



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

## HEART OF HEATH 5K & FAMILY RUN

APRIL 16, 2022

**MARCH**  
**2022**



**MARCH CELEBRATIONS**  
MARCH 3  
MARCH 13  
MARCH 17

PATH BENEFIT @ MANNY'S TEX-MEX [P4]  
DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## THE HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN RETURNS APRIL 16

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration featuring the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run returns in 2022 on Saturday, April 16!

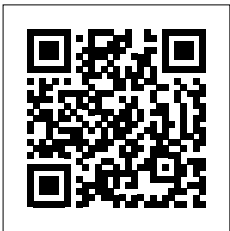
Plan to bring your family and friends to Towne Center Park to experience one of the events that help make Heath special! The runner's warm up begins at 8 a.m., the Family Run starts at 8:15 a.m., and the 5K starts at 8:30 a.m. Watch for more details and registration in next month's newsletter or at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com).

### HEART OF HEATH HIGHLIGHTS:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines for 5k participants
- 5k awards for top 3 overall plus top 3 males and females in each age bracket
- 1-Mile Family Run—integrated into the 5k course, with same start and finish lines
- 1-Mile Family Run awards for top 3 boys and top 3 girls
- 2022 T-shirts for 5k and Family Run participants while supplies last
- Giant-size games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4
- Complimentary healthy treats
- DJ and fun music
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny!

### HELP KEEP HEATH BEAUTIFUL

The City has an online "report a concern" tool for citizens to report code violations such as high grass, parking, trash and debris. You can find a link to the notification tool on the front page of the City website at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) or scan here:



## SAVE THE DATES

### 2022 CITY OF HEATH SPECIAL EVENTS SERIES:

#### HEART OF HEATH 5K/FAMILY RUN

Saturday, April 16, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY IN HEATH PARADE

Saturday, July 2, 9 a.m.

#### CHRISTMAS IN HEATH

Friday, December 2, 5:30-8:30 p.m.





# CITY TESTS NEW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PROGRAM: HEATH SCAN — SAFE CITIZENS ALERT NETWORK

The City of Heath had the opportunity to put HEATH SCAN through a test run during the winter storm that moved in on February 2.

“Thankfully, we did not experience the extreme conditions the winter storms of 2021 brought, but we were prepared to quickly distribute emergency information specific to Heath citizens via SCAN without reliance upon third party sources if necessary,” said City Manager Aretha Adams.

While the City urges residents to sign up for Rockwall County’s free NIXLE alert system, HEATH SCAN is in place to provide an easy way to use your cell phone to access this information (just like a menu in a restaurant), which is critical when devices such as desktop computers are not available due to power outages.

Use your phone to scan the QR Code to go directly to the SCAN emergency page on the City’s website that will be activated to provide real-time information as necessary. You can also access the page by typing *heathtx.com/scan* into your browser.

During non-emergency situations, citizens can go to the page for information on what to do before, during and after specific emergencies such as winter storms, power outages, extreme heat, severe weather and tornados.

## OTHER SCAN RESOURCES...

### CARING FOR HEATH’S VULNERABLE

If you have a loved one who is vulnerable during emergency situations, you can register them here for Wellness Checks by Heath Department of Public Safety officers. You may also purchase a lockbox for their door and provide the key to DPS officers to use during an emergency incident. Register on the SCAN page.

### UPDATING YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT INFORMATION:

Before, during and after, the City of Heath also has the capability to send out alerts via text, phone or email. The contact information tied to your utility billing account will be used. If you would like to change the email or phone that is used, you can do so on the SCAN page.

**IMPORTANT CALL REMINDER**

 **911** **972-771-7724**

**EMERGENCY** **NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**



## ANNUAL WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLANNED MARCH 1 – 29 TEMPORARY CHANGE IN WATER DISINFECTANT CRITICAL FOR SAFE DRINKING WATER YEAR ROUND

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 1 through March 29. The annual routine change is a common and safe practice necessary to maintain the right conditions inside pipelines and water quality year-round.

Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the treatment plant and then chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) is added to maintain water quality on its journey through the miles of pipes to homes and businesses.

NTMWD has conducted the temporary change in water disinfectant for over a decade and continues to meet safe drinking water standards earning recognition from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a Superior Public Water System.

