



# CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



## OCTOBER 8-15: FIRE PREVENTION

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### NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK "EVERY SECOND COUNTS; PLAN TWO WAYS OUT!"

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

#### HOW TO PLAN AN ESCAPE FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

- Draw a map of your home's floor plan, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit. (You can find a helpful grid at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) under the Fire Prevention Week section.)
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the address number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find during the day and night.
- Close doors behind you as you leave to help slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building. Learn more at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## OCTOBER 4: PARKS SURVEY DEADLINE



That's the deadline for taking the online survey on Heath's Parks, Trails and Open Space. Your input is very important as the City develops a new Master Plan in

partnership with consultants, la terra studio, inc. Find the survey and a video about the project on the front page of the City's website: [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).



More than 180 citizens of all ages attended Picnic for the Parks on August 31 to learn about the City's Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan project and share their input.

Thank you to Hidden Creek for providing a lovely setting for this community gathering and In-N-Out Burger for serving up a free hamburger supper for all!

## OCTOBER 15: U.S. OPEN TRIATHLON

### U.S. OPEN TRIATHLON COMES THROUGH HEATH

The bike segment of the U.S. Open Triathlon travels through Heath on Sunday, October 15. The race is from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Streets will be affected as early as 4 a.m. Event organizers have been in communication with Heath churches and homeowner associations regarding the race route and traffic patterns since late summer. You can view the route map at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under the News menu. Allow an extra 20 to 30 minutes to get where you need to go between 6 a.m. and noon. Register for the event at [usopen-triathlon.com](http://usopen-triathlon.com).

## OCTOBER 7: E-WASTE COLLECTION

### CITY SPONSORS FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION

Recycle your E-Waste by dropping your items off at the free Electronic Waste Collection Event co-sponsored by the City of Heath on Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m. to noon at the Cain Middle School parking lot at 6620 FM 3097. E-waste is any electronic equipment that has reached end-of-life or end-of-usage in your home or office. Items accepted free of charge include: computer hardware, TV's, printers, copiers, scanners, faxes, servers, cell phones, corded phones, stereos, DVD players, small household appliances, ink and toner cartridges, and batteries. Document shredding will also be available, and you can donate reading glasses to the Lion's Club.

For more information: 972-524-0007 or [eco@trashbusters.org](mailto:eco@trashbusters.org).

## DECEMBER 1: HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

### SPECIAL EVENT SERIES FINALE FOOD! FUN!! SANTA!!! HOLIDAY IN THE PARK KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS IN HEATH



The Annual City of Heath Holiday in the Park is Friday, December 1 from 5:30-8 p.m. and will feature the Christmas Tree lighting, musical performances, food trucks, kids' activities, miniature train rides (2 trains to accommodate all the kiddos), Mrs. Claus' complimentary cocoa and

cookies, and of course, Santa! Watch for more details about this Heath tradition to be held in Towne Center Park.

# MAYOR FOR THE DAY



Top: "Mayor" Dylan Rothwell inspects the inside of the water tower at Towne Center Park with Utilities Supervisor Larry Dunham and below meets with his DPS Chief Terry Garrett and Sgt. Brandon Seery.

City Hall welcomed Honorary "Mayor for the Day" Dylan Rothwell of Linda Lyon Elementary School on September 12. His "work" included a ride in the fire truck and a police car, inspecting the Towne Center Park Water Tower from the inside and participating in the City Council meeting. The City contributed "Mayor of the Day" as an auction prize for the Amy Parks and Linda Lyon Elementary Schools' annual PTO Fund Raiser held in April.

## NEW BUSINESS PARK AND RESTAURANT PROJECT BREAKS GROUND IN HEATH



From left: Mayor Brian Berry; Vicki Alexander, vice president of HEDC/ HMBC; Cynthia Allen, HEDC/HMBC board member; Frank New, City councilmember; Tom Johnson, past president of HEDC/ HMBC; Justin Saunders, HEDC/HMBC board member; and Deric Salser, developer/owners' representative.

City and community leaders celebrated the ground breaking for the Heath business park and restaurant on September 19 at the site located along FM 740 behind CVS. In December 2016, the Heath Economic Development Corporation, Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation and City Council approved an economic development incentive agreement for the restaurant, which will be a full-service, family-friendly signature restaurant with an outdoor gathering space with fire pits, a stage and more to accommodate al fresco dining, entertainment, activities, and special events. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2018.



Rockwall County Open Space Alliance board members Lorne Liechty and Becky Burkett were present as Mayor Brian Berry signed the Mayor's Monarch butterfly pledge.

## THE MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

The Texas State Insect is the iconic Monarch Butterfly. But the population has dropped dramatically -- from over 1 billion migrating through Texas 20 years ago, to 60 million in 2014. At the September 12 City Council meeting, Mayor Brian Berry joined other Texas mayors in pledging their city's support to protect and preserve the Monarch.

### FACTS ABOUT THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY RECOVERY EFFORT

- The beautiful Monarch butterfly is The Texas State Insect.
- The Monarch is the only butterfly to migrate 1,000 miles between Southern Canada and Central Mexico every spring and fall, feeding and breeding along a journey that passes through Texas.
- Monarchs are in serious decline. Texans can help their recovery and guarantee that future generations will witness these beautiful Monarchs migrating by the millions to announce each spring and fall.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

#### AVOID PESTICIDES ON YOUR PLANTS, AND CHOOSE ORGANICALLY GROWN PRODUCTS WHEN PURCHASING PLANTS AND FOODS

- Apply beneficial insects to prevent and control aphids.
- Use a hard spray of water to remove large infestations.
- Buy organically grown plants to protect feeding and laying butterflies.

#### CREATE A MONARCH WAY STATION

- Monarch Way Stations are places that provide resources necessary for Monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration.
- Without milkweeds, throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, Monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall.
- Similarly, without nectar from flowers, these fall migratory Monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico.
- The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all Monarch and butterfly populations around the world.

#### USE STANDARD PLANTS FOR MONARCH WAY STATIONS

- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- Scarlet Sage (*Salvia coccinea*)
- Tithonia Torch, Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia*)
- Zinnia, Dahlia Mix (*Zinnia elegans*)

You can purchase these plants or seeds at a local nursery, or order a seed kit at: [www.monarchwatch.org](http://www.monarchwatch.org)

#### INITIATE MONARCH GARDENS IN OUR COMMUNITY

- School yards
- HOA common areas and other open space areas

Source: Rockwall County Open Space Alliance; learn more about this organization at [rockwallosa.org](http://rockwallosa.org), and more about the Mayor's Monarch Pledge at [nwf.org](http://nwf.org).