



# CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

# PIZZA WITH PUBLIC SAFETY PHOTOS

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**JULY**  
**2023**



The City of Heath's Annual Independence Day Parade will be Tuesday, July 4. Parade entry awards will be presented immediately after the parade in Towne Center Park during a patriotic celebration featuring a live barbershop quartet, free popsicles and pie, and fresh squeezed artisan lemonades by Emmanade for purchase.

**REGISTER ONLINE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANOUNCER'S SCRIPT  
REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1, CLOSES JUNE 30**

### PATRIOTIC SPIRIT WEAR

Order the 2023 spirit wear online by June 18 to pick up in time to wear to the parade. Use the QR code to the right to find the link to order.

### SCHEDULE | JULY 4

- 8 am Staging at Amy Parks-Heath Elementary, 330 Laurence Drive
  - 8:15 am Judging Begins
  - 9 am Parade Begins
- The Patriotic Program in the Park Follows the Parade in Towne Center Park

### VETERANS FLOAT

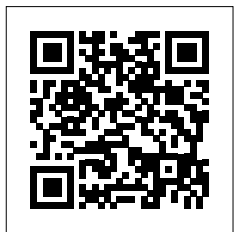
The City of Heath invites veterans and active members of the U.S. Military to ride in the parade on the Veterans Float. The float will be parked in the fire bay at City Hall, 200 Laurence. Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to enjoy coffee, donuts and camaraderie. The City thanks John Holmsley and Bob Quimby for providing the trailer for the Veterans Float every year, and the National Charity League mother/daughter teams for decorating it so beautifully.

### JULY CELEBRATIONS

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT	JULY 2
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4
NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY	JULY 16

### PARADE AWARD CATEGORIES

- Best Float
- Best Bicycle/Wagon/Stroller
- Best Golf Cart/Off-Road Vehicle
- Best Antique Car
- Most Patriotic Pet
- Most Spirited
- The Mayor's Choice Award



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### PARADE PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

One branded/wrapped vehicle per business, civic, charitable or other non-profit entry is welcomed and should be decorated patriotically. It is preferred that such entries tow a themed float.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR TRAFFIC DELAYS

The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. To avoid inconvenience or delays, please plan an alternate route or time frame for driving through the area.

In addition to the registration link, you will find the parade route and detours maps on the City website.

## CITY OF HEATH COUNCILMEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Congratulations to the City Councilmembers who took the Oath of Office for new two-year terms at the May 9 City Council meeting. The City is grateful for each volunteer leader's service!

Place 1 | Sharon Caldwell - Elected May 2023  
 Place 2 | Paul Ruffo - First Elected May 2017  
*(Elected Mayor Pro Tem by Council May 2019 and Jan 2023)*  
 Place 4 | Brent Weaver - First Elected May 2017  
 Place 6 - Richard H. Krause - First elected May 2009  
*(Elected Mayor Pro Tem May 2018)*



Sharon Caldwell & Family



Brent Weaver & Family



Rich Krause & Family



Paul Ruffo



## CITIZENS SHARE PIZZA WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

It was a festive gathering as Heath citizens joined members of the Heath Department of Public Safety at Gianni's Italian Bistro on May 18 for complimentary pizza, soft drinks and friendly conversation. Watch for future opportunities to meet your DPS officers, including National Night Out In Heath on Tuesday, October 3, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fire Bay. There will be more great food, fun and community fellowship!



## CITY COUNCIL HONORS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

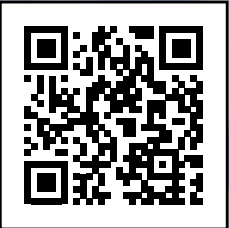
*From left: Utilities Manager Larry Dunham; Streets/Parks/Facilities Manager Randy Patton; Mayor Kelson Elam; and Matthew Holzapfel, P.E., Director of Public Works.*

Mayor Kelson Elam proclaimed May 21-27 as National Public Works Week and recognized the City of Heath Public Works Department at the May 23 City Council meeting. "Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities," said Mayor Elam. "We take this opportunity to honor the quiet, hard work that these dedicated people perform to ensure our residents' comfort and safety."