The absence of ammonia during these few weeks may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable to some people. There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities, including placing a pitcher of water in the refrigerator overnight or adding a slice of citrus to the water. Adding a crushed 1000 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water will neutralize the chlorine.

For more information and links to NTMWD and TCEQ scan the QR Code:



# PARKS & TRAILS CONTINUE TO EXPAND IN HEATH

As Heath grows, so does our parks and trail system, thanks to a continued focus by City Council and the Park Board on this important amenity that enriches the quality of life enjoyed by citizens.

## TRAIL SYSTEM...

You can find a current trail system map at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under the Living Here/Parks & Trails menu. This map identifies both existing and planned trails. New segments include the White Road Trail and trailhead that was donated and constructed by the developer of the Heath Crossing neighborhood. Trail segments have also been recently added in the Stoneleigh and Providence neighborhoods by their respective developers. These contributions are specified by the City parkland dedication ordinance, and the City is grateful for a shared commitment with developers to the “greater green”!

## PARKLAND DONATIONS...

Others contributing to the parks and trail system include Heath residents, Tom Johnson and Dan Bobst, who donated .11 acres at 101 Hubbard Drive, which is a prime location along the Highlands of Heath and Hubbard trails. Both the Park Board and City Council dedicated the land use to be a future trailhead/park plaza that will tie into and complement the Towne Center Park and Towne Center Overlay District designs, both of which are still in progress. Thank you, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bobst!

In 2021, the City exercised its option to purchase excess TxDOT right of way located along FM 740 in front of the Heath Towne Center/Tom Thumb retail site and dedicated the land for a “passive park” that will provide a beautiful greenspace and welcoming gateway into the heart of the community. The Park Board and City Council recently approved issuing a Request for Proposals for site designs that incorporate landscaping, seating, signage and more. The Heath Economic Development and Municipal Benefits Corporations funded the purchase through its sales tax revenue collected annually. This is one more example of your sales tax dollars at work in Heath...so keep shopping local intown and online!

## ADOPT-A-PARK/TRAIL LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM...

Now in its fourth year, this program offers civic-minded organizations and businesses an opportunity to help keep Heath’s parks and trails attractive and safe by “adopting” a specific trail segment or park area. Participating volunteer groups are approved by the Park Board and City Council and will be responsible for a general cleanup of the adopted area quarterly. You can find more information and a current map of sites that have been adopted and those that are available at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com) under the Living Here/Parks & Trails menu.

The City thanks the following organizations and businesses for their participation in this program:

- Terry Park – Aspasians
- Chris Cuny Trail - Boy Scout Troop 314
- Heath Crossing - Custom Outdoor Trends
- Stoneleigh Trail - APW Services & Precision Roofing Group
- Highlands of Heath Trail - boys team charity, Lakeside League
- Towne Center Park/Front Section - boys team charity, Lakeside League
- Towne Center Park/Back Section - boys team charity, Lakeside League
- White Road Trail - D & D Commercial Landscape Management



ADOPT-A-PARK





# Great Food for a Good Cause!

## Manny's Tex-Mex Hosts Benefit Night for PATH on March 3

Here's an easy way to support PATH! Just come have dinner at Manny's Tex-Mex on Thursday, March 3 anytime between 4 p.m. and closing. The generous owners will donate 20% of all dine-in sales to PATH (alcohol excluded). It will be a fun night out in Heath, so be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you at this community gathering.

### About 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 JANUARY 28, 2022

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

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



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INTERNATIONAL

HEATH MUNICIPAL  
**HMBC**  
BENEFITS CORPORATION

HEATH ECONOMIC  
**HEDC**  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIO

**PATH BUILDER**  
\$5,000 Donation



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



The UPS Store



HEATH TOWN CENTER  
BY YOUNGER PARTNERS

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  
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Jon-Paul & Crystal Dixon  
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Jeff & Bobbie Fleming  
Neal & Mary Fondren  
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Mike & Amanda Karner  
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Mark & Lisa Misheck  
McCuthcheon Farms, LLC  
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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  
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Charles & Malette Reed  
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Gini Seely  
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Michaela Wood  
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Tim & Kim York  
Craig & Julie Zurek

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

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Rick and Nancy Mabry  
Jacqueline Martin  
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Tony & Janet Tiseo



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