

May 2012

Highlights

CEDAR HILL

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

Recycling tonnage is up over 258%



Since the City began the new recycling procedures in January of this year, over 810 tons of recycled material have been diverted from the landfill and recycled by Waste Management and their affiliates. That's about a 258% increase over the same months in 2010.

"The response of residents to our new recycling program has been amazing," said Melissa Stephens, Assistant City Manager. "We knew many residents were interested in recycling, but the participation rate and the volume of material being recycled has exceeded our expectations."

Strong participation results in a substantial reduction of material going into the landfill, extending the life and reducing the cost of landfill acquisition. That helps keep down the cost of trash/recycling collection for the community.

Single stream

The new trash/recycling program in-

cludes single-stream recycling, which allows residents to de-



taminated with non-recyclable trash. Waste Management crews will not pick up recycling.

Recyclable carts with yellow lids were provided to all residents. Similar, but all green carts for trash are available for a \$2 monthly charge added to a residential water bill. To request a 96-gallon green trash cart, call 972.291.5100 x1003.

Brush collection

Monthly brush/green waste collection allows residents to set out tree trimmings and yard waste at the curb. Up to 10 cubic yards of material will be picked up from a residence.

A map showing trash/recycling collection days and the monthly brush/green waste collection is available on the City website at cedarhilltx.com/growinggreen.



A City ordinance requires yard sales and garage sales to be registered online at www.cedarhilltx.com or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register online or call by Thursday to get on the list.

It's free and it will advertise your sale on the list published Fridays on the city website at cedarhilltx.com/garagesale.

posit paper, recyclable plastics, all colors of glass and all types of cans into one receptacle.

The decision to provide 96-gallon recycling carts has made it convenient for residents to recycle.

One day weekly

Realigning collection of trash and recycling on the same day has also help simplify the process for residents.

Residents are cautioned to place only recyclable material in the yellow-lid carts. If the contents are con-

Did you get the message?

Sign up for City alerts

The City of Cedar Hill uses a phone and email system to quickly distribute important information to residents.

If you no longer have a home phone, the City may not be able to get the message to you. Even if you still use your home phone, you and other family members can receive messages on one or more mobile phone numbers. Your information will not be available to telemarketers.

To make sure you receive City messages, please register at the link below, it only takes a couple of minutes.

Messages are sent as recordings, emails and SMS text messages. Messages will always clearly indicate that they are from the City of Cedar Hill.

<https://1228101.bbcportal.com>

Spring brings flings at the Library

Community Garden Earth Day Celebration

Zula B. Wylie Public Library held a Community Garden Earth Day Celebration on April 21.

The fun included a performance by the award-winning, CHISD Middle School Orchestra and presentations to CHISD students who placed in the 2012 Summer Reading Program "Discover the Reading Farm" poster contest.

Other presentations were given by Texas Trust Credit Union, Dallas County Master Gardener's Association, and storyteller, Tom McDermott.

Mayor Franke shared a moving and humorous memory of

one of his first gardening experiences before cutting the ribbon for the first Cedar Hill Community Garden with Councilmembers Clifford Shaw and Cory Spillman.

There were plenty of children's activities including "Enchanted Earth Crafts", giant bubble blowing, Week of the Young Reader Paper Doll creations, "Save the Bear" stuffed animal and book giveaways, and sidewalk chalk art.

The adult activities included a "Cedar Hill Grows Authors" introduction to 14 local authors. These were adult and children's book authors, whose storylines range from comedy to ghost to

motivational to mystery, and romance.

Earth Day and Community Garden project partners are Waste Management, The Home Depot, Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful, Kohl's, AgriLIFE Extension of Texas A&M, Dallas County Master Gardener's Association, CHISD, Zula B. Wylie Public Library Friends of the Library, and the City of Cedar Hill. Contributions include monetary and material support plus volunteer time.

Lake Ridge Elementary Family Fun Night Worm Release

Lake Ridge Elementary students, parents, and teachers partici-

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The Access Cedar Hill button on the home page of the City website (www.cedarhilltx.com) is an easy way to get information and to request services from the City.

Available 24/7 the ACH button will take you to a list of categories where you will find information about many services provided by the City. In many cases there are links to even more information on a given topic.

You can also request service using Access Cedar Hill. Requests for service are form based, you can include your email address if you would like to be informed about progress on your request, or you can make a request anonymously.

You can even Access Cedar Hill from your smart phone using apps available for iPhone and Android. The phone apps allow you to take a photo of an issue as you report it and it will use your phone's location information (if you have it turned on) to place the exact location on a map.

Access Cedar Hill is convenient, it's powerful and it helps our community.

What's on your mind?

If you have a comment or question about anything City-related, use the "What's On Your Mind" button on the right side of the home page. You can put your comment or question on a form and submit it at your convenience. We will get back to you.

Help pets chill out in the heat

Thousands of pets die needlessly every summer from over-exposure to heat.

Dogs and most cats don't take off their coats, and they don't sweat like people do.

Pets pant in order to dispel heat, but it isn't a very efficient system. Those with dark, heavy coats are much more susceptible to heat than others.

If your pet is suddenly panting much more than usual see the vet immediately.

Here are a few ways to keep it a little cooler:

- Encourage your pet to drink by giv-



ing it ice chips or ice cubes throughout the day. Many pets like crunching ice, and it helps get extra fluids into their systems.

- Get the cooling benefits of water, at least with dogs, by spritzing them with a hose or encouraging them to lie in a kiddie pool Even sprinkling the grass where they play will keep them a

little cooler.

- Even on mild days, your pet's coat traps a lot of heat and holds it next to the skin. Putting your pet in front of a fan or, better yet, near an air conditioner will circulate air through the fur and keep it cool.

Most importantly: Never leave your pet in a closed car with the windows rolled up.

This pet care information provided by Cedar Hill Animal Control Officer, Ty Yount,



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 water usage updates.

Community Calendar

www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx



Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful and the Parks & Rec Dept. teamed up for a successful and positive event with a large turnout to celebrate Arbor Day in April. The volunteer litter clean-up program was followed by lunch from the Rotary Club. The Parks Board gave a presentation about the value of trees and announced Cedar Hill's achievement as a Tree City USA for another year. Parks provided free trees for homeowners.



Mayor Rob Franke, at a recent City Council meeting, presents the 2012 Arbor Day proclamation to Parks & Recreation Board members Jesse Shumway and Donna Detrich.



Artists of all art genres displayed and performed inside historic downtown businesses, in Pioneer Park and on the streets of Cedar Hill during the recent Walk the Light Arts Festival. This successful event is scheduled to happen again March 16, 2013. For a video slide show, visit cedarhilltx.com/walkthelightartsfestival.



Cedar Hill Youth Baseball Opening Day was full of excitement and promise of a great season for all the teams who participated at Valley Ridge Park. To see a fun video of the day, visit <http://animoto.com/play/DJpLeqkF34xcol6k2rqP4g>

May

22 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, Regular City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room. Agenda posted online and at the front door of the Government Center at least 72 hours before meeting at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

Crawford Park Pool Open

May 26-28; June 2- Aug. 28

Daily from 1 - 5:45 p.m. p.m

For information about swim lessons and private rentals, call 972.291.5100 x1500.

June

Friday evenings in June - Music in the Park

8 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free concerts by various artists while relaxing under the stars.

2 Youth Fishing Tournament

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Pond 2850 Park Ridge Dr.

This free event is for kids age 4-16. Youngsters should bring their fishing poles and register on site the day of the tournament. Bait and tackle will be provided plus a limited number of poles. Includes a hot dog lunch and prizes. This is a free community event sponsored by the Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Department and the Dallas Bass Hookers Club.

June 4 – August 24, Lucky Longhorns Summer Day Camp

Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Grades K-7, Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack included, \$90 per week or \$70 per week for free/reduced lunch students. Call 972-291-5130 for information.

11-17 Cedar Hill Recreation Center Membership Special

\$10 off a 3-month membership. Call 972.291.5130.

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16 Juneteenth Celebration - Best Southwest-style

5 p.m. at DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run in DeSoto

The Best Southwest cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster join together to host this event. Enjoy entertainment, children's activities, health and wellness education and much more

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For the most up-to-the-minute calendar items, check out the City's online calendar by scanning this QR code with your smartphone. Free QR scanners are available in your phone's app store.

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 Adult Rain-outs
214.855.9758
- Parks Youth Rain-outs
972.480.5868
- Police Department
Non-emergency
972.291.5100x2400
- Public Relations
469.272.2903
- 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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pated in a fun, family event in the newly constructed amphitheater on April 5.

Nearly 200 people enjoyed worm and garden stories, worm dances, worm measuring, and food that included a "dirt" cup with gummy worm dessert.

After the worms were measured and graphed, they were released into the newly-planted community garden.

Students then planted wildflower seeds, donated by CHISD Education Foundation, in old shoes and other containers to take home.

Thanks to Councilman Stephen Mason for partnering up the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and Lake Ridge Elementary School for this Family Fun Night. He was pleased to witness the successful partnership event.

First Easter Egg Hunt @ Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Parents and children excitedly swarmed the amphitheater on April 7.

They met Miss Teen Cedar Hill, Lacey Trevino, heard bunny stories, did the bunny hop, searched for candy-filled Easter eggs, and chase the Easter Bunny through the amphitheater as he, not so stealthily, hid additional eggs.

Dozens of families enjoyed a time of fun and laughter.

Keep up with fun learning events at the library at www.zulab-wylielibrary.org.

Be part of the solution Adopt a Park or a Trail

The City of Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Dept. encourages families, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses and even individuals to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of the City of Cedar Hill Parks system. Adopt-a-Park is a great way to support a local park.

Eligible Sites

The City of Cedar Hill parks system includes 2,482.5 acres and 10.5 miles of trails in 32 parks. Please contact the City of Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department and we'll be happy to work with you to identify the perfect match!

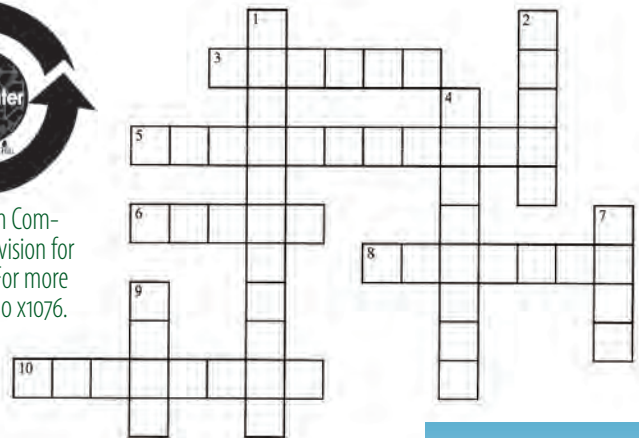
Visit cedarhilltx.com/parks or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 972.291.5130.



Scouts from Cedar Hill Troop 786 recently adopted Bradford Park under the City's Adopt-a-Park program.



The Old Town Vision Committee is crafting a vision for Historic Old Town. For more info, call 972.291.5100 x1076.



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- 5 Character of Cedar Hill
- 6 Spaces to gather and interact
- 8 District between Uptown and Historic Downtown
- 10 Pedestrian friendly

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- 1 Environmental, community and economic viability
- 2 Total districts in the City Center
- 4 Residential upstairs, retail downstairs (2 words)
- 7 More ___ at cedarhilltx.com/citycenter
- 9 ___ us & get answers at facebook.com/CedarHillPlanning



Who answers your alarm?

You can have your home or business alarm monitored by our local 911 Center. Get the fastest possible response. Find out about 3 months free at 972.230.5248.



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