

CEDAR HILL

Highlights

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

May 2011



Stormy Weather brings out the best

Maybe you lost some sleep during the last stormy night.

City staffers were out working before, during and after the storms, keeping residents safe, removing hazards and getting things back to normal before most of us got up.

When storms arrive, City crews from the Public Works and Parks departments, Administration, as well as Police and Fire depart-

ments work to insure the public's safety.

When potentially serious weather approaches, storm spotters are notified to be ready to deploy on short notice. They may be sent out during the afternoon or in the middle of the night. Spotters stay in contact with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) via radio. The spotters report damaging winds, flooding rains, hail, funnel clouds and tornados. Personnel in the EOC

monitor local radars and weather reports.

"When certain weather events occur, the outdoor warning siren system is activated, said Fire Chief John Ballard. "These events include severe wind conditions, large hail and tornados. When you hear the sirens, you should seek immediate shelter inside. Listen to local radio or television to obtain further information. It's also a good idea to keep your cell phone with you."

As storms pass, the spotter team transitions to damage assessment. These crews patrol assigned areas

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Juneteenth set June 18 at Valley Ridge Park

Mark your calendar on Saturday, June 18th to attend the 8th Annual Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration in Cedar Hill beginning at 5 p.m.

The highlight of this year's Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration will be a free concert featuring the famous "electro funk" group

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Watering restrictions

No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. seven days a week from May 1 to Sept. 30

From May 1 to September 30, outdoor watering is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fines for violators start at \$200 for the first offense.

The City requests no outside watering at all on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow the system to re-

plenish supplies in the water storage tanks.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at tinyurl.com/CHwater.

Refer to the home page of the City website www.cedarhilltx.com for drought response updates.

Storm alerts

The City of Cedar Hill may contact residents by phone for severe weather warnings, hazardous road conditions, and other situations that impact the safety, property, or welfare of our citizens.

If you do not have a home phone or would like to receive alerts when you are away from home, please visit the website below and add your cell number(s) and email address. Your information will not be sold or available to telemarketers.

Put this address in your browser: bit.ly/chphone



Find answers and request service from the City at bit.ly/chaccess

Memorial Day closings

On Monday, May 30 the following City facilities will be closed:

- Government Center
- Library
- Recreation Center
- Animal Shelter
- Senior Center

The Crawford Park Pool will be open on May 30 and closed May 31 through June 3.



KCHB & Arbor Day Foundation celebrate the 'greening' of Cedar Hill

Over 100 volunteers from the community helped pick up litter all over Cedar Hill and joined together to celebrate Arbor Day in April.

After the litter pick up, coordinated by Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful (KCHB), volunteers enjoyed a hot dog lunch from the Lions Club and door prizes provided by other sponsors.

The Parks & Recreation Department

gave away trees.

The highlight of the day was the Arbor Day Proclamation read by Mayor Rob Franke and the announcement that for the third year Cedar Hill is recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA.

"We commend Cedar Hill's elected officials, volunteers and its citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest,"

The Tree City USA banner is displayed by City Council member Cory Spillman, left, and members of the Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Tree Board at the KCHB/Arbor Day event at Virginia Weaver Park.

said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental economical and health benefits."

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and report fallen trees, downed power lines, dark traffic signals, flooded streets and rising creek levels.

As these conditions are reported to the EOC, crews are assigned to set up temporary stop signs, block off areas of high water, detour traffic where necessary and begin removing debris from the streets.

Remember that downed power lines should be treated as if they are live. Report them to 911 immediately.

Residents should

report power outages to service providers at the following numbers: Oncor – 1.888.313.4747 or Hilco Electric Coop – 1.800.338.6425

By the time most of us get up, much of the recovery work has been completed. City crews were out during and after the storm and stay until the situation is under control.

Remember, these are not special crews, they are the same people you see every day mowing the medians, patrolling the streets and keeping your water system working

properly.

Next time a storm wakes you up, remember that City personnel are out there watching over the city and working to resolve issues so that you can get on with your day.

