



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

BOND PROGRAM KICKS OFF

In November 2017, Cedar Hill voters overwhelmingly approved the issuance of \$45 million in general obligation bonds to finance infrastructure, parks and recreation, and library improvements. The projects are planned to be initiated over the next five to seven years and are anticipated to be completed without a tax rate increase.

In February, the city council completed the sale of \$4.2 million general obligation bonds to fund the first year of the program. Projects scheduled to begin in 2018 include:

- Site selection and conceptual design for the new public library;
- Neighborhood park renovations at Calf Pasture Park and High Pointe Neighborhood;
- Creative playground replacement at Virginia Weaver Park;
- Design for the new community pool;
- Senior Center building repairs;
- Median lighting on Joe Wilson, Belt Line, and Parkerville;
- Street repairs;
- US-67 landscaping and streetscaping design; and
- Matching funds for trail grants

Library Site Selection Committee Appointed

The city council appointed citizens to a site selection committee to evaluate potential locations for the new library. The committee will meet this spring to review options based on selection criteria, such as cost of land acquisition, surrounding built environment, and operational efficiency. The committee plans to make a site recommendation to the City Council this summer.

Share Your Ideas for Parks Improvements

The Parks & Recreation Department will host a series of public meetings this spring to get public input on planned neighborhood park renovations, replacement of the creative playground at Virginia Weaver Park, and the design for the community pool.

Stay updated on public input opportunities and the progress of the projects. Visit cedarhilltx.com/bond for program details and schedule information.

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Sammy Sims receives the Good Samaritan Award from Council Member Jami McCain for his quick actions in helping a senior citizen who fell in her home.



Cedar Hill Mayor's Teen Council and L.E.A.D. Council hosted 278 of their peers from across the state for the Texas Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Summit in February. The teens explored the conference theme, Gain and Sustain, through activities at Hillside Village, the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, and Dogwood Canyon Audobon Center.



Members of the Senior Center's Zumba class showcase their moves at the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party on March 3. Join Zumba on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

SURVEY SAYS: CEDAR HILL IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

In January, the City commissioned ETC Institute to conduct a community survey, a follow-up to the 2016 benchmark survey, to measure citizen satisfaction with City services and gather feedback about community priorities. The survey was conducted by mail, phone, and internet to a random sample of residents to ensure a survey response that is statistically significant and representative of the Cedar Hill population. The survey results include comparisons of responses from cities across Texas and the United States.

Major Survey Findings

- Residents have a positive perception of the city - 84 percent of residents expressed satisfaction with Cedar Hill as a place to live.
- Satisfaction levels in Cedar Hill are higher than national and state averages in most categories. Satisfaction with customer service was rated 30 percent above the U.S. average and 26 percent above the Texas average.
- 90 percent of residents expressed satisfaction with Cedar Hill police, fire, and emergency medical services.
- Top community priorities are traffic flow and congestion management, enforcement of city codes, and maintenance of streets and facilities.

Learn more about the 2018 Community Survey and explore the detailed results at cedarhilltx.com/communitysurvey.

APPLY TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

The City is accepting applications for voluntary membership on its boards and commissions. Currently, there are openings on the following boards:

- Building Appeals & Advisory Board
- Community Development Corporation
- Historic Downtown Advisory Board (formerly Main Street Development & Preservation Board)
- Neighborhood Advisory Board
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Tourism Advisory Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustments
- Zula B. Wylie Library Board

Applications are available at cedarhilltx.com or the City Secretary's Office, located on the fourth floor of the Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2018. No late applications will be accepted. For more information, please call (972) 291-5100, ext. 1011.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS AS 'TREE CITY, USA'

For the tenth consecutive year, Cedar Hill has received the Tree City, USA designation from the Arbor Day Foundation. Tree City USA is a national program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. It provides direction, technical assistance, and national recognition to urban and community forestry programs. Cedar Hill received the designation because the City meets the Arbor Foundation's standards for viable tree management programs.

The economic, social, and environmental benefits of trees are immense and well-documented. Studies indicate that as few as three additional trees planted around each building in the United States could save \$2 billion annually in energy costs. Properly placed trees can increase property values from 7 to 20 percent, as buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly, and tenants stay longer. Trees and green spaces help build community; the number of trees in an area directly correlates to greater connections to neighbors.

