



## CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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April

# 5K HEART OF HEATH AND FAMILY FUN RUN



### FUN & FIT IN THE PARK IS EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 15: FEATURING HEART OF HEATH 5K, 1-MILE FAMILY RUN

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration on April 15 includes the Heart of Heath 5k, and the 1-Mile Family Run with awards for the Top 3 boys and Top 3 girls!

#### What to expect:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines
- 5k awards for Top 3 overall plus Top 3 males and females in each age bracket
- 1-Mile Family Run integrated into the 5k, with same start and finish lines
- Family Run awards for Top 3 boys and Top 3 girls
- Long-sleeve dri-fit T-shirts for run participants while supplies last
- Giant-size games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4
- A kids' Easter craft provided by Artstream Mobile Art Studio
- Complimentary healthy treats including mini-fruit smoothies from Smoothie King and fresh-made juice from Juice It Up
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny...bring your camera!

The fun begins rain or shine\* in Towne Center Park with a runners' warm up by Raina Lopez and Gracie Wheeler at 8 a.m.; the Family Run starts at 8:15; 5k at 8:30 a.m.; and awards and prizes at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit Heath's parks and trails. Find more details and register online for the runs at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

\*In the case of severe weather, safety procedures including RISD lightening policies will be followed. Follow weather updates at [www.heathtx.com/](http://www.heathtx.com/) emergency; the City of Heath Facebook page; or City of Heath Twitter.

### GENERAL ELECTION

**MAY 6 | HEATH CITY HALL | 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.**  
EARLY VOTING: APRIL 24-MAY 2 (EXCLUDING SUNDAY)  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE: APRIL 6

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).

### EVENT SPONSORS



- Ebby Halliday, Realtors – Karen Wydra
- Juice It Up
- Oncor
- Progressive Waste
- Regal Realtors – Justin Holland

- Shannon's Farms
- Smoothie King
- Texas Health Presbyterian
- Urban Air



More than 225 residents attended the Community Meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Update held February 23 at Rockwall-Heath High School. Mayor Pro Tem Barry Brooks, City Council liaison to the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, joined representatives from Freese and Nichols, the consulting firm assisting with the project, to provide an overview of the updates to the plan, gather input and answer questions. The current Comprehensive Plan and a draft of the updated plan were then posted on the City website for citizen review and comment for an additional 30 days. The input will be presented to the Comprehensive Plan Committee for consideration at its next meeting on April 20. A final draft plan will then be completed and presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council for discussion and action.

## 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 April 3, from 2 to 5 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).

## TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION UPDATE

Effective with services billed in March 2017, the monthly residential curbside waste and recycling fee will increase from \$15.13 to \$20.12 under a new contract with Progressive Waste Solutions. The contract approved in December 2016 includes replacing the current 64-gallon recycling poly cart with a new 95-gallon rolling poly cart and continues to provide brush pick up twice a month. The amount of brush hauled away free of charge remains at three cubic yards. Anything over three cubic yards will continue to be billed at \$10 per yard.

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## APRIL HEATH FAQs: WATER

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

### WHO IS THE CITY OF HEATH'S WATER SUPPLIER?

The City of Heath's water supplier is the City of Rockwall, which is a member city of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

### WHAT IS THE NTMWD?

The NTMWD is a conservation and reclamation district and political subdivision of the State of Texas. NTMWD's primary mission is to meet the needs of member and customer cities, whether that is the need for drinking water, solid waste disposal or wastewater treatment. NTMWD acts as a regional wholesaler of water to its member and customer cities.

### HOW ARE WATER RATES SET?

NTMWD is responsible for setting the rates charged to their customers. Rates are calculated annually and are based on the projected cost of providing the service. Water rates are set per 1,000 gallons. As our provider, the City of Rockwall charges Heath an administration fee of 10 cents per 1,000 gallons in addition to the NTMWD's rate.

The rates charged to the City of Heath's customers are based on a rate study performed by Willis, Graves and Assoc., Inc. The study takes into account the City's cost of providing water, including debt service and administrative costs in addition to the actual cost of the water. The study also structured the rates to promote water conservation. The current monthly base rate that includes 2,000 gallons of water is \$25.31. The charge for 2,001-10,000 is \$5.02 per 1,000 gallons.

### WHY ARE RATES HIGHER OR LOWER IN SOME COMMUNITIES?

In a community with a large population such as Plano, the cost of providing water is distributed over a greater number of customers, allowing for lower per-customer rates. In a low-density community such as Heath, a smaller number of customers share the cost of water delivery, creating the need for higher per-customer rates.

### WHAT ARE THE WATER SOURCES?

Lavon Lake serves as the NTMWD's main raw water supply source. The NTMWD also holds water rights for raw water supplies from Lake Texoma, Jim Chapman Lake and the wetland facility near Crandall. Additional supplies are available, if needed, through a water transfer to Lavon Lake from Lake Tawakoni.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY IS APRIL 22

The City of Heath will join the City of Rockwall in hosting the 17th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day (rain or shine) on April 22 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 during normal business hours or call 972-771-6228.

Household quantities of the Following Items Will be Accepted:

- Pesticides
- Paint Products
- Household Cleaners
- Herbicides
- Motor Oil
- Automotive Chemicals
- Swimming Pool Products
- Propane
- Tires

Also Available:

- Document Shredding
- A Vendor to Collect Electronic Equipment for Recycling (computers, televisions, printers, etc.)