



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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**JULY**  
**2021**



## INDEPENDENCE DAY IN HEATH: FESTIVITIES INCLUDE ANNUAL PARADE ON JULY 3

For a patriotic hometown American experience, join the festivities at the City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade presented on Saturday, July 3.

Parade entry awards will be presented during a patriotic celebration immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park featuring a live barbershop quartet and free popsicles and pie.

### PARADE INFORMATION

You can find parade route and staging maps online at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com). If you are entering the parade, please R.S.V.P. by July 1 at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com).

### Schedule | July 3

8:00 a.m. Staging at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, 330 Laurence Drive

8:15 a.m. Judging Begins. Please be in Place for Award Consideration

9:00 a.m. Parade Starts

The Patriotic Program in the Park Follows the Parade in Towne Center Park

### VETERANS FLOAT

The City of Heath invites veterans and active members of the U.S. Military to ride in the parade on the Veterans Float. The float will be parked in the fire bay at City Hall, 200 Laurence. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to enjoy coffee, donuts and camaraderie. The City thanks John Holmsley and Bob Quimby for providing the trailer for the Veterans Float every year, and the National Charity League mother/daughter teams for decorating it so beautifully.



The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/ FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on July 3. To avoid inconvenience or delays, please plan an alternate route or time to drive through the area.

### PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES

- Best Float
- Best Bicycle/Wagon/Stroller
- Best Golf Cart/Off-Road Vehicle
- Best Antique Car
- Most Patriotic Pet
- Most Spirited Overall
- The Mayor's Choice

### PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

Come back to the gazebo in Towne Center Park immediately after the parade for free icy popsicles and freshly baked mini-pies. The short program honoring our veterans will feature the presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 989, live music by a barbershop quartet, and presentation of the parade awards.



## RE-ELECTED CITY COUNCILMEMBERS SWORN INTO OFFICE

Re-elected Councilmember Paul Ruffo (Place 2) was sworn into office by City Secretary Norma Duncan during the May 25 City Council meeting. Also re-elected during the May 1 General Election and sworn in on May 11 were Frank New (Place 1), Brent Weaver (Place 4); & Rich Krause (Place 6).



## HEATH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS:

### HONORING 23 YEARS OF SERVICE

Heath DPS celebrated the retirement of Administrative Assistant Renee Kelly on May 26 in Towne Center Park. Renee served Heath DPS for 23 years, and the City extends its gratitude and best wishes to Renee for many more happy, healthy and fun-filled years ahead!



*Pictured: The inaugural Heath Citizens On Patrol graduates and City leaders from left are: Mayor Kelson Elam; Heath DPS Captain Michael Morgan; Sherry Gillespie; City Councilwoman Donna Rolater; Jaclyn England; Tony Rolater; Ernie Burkett; Marco Longoria; Carl Whitbeck; and Heath DPS Chief Brandon Seery.*

## INAUGURAL CLASS OF CITIZENS OF PATROL (COP) GRADUATES

The first-ever Heath Citizens On Patrol (COP) class celebrated graduation on May 24 at the Heath Department of Public Safety. The graduates qualified for the new advanced training program by graduating with the 3rd Class of the Heath DPS Citizens Academy in Spring 2020.

Upon completion of the 6-week COP program, these citizen volunteers will now assist Heath DPS in many important ways including traffic control and safety during City events and other departmental and community outreach activities.

To learn more about the Citizens Academy and COP programs, contact Captain Michael Morgan at [mmorgan@heathtx.com](mailto:mmorgan@heathtx.com) or 972-961-4895.



## CONSERVING A PRECIOUS RESOURCE: WATER

Hot, dry summer weather has finally arrived, bringing an increase in demand upon our local water supply. Heath residents are encouraged to follow these guidelines below to achieve the most efficient and cost-effective use of this precious resource.

### CURRENT WATERING RECOMMENDATIONS

- Water your lawn and landscape up to twice per week between April 1 to October 31.
- Water your lawn and landscape once per week between November 1 to March 31.
- Avoid watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from April 1 to October 31; it is most efficient to water between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.

For more tips on conservation and how to determine the best watering schedule and amount for your lawn, go to: [watermyyard.org](http://watermyyard.org).

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: HUBBARD DRIVE

The center line stripe recently painted on Hubbard Drive is for safety purposes. The stripe will help delineate the current asphalt roadway at night. The City will continue to monitor the Hubbard Drive roadway. The reconstruction of Hubbard has been funded and is under design.

The new roadway will be a widened two-lane concrete road including curb and gutter. The reconstruction will be constructed in two phases. Phase 1: FM-740 to Michael Drive, including the section of Hubbard adjacent to the Antigua Bay Subdivision, and Phase 2: Michael Drive to Scenic Place. Phase 1 construction is scheduled to begin in March 2022, with completion expected in 2023. Phase 2 construction is scheduled to begin soon after the start of Phase 1 construction.

### FOLLOW THE DESIGN HEATH TOWNE CENTER AND TOWNE CENTER PARK PROJECT



The City of Heath continues to work with the consulting firm of Kimley-Horn to develop a design for the Heath Towne Center, also known as the Towne Center Overlay District, and a design for Towne Center Park.

You can keep up to date on this project at [DesignHTC.com](http://DesignHTC.com). 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.

**HEATH**  
REMEMBER TO  
**SHOP LOCAL**  
In Town & Online

Be Sure to Use Heath as Your Billing/Shipping City for Online Purchases



### HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

#### STEP 1: LOCATE YOUR METER

Your water meter is generally located near the curb in front of your home and covered with a round green lid. Carefully remove the lid by using a tool called a water meter box lid key, which is available at home improvement stores.

#### STEP 2: READ YOUR WATER METER

All customers within the City of Heath have their water use measured by a meter. This results in each customer paying their share of operating the system based upon the amount of water used.

All City of Heath water meters measure water in gallons. Charges for the amount of water consumed are based on the number of gallons you use during a billing period.

To read a City water meter, simply read across the numbers in the box.

1	2	3	4	5	6	0
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For example, if the dial has these numbers:

The current reading for the sample dial above is 1,234,560 gallons. Some meters have only six digits instead of seven, but they are read exactly the same way.

To determine how much water you have used over a period of time, get a first meter reading. Then after a determined amount of time (set by you, the customer), take a second meter reading. For example, if the reading you had taken earlier was 1234560 and the second reading was 1248900, you would have used 14,340 gallons, the difference in the two numbers in gallons, over that period of time.



## THANK YOU PATH MEMBERS

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 identified by the design project now underway. Be a part of this progress in 2021 by signing up at [heathtx.com/path](http://heathtx.com/path).

## CHARTER PATH DONORS AS OF JUNE 2, 2021



**PATH PATRON**  
\$10,000 Donation



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### PATH PAVER - \$500 Donation

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### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Tom & Charlene Norris (\$250)  
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### PATH FINDER - Recurring \$10 per Month

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### PATH MAKER - Recurring \$5 per Month

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Stan Stewart  
Tony & Janet Tiseo

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

VISIT [HEATHTX.COM/PATH](http://HEATHTX.COM/PATH) TO SIGN UP ONLINE, OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE.