



**CELEBRATE FREEDOM
AT THE ANNUAL CITY OF HEATH
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND
CELEBRATION IN THE PARK ON
SATURDAY, JULY 4!**

Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic program immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park featuring a live barbershop quartet and free popsicles, cotton candy and cold drinks.

Staging for the parade begins at 8 a.m., judging and awards are at 8:30 a.m., and the parade begins at 9 a.m. at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School at 330 Laurence Drive. Veterans from all branches of the U.S. Military are invited to ride in the parade on the Veterans Float.

BEST DECORATED PARADE AWARDS PRESENTED TO:

- Float • Bicycle • Wagon/Stroller • Golf Cart • Off-Road Vehicle
- Classic Car • Kiddie Car

AWARDS ALSO PRESENTED FOR:

- Best Costume • Most Patriotic Pet • Mayor's Award

NEW PARADE AWARD:

Best Overall Neighborhood/HOA - display your community's name!

CITY COUNCIL REVISES SOLICITORS' ORDINANCE

In response to citizen concerns regarding solicitors in the community requesting donations or selling merchandise, the Heath City Council approved revisions to solicitation regulations. Updated regulations require a permit for solicitation and/or commercial literature distribution on another's property.

A permit is not required for organizations whose membership consists primarily of persons under 18 years of age such as school organizations, youth sports organizations, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and religious and charitable youth organizations. The delivery of newspapers and similar publications along an established customer delivery route is also exempt from permit requirements. You can find the solicitation ordinance at www.heathtx.com.

PLAN AHEAD FOR BRIEF ROAD CLOSURES:

The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. To avoid inconvenience or delays, an alternate route or time frame for driving through the area should be planned. Find maps of the parade route and staging area at www.heathtx.com.

SERVING HEATH



JUSTIN HOLLAND



KEVIN LAMBERTH



RICH KRAUSE



BARRY BROOKS



BRIAN BERRY

Mayor Lorne Liechty administered the oath of office to incumbent Councilmembers Justin Holland, Kevin Lamberth, Rich Krause and Barry Brooks for new two-year terms in May. The Council elected Brian Berry as Mayor Pro Tem. The City thanks these leaders for their hard work and continued dedication to making Heath the BEST place to live, work and run a business.

HEATH IS #1

Heath was the #1 D/FW community with under a 10k population on the new "Best Suburbs to Live In" survey by Niche.com, which compiles statistics on every neighborhood and city in the U.S. to help people find the best places to live, visit and raise a family. Among D/FW Metro Suburbs overall, Heath ranked 17 out of 77. Out of 100 Texas suburbs overall, Heath ranked 27.

GETTING BETTER AND BETTER, EVERY DAY!

Capital Improvement Plan projects have been completed or are underway throughout Heath. This includes paving reconstruction in many neighborhoods. Take a tour of these projects and follow the progress at www.heathtx.com.

HEATH DPS ROCKS CARRY THE LOAD

Congratulations to the Heath Department of Public Safety for their success in raising \$25,384 of the \$33,479 total raised by all Rockwall County First Responders for 2015 Carry the Load! Team captain Cody Whaley was recognized in *The Dallas Morning News* with Team Captains who raised \$5000 or more to help first responders and family members in need through Carry the Load.

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS, EVEN IN YOUR DRIVEWAY!

Heath DPS reminds citizens to lock your car when parked in your driveway and keep valuables out of sight or locked in the trunk. Try to park vehicles in well-lit areas or install a motion sensor light close to where your cars are parked. Also, do not keep garage door openers inside your vehicles that are parked outside of the garage.

FUMC CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Mayor Lorne Liechty honors Reverend Omar Rikabi and the congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Heath for its 125th anniversary of service. Mayor Liechty encouraged all citizens to applaud this remarkable legacy of good and faithful works that began in Heath in 1890.



MOVIES IN THE PARK KICKS OFF SUMMER

The City of Heath thanks everyone who made a fun and festive Movies in the Park possible on June 5 including the Special Events Sponsors and Board; Dr. J. Scott Quinby/Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation Services; RHHS coaches & athletes; Big League Academy/Texas Sports; and all the families who came out for a night under the stars. Find photos and a highlight video at <https://www.facebook.com/HeathTX> and www.heathtx.com.

The City of Heath and the Special Events Board would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the 2015 Special Events Series:



AMY PARKS STUDENTS SPEND AN HOUR WITH A HEATH HERO



It was a fire engine Red Letter Day for Preston Lucas and Will Ragland of Amy Parks on May 22! They were winners of the Hour with a Heath Hero package offered during the recent PTO Silent Auction fund raiser. The prize included riding in the fire truck, touring Heath DPS headquarters, and a Chick-fil-A lunch with the officers in their command room. The auction prize was organized by SRO Dee Brumit and Officer Brandon Seery. From left, Officer Seery, Preston Lucas, Will Ragland and Officer Brumit.

REMEMBERING AN ANGEL



Sammy's Playground was dedicated on May 17 and is now an asset in Towne Center Park that honors Samantha Knostman's memory by encouraging other children to play amidst the colors, butterflies, slides and swings she loved best. The playground was built on a site designated by the City of Heath and funded by the generosity of those who contributed to the Samantha Knostman Memorial Fund.