Preservation of the natural environment, trees, and open space is a central tenant of city council's mission and vision for Cedar Hill. The City has adopted a policy to maintain 20 percent of land use as parks and open space. In addition to the development and maintenance of 32 City parks, Cedar Hill has partnered with organizations such as the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, Cedar Hill State Park, Dallas County, local schools, and community organizations to create one of the largest planned preserves in North Texas.

Celebrate with us at Earthfest and Earthx

Celebrate Earth and Arbor Day in Cedar Hill at Earthfest on Monday, April 23 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd. Visit with environmentally conscious vendors and enjoy sustainability tours, tree giveaways for Cedar Hill residents, and food. For event details, visit cedarhilltx.com/earthfest.



The best of Cedar Hill's outdoorable staycation and vacation destinations will also be spotlighted at Earthx at Fair

Park in Dallas. This free family event will be held Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City of Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill State Park, and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center will collaborate to highlight our community's natural beauty and commitment to sustainability. Come show your support of the City and learn how to preserve the environment for future generations.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Apr 10 & 24; May 8 & 22 at 7 p.m.
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd.
View agendas at cedarhilltx.com/archive

Earth Fest: Earth & Arbor Day Celebration

Apr 23 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd.
Get details at cedarhilltx.com/earthfest

City Council Election

Early Voting: Apr 23 to May 1
Election Day: May 5
Visit dallascountyvotes.org or co.ellis.tx.us
for polling locations and times

Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Children's Book Week Fair

May 5 at 2 p.m.
Zula B. Wylie Public Library
225 Cedar St.
Get details at cedarhilllibrary.org

Tower City Classic Golf Tour- nament, hosted by Cedar Hill Museum of History

May 7 at 9 a.m.
818 Tangle Ridge Dr.
Grand Praire, Texas
Register at cedarhillmuseum.com

Discover the Arts After Dark

May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Zula B. Wylie Public Library
225 Cedar St.
Get details at cedarhilllibrary.org

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CEDARHILLTX.COM, OR SUBSCRIBE
TO 'THIS WEEK IN CEDAR HILL' AT
CEDARHILLTX.COM/TWICH.**

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD' AWARDS

The Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) is once again celebrating Cedar Hill's best neighborhoods and is seeking your nomination for the Premier Neighborhood Award Program. Nominations are accepted through May 25 to recognize neighborhoods for beautification and revitalization efforts, social and cultural events, collaborative projects, health and wellness initiatives, and excellent communications while demonstrating Cedar Hill values in the community. The winning neighborhood receives a \$250 grant for community-building activities, and the runner up receives \$100.

The 'Love Your Neighborhood Award' recognizes neighborhood efforts to revitalize, socialize, engage, collaborate, and communicate with neighbors. Winning projects rarely have big budgets - they simply fill a need and involve everyone in the neighborhood! Cresthaven Village was the 2017 winner, distinguishing themselves by building connections and volunteering with many community organizations and businesses. Hidden Lakes claimed runner-up with their regular crime watch meetings, National Night Out participation, neighborhood dinners, and block parties.

Apply online at cedarhilltx.com/premierneighborhood. For questions or additional details, contact Michelle Ebanks, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at (972) 291-5100 x 1099 or michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 5

The City is holding an election in May to elect council members to Place 1 and Place 4 on the Cedar Hill city council. Incumbent Council Member Jami McCain is on the ballot unopposed for Place 1. Candidates Valerie L. Banks and Chad A. McCurdy are running for Place 4.

Early voting will take place from April 23 to May 1, and Election Day is Saturday, May 5, 2018. To find precinct information and polling locations, Dallas County residents can visit dallascountyvotes.org, and Ellis County residents can visit co.ellis.tx.us.

CONTACT CITY OF CEDAR HILL

Emergency	911
Administration	(972) 293-1467
After Hours	(972) 780-6643
Animal Control	(972) 223-6111
Animal Shelter	(972) 291-5335
Building Inspections	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1090
City Secretary	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1011
Code Enforcement	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1111
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-1011
Human Resources	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1050
Library	(972) 291-7323
Municipal Court	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1041
Neighborhood Services	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1099
Parks & Recreation	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1500
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-5100 ext. 2400
Public Works	(972) 291-5126
Recreation Center	(972) 293-5288
Senior Center	(972) 291-5353
Tourism	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1084
Trash & Recycling	(800) 772-8653
Utility Billing	(469) 272-2931

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