



CITY OF HEATH UPDATE

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NOVEMBER 2024



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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| November 3 | Daylight Savings Ends at 2 a.m. |
| November 5 | U.S. General Election Day |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving Day |

CITY OF HEATH LAUNCHES TOWNE CENTER PARK RENOVATION

Heath City Council approved a final budget for the renovation of Towne Center Park at the September 24 meeting.

The completed park will be irrigated by an onsite well and funded separately through the utilities budget. No current city water supply will be used. (A Water Capital Improvement Plan to increase storage capacity and production potential will be presented at the November 12 City Council meeting.)

Landscaping for the renovative park will be a model for the use of Texas native, drought resistant materials that require minimal water.

“The Park Board and City staff navigated this project through the challenges of COVID, supply chain issues, labor shortages, cost increases and water concerns,” said Katie Dyer, Park Board chair.

“We are excited to have a final product that is within the budget and provides the amenities citizens said they wanted through surveys and public input opportunities,” she said. “There is something for every age and life stage, from toddlers to seniors.”

Park amenities include:

- Improved baseball and soccer fields
- A showpiece pond
- An interactive splash fountain
- An event lawn with a multi-use stage
- A festival street for food trucks
- Six shaded pickleball courts
- 2 half basketball courts
- Additional play equipment



SCAN FOR
MORE PARK
INFO

The park is funded through a partnership between the City and Heath Municipal Benefits Corporation to issue \$30 million in bonds for this project as well as a new Department of Public Safety Station and Public Works facility without impacting the tax rate. A generous private donation was also made through the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) program.

The park renovation budget is \$12,835,902.

The park is now closed to accommodate construction activities with an estimated completion of December 2025, in time for a Grand Re-Opening at the Annual Christmas in Heath event.

The City thanks the Park Board for its hard work on this exciting amenity: Katie Dyer, Chair; Patrick Cummins, Vice Chair; Anthony Berg; Brent King; John Reed; John Walker; and Katie Wozniak.



HEATH ADOPTS FY 2024-2025 CITY BUDGET

Heath City Council adopted a FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget at the Regular City Council meeting on September 24 that prioritizes critical infrastructure needs including expansion of the water supply and delivery system.

The budget became effective October 1 and is based on a tax rate of 0.290311 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

"The budget planning cycle began for Councilmembers in June, with these volunteers investing over 75 hours across 13 meetings, bus tours, research trips and special sessions on the critical issues facing our City," said Mayor Jeremiah McClure.

"Citizen input was also gathered through public hearings to guide us in preparing a budget that not only continues essential services, but elevates the ability to meet critical water, infrastructure, public safety, technology and staffing needs."

"We are headed in the right direction with the new budget. But there is much to do. I thank my fellow councilmembers and City staff for their hard work, and our citizens for their support," he said. "We take our fiscal stewardship and responsibility to the community's needs today, and tomorrow, extremely seriously."

FY 2024-2025 operational expenditures are budgeted at \$13.8 million, with revenue from property taxes set at \$6.091 million. This represents a total increase of \$557,291 over the previous budget year, with \$98,405 coming from new property additions.



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INVESTMENTS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET



EXPANDING THE WATER SYSTEM

A Water Capital Improvement Plan to:

- Increase storage capacity with new ground and elevated tanks.
- Increase production potential through the drilling of potable water wells.
- The plan will be presented at the November 12 City Council meeting.



ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Construction of a new Public Safety station that will have one of three new outdoor weather warning sirens and house a new fire truck.
- Addition of an emergency and general notification system.
- Retention of triple-certified officers in a highly competitive market with a pay adjustment and addition of a new scale classification.



IMPROVING CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PRODUCTIVITY

- Addition of staff positions in Community Development, Public Works and the City Secretary's Office.
- Retention of staff in a competitive market with a cost-of-living adjustment.
- Addition of the TextMyGov system to enable citizens to easily access information on the City website.
- Addition of the SWAGIT system to improve the viewing of City meetings.



IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

- A Fire Flow Improvement Plan accelerated to a 5-year timeline from 10 years beginning with Darr Estates.
- Construction of a new Public Works Facility to safely accommodate staff and storage of vehicles and equipment.



ENRICHING QUALITY OF LIFE

- Renovation of Towne Center Park with a Grand Re-Opening at Christmas in Heath 2025.
- Focus on improving trail connectivity citywide in cooperation with the Parks And Trails of Heath (PATH) fundraising program.



HEATH DPS RECEIVES LEEDA AWARD

Chief Seery and his Department of Public Safety were honored for earning the prestigious FBI LEEDA Agency Trilogy Award at the September 24 Council meeting. This achievement required command staff to complete the FBI LEEDA's extensive training program. Heath DPS is one of only 18 law enforcement agencies in Texas to earn this award, and one of 144 nationwide.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Thank you to the Heath DPS for hosting an amazing National Night Out, and to all of the volunteers who helped. It was a great community gathering in our sweet, 7th Safest City in Texas hometown!

The Heath Economic Development and Municipal Benefits Corporations (HEDC/HMBC) are sponsoring the first-ever Heath Holiday Market at Hidden Creek in The Reserve.

Watch Hidden Creek and the City's social media for updates.

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