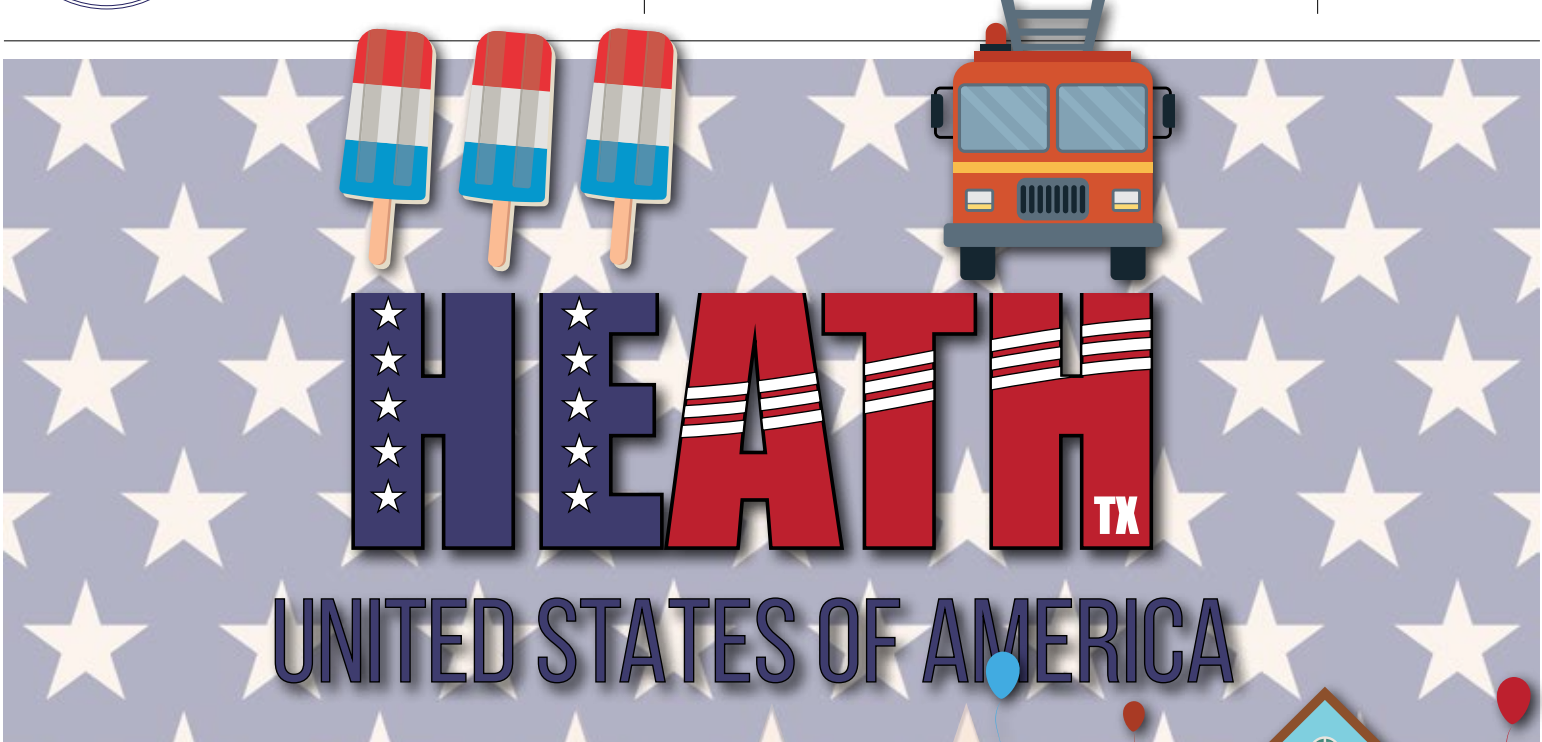




CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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JULY
2020



CELEBRATING FREEDOM, SAFELY...

IT'S A COMMUNITY AFFAIR AS HEATH GOES RED, WHITE & BLUE FOR JULY 4

The Heath community loves its traditions, including the Annual Independence Day Parade and Patriotic Program. So it was not an easy decision to celebrate differently during this season of COVID-19 concerns.

