

Music in the Park

Every Friday evening in June, let go of your busy week, join your neighbors and friends for some chill time in the park. The City will provide great live music, for free.

Cedar Hill Music in the Park
8 pm, Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater
2850 Park Ridge Drive

Bring a lawn chair, a blanket, a picnic dinner, some friends, maybe relatives, and enjoy.

June 4 The Vintage Vibes, Golden Rock
June 11 Domino Effect, R & B
June 18 Bonnie and Nick Norris Band, Country
June 25 Me & My Monkey, The Beatles



Police earn state-wide award

The Cedar Hill Police Department has been honored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association as a "Recognized Law Enforcement Agency," one of the highest awards of the organization.

The voluntary review process is a rigorous examination of the procedures of a police department that includes submission of documentation to the organization for review combined with a two-day visit by police chiefs from other areas.

During the onsite inspection, the reviewers rode with officers, examined randomly-chosen policies and procedures and met with the department's management, including Police Chief Steve Rhodes and City Manager, Alan Sims.

Comments in the Summary Report after the onsite inspection and review included: "The Cedar Hill Police Department's policies and procedures are one of the most complete and well written of the agencies in the Recognition Program."

TPCA has recommended that CHPD conduct programs to instruct other departments in how to prepare for an examination.

A mountain

Chief Rhodes said virtually everyone in the department participated in the review because the department's policies and procedures set the tone for day-to-day operations and decision-making processes in the office and on the street. He specifically commended Lt. Pam Brown and Asst. Chief Armen Tamakian for their

At a recent City Council meeting the CHPD received their Recognized Status award from the Texas Police Chiefs Assn. Shown are Thomas Shehan of TPCA, Lt. Pam Brown, Chief Steve Rhodes, Marlin Price of TPCA and Asst. Chief Armen Tamakian.

work coordinating the mountain of paperwork for this review. He also recognized the contributions of Asst. Chief Rodney Thompson, Sgt. Victor Vasquez and Administrative Secretary Ma-
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Watering restrictions

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 replenish supplies in the water storage tanks to be available during peak demand.

This saves citizens money because it helps

the City avoid purchasing additional water from Dallas Water Utilities to meet peak demand.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at tinyurl.com/CHwater.

The City is currently in Drought Stage Zero. Watch the home page of the City website www.cedarhilltx.com for drought response updates.

When mailing items to the City of Cedar Hill, please note that the address is:

285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill TX 75104.

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

CHPD welcomes North Texas K-9 trials

From a report by Loyd Brumfield in Neighborsgo

Police dogs from all over North Texas got a workout in March at Trinity Christian School Stadium in Cedar Hill when CHPD hosted the Region 20 Canine Association certification trials.

It was a great opportunity for residents to see the vital role canines and their handlers play in modern police work. Many took advantage of opportunities to interact with the officers and their dogs.

Community involved

A number of local businesses, organizations and individuals in the area supported the trials. In addition to contributions and the use of facilities, donations helped cover the expense of hosting the trials so that only a very limited amount



of funds came from the City.

Over two days, the dogs were certified in obedience, suspect search, agility, criminal apprehension and apprehension with gunfire.

The Cedar Hill Police Department—the only department in the Best

Above, a police dog makes a dramatic apprehension move. Below, Cedar Hill Police Officer Podany and his canine partner Titus conduct a vehicle search during the Region 20 Canine Association trials hosted by the CHPD.

Southwest with a K-9 unit—has two police dogs, 5-year-old Jax and 18-month-old Titus, a rookie.

“The dogs are at their peak during that 2-to 4-year age group,” said Lt. Colin Chenault of the Cedar Hill Police Department. “By that time, they pretty much get that little bit of puppy out of them.”

One of the trials requires that a dog release a decoy when commanded to do so.

“Jax nailed it on the first day,” said Cedar Hill Officer Mike McCorkle, Jax’s han-

dler. “Some guys come out here and do a lot of screaming [at their dogs]. We don’t do any of that nonsense.”

Cedar Hill’s other police dog, Titus, just completed a 12-week course in McKinney with his handler, Officer J.R. Podany.

“He’s a young dog, but he’s squared away,” Podany said. “We thought, ‘Hey, let’s go ahead and do this,’ and he’s done well.”

Both Cedar Hill dogs live with their handlers. “He’s just a regular dog at home. He’s perfectly sociable” McCorkle said. “We don’t do any training at home at all, but I can see that anxiety in him when I put on the uniform. He knows when it’s time to go to work.



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.

