



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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2024

HEART OF HEATH 5K MARCH 30 & FAMILY RUN EASTER SATURDAY

The City of Heath invites you to its traditional Easter Saturday celebration featuring the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run on March 30 at Towne Center Park. Use the QR code to register in advance. Proceeds benefit the parks and trails system of Heath!

SCHEDULE:

Early Bib/T-shirt Pickup

Noon – 6 p.m. Thursday, March 28 - Friday, March 29
PlayTri Rockwall, 975 East I-30 Suite 103 | 972-771-8297

RUN DAY:

Saturday, March 30

7:00 a.m.	Packet Pickup/Onsite Registration*
8:00 a.m.	Runner's Warmup by Camp Gladiator
8:15 a.m.	1 Mile Family Run Start
8:30 a.m.	5K Run Start
9:30 a.m.	5K Awards and Prize Drawings

**Debit or credit card only/no cash*

Please allow plenty of time for parking and registration/pickup lines.

REGISTER NOW
[HEATHTX.COM](https://heathtx.com)



TRAFFIC DELAYS & DETOURS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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. You can find alternative routes to avoid short delays in travel time at heathtx.com.

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PROJECT UPDATE

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

PARKS/QUALITY OF LIFE

TERRY PARK

BOAT RAMP/DOCKS ARE REPAIRED AND OPEN

This project was approved by the Park Board using sales tax dollars dedicated by the Heath Economic Development/Municipal Benefits Corp. to park/community improvement projects. The project was completed by SEA TECH.

PLAZA PARK & TRAILS

CONNECTION IN THE HEART OF TOWN

Status:

- Construction plans by la terra studio are complete.
- The construction bid opening will be held at City Hall on March 27 at 3 p.m.
- The contract should be awarded by the City Council at its April 9 meeting.
- Weather permitting, the parks and trails amenity will be completed in the Early to Mid Summer of 2024.

Background:

- The plaza park at FM 740/FM 550/FM 549 provides green space, trail system connectivity and a beautiful entry feature for the downtown area.
- The project was initiated in 2022, when the Heath Economic Development/Municipal Benefits Corporation (HEDC/HMBC) purchased the parkland, which was formerly TxDOT right-of-way left over from the widening of the FM 740 project. By law, the County, RISD and City have the first rights in that order to purchase surplus TxDOT property.
- The purpose of the HEDC/HMBC is to support initiatives that expand the sales tax base and quality of life in Heath through economic development that fits the culture of the City.
- This investment will enhance business in the retail center by offering customers a place to enjoy themselves before, during and after a visit to any of the establishments.

TOWNE CENTER PARK RENOVATION

Status:

- The park will be closed beginning April 1 to organized field activities including team practices and games, with the exception of remaining Rockwall ISD field events through the end of the school year.
- Permit submittal drawings should be presented to the Park Board by the end of April.
- Park grading should begin at the end of May, with a completion goal by the time school resumes in August.

- Security fencing and contractor/sub-contractor check-in procedures will be in place to ensure the safety of students and faculty at Amy Parks Elementary.
- The Construction at Risk Manager for this project is Hill & Wilkinson. The designer/planner is Kimley-Horn.
- Weather permitting, the renovation of the park will be completed by December 2025.

Background:

- The renovation of Town Center Park will include new amenities such as pickle ball courts, half basketball courts, a stage for events and field and drainage improvements.
- The park will be irrigated by a well on the property and showcase drought-tolerant native plants and landscaping techniques as a model for water conservation citywide.
- In December 2023, the City Council approved the issuance of a \$30-million-bond package to fund the renovation of Towne Center Park, a new Department of Public Safety Station, and a new Public Works facility.
- The Heath Economic Benefits Corporation (HMBC) approved participating in the funding by contributing a lump sum of \$3 million and paying the annual debt service for the Public Safety Station.
- As a result, there is no impact to citizens' tax rate to achieve these community improvements.

INFRASTRUCTURE & WATER

SECONDARY WATER SOURCE AND REDUNDANCY

Status:

- Freeman-Millian, which is conducting the water study, provided its monthly report to City Council at the February 27 meeting. It was confirmed that:
- The City of Heath received a verbal agreement from the City of Rockwall to continue to provide 5.5 million gallons of water daily.
- The City of Rockwall also gave its approval for the City of Heath to apply to the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) to be a direct customer of the water supplier and request additional water as a result.
- Documents were submitted to the NTMWD on Friday, January 12, to begin the review and approval process.
- NTMWD staff have communicated that the NTMWD Water Committee is expected to review the City of Heath's request and make a decision in March.
- At that point, Freeman-Millican will be able to begin preparing cost estimates on any supply increase and the necessary delivery and storage infrastructure to present to Council.
- Freeman-Millian has also held multiple meetings with other water suppliers in the region to explore options for obtaining more water, as the City of Heath will require 14 to 15 million gallons per day upon build-out of the projected 21,363 people by 2050.

- City staff have corresponded with executive team members with the NTMWD and have transmitted a draft copy of the City's proposed Landscape, Screening, and Irrigation ordinance to their office for review and input.

