



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



2018 JULY



CELEBRATE FREEDOM AT THE CITY OF HEATH INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

For a patriotic hometown American experience, join the festivities at the City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade and Patriotic Celebration in the Park on Wednesday, July 4.

Parade entry awards will be presented during the celebration, which will immediately follow the parade in Towne Center Park and feature a live barbershop quartet, recognition of veterans and active military members, and free popsicles and pie. It's a Heath tradition presented by the Special Events Board that you don't want to miss!

PARADE INFORMATION

You can find parade route and staging maps online at www.heathtx.com. If you are entering the parade, please R.S.V.P. by July 1 at www.heathtx.com. There will be a parade announcer on the judge's platform located near City Hall. If we have your information, he can give you a shout out!

SCHEDULE | JULY 4

8:00 a.m. - Staging at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive
8:15 a.m. - Judging begins
9:00 a.m. - Parade starts

VETERAN'S FLOAT

The City of Heath invites veterans and active members of the U.S. Military to ride in the parade on the Veteran's Float. The float will be parked in the fire bay at City Hall, 200 Laurence. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. and enjoy coffee, donuts and camaraderie. The City thanks John Holmsley and Bob Quimby for providing the trailer for the Veteran's Float year after year. We also thank the National Charity League mother/daughter teams for decorating the float so beautifully.

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PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES

- Best Community/Business Float
- Best HOA/Neighborhood Float
- Best Bicycle
- Best Wagon/Stroller
- Best Golf Cart
- Best Off-Road Vehicle
- Best Antique Car
- Best Costume
- Most Patriotic Pet
- Most Spirited Overall
- The Mayor's Award

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Come back to the gazebo in Towne Center Park immediately after the parade for free icy popsicles and freshly baked mini-pies. The short program honoring our veterans will feature the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 989, live music by a barbershop quartet, and presentation of the beautiful parade awards, created and donated by Lakeside Florist.

TRAFFIC DELAYS

The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. To avoid inconvenience or delays, please plan an alternate route or time frame for driving through the area.

WEATHER ALERTS

Stay tuned to the City's Facebook page or go to the emergency alert page at www.heathtx.com for weather alerts. Because many students and children participate in this event, the City will follow the Rockwall ISD's delay protocol for lightening strikes and severe weather. The parade may be delayed up to 10 a.m. only, due to traffic concerns. **For more information, call 972-771-6228 or visit www.heathtx.com.**

City of Heath offices will be closed in observance of the holiday on Wednesday, July 4.

SERVING HEATH...



The Heath City Council elected Councilmember Rich Krause as Mayor Pro Tem at its May 22 meeting. The City Council has also made new Board and Commission appointments including:

HEDC/HMBC:

(Heath Economic Development Corporation/Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation)

Councilmember Brent Weaver, Council Liaison

Tom Johnson, Member

-Mr. Johnson returns after serving out a 10-year tenure in 2017 that included leading the Board as President.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Christopher Boeck

Donald Prentiss

PARK BOARD:

Jim Chester

Kathryn Klepak

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Mikes Iles (re-appointed)

Tom Kirkland (re-appointed)

Steve McKimmey (re-appointed)

2018 PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN ADOPTED

The City Council unanimously adopted the 2018 City of Heath Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan at its May 22 meeting. The plan will serve as an action-oriented guide for planning and funding additions and enhancements to the park and trail system citywide.

"This is a very important investment in the quality of life enjoyed by current and future citizens that will also contribute to the City's status as a premier community," said Mayor Kelson Elam.

"The planning effort included many opportunities for Council, the Park Board, staff and the public to engage with *la terra studio's* consulting team to develop a true vision for parks and recreation in Heath," added Park Board Chairman Mark King. "We are excited about implementing this plan and what it will do for the future of Heath."

Serving with Mr. King on the Park Board are Vice Chairman Eric Anderson, Patrick Cummins, Evan Jarcy, Katie Dyer and newly-appointed Jim Chester and Kathryn Klepak. You can view the 2018 City of Heath Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan at www.heathtx.com.

HEATH EDC/MBC HOSTS JOINT WORK SESSION ON THE TOWNE CENTER VISION

The Heath Economic Development Corporation/Municipal Benefits Corporation Board hosted a Joint Work Session on the Vision for the Towne Center at City Hall on June 7. Participating in the meeting were representatives from the Park Board and the Architectural Standards Review Committee.

"Now that the Comprehensive Plan, the Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan and the Architectural Committee's recommendations for our Towne Center have been completed, we have the guidelines our board needs for leading a collaborative effort to create the unique, distinctive Towne Center our citizens have said they want through various engagement efforts," said HEDC/HMBC President David Lane.

"There will be considerable planning and work ahead involving multi-group collaboration, but we are extremely excited to be a proactive driver for the creation and execution of the vision," he added.

