

January 2017

CEDAR HILL

HIGHLIGHTS



Have you seen a Good Samaritan?

Michelle Ebanks,
Neighborhood
Services Coordinator



Help us celebrate the selfless acts of kindness of individuals as we elevate expectations to help make Cedar Hill an even better place.

For the New Year, our new community-based recognition program will honor citizens who demonstrate our values, offering exceptional service to those in need. Residents may nominate someone who serves our community and makes a difference in the lives of others. We look forward to hearing from you and recognizing great deeds well done.

Award process

Any Cedar Hill resident is eligible.

Nominations: A community member can nominate another resident by outlining the charitable service, with details. Complete a form online at cedarhilltx.com/goodsamaritan.

Recognition: Citizens will receive a Good Samaritan Award certificate and a photo with the City Council with a spotlight in the City Highlights newsletter. Award winners and their efforts will also be recognized on the City of Cedar Hill website.

Questions, comments? Get in touch by emailing michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com or calling Michelle Ebanks at 972-291- 5100 ext.1099.

Security cameras

Your cameras can help others

Ann McSwain,
CHPD PACT officer

We are excited to announce a new voluntary Community Camera Registration Program (CCRP) to allow residents and businesses to register their address as a location operating a security camera system.

Registered cameras allow police investigators to quickly review video from nearby cameras that may have captured criminal activity. You would only be contacted by police personnel if there

is a criminal incident near the security camera.

Help us make Cedar Hill an undesirable place for criminals to commit crime and keep our entire community safe.

Strictly voluntary

The CCRP is voluntary and allows officers to access only security camera systems that are privately owned and voluntarily registered.

Viewing video captured by nearby security cameras saves valuable time,
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City Election set May 6

The filing period for the May 6, 2017 Cedar Hill General Election is Wednesday, January 18 through Friday, February 17, 2017. Residents wishing to run for City Council can pick up an application packet during the filing period at the City Secretary's office on the 4th floor of the Government Center. Qualifications and requirements are included in the packet.

City Council places 2 and 4 will be up for election this year. They are occupied by Daniel Haydin and Clifford Shaw who have both indicated they will run again.



If you're already on Nextdoor, you may have seen City departments sharing information there. Check it out at Nextdoor.com. Remember, City staff cannot see your neighborhood posts, so contact us via Nextdoor's private message to reply.

Cameras can help

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especially in high-profile crimes and where time is of the essence in the investigation.

Sharing video helps deter crime and promote public safety through cooperation between the Cedar Hill Police Department and the community we serve.

If you would like more information, please contact Officer Ann McSwain at 972-291-5181 x2511 or email her at ann.mcswain@cedarhilltx.com. You may register your camera online by going to <http://cedarhilltx.com/2230/Community-Camera-Registration-Program>.

Help us keep you informed & safe

A major priority for The City of Cedar Hill is to keep our residents safe. A key element to that is to keep them informed.

Whether it be severe weather, road closures or other threats, we want our residents to be aware and prepared and we need your help.

Help us inform you

The City uses an emergency notification service that sends information via phone calls, text messages and e-mail directly to residents.

But the system depends on a data-

base of resident phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It is only as good as the database.

We encourage residents and businesses to add their phone numbers and e-mail addresses directly to the system's database. Your information will not be made available to any other entity.

Add your contact information at cedarhilltx.com/civically.

You may add multiple phone numbers for you and others of your household who need to be notified.

Please check at the link above to be sure your contact data is up to date.

Living with critters changes in winter

The winter months mean additional care needs to be provided for our pets.

Do not leave dogs outside without adequate shelter. Not only is it against State Law, but just because your dog has fur, does not mean he/she can withstand the cold. All dogs should have access to a warm shelter at all times. If you use a heat lamp, make sure it is not a fire hazard.

Make sure your dog has fresh water and that it is not frozen. Beware of antifreeze; pets are attracted to it, but it is poisonous.

Please don't feed the wildlife, inten-



tionally or not. Coyotes and bobcats roam our city and help control the rodent population. But, given the opportunity, they will prey on small dogs or cats, or seek out other sources of food around our homes. Take in pet food at night. Keep outdoor garbage secure in closed receptacles.

If you see a bobcat or coyote in your neighborhood, scare it off by yelling at it or throwing something at it. If it does not run away, or appears sick or injured, please call **Animal Control at 972.223.6111**.

As it gets cold, some wildlife seek comfort in our homes. Watch and listen for squirrels or rodents who can enter attics and walls through the smallest openings. They can damage wiring and other parts of your structure. Get them out and close the holes with non-gnawable materials.

Think

Most North Texas disasters are weather-related. Think about how your family can prepare for wind damage, hail, flash floods and power outages. Know what to do when you receive an emergency message. Keep an eye on local TV stations for warnings and alerts.


Prepare

Having a plan that everyone in your family understands will help avoid some of the chaos and fear. Stock up on basic supplies, water, non-perishable food, flashlights and batteries. Be ready if the power goes out or you have to leave your home.

Act

Learn how to properly shelter in place. Develop your own evacuation plan. Know how to communicate with each other. Anticipate options in case of road closures. Make sure you have alternate sheltering locations in case one of them is not available. Know how to find support from government agencies in a large-scale emergency.

More emergency information is available at KnowWhat2Do.com, an information resource for North Texas residents, providing a broad range of emergency planning information.



