



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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2024

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JUNE HOLIDAYS

June 6	D Day, WWII
June 14	Flag Day
June 16	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Summer Solstice

NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TAKE OFFICE

Newly-elected Mayor Jerimiah McClure and Council members Ryan Moorman and Scott Dodson will take the Oath of Office at the May 14 City Council meeting after this newsletter went to print. Watch next month's newsletter or go to the City website and Facebook for swearing-in ceremony photos.



HEATH: 7th SAFEST CITY IN TX

Heath has been ranked the 7th Safest City in Texas for 2024. The annual ranking is compiled by Safewise.com based upon crime statistics data, including car burglaries. Thank you to our Heath Department of Public Safety for all they do to protect our community, and to every citizen who does their part to keep their family, vehicles and property safe.



COFFEE WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

Saturday, June 1, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
5013 Coffee Shop & Boutique Store

The Heath Department of Public Safety invites you to enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee and conversation with the officers who serve you at 5013 Coffee & Boutique Store between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1. Coffee 5013 serves a wide variety of specialty coffee and tea beverages, pastries, avocado toast, chicken salad and more. Coffee 5013 is located in The Corner office building at 4210 Ridge Road next to Standard Service.

HEATH SHREDS

2024

OCTOBER 12

8AM-NOON

FREE TO
HEATH
RESIDENTIAL
UTILITY
CUSTOMERS



SAVE THE DATE: CITY'S 2024 FREE SHREDDING EVENT

The City will host a free shredding event for Heath residential utility/trash customers on Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to noon behind City Hall at 200 Laurence Dr. Please 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.

HELP KEEP HEATH BEAUTIFUL: 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION

Stormwater pollution is rainwater contaminated with bacteria, toxic chemicals, oil, dirt and trash that flows through storm drains into local waterways, including Lake Ray Hubbard. There are many ways that you can easily help protect our natural bodies of water and wildlife that depend upon it:

1. NEVER DUMP ANYTHING DOWN THE STORM DRAINS

This includes blowing or sweeping mowing clippings and leaves into the storm drain. Any pollutants or debris that enter the storm drains will be washed into nearby storm drains, wetlands, streams and lakes.

2. USE FERTILIZERS SPARINGLY

If you apply fertilizer shortly before a rainstorm, much of it will be washed into nearby storm drains. If you fertilize your lawn, apply it well in advance of a rainstorm, use it sparingly, use organic slow-release fertilizers, and always follow manufacturer's recommendations. Sweep up fertilizers from driveways, sidewalks, and roads.

3. VEGETATE BARE SPOTS IN YOUR LAWN

Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

4. USE A MULCHING LAWN MOWER IN LIEU OF BAGGING

Mulching returns nutrients back to the soil and reduces the need for yard waste disposal.

5. CONSIDER THE USE OF RAIN GARDENS

Direct downspouts away from both your foundation and paved surfaces. Consider installing a rain garden or rain barrel as a great way to recycle water, and to use around the yard for watering gardens.

6. TAKE YOUR CAR TO THE CAR WASH

As many as 140 gallons of water can be used in a 10-minute home car wash. Most of the water is washed down the driveway along with soap, surfactants, oil, and sludge directly into storm drains. Wash water at a professional car is filtered and recycled.

7. REPAIR FLUID LEAKS IN YOUR VEHICLES

Check and/or repair fluid leaks in your cars and recycle motor oil and other automotive fluids properly. Never dump motor oil or other engine fluids down storm drains or onto the ground.

8. PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet waste can be a source of bacteria and can lead to contamination of wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers. Always pick-up dog waste and dispose of it in the trash. It should not be composted even in a biodegradable bag. Dispose of cat litter in the trash. Never flush cat litter down the toilet or compost it.

9. MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

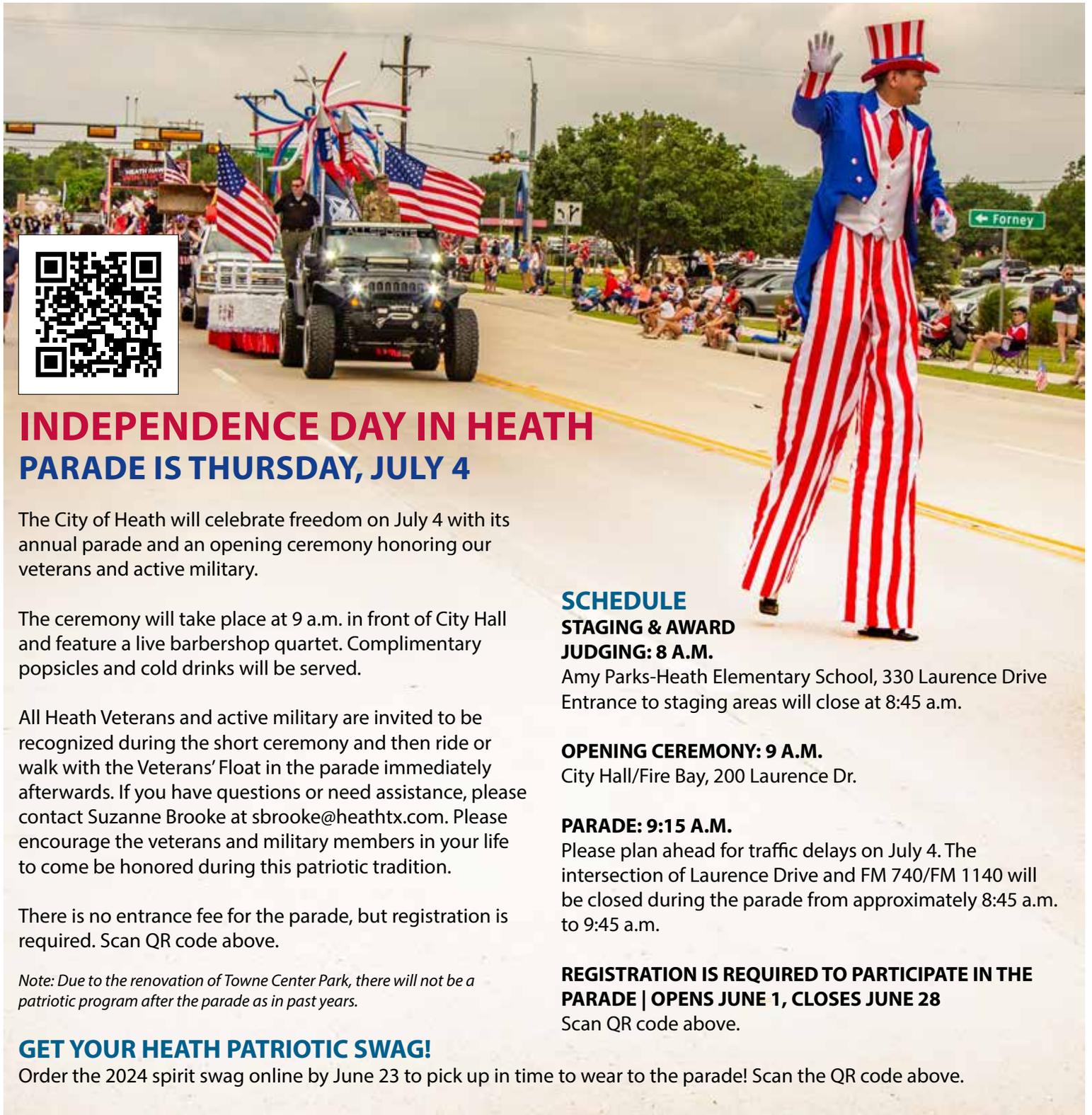
Have your septic system pumped and inspected regularly. An improperly operating/maintained septic system can lead to polluted surface and groundwater, and significant repair costs. Do not dispose of household chemicals down the drain, where they can enter your septic system and contaminate the groundwater.

10. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR WEEKLY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP

Weekly "front porch pickup" of household hazardous waste items is available to City of Heath utility customers through HHW Solutions. Items collected include paint, motor oil, batteries, insecticides, fertilizers, pool chemicals and other household materials. These items are not accepted by regular trash collection services.

