



CITY OF HEATH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH PARADE & PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

It was pure red, white and blue Americana in the City of Heath as the community celebrated July 4 with the annual hometown parade and a new patriotic program in the park afterwards.

Mayor Lorne Liechty presented the parade awards and honored attending veterans; U.S. Congressman John Ratcliffe led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance; and a live barbershop quartet sang the national anthem and other American favorites. And everyone cooled down with free popsicles, ice cold water and cotton candy.

A highlights video featuring Vietnam veteran Lee Gilbert's story can be viewed at www.heathtx.com.

THE 2015 PARADE AWARD WINNERS ARE:

1. Mayor's Award - Miss Stella & Her Pony
2. Best Float - Hangin' Ten in Heath!
3. Best Bicycle - Miss Sloane Beesley
4. Best Classic Car - James Best
5. Best Costumes - The Rudine & The Stewart Kids
6. Best Go Cart - Miss Gabby Selden
7. Best Golf Cart - The Wells and Brandy Boys
8. Best Off-Road Vehicle - The Gillean Family
9. Judges' Choice - The Keith Family
10. Most Patriotic Spirit - Heath Salon & Spa

The City thanks the Special Events Board, sponsors (see reverse), volunteers and staff for making community celebrations like Independence Day in the Park possible.

TXDOT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

The construction start date for the FM 740 widening project from FM 1140 north to FM 1140 south is mid-July. Adverse weather delayed utility relocations, but that work is just about wrapped up. The contractor anticipates a completion date in the winter of 2017.

The FM 3097 reconstruction project from Horizon Road to Tubbs in the City of Rockwall is now scheduled to begin in mid-August.

For details on all City of Heath Capital Improvement Plan projects, go to www.heathtx.com and select CIP Construction updates from *Newsletter Quick Links*.

ZONING FOR NEW RETAIL CENTER APPROVED

The Heath City Council approved an application requesting a change from agricultural to planned development for local retail during the July 14 City Council meeting. The developer presented a conceptual plan for "Heath Towne Village" on 14.8 acres located at FM 740, FM 549 and FM 550.

The developer's stated goal is to create a "unique" shopping experience with a grocery-anchored center that features green space, a water feature and walking paths.

CODY WHALEY NAMED 2015 ROTARY OFFICER OF THE YEAR



The City of Heath congratulates Department of Public Safety Officer Cody Whaley, who was honored by the Rockwall Rotary Club as Heath's Officer of the Year for 2015.

"Cody is the type of officer who fits in well as a member of a team" said Chief Terry Garrett, director of the Heath DPS.

"He is always looking out for what would be the best for his shift, the department and the city while at the same time being very competent at making tough decisions in tough situations. Cody quickly rose to be a leader among his shift and a trainer for new recruits."

CITY MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE/ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The City continues to trap and test mosquitoes for the West Nile Virus on a weekly basis. You can find the results and tips on how to protect yourself and your family on the front page at www.heathtx.com.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



RUSH CREEK YACHT CLUB

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 Melissa Hemker, Commodore of the club, which is proud to support Helping Hands of Rockwall and the Sea Scouts.

Learn more at www.rcyc.org or call 972-771-6500.

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