



CITY OF HEATH WELCOMES NEW CITY MANAGER; SWEARS IN RE-ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS

It was a busy night at City Hall on May 14 as the community welcomed new City Manager, Aretha Adams, and re-elected Councilmembers Rich Krause, Frank New, Paul Ruffo and Brent Weaver were sworn into office. Mayor Kelson Elam also issued proclamations for National Police Week, National Public Works Week and U.S. Coast Guard National Boating Safety Week. Here are the highlights, and a message from your new City Manager....

Main image clockwise from top left; re-elected Frank New (Place 1); Rich Krause (Place 6) Paul Ruffo (Place 2); and Brent Weaver (Place 4) are sworn into office by Rockwall County Judge David Sweet.



HELLO, RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF HEATH!

After arriving on May 6, I have already had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people, and I am overwhelmed and humbled by the warm embrace. Looking toward the future, I can promise you that I will work tirelessly to successfully move forward the vision of the community together with the City Council and City Staff. The team here in Heath has the perfect trifecta of professionalism, dedication, and most importantly, talent; and we are ready to continue the good work that has been started. I look forward to becoming involved in the community, rooting my family here, and getting to know all our residents, community partners and neighboring friends. Please feel free to stop by City Hall or stop me when you see me out and about the community.

Regards, Aretha

Aretha brings more than 12 years of municipal management experience, including most recently serving as

Town Manager of the Town of Sykesville, Maryland, named the Coolest Small Town in America in 2016. Prior to her tenure in Sykesville, Aretha served in city administration with the Cities of Corinth, Lancaster and McKinney. Learn more about Aretha at heathtx.com.



NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK/MAY 19-25

National Public Works Week honors the staff members who play an important role in keeping our community safe and functioning smoothly. "Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of people throughout America, including our own citizens of Heath," said Mayor Elam. "These are the folks responsible for constructing, maintaining, rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, drainage facilities, water supply, waste water facilities, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other essential structures and facilities." *Accepting the proclamation on behalf of Heath's Department of Public Works were from left, Randy Patton, Parks and Building Maintenance Division Manager, Corky Spillman, Administrative Assistant, and Larry Dunham, Utilities Division Manager.*



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK/MAY 12-MAY 18

National Police Week honors the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy. "There are nearly 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the City of Heath Department of Public Safety, who we salute tonight," said Mayor Elam. "Sadly, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 21,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty. Today, we also honor these fallen officers and their families." *Accepting the proclamation on behalf of Heath DPS were from left, Chief Terry Garrett, Sergeant Michael Weems and Officers Chase Scarbrough, David Florance, Joseph Willis and Paul Sturgeon.*



NATIONAL BOATING SAFETY WEEK/MAY 18-25

Mayor Elam also proclaimed May 18-25 as U.S. Coast Guard National Boating Safety Week. "As a lakeside City, we take boating safety seriously and welcome this opportunity to highlight its importance to our citizens," said Mayor Elam. *Accepting the proclamation was Andrew Hall, a member with the Lake Ray Hubbard U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla.*



**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 Thursday, 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 heathtx.com. If you are entering the parade, please R.S.V.P. by July 1 at 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 and make sure the judges know who you are!

SCHEDULE | JULY 4

8 a.m. Staging at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, 330 Laurence Drive
8:15 a.m. Judging Begins
9 a.m. Parade Starts

VETERANS FLOAT

The City of Heath invites veterans and active members of the U.S. Military to ride in the parade on the Veterans 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 with fellow veterans. The City thanks John Holmsley and Bob Quimby for providing the trailer for the Veterans Float year after year. We also thank the National Charity League mother/daughter teams for decorating the float so beautifully.

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 Twitter feed for weather alerts. Because many students and children participate in this event, the City will follow the Rockwall ISD’s delay protocol for lightning strikes and severe weather. The parade may be delayed up to 10 a.m. only, due to traffic concerns.

For more information, please call 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com. City Hall will be closed July 4, and re-open July 5.

CITY KICKED OFF EASTER WEEKEND WITH COMMUNITY GATHERING

The City of Heath continued another holiday tradition on April 20 by hosting Fun & Fit in the Park, featuring the Heart of Heath 5k and a 1-Mile Family Run. Fabulous weather helped draw 366 runners and walkers, including Tanner Townsend of Royce City, who took 1st Place in the 5k with a 16:09 time. The 1st Place Male Master was perennial winner Dwain McDuffie of West Monroe, LA, with a 16.42 time. The Overall Female 5k winner was Katherine Peisen of Dallas at 19.20, and the 1st Place Female Master was Dana Govender of Heath at 23.57.



The youngest winners of the day were the Top 3 Boys and Top 3 Girls in the 1-Mile Family Run. Taking 1st Place among the girls was Isabella Ruffo; 2nd Place was Brianna Weaver; and 3rd Place was Anna Claire Glaze.



The 1st Place boy was Andrew Dyer; 2nd Place was Trevor Bunyard; and 3rd Place was Ethan Wyatt. Find the highlights video and photos at heathtx.com.

ASPASIANS SUPPORT ADOPT-A-PARK/TRAIL VOLUNTEER LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM



The City Council and Park Board recently approved Aspasians as a participant in the City of Heath Adopt-A-Park/Trail Volunteer Litter Control Program. Aspasians has adopted Terry Park and will be responsible for a general cleanup of the park every quarter. Aspasians is a volunteer group of 35 women who live in Rockwall County and dedicate their time and talents to the service of others through philanthropic projects including the Aspasians Marketplace, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship money to help local high school seniors achieve their dream of going to college. Learn more at aspasians.com. For information about the Adopt-a-Park/Trail program, contact Suzanne Brooke, sbrooke@heathtx.com.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:



The City of Heath has welcomed several new healthcare practices to the community recently, including Mirror Lake Dentistry of Heath. Led by Dr. Cassie Lawson, Mirror Lake offers a broad range of dental care including cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, implants and whitening. “My passion is brightening the smile of the Heath community,” says Dr. Lawson. Her office is located at 1629 Smirl Dr., Suite 101, and you can find more information at mirrorlakedentistry.com.



EMBRACE *New Life*
Life, Love & Marriage COUNSELING & CONSULTING

Heath is also home to Embrace New Life Counseling & Consulting, where Elizabeth Davis, MA, LPC-S, and associates offer teen and adult individual counseling, relationship counseling, life coaching and forensics consulting. “We believe that strong families are the foundation for strong communities,” said Doctor Davis, who supports the Rockwall Child Advocacy Center and the Hallie B. SERVE Ministry. “We work to help individuals and families build resilient and healthy emotional and relational lives.” Her office is located at 25 Noble Court, Suite 121. Learn more at EmbraceNewLife.com.