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CEDAR HILL

HIGHLIGHTS

Crime rate drops 10% in 5 years

At a recent City Council Meeting Cedar Hill Police Chief Steve Rhodes said "Cedar Hill continues to be an overall safe city by the numbers and by the feelings of the people who live here."

Statistics show the violent crime rate is 2.4 per thousand, lowest in the Best Southwest cities and one of the lowest in Dallas County.

Results of the recent city survey of residents showed that most citizens rate the city as very safe and give high scores to the police services delivered.

Our Police Department is also nationally recognized for innovative practices, especially for community policing.

Among the major accomplishments the department reported:

- 10% decrease in Crime Index Rate over the last 5 years.
- 18% increase in hours volunteered by Citizens on Patrol
- 52% of commercial trucks stopped were removed for hazardous safety issues.
- 90% overall customer approval rating for police services delivered, based on a citywide customer service survey.
- 87% of residents feel safe in Cedar Hill, according to a 2015 citywide survey.

Community

Cedar Hill Police officers were participating in community policing even before it was called that.

In 2016 PACT officers:

- Established a safe and monitored E-Commerce Exchange Zone.
- Installed a Prescription Drug Take Back box available 24/7 in the police lobby.
- Initiated a Security Camera Registration Program for residents to share their video with the police.

- Received a grant for a child seat installation and giveaway program.
- Instructed several Response to Active shooter events for businesses and churches.
- Conducted two Citizen Police Academies for residents to better understand the strategies and tools of CHPD.

Funding for the PACT unit is provided by the Crime Control and Prevention District. The CCPD reauthorization election will be held on Nov. 7.

The CHPD operates under the same values as other City departments: people and relationships, servant leadership, highest ethical standards, behavior, integrity and stewardship.

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Michelle Ebanks,
Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Neighbors recognized for their outstanding neighborhoods

2017 marks the 13th year the Neighborhood Advisory Board has recognized neighborhood organizations for their work improving the quality of life in our community. The awards recognize neighborhoods for achievement in communication, organizational activities, community partnerships, leadership and beautification.

Neighborhood Engagement is a top priority for our Mayor and City Council.

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Mayor Franke leads DFW Council on Regional Transportation



Cedar Hill Mayor Rob Franke leads a recent City Council meeting; one of several ways he volunteers to serve our community.

Cedar Hill Mayor Rob Franke will preside over the Regional Transportation Council for the next year after being elected chair of the 44-member transportation policymaking body for the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Council, made up of local representatives from the 12-county DFW area, oversees transportation planning for the fourth-largest metropolitan area in the country, which has a current population of more than 7 million people.

The RTC guides the development of roadway, rail and bicycle-pedestrian plans and programs; allocates transportation funds; and recommends projects to the Texas Transportation Commission for other programs.

The RTC also ensures transportation services

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Mayor Franke From page 1

are coordinated throughout the region and the metropolitan area complies with air quality regulations.

In his eighth term as Cedar Hill Mayor, Franke has served on the RTC since 2008.

He is chair of the RTC's Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee, which is involved in efforts to bring high-speed rail to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

As Texas Central Partners pursues high-speed rail from Dallas to Houston, plans for a separate line connecting Dallas and Fort Worth are underway. The Dallas-Fort Worth Core Express could link the Dallas-to-Houston corridor with another line that would provide access to Oklahoma and South Texas.

In addition to the possibility of high-speed rail, NCTCOG is beginning to undertake a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2045, which will serve as a blueprint for transportation projects through 2045. By then, the region is expected to be home to more than 11 million people.



ADULT TECH TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday from Noon to 1 p.m. at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library.

A dedicated time to focus on your technology questions. Bring your laptop, tablet or other devices. Practice new computer skills while trainers are available; register online by sending an email to dan.watkins@cedarhilltx.com or call 972-291-7323 ext. 1311. Please describe the help you need when registering.

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6 a.m. to Midnight

Search at the link below for "Cedar Hill" programs and consider supporting those in our community who most need assistance. northtexasgivingday.org.

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Interagency Teamwork

To help reduce the scourge of illegal drugs, that is so devastating to our country and impacting our community, the Department is partnering with local police departments, the Dallas County District Attorney, U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. In 2016 the unit made 22 arrests, impounded 1,000 pounds of methamphetamine, 16 pounds of heroin, five labs and seized \$549,468.

