



**Start Your Easter Weekend Celebrations at The Heart of Heath 5k Run/Walk on April 19**  
8:30 a.m. | Heath City Hall | 200 Laurence Drive

Registration is now available online at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

This family-friendly event is open to all ages and athletic abilities ranging from the casual walker to the elite runner.

- Experienced race management by Rockwall Running Center & ItsYourRace.com, offering the new, free Heart of Heath mobile app
- Expanded race categories
- Accurate & fast race results
- Certified course
- Every participant receives a Heart of Heath T-shirt while supplies last
- Drawings post-race for prizes from local businesses

All proceeds benefit Heath parks and trails.

**City of Heath Receives Financial Accolades**

The City of Heath has once again received a clean audit report from independent auditors.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CARF) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year received an unqualified opinion, which is the best of the four types of opinions that the City could have received.

Brooks Cardiel & Company, PLLC conducted the audit and noted that the City of Heath is “heads and shoulders above most peer cities” as a result

of conservative fiscal management, policies and procedures that have resulted in a balanced budget without raising taxes in 22 years, and a healthy reserve fund balance. Best practices call for maintaining a reserve of 25% of the general fund to ensure that at least two months of operating expenses are set aside should a dire emergency such as a natural disaster occur. The City’s general fund balance exceeds the amount recommended by best practices.

The City was also awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA) for the fourth consecutive year.

**Investing In Our Future: City Of Heath Capital Improvement Plan Update**

The Heath City Council approved a Capital Improvement Plan that includes more than \$20 million in investments that benefit the entire city. Here’s a progress report on this important work to ensure that Heath property values remain stable and improve so that Heath continues to be a desirable place to live:

PROJECT	ENGINEERING/DESIGN	ANTICIPATED START	ANTICIPATED END
Buffalo Creek Trail Repair Trail Will Be Closed During Construction		Underway	45 Days After Start
Country Club Paving		March 2014	
Jeff Boyd 12-Inch Water Line	March 2014	June 2014	December 2014
Shepherds Glen Force Main & Gravity Sewer		April 2014	June 2014
Fm 740 Phase 2 Utility Relocations	Underway	March 2014	Based On Updated TxDOT Schedule
Towne Center Park Driveway (Amy Parks Driveway)	Underway	April 2014	July 2014
Rabbit Ridge Road Paving	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015
Crisp Lane / Myers Road Paving	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015
McDonald Road Paving	February 2015	December 2015	October 2016
Myers Road / Yankee Creek Road Paving	May 2014	February 2015	November 2015
Terry Park Wall Repair	Underway	April 2014	October 2014

## Upcoming Elections

### PRIMARY ELECTION

March 4 | Heath City Hall | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

### GENERAL ELECTION

May 10 | Heath City Hall | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Early voting begins April 28.

Deadline to register to vote is April 10.

### ON THE BALLOT FOR THE CITY OF HEATH:

- Mayor
- City councilmember Place 3
- City Councilmember Place 5

## Business Spotlight:

### A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



How many communities are home to an Olympic Gold Medal sailor? Heath has been fortunate to have that honor, and it's a testimony to the high level sailing that you can find at the Rush Creek Yacht Club.

Whether competing against other sailors in a regatta, or relaxing on the new deck enjoying a cool drink, delicious meal and views of the lake, swimming pool and kids romping in the playground, it's a great atmosphere that fully captures the charm of lakeside living.

Founded in 1969, Rush Creek Yacht Club is a non-profit organization that has become a landmark for yacht racing in the Southwest. The club offers organized competition for all ages and skill levels and a Junior Sailing Program.

"We're a great group of people and welcome anyone in Heath who would like to race sail boats or learn to sail," said Clarke Newman, Commodore of the club, which is proud to support Helping Hands of Rockwall and the Sea Scouts.

Learn more at [www.rcyc.org](http://www.rcyc.org) or call 972-771-6500.

## Projects And Permits

### A HELPFUL REMINDER ABOUT PROJECTS AND PERMITS

With spring right around the corner, it's a great time to start all those exciting and fun residential improvement projects. Please remember that permits are required any time a homeowner or contractor constructs, repair, alter, erect, enlarge, convert, install or replace an existing building or its utility system(s).

Some examples of projects that require a permit are:

- Fences
- Storage Sheds over 120 sq ft.
- Retaining Walls 4' or higher
- Swimming Pools & Irrigation Systems
- Interior Remodels & Additions
- Outdoor Kitchens/Fireplaces
- OSSF Replacements/Repairs
- Cabanas, Guest Houses
- Sea Wall Repairs/Replacements
- Roofing
- Window Replacements
- Foundation Repair
- Miscellaneous Plumbing, Electrical or Mechanical work

Permitting information and forms can be obtained on the City's website at: [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com). You can also contact the Public Works Department at 972-961-4892 or Code Enforcement Department at 972-961-4893 if you have questions.



The City Council and staff addressed a wide range of local issues including water planning, land use, economic development and financial policies during the Annual City Council Retreat held at the Hilton Bella Harbor Conference Center on February 7.



It was a fun time at City Hall on February 13 when 90 kindergartners from Springer Elementary School came to visit. The first stop was the council chambers, where they learned how the City serves them and how they can be good citizens. The students' favorite part was banging the Mayor's gavel to "adjourn the meeting". Then it was on to the Heath Department of Public Safety, where officers provided a close-up look at the fire trucks and police cars. Thank you, Springer, for including the City in this great learning opportunity for our future leaders.