



## CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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The City Of Heath Wishes You And Your Family A  
*Happy New Year!*

### MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MESSAGE:



Remember when you were little and your parents or grandparents would say, "just wait, when you get older, you will find out how time goes by faster and faster each year." Well, I couldn't agree with that more now! The year 2016 is soon to be in our rearview mirror, and before we move on, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on a few highlights of the past 12 months.

The City Council recently unanimously approved our City budget, and I'm very pleased to share with you again that despite the number of ongoing projects we have in front of us, we were able to reduce your ad

valorem tax rate while still maintaining a very healthy fund balance.

Many of you have heard me say how important it is to not only be prepared for the growth that we're currently experiencing, but as much or even more so, to be prepared for the inevitable growth that we as a City have in front of us. We have approximately 2,700 homes on the ground at present, and nearly the same amount have already been approved and are at some stage of the construction process now. We're growing at a very rapid pace!

In the interim, most of us are having our patience tested daily as TxDOT completes the second phase of widening FM 740 through the heart of our City. We have a number of additional City Capital Improvement Plan projects that are necessary to adequately respond to the growing infrastructure needs with not only our streets and roads, but the utility side of our City budget. Please know that the City Council is working closely with City staff to ensure that you have the least amount of disturbance and inconvenience as this important work in completed.

Most of you are also aware that the Rockwall Independent School District chose to make Heath its home for Elementary School 14, which is currently under construction on the far south end of the City. The new school will provide much-needed student population relief to Amy Parks Heath Elementary and is scheduled to open in August of 2017.

As I close, I want to personally express my gratitude to so many of you who continue to make Heath such an incredible place to live. This includes our appointed volunteers who serve on a City board or commission as well as the countless volunteers who support each of you; the Councilmembers with whom I'm honored to serve and who work very hard to both maintain and mold our City to continue to be a premier City; to our City staff who work every single day to operate our City in a smooth and efficient fashion; and finally, to our Department of Public Safety officers, who work around the clock every day to protect us.

And, to my awesome wife, Shelley, and our three boys, Brady, Breck and Brooks: thank you for supporting me as well as you do.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to you. The encouragement, warm welcome and support from so many in our community is appreciated. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I pray that the Lord blesses each and every one of you and our City, and that 2017 is filled with happiness, health and prosperity for all.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
*Mayor Brian P. Berry*

### ANNUAL REGISTRATION REMINDERS

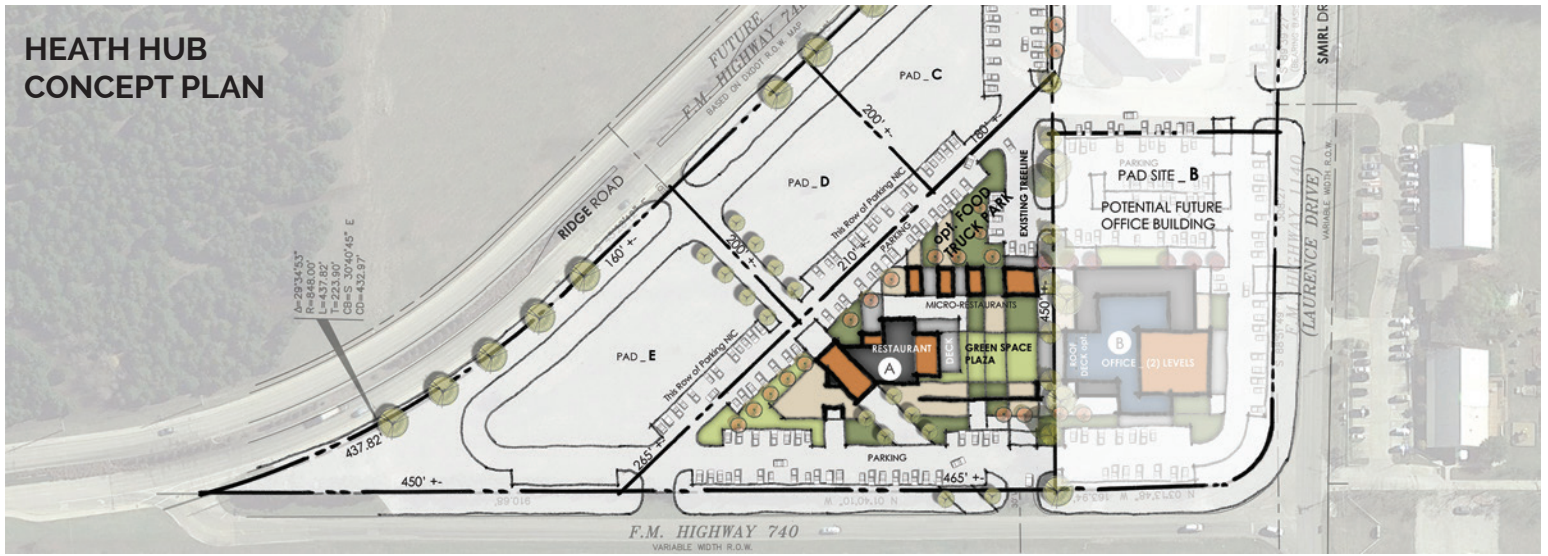
#### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ALARM PERMITS

Anyone who has a commercial or residential alarm system in the City of Heath is required to obtain an annual permit for the operation of the system. All alarm systems should be registered or renewed by January 1, 2017. The permit is good for a calendar year. You can electronically submit or download the form at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under the Department of Public Safety menu, or obtain a hard copy at City Hall. If you have questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228.