The CHPD 2016 Annual Report is available online. Visit cedarhilltx.com/96 and look for Annual Reports.

MADD honors 2 officers for DWI enforcement efforts



Commitment Hero Award

Corporal Chad Cooley exemplified a strong overall commitment to DWI education or enforcement in 2016.

Corporal Cooley has received multiple Enforcement Hero Awards from MADD dating back to 2011. He is the lead SFST instructor for the Department and works to ensure all patrol and traffic officers are re-certified every two years.

Cpl. Cooley participates in multiple education events from Neighborhood Watch meetings to Citizen Police Academies and the City's Youth Summit where he focuses on underage drinking and driving.

In addition, he made 11 DWI arrests as a first-line supervisor in Patrol.



Enforcement Hero Award

Officer Don Crymes is recognized as the CHPD officer with the most DWI arrests in 2016.

This is his second nomination for Enforcement Hero; he was first nominated two years ago. Officer Crymes continues to show his dedication to enforcement of DWI laws. In 2016 he made 17 DWI arrests.

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Neighborhood applications are evaluated by the neighbors' ability to demonstrate the City Council's values within the neighborhood.

Cresthaven Village 2017 Premier Neighborhood Award

Cresthaven Village is located near Pleasant Run and Old Clark Road. This quiet neighborhood is home to 91 families with more homes to be completed by 2018. The neighborhood offers a retirement community in a beautiful and gated subdivision centrally located in close proximity to shopping, businesses and church activities.

A dedicated group of residents is committed to increasing its relations with many various organizations and businesses throughout our community.

Cresthaven Village residents are frequent volunteers for Citizens on Patrol, Taste of Cedar Hill, New 2 You, and the Cedar Hill Independent School District.

Congratulations and thanks to the people of Cresthaven Village for outstanding contributions to your neighborhood and the community.

Hidden Lakes Premier Runner-up Neighborhood

In the southeast area of the City, a short walk from the Cedar Hill Recreation Center and the Red Oak Creek Trail, is the vibrant Hidden Lakes neighborhood. This community is home to 101 households and has convenient access to trails, parks, churches and retail shopping.

Residents are committed to making the community and their neighborhood a great place to live. They distinguished themselves in every award category with regular crime watch meetings, participation in National Night Out, progressive dinners and block parties.

Congratulations and thanks to Hidden Lakes residents for outstanding contributions to your neighborhood and the community.

Pay water bill online or via app

Digital access gives you more control

<https://cedarhill.u2you.gwfathom.com/>

People make it a community



Mayor Rob Franke visits with members of the Mission Cedar Hill Team. These volunteers worked on dozens of projects at residents homes to improve their quality of life. They cleaned, they mowed, they painted, they even did carpentry. Best of all, they shared the Cedar Hill qualities of stewardship and volunteerism.



Selected as 2017's Premier Neighborhood, Cresthaven Village has a dedicated group of residents committed to increasing its relations with other various organizations and businesses throughout our wonderful City of Cedar Hill making the community and their neighborhood premier.

Hidden Lakes is the runner up for Premier Neighborhood. Residents are committed to making the community and their neighborhood a great place to live. They distinguished themselves in every award category with regular crime watch meetings, participation in National Night Out, progressive dinners and block parties.



Under the capable leadership of HOA President, Steven Ridge and others, a bright future lies ahead for the Hidden Lakes neighborhood.



Rodney Smith is sworn in as Deputy Fire Chief at a recent City Council meeting. City Secretary Belinda Berg administers the oath.

CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's [online calendars at cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com)

August

12 CHSD Back-To-School Rally, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ninth Grade Center, 1515 W. Belt Line Rd.,
Pre-register for free backpacks and other services. More information and vendor registration at chisd.net/domain/907.

15 & 29 City Council Meetings, Government Center, Cedar Hill Room
6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. City Council Meeting. Both meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available 72 hours before meetings at cedarhilltx.com/archive.aspx.