When mailing items to the City of Cedar Hill, please note that the address is:
**285 Uptown Blvd.,
Cedar Hill TX 75104.**

The City no longer receives mail at P.O. Box 96

Protect puppies from Parvo

Simply vaccinating your dog annually will protect him from two deadly viruses, Parvo and Distemper

"At this time of year we see an increase in the community of these two viruses," said Alissa Prellis, Manager of the Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center.

"The great thing is that you can save your pet from this agony just by taking him every year to get vaccinated," she said. Prevention is truly the best medicine.

Watch your pets carefully for these signs.

Parvo virus

- Young dogs and puppies are at a greater risk
- The virus is extremely hardy, surviving up to 6 months outside of its host.

- First signs are lethargy and loss of appetite followed by vomiting, diarrhea and dehydration
- Survival is possible

if caught early and treated immediately but can be expensive



Distemper virus

- Often difficult to diagnose as, at first, it mimics a common upper respiratory infection first (coughing, sneezing, runny nose)
- Can progress to affect every system in the body including the central nervous system causing twitching and seizures
- Is usually fatal

For more information

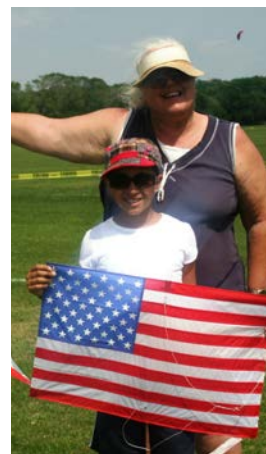
about these fatal viruses and to get your pet protected, contact your veterinarian. A list of local veterinarians

is available from the Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center at 972.291.5335.



Family Kite Fly Winner

Lexis Jackson won a free designer kite, donated by Gloria Harmon, at the Family Kite Fly event sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Dept. on April 10. Young people of all ages enjoyed seeing the brightly colored creations dancing in the sky over Valley Ridge Park.



City Council



Above: Mayor Rob Franke presents a proclamation designating National Public Safety Telecommunications Week to Dona Fernandes, Managing Director of Southwest Regional Communications Center, the dispatch center for 911 calls for the cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Duncanville. Fernandes later presented information about SMART 9-1-1 to the City Council.

Below: City Council member Wallace Swayze reads the inscription on her star to April's Star Student Shunkecia Lewis, an 11th grade student at the Collegiate High School. Shunkecia was nominated by her teachers for her academic and leadership achievements at the school.



Below: At the E-waste Event in April, a television, headed for recycling, is unloaded from the pickup of a Cedar Hill resident. This TV, added to a semi-truckload of other TVs, monitors, computers, printers and other electronic gear, was taken to a recycling vendor who saves over 95% from the landfill.



Community Calendar

www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx

May 2011

24 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting
7 p.m. City Council meeting
Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

June 2011

The June Music in the Park series of concerts has been postponed.

2 Cedar Hill public schools close for summer

4 Kid Fish

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Pond, 2850 Park Ridge Drive
Children 16 and under can bring tackle or use provided equipment.
Register early for free T-shirt. Prizes awarded at free hot dog lunch.

9 Swimming Lessons begin

Register at 972.291.5130
Crawford Park Pool at 410 Straus Rd.

10 Flick-n-Float series (second Fridays in June, July and August)

8-10 p.m., Crawford Park Pool at 410 Straus Rd., \$2 per person
Relax on your float in the pool and enjoy a family-friendly movie. The concession stand will be open. Call 972.291.5130 for details.

18 Juneteenth

5-10 p.m. Amphitheater at Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Dr.
Live music, stage presentations, exhibits

July 2011

1-31 July is National Parks and Recreation Month

Get involved with the "Adopt-a-Park" kick off. Watch the City website for more information about how you can adopt your favorite park and help keep it safe, beautiful and litter free.

4 Red, White and Pool

1-5:45 p.m. Crawford Park pool. \$2 admission.
Family-friendly games and competition. There will be a slip 'n' slide for everyone to enjoy and a water slide for the little ones.