The mission of the HEDC/HMBC is to retain and attract distinctive economic development that meets the City's vision for a premier community, expand the City's sales tax base and enhance the quality of life enjoyed by citizens.

"Simply put, we are charged with re-investing citizens' sales tax dollars to sustain our Heath lifestyle with funding generated through upscale, desired, and targeted retail and commercial development that retains the look and feel desired while continuing to enhance our community," said Mr. Lane.

RECENT PROJECTS OF THE HEDC/HMBC INCLUDE:

- Providing a loan and grant for the construction of the Heath Hub-Coop Restaurant & Entertainment Venue located adjacent to the CVS on Laurence Road.
- Assisting in funding new upscale street signs citywide.
- Appraisal and branding of 25 acres of land owned by the MBC along Chris Cuny Parkway and adjacent to the 50 acres of city-owned land.
- Ground lease agreement for MBC land with Hidden Creek Special Events Venue.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: AERIE LANE



If you are feeling the need to gather and create, there's a new DIY Project Studio right here in Heath!

Aerie Lane recently opened at 207 Laurence Drive and offers workshops featuring charming home décor projects and unique kits, with personalized guidance from a team of professional crafters. You can also book private events or drop by with your own craft and tap into a well-stocked craft bar.

"We are so excited to open in Heath because it's the perfect location in a growing community," says owner Kim Gibbs. "We are conveniently located with easy access from Rockwall, Rowlett, Sunnyvale and Forney. We're thrilled to be a part of this community!"

To learn more about Aerie Lane, go to www.rockwall.aerielane.com or call 972-722-4449.

LAKESIDE LEAGUE SUPPORTS ADOPT-A-PARK/TRAIL VOLUNTEER CLEANUP PROGRAM

The City Council and Park Board have approved a new local organization, Lakeside League, as a participant in the City of Heath Adopt-A-Park/Trail Volunteer Cleanup Program. Lakeside League has adopted the front half of Towne Center Park and will be responsible for a general cleanup of the adopted area every quarter. Lakeside League is a new chapter of boys team charity, a 501(c) 3 national volunteer service organization dedicated to developing an altruistic spirit in young men in grades 7th-12th through active participation of parents and sons in philanthropic projects in their communities.

For more information about Lakeside League, contact Karen Wydra, wydrafamily2@gmail.com. For information about the Adopt-a-Park/Trail program, contact Suzanne Brooke, sbrooke@heathtx.com.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Capital Improvement Plan continues to progress, providing upgrades and improvements to our City infrastructure.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Dennis Bailey Drive/Rabbit Ridge Phase 1 (adjacent to Ridge Lakes subdivision)
- Rabbit Ridge and Horizon Rd. Extension (Adjacent to Cobblestone Subdivision)
- Shepherds Glen Force Main and Gravity Sewer
- Woodbridge Lift Station
- Country Club Drive Rehabilitation
- Amy Parks Driveway (Towne Center Park)
- Stoneleigh Pedestrian Crossing
- Utilities Relocation for Next Phase of TxDOT FM-740 Widening
- Safe Routes to School Trails
- Buffalo Creek Trail Repair along Horizon Road
- New Lake Wall at Terry Park
- Multiple Utility Improvements to Facilitate Current and Future Residential and Commercial Development
- McDonald Rd. Improvements Phase 1 (FM-550 to Stoneleigh Subdivision Connection)
- 18 Streets included in the On-going Citywide Street Repair Program
- Towne Center Baseball Rehabilitation
- Jeff Boyd Waterline (12" water line extension along FM-549 and Jeff Boyd)
- Country Club Drive Paving and Drainage Repair
- CIP Street Repair Phase 2 – 11 Locations throughout the City

PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

- Rabbit Ridge Phase 2 (Ridge Lakes subdivision to FM-550 – Includes 12" water Line) – Obtaining right-of-way; plans 85% complete.
- Myers/Crisp Roadway Improvements – The project is scheduled to begin in July. Construction time is estimated to be 7 to 9 months.
- Hubbard Drive Roadway Improvements (reconstruction of sections of Hubbard Drive, including drainage improvements, FM-740 to south Scenic Drive) – Engineering has started. Additional right-of-way will be needed for the project.
- 3 Million Gallon Ground Storage Tank and Pump Station Expansion – Construction has begun and will be completed February 2019.
- McDonald Road Phase 2 Roadway Project (Phase 1 to City Limits: Falcon Point Subdivision):
 - Right-of-way is obtained. New right-of-way will reduce the amount of one-lane roadway during construction. Private utilities will have to be relocated before the project will be bid. Once started, construction time is estimated to be 6 to 7 months.

Find out more information about The Capital Improvement Plan at www.heathtx.com/capital-improvement-plan.