



CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



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HEATH FARMERS MARKET TO FEATURE FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS

The Heath Farmers Market presented by Heath Golf & Yacht Club and Whittle Development has announced free outdoor concerts will follow each market this fall, beginning Saturday, September 28.

“The musical talent in this region is tremendous, and it would be a shame not to take advantage of what we have,” said Councilman Frank New, who is spearheading the Farmers Market. “Each concert will take place immediately after the market closes at 4 p.m. and last until about 6 pm.”

The concert venue will be located on the City-owned property next to the soccer fields in Town Center Park. Citizens just need to bring lawn chairs or a blanket, and relax and enjoy the music.

“My hope is that citizens will come out to shop, visit with friends and neighbors, and then relax and enjoy the free concert,” said Councilman New.

The Heath Farmers Market is an invitation-only local market that showcases the bounties of the fall growing season. Committee members are vetting vendors located within the geographic region of Rockwall County and adjacent counties who offer organic produce, meat, seafood, artisanal cheeses, specialty products and more. There will also be 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.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Tom Thumb Express officially opened July 10 with \$1 per gallon gas for the first 100 customers! Officials with Tom Thumb were on hand to greet customers, including Cooper Richards, inset above left, the first person in line who had his gas pumped by Mayor Kelson Elam. The grocery store will open in the fall with grand opening festivities for the whole community. Developers of the retail center are expected to announce additional tenants soon.

Also close to opening is SouthRidge, located behind the CVS at FM 740/FM 1140. The entertainment venue will be anchored by Standard Service, which is relocating from Rockwall and nearly doubling in size to 4,500-square-feet. SouthRidge will also feature an outdoor stage for live music and entertainment, two large green turf areas for fun and games, pickle ball courts, six fire pits, a food truck court and weekend market. You can take a “fly-over tour” of the venue by searching “Southridge” on the City website (select option 1 in the search results).

SouthRidge is a joint project with the Heath Economic Development Corporation and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HEDC/HMBC), which provided grant and loan assistance for this new Heath amenity that will generate local sales tax revenue and enhance citizens’ quality of life.

PARKS AND TRAILS ARE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!

The HEDC/HMBC also funded a new pavilion for Antigua Bay Park and new lights for the back practice fields at Towne Center Park. Additionally, the board approved at its June 18 meeting funding to connect the trail constructed by the Tom Thumb developers through the new retail center all the way to the trail on Chris Cuny Boulevard. This connection supports the City’s vision for a walkable/bikeable Town Center.

“Green infrastructure like trails and parks are true economic engines and provide for the economic vitality of a community—and a nation.”

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ANTIGUA BAY GETS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



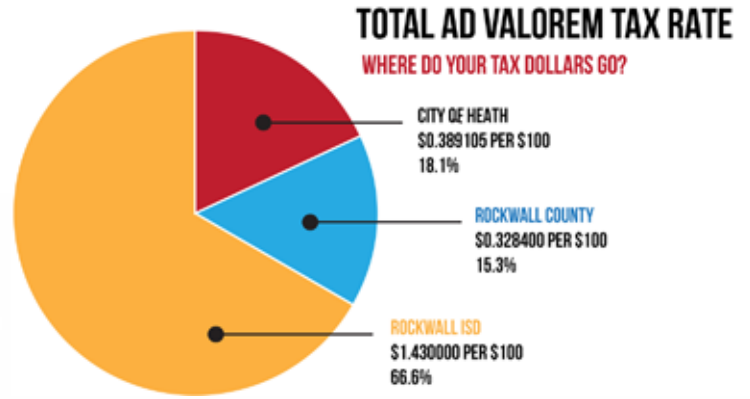
Antigua Bay Park now has a Little Free Library, thanks to Heath resident, Josh Lauber, who made this endeavor his Eagle Scout Service Project. Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading and builds community by fostering the neighborhood exchange of millions of books around the world every year. You can also find a Little Free Library at Terry Park and Towne Center Park at the Samantha Knostman Memorial Playground. Above: Josh is surrounded and supported by his fellow Scouts in Troop 314.

2019-2020 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY

The City of Heath Council and staff have been working hard this summer at multiple workshops to prepare a budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020. A public hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed budget is tentatively planned for the August 27 City Council meeting. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council at its September 10 meeting to become effective October 1. The proposed budget will be posted at heathtx.com on the Finance/Purchasing Department page by August 7 for review.

WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO?

HERE'S THE 2018-2019 SNAPSHOT...



HEATH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES FREEDOM IN A BIG WAY

Our small town July 4 parade keeps getting bigger! Not just in size, but in red, white and blue heart and spirit! The City thanks the Special Events Board and volunteers, parade participants, veterans/active military, sponsors and staff including Public Works and the Department of Public Safety who make this community tradition happen. See the parade award winners listed below. You can view a highlight video at heathtx.com and find more photos on the City's Facebook page at facebook.com/heathtx. A special thank you to our 2019 Special Event Series sponsors.

1. Float Overall - AllSports of Rockwall
2. Mayor's Award - Heath City Council Family Float
3. Most Spirited - Friends for Heath, #WinTheDay
4. Most Patriotic Pet - Jetta, the Golden Retriever, with Katie & Andrew Dyer
5. Community Organization - First Baptist Church of Heath
6. Stars & Stripes Award - The Rock Community Church of Heath
7. All American All Stars - Rush Creek Yacht Club Junior Sailing Team
8. Off Road Vehicle - Richard De La Matyr - Ole Yeller, 1970 Jeep Commando
9. Classic Car - 61 Chevy Apache 10, owned by Boyd London
10. The Uncle Sam Award - AMICO/The Proud Husbands of AMICA
11. Golf Cart - Busted Knuckle Auto and Diesel - not pictured

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