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### **INTRODUCING KRISTIELEN TRAVEL, LLC**

Did you know that we have a full-service travel agency that can get you anywhere in the world, right here in Heath at 201 Laurence Dr, Suite 100? KristieLen Travel has been in business since 2013, and owner, Kristie Catchings, and her team of 10 agents will be ready to help you when it's time to travel again.

"Each of our agents has been trained in a multitude of destinations, brands, and types of travel," said Kristie. "We handle cruises, all-inclusive destinations, tours, groups, Disney trips, destination weddings, honeymoons, corporate incentive travel, solo travel and family and multi-generational travel."

"As everyone knows, our industry was one of the hardest hit by COVID-19 as travel came to a screeching halt," Kristie said. "But, our suppliers have gone above and beyond to keep us updated so that we, in turn, can provide peace of mind to our clients as they make decisions about re-scheduling, canceling or even booking a new trip to have fun to anticipate."

Kristie confirms that a new normal will be established for travel. "Having travel insurance provides a peace of mind now more than ever before," she said. "The same can be said for using an experienced travel agent. Doing it yourself is not less expensive, and the options are overwhelming."

You can keep up with your travel options and industry changes by following KristieLen Travel on Facebook, @kristielentravel. Or, give Kristie a call at 469-878-4248.





### THE STATE OF OUR CITY: SO FAR, SO GOOD



As statements go, the above title is not overwhelmingly positive is it? But it is the truth. None of us can be sure if we are through the worst of this pandemic, or if things will take a sudden turn again at any moment. Under those circumstances, proclaiming victory is certainly premature, if not downright misleading.

As your Heath City Councilman, and a member of the Heath Economic Recovery Task Force, the Rockwall County Economic Recovery Task Force, the Rockwall County Emergency Services Board and the Emergency Services Corporation for Rockwall County, I am your representative smack in the middle of our local and county-wide response to the COVID19 crisis. That being the case, I have been asked by our Mayor, Kelson Elam, to report to you all on how Heath is faring in this time of unprecedented uncertainty. And to that I can say, without reservation, that we have a lot of which to be proud.

To begin with, here in Heath, our low-density requirements are saving our time. Your current Council is made up of individuals who have taken bacon. We like our space and that space helps keep community spread down, the job of budgeting for the City of Heath very seriously. unlike what has happened in other more densely populated urban areas. We have had citizens test positive for the virus in Heath, but due to our As a city, Heath lives lean and well beneath her means. Your Council community's dedication to honoring the shelter in place and social distancing has, for the last three consecutive years, lowered the tax rate for orders, as well as the recommendations for frequent hand-washing and maskhomeowners, while budgeting within the property tax we receive wearing in public, there has been very little if any community spread resulting and minimal reliance on sales tax revenue compared to cities with a from those instances of known virus activity. Like all of you, I sincerely hope broader base of businesses. This fiscal conservation has allowed our these measures do not become a permanent part of our lives, but if some wellcity to remain stable and secure in a time when stability and security placed caution now could save us from a disastrous resurgence of the virus in are hard to come by. There are so many things to worry about these coming months, it is certainly worth it. As the state and county begin easing days, I am pleased to tell you all that the solvency of your city should restrictions on businesses, it will be easy to slip into a "business as usual" not be on that list. mentality. A return to normal is certainly what we all long for, and opinions vary as to whether this thing is over, just getting started, or was never really a As we move towards the next phase of this shared pandemic thing to begin with. experience, I want you to know that we, your City Council, are

It is hard to know the future for certain, however, and so in Heath we will proceed slowly and thoughtfully. We are listening to local businesses in Heath and across the County when they tell us very clearly that, economically, it is far better for them to open slowly than it is to open quickly, and then be forced to close again if COVID19 cases spike. Our local businesses have the full support of the Heath City Council and City staff and will continue to receive that support. Already, in conjunction with the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC), \$500,000 has been allocated to help Heath businesses weather the shutdown and transition back into opening safely. As businesses continue to re-open in a manner that has the safety of their staff, customers,

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and our community as its highest priority, additional funds may be made available if necessary. I agree wholeheartedly with the HEDC in their belief that protecting and supporting local businesses is a wise use of funds already earmarked for economic development. Such action highlights our willingness to stand behind those businesses that invest in our community.

