



# CITY OF HEATH NEWSLETTER



2018  
March

## GENERAL ELECTION

MAY 5 | HEATH CITY HALL | 7 A.M. – 7 P.M.

EARLY VOTING: APRIL 23 - MAY 1

DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE: APRIL 5

On the ballot for the City of Heath:  
MAYOR

CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 3  
CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5

For information regarding voter registration,  
please contact the Rockwall County  
Elections Office at (972) 204-6200 or visit  
their website at [rockwallvotes.com](http://rockwallvotes.com).

## IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT YOUR WATER SERVICE MARCH 12 – MARCH 13

### 3-MILLION GALLON WATER GROUND STORAGE TANK UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The City of Heath is constructing a 3-million gallon water ground storage tank at the City's water pump station near Interstate 30 in Rockwall. The City currently shares a ground storage tank with the City of Rockwall. The new Heath tank will furnish the City with additional water storage needed to serve a growing community.

The first phase of the construction requires that the City's pump station be turned off for approximately 20 hours. The shut-down is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., Monday, March 12 and conclude by early Tuesday morning, March 13. With the pump station turned off, the City will depend upon the water within the two water towers located in Heath to serve the needs of customers on March 12 and March 13.

While there is enough water in the water towers to serve customers for the 20 hour shut-down, the City is requesting that water customers (residential and commercial) not water landscaping or irrigate their yards beginning 12:00 midnight, Monday, March 12 through 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 13. This will save water and ensure that that the water system can function safely and properly during the shut-down.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact the City CIP Manager, Chuck Todd, P.E., at the City of Heath: 972-961-4885 or [ctodd@heathtx.com](mailto:ctodd@heathtx.com).

## CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WATER SUPPLY SOURCE APPROVED

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has received a long-awaited federal permit to construct the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir. The reservoir will provide drinking water for the region to help counteract the booming population and periodic rain deficits. The reservoir should be fully constructed by 2022.

## NEW ZONING NOTIFICATIONS SECTION ADDED TO CITY WEBSITE

North Texas is booming, and planning and zoning is a hot topic throughout most growing communities like Heath. To help you stay informed, a zoning notifications section has been added to the City website at [heathtx.com](http://heathtx.com). Zoning notices and related documents will be uploaded as they become available to share publicly. There is a link from the front page and under the Government menu. If you have any questions, please call the Community Development Department at 972-961-3066.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### FM-740

Four lanes along the entire length of FM 740 from Smirl to Heath Crossing (CVS) are complete. Signal lights have been installed at FM-740/FM-550. Signal lights at Hawk Drive/FM-740 and Smirl Drive/FM-740 are being installed.

As the TXDOT contractor continues to install sidewalks and grass and perform clean up, lanes will be closed periodically to accommodate the work. But, the toughest days are now history as Heath benefits from a greatly improved roadway through the heart of the community.

### ADDITIONAL TXDOT PROJECTS

- In 2017, TXDOT moved up its plans to start three projects that address paving conditions along FM-550, FM-549 and FM-1140 (Smirl) by adding two-foot shoulders on the roadways and resurfacing the existing roads.
- The FM-550 from FM-549 to SH-205 and FM-549 from FM-550 to SH-205 project began in December 2017 (starting at the SH-205 end). A traffic signal at Country Club Drive and Horizon Road is part of the project.
- The FM-1140 (Smirl) improvements are scheduled to start this summer.



## MEET YOUR CITY OF HEATH DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS | SHIFT B

The City of Heath has a Department of Public Safety with professionals who are triple certified as a police officer, a fire fighter and an EMT professional. Visit with each officer, and you will find that they were all drawn to public safety to make a positive difference and share an appreciation for a job that is different every day. Something else the DPS team shares? A love of family, faith, and anything outdoors including hunting, fishing, boating, camping, ranching and sports. The officers serve on rotating shifts, and this month we introduce Shift B...

