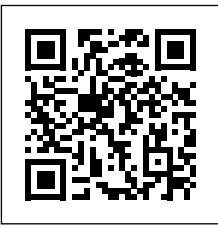




CITY OF HEATH UPDATE



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CURRENT IRRIGATION
SCHEDULE

OCTOBER
2024

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN HEATH

HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**Celebrate with Friends & Neighbors
at Our Place Heath Fire Bay, 200 Laurence Dr.**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1,
6-8 P.M.**

ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY...

- Hamburgers, Chips and a Drink Served by the In-N-Out Burger Truck
- Free Snow Cones by Kona Ice
- Homemade Treats by First United Methodist Church Heath
- DJ & Music
- Inflatables including a 20' Fire Truck Slide
- Photos with Your DPS Officers, Vehicles, Equipment and Sparky the Mascot!



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ADDRESS ANNUAL BUDGET, WATER PLAN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

City Council and staff have participated in multiple work sessions and meetings this summer addressing the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget, critical Capital Improvement needs, and a short- and long-term plan for the City's water supply, infrastructure and funding.

The August 15 work session included a research trip to the City of Commerce, where water wells have been used successfully for over 100 years to determine the viability of constructing wells in Heath to increase the potable water supply.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

October 7-11	Rockwall ISD Fall Break
October 14	Columbus Day
	Indigenous People's Day
October 28	National First Responders Day

A Public Hearing and action regarding the FY 2024-2025 budget occurred at the September 10 City Council Meeting. The proposed budget and tax rate can be viewed at heathtx.com under the quick links for your review.

You can view all meetings, including the presentations at heathtx.com under the Government menu. City Council meeting recap videos can be viewed on the City's social media channels - Facebook, X, Twitter and YouTube. The final budget is effective October 1.

PARKS AND TRAILS OF HEATH (PATH) MOVES FORWARD WITH NEW INITIATIVES

THE PATH STORY

PATH was launched by the City of Heath Park Board in 2019 to unite citizens in creating the parks, trails and green spaces to increase the quality of life and community vitality of our premier, lakeside open space community.

PATH PROJECTS

Successful PATH projects made possible by Charter Members and Donors include:



PROJECT 1: 25 Mature shade trees/5 new park bench pads/dog & people fountain installed in Towne Center Park



PROJECT 2: Sunset Swings at Terry Park – replacing old equipment with new swings for all ages/abilities



PROJECT 3: Repair and beautification of Heath entry monument



PROJECT 4: SOW Heath - a pilot planting of Texas native bluebonnet seeds on City-owned land at Heathland Crossing and FM 549.

PATH FORWARD CONNECTING HEATH

PATH's early accomplishments illustrate what citizens and businesses can do when united around a common goal...expanding the Parks and Trails system to benefit residents today, and tomorrow.

Connectivity through trails and sidewalks, green space and parks fosters...

- Health and Wellness
- Economic Strength
- Higher Property Values
- Transportation Choices
- A Sense of Place
- Community Identity

Numerous studies document that home values near a park, greenway or recreational area can be 8 to 20% higher

2024 PATH PROJECTS

With a crystalized focus on citywide walkable/bikable connectivity, new PATH projects include phased trail connections and amenities to build out a complete system.

Phase 1 includes:

- Trail connection from FM 740 around RHHS to Cuny Blvd
- New trail from FM 740/550 to Amy Parks Elementary
- Trail connection from Stoneleigh to Falcon Point

You can view the Phase 1 map at heathtx.com/path.



**JOIN PATH
TODAY AS A
RECURRING
MEMBER**

Find out more about the PATH program, sign up to become a member and see a listing of current members by visiting heathtx.com/path or scanning the QR code below.

Learn More about funding a Legacy Project by contacting John Walker at jwalker@insxch.com.



PATH CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

A community-wide effort through the monthly utility bill:

Recurring Donor

- Select \$5 or \$10 on Your Monthly Utility Bill
- Funds Applied to the Priority Project Underway
- Benefits include Name Recognition on the City Website

Project Donor

- \$1,000 | \$2,500 | \$5,000
- Funds Applied to the Priority Project Underway
- Benefits include Name/Logo Recognition in all Marketing

Legacy Project Funder

- Fund an Entire Project
- Benefits include Naming Rights of the Project

The City of Heath thanks these citizens for their leadership and service...

PATH STEERING COMMITTEE

John Walker, Chair
Jason Killough
Clay Spicer
Johnny Myers
Tom Kirkland
David Buschhorn
Cynthia Allen, HEDC/HMBC Liaison
Katie Dyer, Park Board Liaison
Anthony Berg, Park Board Liaison

HUBBARD DRIVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Phase 3 - Rush Creek Drive to Michael Lane

Phase 3 encompasses the complete removal and replacement of the roadway; installation of an 18" water line and storm sewer water line; and the replacement of residential driveways as needed. To perform this work, the intersection of Rush Creek Drive and Hubbard Drive was closed September 9.

Detours are sign posted. To access Rush Creek area, use Crisp or Myers. To access the Antigua Bay area, enter through Heath Golf & Yacht Club. The intersection will re-open to traffic on October 9, weather permitting.

All construction activity will halt October 13-19 to accommodate increased traffic for the ISCA World Championship being hosted by the Rush Creek Yacht Club. Construction will resume October 21. Weather permitting, Phase 3 will be completed in April 2025.

Phase 4 is the next and final phase of this important improvement project, encompassing Michael Lane to Smirl/Bois d Arc and is expected to go out for bid in the fall for a construction start in January 2025.



FALL CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS IN HEATH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4-7 P.M.

150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

First Baptist Church of Heath
224 Smirl Dr, Heath
www.fbcheath.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 6-8 P.M.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN HEATH

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

ROCKWALL ISD FAIR DAY

Celebrate the 2024 "24 Days of Fun" Theme.
www.bigtex.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

2024 INTERNATIONAL SUNFISH CLASS ASSOCIATION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Rush Creek Yacht Club
www.rcyc.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 3-6 P.M.

FALL FESTIVAL

First United Methodist Church Heath
140 Smirl Drive
www.fumcheath.org

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 4:30 P.M.

CITY OF HEATH VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Rush Creek Yacht Club
320 Rush Creek Dr., Heath
www.heathtx.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 5:30-8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

HEATH HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Benefitting the RHHS Class of 2025
@HeathHolidayHomeTour on Facebook



Christmas In Heath, the City's annual kickoff to the holiday season, is on hiatus in 2024 due to the renovation of Towne Center Park.

However, the City and Heath Economic Development and Municipal Benefits Corporations (HEDC/HMBC) are sponsoring the first-ever Heath Holiday Market at Hidden Creek in The Reserve to ensure plenty of festivities for the community! There will be live music, food and drinks, vendors, kid's activities and SANTA!

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

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