



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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From left, Heath City Manager Aretha Adams; Heath Councilman Frank New; and Rob Whittle of Heath Golf & Yacht Club and Whittle Development.

HEATH GOLF & YACHT CLUB AND WHITTLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY ACCEPT OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR OF NEW HEATH FARMERS MARKET

The vision for a high-end Farmers Market in Heath is now a reality with Heath Golf & Yacht Club and Whittle Development Company accepting the opportunity to be the exclusive sponsor of this exciting new community amenity.

Rob Whittle of Heath Golf & Yacht Club and Whittle Development presented Heath City Councilman Frank New and City Manager Aretha Adams with funding in June for the Heath Farmers Market, which is being coordinated by a volunteer committee and slated to open its 2019 Fall Schedule on Saturday, September 28 in Towne Center Park.

“When I approached Rob and laid out my vision for Heath citizens, he also saw the vision,” said Councilman New. “My goal is to offer a high-end farmers market that won’t cost citizens a penny. So I asked Rob if he would be an exclusive sponsor, and he agreed.”

“When Frank told me about the vision he and his committee had for the market, I was immediately on board,” said Mr. Whittle. “It embraces everything that living in a small town like Heath is about, and our company is honored to have the opportunity to be the exclusive sponsor.”

According to Councilman New, the Heath Farmers Market will be an invitation-only local market that showcases the bounties of the fall growing season. Committee members are currently vetting vendors who are located within the geographic region of Rockwall County and adjacent counties that offer organic produce, meat, seafood, artisanal cheeses, specialty products and more. There will also be live music and food trucks. The Heath Farmers Market is scheduled to be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays from September 28 through November 30.

“We see a local farmers market as an enhancement to the quality of life our citizens enjoy,” said Councilman New. “We’ll be sharing exciting updates about the vendors and entertainment selected in the coming weeks.”

J.E.R. CHILTON YMCA ROCKWALL SCORES BIG IN HEATH

The J.E.R. Chilton YMCA at Rockwall wrapped up another highly successful spring sports season in June, announcing that its first season in Heath was a big win.

“We are proud that despite all of the rain, we had a very successful soccer season,” said J.E.R. Chilton YMCA at Rockwall Senior Program Director Dustin Davis. “Our youth soccer program in Heath was very fruitful with the practices and the games. We look forward to even more involvement from families in Heath as we continue our partnership with the City in utilizing the fields at Towne Center Park.”

The Rockwall Y partnered with the City of Heath in January to bring its rapidly-growing Small Fry and Youth Soccer programs to the fields at Towne Center Park. The City and the Rockwall Y anticipate expanding sports offerings in Heath in future seasons. Registration for fall sports begins July 1. To register, visit jrchiltonymca.org.

REPORT A CONCERN ONLINE

Now you can report and track code violations online such as high grass and weeds, junk cars, parking issues, mosquito complaints, graffiti, trash and debris, water violations, low hanging limbs, erosion/drainage and other issues such as street repair needs. Just go to the front page of the city website at HeathTX.com, and scroll down to “REPORT A CONCERN”. Once you submit your concern, you will receive an email response from the City if you include an email address.

You’ll also find other ways to keep up with City activities on the website, including the ability to listen to City Council and Board and Commission meetings, view upcoming Planning & Zoning Commission notifications and related documents, and sign-up for “NOTIFY ME” to receive City Council agendas when posted.

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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, 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 will find parade route and staging maps online at HeathTx.com, as well as an R.S.V.P. form to submit if you are entering the parade. There will be a parade announcer on the judge's platform located near City Hall. If you R.S.V.P. online by July 1, he can give you a shout out and make sure the judges know who you are!

PARADE 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

Veterans and active members of the U.S. Military are invited to ride in the parade on the City of Heath Veterans Float. The float will be parked in the Department of Public Safety 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 every year, and the National Charity League mother/daughter teams for decorating the float.

PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES

Best Community/Business 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 a patriotic celebration featuring a short program honoring our veterans, 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. There will also be free popsicles and freshly-baked mini pies for all!

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

Any necessary weather alerts will be posted on the City's Facebook page and Twitter feed. 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 about this event, please call 972-771-6228 or visit heathtx.com. City Hall will be closed July 4, and re-open July 5. A special thanks to our event sponsors (see bottom of page).

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Chase Bank is coming to Heath! City Council approved a Conditional Use Permit and a site plan at the June 11 meeting for a location within the Tom Thumb retail center area. Chase is going beyond the required with its landscaping, trees and a trail connection to provide pedestrian access to the shopping center area. This is right in line with the City's vision for a beautiful, walkable Town Center District. Tom Thumb's gas station should open in July, the grocery store in September, and Chase Bank by late fall.

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