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The newest occupant at the Heath DPS Fire Bay is a 2021 Ford F550 Skeeter Brush Truck. Built to go where a full-size fire engine can't, the brush truck was put to work its first day on the job to extinguish grass fires that occurred over the July 4 holiday. The truck also increases mobility and access for water rescues and during inclement weather incidents such as ice storms. "We are grateful to the citizens for this new equipment that helps us better serve the community," said Chief Brandon Seery.

DESIGN FIRM SELECTED FOR NEW PASSIVE PARK

The City of Heath has selected the consulting firm of la terra studio to develop a design and implementation strategy for the new passive park to be located along FM 740 in front of the Heath Towne Center/Tom Thumb retail center.

In 2021, the City exercised its option to purchase the site, which was excess TxDOT right of way, and dedicated the land for a "passive park" to create a beautiful greenspace and welcoming gateway into the heart of the community.

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!)

The Park Board and City Council both approved retaining la terra studio to develop a design that incorporates landscaping, seating, signage and other appropriate features. La terra studio is familiar with the City of Heath, having updated the City's Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan in 2018. The firm has also performed similar work in many Texas and Oklahoma communities including the Downtown areas of Rockwall, Rowlett, Celina and Dallas.

The new passive park will offer a great place to relax before or after dining at the center's current and future restaurants that are in various stages of the planning process.



HEATH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH ANNUAL PARADE AND PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

The City of Heath and Special Events Board thank the many people who made the 2022 Independence Day celebration on July 2 a success, including the parade and program participants, the Heath Department of Public Safety and City staff, the sponsors and all of the great volunteers from National Charity League, boys team charity - Lakeside League, Boy Scout Troops 989 and 314 and Heath Citizens on Patrol (COPS). You can view a highlights video and more photos on the City's Facebook page and website.













































AN EASY WAY TO CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FREE WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICKUP SERVICE

Heath residential utility customers have access to a free a weekly "front porch pickup" of up household hazardous wastes items through the City's contract with HHW Solutions.

Additionally, a free shredding event for residential customers will be held this fall. Stay tuned for the date in September or early October!

SCHEDULE YOUR PICKUP BY 8 P.M. MONDAYS

Call 972-440-2040 or go to HHWSolutions.com to request a pickup. There will be a City of Heath tab on the website. Alternatively, you can scan the OR Code above.

PUT YOUR ITEMS OUT BY 7 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Place items to be collected on your front porch. If you have a gated property, please place your items at the curb.



SAFE CITIZEN ACTION NETWORK

The City of Heath launched the new QR code-based emergency communication program called SCAN: Safe Citizens Action Network in January 2022. While the City urges residents to sign up for Rockwall County's free



NIXLE alert system, HEATH SCAN is in place to quickly distribute emergency information that is specific to Heath citizens without reliance upon third party sources.

SCAN also provides an easy way to use your 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. SCAN the QR Code with your phone to go directly to the SCAN emergency page on the City's website that will be activated to provide real-time information when necessary.

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



JOIN PATH IN 2022!

The City of Heath parks and trails system is an important focus in 2022, with plans to renovate and enhance Towne Center Park and create a "passive" park in front of the Towne Center Retail Center. The Park Board is also currently reviewing options for the next PATH-specific project. **Become a PATH member today!**



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