



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

## NEW CITY MANAGER PODCAST

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### HEART OF **HEATH 5K** & FAMILY RUN

## THE HEART OF HEATH 5K AND 1-MILE FAMILY RUN RETURNS APRIL 8

**MARCH CELEBRATIONS**

RISD Spring Break	March 6 - 13
Daylight Savings Begins	March 12
St. Patrick's Day	March 17

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration featuring the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run is Saturday, April 8!

This is a great opportunity to bring 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.

While inflation seems to be affecting everything these days, you can expect the same affordable registration fees offered since 2016! You'll also get a complimentary Heart of Heath t-shirt while supplies last and be entered into a drawing for wonderful prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors.

**REGISTER NOW AT: HEATHTX.COM | THANKS TO OUR 2023 SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORS - SEE PAGE 3**

#### Heart of Heath Highlights:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed start and finish lines for 5k
- 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
- 2023 T-shirts for 5k and Family Run participants while supplies last
- Giant-size games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4
- Complimentary healthy treats
- A hometown DJ and fun music
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny!

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Additional City of Heath Special Events Series:

**INDEPENDENCE DAY IN HEATH PARADE**  
Tuesday, July 4, 9 a.m.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN HEATH**  
Tuesday, October 3, 6-8 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS IN HEATH**  
Friday, December 1, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

# CITY OF HEATH SPRING BREAK CAMP



A Pilot Enrichment Program!  
Register Today, Space is Limited to First 50  
**MARCH 6-10 | 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**  
Community Room at Heath City Hall, 200 Laurence Drive

Each Fun-filled Day Features Spring Learning Activities, Music and Outdoor Play!

Themes include:

- \* Plant Life
- \* Weather Patterns
- \* Bugs & Butterflies
- \* Animals & Birds



The Camp Week Finale will be a Spring Movie and Picnic on Friday!  
REGISTER BY MARCH 3 using the QR code.  
Questions or Registration Assistance: 469-897-0360



## SOLID WASTE AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FEE INCREASES DUE TO INFLATION

Monthly fees for City of Heath residents for collection of solid waste will be increased starting February 2023 due to inflation.

The City of Heath contract with solid waste service provider, Waste Connections, and Household Hazardous Waste service provider, HHW Solutions, both provide for fee increases as reflected in the Consumer Price Index for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area.

Due to inflation, basic residential solid waste monthly fees will rise from \$21.48 per month to \$23.39 per month. The household hazardous waste fee will rise from 56-cents per month to 70-cents per month. The increase for other solid waste fees are available for review on the City website via the QR code on the right.



## WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Weekly "front porch pickup" of household hazardous wastes items is available to Heath utility customers through HHW Solutions. Items collected include paint, motor oil, batteries, insecticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals and other household materials.

Customers can also set out up to 50 pounds of electronic items to be recycled. You do not have to be home to have items collected.

### HOW TO SCHEDULE A FRONT PORCH PICKUP:

#### BY 8 P.M. MONDAY

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.

#### BY 7 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Place items to be collected on your front porch.



### CITY MANAGER CHAT PODCAST

## CITY TO LAUNCH NEW CITY MANAGER CHAT PODCAST SERIES

Heath City Manager Aretha Adams and staff team want to connect with you to share

important information regarding City activities, initiatives and issues.

We know life is busy! To make it easy for you to keep up to date, the City is launching a new monthly City Manager Chat podcast in March that you can listen to while commuting, carpooling kids, exercising, doing chores or just taking a moment to rest.

Watch for details regarding the first broadcast on the City website and Facebook page. There will also be opportunities for you to submit your questions or schedule a personal visit by phone or in person with Mrs. Adams.

# CITY AMENDS AND APPROVES FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

On December 12, 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 221213A, amending the City's floodplain ordinance to come into compliance with recent floodplain mapping changes in Kaufman County by FEMA. The Ordinance became effective on January 12, 2023.

