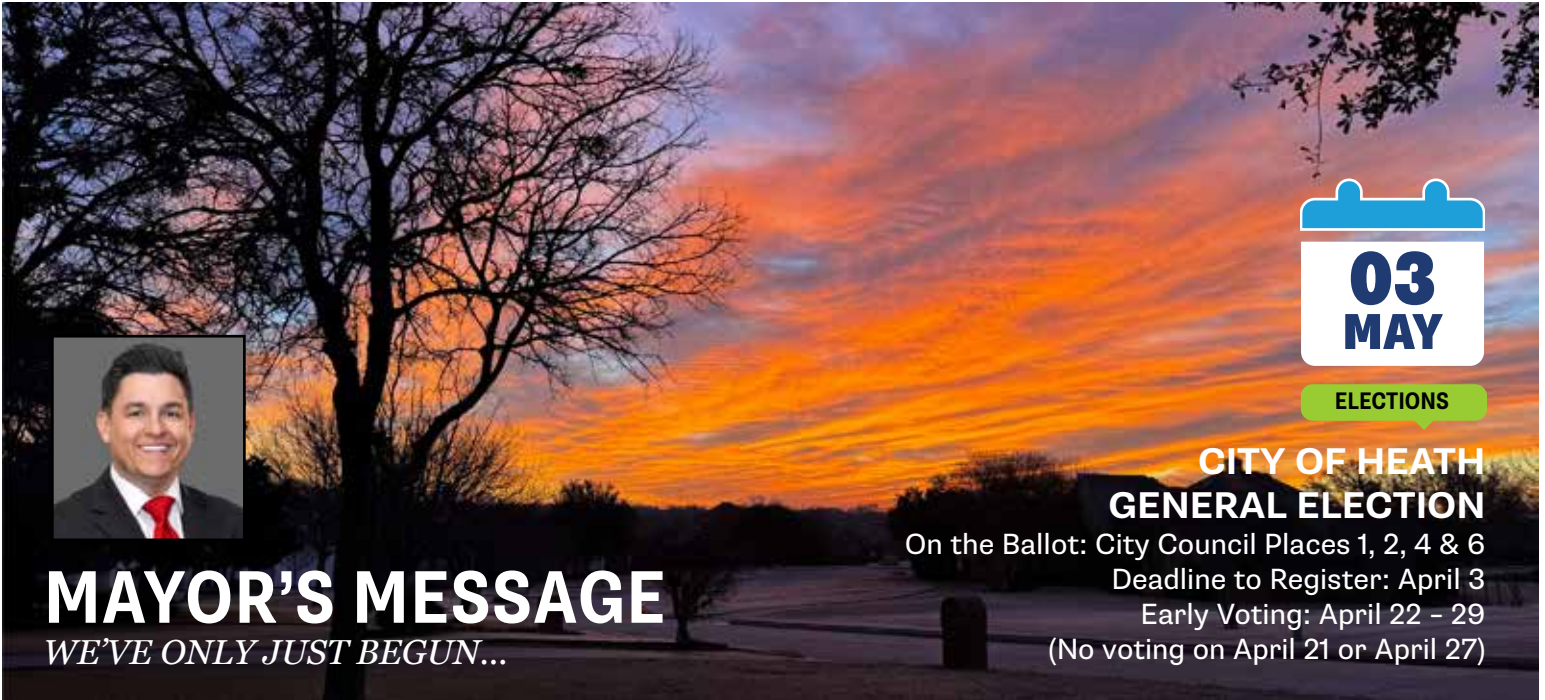




CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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HEART OF
HEATH 5K
APRIL 19 & FAMILY RUN

MARCH 2025



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN...

CITY OF HEATH GENERAL ELECTION

On the Ballot: City Council Places 1, 2, 4 & 6
Deadline to Register: April 3
Early Voting: April 22 - 29
(No voting on April 21 or April 27)

Across many areas that impact our community, great strides are being made as a result of the energy and effort being invested by so many who love Heath.

For starters, Tara Plexico, Assistant Director of Finance, and Mike Shook, Assistant Director of Public Works, successfully secured over \$100,000 in a FEMA grant reimbursement for the May 204 storm that required an enormous response and expenditure by the City to help citizens cleanup by subsidizing their brush collection fees.

Tara and Mike's hard work provides critical recovery funds for the future and strengthens our community's resilience and financial stability.

The May 2024 storm spurred the repeated request by citizens for outdoor warning sirens, and we have responded.

