



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

★★★★ **SAVE THE DATE**
INDEPENDENCE DAY
IN HEATH
SATURDAY, JULY 2ND | BEGINNING 9:00 AM

MAY
2022



MAY **CELEBRATIONS**

May Day	May 1
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6
Cinco de Mayo	May 5
Mother's Day	May 8

HONORING SERVICE IN MAY...

PUBLIC WORKS: READY & RESILIENT

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IS MAY 15-21

The City of Heath will join communities around the country in honoring the staff members who play an important role in keeping our City safe and functioning smoothly during National Public Works Week, May 15-21. These professionals include employees who manage and maintain the City's water and sewer systems, streets, public buildings and parks. In short, these often "unsung" heroes maintain and improve systems and services that are vital to all citizens' health, safety and comfort.

"Our Public Works professionals are on call 24/7 to protect and serve our community, and we are grateful," said Mayor Kelson Elam. "They often work in very harsh conditions, from cold and ice to extreme heat, but they never complain as they focus on completing a long list of important jobs."

Mayor Kelson Elam will issue a proclamation in honor of the City of Heath Public Works Department at the City Council meeting on May 10, and staff will be treated to lunch during the week.

RESPECT. HONOR. REMEMBER

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IS MAY 15-21

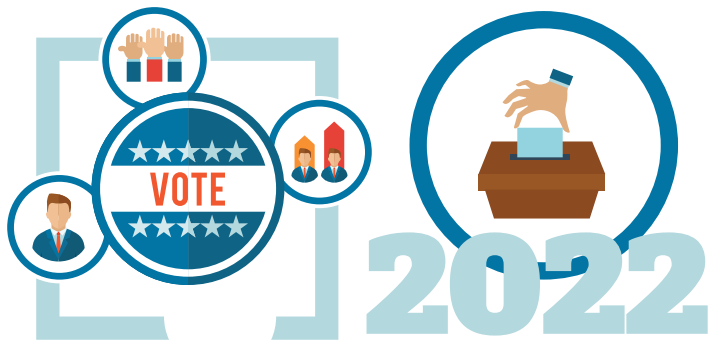


In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week to pay special recognition to the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The City of Heath will join communities nationwide in honoring officers who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of others by issuing a special proclamation at the May 10 City Council meeting.

At the national level, the 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held on Friday, May 13 on the National Mall in Washington, DC beginning at 8 p.m. Access the Candlelight Vigil livestream online by scanning the QR code.



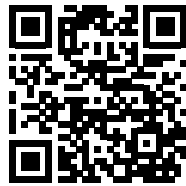


MAY 7 GENERAL ELECTION CANCELED

COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN MAY 7

The City of Heath General Election called for May 7 for the purpose of electing Mayor and two Council Members for Places 3 and 5 has been canceled. Mayor Kelson Elam, Donna Rolater, Place 3, and Jim Chester, Place 5, filed appropriate paperwork to appear on the ballot and all three were uncontested in their races. The three candidates will take the Oath of Office at the City Council meeting on May 10, and we thank them for their service!

NOTE: There will be an election on May 7 for Constitutional Amendments and the Rockwall Independent School District, followed by a May 24 Primary Election Runoff. Scan the QR code for more information.



FINANCE



CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ACCOLADES FOLLOWING ANNUAL AUDIT

The City's financial statements for the 2020-2021 fiscal year once again received an unmodified opinion from independent auditors, which is the best of the four types of opinions that the City could have received.

BW&C Certified Public Accountants conducted the audit and praised the City of Heath Council and Finance Department for its best practices in consistently maintaining conservative fiscal management, policies and procedures that have resulted in a balanced budget and healthy reserve fund balance.



NATIONAL COFFEE WITH A COP INITIATIVE COMES TO HEATH

The Heath Department of Public Safety joins a nationwide mission to break down the barriers between law enforcement and the civilians they serve by hosting Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, May 7, 8 to 9 a.m. at Hawk Donuts, located at 217 Hubbard Dr. Please plan to drop by and enjoy a free cup of coffee and friendly conversation with your Heath DPS officers!

HEATH DPS PROVIDES FINGERPRINTING ASSISTANCE

If you are a resident of the City of Heath and need assistance obtaining fingerprints, Heath Department of Public Safety can help!

This community service is free and available on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Heath DPS station, 200 Laurence Dr. You must provide your own fingerprint card, proof of identification such as a driver's license or passport, and proof of Heath residency such as a utility bill.

Note: A Public Safety Officer must provide this service. If all officers are out on an emergency call, they will be happy to assist you once they return. If you have questions or want to confirm availability before going to the station, please call 972-961-4900.



HAPPY TRAILS TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHUCK TODD

After helping the City build trails and much more for the past nine years, Public Works Director Chuck Todd has retired. Chuck was instrumental in many community and capital improvement projects and will be missed. He is an avid outdoorsman with a great appreciation for nature, including frogs! So, choosing the theme for his party hosted by staff on National Employee Appreciation Day was easy. The City wishes Chuck many happy and healthy years ahead filled with lots of camping, hiking and just catching a breath or two finally!



HEATH GOES BLUE FOR KIDS

Heath City Hall has turned “blue” in April to join communities across the nation in recognizing the month as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Kelson Elam also issued a proclamation at the April 12 City Council meeting emphasizing the importance of playing a role in preventing child abuse and neglect.

BEFORE YOU BUILD IT, FIX IT OR INSTALL IT... FIRST CHECK IF YOU NEED A PERMIT FOR IT

You can find the details on construction and home improvement projects requiring a City permit at heathtx.com under Departments-Building Inspections. These projects include fences, retaining walls 4' or higher, pools, irrigation systems, interior remodeling and additions, outdoor kitchens and fireplaces, roofing, window replacements, foundation repair, OSSF replacements/repairs, and plumbing, electrical or mechanical work. Fines up to \$500 apply to violations.

HISTORY FAQs: HOW HEATH GOT ITS NAME

- Heath was named for John O. Heath, who in 1846 became one of the earliest settlers in the area.
- Heath was originally known as Black Hills – a reference to the black soil of the area.
- Heath received a post office in 1849, which was the first in what is now Rockwall County.
- In 1854, the post office was moved to Rockwall, and from this time until 1886, the settlement was known as Willow Springs, taking the name from a local stream.
- In 1886, the name officially became Heath, when it again received a post office that operated until 1906.



PATH



PATH IS ON A ROLL IN 2022

The momentum continues for PATH in 2022 as more citizens sign up and one-time contributions are made. The Park Board is reviewing options for the Phase 2 PATH project, so watch for updates soon!

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.

PATH PATRON
\$10,000 Donation



PATH BUILDER
\$5,000 Donation



PATH FUNDER
\$1,000 Donation



BC GOLF
BILL & BARBARA BOTTORFF, 2020
WILLIAM AND TAMMY FIELDSMITH
HEATH FLAG SERVICE/BURROW FAMILY
RHONDA HOLLOWAY

MAGNUM HOME SERVICE
BETTY PERRY
CHRIS & SUSIE THOMPSON
VICKI WALLACE

VISIT HEATHTX.COM/PATH TO SIGN UP ONLINE AND VIEW THE FULL LIST OF PATH MEMBERS , OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE.