



# CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS 2018 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Heath City Council adopted the 2018 Comprehensive Plan at its April 10 meeting. This important planning tool, first created in 1995 and updated in 2008, represents the vision of what citizens want the City to become, and sets forth policies that allow the City to realize the vision. Changes to the Comprehensive Plan will be incorporated into the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Updating the plan has been an extensive process involving many hard-working volunteers who served on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission, members of City Council, and the citizens who took time to give their input.

The City of Heath thanks each volunteer and citizen involved, as well as the consulting firm, Freese & Nichols, for guiding the project from start to finish. You can view the Comprehensive Plan at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com).

## CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ACCOLADES

The City's financial statements for the 2016-2017 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 Watson & 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 very healthy reserve fund balance.

## HEATH GOES BLUE FOR KIDS

City Hall turned "blue" in April to join communities across the nation in recognizing the month as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Heath Mayor Brian Berry issued a proclamation at the April 24 City Council meeting emphasizing the importance of playing a role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Additionally, Heath DPS Chief Terry Garrett joined other Rockwall County law enforcement officials in signing the memorandum to officially open The Children's Advocacy Center for Rockwall County on April 5. Learn more at [www.rockwallcac.org](http://www.rockwallcac.org).

## GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 5 | HEATH CITY HALL | 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.

On the ballot for the City of Heath:

MAYOR | CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 3  
CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5

For information contact the Rockwall County Elections Office at (972) 204-6200 or visit their website at [rockwallvotes.com](http://rockwallvotes.com).

## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS UPDATED PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE

At its March 27 meeting, City Council approved an updated Parkland Dedication Ordinance that was developed and recommended by the Park Board in conjunction with preparing the draft 2018 Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan now being considered by City Council.

A Parkland Dedication Ordinance is a requirement by local government that encourages park development by mandating that developers or builders either dedicate land for a park in a new community being constructed or pay a fee-in-lieu (of dedication) to enable the local government to acquire parkland. Parkland Dedication Ordinances also typically include a park development fee per dwelling unit.

The City of Heath's revised ordinance includes the following dedication requirements for parks:

1. Land dedicated by a builder or developer in a new community is now one acre per 102 dwelling units.
2. The fee-in-lieu of such land dedication is \$2,246.94 per dwelling unit.
3. A new park development fee of \$1,293.19 per dwelling unit has been added.

"The Park Board's goal was to ensure the Ordinance incorporated modern day best practices with relevant parkland dedication and development fees," explains Park Board Chair Mark King. "These fees are grounded by a methodology that's based upon target levels of service identified by the draft Master Plan."

A work session on the draft Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan will be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting.





**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:**  
*GLAMOUR NAILS & LASHES*

The City of Heath welcomes Glamour Nails & Lashes to the community. Located at 110 Smirl Dr., the new business offers pedicures, manicures, eye brow tinting, waxing and eyelash extensions.

“We love the City and the people of Heath!” says Hieu Duong, who owns the salon with his wife, Lily Nguyen. “Heath has a lot of potential, and we want to be a part of its growth.”

With more than 10 years of combined experience in the beauty services industry, Hieu and Lilly are dedicated to providing high quality customer services in a professional and friendly environment.

“Our mission is to go above and beyond to accommodate our customers’ needs,” said Hieu. “We want to provide a local place where Heath citizens can relax and feel good about themselves.” Learn more: [glamournailsandlashes.com](http://glamournailsandlashes.com) or call (214) 304-3573.

**BEFORE YOU BUILD IT, FIX IT OR INSTALL IT...  
FIRST CHECK IF YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR IT**

You can find the details on construction and home improvement projects requiring a City permit at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) under Departments - Building Inspections. These projects include fences, retaining walls 4’ or higher, pools, irrigation systems, interior remodeling and additions, outdoor kitchens and fireplaces, roofing, window replacements, foundation repair, OSSF replacements/repairs, and plumbing, electrical or mechanical work. Fines up to \$500 apply to violations.

**CITY SPONSORS  
FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION ON MAY 12**

The City of Heath will co-sponsor with the Environmental Co-op a free E-waste Collection and Document Shredding Event on Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to noon at Cain Middle School, 6620 FM 3097.

Items accepted for recycling: 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. No other items will be accepted.

Cash donations to the Co-op are accepted, and Co-op memberships are available. Contact the Co-op at 972-524-0007.



**COMMUNITY KICKS OFF EASTER  
AT FUN & FIT IN THE PARK**

*FEATURING HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN*

The Heath community and guests celebrated Easter Saturday on March 31 at Fun & Fit in the Park, featuring the annual Heart of Heath 5k and One-Mile Family Run.

Dwain McDuffie of West Monroe, LA, took 1st Place in the 5k for the second consecutive year with a 16:30 time. The 1st Place Male Master was Mason Randall of Heath with a 20:25 time; and the 1st Place Male Grand Master was John Killian of Heath with a 22:14 time. The Overall Female 5k winner was Chandler Self of Galveston at 18:37. The 1st Place Female Master was Dondi Hampton of Heath at 23:22; and the 1st Place Female Grand Master was Carolyn Frankowski of Heath at 26:03.

The youngest winners of the day were the Top 3 Boys and Top 3 Girls in the 1-Mile Family Run. Nailing 1st Place among the girls was Kylie Winguard; 2nd Place was Rebecca Dyer; and 3rd Place was Isabell Oliver. The 1st Place boy was Zachary Winguard; 2nd Place was Clark Gardner; and 3rd Place was Paul Ruffo.

Fun & Fit in the Park activities included complimentary refreshments, giant games like Checkers and Chess, and a Bunny Stop for face painting and crafts.

“The City of Heath appreciates the generous support of the sponsors and prize donors, and we thank the Special Events Board, volunteers and City staff for their hard work to present this signature holiday event for our community,” said Heath Mayor Brian Berry, noting that proceeds from the runs benefit Heath’s parks and trails.

**The 2018 Special Events Series is generously supported by Host Sponsor Farmers Insurance of Heath.**

**Presenting Sponsors:** American National Bank; Atmos Energy; CareNow; Dental Professionals of Rockwall; Horton & Archibald/Allegiance Title; Heath Salon & Spa; LiechtyMcGinnis Attorneys & Counselors; Play-Tri/Rockwall Cycling; and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

**Supporting Sponsors:** ABH Roofing & Construction; First United Methodist Church of Heath; Juice It Up; Oncor; Shannon’s Farms; Smoothie King; and Karen Wydra/Ebby Halliday, Realtors.

**The following businesses donated prizes:** Arboledas; Buffalo Creek Golf Club; Chiloso’s; Heath Salon and Spa; Lakeside Allure; Lakeside Florist; Milano’s Pizza; Nothing Bundt Cakes; Racquet & Jog; Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club; Select Wine; Shenaniganz; and Standard Service.

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