

November 2016

CEDAR HILL

HIGHLIGHTS



City holiday closings

Government Center offices will be closed for the holidays on November 24/25, December 23-26 and January 2.

Recreation Center

Closed: Nov. 24-25; Dec. 24-25

Library

Closed: Nov. 24-25; Dec. 24-26

Animal Shelter

Closed: Nov. 24; Dec. 25

Senior Center

Closed: Nov. 24-25; Dec. 23-26



Keep in touch with your neighborhood online

Nextdoor is the private neighborhood social network for you and your neighbors. It helps you keep in touch. Check it out at Nextdoor.com.

They have recently rolled out a new feature that allows local businesses to share in neighborhood conversations when they have been invited. Almost every neighborhood in Cedar Hill is registered on Nextdoor.

If you're already on Nextdoor, you may have seen City departments sharing information there. Remember, City staff cannot see your neighborhood posts, so contact us via Nextdoor's private message, or call us at the numbers on the last page of this Highlights issue if you wish to reply.



Neighborhood Services Board

Left to right: S. Roberson, C. Montgomery-Rachal, C. Vaughn, M. Bechdol, N. Durant, K. Rimmer, M. Kihn, D. Miller, R. Williams, Absent: E. Anderson

Putting action in our gratitude

Michelle Ebanks Neighborhood Services Coordinator

As the holiday season approaches, we look for opportunities to share gratitude with those around us —not only for what they do, but also for who they are to us. A special thank you to our City Board members for giving and volunteering their time to make this community a more vibrant place to live.



May your Thanksgiving turkey be filled with your favorite stuffing and your heart be overflowing with blessings of gratitude and love

Just as we all have special people in our lives who have supported, nurtured, and sometimes chastised us, so also our community has groups of people

who are helping Cedar Hill reach for its destiny.

Our boards and commissions include dozens of residents who give their time and contribute their perspective to shaping the many elements of our community. Their service is valuable and long-lasting.

For information about serving on the Neighborhood Services board or any other City board or commission, contact Michelle Ebanks, 972.291.5100 x1099 or michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com.

Or, apply now at cedarhilltx.com/76/Boards Commissions, then, take your completed form to the City Secretary's office, 4th floor, Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

Board selections are made by the City Council in the spring. At the link to the form above, you can also see a list of all the boards and commissions along with information about their functions.

No solid waste or recycling collection on Thanksgiving Day



On Thanksgiving Day, Thurs. Nov. 24, there will be no collection. Those homes who usually have Thursday collection will see their trash and recycling collected on Saturday, Nov. 26.

October brings it!

In just one week this October, we enjoyed two great days that show what kind of community we are. National Night Out and Country Day on the Hill bring thousands of residents together to share the down home values of neighborliness and partnerships.

National Night Out is all about neighbors getting together and sharing hotdogs with our first responders in the police and fire departments.

Country Day is a good old-fashioned local fair bringing together businesses, schools, churches, community organizations, families and friends; a great way to celebrate our past and our future.



Dog Day Sundays

Every Sunday is furry friend day at Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Trails are open on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please follow their basic rules, use a leash, clean up your mess and have fun! Dogwood Canyon is at 1206 W. FM 1382. Contact them at dcac@audubon.org or visit their website at Dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org to keep up with all the fun and educational opportunities at their beautiful, natural location.



Bike Sharing

Now you can check out a bike along with your books from the Zula B. Wylie Library. Purchased, with help from a Wal*Mart Community Grant, from B&B Bicycles, these comfortable beauties are now available to library card holders 18 years and older. To hit the Cedar Hill trails, get more details from the library at 972.291.7323.

People make it a community



At the October 11 City Council meeting, City Council member Wallace Swayze, back row, read a proclamation by Mayor Rob Franke declaring October, 2016 as National Code Enforcement Month in Cedar Hill. Representing the Code Enforcement staff are (left to right) Johnny Kendro, Building Official, Reba Smith, Code Enforcement Officer, Gail Lux, Sr. Building Inspector, Tina Mitchell, Sr. Code Enforcement Officer, Alexis Sartin, Code Enforcement Officer and Jeanette Cosme, Dept. Assistant.



