



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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CITY OF HEATH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH PARADE & PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

It was a true patriotic Hometown Heath experience as the community celebrated July 4 with the Annual Independence Day Parade and Patriotic Program in the Park afterwards.

Thanks to wonderful weather and community spirit, the parade had the most entries (and viewers) to date! During the program, Mayor Kelson Elam presented the parade awards and honored attending veterans. Pastor Omar Rikabi of the First United Methodist Church of Heath led the invocation; Boy Scout Troop 989 posted the colors; and a live barbershop quartet sang the national anthem and other American favorites. Everyone cooled down with free popsicles, ice cold water and mini blueberry, cherry and buttermilk pies. A highlights video is posted at www.heathtx.com.

THE 2018 PARADE AWARD WINNERS ARE:

1. Mayor's Award – Hometown Heath, presented by the Heath City Council
2. Best Float – Hitting Home Runs in Heath, presented by the Gerkens; Glaze; Hanson; Kelleher; Killough; Knox; Lovell; Scott; Spicer; Spraggins & Warren families
3. Best Bicycle – Cami Seaman
4. Best Classic Car – Jerry Knoerr, 1961 Harvester Fire Truck
5. Best Golf Cart – AMICA, showcasing the AMICA Gala, October 13
6. Best Off-Road Vehicle – RDO John Deere Equipment
7. Most Community Spirit – The Rock Church of Heath
8. Most Patriotic Pet – Sarge & The Phillips Family
9. The All American – The "Smultsey Girls" representing the Smith, Schulte and Dempsey families
10. Most Creative for a Cause – Meals on Wheels, showcasing its 1st Annual Gala, Havana Nights, October 20

The City thanks the Special Events Board, Heath DPS and City staff, sponsors, and volunteers including CERT, NCL and The Rock Church, who make Heath community celebrations like the Independence Day Parade and Patriotic Program in the Park possible.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: NEW DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE ON TRACK FOR SOFT OPENING IN DECEMBER

The highly-anticipated soft opening of the new dining and entertainment venue located at the northwest corner of FM 740 and FM 1140 (Smirl Dr.) is on track for year-end 2018, according to the developers.

"We are planning for a soft opening of the restaurant in December, and a grand opening party in March 2019," said Deric Salsler of Salsler Development Group, LLC. "All of the underground utility work and foundation are complete, and the project has gone vertical."

The dining and entertainment venue will be centered upon a full-service signature restaurant concept. There will be an outdoor gathering space to be used for live music, covered dining and special events. Features will include fire pits, outdoor games, and other family/community activity areas.

The Heath City Council approved an Economic Development Assistance Agreement at its December 13, 2016, meeting for the project. The Council's action followed approval of an agreement by the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) Board on December 7, 2016.

"We are very excited to welcome this amenity to our community," said David Lane, president of the Heath EDC/MBC. "This is a unique and distinctive project that fits our vision for high quality commercial development."



Renderings courtesy of Ken Killian Studio of Architecture - www.kenkillian.com.



SENIOR TAX FREEZE TO BE PLACED ON NOVEMBER 6 BALLOT

The City Council approved at its June 26 meeting a resolution to submit to voters in the City of Heath a "Proposition Regarding the Adoption of a Ceiling or Limitation (Tax Freeze) on the City's Ad Valorem Tax Levy". The tax freeze would apply to people who are disabled and persons who are 65 years of age or older.

CITY PURSUING A FARMERS MARKET

The City Council is in the process of appointing a steering committee charged with exploring all the aspects of establishing a Farmers Market in Heath from location, schedule and staffing, to vendors, products and booth pricing.

"We see a local Farmers Market as an enhancement to the quality of life our citizens enjoy," said Councilmember Frank New, who suggested the formation of the committee at the June 26 City Council meeting. "I think we have talented people in Heath who can help us make it a reality."

If you are interested in being a volunteer available to assist the steering committee as needed, complete the City's Volunteer Application available on the front page of the City website. You may also contact the city secretary at nduncan@heathtx.com for an application. When filling out the application, be sure to note that you want to be a Farmers Market volunteer.

REPORT-A-CONCERN FEATURE ADDED TO CITY WEBSITE

Now you can report and track code violations online such as high grass and weeds, junk cars, parking violations, mosquito complaints, graffiti, trash and water violations. You will find the Report-A-Concern on the front page of the City website and under the Code Enforcement Department. You'll also find other ways to keep up with City activities on the website including the ability to listen to City Council meetings, view upcoming Planning & Zoning Commission notifications and related documents, and sign-up for Notify Me to receive City Council agendas when posted.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: KB DENTAL



The City of Heath welcomes KB Dental, owned by Heath residents Dr. Karina Bartz and Kyle Bartz. "We moved to Texas four years ago, and discovered Heath two years later. We fell in love with Heath and knew that it was the place for our home and dental practice," says Kyle. "We are passionate about dental care and driven to serve our patients and community at the highest level." KB Dental is located at 110 Smirl. Learn more at: www.kbdentalassociates.com.

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



The City Council and Park Board approved a new local organization, Lakeside League, as a participant in the City of Heath Adopt-A-Park/Trail Volunteer Cleanup Program. Lakeside League adopted the front half of Towne Center Park, and they got busy right away to conduct litter control before and after the July 4 festivities! 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 community projects. For information about Lakeside League, contact Karen Wydra, wyradfamily3@gmail.com.