Recreation Center Hosts Summer Food Program

The federally-funded Free Summer Food Program, hosted by Trutyme Enrichment Center, Inc., will be available at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Meals will begin Monday, June 7 and end Friday, August 20. Hot breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., a hot lunch will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and a snack will be served from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

This program is available to all children ages 17 and younger, regardless of family income.

Membership is not required for the Summer Food Program. For info call the Recreation Center at 972.293.5288

The Recreation Center's hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Friday. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-7 p.m. on Sundays.

Children under age 7 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Membership is required to use the Recreation Center facilities. Youth memberships are \$5/day or a 3-month membership is available for \$40.



Summer leagues open signup

Register now to play in Cedar Hill Adult Sports Summer Leagues. League play includes Coed Volleyball, Softball and Coed Kickball. Must be age 16 and older to play. Call 972.291.5130 for information or visit <http://www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=367>.

Register teams now for volleyball, softball and kickball.



Pool opens June 1

Crawford Park Pool

530 Krantz Road (inside Crawford Park)

401 Straus

Phone 972-291-5318

Hours: 7 days a week: 1:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1 – August 22, 2010

Closed July 5 for maintenance

Fees: \$2 per person per entry

\$50 individual season pass

\$100 family (up to 4 members) season pass

Rental Info:

\$100 for private parties

7:00 - 8:45 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

For parties of up to 49 people (including non-swimmers, babies, etc.)

Registration for pool parties starts May 10.

For private parties you may bring a propane grill, food and drinks. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers.

No Rentals Sunday, July 4th, 2010.

Lap Swim/Senior Swim: noon-12:45pm daily

Swim Lessons:

\$35 per student for a two-week, 8-session class

Morning Sessions meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Evening Sessions meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Registration starts Monday, May 10

Sessions begin June 8.

Lessons are based on the student's ability, not age.

For more information, call 972.291.5130.



A drop box

for payments to the City was recently installed in the Recreation Center parking lot. Residents may drop payments for water bills, Parks & Recreation payments and some Municipal Court payments. Make sure your envelope is clearly marked. Include proper forms. No cash.

Community Calendar

May

18 Taste of Cedar Hill & Business Expo

4-8 p.m. Cedar Hill High School, Practice Gym

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, over 60 booths with samples, information and fun

25 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, open to public

7 p.m. City Council Meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

To view/print the upcoming agenda, visit www.cedarhilltx.com, click on "Agendas and Minutes" in the left column.

June

1 Crawford Park Pool Opens

7 days a week, 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

\$2 per person per day or \$50 individual season pass or \$100 family pass (up to 4 persons) Crawford Park, on Straus Rd.

4 Music in the Park

Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 8 p.m.

The Vintage Vibes performing Golden Rock

7 Summer Food Program Starts at Recreation Center

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19 Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration

4-10 p.m.

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.

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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 <i>Non-emergency</i>	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 <i>Non-emergency</i>	972.291.5100x2400
Public Relations	972.291.5100x1032
Public Works	972.291.5126
Recreation Center	972.293.5288
Senior Center	972.291.5335
Tri-City Animal Shelter	972.291.5335
Utility Billing	972.291.5100x1028

Police from page 1

Linda Nicholson.

Getting recognition like this is a measure of the department's standing among police departments.

The department's focus on attention to detail at every level makes sure that our police department operates in a professional manner, both in terms of internal documentation and methodology of dealing with the public.

TPCA Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas law enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual's rights. These Best Practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management and patrol and investigative operations.

Community honors the past, builds for the future



Earth Day at the Zula B. Wylie Library meant storytelling, singing, and finally 'gloving up' before starting several earth-friendly projects on the library grounds. Volunteers planted trees and flowers, collected trash, spread mulch and more. Thanks to Kohl's for sponsoring, Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful, Inc., the Highlands Elementary Chorus and the library's youth storytellers.

Many came to honor a fallen comrade, a friend, a family member. Others came to celebrate a new facility focused on our community.

Together, over a hundred people gathered to honor Grady M. Lamb, the only Cedar Hill Police officer to die in the line of duty. And they all celebrated the dedication of the Grady M. Lamb Police and Community Services Building.

Guests included family members, officers who served with Grady, representatives of a number of law enforcement agencies, city officials, neighborhood representatives and local business people.

CHHS Forte a cappella group performed a touching tribute of several songs.

The newly-remodeled building at 601 E. Belt Line Road provides space for the officers of the Police And Community Together (P.A.C.T.) unit focused on cooperative neighbor-

hood policing. It also hosts Victim Services offices, facilities for the CHPD Emergency Response Team and a large meeting room available to neighborhoods and community groups.

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Highlights

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