SCHEDULE A FRONT PORCH
PICKUP FROM HHW SOLUTIONS BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE.





INDEPENDENCE DAY IN HEATH PARADE IS THURSDAY, JULY 4

The City of Heath will celebrate freedom on July 4 with its annual parade and an opening ceremony honoring our veterans and active military.

The ceremony will take place at 9 a.m. in front of City Hall and feature a live barbershop quartet. Complimentary popsicles and cold drinks will be served.

All Heath Veterans and active military are invited to be recognized during the short ceremony and then ride or walk with the Veterans' Float in the parade immediately afterwards. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Suzanne Brooke at sbrooke@heathtx.com. Please encourage the veterans and military members in your life to come be honored during this patriotic tradition.

There is no entrance fee for the parade, but registration is required. Scan QR code above.

Note: Due to the renovation of Towne Center Park, there will not be a patriotic program after the parade as in past years.

GET YOUR HEATH PATRIOTIC SWAG!

Order the 2024 spirit swag online by June 23 to pick up in time to wear to the parade! Scan the QR code above.

SCHEDULE

STAGING & AWARD JUDGING: 8 A.M.

Amy Parks-Heath Elementary School, 330 Laurence Drive
Entrance to staging areas will close at 8:45 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONY: 9 A.M.

City Hall/Fire Bay, 200 Laurence Dr.

PARADE: 9:15 A.M.

Please plan ahead for traffic delays on July 4. The intersection of Laurence Drive and FM 740/FM 1140 will be closed during the parade from approximately 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE | OPENS JUNE 1, CLOSES JUNE 28

Scan QR code above.

2024 SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORS



NEW PATH INITIATIVE: SOW HEATH!

A NEW PATH INITIATIVE TO SOW HEATH WITH TEXAS NATIVE, DROUGHT TOLERANT WILDFLOWERS IS UNDERWAY!



The first planting is scheduled for August 20 in three sites and will be done by volunteers and staff under the direction of 38-year Heath resident and wildflower expert, Jerry Shippe. Mr. Shippe has owned The Plant Place in Dallas since 1973, which is now being operated by his son. He launched "Bluebonnets for Rockwall" in 1996, a volunteer, city and TxDOT collaboration that raised funds to plant over four acres of bluebonnets along I-30. His efforts received recognition by Lady Bird Johnson, wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson and founder of the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin. Now Mr. Shippe is going to help put Heath on the map for wildflowers, and citizens are encouraged to participate!

BENEFITS TO "SOW HEATH"

- Economical beautification project
- A "Texas Heritage" project that supports Heath's semi-rural image
- Year 1 of sowing reaps 2 additional years of expanded growth before established
Year 1 = 30-40% bloom; balance of blooms over year 2 and year 3
- All blooms are perinneal to provide years of beauty
- No watering needed; ever
- No maintenance needed; ever
"No Mowing Signs" to be placed in the seeded areas during the Spring

PILOT PROJECT SITES

- City-owned land at Heath Crossing & FM 549 entry (not in flood plain area)
- The Reserve - 25 acres owned by the HMBC along Chris Cuny/Hawk Drive
- If the pilot project is successful, future sites to include City trails

RECOMMENDED APPROACH

When to Sow: Sowing scarified seeds should be done late August to October.

How to Sow: For best results, spread seeds on roughed up soil to make contact and push in by walking over them.

What to Sow: Indian Paint Brush and Bluebonnets are a good combination.

HOW CITIZENS CAN PARTICIPATE:

- You are invited to the first sowing on August 20 at 6 p.m. to learn first-hand from Mr. Shippe how to sow seeds at your property. Meet at the round-a-bout on Chris Cuny and Hawk Drive.
- You can order seeds from the same vendor to be used for the PATH planting:
Wildseed Farms, wildseedfarms.com, 830-990-8080
- How much coverage you are seeking will determine how much seed to purchase. Prices range from \$60 per pound of bluebonnet seeds that will cover an acre, to a few dollars for a small packet of seeds to cover 10 sq. feet.

CALL EMERGENCY: 911 | NON-EMERGENCY UTILITY/AFTER HOURS: 972.771.7724