

February 2017

CEDAR HILL

HIGHLIGHTS

Serving Community: City Celebrates MLK



The Cedar Hill community united to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the MLK Celebration and Peace March on Sunday, January 22 at Cedar Hill High School.

Mayor Rob Franke kicked off the peace march by reflecting on Dr. King's dream. The Zula B. Wylie Library Youth Tellers then shared Dr. King's life story. Elected officials, clergy and community groups marched in unity around the Cedar Hill High School campus singing songs from the Civil Rights movement.

After the march

After the peace march, attendees enjoyed musical performances by the Cedar Hill High School Choraliers & Chamber Singers as well as the Collegiate Prep Elementary Choir. The LP Dance Company also performed. The event concluded with a performance by the Grammy-nominated a cappella group, SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK®.

Cedar Hill employees honored Dr. King's legacy of service the week of

January 18 by volunteering their personal time to perform various community service projects for Cedar Hill non-profits and civic organizations.

The service projects included volunteering at local non-profits, including Bridges Safehouse and Cedar Hill Shares, beautifying our roadways by picking up

litter and lending a helping hand at local senior citizen communities.

Cedar Hill's culture of servant leadership can be seen throughout our City in all facets of the community from our teen volunteers to our



neighborhood and school leaders to our non-profit and faith-based organizations. There are a wealth of opportunities to get involved in our community.

Exchange Zone Offers Safe Way To Buy & Sell

The Cedar Hill Police Department has designated an E-Commerce exchange zone at the Cedar Hill Government Center to keep online buyers and sellers safe.

The exchange zone is located at the northeast corner of the Cedar Hill Government Center in front of the police station near the P.A.C.T. unit vehicles and police vehicle entry. The exchange zone sign is in full view of a camera, which records 24/7.

Whether you're looking to sell some items after spring cleaning or found a great deal on 5 miles or Let Go, the E-Commerce exchange zone is available for your use.



Local Libraries Expand Services

Cedar Hill residents now have access to more library materials and services. The Zula B. Wylie Public Library, DeSoto Public Library and Duncanville Public Library entered into an agreement allowing library card holders of each city to check out library materials and use computer resources at any of the locations.

It is important to note library materials checked out from the Zula B. Wylie Public Library or DeSoto Public Library may be returned to either the Zula B. Wylie Public Library or DeSoto Public Library. However, Duncanville Public Library materials must be returned to the Duncanville Public Library. Residents should contact the libraries to learn how various electronic

resources provided by each library can be accessed.

To find out more about the libraries, visit them in person or online using the below information.

Zula B. Wylie Public Library

225 Cedar Street
Cedar Hill, TX 75104
cedarhilllibrary.org

DeSoto Public Library

211 E. Pleasant Run Road
DeSoto, TX 75115
desototexas.gov/library

Duncanville Public Library

201 James Collins Blvd.
Duncanville, TX 75116
duncanville.com/library

Block Party Brings Community Together

*Michelle Ebanks,
Neighborhood
Services Coordinator*



The City of Cedar Hill will celebrate the 12th Annual Citywide Block Party and Recreation Center Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 4, from 10 am–2 pm at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center located at 310 E. Parkerville Road. All Cedar Hill residents are invited to come out to meet their neighbors and City representatives.

"This will be an excellent opportunity to get to know your neighbors and learn more about what our great City has to offer," said Councilman Cliff Shaw.

The annual event brings together residents with games, prizes, health and fitness demonstrations, recreation activities, fire safety and police K-9 presentations, and much more.

City employees from virtually every department are on hand to greet neighbors, answer questions and provide information to interested residents.

Doors open at 10 am and admission is free. The first 750 guests to arrive will receive a free t-shirt, so come early and enjoy the fun.

Cedar Hill Shares Community Walk

The Citywide Block Party will kick-off with a community walk starting at 8:30 am at the Red Oak Creek Trail Head. The walk is open to participants of all ages, including children in strollers, and costs only \$10 per participant over 5 years old. All proceeds benefit Cedar Hill Shares. Each participant will receive a t-shirt at the event and additional donations can be made on site. Remember... every \$1 donated provides 3 meals for a family in need. Participate and donate today!

So be sure to mark March 4 on your calendar for a fun-filled day with your neighbors and friends.

For more information contact Michelle, Neighborhood Services, at 972- 291-5100 ext. 1099.

Recreation Center Gets New Look For New Year

The Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center underwent a makeover in time for the new year. The upgrades are outside and throughout the building and will be beneficial to members and visitors alike.



The recreation center incorporated green initiatives by converting the gymnasium and fitness area lighting to LED lights, which will generate less heat, require less electricity and reduce cooling costs for the building. Additionally, the track area lanes were overlaid to provide more cushion to walkers and joggers. The new



flooring features alternate lane colors for exercisers. Additionally, the audio/visual equipment was updated to keep up with technological needs and advances. Externally, the way-finding signage was updated to reflect the new logo.

Stop on by and see your new and improved recreation center.



Tax help for everyone

**First come, first served. Tuesdays
Feb. 7 thru April 11 from 10:30 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library,
225 Cedar St. Free assistance
provided by volunteers from AARP.**

Have a complaint about a pothole or a fence in disrepair? Visit cedarhilltx.com, click on the 'Submit a Request' button and let us know. We'll take care of it.

Or get 'GORequest' for your phone



People make it a community



ABOVE: Taylor Jackson, Collegiate Prep Elementary 1st grader, celebrates her STAR student award with the City Council.



ABOVE: Greg Porter, City Manager, recognizes Ellie Jeanotte, Public Works Administrative Secretary, on being honored as the 2016 Employee of the Year. Ellie was selected by her peers for her exceptional service and embodiment of Cedar Hill values.



ABOVE: Toni Simmons, Library Director, expresses appreciation of being awarded the January 2017 Leadership Excellence Award.

CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's online calendars at cedarhilltx.com

cedarhilltx.com/calendar

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11 & 12 Valentine's Carriage Rides

Hillside Village, 305 W FM 1382

6-9 pm - Valentine's Carriage Rides are FREE, donations are accepted and will benefit the American Heart Association. Rides are first-come, first-served and depart from the Decor Market/ Honey Baked Ham parking lot.

14 & 28 City Council Meeting

Cannady Room, Government Center, 285 Uptown

6 - 8 pm

Public briefing session begins at 6 pm, City Council Meeting begins at 7 pm.

17 Smooches for Pooches

Visual Expressions Art Gallery, 1425 US Hwy. 67

An annual fundraiser that supports the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter! Tickets (\$25 each) available online at tricityfriends.org or at the door. Enjoy wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres, live music, a silent auction and a valentine's portrait.

17 Filing closes for May 6 General Election

City Secretary's office, 4th floor, Government Center

Packets available until 5 pm with information and filing forms.

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4 Recreation Center Anniversary & Citywide Neighborhood Block Party

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville

10 am-2 pm - Celebrate the 12th anniversary of the Recreation Center and see all the many services your community has to offer at the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party. There will be food, giveaways and kids can enjoy a petting zoo, bounce houses, and more. For more info visit cedarhilltx.com/blockparty.

11 Environmental Collection Day

Cedar Hill High School Parking Lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd

9-11 am - Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste, electronic materials and important documents in need of paper shredding. Proof of residency is required. For more info visit cedarhilltx.com/hhw.



To see more of what's going on in our community, check in with City Hub Cedar Hill at cityhub.biz/cedarhill.

Power out? Don't call the city, text Oncor

Text 'reg' to 66267 (ONCOR) to register now. Have your zip code and ESI ID available (ESI ID and zip code are on your recent electric bill).

Text 'out' to 66267 to report that your power is out.

Text 'stat' to 66267 to receive an update on your outage.



Get clean and green on Environmental Collection Day

Cedar Hill residents will have the opportunity to responsibly dispose of their household hazardous waste, old electronics and documents at Environmental Collection Day on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Cedar Hill High School parking lot, located at 1 Longhorn Blvd.

Environmental Collection Day combines household hazardous waste collection, electronics recycling and paper shredding in one event for a one stop shop for residents.

Examples of household hazardous waste accepted include acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (household and automotive), cleaning supplies and household chemicals, cooking oil, craft or hobby chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaners, fertilizer, fluorescent light bulbs, herbicides, paints and stains.

Materials that will not be accepted include ammunition, asbestos, building materials, explosives, medical waste,

radioactive material and tires.

Most electronics will be accepted including CD/DVD players, cell phones, fax machines, printers, and televisions up to 32 inches diagonally for older model tube televisions. Up to three boxes of residential household paper waste can be shredded.

This event is free to Cedar Hill residents, but proof of residency and registration is required due to space limitations. Visit cedarhilltx.com/hhw or call 972-291-5126 to register or find out additional information about this event.

Want to Grow Green with us?

Are you passionate about the environment? Want to help Cedar Hill remain a clean and green city? Check out cedarhilltx.com/KCHB for your one stop shop on the City's Growing Green efforts and to learn how you can get involved.



When the temperature drops below freezing, watch for driving hazards like icy roads, especially bridges. FM 1382 and Belt Line Road are managed by TxDOT crews who are responsible for sanding those roadways. City of Cedar Hill crews sand some bridges, major intersections and areas for police and fire crews.

And remember, to avoid frozen pipes:

- Protect outside faucets
- Turn off automatic sprinklers
- Leave cabinets under sinks open to allow heat in.



New to Cedar Hill

Jason's Deli has opened the doors to their Cedar Hill location at 905 N. Hwy. 67, Ste. 400. Named one of the top 25 fast food chains in America by *Business Insider*, Jason's Deli offers fresh sandwiches, soups, an extensive salad bar and meals made with fresh ingredients free of artificial trans fats, MSG, high-fructose corn syrup, and artificial colors and dyes. Stop by Jason's Deli for a quick, healthy meal!

City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100 x1009

After Hours (Answering service)
972.780.6643

Animal Control 972.223.6111

Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

Building Inspections 972.291.5100 x1090

City Secretary 972.291.5100 x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100 x1111

Economic Development 972.291.5132

Fire Department, non-emergency
972.291.1011

Human Resources 972.291.5100 x1050

Library 972.291.7323

Municipal Court 972.291.5100 x1041

Neighborhood Services
972.291.5100 x1099

Parks & Recreation 972.291.5100 x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs 214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs 972.480.5868

Police Department, non-emergency
972.291.5100 x2400

Public Works 972.291.5126

Recreation Center 972.293.5288

Senior Center 972.291.5353

Tourism 972.291.5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)
800.772.8653

Utility Billing 469.272.2931



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