Ryan Joyce, the developer of The Estates of Bristol Valley on McDonald

Road, is generously donating and installing the City's first outdoor siren and central control system in the subdivision. The Estates of Bristol Valley entered the City's planning process in 2019.

At the January 28 meeting, City Council approved the purchase of a second outdoor siren. It will be located near City Hall and installed in 2025.

Additional sirens will be funded in a phased approach to provide coverage throughout the City.

At the January 28 Council meeting, we also received an analysis of our street conditions by a third party expert. Overall, the experts say our streets look good, but we have areas for improvement.

This street analysis proceeds the Council's revisit of the 2018 Road Thoroughfare Plan and provides the intelligence to plan and fund an

ongoing repair program that will benefit the entire city.

Traffic plays into this effort, and a Transportation Subcommittee was formed to address issues relating to our street network and ability to move traffic through our City. Despite already giving countless hours each month, Councilmembers Scott Dodson, Rich Krause and Brent Weaver volunteered to serve on the committee.

These actions build upon the excitement of the Towne Center Park renovation project that was enhanced through the generous donation by Bob and Kathy Tolbert to the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) program. Their gift enables us to build the new Tolbert Pickleball Pavillion at Towne Center Park with eight full pickleball courts - six of which will be shaded.

CITY OF HEATH PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



HEDC



HEATH LANDS NEW UPSCALE RESTAURANT IN THE RESERVE

The Heath City Council approved an Economic Development Assistance Agreement and Ground Lease at its January 14 meeting for 1880 Kitchen, a new upscale destination restaurant in The Reserve, located along Hawk Drive and Chris Cuny Parkway.

1880 Kitchen - named in recognition of the year Heath was established - is owned and operated by Heath resident and successful restaurateur Agron Dika, whose other restaurants include Giovanni's at The Harbor in Rockwall.

The Council's action followed months of work on the project and approval of the agreement and ground lease by the Heath Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation (HMBC) Board.

"We're very excited to welcome 1880 Kitchen to Heath," said Justin Saunders, president of the HEDC/HMBC. "This is a distinctive project that fits our vision for high quality commercial development in Heath and in The Reserve. Not only does Agron have a proven record of providing customers with an exceptional experience, but he loves this community as much as we do."

1880 Kitchen will be a full-service signature restaurant of at least 5,500 square feet with a spacious outdoor patio and open space adjacent to the trail connecting FM 740 to Chris Cuny Parkway. Trails leading from Towne Center Park, now under renovation, also connect into The Reserve and 1880 Kitchen's site.

The menu will offer a sophisticated blend of contemporary grill dishes with a focus on quality ingredients.

The restaurant is projected to provide a boost to the City's annual sales tax base and bring 70 to 80 new jobs.

The Economic Development Assistance Agreement provides a \$500,000 loan to be paid back through a quarterly payment of 2.5% of gross sales. The Ground Lease terms include an annual lease of \$2500 with the option to purchase the property at today's market value of \$500,000 within five years. If the purchase option is not exercised, the lease will revert to the current market value in year six.

Serving on the Board with Saunders and Zilinskas are Cynthia Allen, Douglas Barkley, Glen Hettinger, Myles Hunter and Rich Koepke. Mayor Jeremiah McClure is the Ex Officio.



ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

As the City continues to focus on preparedness, outdoor sirens are needed to encourage citizens to seek shelter during severe weather such as tornadoes.

SIREN 1 & CONTROL SYSTEM

Donated and installed by Ryan Joyce, developer of The Estates of Bristol Valley on McDonald Road. This new neighborhood entered the City's planning process as part of the Lakewood Meadows Preliminary Plan in 2019.

SIREN 2

Approved for purchase by City Council to be installed near City Hall in 2025.

SIREN 3+

Additional sirens will be funded in a phased approach to provide Citywide coverage.



IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

A Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held on February 27 at 11 a.m. for the new Public Works Facility on the current City-owned site at 1284 FM 740.

Come see the dramatic improvements for this critical facility where the City's Public Works first responders, vehicles and equipment are based.

STREETS & ROADWAYS

An analysis of the City's street conditions was conducted by a third-party expert.

The results provide the intelligence for City Council to revisit the 2018 Road Thoroughfare Plan and develop and fund an ongoing repair program.

