



Acting Fire Chief John Ballard, center, flanked by Texas Forest Service officials, joins Mayor Rob Franke and City Manager Alan Sims as they sign the Wildfire Plan Agreement.

Wildfire plan protects homes and property

The Cedar Hill Community Wildfire Protection Plan is a collaborative effort to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to homes and property.

The lead planning group is the Cedar Hill Fire Department, partnering with the Texas Forest Service to educate homeowners about wildfire protection in developments where wildfire risk exists.

Unique to Cedar Hill are some topographical and access problems that enhance the wildfire issue.

Areas in Lake Ridge have been identified to conduct fuel reduction projects to lessen the danger.

The department will conduct homeowner education and outreach programs about fuel mitigation and de-

fensive space.

The agreement outlines several goals:

- Identify wildland fuel hazards in the community;

- Identify major structures and other community assets needing protection from wildland fires;

- Prioritize citywide fuel hazard and structure ignitability reduction needs;

- Develop collaborative measures to reduce

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285 Uptown Blvd.,
Cedar Hill TX 75104.

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

Two new faces join City Council, Mayor elected to sixth term

Three residents took the oath to serve as members of the Cedar Hill City Council and were sworn in at the regular May 25 meeting.

Mayor Rob Franke was sworn in for his sixth term as Mayor. He ran unopposed in the May 8 City election.

Wallace Swayze was elected to serve in Place 3 and Stephen Mason was unopposed for Place 5.

Two Council members chose not to run for reelection.

Makia Epie stepped down after 15 years of service to the people of Cedar Hill.

Wade Emmert, who has served on the City Council for 6 years, chose not to run for another term as he seeks the office of Dallas County Judge in the upcoming November election.

Council Member Steve Mason was elected to Place 5 and will be up for reelection in 2013. He has served Cedar Hill as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and is cur-

rently on the Executive Board of the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Because of his in-



Council Member Wallace Swayze serves on the Cedar Hill City Council in Place 3 and will be up for reelection in 2013.

He has served the City on the Comprehensive Plan Committee and as a Planning and Zoning commissioner. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

His hobbies are focused on his family. They are very active at Trinity Church in Cedar Hill.

He lives on Texas Plume Road, one of the most beautiful areas in our city with his wife,

involvement with the Chamber, he was appointed to the Best Southwest Board. This board consists of all four mayors, chamber presidents, economic development presidents, and city council representatives.

Mason is the president of Mas-Tek Engineering, a local business that provides geotechnical engineering and construction material testing services. Email Council member Mason at steve.mason@cedarhilltx.com



Lisa. Their son Trae attends a local university. Their two energetic dogs will talk to everyone who visits.

Email Council Member Swayze at wallace.swayze@cedarhilltx.com

CHPD report on 2009

During a recent City Council presentation, Police Chief Steve Rhodes started a presentation on the 2009 CHPD Annual Report by saying that Cedar Hill remains one of the safest cities in the Best Southwest.

He was pleased to inform the City Council that 2009's National Night Out event had the best participation ever with 34 neighborhoods involved.

He then introduced presenters Asst. Chief Armen Tamakian,

Lt. Pam Brown, Sgt. Chuck Woods, Lt. Steve Lafferty, and Asst. Chief Rodney Thompson, who shared even more good news about our community.

The highlights they presented from the 2009 CHPD Annual Report included statistics showing lower rates of violent crimes and fewer crimes against persons.

The entire 2009 CHPD Annual Report is on the City website at <http://tinyurl.com/CHPDAR09>

Residents save with ambulance subscription

An emergency trip to the hospital in an ambulance can easily cost over \$700. To help residents deal with that cost, the City of Cedar Hill offers an optional ambulance subscription plan that reduces your cost for emergency ground ambulance transport.

For only \$60 per year the City of Cedar Hill will bill your primary insurance carrier or Medicare. Whatever amount is not covered by either one will be written off by the City.

This program covers ground emergency transport to an emergency room. It covers dependents living in your home up to age 25.

Citizens on Medicaid do not qualify for this program.

You can make your payment by check,

cash or money order. An installment plan is available which allows you to pay a \$5 assessment each month on your water bill.



Enrollment forms are available at the Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd. and the fire station at 1212 W. Belt Line; or call 972.291.1011 during business hours to have the form mailed to you.

The City of Cedar Hill, through the emergency medical services provided by the Fire Department, is committed to providing quality, affordable emergency ambulance care to all residents of Cedar Hill.

Two can be better than one



June is Adopt – A- Cat month in shelters all across the United States. Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center is supporting this by offering a two-for-one cat adoption special.

During the months of June and July, when someone adopts two cats or kittens, the adoption fee and microchip fee are waived for the second cat or kitten.

If the cat is not sterilized, the \$25 sterilization voucher must be purchased.

What a purrrrrfect time to add to your family.

For more information, please contact the shelter at 972.291.5335 or come by and see us. We are located at 1150 E. Pleasant Run Rd. in Cedar Hill.

Free wi-fi

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

Two can be bad for one



Vaccinate your dog against the two deadly viruses, parvo and distemper. At this time of year we see an increase in these two viruses.

