straight from City Manager Aretha Adams and her special guests. In the August 5 Episode, Capital Improvement Projects Manager Mike Shook shared updates on projects including:

RECENTLY COMPLETED:

- Hubbard Bridge Repair/Phase 1 Hubbard Drive Paving from Scenic Place to Rush Creek
- Rabbit Ridge Paving Project from Lodge Hill Dr. to FM 550

ON THE HORIZON:

- Phases 2-4 of the Hubbard Drive Paving Project:
 - Phase 2 - Scenic Place to Scenic Drive;
 - Phase 3 - Rush Creek to Michael Lane; and
 - Phase 4 - Michael Lane to almost FM. 740/Smirl
 Phase 2 begins this fall; watch for weekly updates at heathtx.com
- Pocket Park at Town Center/Tom Thumb Retail Center
- Renovation of Towne Center Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN HEATH

HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

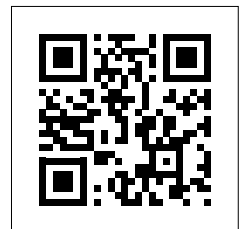
Celebrate with Friends & Neighbors at Our Place
Heath Fire Bay, 200 Laurence Drive
Tuesday, October 3, 6-8 p.m.

Enjoy Complimentary Hamburgers, Chips and a Drink Served
by the In-N-Out Burger Truck
Free Snow Cones by Tiki Todd of Heath
DJ & Music
Inflatables including a 20' Fire Truck Slide
Photos with Your DPS Officers, Vehicles, Equipment
and Sparky the Mascot!



ROCK WALL CHAPTER OF DAR DONATES PATRIOT TREE TO CITY OF HEATH

The Rock Wall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated a beautiful Chinquapin Oak Patriot Tree to the City of Heath to kick off celebrating the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026.



The donation was accepted by the City during the July 4 Patriotic Program, and the tree has been planted near the grist mill stone at City Hall.

Learn more about the journey towards the 250th anniversary by scanning the QR code.

PARKS & TRAILS UPDATE

As Heath grows, so does our parks and trail system, thanks to a continued focus by City Council and the Park Board on this important amenity that enriches the quality of life enjoyed by citizens.

TRAIL SYSTEM

You can find a current trail system map at heathtx.com under the Doing Business/City of Heath Maps menu. This map identifies both existing and planned trails.

TOWNE CENTER PARK

In 2022, the Park Board and City Council approved the Towne Center Park Master Plan for renovating this beautiful space in Heath. Hill & Wilkenson General Contractors has been selected to oversee the renovation, which is expected to be funded and ready to begin in the FY 2023-2024 budget year.

TERRY PARK

The "Sunset Swings" have been installed at Terry Park. The improvement was funded by the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) program and the Heath Economic Development Corporation/Municipal Benefits Corporation (HEDC/HMBC). The project included renovating existing play equipment to offer an expanded array of swings for all ages and abilities. New bench swings were installed along the path overlooking the lake to give visitors a place to gently sway to lake and sunset views.

These swinging benches offer a place to mount a bronze memorial plaque. The first memorial swings will honor the lives and service of Heath residents Virginia "Ginny" Jackson, who led the Park Board for eight years; former Councilman Joe Chamberlain; and former Councilman Bob Hille. A dedication ceremony will be held this fall.

The Park Board is now finalizing plans to use PATH funding to further expand the play equipment at Terry Park.

TOWNE CENTER VILLAGE POCKET PARK

In 2021, the City exercised its option to purchase excess TxDOT right of way located along FM 740 in front of the Heath Towne Center/Tom Thumb retail site and dedicated the land for a "passive park" that will provide a beautiful green space and welcoming gateway into the heart of the community. The Park Board and City Council approved a contract with la terra studio, inc. for a site design that incorporates landscaping, seating, signage and more. Groundbreaking for the park is anticipated in December 2023.

SHOP LOCAL

When you spend in Heath, your sales tax dollars remain in Heath!

25% of the annual return is re-invested by the HEDC/HMBC into Heath community and quality of life projects such as park and trail improvements and the HEDC/HMBC also invest in projects that expand the City's sales tax base.

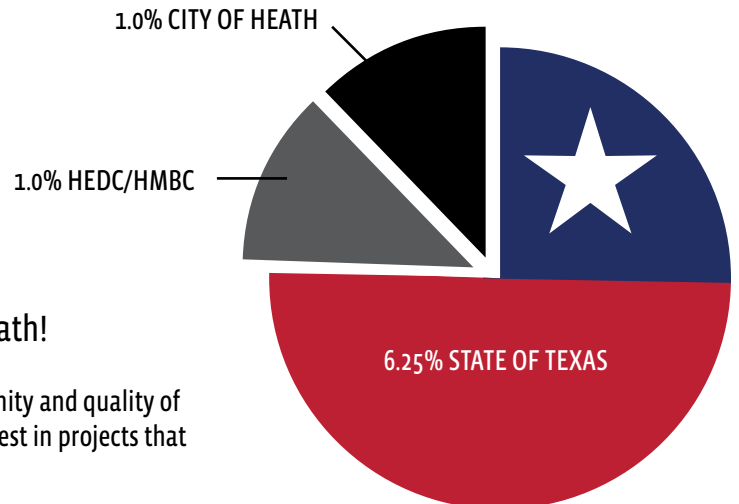
TEXAS TIPS: WATERING & MOWING YOUR LAWN IN THE SUMMER

- Landscapes only require approximately one inch of water every 5 to 10 days, even in the hottest summer. The shallow roots promoted by over-watering a landscape make it more vulnerable to heat, cold, pests, diseases and future drought conditions.
- Less water will be lost to evaporation if you water your lawn in the early morning or late at night when breezes calm, and temperatures are lower. (That is why the City of Heath's water restrictions prohibit watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.)
- Mow high during hot, dry weather. Higher grass develops stronger roots and shades the soil to help it retain moisture.
- The recommended summer mowing height for most grass types in North Texas is 4 inches, or roughly 1/2 inch higher than normal. Additionally, mow the grass regularly enough so that you never remove more than one-third of the length of the grass blades.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Mowing with a dull lawn mower blade adds to the summer stress on the grass. Dull blades tear the grass instead of cutting it, which leaves the grass vulnerable to pests and diseases.
- Fertilizing your grass in the summer increases the risk of nitrogen burn. It is best to fertilize your lawn in the spring to prepare for summer heat, and in the fall to prepare for winter cold.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn; they make a great natural fertilizer by returning nutrients to your soil.
- If you use a blower, blow the clippings back onto your lawn, not down the street and into the storm drain where the clippings will cause storm water pollution.



SALES TAX BREAKDOWN

8.25 cents per dollar you spend on taxable items



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