A Transportation Subcommittee has been formed to address issues relating to the City's street network and ability to move traffic. Councilmembers Scott Dodson, Rich Krause and Brent Weaver volunteered to serve on the committee.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Finance and Public Works staff successfully secured over \$100,000 in a FEMA grant reimbursement for Disaster Storm DR-4781 (May 2024).

The storm required an enormous response from Waste Connections and unexpected expenditures by the City to help citizens clean up by subsidizing their bulky brush collection fees.

The grant provides critical recovery funds for the future and strengthens the City's resilience and financial stability.



IMPROVING CUSTOMER SERVICE & PRODUCTIVITY



Locally Controlled Emergency Alert and Customer Service Systems with Nixle and TextMyGov:

Heath NIXLE: To receive emergency alert messages from the City, text "75032" to 888777 and register.

TextMyGov: To receive non-emergency messages from the City text "HEATH" to 91896. Reply "YES" to confirm opt-in. For customer service, text one or two keywords to 972-961-1997.



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We also received an anonymous PATH donation to support a City Hall beautification plan that includes refurbishing the exterior monument sign, hardscaping the entrance/exit corners and extending sidewalk connections to tie into City trails.

At the heart of this action is the PATH Steering Committee led by John Walker, who presented a new Naming Rights program at the January 28 Council meeting. Learn more about this creative approach to bring even more amenities to Towne Center Park and our overall trail system on page 4.

Finally, we're thrilled to welcome 1880 Kitchen to The Reserve, thanks to the hard work of Justin Saunders, president of the HEDC/HMBC, Mike Zilinskas, vice president, and their board members. 1880 Kitchen is owned by Heath resident Agron Dika, a successful restaurateur whose establishments include Giovanni's at The Harbor. Learn more on page 2.

As always, I thank my fellow councilmembers, appointed board and commission members, community volunteers, Heath philanthropists and City staff for pouring your heart into our beloved hometown to make great things happen.

It's Valentine's month, and I have some beautiful ladies in my home who treasure this season. So, to borrow from a oldie but goodie love song ...

"We've Only Just Begun". Heath, let's keep up the progress together!

Mayor Jeremiah McClure



HEART OF
HEATH 5K
 & FAMILY RUN



APRIL 19, 2025 | 8:00 AM
HAWK DRIVE/CUNY PKWY
ALTERNATE STAGING LOCATION/ROUTE

HEART OF HEATH

The 2025 Heart of Heath 5k/Family Run will stage from a new, temporary location in The Reserve at Hawk Drive and Chris Cuny Parkway due to Towne Center Park's closure for renovation. But you can expect all the same Easter Saturday community fun and competition!

Scan or text to see the route, activities and register! Registrants receive a 2025 t-shirt while supplies last.



QUALITY OF LIFE
MAKE YOUR MARK IN
HEATH!

PATH




PATH STEERING COMMITTEE ROLLS OUT NAMING RIGHTS PROGRAM:

The Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) Steering Committee was formed in June 2024 to secure public-private partnerships that expand and accelerate the quality-of-life projects citizens want and deserve.

The Committee developed a Naming Rights Program that was approved by the Park Board and City Council in January.

Now citizens and businesses can leave a lasting legacy in Heath by sponsoring an expanded list of new amenities at Towne Center Park. Funds will also help with projects such as trail connections and beautification projects throughout town.

Scan or text to see the amenities available for sponsorship or contact PATH Steering Committee Chair John Walker at jwalker@heathtx.com.

 PERFORMANCE PAVILION Contribution..... \$500,000 Naming Rights Duration..... 10 Years Payout..... 5 Years	 INTERACTIVE SPLASH FOUNTAIN Contribution..... \$250,000 Naming Rights Duration..... 10 Years Payout..... 5 Years	 SPLASH CREEK Contribution..... \$250,000 Naming Rights Duration..... 10 Years Payout..... 5 Years
 ADIRONDACK CHAIRS Contribution..... \$75,000 Naming Rights Duration..... Perpetuity Payout..... 5 Years	 HAMMOCKS AND FENCE Contribution..... \$75,000 Naming Rights Duration..... Perpetuity Payout..... 5 Years	 CUBITT PLAY STRUCTURE Contribution..... \$50,000 Naming Rights Duration..... 10 Years Payout..... 5 Years

QUESTIONS

TEXT ONE OR TWO KEYWORDS TO 972.961.1997 | CALL EMERGENCY: 911 | NON-EMERGENCY UTILITY/AFTER HOURS: 972.771.7724