



# CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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Top: Heart of Heath 5k start.  
Left: The Easter Bunny encouraging some young runners.



## COMMUNITY KICKS OFF EASTER AT FUN & FIT IN THE PARK FEATURING HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN

The Heath community celebrated Easter Saturday on April 15 at Fun & Fitness in the Park, featuring the annual Heart of Heath 5k and One-Mile Family Run.

A record-breaking 411 participants entered the two runs.

Locals placing high included Jordan Newcomer of Rockwall, who took 3rd place in the 5k with a 17:14 time. The Overall Female 5k winner was Alexis Williamson of Rockwall at 20:59; coming in 2nd place was Wendy Kreminski of Heath at 22:02; and 3rd place was Kathy Spletter of Rockwall at 22:22. Kreminski was also the Overall Female Masters 5k winner.

The most exuberant winners of the day were the Top 3 Boys and Top 3 Girls in the 1-Mile Family Run. These up-and-comers were: Madeline Hernandez, 1st place girl; Isabella Ruffo, 2nd place; and Kylie Wingard, 3rd place. Nathan McCowen was the 1st place boy; Dyson Wicker, 2nd place; and Zachary Wingard, 3rd place.

Fun & Fit in the Park activities also included complimentary refreshments, giant games like checkers, and an Easter craft in the Artstream Mobile Art Studio.

### GENERAL ELECTION MAY 6 | HEATH CITY HALL | 7 A.M. – 7 P.M. EARLY VOTING: APRIL 24-MAY 2 (EXCLUDING SUNDAY)

On the ballot for the City of Heath:

- City Councilmember Place 1
- City Councilmember Place 2
- City Councilmember Place 4
- City Councilmember Place 6

The election is administered by the Rockwall County Elections Administrator. For information, call 972-204-6200 or go to [www.rockwallvotes.com](http://www.rockwallvotes.com).

The 2017 Special Events Series is generously supported by host sponsor Farmers Insurance of Heath.

Presenting sponsors are: American National Bank; Atmos Energy; Artstream Mobile Art Studio; Dental Professionals of Rockwall; Horton & Archibald/Allegiance Title; Heath Salon & Spa; LiechtyMcGinnisBerrymanBowen Attorneys & Counselors; Rockwall Cycling; and Play-Tri.

Supporting sponsors are: Juice It Up; Justin Holland/Regal, Realtors; Progressive Waste; Oncor; Shannon's Farms; Smoothie King; Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital; and Karen Wydra/Ebby Halliday, Realtors.

The following businesses donated prizes: Arboledo's Mexican Grill, Select Wine, Lakeside Florist, Chiloso's Restaurant, Standard Service Restaurant, Urban Air Trampoline Park, Rockwall Athletic Club, Waterview Golf Club and Anytime Fitness

Complete race results, photos and an event-day video can be viewed at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) and [www.facebook.com/Heath](http://www.facebook.com/Heath).



## HEATH MAYOR BRIAN BERRY HOSTS OPEN OFFICE HOURS AT CITY HALL

Mayor Brian Berry hosts open office hours each month. The next session is scheduled for May 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Dr. If you would like to visit with the Mayor one-on-one about

City matters that are important to you, please make an appointment at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

## CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ACCOLADES

The City's financial statements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year once again received an Unmodified Opinion from independent auditors, which is the best of the four types of opinions that the City could have received.

Brooks Cardiel & Company, PLLC, conducted the audit and praised the City of Heath for its best practices in consistently maintaining conservative fiscal management, policies and procedures that have resulted in a balanced budget and healthy reserve fund balance. "Heath is one of the best managed cities that I have seen," said Louis Breedlove, audit manager, Brooks Cardiel & Company, PLLC during his presentation of the firm's audit results during the March 28 City Council meeting.

The City was also recently awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada (GFOA) for the seventh consecutive year. Additionally, the City received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the sixth time.

The City of Heath's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending September 2016 can be found at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under the Finance Department.

## HEATH FAQs: BUILDING PERMITS

You can find more facts about topics of importance to the Heath community at [www.heathtx.com/faqs](http://www.heathtx.com/faqs)

### WHEN IS A BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED?

Any time you or your contractor constructs, repairs, alters, erects, enlarges, converts, installs or replaces an existing building or its utility system(s). Work that begins without a permit is subject to fines up to \$500.

Examples of projects that require a permit are:

- Fences
- Storage Sheds over 120 sq ft.
- Retaining Walls
- Swimming Pools
- Swimming Pool Repairs that Require Draining the Pool
- Interior Remodels & Additions
- Outdoor Kitchens/Fireplaces
- OSSF Replacements/Repairs
- Cabanas, Guest Houses
- Sea Wall Repairs/Replacements
- Roofing
- Window Replacements
- Foundation Repair
- Miscellaneous Plumbing, Electrical or Mechanical work
- Irrigation Systems

For more information, visit the Construction and Zoning Documents page at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com), or contact the Building Department at 972-961-4883.

## CITY SPONSORS FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION ON MAY 13

The City will co-sponsor with the Environmental Co-op a free E-waste Collection and Document Shredding Event on Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. to noon at Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097.

Items accepted for recycling include: televisions, computer monitors, laptops, printers, hard drives, fax machines, gaming consoles, VCR's, cell phones, radios, cables and cords, networking equipment, routers, servers, lab equipment, test equipment, flat panel displays, CPUs, keyboards, mice, tape and zip drivers, microwave ovens, DVD players, telephones, digital cameras, stereo components, power supplies, modems, switches, printed circuit boards, video conference equipment, ink and toner cartridges, batteries, aluminum cans, and eye glasses for Lion's club.

Items not included on this list will not be accepted. Cash donations to the Co-op are accepted, and Co-op memberships are available. Contact the Co-op at 972-524-0007.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2015, 818 cyclists were killed in motor vehicle related accidents in the US. That is more than two people per day.

As the weather warms up, more and more cyclists will be taking to the streets around Heath. With current road construction projects and lane closures, motorists are encouraged to pay even more attention to other road users and pedestrians.

### CYCLISTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE THE ROAD

The Texas Transportation Code allows cyclists the same rights and duties as other vehicle operators (sec. 551.101). This means cyclists may take up the whole lane if necessary, and motorists should yield to them as they would to any other vehicle. Cyclists should travel in the same direction as traffic (sec 551.103), obey all traffic signs and use hand signals to indicate their intentions to motorists. Abide by traffic laws, stay focused, have patience and everyone can share the road safely.



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

When disaster strikes would you know what to do? The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) are active residents that have received special training to recognize, respond to and recover from a major emergency. Heath residents are encouraged to apply. For more information visit [www.rockwall.com/FireDepartment/cert.asp](http://www.rockwall.com/FireDepartment/cert.asp).