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n their ongoing Best in DFW series, Dallas **Morning News** critics offered their top picks in a variety of areas from dining

to nightlife, music, neighborhoods and

more.

Cedar Hill one of DFW Best Neighborhoods for second year (2015)

Cedar Hill has long been the hidden jewel of the Metroplex, but lately we've been discovered. Recently, The Dallas Morning News ranked Cedar Hill among the top 20 DFW BEST NEIGHBORHOODS. This is the second year in a row Cedar Hill has made the list.

Our community was recognized as one of only four in Dallas County; others mentioned were University Park, Far North Dallas/Prestonwood and Downtown Dallas. That's pretty good quality-of-life company.

If you live in Cedar Hill, you already understand what makes this a great place for families and businesses. The Dallas Morning News list mentioned our hilly terrain and outdoor activities, our thriving historic downtown and the places locals and visitors love, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, Cedar Hill State Park and Lake Joe Pool.

We know there's a lot more to love in Cedar Hill. First of all, our community is one of the safest in the DFW Metroplex. Those who work in downtown Dallas appreciate the relatively short 15-mile commute. Easy access to the I-20 corridor means

you can get to DFW airport in less than 30 minutes.

Shopping and dining in town offers plenty of great options. Cedar Hill serves as the retail hub for a large market area.

Living in Cedar Hill means choosing from many great neighborhoods with a wide range of affordable homes. There are 68 organized neighborhoods in the community. Last year the City earned a national award for participation in National Night Out. A focus on relationship building has developed trust and strong bonds between residents and police.

Our neighborhoods are dotted with parks and over 26 miles of trails, with more being added every year. Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of Cedar Hill life and we have over 2,700 acres of parks and open space to experience. The City Council's priorities include a pledge to set aside 20 per cent of the city as green space. We value our natural beauty. More and more studies are revealing quality-of-life value in open space, parks, and access to nature.

Cedar Hill schools offer innovative educational opportunities including a collegiate high school program where students graduate high school with a tuition-free Associate degree as well. The school has a 100% graduation rate and a 100% college bound rate.

Cedar Hill State Park offers places to hike, trails to bike, picnic and camping sites. Lake Joe Pool offers 7,500 acres of great fishing, boating or just enjoying the sailboats at sunset. The unique flora and fauna make this a mecca for birdwatchers.

There's room to grow in Cedar Hill, our community is only about half built out. But what's already here makes it one of the best communities in DFW.