Parvo virus facts:

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.

Certain breeds such as Rottweilers and Dobermans are more susceptible.

Distemper facts:

Often difficult to diagnose as, at first, it mimics a common upper respiratory infection (coughing, sneezing, runny nose);



Distemper is usually fatal. You can easily save your pet from this agony by taking him every year to get vaccinated. Prevention is truly the best medicine.

For more information about these fatal viruses and to get your pet protected, contact your veterinarian. If you do not have a veterinarian, please call the Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center at 972.291.5335, for a list of local veterinarians.



For only \$25 a month you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same professional staff that dispatches police and fire crews for the City of Cedar Hill.

Instead of your alarm notifying someone several states away, this system connects directly into our local 9-1-1 call center.

Saving seconds can save lives.

It's only \$25 a month and there is no long-term contract required. For more information contact SWRCC at 972.230.5248.

City honors neighborhoods

At the May 18 City Council meeting, awards were given to neighborhoods that are leading the way to engage neighbors and improve communication, partnerships, beautification and awareness in the community.



Highlands South: "Premier Neighborhood 2010"



High Pointe: "Most Active" neighborhood



Meadowbrooke "Most Improved" neighborhood



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 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.

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

Community Calendar

June

18 Music in the Park

8 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Dr.
Bonnie & Nick Norris Band performing Country
Bring the whole family, lawn chairs or a blanket, have a picnic.

19 Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration

4-10 p.m., Armstrong Park, 315 E. Wheatland Rd., Duncanville
The Best Southwest cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster join together to honor the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery. Enjoy food, children's activities, bingo, and more. Admission is free. For more information call 972.780.5086 or visit www.duncanville.com/events

25 Music in the Park

8 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Dr.
Me & My Monkey playing music by The Beatles
Bring the whole family, lawn chairs or a blanket, have a picnic.

22 Online career help

2 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library
Find your career field with 'Career Cruising'

22 Teen Drum Circle

4:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library
Teens can discover musical talent at this high-energy, hands-on drum session with percussionist Mark Shelton.

July

5 Crawford Park Pool closed

Routine maintenance. Opens Tuesday, July 6

10 "The Little Engine That Could"

2 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library, Activity Room
Story Time Theater presents an interactive play for children

15 Dealing with Diabetes?

6:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library
Head in the right direction. Get questions answered by a diabetes expert. These free diabetes workshots are presented by Merck.
Call 972.291.7323 x1313 to register by July 7.

Visit the calendar on www.cedarhilltx.com for more events.

For the latest information, follow Cedar Hill on Twitter.
Visit twitter.com/cedarhilltx

To receive the latest emergency and priority information by phone or email, we encourage residents to sign up for Connect-CTY. Visit the City website at www.cedarhilltx.com, and under "Popular Links" click on "Sign up for Connect-CTY City Messages."

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
972.291.5100x1028

Who recycles? And what difference does it make?

A recent spot survey of recycling by residents shows that one of three homes in Cedar Hill uses the recycling bin.

On a typical Wednesday (Recycle Day for everyone in Cedar Hill) over 25 tons of recyclable material is collected and does not go to the landfill.

Those numbers are good, but if more residents recycle we'll keep more material out of the landfills and

enjoy even more of the benefits of recycling such as, using less energy.

Recycling doesn't get much simpler than the way we do it in Cedar Hill. Our solid waste vendor, Waste Management, uses a single stream process for consumer recycling. This means that you can place all recyclable materials (aluminum, plastic, paper and glass) into the bin for pickup at your home every Wednesday.

For many homes, the recycling bins aren't big enough. Resident Meg Maurer

recently wrote to the City about her family's journey into consumer recycling:

"We didn't recycle



recycling pickup. Now we keep a second trash can in our garage, lined with a clear plastic bag, and all our recycling goes in there!

"We have cut down our garbage to less than one full trash can a week, and have more recycle material than garbage!"

Everyone knows that recycling is the right thing to do. Your City makes it easy.

when we first moved to Cedar Hill, because the plastic bin was awkward, didn't hold everything, and was tough to haul down our long driveway.

"However, a year or two ago we learned that clear plastic bags are also allowed for

Sign up for alerts

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

To make sure you get the message, the City is asking residents and businesses to visit the Connect-CTY website, below, and add your contact information. It will not be sold or available to telemarketers.

<https://portal.blackboard-connectcty.com/welcome>.

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hazardous fuel and structure ignitability on both public and private lands within the City of Cedar Hill.

Acting Chief John Ballard explained that some of the most visible results of the plan will be clearing highly-flammable underbrush in parks and wildland areas.

The department plans to offer training for homeowners about

how to protect their property by reducing wildfire fuel from around their homes.

The plan includes measures to:

Improve fire suppression and prevention capabilities by adding equipment designed to control wildfires in areas without roadway access;

Develop credentialed wildland fire personnel in CHFD;

Determine appropriate hazardous fuels reduction projects;

Promote measures to reduce structural ignition potential;

Encourage active involvement by City Council members, local and/or state emergency management agencies, utility companies, and homeowner associations.



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ends June 20**