Tax help for everyone
First come, first served. Tuesdays
Feb. 7 thru April 11 from 10:30 a.m.
to 2:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library,
225 Cedar St. Free assistance pro-
vided by volunteers from AARP.

Have a complaint about a pothole or a fence in disrepair? Visit cedarhilltx.com, click on the 'Submit a Request' button and let us know. We'll take care of it.

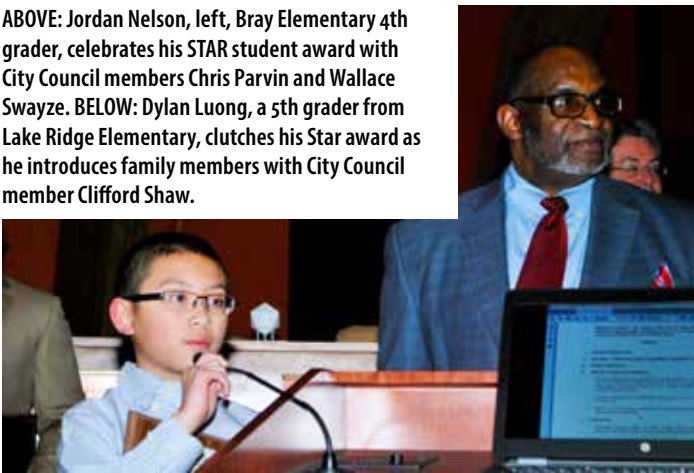
Or get 'GORequest' for your phone



People make it a community



ABOVE: Jordan Nelson, left, Bray Elementary 4th grader, celebrates his STAR student award with City Council members Chris Parvin and Wallace Swayze. BELOW: Dylan Luong, a 5th grader from Lake Ridge Elementary, clutches his Star award as he introduces family members with City Council member Clifford Shaw.



ABOVE: Gene Sims, center, retiring after 28 years of service at the Cedar Hill Food Pantry/Cedar Hill Shares celebrates a Cedar Hill Day in her honor. She was the first director for the facility and has helped serve thousands of families over the years.



This crew (A-Shift Sta. 211) collected the most for MDA during the recent "Fill the Boot" 2016 campaign. Left to Right is: Jason Patrick, Jason Davis, Adam Whitney, Jeremiah Turman, Matt Baker, Oscar Vasquez, and Alec Burch is behind Baker. Every member in Operations helped collect donations from our community.

CALENDAR

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

cedarhilltx.com/calendar

January 2017

18 Filing opens for May 6, 2017 Cedar Hill General Election

City Secretary's office, 4th floor, Government Center
Packets available with information and filing forms.

1-31 Library Food for Fines program

Library patrons who may have a late fee for materials kept too long can bring them back and have fines waived if they bring one or more canned goods per library item during the month of January. For details, call the library at 972.291.7323.

22 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration CHHS Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m. Free event.

Join in the peace march, then enjoy the Grammy-award winning acapella group Sweet Honey in the Rock. Visit cedarhilltx.com/mlk for more information.

24 City Council Meeting

Cannady Room, Government Center, 285 Uptown
Public briefing session begins at 6 p.m., City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

February 2017

4 Daddy/Daughter Dance

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville
From 6-9 p.m. The Winter Wonderland theme is perfect for girls and their fathers or male relatives/guardians of all ages. \$30 per couple. Space is limited. For more info visit cedarhilltx.com/DDD. Register at the Recreation Center or the Parks & Recreation Offices in the Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd.

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To see more of what's going on in our community, check in with City Hub Cedar Hill at cityhub.biz/cedarhill. The pages are updated daily. If you have a business, you should be getting exposure there.

Power out? Don't call the city, text Oncor

Text 'reg' to 66267 (ONCOR) to register now. Have your zip code and ESI ID available (ESI ID and zip code are on your recent electric bill).

Text 'out' to 66267 to report that your power is out.

Text 'stat' to 66267 to receive an update on your outage.



ABOVE: Nearly 100 Cedar Hill seniors were served a Thanksgiving meal by members of the City of Cedar Hill administration and departmental staff. It was a fun time of holiday fare and lots of animated conversations about the history and future of our community.

RIGHT: Polar Express Fest in Historic Downtown was a roaring success in December with blocks full of families enjoying the magical representation of the famous story. Shops were visited, trains were ridden, adventures were shared and tall tales were told. Thank you Library, Parks and other City staffers for new Christmas memories.



When the temperature drops below freezing, watch for driving hazards like icy roads, especially bridges.

FM 1382 and Belt Line Road are managed by TxDOT crews who are responsible for sanding those roadways. City of Cedar Hill crews sand some bridges, major intersections and areas for police and fire crews.

And remember, to avoid frozen pipes:

- Protect outside faucets
- Turn off automatic sprinklers
- Leave cabinets under sinks open to allow heat in.

Design your future at Cedar Valley @Cedar Hill

A new year can bring new opportunities for those who are prepared. Cedar Valley College Center at Cedar Hill wants to help prepare residents with Business and Professions courses and Computer/IT training starting now.

Visit their online eConnect page at <https://econnect.dcccd.edu/eConnect/eConnect> to quickly and conveniently enroll for near 20 relevant courses from Entrepreneurship, Marketing or Quick-books to Microsoft Office, IT - Mobile App or Graphics & Web Design.

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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