



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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Heart of Heath



Bicycle Tour

Easter Saturday

April 3, 2021

5 MILE RIDE THE TOWN OR 1K RIDE THE PARK

CELEBRATING HOMETOWN SPRING FUN & FITNESS SAFELY: ANNUAL HEART OF HEATH EVENT SHIFTS TO A COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE FOR 2021

The City of Heath invites you to celebrate hometown spring fun and fitness safely at the first-ever Heart of Heath Bike Tour on Easter Saturday, April 3, beginning in Towne Center Park at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a 5-Mile Ride the Town route and a 1k Ride the Park route designed for younger riders that includes a bike decorating contest. The 1k route will follow the trail perimeter path around Towne Center Park.

Festivities include music, a patriotic starting ceremony, photos with the Easter bunny on a giant pink trike and treats from Tom Thumb. Heath DPS will launch its new bike patrol and ride along, and Towne Center Park will be decorated for Easter fun and photos all weekend!

Participants receive an event t-shirt and water bottle while supplies last. Staging for both rides and judging for the bike decorating contest begin along Towne Center Drive at 8 a.m. (See a detailed schedule and map on page 2.)

The City asks that participants please wear a mask during the staging portion of the event, and helmets are required for all riders.

For more information and registration go to heathtx.com. You MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE. No onsite registration on April 3.

Expect brief traffic delays on April 3 between 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please plan accordingly, or come out and cheer for the riders!

HEATH VOTES!

**CITY OF HEATH GENERAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.
HEATH CITY HALL, 200 LAURENCE DRIVE, HEATH**

Early Voting
Monday, April 19, 2021 – Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive, Heath

MORE INFO:



What's on the Ballot:
Councilmember Place 1
Councilmember Place 2
Councilmember Place 4
Councilmember Place 6

HEART OF HEATH BIKE TOUR SCHEDULE

REGISTER AT HEATHTX.COM

Thursday, April 1, and Friday, April 2, Noon-6 p.m.
 Packet Pick Up and Late Registration
 Rockwall Cycling, 939 East I-30, Rockwall

Saturday, April 3
 7:30-8 a.m. Late Packet Pick Up | No Onsite Registration
 8 a.m. Staging and Bike Decorating Contest Judging
 8:20 A.M. Kick-Off Ceremony
 8:30 A.M. 5-Mile and 1k Rides Begin | Helmets Required
No Electric Scooters/Bikes

PARKING
 Parking is available at City Hall, Tom Thumb, First United Methodist Church of Heath, 140 Smirl, and First Baptist of Heath, 224 Smirl.

PLAN FOR BRIEF TRAFFIC DELAYS ALONG THE ROUTE
 Roads along the route will be controlled by Heath DPS. Please plan for brief delays between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 3 as the bike riders go past neighborhood and property entrances and main intersections.

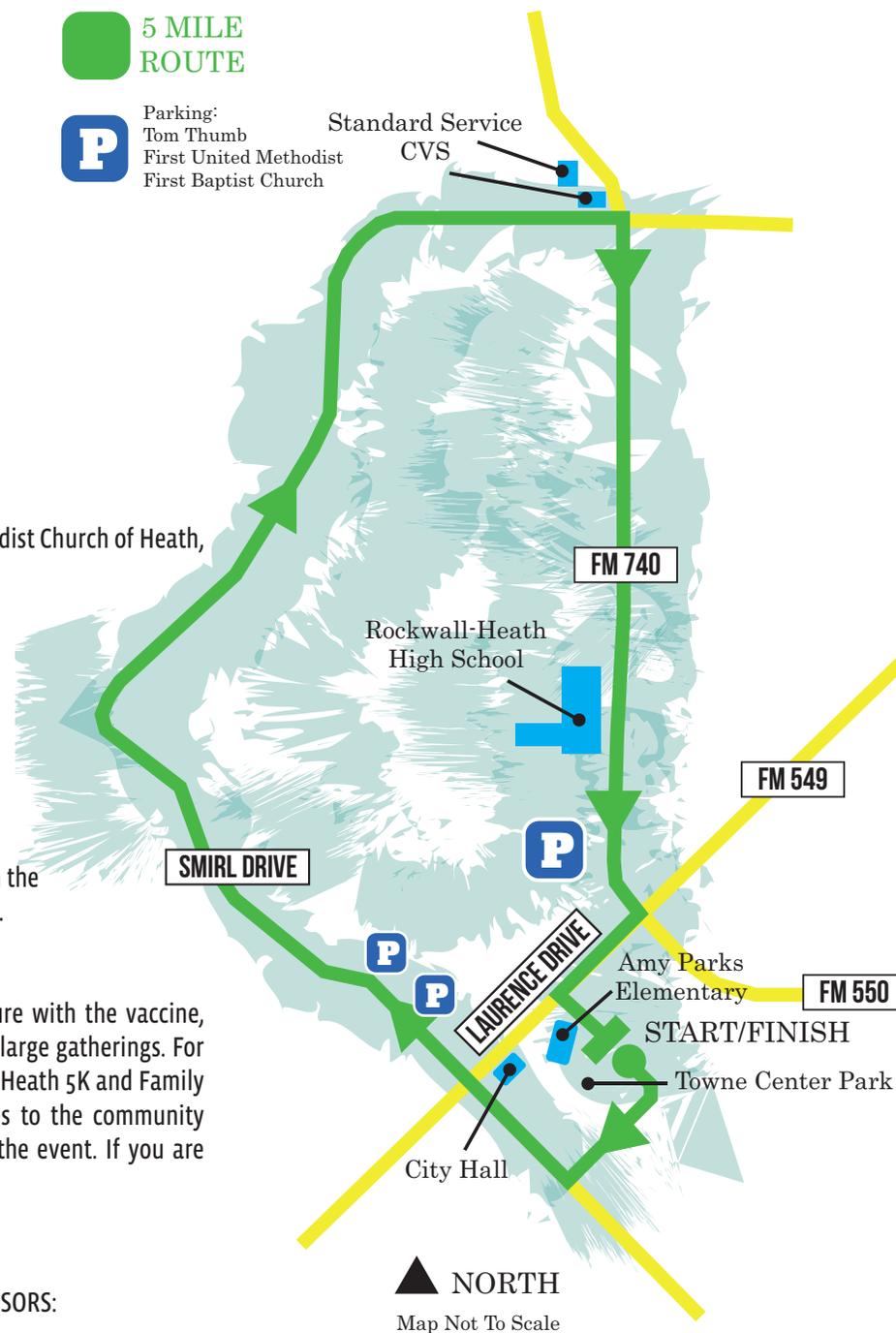
WEATHER
 If safety threats occur due to weather, updates will be posted on the Facebook pages maintained by the City of Heath and Heath DPS.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
 While there is hope of returning to "normal" in the near future with the vaccine, spreading COVID-19 is still a current concern when it comes to large gatherings. For that reason, the City shifted gears from the traditional Heart of Heath 5K and Family Runs with shoulder-to-shoulder crowding at the starting lines to the community bike ride. Please wear a mask during the staging portion of the event. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home.

