



April 2016



## GENERAL ELECTION

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

Early voting is April 25-May 3.  
Deadline to register to vote is April 7.

On the ballot for the City of Heath:  
City Councilmember Place 5

# HEATH DPS HELPS PRESENT SHATTERED DREAMS

The Heath Department of Public Safety joined Rockwall-Heath High School to present Shattered Dreams on March 14 and 15. The anti-drinking and driving program includes a simulated drunken driving accident and memorial service for the victims.

“The leading cause of death and serious injury to teenagers ages 15-19 is traffic crashes, and these fatalities are a result of teen drinking and driving, speeding, and teens driving distracted,” said Chief Terry Garrett, director of Heath DPS. “Our hope is that the vivid images of the mock accident and its aftermath remain fresh in the students’ minds for years to come.”

Also supporting Heath High School students, teachers and parents in presenting Shattered Dreams were Rockwall County Judge Brett Hall, District Attorney Kendal Culpepper and Sheriff’s Office; Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall; Rest Haven Funeral Home; Careflight and many local business sponsors.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is April 23

The City of Heath will join the City of Rockwall in hosting the 16th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day rain or shine on April 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rockwall Service Center, 1600 Airport Road. The event is open to City of Heath residents, who must obtain a free voucher to deliver items to the collection site. If you would like to volunteer as your neighborhood coordinator or need a participation voucher, please drop by City Hall or call 972-771-6228.

### WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED?

Household quantities of pesticides, paint products, household cleaners, herbicides, motor oil, automotive chemicals, swimming pool products, and tires with no rims will be accepted. Document shredding and recycling of electronics will also be available.



## TAKE THE CITIZEN SURVEY AT WWW.HEATHTX.COM!

The City of Heath Comprehensive Plan Committee is updating this important planning tool that helps guide the future of Heath as our community develops. Go online to share your vision for your hometown!

Just click the Survey link in the blue *Newsletter Quick Links* bar.

## City Implements Call and Text Notification System

To help make it easier to keep up with the status of your utility account, the City has implemented a new notification system that will send automated calls or texts to you. The new system can also send alerts regarding Heath road closures, water outages, watering restrictions, special events and other general non-emergency notifications. This is not an emergency alert system. (To sign up for free weather and emergency alerts, please go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).)

The City’s notifications are automatically set up to reach you by phone. If you prefer to receive notifications by text, you will need to opt in, and standard text messaging rates may apply. You will only receive one form of notification. Therefore, if you choose to receive text messages, you will be opted out of phone notifications. You may choose to opt out of all notifications, but you will not be notified by any other means in most cases. You can contact the City if you choose to get back into the notification system at any time.

Enclosed with this newsletter and utility bill is the form you need to return with your current phone number and preferred means of contact. You can also find this form at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under the Finance Department. If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

## Biz Spotlight

### DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A CERTIFIED WILDLIFE ENRICHMENT AREA, RIGHT HERE IN HEATH?



Above: Becky and Ernie Burkett, owners/operators of Shannon's Farms.

Shannon's Farms, owned by Ernie and Becky Burkett, is a certified wildlife and wildflower management area that has been in operation for over 15 years.

"We have focused our energies toward purposefully ensuring the continued survival of the birds, bees, wildlife and flora that graced our land before we came on board in 1998 to manage, encourage if you will, an improved ecologically diverse habitat," says Becky.

Small parts of the land have been earmarked for organic farming offering garden-to-table vegetables and eggs, which should be available at the Rockwall Farmers Market this year. Shannon's Farm also includes a pecan grove of more than 35 trees, plus an assortment of fruit trees. The farming operation is very limited however, and is seen as an enrichment spoke of the many parts of the Shannon's Farms wheel.

"We offer an invitation to schedule small specialized tours with the hope that seeing is a first step in a positive change toward a higher level of environmental conservation practices," says Ernie. New "Give Earth a Chance®" t-shirts are also available and proceeds help fund non-profits focused on moving Earth toward a healthier reality. Learn more and purchase a t-shirt at [www.shannonsfarms.com](http://www.shannonsfarms.com), or email [eburkett@shannonsfarms.com](mailto:eburkett@shannonsfarms.com).

Becky and Ernie believe that local involvement is a key part of a community's success. Ernie is a retired educator of 40+ years, the last 10 finishing work as a Supervisory Instructor per TEA & TX DPS standards, retiring 2005, and continuing as a part-time RISD school bus driver retiring fully in 2010. Becky, a residential property manager and former sales/marketing senior manager, grew up in Rockwall and has served the City of Heath as a former 10-year member of the Heath Park Board, is on the Executive Committee of the Rockwall County Open Space Alliance ([www.rockwallosa.org](http://www.rockwallosa.org)), is Treasurer of the Rockwall ISD Education Foundation, and supports the schools through booster club leadership activities.

## Fun & Fit Featuring The Heart of Heath 5k



The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration was held on March 26 and featured the Heart of Heath 5k, a 1-Mile Family Run, refreshments, games, prizes and music. See the 5k and 1-mile winners and photos at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) and in next month's newsletter. The City of Heath thanks the volunteers, staff, 2016 sponsors, prize donors, and the Special Events Board who make great events like this possible!

### Prize Donors for Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run:

Milano's Restaurant, Chase Bank, Arboledo's Mexican Grill, Select Wine, Heath Salon & Spa, Lakeside Florist, Urban Air Trampoline Park, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Fireside Chicken & Tacos, Chiloso Mexican Bistro, Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club, Buffalo Creek Golf Club, Southern Belle Lash and Woof Gang Dog Grooming Boutique.

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### Honoring Success and Service

Mayor Liechty proclaimed February 9 "HEATH HAWKS VARSITY CHEER DAY" in honor of the outstanding service and success of the Rockwall-Heath High School cheerleaders, Hawk guard and mascots, who placed second at the NCA National Championships and earned the Best Use of Jumps Award. They also earned third place for their routines during the Inaugural UIL Texas State Spirit Championship.