

Highlights

CEDAR HILL

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

Harnessing the wind

The City of Cedar Hill keeps Growing Greener. In addition to solar energy, electric vehicles and enhanced recycling services for residents, Cedar Hill now has its first wind turbine.

The 4.5 kW wind turbine system located at the Government Center looks more like a piece of public art than it does a generator of electricity. Fully funded by grants, the wind turbine is already saving residents money. Oncor is paying the City \$1,550 as an incentive for using renewable energy technology.

At the Government Center, located at 285 Uptown Blvd., residents can, at one location, see and experience various forms of renewable energy technology that are already saving citizens' tax dollars. Near the wind turbine are the electric vehicle chargers and in the lobby visitors can monitor the power generated by rooftop solar panels.

The City is developing an online portal to show in real time the amount of wind energy generated.



Technicians install the last of three blades on the wind turbine located on the southwest lawn of the Government Center.

Check out more Growing Green at www.greencedarhill.com.

Smart911

Protecting Millions of Lives

by Kelli Grashel
PR Intern

Your house is on fire and you have called 911. You can feel your lungs filling up with smoke and your throat closing. Grandma is upstairs with her oxygen tank. The dog is in the bedroom alone.

What happens when you can't tell the EMS officers all of this important information when they arrive? How can you let them know if you are unconscious?

Smart911 to the rescue, your chance to help yourself.

Smart911 is a safe and secure nationwide service where citizens can create a safety profile with vital data they want made available on them-

selves, family members, pets or the house. This information is automatically displayed to the 911 call-takers during emergencies.

This information can range from medical conditions, disabilities, special needs, photos, addresses, cell phone numbers, floor plans and even advisories about weapons in the house.

The Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC) encourages residents to enroll in the free Smart911 program.

SWRCC is a consolidated communications center that serves the communities of Cedar Hill, Desoto and Duncanville.

Smart911 protects millions in 23 different
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Local Lions offer scholarships

The Cedar Hill Lions Club is accepting scholarship applications from 2012 graduates of Cedar Hill High School and Trinity Christian School. Submissions must be in by August 6, 2012.

A maximum of three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Complete scholarship requirements, application and additional information may be accessed at www.lionclubcedarhill.com



The Police Department will check your home while you are away on vacation.

Download the request form on the City website at bit.ly/chpdvac



Ambulance Plan lowers financial pain

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.

This program covers costs for ground emergency transport to an emergency room that aren't covered by your insurance or Medicare. It covers dependents living in your home up to age 25.

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.

Citizens on Medicaid do not qualify for this program.

You can make your payment by check, cash or money order.

Or use an installment plan which allows you to pay a \$5 assessment each month on your water bill, with no interest.

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.

According to EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham, "The purpose is to reduce the cost for an emergent transport. Whatever Medicare or insurance doesn't cover you wouldn't be responsible for paying out-of-pocket."

Smart911

From front page states.

Janet Sanders of the SWRCC is encourages all citizens to sign up. "It's free to go to the website and enter names, allergies, pets, for everyone in the house, note anyone on oxygen tank or other information that helps first responders.

"Smart911 does not ask for social security numbers. Your safe, secure information will be transmitted only to first responders an emergency situation," Sanders said.

Lt. Pam Brown of the Cedar Hill Police Department said "Any time advanced information is provided, it is always good for the responding officers.

"Citizens can use Smart911 to provide photos to police departments for use in an Amber Alert or a Silver Alert, where a child or elderly person goes missing."

Cedar Hill Fire Chief John Ballard says the program works especially well as units are dispatched. "They relay resident-provided information to us when we don't have time to look it up. They can say 'you are going to a house fire where there is an elderly person who lives upstairs'. This has high potential to benefit people and save lives." Ballard said.

For more information and to create your Safety profile go to www.Smart911.com and help your emergency response teams help you.

Does litter bug you?

You can do something about it. Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful



encourages you to report litterers using the Don't Mess with Texas Report a Litterer program.

Some Texans throw trash from their car while others may throw just a cigarette butt. It's all littering, and it's against the law.

If you see trash being tossed out of a car window or even accidentally flying out of a truck bed, record: the license plate number, the make of vehicle, time and date, location and who tossed (driv-

er, passenger or accidental) and what was tossed.

Go to dontmesswithtexas.org/report-a-litterer and complete the form with the information.

TxDot will compare the information to their vehicle registration database and if it matches, they will send the litterer a Don't Mess with Texas litterbag along with a letter reminding them to keep their trash off of our roads. And you can feel good about doing something to clean up our community and keeping Cedar Hill beautiful.



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.

Notify Me will send you an email or text message update whenever new information is posted on the City website about topics of interest to you. Want to know when there's

a new related news item or calendar event posted?

