



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE



**SCAN**  
SAFE CITIZEN ACTION NETWORK

**FEBRUARY**  
**2022**

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

- 02/01 FIRST DAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- 02/14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 02/21 PRESIDENT'S DAY



**ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER KEVIN LASHER  
NAMED 2021 CITYWIDE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Assistant City Manager Kevin Lasher (above right with City Manager Aretha Adams) was named 2021 Citywide Employee of the Year during the Annual Employee Awards and Christmas Luncheon held December 16 at Hidden Creek Special Events venue in Heath.

“Every staff member did a remarkable job of once again adapting and pivoting to the ongoing challenges we faced this year, including the unprecedented winter storms,” said City Manager Aretha Adams. “We did not skip many beats, thanks to the dedication of our DPS officers, public works team and staff.”

“Kevin was exceptionally instrumental in 2021 as he managed many projects including the Towne Center Overlay District planning process, while also serving as Acting City Manager during my maternity leave,” said Adams. “Historically, executive staff members are not considered for employee awards, but Kevin did such an excellent job during my absence that I think it’s appropriate to recognize him with our organization’s highest honor.”

Lasher joined the City of Heath in 2017 as Assistant Director of Community Development. He was promoted to Director of Community Development in 2018, and Assistant City Manager in 2019. He came to Heath with experience in many communities including Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Mesquite, Midlothian and Burleson.



From top left: 2021 Departmental Employees of the Year: Tara Plexico, Chief Accountant, Administrative Services with Finance Director, Laurie Mays; Francisco Gonzales, Maintenance/Parks, Public Works with Public Works Director, Chuck Todd; Brady Lance, Combination Building Inspector, Community Development with Assistant City Manager Kevin Lasher. From bottom left: Officer Kenny Griffith, Department of Public Safety Officer of the Year with Chief Brandon Seery and Adams; and Sergeant Dallas Talley received the first-ever Chief’s Commendation for exceptional service.

### CITY OF HEATH GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION



The City of Heath is scheduled to hold a General Election on May 7, to elect Mayor and two Council Members for Places 3 and 5 for two-year terms each. Informational candidate packets and applications for a place on the ballot are available at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com) or you may contact the City Secretary’s office at 972-961-4876 or [nduncan@heathtx.com](mailto:nduncan@heathtx.com) for a hard or digital copy. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, January 19. The last day to file is Friday, February 18 by 5 p.m.

## WINTER AVERAGING METHOD TO BE IMPLEMENTED FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

The City is implementing the winter averaging method for sewer bills to provide existing residential customers the most equitable fee on sewer costs throughout the year.

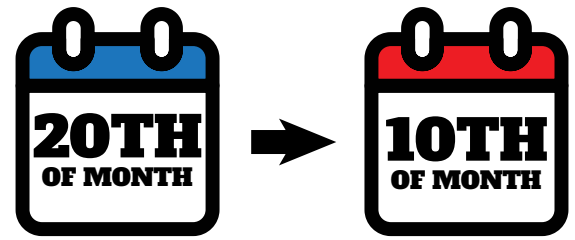
### WHAT IS RESIDENTIAL WINTER SEWER AVERAGING METHOD?

This method takes the amount of water used during the months of November, December, January and February to calculate an average consumption. The single month with the highest water usage is removed from the calculation, and the average of the remaining three months is used as the basis for billing sewer charges for the following 12-month period.

Water consumption is used to calculate the sewer charge because the inflow of water to the property is directly related to the outflow of sewer and the related cost to treat wastewater. Winter months are used for averaging because this is historically the time with the lowest water consumption for residential customers. Also, most winter water use is related to wastewater processing as outdoor watering is typically minimal during this time.

New utility customers will be charged the base rate plus the system average times the volume rate. The new resident fee for FY 2022 is \$80.23. Once a customer has established a winter average, their bill will be based on their consumption not the system average.

Commercial sewer charges will continue to be based upon actual monthly consumption at the rate of \$8.30 per 1,000 gallons.