Adoption of this Ordinance allows the citizens of Heath to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP has two purposes: to share the risk of flood losses through flood insurance and to reduce flood damages by restricting floodplain development. FEMA floodplain maps for Heath, in Rockwall and Kaufman Counties, and the amended Ordinance are available on the City of Heath website, along with contact information for questions about the floodplain.

## **COLD & CONSTRUCTION: A COMBINATION FOR INCREASED COYOTE SIGHTINGS**

Cold weather combined with construction creep emboldens wildlife to come closer to our homes looking for sustenance. While Heath is a semi-rural community, even suburbs like Plano experience an increase in coyote and bob cat activity during the winter.

Here are several ways to make your property (and small pets) less attractive to pest and predator animals:

- Do not leave pet and livestock food dishes out in the open
- Mow down tall grass
- Keep pets indoors and supervise them when they go out
- Enclose your compost piles
- Seal up any openings under your deck, porch, or shed

### **INSTALL FENCING**

Fencing is the best way to keep your pets in, and coyotes out. Coyotes can jump high, and will dig as well, so fencing should be at least 6 feet tall, and buried a few inches into the ground. Some people also opt for electric fencing.

### **INSTALL SOLAR LED DETERRENT OR MOTION DETECTOR LIGHTS**

LED predator deterrent lights for predators can help to scare coyotes (and other nocturnal predators and pest animals) away from your property. The coyotes will mistake the twin LED lights for the flickering eyes of another unknown predator. Google: predator deterrent lighting.

## **GOLF CARTS & MOTORIZED VEHICLES:**

### **A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE HEATH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

One of the more frequent calls to Heath DPS involves the use of golf carts or other motorized vehicles on City sidewalks and trails. Below is a recap of what is allowed and prohibited. If you have additional questions, please call the non-emergency Heath DPS number at 972-771-7724.

#### **The Operation of Golf Carts is Allowed:**

- On roads with a 35-mile-per-hour or less speed limit;
- During daylight hours;
- Within five miles of where the golf cart is housed; and
- Headed to or from a golf course.

#### **Texas Law Requires:**

- That the operator of a golf cart possess a valid driver's license; and
- Golf carts be equipped with headlamps, tail lamps, reflectors, mirrors and a parking brake.

#### **Prohibited:**

- The use of ANY motorized vehicle on any City trail system or park.

Violators of the restrictions listed are subject to fines or other penalties. This includes a person, such as a parent, allowing an unauthorized driver to operate a motorized vehicle. Thank you for helping to keep Heath safe for pedestrians!

## **OUR 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORS**

*The Special Events Board would like to thank our 2023 Special Event Sponsors. Please support these local area businesses.*



ABH Roofing & Construction | Blue Ribbon News | Keeper's Press | Oncor | Karen Wydra/Ebby Halliday, Realtors

# Don't mess with Texas or Heath

## KEEP OUR LAKE CLEAN AND POLLUTION FREE

The City of Heath is a waterfront community where rainwater runoff from many of our streets, ditches and streams flows directly to Lake Ray Hubbard. You can help reduce the quantity of unsightly litter and pollution in our community and waterways by taking the following actions:

- At least once a week, walk the street in front of your home and collect and dispose of any litter such as newspapers, disposable water bottles and fast food wrappers.
- Keep your yard free of pet waste by collecting and properly disposing of this material in the trash.
- Bag all trash before placing it in your polycart to prevent spillage when collected.
- Take responsibility to collect litter for a small section of a common area in your neighborhood.

Working together we can Keep Heath Beautiful and litter free.



The City has great plans for the parks and trails system in 2023! Be a part of the progress as a member of the Parks And Trails of Heath fund raising program. Learn more and sign up by scanning the QR code.

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**RESERVE**  
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Located along Chris Cuny Boulevard and Heath Hawk Drive, The Reserve presents a rare opportunity for upscale, pedestrian-friendly destination development linked by trails. To learn more, visit [heathtxedc.com](http://heathtxedc.com) or contact Suzanne Brooke at [sbrooke@heathtx.com](mailto:sbrooke@heathtx.com) to schedule a visit with project leaders.

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