17 Emergency Preparedness Workshop, 6:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Public Library
Are you prepared when disaster strikes: This workshop will provide you important emergency preparedness information and tips on what you should do during an emergency such as a natural disaster. Featured presenters are: American Red Cross, Cedar Hill Fire Department, Best Southwest Regional C.E.R.T. Program, Tri-City Animal Shelter, National Weather Service and more!

22 Senior Information and Wellness Expo 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Recreation Center,
Pre-register for free lunch. This event features booths, door prizes and more! Hosted by Cedar Hill Senior Center.

September

12 & 26 City Council Meetings, Government Center, Cedar Hill Room
6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. City Council Meeting. Both meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available 72 hours before meetings at cedarhilltx.com/archive.aspx.

16 Paws, Claws & Outlaws Fundraiser, 6 p.m. Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.
Tickets are \$75 per person or \$675 for a table. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available. Visit tricityfriends.org/gala2017 for more information and tickets.

19 Taste of Cedar Hill, 5-8 p.m. Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.
The 16th Annual Taste of Cedar Hill and Business Expo brings together residents and over 60 local businesses at this year's event. Lots of fun and samples, too. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids and seniors. For information, please contact Ashley Forsythe, Administrative Director, at 972.291.7817 or learn more online at cedarhillchamber.org.

23 Creative Arts Festival & ReMarket, 10 a.m. - 3p.m., Historic Downtown Cedar Hill,
The Parks and Recreation Dept. and the Zula B. Wylie Library present the annual Creative Arts Festival. Combine this with the many ReMarket vendors and their wares for a fun-filled day of arts, performances, tasty food and more! For more information about the event, please call 972.291.5130 or 972.291.7273.

Fees waived to 'Clear the Shelters'

Are you looking for a new addition to your family? Do you want to be part of a nationwide event while giving a pet a furr-ever home? Then consider adopting your next four-legged friend at the Tri-City Animal Shelter during the Clear the Shelters event on Saturday, August 19 from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This year, nearly 700 shelters across the US are partnering with NBC-owned television stations and Telemundo for this worthwhile event. More than 50,000 pets found new homes in 2016. Hopefully, more will be placed this year.

Locally, the Tri-City Animal Shelter,

located at 1150 E. Pleasant Run Rd., hopes to clear the shelter. To support this cause, the animal shelter is waiving its \$75 adoption fee that day, which provides over \$300 of services for each pet including vaccinations, sterilization, deworming and a microchip.

Last year, the Tri-City Animal Shelter had a 100% adoption rate which included 44 dogs, 18 cats and a chinchilla.

While the goal is to provide animals with loving homes and show positive aspects of adoption, it is important to keep in mind that pet owners are committing to a life with their furry friend.

Teens learn service and skills on municipal councils

The Law Enforcement Advisory and Development (LEAD) Council and the Mayor's Teen Council both give Cedar Hill teens opportunities to give back to their community while developing their leadership skills and viewing city government first-hand.

The LEAD Council works with police officers and command staff discussing current issues facing law enforcement and community relations. LEAD Council members also engage the community beside police personnel during special events and projects throughout the school year, such as the Youth Summit sponsored by the Cedar Hill Police and Fire Departments.

The Mayor's Teen Council members review issues and concerns that involve

Cedar Hill youth and help develop solutions, such as the Rising Longhorns mentorship program through Cedar Hill ISD.

Both the LEAD Council and Mayor's Teen Council members perform community service projects and learn more about city operations from local government professionals. The two Councils also collaborate on projects and initiatives such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Peace March and Earth Fest.

Applications (due Sept. 8) for incoming sophomores or older students who live in or attend school in Cedar Hill are available online at cedarhilllibrary.org and must be turned in to locations on the application.

Learn about your municipal court (before you pay)

No one is perfect, so don't let a municipal citation ruin your day. The Municipal Court Staff wants to help you know how to avoid, or take the sting out of, citations. Learn from your mistakes or learn here first.

1. Did you know you must come to a complete stop before turning right at a red light?
2. Did you know fines are doubled when speeding in a construction zone; and if workers are present the violation may stay on your record?



3. Did you know you cannot take multiple driving safety courses within a 12-month period?

4. Did you know there are other options available to satisfy fine payments, if eligible?

5. Did you know our smiling Court staff, left, stands ready to assist you with favorably handling your citation?

Learn more at cedarhilltx.com/93.

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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