



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE OFFICE

Newly-elected Mayor Kelson Elam and Councilmembers John Beaman and Donna Rolater were sworn into office at the May 8 City Council meeting by Rockwall County Judge Brian Williams. A City Council reception was hosted after the meeting by the City of Heath to honor the Mayor and Councilmembers.



Mayor Kelson Elam



Donna Rolater, Place 3



John Beaman, Place 5

RETIRING MAYOR BRIAN BERRY AND COUNCILMEMBER JOE CHAMBERLAIN HONORED

Retiring Mayor Brian Berry and Councilmember Joe Chamberlain were also honored during the reception for their many years of service to the City of Heath.

City Manager Ed Thatcher presents Mayor Brian Berry with the gavel he used during his term as Mayor. Mayor Berry began his volunteer work with the City as a member of the Special Events Board from 2011-2012.

He was elected to the City Council in 2012 and became Mayor in 2016. He also served as the City's representative on the Board of Directors of the Rockwall County EMC and the Rockwall County Transportation Planning Consortium.



Councilmember Chamberlain began his service to the City as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission from 2012 to 2014. He was elected to the City Council in 2014.

ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN THE PARK



Start planning to be a part of this Heath tradition on Wednesday, July 4! The City invites all veterans and active members of the military to ride on a special float created to honor your service. Staging begins at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary at 8 a.m.; judging begins at 8:30 a.m.; and the parade starts at 9 a.m. Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park featuring a live barbershop quartet, free popsicles and pie! Watch for more details in next month's newsletter and at www.heathtx.com.

IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE PARADE... PLEASE RSVP!

If you are entering the parade, please RSVP at www.heathtx.com by July 1. This will ensure that the parade announcer can give you a "shout out" as you go past the judge's platform. Your RSVP will also ensure the judges have all the details about your entry and help Heath DPS officers prepare for the utmost in safety and timing of intersection closures along the parade route.

SHOW YOUR HEATH, TX, USA SPIRIT



Special patriotic t-shirts are available for purchase online at <https://shop.allsportsetc.com/city-of-heath> for \$20 each. Youth and adult sizes are available. Place your order by June 25 to be sure you can show your Heath spirit on July 4!

A SHOUT OUT TO A HOMETOWN BUSINESS!



How many communities are home to a Gold Medal Olympic sailor? Heath has been fortunate to have that honor, and it's a testimony to the high level sailing that you can find at the Rush Creek Yacht Club.

Whether competing against other sailors in a regatta, or relaxing on the deck enjoying a cool drink, delicious meal and views of the lake, swimming pool and kids romping in the playground, it's a great atmosphere that fully evokes the charm of lakeside living.

Founded in 1969, Rush Creek Yacht Club is a non-profit organization that has become a landmark for yacht racing in the Southwest. The club offers organized competition for all ages and skill levels and a Junior Sailing Program. Learn more at www.rcyc.org or call 972-771-6500.

HEATH FAQs: LAKE RAY HUBBARD

- Lake Ray Hubbard is one of the largest lakes in North Texas spanning 22,000 acres and has a maximum depth of 40 feet.
- The lake is a fresh water impoundment (reservoir) that is managed by Dallas Water Utilities. Swimming is prohibited in the lake because it is a water reservoir for Dallas.
- Lake Ray Hubbard was created by the construction of the Rockwall-Forney Dam, which impounded the East Fork Trinity River in 1968. By 1970, the lake reached its maximum capacity.
- The lake was originally named Forney Lake for the nearby town of Forney. When the City of Dallas incorporated the lake, it was renamed after Ray Hubbard, who presided over the Dallas Parks and Recreation System Board from 1943 to 1972.
- The lake and the Interstate 30 and State Highway 66 bridges are now within the jurisdiction of the City of Dallas, rather than the cities surrounding it. There is a mutual aid agreement in place between Dallas and the other cities, but ultimate responsibility lies with Dallas.
- The Heath Lake Edge Zoning District Ordinance includes the regulations and uses allowed on property owned by the City of Dallas: Lake Ray Hubbard and the lake's Take Area. The Take Area is potentially leased to adjacent lakeside property owners of Heath.

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR CITY!

Here is how you can get the information about your hometown:

- City website at www.heathtx.com.
 - Audio recordings of City Council meetings.
 - City Council agendas and minutes.
 - Planning and Zoning notifications and documents.
 - Archive of City newsletters.
- The monthly City newsletter, included in your hard copy utility bill, or as a link if you receive your bill via email.
- City of Heath Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- Attendance at all City Council and Board/Commission meetings - dates are posted at www.heathtx.com.
- Sign up for the City's Notify Me service to receive an email notice and link to the City Council and Planning and Zoning agendas when posted. Sign up at www.heathtx.com.
- Contact the City by phone at 972-771-6228, or email a City Councilmember or staff member. Email addresses can be found at www.heathtx.com.

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE CAUTIOUS

The City has resumed the trapping and testing of mosquitoes for the West Nile Virus on a weekly basis. You can find the results at www.heathtx.com. Please remember the 4 D's are the best way to help prevent the contraction of mosquito transmitted diseases:

- Drain – standing water around you home and property.
- Deet – use insect repellent that contains Deet.
- Dress – wear long sleeves and pants to protect yourself.
- Dusk – mosquitoes favorite time of day, take extra precaution!