5 MILE ROUTE

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HEATH DPS OFFICERS PROMOTED

Above: Officer Morgan (left) being sworn in by Chief Brandon Seery. Officer Rowan (Right) with his family.

The City congratulates Heath DPS Sergeant Michael Morgan, who was promoted during a small family ceremony on March 4 to the rank of Captain. He will serve as Administrative Captain overseeing Criminal Investigations, the Fire Marshal's Office, School Resource Officers Unit, Property/Evidence and Records. Officer Keven Rowan was also promoted with his family present to fill the vacant Sergeant position.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE



HHW Solutions offers City of Heath customers a weekly "front porch pickup" of household hazardous waste items such as paint, insecticides, fertilizers and other household chemicals. These items are not accepted by regular trash collection services and are prohibited in landfills.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A FRONT PORCH PICKUP:

BY 8 A.M., MONDAY

Call 972-440-2040 or go online to HHWSolutions.com to request a pickup. Select the City of Heath tab on the website.

BY 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY

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

NEW CITY PROJECTS LAUNCHED:

TOWNE CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT DESIGN AND TOWNE CENTER PARK PLAN

The City of Heath is embarking on an exciting project: the design of Heath Towne Center (aka the Towne Center Overlay District!)

Located generally on all four sides of the intersection of FM 740/Laurence Drive and Smirl Drive, Heath Towne Center (HTC) received special attention during the 2018 Comprehensive Plan process. It was identified as the location for future restaurants, shopping, and gathering spaces in the City, as well as trails and shaded amenities, to complement the existing Towne Center Park, City Hall, and other development in the vicinity.

The major goal of this project is to provide a proposed circulation plan and urban design scheme that is based upon current standards and zoning. This is not a process to change what has previously been adopted through the 2018 Comprehensive Plan, which is based upon a vision for a community that remains semi-rural.

The project is funded and directed by the Heath Economic Development Corporation/Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HEDC/HMBC) with

a stakeholder committee that includes HEDC/HMBC Board members, City Council liaisons, City staff, HTC property owners and HTC businesses.

A parallel project to the HTC design will be a separate plan for the Towne Center Park that is also funded by the HEDC/HMBC and spearheaded by the Park Board. Towne Center Park is a key event and recreation space in Heath, and therefore an important asset to HTC.

Future programming areas, multi-functional event space with essential infrastructure (ex. locations for power hookups, a stage), ballfields and play areas will all be mapped out in a plan with a corresponding phased cost estimate for future consideration of funding.

This jewel of Heath is in need of upgrades, and the plan will be a roadmap to help make them happen. Community collaboration is also important to this project, so stay tuned for your opportunities to provide input this spring.

Both of these projects are being conducted by the consulting firm of Kimley-Horn.

See page 4 for more information about becoming a PATH member.



THANK YOU PATH MEMBERS

Thank you to all of the Heath residents and businesses who are supporting the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) fund raising . Through your support, the first PATH project of increasing shade in Towne Center Park with 25 new trees, plus new park benches and a water bottle filler and pet bowl was completed in 2020. The Park Board has specified that the next PATH project will continue to focus upon Towne Center Park improvements, such as new playground equipment and the specifics are being defined in conjunction with the planning project that is underway (see page 3).

Be a part of this progress in 2021 by signing up at heathtx.com/path!



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PATH FUNDER
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If you would like to participate anonymously, please indicate that under publicity, when signing up.

VISIT HEATHTX.COM/PATH TO FIND CHARTER MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND SIGN UP ONLINE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE.