

November 2011

# Highlights



The City of Cedar Hill, Texas



## Santa needs your help.

It's already time to start planning how your business, church, school or other group can help make the Cedar Hill visit by WFAA's Santa's Helpers toy drive a great success and guarantee a happier Christmas for lots of kids in our area.

Santa's Helpers drive thru will be at Uptown Village in Cedar Hill on Friday, December 2 from 5 - 10 p.m. This year the on-air host in Cedar Hill will be Pete Delkis, Chief meteorologist for WFAA.

If your group collects more than 200 toys and you are unable to transport them to Uptown Village on Dec. 2 contact Coordinator Aimee Sheahan at [as@sheahancomm.com](mailto:as@sheahancomm.com)



See Santa on Saturday, November 19 in the Parade of Joy at Uptown Village and again on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Old Town Holiday on the Hill event in downtown Cedar Hill from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

## Country Day delivers fun

The 74th annual Country Day on the Hill in historic downtown Cedar Hill was a day of remembering our heritage, celebrating together today and looking forward to a bright future for our community.

A small part of the day was the parade that included horse-mounted units and carriages, classic cars and fun things of the past.

Also featured were school and youth organizations working to build a better future.

Participating faith-based groups, the food pantry and others reflected the caring heart of the community.

Among all the fun and food and exhibits were a number of examples of the City's

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**Buffalo Soldiers, above, delivered the Mayor and his family in style. The recycling cart drum corps, below, was a surprising crowd favorite promoting new once-a-week trash and recycling pickups for the starting Jan. 9, 2012**



**Some were led... others rode**



# Country Day celebrates the best of our community

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green initiatives involving alternative fuel vehicles and a cadre of the new recycling carts.

It was a day of unmeasurable fun, new experiences and visual treats.

At one point a flash mob broke out in song and dance sharing the love and values of the people of Cedar Hill.

The only disappointment of the day was the absence of long-time Country Day driving force Miss Jimmie Ruth White who was unable to attend as she recovers her health.

The Parks & Recreation staff and other friends of Miss Jimmie made sure she was a big part of the festivities with a float bearing a huge representation of her traditional black hat.

Plans are already underway for Country Day 2012 on the second Saturday of October and soon the website will be updated at [www.cedarhillcountryday.com](http://www.cedarhillcountryday.com).



There was cute, above, doggone cute, right, and too cute, below.



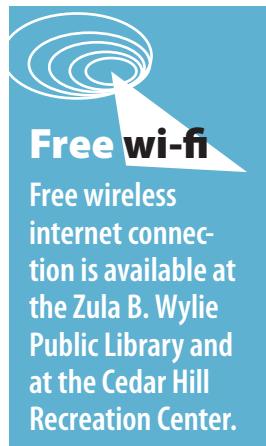
Miss Jimmie's hat was her proxy, below, and some, right, were dancing in the street.



A flash mob broke out in song and dance to show love to the community.



Thousands joined family, friends and neighbors for a good time.



## Free wi-fi

Free wireless internet connection is available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.



Do not program 9-1-1 into your speed dial. Accidental calls from cell phones account for nearly one quarter of all 9-1-1 calls, taking time from true emergency calls. Calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone is always free.



Stay up to the minute; follow Cedar Hill on Twitter



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## Who answers your alarm?

For only \$25 a month you can have your home or business alarm monitored by our local 911 Center. Call 972.230.5248 for intro specials.

## City Council meeting news

Sept. 27, 2011

## Lifesaver honored



Dallas Fire-Rescue Asst. Chief Eugene Campbell and Cedar Hill Fire Chief John Ballard join CHPD officer David Banta as he receives appreciation from Louise Bradford. Officer Banta received his second CHPD Life Saving Award for rousing the Bradford family in the middle of the night when he saw their house on fire. He also entered the burning home next door and searched to make sure no one was there. Banta was patrolling in far north Cedar Hill when he spotted the Dallas residences on fire. Banta received a Life Saving Award earlier this year for his efforts as one of several officers who rescued a drowning resident in the Crawford Park pool after hours.



