



City Council Meetings... What's on the Agenda?

The Heath City Council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens and guests are invited to attend and follow important discussions affecting the community including new and proposed developments such as the Heath Golf & Yacht Club, Heath Crossing and Stoneleigh Phase 5.

Other items to expect on upcoming agendas include the Capital Improvement Plan and infrastructure needs that must be addressed now and in the future, and economic development activities and opportunities.

You can download an agenda for upcoming Council meetings at www.heathtx.com. Better yet, sign up for the "notify me" service, and you will receive an email with a link to download the agenda prior to each City Council meeting.

If you are not able to attend a council meeting, you are encouraged to share your thoughts and questions with City staff at cityhall@heathtx.com or you may contact Councilmembers directly. You will find their email addresses on the City's website under the Government menu. You can also view live text updates of Council actions on agenda items during Regular meetings by selecting the link in the Upcoming Events section on the home page.

Heath Shines in the News!

HEATH RANKS AS THE SAFEST CITY IN AREA

Heath was found to be the safest city in the suburban Dallas area, based on a recent data analysis by *The Dallas Morning News* that measured levels of burglaries and aggravated assaults.

Neighbor watchfulness and a professional Department Public of Safety were highlighted for helping to preserve a tranquil and secure atmosphere.

HEATH AND ROCKWALL BECOMING BIKE FRIENDLY

The Dallas Morning News also recognized Heath and Rockwall for being proactive in trail development.

"I think cities — Rockwall and Heath, in particular — very much understand that if they want their communities to remain attractive communities for people to move to and people to move their businesses to, parks and trails are a major amenity that has to be present in order to be competitive," said Rockwall Cycling owner Jason Ross, who was featured in the recent *Dallas Morning News* article.

Most recently, the City of Heath and Rockwall ISD successfully applied for the \$1 million Safe Routes to School grant to build trails and sidewalks that connect to Heath's four public schools. Rockwall's Squabble Creek Mountain Bike Trail, a 6-mile path on 43 acres of land, was also highlighted.

Community Kicks Off Easter at Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk



Ideal "runner's weather" helped attract more than 340 participants to the Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk presented on March 30 by the City of Heath Special Events Board.

Taking first place in the run for the second consecutive year was Justin Tokuz with an 18:25 time. Tiffany Hauerwas was the overall top female winner with a 20:24 time. Placing first in the new male and female masters categories was Joseph Kipping with a time of 20:59 and Janie Simpson at 25:24.

Complete race results and an event-day video can be viewed at www.heathtx.com.

Veterans Service Officer Available to Heath Vets

If you know a Veteran who needs assistance in dealing with the Government, an advocate awaits in the new Courthouse on the 4th Floor overlooking our Veterans Memorial.

That's the office of Veterans Service Officer, Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Les Cooks, who is helping Rockwall County veterans with everything from applying for a benefit to simply learning what benefit each individual may be authorized to receive. To learn more or request assistance, contact Lieutenant Colonel Cooks at 972-204-7280 or lcooks@rockwallcountytexas.com.

City of Heath Honored as Top Recycler

The City of Heath was recognized by the Environmental Co-Op for being a Top Recycler among area cities. Heath residents turned in more than 27,600 pounds of electronic waste at two Co-Op Collection Events hosted in 2012.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND UPSIZE YOUR RECYCLING POLYCARD!

You can increase your capacity to recycle waste your household's waste by exchanging your 64-gallon blue recycling polycart for a 95-gallon recycling polycart. The enlarged cart is \$1 extra per month. Please call City Hall at 972-771-6228 if you would like to upsize!

Mayors for Meals

Heath City Manager Ed Thatcher and Heath Mayor Lorne Liechty joined over 1,000 Mayors and city officials across the U.S. taking part in Mayors for Meals on March 20. The annual campaign enlisted municipal mayors to serve and deliver nutritious, hot meals to residents in an effort to draw attention to community-based Meals on Wheels programs.

If you know a senior or disabled Heath resident who would benefit from a nutritious, hot meal five days a week, contact the Rockwall County Committee on Aging at 972-771-9514 or visit www.rockwallmow.com. Volunteers and donations are also welcome!

Heath DPS Officers Fill the Boot for MDA

With the community's help, Heath Department of Public Safety Officers are taking to the streets this spring to Fill-the-Boot for MDA! Heath officers continue a tradition that started in 1954. Since then, U.S. firefighters have raised nearly \$375 million for MDA's lifesaving research, services and information program.



DPS will be out again in late April and May, so dig deep for your change to help kiddos like Rockwall County's own Sam Killian pictured here with Heath officers!

HOA Contacts Wanted

Homeowners association contacts are often helpful in disseminating information regarding City news. If you would like your neighborhood to be included in future communications, please send your association's name, contact person, telephone number and email address to CityHall@HeathTX.com or call 972-961-4884.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE WEST NILE VIRUS WITH THE 4 D'S

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1. Stay indoors at DUSK and DAWN. This is the time of day that mosquitoes are most active.
2. DRESS in long sleeves/pants, loose and light-colored clothing when outdoors.
3. DEFEND yourself by using an insect repellent that contains DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. Follow label instructions.
4. DRAIN standing water in your yard and neighborhood. Also makes sure that flower pots, water dishes, bird baths and wading pools are properly drained so they are not breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

More information: www.dshs.state.tx.us

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