At the same meeting, City Council member Jami McCain read a proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as part of the community's year-long health focus, led by the Parks & Recreation Department. Shown in the photo are left to right, Shonda Johnson, Recreation Operations Supervisor, Valerie Rolark, Senior Center Coordinator, Carolyn Skeels, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Katy Bower, Recreation Center Manager, and City Council member McCain.

November is: National Diabetes Awareness Month
December: Better Sleep Month

Having trouble keeping up?

Get the latest calendar events sent directly to your email. Go to cedarhilltx.com/notifyme, enter your email address and scroll down to the Calendars heading, where you can select from a dozen special interest calendars. "Events" is the most popular City calendar, but consider adding others from the list.

To get updates and alerts about weather threats/recovery information and important community-wide activities delivered immediately to your phone as an email, text message or voice message, visit <https://tx-cedarhill.civicroady.com>. There you can add your cell number without the worry of spam. Sign up to be heads up.

CALENDAR

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

cedarhilltx.com/calendar

November

17 Mayor's State of the City Address/ Chamber Luncheon

11:30 a.m., Church on the Hill, Auditorium, 1375 New Clark Road
Mayor Franke will share the story of Cedar Hill, chapter 2015-16, and recognize the progress of our community in many areas over the past year. See how the vision of the past becomes our future as we continue to follow our positive community values, build strong partnerships and support sustainable development.

19 Village Lights, Holiday Kickoff 4:30-6:30 p.m., Hillside Village

Enjoy a magical evening to start the holiday season and greet Santa. KDMX 102.9 will be there to get everyone in the holiday spirit and there will be crafts, caroling and more. Santa will light the Great Tree at 6:30.

24/25 Government Center offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

26 Small Business Saturday

Shop Small is a nationwide movement to celebrate small businesses every day and to help communities thrive. Small Business Saturday is a day dedicated to supporting small businesses across the country. Founded by American Express in 2010, this day is celebrated each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Learn more at ShopSmall.com/ About or visit cedarhilltx.com.

December

1 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

7:30 a.m., Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville
Sponsored by Transformation Vision, this is an opportunity for residents, business owners and visitors to join in prayer for our community, our state, our country and our world.

1 Polar Express Fest on the Hill

6-8 p.m., Downtown Cedar Hill

Celebrate the holiday season with friends and neighbors at the annual Holiday on the Hill celebration. This year, we are combining this event with the Polar Express Fest! We will be bringing the great story of The Polar Express to life downtown. There will be train rides, plenty of holiday kids activities, festive crafts, a reindeer petting zoo, hot cocoa, live performances, and Santa will arrive for the lighting of the City of Cedar Hill tree. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas just like in the story.

23-26 Government Center offices closed for Christ- mas holiday.



Holiday Warning: Don't pour cooking oil or grease down the drain. That can cause clogs, expensive for you and for the City. For small amounts, pour grease into a closeable container or wipe the warm, not hot, pan with paper towels and place them in the trash.



Open air market open Sat., Nov. 26

This community market features local vendors, fresh produce, arts and crafts, food, live music, and more! It's held on the 4th Saturday of the month 10 a.m.-3 p.m., September-November, in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill. For more info visit cedarhilltx.com/remarket.



Be a community champion and rally your friends and neighbors to support local Cedar Hill businesses through this holiday season!

Are you sick and tired of litter? Get Bitter!

Cedar Hill's Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board is challenging residents and businesses to pick up one million pieces of litter in the City from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31. Log on the website shown below and help us track how many pieces have been collected.

BITTER FOR LITTER

ONE MILLION PIECES OF TRASH CHALLENGE

The City of Cedar Hill is challenging all residents & businesses to get bitter for litter and pickup one million pieces of trash.

CEDAR HILL'S BEAUTY IS OUR DUTY
www.cedarhilltx.com/BitterForLitter

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
- Communications 469.272.2903
- 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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