



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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CITY COUNCIL APPOINTS CITIZENS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

Congratulations to the Heath citizens who were appointed by Heath City Council to the new Architectural Review Board (ARB) at the February 12 meeting! The 7-member board includes: John Curtis, Chairman; Julie Berg; John Main; Ann Parker; Greg Ramey; Thomas Smith; and Jason Thompson. Douglas Hartman and Suzanne Howland will serve as alternate members.

The purpose of the ARB is to assure high standards for the aesthetic quality of development and/or redevelopment in commercial and multi-family housing areas of the City. Each member of the ARB will serve for terms of two years, or until reappointed or replaced by action of the City Council.

NEW PARTNERSHIP BRINGS YMCA YOUTH SPORTS TO HEATH

The City of Heath and J.E.R. Chilton YMCA at Rockwall have announced a new partnership to bring YMCA's youth sports programming to the Towne Center Park fields.

"We couldn't be more excited about this partnership and the ability to offer Heath families a chance to enjoy the benefits of Y sports closer to home," said Clint Elliot, District Executive Director at the J.E.R. Chilton YMCA. "Our youth sports programs have experienced record-setting growth over the past few years. This unified effort between the Y and the City provides another opportunity for more families to become active and involved."

Y programming will be on Heath fields 1-4 Tuesday and Thursday evenings; and Saturday mornings. At the same time, Heath is bringing on three additional practice fields, 5-7, at the back of the park, and lighting it in phases. This will further expand field availability to users on the nights the Y is using the front fields.

Additionally, the J.E.R. Chilton Rockwall YMCA will handle field reservations and monitoring for the City. To make field reservations, contact the YMCA Sports Director at 972-772-9622.

"This is an absolute home run for our community," said Heath Mayor Kelson Elam. "We are thrilled to partner with the Y to bring their high quality youth programming closer to our residents. It will decrease the time it takes to get to practices and games, and put more fun back into simply enjoying these activities right here in our own hometown. We thank everyone on the Y staff for working so hard with us to make this happen."

CITY OF HEATH TO HOLD GENERAL ELECTION MAY 4

The City of Heath will hold a General Election on Saturday, May 4, for the purpose of electing Council Members for Places 1, 2, 4 and 6 to serve two-year terms each. Polls will be open at City Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting at Heath City Hall begins Monday, April 22 and runs through Tuesday, April 30. The City of Heath's municipal election is contracted with the Rockwall County Elections Office.

REGISTER TO VOTE BY APRIL 4

Be sure your voice is heard on matters that affect your hometown by registering to vote today. You can pick up a Voter's Registration Application at Heath City Hall during normal business hours. For additional information about voting in Rockwall County, go to www.rockwallvotes.com.

CITY SECRETARY NORMA DUNCAN IS FIRST TO BECOME CERTIFIED IN HEATH HISTORY



Norma Duncan is the first Certified City Secretary in the history of Heath following her graduation from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program on January 25! The municipal program is among the most stringent in the state and included 200 hours of individual home study, examinations over each of the four courses, and attendance at eight two-day seminars. Attending graduation ceremonies at the Frisco Conference Center with Norma were (from left), Interim City Manager Bill Shipp, Mayor Pro Tem Rich Krause, Mayor Kelson Elam, Councilman John Beaman and Norma's husband, Tim Duncan.

CITY WELCOMES THREE NEW DPS OFFICERS



DPS Chief Terry Garrett had the honor of swearing in three new officers on February 12. Please join the City in welcoming from left, Officers Bill Rushing, Casey Nation and Robert McIntire.

ANNUAL WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLANNED FOR MARCH 4 - APRIL 1

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will conduct its annual system maintenance, which includes a temporary change in the water disinfectant, between March 4 and April 1. The annual routine change has occurred for over 10 years and is necessary to maintain the regional system and year-round water quality

Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. During the temporary change, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only free-chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, this temporary conversion is a common and safe practice for as many as 40 percent of water providers using chloramines for disinfection.

