

# Highlights

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas



March 2011

Fire Chief John Ballard and Captain Glen Clark inspect the new brush truck.



## Brush truck added via grant

The City of Cedar Hill recently received a Type IV firefighting vehicle, commonly called a brush truck, as part of a grant from the Texas Forest Service.

Fire Chief John



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Ballard accepted the vehicle with Mayor Pro Tem Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., and Council Member Wallace Swayze at a ceremony in San Antonio. Cedar Hill Fire Captain Glen Clark also participated in getting the equipment to Cedar Hill for setup/orientation.

The brush truck came fully equipped. The unit carries 400 gallons of water, 10 gallons of Class A foam, several sizes of hoses and various hand tools. It is valued at about \$100,000.

To handle rugged terrain, it has four-wheel drive and is equipped with a winch.

Chief Ballard said, "This provides the department an additional vehicle that can access areas of the city where

the larger trucks cannot go.

"This unit also enhances our capabilities with inclement weather issues, ice or severe storms."

The awarding of this equipment by The Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) is the first of its kind and is part of a long-term strategic plan to develop TIFMAS resources around the state.

This new vehicle strengthens Cedar Hill's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that was recently adopted by the City Council. This unit will be particularly effective on any fires in the escarpment, the nature preserve, the state park or large tracts of open land in

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## Dr. Crawford honored for Distinctive Character

In January, the Cedar Hill City Council presented the Distinctive Character Lifetime Achievement Award to longtime resident Dr. Franklin Lee Crawford.

He became the first full-time doctor in Cedar Hill in 1952 when he opened an office in the back of the First National Bank building at 501 Main. He charged \$2 for office visits and made house calls for \$5.

For over 60 years Dr. Crawford and his wife Elizabeth have been devoted community members of the City of Cedar Hill. For 46 years Dr. Crawford served as the City's Health Official. He provided athletic physicals for over 40 years.

The Methodist Health System Family Medicine Residency Program in Dallas was founded by Dr. Crawford in 1980.

Beyond medicine, Dr. Crawford served two years on the City Council and two years on the Parks Board. He was co-



**Dr. Frank Crawford**

founder of the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce and served as president of the Chamber in 1965.

He and his wife Elizabeth were named "Man and Woman of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce in 1999.

They donated land

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# Infrastructure projects

## Substantially complete

### Meadow Crest Pump Station Improvements

Project scope includes the replacement of the existing 1.0 MGD pump with a 2.0 MGD pump and the addition of two 4.0 MGD pumps. Completion date: Winter 2010.

### Pleasant Run Road East

Project scope includes paving, sidewalks, drainage, water, sewer, street lighting and landscaping improvements on Pleasant Run Road from US67 to Joe Wilson Road. Estimated completion: Spring 2011.

### Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrades

Project includes upgrades at several sanitary sewer lift stations, including level indicator modifications, regrading, repainting, fencing, SCADA improvements, I/I mitigation improvements and safety upgrades. Completion date: Winter 2010.

## Projects Under Construction

### Meadow Crest Transmission Line

Project scope includes the installation of a 30-inch supply line from Wintergreen Road at US67 to the proposed Meadow Crest Pump. Estimated completion: Spring 2011

### Lake Ridge Parkway Road Improvements

**Phase 1** is a partnership with Dallas County to rehabilitate the existing roadway and drainage system and construct two additional lanes to complete the four-lane divided roadway. Estimated completion: Winter 2012.

**Phase 2** includes streetscape improvements, which entail lighting, sidewalks, trail improvements and landscaping. The City received a grant from the State Transportation Enhancement Program for these improvements. Estimated completion: Fall 2013.

### Belt Line/Mansfield Road Improvements, Phase III

Project includes the widening of Belt Line/Mansfield Rd. to four lanes from the Belt Line and Mansfield Rd. intersection to the western city limits. Estimated completion: 2013.

### Asphalt Street Resurfacing/Reconstruction

Knob Hill Court, Shady Ridge Court, Canyon View Court

## Projects under Design

### Lake Ridge Parkway Storage Tank

Construction of a 16-inch water line and a 1.5-2.0 MG storage tank.

### Pleasant Run Road from Joe Wilson to Duncanville Road

Expand the roadway to two lanes each way, with turn lanes and median. Estimated completion: 2012.

### Wintergreen Road

Scope for this project is being developed by the partnership of Dallas County, City of Duncanville, City of Cedar Hill and the Regional Toll Revenue.

### FM 1382 Capacity Improvements

Adding two new inside lanes on FM 1382, one lane in each direction from Old Straus Road to New Clark Road. This is a partnership with Texas Department of Transportation. Estimated completion: Spring 2012

## Dr. Crawford honored from page 1



for what is now Crawford Park, the second-most visited park in the city.

During ceremonies at the Government Center, Dr. Crawford was honored by the City, Methodist Hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, and his family as a community leader, caring physician, loving husband, proud father and grandfather.

A reception for Dr. Crawford followed the City Council meeting.

In front of a packed house at a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Rob Franke is joined by City Council members Chris Parvin, Clifford Shaw, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., Council Members Wallace Swayze and Cory Spillman to honor Dr. Frank Crawford for his lifetime of service to the Cedar Hill community.



Don't wait for Cedar Hill marshals to arrest you at home or at work over an unpaid citation.

Be proactive and contact Cedar Hill Municipal Court at

972.291.5100 x1041 to set up a time to pay your fees at the Cedar Hill Government Center, at 285 Uptown Blvd., or pay online at [www.cedarhilltx.com/warrants](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/warrants).

## City Council honors students



Above, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., presents a plaque and S.T.A.R. student award to Keshawn Richmond, a fifth grade student at Joe Wilson Intermediate School.

Below, Council Member Cory Spillman shares a light moment while reading the certificate of S.T.A.R. student Kristen Castro, a fourth-grader at Plummer Elementary School.



### Monthly brush pickup

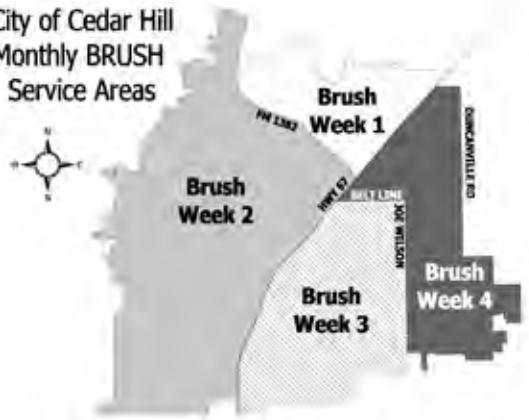
Larger quantities of brush are picked up at the curb (not in the alley) once a month according to the map below. Week 1 includes the first Monday of the month, Week 2 would be the second Monday of the month and so on. Residents should have brush at the curb by 7 a.m. on the appropriate Monday for their zone. Brush may be put out the Friday before pickup after 6 p.m. Brush may be picked up any day during the week.

Brush does not need to be bundled. Do not place brush on water meters or under power/telephone lines. Residents may place up to ten cubic yards (size of a small car).

Brush resulting from work done by a commercial service provider will not be picked up. Tires, hazardous waste, commercial waste or construction debris will not be picked up.

For amounts over 10 yards, please contact Waste Management at 972.315.5400 to negotiate a pickup charge.

City of Cedar Hill  
Monthly BRUSH  
Service Areas



# Community Calendar

## March 2011

### 8 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting  
7 p.m. City Council meeting  
Government Center, Cedar Hill Room, 285 Uptown Blvd.

### 8, 15, 22, 29 Tax Preparation Help at the Library

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday until April 12  
225 Cedar St. in the Meeting Room  
Provided by AARP, open to the public, first come first served

### 14-18 Spring Break at the Library

Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St.  
Check the online calendar at [www.cedarhilllibrary.org](http://www.cedarhilllibrary.org) for events

### 22 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting  
7 p.m. City Council meeting  
Government Center, Cedar Hill Room, 285 Uptown Blvd.

### 26 E-Waste Collection & Paper Shredding Event

8 a.m. - Noon at the High School parking lot, US 67 at Cooper  
Keep it Green in Cedar Hill. Recycle TVs, computers, printers and other electronic equipment at no charge. Bring up to 3 boxes of papers and watch them shred. Hosted by City of Cedar Hill Code Enforcement

### 28 Mining the Library's Online Resources

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Zula B. Wylie Public Library  
225 Cedar St. in the Meeting Room  
Learn techniques that work in a variety of the Library's online research tools. Search tips include: finding magazine and newspaper articles, health and wellness information, and business and company records.

## April 2011

### 10 Family Kite Fly

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Drive  
Parks & Recreation sponsors this family-friendly free event. Bring your store-bought or custom kite to fly, or just enjoy the dancing colors in the sky over the park. Will be cancelled in case of rain.

### 12 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting  
7 p.m. City Council meeting  
Government Center, Cedar Hill Room, 285 Uptown Blvd.

### 23 Hazardous Household Waste Disposal

9-11 a.m. at the High School parking lot, US67 and Cooper  
Just drive through, your car will be unloaded for you.  
To see what to bring and what not, visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/hhw](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/hhw)

### 26 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting  
7 p.m. City Council meeting  
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To submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this Community Calendar, please email complete info to [corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com).

# 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 Rain-outs  
214.855.9758

Parks Special Events  
214.890.6977

Police Department  
*Non-emergency*  
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  
972.291.5100x1200

## City receives brush truck

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the southeast quadrant of the city.

The Type IV engines were built at Siddons Fire Apparatus in San Antonio.

The TIFMAS grant program was created in the 2009 Legislature and is maintained by Texas Forest Service. The TIFMAS grant program involves the Texas Fire Chiefs Association, State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, Texas State Association of Fire Fighters, Texas Commission on Fire Protection and Texas Forest Service.

"This is a really unique and mutually beneficial program,

Texas Forest Service Assistant Chief Regional Fire Coordinator Steve Pollock enjoys the presentation with City Council Members Daniel C. Haydin, Jr., Wallace Swayze, Captain Glen Clark and Fire Chief John Ballard.

and Texas Forest Service is proud to be a part of it," said Assistant Chief Regional Fire Coordinator Steve Pollock.

Pollock was formerly the Fire Chief in Cedar Hill.

Chief Ballard said this vehicle will enhance participation in large disasters. "For the past several years, the Fire Department and the City have demonstrated a commitment to being a part of statewide responses to disasters.

"This unit provides us with a critical tool to respond to unique situations."

### Tax time



Free assistance with filing your Federal Income Tax is available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library.

AARP provides help from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays until April 12. Bring all of your records, last year's filing and your social Security card.



## ZUMBA raises energy

Zumba Fitness is moving our community to a new beat at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center. When participants see a Zumba class in action, they can't wait to give it a try. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring.

Our Zumba classes feature calorie-burning, awesome rhythms set to high energy Latin and international beats that are easy to follow for all ages.

There's no other fitness class like a Zumba fitness party. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating, often building a deep-rooted community among returning students.

Classes are offered Monday through Friday at the Rec Center. Monthly or day passes available for all classes.

### Ongoing monthly classes

Zumba a.m. Mon/Wed/Thurs 9 a.m. \$28/mo.

Zumba p.m. Tues/Thurs 6:15 p.m. \$24/mo.

Zumba Toning Mon/Wed 6 p.m. \$24/mo.

Any two classes for \$35 /mo.

Unlimited classes \$50/mo.



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