“When you have a tradition where half the town is in the parade, and the other half is watching, it’s impossible to ensure social distancing and Governor Abbott’s protocols for large outdoor gatherings,” said Heath Mayor Kelson Elam.

“From the onset of this pandemic, we have proceeded with an abundance of caution for the sake of our citizens and their safety and health. We will continue to do so in Heath as long as necessary.”

Even though the City is not having its parade, the Special Events Board with the support of Heath DPS, City Staff and City Council are working hard to present festivities that celebrate freedom and honor our Veterans.

On July 4 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., the City will bring the festivities to Heath neighborhoods that include old fashioned ice cream trucks loaded with the traditional free red, white and blue popsicles and all kinds of other treats for purchase.

Heath DPS will lead the ice cream trucks with the sirens and lights ablaze, and other decorated vehicles circulating include City Councilmember families who will be judging the first ever Heath Hometown Decorating Contest.

HOMETOWN DECORATING CONTEST

HOW TO ENTER

- Submit your name, email, phone and address to sbrooke@heathtx.com by July 1.
- Drench your home or business in red, white and blue by July 3.
- Judges will drive by as many homes/businesses as possible on July 4.
- Ten winners will be announced by 4 p.m. on July 4.
- Winners will receive a \$50 gift card to a Heath restaurant.

WATCH FOR MORE INFO

The Drive By route for the ice cream trucks and approximate times will be posted by June 26 at heathtx.com and shared on social media. In the meantime, plan your family front yard gathering to celebrate, safely!



HEATH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CAPTAIN BRANDON SEERY NAMED INTERIM CHIEF

Heath City Manager Aretha Adams announced June 1 that Department of Public Safety Captain Brandon Seery will serve as Interim Chief of the department of 23 officers who are triple certified as fire fighters, police officers and EMTs upon the retirement of Chief Terry Garrett.

“Brandon Seery has an exemplary record of service, and we are confident in his ability to successfully fill this role,” said Adams, who noted the city is conducting a national search for a permanent Chief of DPS. “He is a strong leader with proven expertise, exceptional communication skills and a genuine commitment to the welfare and safety of his officers and our citizens, businesses and visitors.”

Interim Chief Seery was promoted to Captain in March 2020. He had previously supervised police and fire operations for his shift as a sergeant and is a recipient of the City of Heath’s Officer of the Year Award.

Interim Chief Seery has implemented numerous programs for Heath DPS including body-worn cameras and policy, Taser training and use of force policy, and electronic ticket writing. He has instructed and certified officers on the use of force and has served as the fleet, equipment and in-car video and body-worn camera administrator.

“We will miss Chief Garrett and his leadership, but I am honored to be entrusted to serve our city in this capacity,” said Interim Chief Seery.

“I will work diligently to make sure Heath DPS continues to provide exemplary public safety to our community.”

“Brandon Seery continues to impress us, and he is an excellent choice for leading the department during this time,” said Mayor Kelson Elam. “He can expect the full support of our City Council as he and his officers put their own personal safety on the line every day to protect our community.”

WEEKLY HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION NEW CITY SERVICE IN 2020

You can now schedule a weekly “front porch pickup” of items such as paint, insecticides, fertilizers and other household chemicals that are considered to be hazardous. These items are not accepted by regular trash collection services and are prohibited in landfills.

You can also set out up to 50 pounds of electronic items to be recycled. The cost for this service provided by HHW Solutions is 56 cents per household per month to residents.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A FRONT PORCH PICKUP:

BY 8 P.M., MONDAY-

Call 972-440-2040 or go online to HHWSolutions.com to request a pickup. There is a City of Heath tab on the website. You can also find lists of what is accepted, and not accepted, on this website.

BY 7 A.M., WEDNESDAY-

Place items to be collected on your front porch. If you have a gated property, please place your items at the curb.

This schedule will not change unless impacted by a holiday. If you have questions, contact the City at 972-961-4892.