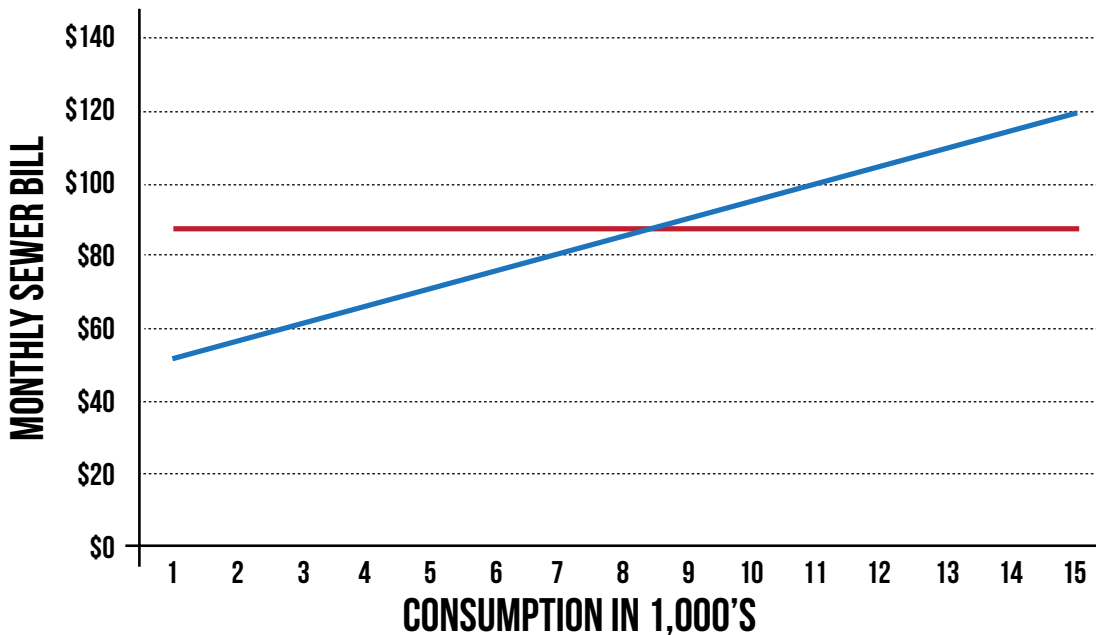


### UTILITY BILLING DATE TO BE MOVED TO MID-MONTH

The City of Heath is changing utility account billing dates and due dates beginning February 2022 to get water consumption information to customers faster. This will be helpful for customers who have a leak, but are not yet aware of the problem.

The due date for the bill mailed in February will be moved from the 20th of March to the 10th of March. Customers who pay by bank draft will see the debit from their account on the 10th of the month instead of the 20th. Customers using the online bill pay method will need to change the date of payment to no later than the 10th of the month.

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228.



## WINTER AVERAGING COMPARED TO FLAT RATE



### EXAMPLE OF THE WATER AVERAGING METHOD

The water consumption for the months of November, December, January, and February are 6, 10, 5, and 4, respectively. After the high volume of 10 is removed, the winter average is 5:

(Winter Average x Sewer Volume Rate) + Sewer Base Fee = Monthly Charge or  $5 \times \$4.89 + \$46.00 = \$70.45$  monthly charge for the next 12 months

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service at 972-771-6228 option 2.

# HELP KEEP HEATH BEAUTIFUL!

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR BULKY AND UNBUNDLED BRUSH SERVICES

Waste Collection Service Provides City of Heath Customers the following Waste and Recycling Services:

- Weekly trash and bulky item collection
- Monthly bulky item and brush pick up on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month
- One 95-gallon rolling polycart with a lid provided for trash collection
- One 95-gallon rolling polycart with a lid provided for recyclables

Your Weekly Trash Collection includes:

- Emptying of the trash and recyclables poly carts
- Pick up of any other bags or bins set out
- Bulky items such as furniture
- Pick up of bundled brush or limbs (not to exceed 4' in length)

Weekly Bulky Waste Collection | Items Accepted:

- Brush - Bundled in no more than 4' in length per bundle or less than 50 lbs  
You will be billed \$10 per cubic yard for bags and brush over three (3) cubic yards.
- Furniture – couch, chair, mattress, box springs, etc.
- Appliances (Freon must be removed & certified)
- Swing Sets (disassembled)
- Debris from minor home improvement projects (no more than 1 cubic yard total)
- Cardboard Boxes (broken down)

Weekly Bulky Waste Collection | Items Not Accepted:

- Roofing materials
- Debris from construction, demolition or remodeling by a contractor
- Dirt, rocks or concrete
- Hazardous materials – herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals, etc.
- Tires, batteries and automobile parts
- Liquids – paints, motor oil, solvents
- Electronics
- Wooden pallets

Free Weekly Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- Call 972-440-2040 or go online to [HHWSolutions.com](http://HHWSolutions.com) to request a pickup.  
There will be a City of Heath tab on the website

## MONTHLY UNBUNDLED BRUSH COLLECTION

Brush and limbs that are not bundled or exceed the weekly size limit of four (4') feet in length will be collected during the week of the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Items should be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. Unbundled brush should not be placed curbside more than three days prior to scheduled collection.