NEW WATER METER INSTALLATION

Status:

- Phase 1 of the installation of the upgraded Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program has begun and encompasses the installation 3,021 new water meters at City customer properties. This represents 72 percent of the citywide system.
- Hydro Pro Solutions and Master Meter Harmony will be in the community installing the new meters beginning March 19.
- The new water meters will increase efficiency and responsiveness to customers by providing real-time data on utility consumption for accurate data measurement and more efficient billing.
- The program includes a customer portal to provide citizens access to the data and enable both the City and users to identify issues more quickly to avoid costly problems.
- Customers will receive instructions on how to use the new customer portal via a door hanger. This information will also be available on the City website and in the next newsletter.
- The Phase 1 completion goal is June 2024.
- Phase 2 encompasses the balance of 1,200 meters and will be included in the next budget year of 2024-2025 and installed in 2025.

Background:

The City Council approved a purchase and installment agreement for Phase 1 of the upgraded Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program at its January 9 meeting .

PHASE 2 HUBBARD DRIVE PROJECT

Status:

- Phase 2 is projected to be completed in May.
- The final two phases of this improvement are:
Phase 3 – Rush Creek to Michael Lane.
Phase 4 – Michael Lane to almost FM 740/Smirl.

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MORATORIUM

Check City Website for Latest Status after March 12 City Council Meeting

Status:

- The current moratorium expires on March 13, 2024.
- The City enacted the 120-day moratorium on November 14, 2023, to provide a pause in construction for a new ordinance supporting water conservation to be developed.

- The draft landscaping and irrigation ordinance has been completed
- The draft ordinance focuses on upgraded irrigation guidelines that promote conservation and rain water harvesting.
- The schedule for approval of the draft ordinance is tight and includes public hearings by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council in March.
- The goal is to present the ordinance to City Council at its March 12 meeting for adoption to avoid extending the moratorium.
- If it appears the process for discussing and acting upon the ordinance will exceed publishing requirements for the March 12 meeting, the moratorium will be extended.
- Construction that was in progress before the moratorium was not affected, and the ability to apply for an exemption was available. Since November 14, 64 exemptions have been requested. Of those, 54 have been granted, 2 denied and 8 are in review.

YEAR-ROUND CONSERVATION SCHEDULE

The City of Heath's water supplier -- North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) via the City of Rockwall -- has implemented a year-round, two-day-a-week irrigation schedule for all end-users. The City of Heath has adopted this model as requested by the NTMWD.

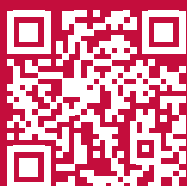
Watering Restrictions

- Landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems at each service address is limited to TWICE PER WEEK ON YOUR DESIGNATED DAY.
- Foundations, trees and other plantings may be watered any day with soaker or handheld hoses.
- No watering (including by irrigation systems, handheld hoses or soaker hoses) may occur between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.
- Restrictions are mandatory and violations are subject to fines.

When You Can Irrigate

Last number of house address corresponds to the days of the week watering is allowed:

1 or 2 MONDAY & THURSDAY
3 or 4 TUESDAY & FRIDAY
5 or 6 WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY
7 or 8 THURSDAY & SUNDAY
9 or 0 FRIDAY & MONDAY



For more information visit

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BECOME A PATH MEMBER TODAY

PATH (Parks And Trails of Heath) 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, generates economic benefits and stronger home values.

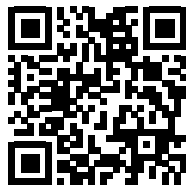
RECENT PROJECTS

- Installation of Shade Trees, Benches at Towne Center Park.
- Creation of Sunset Swings at Terry Park.

NEXT PROJECT

SOW HEATH

Texas Native Plantings that Do Not Require Watering to Beautify Heath.



Learn more and see a list of current PATH members at heathtx.com/path or scan the QR code.

GENERAL ELECTION MAY 4

The City of Heath will hold a General Election on May 4 to elect three councilmembers (Mayor and Councilmember Places 3 and 5). The last day to register to vote is April 4. Early voting at Heath City Hall is Monday, April 22 - Tuesday April 30. Find the detailed voting schedule by scanning the QR code.



THE CITY OF HEATH WELCOMES BRYAN CREED AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bryan Creed has joined the City of Heath as Director of Public Works, bringing more than 20 years of experience in the utilities/public works industry.

Bryan comes to Heath from the Town of Sunnyvale, where he was Director of Public works since 2016.

He was also Director of Public Utilities for the City of Commerce from 2009 to 2016, where he began in the field as a utility plant operator in 2000. Additional experience includes serving as Distribution Manager for the North Hunt Special Utility District.

Bryan holds an A Water License, a B Wastewater Treatment License and is a Certified Water Professional through Texas A&M, a Certified Stormwater Inspector and a Qualified Construction Stormwater Inspector.

In addition to industry experience with growing cities, Bryan understands the importance of citizen engagement and communication, having served as a Mayor and on City Council himself for seven years.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have a professional of Bryan's caliber join our team," said City Manager Kevin Lasher. "His expertise as a leader and hands-on work in the field are exactly what we need as we tackle critical issues involving the City's infrastructure to ensure Heath's future as a premier community."

Bryan has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 29 years. They have three children: two sons and a daughter. He is an avid Dallas Mavericks fan and enjoys going to games when time allows.

You can reach Bryan at 972-771-4870 or bcreed@heathtx.com.

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