Scan this code with your smart phone to sign up for the information you want.





ABOVE: At the Youth Fishing Tournament at Valley Ridge Park Pond in June, Gabrielle Hancock, Keon Busby and Rebecca Peck won in the age 7 and under categories. The free event was sponsored by the Cedar Hill Parks & Rec Dept. with assistance from the Dallas Bass Hookers Club. Winners age 8-11 were Jaylon Harrison, Hank Kaiser and Rick Kaiser; and in the 12-16 group were Brittany Buford, Mathew Henry and A.J. Bates.
See more at animoto.com/play/KXVQQxEIS7alHoqosQMso



Friday Night Concerts in June attracted hundreds to each of the four live performances sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Dept. The beautiful setting, in Valley Ridge Park's amphitheater, great weather and popular food vendors made for festive evenings for all tastes and all ages.

For more live music in Cedar Hill check out:

Uptown Village Friday concerts at uptownvillageatcedarhill.com/en/eventsandpromotions.html and Bailey's Grille Jazz Nights at <http://uptownjazzdallas.com/events/event/listFeatured>

More social than ever

Keep up with the latest goings on in Cedar Hill via social media. You can tweet with us at twitter.com/CedarHillTX. Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas. Pin with us on Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx.

Community Calendar

www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx

July

July – 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.

July – August 28 Crawford Park Pool 2012 season

Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd. Open daily 1 - 5:45 p.m., For swim lessons and rental information visit cedarhilltx.com/parks and select "Swim Lessons" from the left column.

24 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.

31-August 7 Aqua Zumba

Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd. \$15 per person. Visit cedarhilltx.com/swim for more information.

August

1 Websites for Silver Surfers

2- 4 p.m., Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St. Library computer class

11 'Go Wild' Family Swim Night

6- 7:45pm, Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd., Enjoy family fun at the pool the second Saturday of August. The concession stand will be open. Cost: \$2 per person Visit cedarhilltx.com/swim for details.

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Submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this calendar by emailing complete info to corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com.



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.



A City ordinance requires yard sales and garage sales to be registered online at cedarhilltx.com/garagesale or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register 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.

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

People make Premier Neighborhoods

The Creeks at Windmill Hill named Premier Neighborhood 2012



ABOVE: Danny Reynolds, Reeba Reynolds, Sharon Hunter, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., Sherman Roberson, Katharine Hunter and Creeks of Windmill Hill HOA President, John Tabron.

RIGHT: City Councilmember Clifford Shaw and Highland South resident Bobby Ford

Residents of The Creeks at Windmill Hill exemplify everything premier about a neighborhood. Construction in the subdivision began in 2004. By 2006 residents had assumed full responsibility for their neighborhood association.

One of Cedar Hill's newer subdivisions, they have developed into strong resident leaders.

In addition to a City-hosted web page, they have a community website, and The Creeks Newsletter. Their HOA meetings are well attended. They have also partnered with the City on projects and activities, and sponsor a Holiday Yard Decorating competition and annual Fall Festival.

Under John Tabron, with assistance from Januari Lewis, Sharon Hunter, Danny and Reeba Reynolds, Sherman Roberson, Renee White, Katharine Hunter and others, The Creeks residents are committed to making Cedar Hill a better place to live, work and play.

Highlands South named Active Neighborhood 2012



One of Cedar Hill's earliest planned developments, Highlands South includes over 1,100 homes just south of Belt Line Road in the heart of the city. Highlands South residents received accolades in 2008 and 2009 for activity and im-

provement respectively, and in 2010 were awarded the Premier Neighborhood Award.

Highlands South boasts one of the city's most effective community watch organizations.,

monthly neighborhood watch meetings, a community garage sale, and an annual block party.

Residents are working to become a public improvement district. With the leadership of association President Thomas Haggerty, with assistance from Bobby Ford, Wanda Osborne, Pia George, Thelma Lane, Darlene Jackson, LaVaughn Cole and others, Highlands South residents are committed to Making a Difference in Cedar Hill.



Meadow Vista named Active Neighborhood 2012

City Councilmember Wallace Swayze with Meadow Vista Estates President, Patrick Bradshaw

Meadow Vista Estates began development in 1990 and has 209 families. Residents scored in every award category with a robust events calendar, increased participation in 2011 National Night Out and an annual block party. They have

an impressive communication network, contribute to their City-hosted web page and publish the Meadow Vista Messenger, a neighborhood quarterly newsletter.

Meadow Vista residents are frequent participants in city-wide events and activities and their annual Christmas decoration

contest is a highlight of the year.

Under the capable leadership of organization President Patrick Bradshaw, with assistance from Barbara Brookins-Hill, Rhonda Bell, Althea Carlisle and others, a bright future lies ahead for the distinguished Meadow Vista Estates neighborhood.



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