### 1. OFFICER KALEB HAZARD

Officer Hazard joined Heath in 2017 and has 10 years of experience in Public Safety. He was inspired to become an officer after getting in trouble in high school and being assigned community service with his local police department. "I became close to the officers and wanted to become one myself," says Officer Hazard. "Now I strive to be a role model for the kids in our community."

### 2. OFFICER DAVID FLORANCE

Officer Florance has been with Heath for almost four years. With over 13 years of experience, he continues to enjoy a job that is always changing, seeing something new every day, and getting to know the people of Heath.

### 3. OFFICER CASEY NORTHCUTT

Officer Northcutt joined Heath DPS in 2016 and has been an officer for 13 years. "I always knew that I wanted to become an officer for the simple reason of getting to help people in a time of crisis," says Officer Northcutt. "As time has passed and the attitude towards law enforcement has changed for many, my goal now is to also place a positive light back on law enforcement by serving in a professional manner."

### 4. SERGEANT MICHAEL WEEMS

Sergeant Weems has served the Heath community for seven years with over 16 years of experience in Public Safety. "It may sound redundant, but having the opportunity to serve and help others is what drew me to this profession," said Sergeant Weems. "The dangers that come with the job are just part of what we do."

### 5. OFFICER ERIK WIEDEMAN

Officer Wiedeman has more than 10 years of Public Safety experience and joined the Heath DPS in 2015. "Having the ability to handle police, fire and medical calls for service is an awesome way to be able to serve others," he says. In addition to spending time with family, Officer Wiedeman enjoys working out.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

### GOODLIFE SENIOR LIVING



The City of Heath welcomes GoodLife Senior Living to the community. Located at 126 Smirl, GoodLife is an assisted living home that offers memory care.

"We are very happy to be in Heath," said Dallen Skelley, CEO. "Each of us affiliated with GoodLife is dedicated to providing a place for Heath's elderly to age gracefully."

According to Skelley, GoodLife is a faith-based company that takes pride in providing compassionate care in every aspect of daily life. "Our home intentionally has a lower caregiver-to-resident ratio because our primary focus is about the people we serve, not profit," he said.

"As more people grow older than ever before, the need for quality senior living continues to also grow," he said. "We plan to be here in Heath for years to come to meet that need."

To learn more, visit [www.goodlifeseniorliving.com](http://www.goodlifeseniorliving.com) or contact Skelley at [dskelley@goodlifeseniorliving.com](mailto:dskelley@goodlifeseniorliving.com)

## FUN & FIT IN THE PARK IS EASTER SATURDAY, MARCH 31:

### FEATURING HEART OF HEATH 5K, 1-MILE FAMILY RUN

The City of Heath's traditional Easter Saturday celebration on March 31 features the Heart of Heath 5k and 1-Mile Family Run. Bring your family and friends to Towne Center Park to experience one of the special events that help make Heath special!

### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- USATF Certified 5k course with chip-timed 5k start and finish lines
- 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 (same start/finish)
- 1-Mile Family Run awards for top 3 boys and top 3 girls
- Long-sleeve dri-fit T-shirts for 5k and Family Run participants while supplies last
- Giant-size games like chess, checkers, Jenga and Connect 4
- Complimentary healthy treats including mini fruit smoothies from Smoothie King and Juice It Up
- A hometown DJ and fun music
- Prize drawings for registered runners
- The Easter Bunny!

### SCHEDULE

7:00 A.M. - Packet Pickup/Onsite Registration  
8:00 A.M. - Runner's Warm Up by Raina Lopez and Gracie Wheeler  
8:15 A.M. - Family Run  
8:30 A.M. - 5k Run

Race proceeds benefit Heath's parks and trails. You can find more details and register online for the runs at [www.heathtx.com](http://www.heathtx.com). This event is rain or shine. However, if safety threats occur due to severe weather, updates will be posted on Facebook pages maintained by the City of Heath and Heath DPS.

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