



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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APRIL CELEBRATIONS

April 16-23 Passover
April 15 Good Friday
April 17 Easter

HEART OF
HEATH 5K
FAMILY RUN



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN ON APRIL 16

Registration for the City of Heath's Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run on Saturday, April 16 is open. You can run, walk or simply 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. There will also be games, prize drawings for registered runners and the Easter Bunny! Find more information and the registration link at heathtx.com. Prices go up after April 1, and participants get a t-shirt while supplies last!

HEART OF HEATH HIGHLIGHTS:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines
- 5k awards top 3 overall plus top 3 males and females in age brackets
- 1-Mile Family Run - with same start and finish lines as 5k
- 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
- Bliss Coffee Roasters Truck, serving free coffee and specialty drinks and goodies for purchase
- DJ and fun music
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny!



REGISTER

TRAFFIC DELAYS & DETOURS

The Heart of Heath 5K begins at 8:30 am. Roads along the route will be controlled by Heath DPS and will temporarily close during the event. Find alternative routes to avoid short delays in travel time at heathtx.com.



CITY CONSIDERS OUTDOOR LIGHTING/DARK SKY ORDINANCE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

The City of Heath Planning and Zoning Commission has been reviewing a proposed Outdoor Lighting/Dark Sky Ordinance prior to taking action and making a recommendation to City Council at its upcoming April 5 meeting.

The Commission's deliberations have included inviting citizens to provide input during a public hearing at its February 1 meeting. You can view the ordinance draft at heathtx.com or by scanning the QR code.



DRAFT ORDINANCE

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF AN OUTDOOR LIGHTING/DARK SKY ORDINANCE?

The intent of the ordinance is to decrease light pollution to maintain Heath's quaint rural character, maintain property safety, preserve views of the night sky, promote energy efficiency and community health, and decrease the disruption of wild life patterns and nocturnal flora and fauna ecosystems.

This effort furthers the implementation of the 2018 Comprehensive Plan in which the Livability Strategy and Environmental Sensitivity Recommendations include identifying ways in which the City can proactively address air, light and noise pollution.

WHAT PROPERTIES WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE?

The proposed ordinance would regulate all non-residential properties within the city limits of Heath. Single-family homes would not be affected. Examples of non-residential properties regulated include:

- Parks
- Neighborhood common areas
- Neighborhood amenity centers
- Sports facilities
- Trails
- Streets
- Neighborhood entry features
- Non-residential uses situated in the take-area of Lake Ray Hubbard.
- Parking areas
- Agricultural uses such as barns and arenas
- Tri-plexes, four-plexes and apartments

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE?

This ordinance requires that outdoor light fixtures be shielded so that the light shines downward -- not upward or directly sideways. The new regulations would control light from scattering upward into the sky and minimize the horizontal glare that occurs with looking directly at a lightbulb.

A goal of the ordinance is to provide light that is closest to the natural light seen from the sun and stars. This light required is in the yellow color spectrum, which minimizes the use of light in the blue color spectrum.

Great effort was made to write an ordinance that is easy to interpret, easy to administer, and easy to enforce.

HOW WOULD THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE BE ENFORCED?

If the proposed ordinance is approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and adopted by the City Council, the developer of non-residential development would be required to provide an outdoor lighting plan that meets the requirements of the ordinance.

This plan would be reviewed by City staff to ensure that requirements were met. After the lighting is in place and inspected by the building department, a code enforcement officer would investigate any complaints after dark.

WOULD THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AFFECT EXISTING NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?

Yes, if adopted by City Council, existing non-residential properties would be required to comply with the ordinance. Owners/developers of existing non-residential properties will have up to five years from the date of adoption to comply with the ordinance. If non-residential property owners/developers modify their property after the adoption of the ordinance, compliance may be required at the time the property is modified. City staff would be available to answer any questions to assist owners/developers regarding plans for compliance.

Your questions and comments are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Aaron Adel, Director of Planning, at aadel@heathtx.com or (972) 961-4875.



The members of the Planning and Zoning Commission work hard to help ensure that Heath continues to be a beautiful rural community, which requires many hours of study prior to each meeting to be prepared to discuss and take action on agenda items and cases. Commissioners are, from left to right: Wayne Gordon, Vice Chair; Joe Ruszkiewicz; James Tunnell, Chair; Thomas Bishop; Bob Shaw; and Harry Heinkele. Not pictured: Sharon Caldwell.



Great Food for a Good Cause!



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

A big thank you to Manny's Tex-Mex for hosting the first-ever benefit for PATH and the Park Board volunteers and citizens who participated! The turnout was great, and Manny's donated 20% of its dine-in food sales (alcohol excluded) to raise \$500 PLUS several citizens signing up to be ongoing monthly donors via their utility bills. This was a great opportunity to raise community awareness of the PATH initiative, and we look forward to more such events. Enjoy these photos of Heath friends and neighbors who support PATH...



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\$10,000 Donation



PATH BUILDER
\$5,000 Donation



PATH FUNDER
\$1,000 Donation



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