#### DOGS

Dog registrations also expire December 31 each year. Please bring current rabies certification to City Hall to update or obtain your dog's registration tag. The annual cost is \$10 for intact dogs and \$5 for those that have been spayed or neutered.

# HEATH HUB CONCEPT PLAN



## CITY OF HEATH TO GET NEW DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

The Heath City Council approved an Economic Development Assistance Agreement at its December 13 meeting for Heath Hub, a new dining and entertainment venue that will be located on 2.5 acres of the retail-zoned site at the northwest corner of FM 740 and FM 1140, behind the CVS.

The Council's action followed approval of the agreement by the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) Board on December 7.

"We are very excited to welcome Heath Hub to our community," said Tom Johnson, president of the Heath EDC/MBC. "This is a unique and distinctive project that fits our vision for high quality commercial development. The owners are Heath residents and restaurateurs who have a proven record in the industry of providing customers with an exceptional experience. We're looking forward to an equally exceptional partnership."

Heath Hub owners are Gus Antos, Elias Pope and Neville Govender, who also own and operate HG Sply Co. in Dallas and Fort Worth, as well as Standard Service, which recently opened in Rockwall. Their concept for Heath Hub was inspired by the popular Hub, located on 30A near Seaside, Florida.

"Our plans are to develop a unique restaurant venue in Heath," said Antos. "As a Heath resident since 1989, I am especially excited for the opportunity to build this in a city that has meant so much to me."

Heath Hub will be centered upon a full-service signature restaurant concept that is unlike anything currently in Heath. There will be an outdoor gathering space of approximately 5,000 square feet to be used for live music, covered dining and special events. Features will include fire pits, outdoor games, and other family/community activity areas.

"Year-round comfort is a huge part of creating a great experience in Texas, and there will be outdoor environmental conditioning such as heaters, misters and shade structures," said Antos. "We're also installing state-of-the-art, neighborhood sensitive audio, video and lighting equipment, and available parking will exceed the City's zoning standards."

The projected total development costs, excluding the land, are \$5,050,000. Based upon similarly-sized projects, Heath Hub's owners project that up to 120 jobs will be created, with a payroll of approximately \$200,000 per month. The HEDC/HMBC will contribute \$500,000 towards infrastructure and hard construction costs upon staged milestones in the development process. Heath Hub owners will reimburse the HEDC/HMBC through a monthly payment of 1.5% of the net sales from the businesses operating at the premises until a total amount of \$250,000 is reached. This amount will be in addition to the property tax and sales tax revenue that will be received by the City, the HEDC and the HMBC from the project. This amount is projected to reach \$424,404 by Year 5 of operations.

"I am very proud of our HEDC and HMBC board members and the City staff for their hard work on this project," said Mayor Brian Berry. "A great deal of time and consideration was invested in crafting an agreement that made good sense for our City and the residents and guests who will enjoy an amenity of this caliber. It truly is a catalyst project that sets the benchmark for our expectations of quality."

### PROJECTED PROJECT TIMELINE:

- Property Purchase Closing: Approximately December 30, 2016
- Infrastructure Ground Breaking: By December 30, 2017
- Restaurant/Hub Ground Breaking: 4 months after Infrastructure Ground Breaking
- Pre-Opening Job Training: 10 Months after Restaurant/Hub Ground Breaking
- Grand Opening: 12 Months after Restaurant/Hub Ground Breaking

## 2016 HEATH HOLIDAY IN THE PARK PROCEEDS, DESPITE RAIN



It was a festive night as the community welcomed Christmas to Heath at the City's Annual Holiday in the Park. Even a sudden rain shower that drove Santa inside to the Amy Parks Elementary Cafeteria to visit with the children didn't dampen the spirits of close to 1,000 attendees who came out to enjoy the food trucks, activity booths and live music.

The City thanks everyone who made the evening possible, including Amy Parks Principal Megan Smith for offering a safe haven from the weather; City staff including the Public Works and Public Safety Departments; event volunteers including Rockwall-Heath High School Students and National Charity League moms and daughters; Milestone Electric for sponsoring the photo booth; the NCL and Rockwall Women's League for providing home baked Christmas cookies; and the talented student performers and directors of the Amy Parks and Pullen Elementary Choirs, the Cain Middle School Orchestra, and the RHHS Jazz Band; and the Special Events Board for presenting the event.

Find more photos and the recap video at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) or [www.facebook.com/HeathTX](https://www.facebook.com/HeathTX).