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Town of Westlake to upgrade roads, academy

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WESTLAKE -- Infrastructure remains a primary focus for the town of Westlake in 2012.

Town Manager Tom Brymer said projects include new street construction in the Stagecoach Hills neighborhood, a new waterline along Roanoke Road, and additional street improvements via the \$4.6 million development agreement with Hillwood Properties which includes improvements to the intersection at Dove and JT Ottinger roads.

Also in the works is the implementation of the FM 1938 streetscape plan and to begin landscape planning for the Highway 114/170 corridor in partnership with Trophy Club and Roanoke.

Another top priority for the town staff is to continue analysis and review of Westlake Academy's enrollment growth and facility needs.

Last month, board members unanimously voted to approve an enrollment expansion that, if approved by Texas Education Agency, could increase enrollment maximum of 800 students to allow for up to 1,450.

Trustees and town staff have held discussions about doubling enrollment, building new high school and middle school buildings, a media center, cafeteria and a primary school addition.

The project, funded by increased enrollment, is expected to cost \$15 million and take about 28 months to complete.

Other projects this year include the Westlake Historical Preservation Society's Historical Town Marker program and the Westlake Public Arts Society's Artists in Residence program.

Making the right decisions for important issues concerning town growth isn't always easy for staff and board members, but Mayor Laura Wheat said she has just the right leaders to get the job done.

"The dedication, intelligence and commitment of the council/board is matched and perhaps surpassed only by that of the town and academy staffs ... Truly a remarkable group of individuals," Wheat said. "The town of Westlake is in very good hands."

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