8 Flick-n-Float (every 2nd Friday in June, July and August)

8-10 p.m. Crawford Park pool. \$2 admission.
Relax on your float in the pool and enjoy a family-friendly movie. The concession stand will be open. Call 972.291.5130 for details.

15 Senior Center Health Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Senior Center, 1740 Mansfield Rd.
Take an active approach to staying healthy by taking advantage of the information available at the event. Vendors desiring a booth should call the Senior Center at 972.291.5353.

To submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this Community Calendar, please email complete info to corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com.

Contacts

- After Hours
972.780.6643
- Alarm Monitoring
972.230.5248
- Animal Control
972.223.6111
- City Administration
972.291.5100x1010
- City Secretary
972.291.5100x1011
- Code Enforcement
972.291.5100x1090
- Economic Develop. Corp.
972.291.5132
- Fire Department
Non-emergency
972.291.1011
- Human Resources
972.291.5100x1050
- Library
972.291.7323
- Municipal Court
972.291.5100x1041
- Neighborhood Services
972.291.5100x1084
- Parks & Recreation
972.291.5100x1500
- Parks Rain-outs
214.855.9758
- Parks Special Events
214.890.6977
- Police Department
Non-emergency
972.291.5100x2400
- Public Relations
972.291.5100x1032
- Public Works
972.291.5126
- Recreation Center
972.293.5288
- Senior Center
972.291.5353
- Tri-City Animal Shelter
972.291.5335
- Utility Billing
972.291.5100x1200

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Midnight Star. Beginning in 1983 this group scored Platinum and Gold with top dance hits like “Freak-a-Zoid”, “No Parking on the Dance Floor”, “Operator” and “Don’t Rock the Boat.”

Kicking-off the concert will be Freddie Jones, a popular jazz trumpet player and composer, born in Carrollton, Texas. Known for his “jazz styling, Freddie is guaranteed to thrill a jazz-lover’s soul.

Other Juneteenth event activities will include the Ordered Step Praise Dancers, storytelling, children’s activities, bounce houses, wellness booths and screenings, historical information, plenty of great food and more.

In 2004 the cities of Cedar Hill, Lancaster, DeSoto, and Duncanville combined resources to create the Annual Best Southwest June-



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teenth Celebration. Each year the event rotates to another city and the event gets bigger and better.

Juneteenth originated as a celebration of the ending of slavery in Texas when on June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and 1,800 troops of the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced that the Civil War had ended and all enslaved persons were free. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration honoring the ending of slavery.

Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration Saturday, June 18 from 5–10 p.m. at the Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive in Cedar Hill.

Admission is free. For additional information visit <http://bit.ly/BEST-SOUTHWEST> or call 972.291.5130.

Sponsored this year by the cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Lancaster and Duncanville, Metro PCS and Time Warner Cable.

Free wi-fi
Free wireless internet connection is available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

Pool opens May 28, offers swimming lessons & more

Crawford Park Pool at 530 Krantz Rd. will be open daily from 1 to 5:45 p.m. beginning Saturday, May 28.

Admission is \$2 per day. Individual season passes are available for \$50 and family passes, for up to 4 members, are only \$100.

The pool is available for private party rentals on some Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Contact the Parks Department at 972.291.5120 for more information.

Lessons

Registration for



Fredrick and Rhonda Hannah said they were happy to help ‘green’ Cedar Hill with the Red Oak tree and KCHB T-shirts they took home from the Arbor Day celebration in April.

Correction

In the April issue the cost of trash and recycling was incorrect. The rate is \$12.06 (\$8.97 for seniors 65 and over) per month. This amount is added to your water bill.



swimming lessons starts Monday, May 9. Lessons start Monday, June 6. Classes last for 2 weeks, with 8 class sessions for \$40 per student. You may choose from morning or evening sessions, Mondays - Thursdays. Lessons are based on ability, not age. Only 4 students per class.

You can register online and get more information on the City website (www.cedarhilltx.com) under City Services/Parks and Recreation/Swim Lessons.

Watch the City website for special events at the pool this summer like Flick-n-Float Fridays every second Friday in June, July and August. Enjoy a family-friendly movie for \$2 per person.

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