City Council Member Chris Parvin presents the October CHISD S.T.A.R. student award to Helena Li, a fourth grade student at Bray Elementary. Council Member Wallace Swayze assists.



**Who answers your alarm?**

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The Cedar Hill Police Department will check your home while you are away on vacation. You can get more information and download the form on the City website at <http://bit.ly/chpdvac>

# Community Calendar

## November 2011

### 19 E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

8 a.m. - Noon, High School parking lot

Bring in unused computers, televisions, CD/DVD players, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, printers, and VCR's. Volunteers will unload your vehicle. Papers are shredded while you watch. It's all free!

### 19 Parade of Joy

8:30 a.m. parade; 6:30 p.m. tree lighting program begins

Uptown Village in Cedar Hill

The Parade of Joy at Uptown Village features bands, floats, huge-scale balloons and more, all setting the stage for the arrival of Santa Claus! In the evening the attention focuses on the beautiful tree on the Village Green.

### 24-25 Government Center closed for Thanksgiving

Offices in the Government Center and most other City offices are closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving

## December 2011

### 1 Old Town Holiday on the Hill

6-8:30 p.m. Historic Downtown, Pioneer Park

Annual City tree-lighting ceremony and holiday celebration with caroling, dancers and the arrival of Santa. Photos with Santa are Free!

### 2 Santa's Helpers, WFAA 8 toy drive at Uptown Village

5-10 p.m. Uptown Village

WFAA Chief Meteorologist Pete Delkus will host the event, collecting toys for underprivileged kids in our area. Individuals and groups can bring toys by during the drive.

### 5-17 New recycle carts delivered to residences

In preparation for the January 9 introduction of same-day, once-a-week recycling and trash collection in Cedar Hill, Waste Management will be delivering 96-gal. wheeled recycling carts to all residences. For details visit <http://www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=1442>.

### 13 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session; 7 p.m. Regular Meeting. Both are open to public. Cedar Hill Room, First Floor of Government Center 285 Uptown Blvd.

### 23-26 Government Center closed for holiday

Offices in the Government Center and most other City offices are closed on Friday and Monday for the holiday break.

### 29 Kwanzaa celebration at the Library

7 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Kwanzaa celebration for the entire family; includes drumming, story-telling and refreshments!

**For the latest updates, visit the City Calendar on [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com) . Click on "View All"**

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Economic Develop. Corp.  
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Fire Department  
*Non-emergency*  
972.291.1011

Human Resources  
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Library  
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Neighborhood Services  
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Parks & Recreation  
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Police Department  
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Utility Billing  
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**Vocal Trash**, an entertaining combo that makes music with recycled instruments, performed at the amphitheater in Valley Ridge Park to help spread the word about the green initiatives of the City. A number of vendors displayed related technology and services.

## National Night Out draws neighbors closer together

Elected officials from the City and school district visited 37 neighborhoods during the annual October event to stress safety

**Police Chief Steve Rhodes** joins the band at Fire Station #2 to spread the good word about the safety of our community.



and crime reduction using communication and cooperation.

As Police Chief Rhodes said, "it's not a time to let our guard down, but you should know that we have one of the safest communities in the Best Southwest."

"And a big reason for that is the work your

neighborhood watch groups do and the willingness of neighbors to watch out for neighbors."

Residents enjoyed the face-to-face access to community leaders and watch groups used the opportunity to recruit new block captains and increase crime prevention awareness.

It's good for you, the community and the environment



- Starting January 9, 2012, every residence will receive a free 96-gal. recycle cart
- Trash and recycling will be picked up on the same day, once a week
- Brush and other green waste will continue to be picked up once a month

### Benefits:

Less trash going to landfill, less air pollution, fewer trucks on our streets and alleys.

The recycling improvements are just one facet of the City's efforts to conserve, recycle and engage new technologies to help keep our community green.

Visit [www.greencedarhilltx.com](http://www.greencedarhilltx.com) for info.



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