## CITY RECEIVES FINANCIAL ACCOLADES FOLLOWING ANNUAL AUDIT

The City's financial statements for the 2021-2022 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.

Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC 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.



# HEATH WATERWISE PART 3: UPDATED ORDINANCE PROVIDES MORE TOOLS FOR WATER CONVERSATION

HEATH WATER WISE PART 3 is the next edition in an ongoing series focusing on the importance of water conservation and planning for future needs. You can find Water Wise 1 and 2 on the City of Heath website, along with staff presentations made to council to help guide decisions regarding the City’s water delivery system, and resources for how to conserve water at your home. Use the QR code on this page.

“These changes provide additional tools in our water conservation toolbox to protect our customers,” said Matthew Holzapfel, P.E., Director of Public Works.

## CITY OF HEATH DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN AND ORDINANCE MODIFIED

City Council approved amendments to the City of Heath Water Resource and Emergency Management Plan (Drought Contingency) Plan suggested by City staff at its May 9 City Council meeting.

The modifications include additional triggers to avoid the rapid escalation of water restrictions citizens endured in 2022. These triggers are tied to monitoring daily usage and enacting restrictions as necessary on a more gradual schedule.

### WHY DID THE CITY OF HEATH MODIFY THE PLAN?

Last year, the City of Heath’s previous water supply contract with the City of Rockwall allowed up to 5.5 million gallons of water use per day. But as the hot, dry summer simmered on, Heath customer demand spiked drastically to over 7 million gallons per day.

At the same time, NTMWD was struggling to meet Rockwall’s overall demand. Rockwall is a NTMWD member city, Heath is a customer of Rockwall. Rockwall directed Heath to immediately reduce water use, thus the rapid acceleration of water restrictions for Heath customers from Stage 1 to Stage 3 in three days.

The consequences of the City of Heath’s water storage facilities running too low would have been dire, including mandatory boil notices that in turn require the closure of schools, day care facilities, restaurants and the grocery store due to the lack of a safe water supply.

In the coming dry and hot months, the City of Heath will be limited to a daily water usage of 6 million gallons.

## TRIGGERS ENACTING WATER RESTRICTIONS

### STAGE 1:

City water usage exceeds 75% of the daily water supply limit for two days in a seven-day period. *(The City is currently in Stage 1, which limits landscape watering with an irrigation system to once per week.)*

### STAGE 2:

City water usage exceeds 90% of the daily water supply limit for two days in a seven-day period.

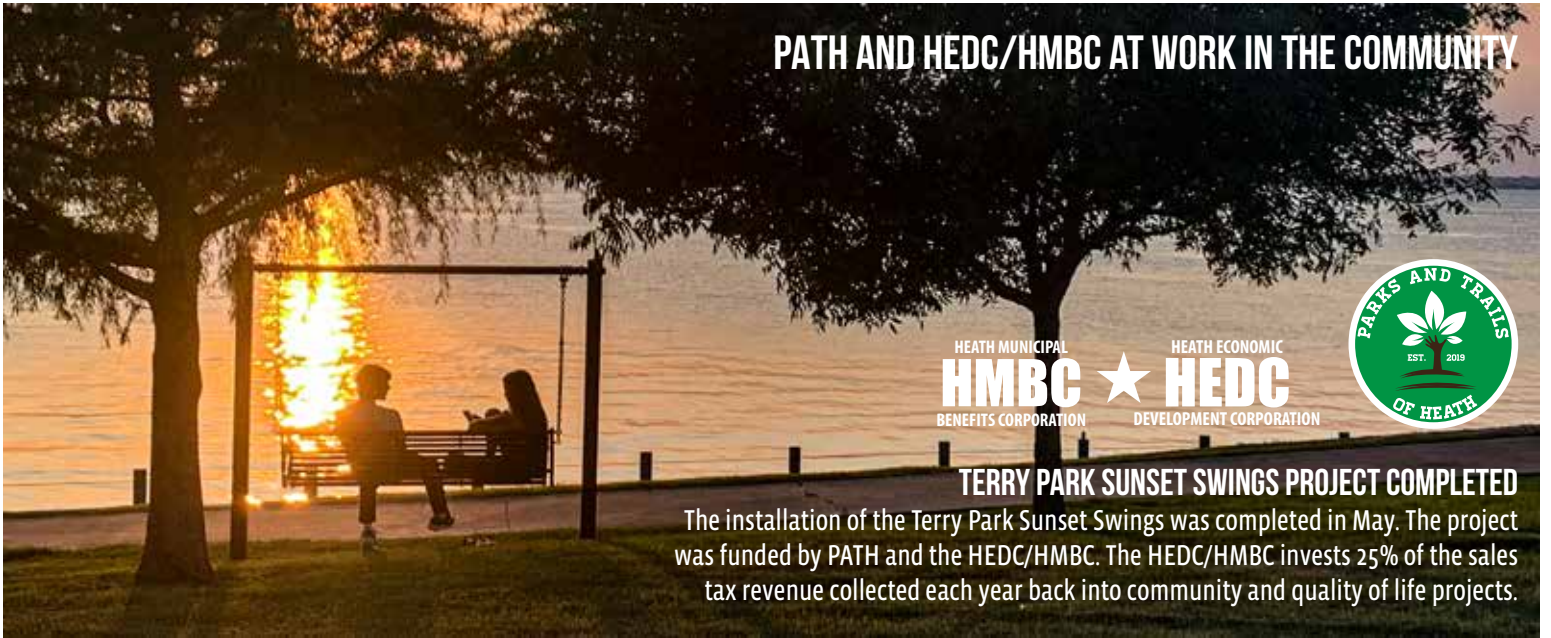
### STAGE 3:

City water usage exceeds 95% of the daily water supply limit for two days in a seven-day period, or any set of conditions where it appears that the City water demand will exceed the ability of City water system or water supply.

Please monitor the City’s website and Facebook and Twitter for restriction updates. Notices of any changes will also be sent via the City’s utility billing notification system. Additionally, you will find resources on how to conserve water at your home, including xeriscape landscaping techniques and irrigation guides for your lawn.

If you have questions, please contact Matthew Holzapfel, P.E., Director of Public Works at mholzapfel@heathtx.com.

# PATH AND HEDC/HMBC AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY



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## TERRY PARK SUNSET SWINGS PROJECT COMPLETED

The installation of the Terry Park Sunset Swings was completed in May. The project was funded by PATH and the HEDC/HMBC. The HEDC/HMBC invests 25% of the sales tax revenue collected each year back into community and quality of life projects.



### CITY ENTRY FEATURE RESTORED

Thanks to funding from the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) program, the City of Heath entry feature at FM 740 and White Road was restored at a deep discount by D&D Commercial Landscape Management, who also adopted the site under the City's Adopt-A-Park/Trail program to keep it looking good year-round on a volunteer basis.

### OTHER PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE HEDC/HMBC INCLUDE:

#### TRAILS

- Extension of the trail from Tom Thumb to Chris Cuny Boulevard

#### PARKS

- 25 new shade trees and park benches | Towne Center Park
- Ballfield Lights | Towne Center Park
- New Picnic Pavilion | Antigua Bay Park
- Town Center Park Master Plan Project

#### COMMUNITY

- Upscale Branded Street Signs Citywide (277 total)
- Annual Special Event Series Sponsorship
- Heath Farmers Market Fireworks Display Sponsorship
- Towne Center Overlay District Master Plan Project

#### BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Marketing Grants for New Heath Businesses
- Public/Private Partnerships with Hidden Creek Special Events Venue, Standard Service Entertainment Venue

Shop and dine local to keep your sales tax dollars at work in Heath!



### FREE SHREDDING EVENT FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITY/TRASH CUSTOMERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 8 AM - NOON

TOWNE CENTER PARK

The City will host a free shredding event for Heath residential utility/trash customers on Saturday, June 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at Towne Center Park. Please use the QR code to see the traffic flow map and bring a copy of a utility bill or your driver's license for proof of eligibility. This service is available only to City of Heath residential utility/trash customers. The shredded paper will be recycled.



### CITY MANAGER CHAT PODCAST SERIES CONTINUES

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