Finally, we have the impact of this pandemic on Heath as a Municipal government to discuss. As we move into the season of preparation for next year's budget, I cannot help but feel pride and overwhelming relief at where we find ourselves fiscally. You are likely aware that some cities in North Texas have been hit hard by the economic slowdown and are being forced to furlough city employees. It is common practice for municipal governments to budget expenditures that outweigh their property tax revenue and count on sales tax revenue to make up the difference. Under our pandemic conditions, sales tax revenue is unstable at best. Fortunately, your City Council in Heath maintains a healthy balance between tax revenue sources, putting us in a good position to maintain services through this unprecedented

listening. What affects you as an individual, can affect all of us and when you share concerns, ask questions, or offer suggestions you help to make us better and stronger as a community. There are still difficult decisions to be made in Heath, and the right or wrong of those decisions may not be known for months down the road, but we are making those decisions from a position of strength and that is no small advantage. Stay safe. Be patient. Support each other and our community. And remember, we are Hometown Heath.

Frank New Heath City Council, Place 1

# HONORING CHIEF TERRY GARRETT FOR 14 YEARS OF SERVICE

## DEPAIL MENT OF PUBLIC SAFET



"Terry served our city honestly, faithfully,

path of duty or integrity. Great leaders do

more than utter the right words--they live

tirelessly and never swerved from the

by them. Terry Garrett has done that."

John Ratcliffe, U.S. Representative,

Mayor

*4th District of Texas & Former Heath* 

"For the 31 years I have known Terry as his pastor, friend, and police and fire chaplain, I have found him to always be a quietly faithful man of character and integrity who could always be counted upon." Steve Swofford, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Rockwall

"Chief Garrett was my D.A.R.E officer at Dobbs Elementary in the early 1990's, and he's been an inspiration to me ever since. He is the true definition of a servant leader; the kind that gets out and works with the officers." Brandon Seery, Captain #303, Heath DPS Captain



Chief Terry Garrett's mother was born in a house that was located where his office now sits. The waterfront park where citizens relax was named for the Terry Family, who owned and farmed the land along Terry Lane

before Lake Ray Hubbard was created in 1968. In fact, most of the Pecan trees in Rockwall County were grafted by Chief Garrett's great grandfather, Elijah Terry.

In addition to being a part of Heath's farming history, the family's contributions included those of Aileen Terry, who served as the Heath City Secretary from 1959 until 1990. Chief Garrett's beloved grandfather, Charles (Raymond "Cotton") Terry Sr., was a Rockwall County Commissioner for nearly 30 years.

### FORGING HIS OWN PATH

Coming from such a long line of community servants, it was no surprise when Chief Garrett began his own career in public safety in 1976 as an ambulance attendant while he was still a Rockwall High School student. He joined the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department in 1978 and continued to work as an EMT for American Air/Land Ambulance and as a dispatcher for the Rockwall Police Department.

Over the next 26 years, Chief Garrett served the citizens of Rockwall as a patrol officer, where he initiated the department's crime prevention program, conducted juvenile investigations and public information duties, and was the lieutenant in charge of criminal investigations, records, evidence, training and community service. He was also an active member of the Rockwall Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief and training officer. He is a dive/recovery specialist with certification from the Underwater Institute/SWTSU.

### A HEATH LEGACY

In 2006, the City of Heath had the good fortune of recruiting Chief Garrett to be Director of the Department of Public Safety, where each officer is certified as a police office, fire fighter and EMT. During an impressive career, Chief Garrett built a long list of legacy achievements, from procuring the beautiful and thoroughly modern 2017 Spartan Custom Cab Fire Engine, to increasing school safety at Heath campuses in a positive pioneer manner that benefited the entire Rockwall ISD.

And through it all, Garrett has always been an exemplary family man with three children and five grandchildren. In one sentence, his wife, Shelley, describes Chief Garrett as "homegrown and the perfect combination of personality, professionalism and patriotism."

That's a combination that has inspired 40 years of excellence in public service and will clearly ensure success in future endeavors.

Farewell, but not good bye, Chief Garrett!

"The life and service of Terry Garrett in Rockwall County is the epitome of what we desire in our first responders. He knows our community and loves it. He has proven his dedication to the health, safety and welfare of our residents for decades."

Justin Holland, State Representative, Texas House District 33 & Former Heath Councilmember



"Terry has led the DPS with expertise, experience and the utmost concern for his officers and our community. We congratulate and thank him."

### Kelson Elam, Mayor, City of Heath

Terry has been a shining example of what commitment to public safety and community service is all about. I will miss his expertise, witty personality and dedication to the City. Aretha Adams, City Manager, City of Heath





"Chief Garrett taught me how to step up and serve the citizens to my best ability through his mentorship as a natural leader. He has always had the ability to see the big picture, while giving attention to the important details of any situation." Jevin Womack, Captain #302, Heath DPS

