



## Residents recycle tons of E-Waste and shredded paper

**Ancient technology collected at the E-Waste event was recycled instead of going to a landfill.**

**A**t the first ever E-Waste event in Cedar Hill, on Sept. 18, residents lined up early and kept bringing stuff for hours.

Several tons of old electronic equipment (computers, monitors, printers, TVs, stereos, etc) were unloaded as residents drove up.

Tons of paper were shredded on-site and loaded into a recycling truck.

Stacey Graves, Code Enforcement Supervisor said it was "a huge turnout," beginning with residents lined up over an hour before the event began.

Collection was from 8 a.m. to noon but it took until after 6 p.m. for the vendor, Shiny Queen, to collect all

the E-Waste material.

Residents brought hundreds of TVs, large and small that would have cost them from \$10 to \$25 to recycle at a commercial site. For this event the City paid the recycling fee for TVs.

Shred-It was the paper shredding/recycling vendor and their truck was at capacity by the end of the collection time.

Graves said residents were very appreciative of this event and many asked when the next one is scheduled. Due to the cost of this kind of event scheduling the next one will depend on the City budget. Check the City website for information at [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com).

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As always, it was the volunteers that made this event work. Special thanks to City staff who gave up their Saturday morning: Johnny Kendro, John and Dana Ballard, Tina Mitchell, Gail Lux, Doug Howard and Stacey Graves.

Community volunteers included Sheri Borth, Margot Burcholz, Craig Root, George Pittenger, Otha Atherton and Dustin Ledbetter.

### Hazardous Waste

Code Enforcement has scheduled the next Hazardous Household Waste event for Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the High

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## Ballard named Fire Chief

City Manager Alan Sims recently announced, with pride, that he has selected John Ballard as Fire Chief for Cedar Hill. Ballard had been serving as Acting Fire Chief since previous Chief Steve Pollock left earlier this year.

Sims said Ballard "has impressed me" and his "performance as Acting Fire Chief has been strong and decisive."

Ballard was named Assistant Fire Chief in 2006. He has been a member of the Cedar Hill Fire Department since 1987 when he joined as a volunteer.



In October of 1988, he was hired for the position of Firefighter Paramedic. During his career, Ballard has served as a Shift Officer, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and Assistant Chief.

Through the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, John holds certificates as a Master Firefighter, Instructor II and Fire Officer II. Additionally, he is a Licensed Paramedic through the Texas Department of State Health Services. He has also attended the Texas Fire Chief's Academy and graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Ballard assumes command of a superior fire department. In the last year CHFD year earned an upgraded rating from Class 3 to Class 2 from Insurance Services Office. That carries with it the potential for lower insurance premiums for property owners in our community. The higher-protection level rating went into effect January 1, 2010.

Homeowners and businesses are urged to contact their insurance companies to determine what discounts may be available due to the new rating.

As Assistant Fire Chief, Ballard was re-

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# City Council and CHISD Trustees meet to discuss common goals

At a meeting on Sept. 20 the City Council and CHISD Board of Trustees met in an ongoing series of meetings to unify the bond between the two organizations and develop common strategies for the benefit of the City and school district.

During the meeting members of both boards were able to discuss updated information about the district and the city.

Trustee Dr. Marshall said district employees and younger students may receive free flu vaccinations administered by paramedics from the Cedar Hill Fire Department. This is just one

of many partnerships that benefit residents by providing service at a reduced cost.

Superintendent Williams spoke about the substantial number of Cedar Hill schools that had improved in their TEA ratings over the last 2 years. That led to considerable discussion of the state-mandated TAKS test.

Mayor Franke expressed the City's "servant" attitude toward the district because citizens are interested in the benefits of a better school district and a better city.

He mentioned the cooperation already happening including the police departments, the frequent

communication between the Superintendent and the City Manager.

He relayed interest in partnership ventures at the public library and he discussed the need to work collaboratively on road construction as new schools are planned.

The two boards agreed the meetings are fruitful and they plan to meet again soon.

## Show appreciation to our soldiers overseas

The Mayor's Adopt-A-Soldier program is an opportunity to adopt an overseas soldier by sending requested items during the upcoming



holiday season and beyond. A soldier can be adopted by a business or school, by a family or by an individual.

Visit the Information Desk in the Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. and purchase a \$12 prepaid postage box. A Soldier's Wish List of suggested items will be in the box. There is no weight limit

or item limit. Return the filled box to the Information Desk and the City will take care of the rest.

To make sure boxes arrive by Thanksgiving, return the box by Nov. 1. For Christmas, return the box by December 1.

### Need more addresses

City staff is in need of more names of men and women soldiers who are overseas to be added to the adoption list. - send their complete name and APO (Army Post Office) address to Amanda Baker at amanda.baker@cedarhilltx.com or by phone at 972.291.5100 x1007.

**A**n 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.

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.

This program covers ground emergency transport to an emergency room. It covers dependents living in your home up to age 25.

Citizens on Medicaid do not qualify for this program.

You can make your payment by check,



## CHFD asks everyone to 'pink out' for a cure

The Cedar Hill Fire Department invites everyone to join them and several area cities in a local "Pink Out" day on Friday, Oct. 29 to support finding a cure for breast cancer.