During the maintenance period, the absence of ammonia may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable in your water. There are simple steps to minimize the taste, odor or skin sensitivities including placing a pitcher of water in the refrigerator overnight or adding a slice of citrus to the water. Adding a crushed 1,000 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water will remove the chlorine.

More information from the NTMWD about the system maintenance is available at www.heathtx.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPOTLIGHT:



The City of Heath welcomes CoCreate to its new location in the SouthRidge office building at FM 740/Ridge Road and FM 1140. CoCreate offers premier executive workspaces to help today's professional thrive in a productive community. Amenities include private offices, conference rooms, memberships for people who want a desk to work at and more. "We focus on community, productivity and service to help our members grow their business, collaborate and innovate together,

and rub shoulders with the movers and shakers of Rockwall County," says CoCreate Partner Kent Lawrence. To learn more, contact Kent at 214-435-1289 or visit www.cocreatenetwork.com.

SPEND IN HEATH | INVEST IN HEATH



The mission of the Heath Economic Development Corporation and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation is to retain and attract distinctive economic development that meets the City of Heath's vision for a premier community, expands the City's sales tax base and enhances the quality of life enjoyed by citizens. Simply put, HEDC/HMBC is re-investing your local sales tax dollars back into our community. So shop, dine and do business locally whenever you can!

CONSTRUCTION REMINDER:

TXDOT FM-1140 (SMIRL) OVERLAY PROJECT IS NOW UNDERWAY

This TXDOT roadway improvement project includes the extension of storm sewer roadway culverts, the addition of 2-foot shoulders, the removal of the existing asphalt pavement, and the installation of a new asphalt surface from FM-740 (at CVS) to the FM-1140/FM-740/Hubbard Drive intersection.

During the roadway construction, the road will be reduced to one lane. Flagmen and pilot cars will be used to move traffic through the construction zone. Please anticipate and plan for traffic delays throughout the project. The anticipated completion date is early 2020.

This is a TXDOT roadway project. The TXDOT office phone number is 972-962-3617. The contractor is Ed Bell Construction, 214-358-6581.



FUN & FIT IN THE PARK IS EASTER SATURDAY, APRIL 20 FEATURING HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration on April 20 features the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run. Bring your family and friends to Towne Center Park to experience one of the special events that help make Heath special!

What to expect:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines for 5k participants
- 5k awards for top 3 overall plus top 3 males and females in each age bracket
- 1-Mile Family Run—integrated into the 5k course, with same start and finish lines
- 1-Mile Family Run awards for top 3 boys and top 3 girls
- 2019 T-shirts for 5k and Family Run participants while supplies last
- Giant-size games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4
- Complimentary healthy treats
- A hometown DJ and fun music
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny!

Find more details and register online for the runs at www.heathtx.com.

THE CITY OF HEATH THANKS OUR 2019 SPECIAL EVENT SERIES SPONSORS!

HOST SPONSOR:



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

Supporting Sponsors: ABH Roofing & Construction; Atmos Energy; Oncor; Shannon's Farms; Smoothie King; and Karen Wydra/Ebby Halliday, Realtors.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEMS



The accurate term for the sirens is Outdoor Warning Sirens because they are an all-hazards alerting system for incidents like severe thunderstorms and tornadoes.

Outdoor warning sirens are NOT meant to be used as a warning system for people inside homes or buildings and should never be relied upon to wake you. The outdoor warning sirens are meant to alert people outdoors that severe weather is imminent and they should seek shelter immediately. Currently, the only cities within Rockwall County that have an outdoor warning system are Rockwall and Rowlett.

That's why it's important for all Rockwall County residents to have multiple ways to receive warnings inside and outside, including a NOAA all-hazards weather radio and signing up for the free emergency notification system called Nixle. To sign up for Nixle, text RCOEM to 888777 or visit nixle.com.