



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

**LATEST UPDATES**  
HEATH CELEBRATED FREEDOM ON JULY 4TH.  
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**AUGUST**  
**2020**



## **FIRST PATH PROJECT IS READY TO ROLL!**

The City of Heath and Park Board launched the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) fund raising program in November 2019, and its first project to bring more shade to Towne Center Park will be underway by the Fall of 2020.

The project includes planting a mix of at least 25, 100 gallon/5 inch oak trees in the park. Some of the tree “groves” will include new park benches on concrete slabs, and a new water bottle filler with a pet water fountain will also be installed.

“We are excited about this project because the improvements in Towne Center Park will have an immediate impact,” said King, noting that increasing shade in city parks and along trails was a priority cited by citizens during the community input process of developing the 2018 Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan. Other citizen priorities include expanding trails and trail connectivity citywide; and improving playground equipment and amenities at existing parks. “Through PATH, citizens and businesses have the opportunity to help the City achieve these goals by making a monthly contribution with their utility bills or a one-time donation,” said King.

PATH is benefiting from strong citizen participation as well as corporate support by Heath-based Impact Selector International, Tom Thumb, The Malouff Group and The UPS Store. Additionally, the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) dedicates 25 percent of its annual revenue to Park Capital Improvement Projects, and City Council is consistently funding park and trail projects through the Capital Improvement Program and annual budget processes.

You can learn more about how you can become a 2020 Charter PATH member and find a list of Heath friends, neighbors and businesses who are already involved at: [heathtx.com/PATH](http://heathtx.com/PATH).

### **DEVELOPERS DOING THEIR PART FOR PARKS**

When the Park Board spearheaded the Parks, Trails and Recreation Plan in 2018, they also led the adoption of amendments to the City’s Parkland Dedication Ordinance to increase and encourage developer in parkland dedication and park development in new and expanding subdivisions. The revisions have already led to success, such as Heath Crossing developers dedicating four acres for a new park in its next phase of construction along White Road. Heath Crossing will also fund amenities including a trail, landscaping and small parking area for the park. The final plat that includes the park is expected within the next 12 months.



## HEATH COMMUNITY CELEBRATES FREEDOM, SAFELY!

It was a team effort to bring patriotic joy to Hometown Heath on July 4, despite the current COVID-19 challenges and cancellation of the Annual Independence Day Parade.

The City and Special Events Board thanks everyone involved in making this happen including:

- The Lone Star Chapter of the National Charity League and Boys Team Charity - Lakeside League volunteers for decorating Heath City Hall and FM 740 red, white and blue;
- Heath DPS for leading the ice cream truck "parades";
- The festive Heath City Council families for joining in the drive-bys with plenty of candy;
- Mr. Sugar Rush and his team of ice cream trucks and staff who covered four routes and 48 stops passing out free firecracker popsicles and selling other frozen treats;
- The 30 Heath homeowners who entered the first-ever July 4 decorating contest (see the 10 winners to the right);
- The Veterans who stopped by the special tent at City Hall for a patriotic gift bag;
- The 2020 Special Event Series Sponsors (listed on back page) for their continued support; and
- The citizens of Heath for your positive, patriotic spirit!

You can find the highlights video at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under Special Events or on the City's Facebook page.





## JULY 4 HEATH HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the first-ever July 4 Home Decorating Contest deserve a page of their own to showcase such a great show of patriotic spirit. All 30 entries were wonderful, which made it a difficult task for the City Council Judges to select the Top 10 Winners featured here. Each winner received a \$50 gift card to a Heath restaurant and a Best of Show keepsake award ribbon.

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| 1. Cindy & Mike deMasi, Stanford Court     | 5. Raina & Jose Lopez, Sorita Circle       | 9. Eric & Melissa Hemker, Raven Circle      |
| 2. Dave & Cathy Berrera, Terry Lane        | 6. The Burrow Family, Sorita Circle        | 10. Nancy & Ken Archibald, Mont Blanc Drive |
| 3. Douglas & Meredith Barkley, Luther Lane | 7. Jim & Beadie Chester, Ridge Point Drive |   |
| 4. Stacey Schulte, Crystal Court           | 8. Bud & Tami Nauyokas, Country Club Drive |   |



## HEATH DPS OFFERS SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE

The Heath Department of Public Safety is now offering citizens and visitors a Safe Exchange Zone for online transactions, child custody exchanges and other face-to-face meetings.

The Safe Exchange Zone is located outside of the Heath DPS station at 200 Laurence Drive. The location is well-lit and multiple cameras are strategically placed in the area with the live footage displayed inside the station. Heath DPS officers can also view the cameras remotely.

“The exchange zone provides a place where our residents and visitors can safely complete online transactions, fulfill child custody arrangements and conduct other in-person meetings,” said Interim Chief Brandon Seery. “We also welcome the use of our DPS lobby for these types of transactions.”

If you have questions, please contact Heath DPS at 972-961-4900.

## ALSO IN THE NEWS...

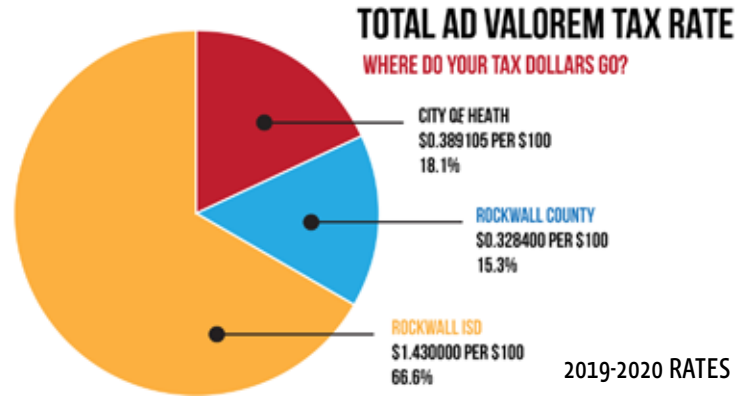
The City of Heath congratulates Heath DPS Officer Casey Northcutt who was named the 96.3 KSCS First Responder of the Week on July 6! Officer Northcutt is currently assigned to Cain Middle School as the School Resource Officer.



## 2020-2021 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY

The City of Heath Council and staff have been working this summer to prepare a budget for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021. A Public Hearing to receive citizen input regarding the proposed budget is tentatively planned for the September 8 City Council Meeting. A final budget is scheduled to be adopted by the City Council at its September 8 meeting to become effective October 1. The proposed budget will be posted at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under the Finance Department page by August 7 for your review.

### WHERE DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES GO? HERE'S A SNAPSHOT...



## RECYCLING REMINDER FROM WASTE CONNECTIONS

Waste Connections is asking Heath customers to remember to please place trash and recyclables in the correct polycarts: trash goes in the green; recycling goes in the blue. If trash co-mingles with recyclables in the blue polycart, the entire load has to go into the land fill instead of being recycled. Also, plastic bags such as grocery bags cannot be mixed with recyclables without ruining the load.

You can find more information about your waste/recycling collection services at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under the Living in Heath/Trash Collection menu.

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