Colorful, pink shirts with a unique Cedar Hill Fire Department design are available at Fire Station #1 at 1212 W. Belt Line from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Sizes are S.M., L and XL for \$10. XXL and larger are \$12. Some sizes may sell out quickly.



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.

The City of Cedar Hill, through the emergency medical services provided by the Fire Department, is committed to providing quality, affordable emergency ambulance care to all residents of Cedar Hill.

CHFD is encouraging businesses in Cedar Hill to participate in the sale and/or wearing of the pink shirts.

City Manager Alan Sims has endorsed "Pink Out Day" by allowing City employees to wear the shirts at work; and, for a \$5 contribution, those employees who are subject to the office dress code can wear jeans.

"Pink Out Day" in Cedar Hill is part of the "Care Enough to Wear Pink" campaign, which was adopted by the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters who are wearing and selling pink T-shirts to benefit cancer-related charities.

# Community Calendar



The Cedar Hill City Council honored two S.T.A.R. Students recommended by CHISD at a September City Council meeting. The deserving students are Brianna Boyer above, a 4th grade student at Bray Elementary receiving her plaque from Council member Steve Mason and MacKenzie Minor, below, a 4th grader at Lake Ridge Elementary receives her plaque from Council member Cliff Shaw.



Students who volunteered this summer in the Teen Graffiti Abatement program coordinated by Officer Tammie Cooper, center, back row, received recognition at a recent City Council Meeting from Police Chief Steve Rhodes, left, and Mayor Rob Franke, right.



Dallas County Commissioner Ken Mayfield presents Cedar Hill City Manager Alan Sims a resolution commending him for his meritorious service on the North Texas Transit Authority (NTTA) Board of Directors from 2003-2010.

## October

### 26 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

To view/print the upcoming agenda, visit [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com), click on "Agendas and Minutes" in the left column.

### 30 Scare on the Square

Downtown. Frightful fun from 3-5:30 p.m. Presented by Cedar Hill Main Street and the Zula B. Wylie Library. More information at [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com); click on "Special Events."

## November

### 6 Hazardous Household Waste Collection

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cedar Hill High School parking lot.

Free to Cedar Hill residents. <http://www.tinyurl.com/CCHHazWas>

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### 20 'Parade of Joy'

9 a.m. at Uptown Village in Cedar Hill.

Speaking of calendars...

the 2011 Cedar Hill Museum of History calendar is now available for only \$10. Call 972.293.3806 for purchase locations. The calendar contains a year's worth of historical photos, facts and helpful numbers. It makes a great gift.



For the latest information on upcoming events, visit the City calendar on [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com) Click on "View All" for more events.

To submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this Community Calendar and to be listed on the City's website, please email complete info (including date, time, location, a contact number or email) to [corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com).

# Contacts

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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	972.291.5353
Tri-City Animal Shelter	972.291.5335
Utility Billing	972.291.5100x1200

## E-Waste, recycling and more

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School parking lot at US67 and Cooper St.

For a list of materials you can bring to the Hazardous Household Waste event please visit <http://tinyurl.com/CCHHaz-Was>.

### Alternate Collection

The City of Cedar Hill provides free access to the City of Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center so citizens can dispose of hazardous household waste at that facility. It is located at 6400 Bridge Street just off of I-30 and Loop 820. You may call the facility for information or instructions at 817.871.5257.

It is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is closed on City of Fort Worth holidays. You must present proof of Cedar Hill residency with a copy of a current water bill or a valid driver's license.

### What's Accepted?

Acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (all kinds, including car batteries), brake fluid, cooking oil, craft chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaner, fertilizer, fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), herbicides, household chemicals, motor oil, paints & stains, paint thinners, pest strips, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, oil filters,

solvents, transmission fluid and varnish.

The Fort Worth ECC will NOT accept ammunition, asbestos, building materials, butane cylinders, electronics, explosives, medical waste, PCBs, propane cylinders, radioactive material, smoke detectors, tires or TVs.

### Landfill access

With a voucher, Cedar Hill residents may take materials such as fencing, brush, construction trash etc. to the Waste Management landfill located at 1251 N. Central Ave. in Ferris, TX. The landfill is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. You can call them at 800.772.8653

Free vouchers, which will grant admission for one pickup and trailer load, can be picked up by Cedar Hill residents at the Information desk at the Government Center. Proof of Cedar Hill residency is required via drivers license or a recent water bill stub.

Hazardous household waste is not allowed at the landfill.

### Disposal of motor oil

Please be responsible and dispose of used motor oil properly. Dumping it into a storm drain contaminates local streams and ponds.

Local disposal of used motor oil is available from most oil change businesses and auto parts stores.



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.

## Ballard = Fire Chief

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sponsible for making sure that CHFD exceeded the criteria needed to achieve the better rating. The rating is an endorsement of the efforts made by each and every firefighter and it reflects the high degree of support the department receives from the City Council and the citizens of Cedar Hill. It also shows the support from the Public Works staff as they continue to upgrade the infrastructure and water supply.

The improved rating is evidence of better fire protection for everyone, another example of the premier service provided by the City for those who live in, work in and visit Cedar Hill.

## 'Parade of Joy' set at UV

for the parade.

Residents can expect to see a great parade and an up-close look at some public safety equipment. You might even see a few elected officials.



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