



May 2016



WHAT A SPECIAL CITY WE HAVE...

General Election

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

Early Voting Schedule:

April 25 – April 30 | Heath City Hall | 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

May 2 – May 3 | Heath City Hall | 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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



A Message From Mayor Lorne Liechty

It is hard to believe that four years have passed since I was elected Mayor, and that this is my last newsletter column. However, it is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the past four years, which have gone much too quickly.

In my first newsletter column (June 2012), I set forth three objectives that I wanted to concentrate on: (1) to improve our roads, trails, parks, public utilities and other infrastructure, (2) to continue the high quality residential development that has been such an attraction to families living in Heath, and (3) to attract distinctive commercial development, which will provide the convenience of local shopping to our citizens without altering the culture of our City. I am proud that due to the hard work of our City Council, City Staff and many wonderful volunteers, we have been able to make huge progress on these objectives.

First, our City Council unanimously approved a Capital Improvement program with over \$20 million of improvements to our streets, water supply system, waste water system, parks and trails. These capital improvements were necessary to ensure that Heath would remain a premier lakefront suburban community. We have all seen these improvements commence, and will watch them continue in the future.

Second, our residential development has continued to expand, with quality communities being the fundamental principle of residential development in Heath. From Fiscal Year 2012 through Fiscal Year 2015, annual building permits increased by nearly 65 percent, and the average value of each home constructed increased by approximately 12 percent, to an average building permit value of nearly \$525,000. That is growth of which we can all be proud.

Third, we have been able to attract additional commercial development to Heath. We have all benefited by the convenience of shopping at CVS, our first

national retailer, but we have also enjoyed the benefits of other retail and commercial growth in our City. During this time our annual sales taxes have increased by nearly 40 percent, which will reduce the tax burden that would otherwise be placed on our homeowners.

However, accomplishing the objectives described above is only one aspect of serving as Mayor. Most significant to me has been the opportunity to get to know and work with so many of my fellow Heathens. It has been so rewarding to help people resolve day-to-day issues affecting them in our City; things like getting new street and speed limit signs installed and fence permits approved.

It has also been my privilege and pleasure to help celebrate significant achievements by our citizens. We have celebrated together as our high school baseball and wrestling teams have won State Championships, our high school basketball team achieved an undefeated regular season, our elite Boy Scouts have become Eagle Scouts, and couples within our City have reached significant anniversaries. It has truly been a joy to be able to participate in these significant events.

During the past 20 years, I have also had the pleasure of serving on the Heath Park Board and as a City Councilman, but it has been the greatest honor of my life to serve as your Mayor, and I thank each of you for allowing me to serve you in that capacity.

Finally, I also want to publicly thank my wife, Mary, for being so patient with me and allowing me to dedicate so much of my time to the City during the past 20 years, often at the expense of time that otherwise would have been spent at home or with our family. I would not, and could not have served the City during this time without her unwavering support.

I hope that each of us always remembers what a special city we have, and what a blessing it is to live in Heath. I pray that God blesses each of us and that His special blessing always rests on the City of Heath.

Mayor Lorne O. Liechty

City Services...

NEW TEXT OR PHONE NOTIFICATION SERVICE

The City has implemented a new notification system that will send automated calls or texts to you. You must choose one or the other, and the service is limited to one phone number. If you have not provided your preferred form of contact and number yet, you can do so online at www.heathtx.com under the Finance Department. If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

GO GREEN, GO PAPERLESS WITH E-BILLING

Your City of Heath monthly utility bill is also available via e-billing. You can begin your e-billing by:

1. Signing up online through the City of Heath Utility Billing payment site. You can find the link at www.heathtx.com under the Utility Services Department.
2. Signing up in person at City Hall.

Once you enter the e-billing program you will no longer receive a paper bill. You will receive an email notification with a copy of your bill and a link to the City of Heath's monthly newsletter online.

Biz Spotlight

Heath residents are likely familiar with *Living Magazine*, which has been hitting local mailboxes for nearly two decades. What they might not know is that co-founders Clint Pittman and Jesse Ladd moved the company to Heath in 2005, and are currently building a new 14,000 square foot corporate headquarters at 6765 Horizon Road.

As a private, family-owned company, Chansen Media Group, the corporate entity that publishes all 20 monthly editions of *Living Magazine* throughout the Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston areas, has maintained its local roots to provide community families with insightful and positive editorial content. In addition, *Living* offers many area charities advertising space in the magazine to help promote the positive missions and messages of these local organizations.

Since 1998, Chansen Media Group has crafted thousands of successful ad campaigns connecting clients with consumers through both specialty printing projects and direct mail services. Together with the magazine, this provides area businesses with a one-stop shop for all their marketing solutions.

"We're proud to live and work in a community that shares our Christian values," said co-founders Pittman and Ladd. "We are committed to maintaining our dedication to serving our community's families and businesses alike."



Honoring Success and Service

Mayor Lorne Liechty proclaimed March 22, 2016 as Heath Hawks Wrestling Team Day in honor of the 2016 UIL 5-A State Champions. The varsity program boasts 2015 and 2016 District Dual and Team Championships and 2015 and 2016 Dual and Team Regional Championships. Head Coach Shane Seleznoff was named 2016 Regional and State Coach of the Year, and 2015 District and Regional Coach of the Year. Mayor Liechty invited Councilmember Justin Holland to join the festivities; Holland was a member of the 2001 and 2002 State Championship Wrestling Team at Rockwall High School.

Celebrating the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run Winners!

Last month's newsletter went to print just a few days before the City's Fun & Fit in the Park celebration on March 26. We were able to thank our sponsors and prize donors, but lacked our 5k and 1-Mile Family Run winners who are from Heath. So here they are! You can see all of the race results, photos and a highlights video at www.heathtx.com. The City of Heath thanks the volunteers, staff, 2016 sponsors, prize donors, and the Special Events Board who make great events like this possible! Next up: Independence Day Parade & Patriotic Celebration in the Park, Monday, July 4. Details coming soon!



1. The Overall Female 5k winner was Katie Peisen of Heath at 20:18.

The most joyous and exuberant winners of the day were the Top 3 Boys and Top 3 Girls in the 1-Mile Family Run!

2. The girls, from left: Campbell Corrigan, 2nd place; Evie Knox, 1st place; Bailey Corrigan, 3rd place.

3. From left: Preston Landman, 1st place; Carl Forester, 2nd place.

4. Zachary Wingard, 3rd place.