COVID-19: AN EASY WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The COVID-19 crisis has critically impacted the blood supply for the North Texas region. With the decline of organized blood drives and return of surgical procedures, the blood supply has experienced a profound and sudden decline. Each day, six hundred patients in area hospitals require a blood transfusion. Carter BloodCare estimates that 1,000 donors are needed each day over the next several days to build back the community blood supply to acceptable levels.

You can help by taking time this week to donate blood, and know that your safety is paramount. Carter BloodCare follows CDC guidelines and has increased the frequency of cleaning beyond what is required. During the donation process, Carter BloodCare staff members wear masks. Donors may be asked to wear masks as well to ensure the safety of fellow donors and staff.

To find the most convenient location to give, call (800) 366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.

LOCAL BUSINESS STIMULUS PROGRAM UPDATE:

SAFETY OF CITIZENS, EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS TOP PRIORITY

As the global COVID-19 pandemic became local in March, the Heath City Council and Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) moved swiftly to bring aid to Heath businesses.

On April 1, the Council unanimously approved a local business stimulus program developed and also unanimously approved by the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) on March 27.

The program taps up to \$500,000 of the HMBC fund to provide monetary relief to businesses within the City of Heath experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly restaurants, salons and health care providers.

“This was absolutely the right thing to do, and we applaud our talented EDC board members for their hard and fast work to bring relief to the businesses who have contributed to our community in so many ways from sales tax contributions to quality of life,” said Mayor Kelson Elam. “It’s an absolute success, and our city has been one of the more aggressive in responding to their needs with understanding and, most importantly, funding.

“Our initial focus was to provide a rapid response to get these businesses through the 30 days or so before many began to receive assistance through programs like the federal Paycheck Protection Program,” said HMBC/HEDC President David Lane, explaining that criteria for evaluating applications includes length of time in business in Heath, sales taxes paid and how the business was impacted by COVID-19.

“We are now in Phase 2 of the program where our focus is on assisting with those necessary expenses that are not covered by PPP funds received, such as the costly personal protection equipment and sanitation measures required to ensure the safety of employees and our Heath citizens,” explained Lane.

“Our long-term goal is to ensure that these valuable businesses not just survive, but once again thrive in a COVID altered new normal. Even if that means providing additional support in the coming 60 to 90 days; we are here to help Heath businesses get through this.”

The HEDC/HMBC Application Review Committee, which includes Lane, Vice President Vicki Wallace, Past President/Current Board Member Tom Johnson and City Manager Aretha Adams, meets virtually on a weekly basis to review and take action on applications.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: MAKLEE RYANN BOUTIQUE


After making her brick and mortar Maklee Ryann Boutique a staple in Downtown Caddo Mills, Brandy Cunningham knew there was the same need for a local boutique in her own Hometown Heath. So now she is proud to offer a one-of-a-kind shopping experience minutes from your doorstep.

“I grew up here, and always dreamed of a fun boutique opening up in Heath,” said Brandy, whose mother was one of the original teachers that opened Amy Parks Heath Elementary and her oldest daughter is now a Line Sergeant for the Rockwall-Heath High School Highsteppers. “Our customers can

expect a shopping experience that delights, inspires, and ultimately makes you smile!”

The boutique is currently open Wednesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. So stop by, say hi and do a little 75032 shopping to support our local businesses! Learn more here: makleeryann.com. *Fun fact: Brandy and her co-owner and husband, Justin, named the boutique after their daughters Makenzie, Preslee and Landrie Ryann.*

HEATH MUNICIPAL
HMBC
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HEDC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The mission of these organizations 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 and commercial property tax base, and enhances the quality of life enjoyed by citizens. Led by a board of volunteers, the HEDC/HMBC are charged with re-investing citizens’ sales tax dollars to achieve these goals. Helping Heath businesses not just survive, but once again thrive in a COVID-altered new normal has become a primary focus.

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PATH FINDER - \$10 per Month

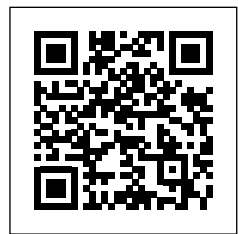
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PATH MAKER - \$5 per Month

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