You will be billed \$10 per cubic yard over three (3) cubic yards.

Size Example: One (1) Cubic Yard = Seven (7) Thirty (30) gallon trash bags.



## JOIN PATH IN 2022

The City of Heath parks and trails system will be an important focus in 2022, and you can be a part of the progress by joining PATH!

PATH was created to unite the community in helping grow a great parks and trails system by offering citizens and local businesses the opportunity to participate by making a recurring \$5 or \$10 donation with their monthly utility bill or a one-time contribution. Everyone benefits because great parks, trails and green spaces increase the quality of life, promotes community connection and generates economic benefits, including stronger home values.



## CHARTER PATH DONORS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

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



**PATH FUNDER**  
\$1,000 Donation



**BC GOLF**  
**BILL & BARBARA BOTTORFF, 2020**  
**HEATH FLAG SERVICE/BURROW FAMILY**  
**RHONDA HOLLOWAY**

**MAGNUM HOME SERVICE**  
**BETTY PERRY**  
**CHRIS & SUSIE THOMPSON**  
**VICKI WALLACE**

### PATH PAVER - \$500 Donation

Larry & Mary Bush  
Ernie & Becky Burkett  
Chris & Angela Cass  
Russell & Patricia Clark  
Renee & Scott Clover  
Colley Family  
Dennis  
Tom & Margaret Davidson  
Jon-Paul & Crystal Dixon  
Kathy Farrington  
William & Tammy Fieldsmith  
Jeff & Bobbie Fleming  
Neal & Mary Fondren  
Grinnan Family  
Tim & Alison Hartley  
Mike & Amanda Karner  
Rich Koepke  
Mark & Lisa Misheck  
McCuthcheon Farms, LLC  
Kevin & Susan Smart Family  
Rick & Kathy Spletter

### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Tom & Charlene Norris (\$250)  
Gary & Tracy Allen (\$100)

### PATH FINDER - Recurring \$10 per Month

Gary & Tracy Allen  
Bonnie Baron  
Councilmember John Beaman  
Anthony & Julie Berg  
Ernie & Becky Burkett  
Dean & Christine Brand  
Mark & Suzanne Brooke  
Jim & Beatrice Chester  
Larry & Sharon Cole  
Patrick & Lindsey Cummins  
John & Janie Curtis  
Ralph & Mary DeMott Family  
John & Katie Dyer  
Mayor Kelson & Brenda Elam  
Kevin and Tracy Enoch  
Ryan & Ashley Farha Family  
Robert & Nicole Farquharson  
David & Laura Gartling  
Mark & Toni George  
John & Sherry Gillespie  
Mike & Claudia Givens  
Ken & Lorrie Gray

Jerry & Judy Groves  
Rick Handschuch  
Nick and Melanie Hasty  
Shawn & Misty Helms  
Robert & Dana Hensley  
Everette Hull & Shirley Sutherland  
Jeff Ivy  
Ken & Ginny Jackson  
Lorri Kasper  
Wes & Sarah Keith  
Kathryn Klepak  
Councilman Rich Krause  
David & Debbie Lane  
Brian & Lea Lashley  
Mike & Ruth Miller  
Troy Parker  
Johnny & Debbie Pabian  
Dave & Vicki Perkowski  
Bob Petka  
Bryan Ramey  
Craig & Monique Raymond  
John & Janet Reed  
David & Betsy Roe  
Charles & Malette Reed  
Tony & Councilmember Donna Rolater  
Justin & Jennifer Saunders  
Gini Seely  
Doyle & Tiki Sherman

Tom & Diane Smith  
Cameron & Michelle Slocum  
Councilmember Brent Weaver & Lillian  
Jeff & Cathy Wicker  
William & Wendy Wilbanks  
Steve & Stacy Wingard  
Brian Wiley  
Michaela Wood  
Steven & Katie Wozniak  
Tim & Kim York  
Craig & Julie Zurek

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

James Albrecht  
Gary & Kellie Anderson  
Randy & Lana Dodge  
Keith & Megan Flowers  
Chris & Jenni Knox  
Rick and Nancy Mabry  
Jacqueline Martin  
Calvin and Linda O'Glee  
Jeff & Claudette Overfield  
R.E. (Bob) Shaw, Sr.  
Candee Smith  
Stan Stewart  
Dalton Tasset  
Tony & Janet Tiseo

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