



# Highlights

November 2010



## Country Day draws a beautiful picture of us

Country Day on the Hill this year featured a parade, the FUMC 5K Fun Run, over 100 craft vendors, food, activities, contests and live entertainment on three stages.

But the best part was the people. Thousands came to Historic Downtown Cedar Hill to participate in this year's edition.

They started coming to Old Settlers' Reunion on the Friday before Country Day. They enjoyed a beans and cornbread dinner with proceeds benefiting local charities.

Thousands came on Saturday where they enjoyed more than the

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food and vendors. For many it was an opportunity to visit with old and new friends, a chance to re-weave the unique people of our town into the distinctive character of our community.

This beautiful conglomeration pledged allegiance to our coun-

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## Brighten the holidays for 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. to 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 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 complete name and APO (Army Post Office) address to Amanda Baker at [amanda.baker@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:amanda.baker@cedarhilltx.com) or by phone at 972.291.5100 x1007.

## Thanksgiving hours

City offices in the Government Center: closed Thurs. & Friday, Nov. 25-26 for Thanksgiving

**Senior Center**  
Closed Nov. 24-28

**Rec Center**  
Closed Nov. 25 & 26

**Library**  
Closed Nov. 25 & 26

**Animal Shelter**  
Closed Nov. 25.  
Open Friday 10-6  
Open Sat 10-2  
Closed Sunday



## 'Parade of Joy' set at UV

all of the Uptown Village Center.

The City will provide extra traffic management to assist entry 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.

View a video of last year's parade at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bh7zaB21BZ8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bh7zaB21BZ8)

Holiday decorations will be up by then and, according to Center Manager Maranda Auzene, "Every year this event gets better and this year will be a quantum leap".

The parade is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and will wind through

# City gets \$2.5M to develop trails

The City of Cedar Hill has entered into an agreement with Dallas County to begin development and construction of the Red Oak Creek Trail.

Dallas County has granted Cedar Hill \$2.5 million for this project. As shown in the map, the proposed trail is made up of several segments totaling over 3 miles.

The trail is expected to run North from Dot Thomas Park along Red Oak Creek to Virginia Weaver Park with an eastern extension to the Cedar Hill Recreation Center. Extending westward is a connection to the Cedar Trails Green Belt.

The trail is expected to be a 10-foot-wide paved surface. The City has set aside about



\$500,000 for lighting, signage and other improvements beyond the Dallas County grant.

The trail will be open to hikers, joggers, cyclists, walkers and in-line skaters. Students and school employees will be able to access W.S. Permenter Middle School, Plummer Elementary and Cedar Hill High School.

Corridor residents

will find the trail a convenient way to access public schools, park properties and the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

Design development is expected to begin soon with construction expected in 2012.

To see more maps of the Red Oak Creek Trail and a map of the City's 2006 Trails Master Plan, please visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=1332](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=1332).

## Country Day

*From front page*

try's flag, they honored families who have loved ones serving in the military.

Dozens of local groups, businesses and politicians made up a parade full of treats and surprises.

Booths, displays and presentations provided something for every age and interest.

The efforts of Jimmie Ruth White and Jessica Hahn, co-chairs of Friends of Country Day, and the hundreds of volunteers and sponsored are very much appreciated.

## Lost child found by Community Emergency Response Team volunteer

On a recent evening, the Cedar Hill Police Department received a frantic call about a lost child.

Only 9 years old, the girl was reported missing after 8 p.m.

Responders for the search included police officers, a K-9 unit, a group of firefighters, friends, neighbors, and volunteers from Cedar Hill's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

CERT Coordinator Clark Stephenson said every CERT volunteer

that he called that evening responded to help in the search.

Teams spread out from the child's home searching in the dark with flashlights..

After several tense hours, a team including fire fighters and a CERT volunteer found the child sleeping in a grove of cedar trees just a few blocks from her home.

To learn how benefit your community as a part of CERT, please visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/CERT](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/CERT).

## New Speakers Bureau increases transparency

If you would like to request a speaker for your neighborhood or civic organization meeting see "In the Spotlight" on the front page of the City website. Complete the online request form and a City staffer will contact you. We will make every effort to accommodate your request for a speaker.

Our knowledgeable City staff, elected officials, department directors and others are available to make presentations, apprise your organization of city services and programs, or simply address questions and concerns you make have about your local government.

The City of Cedar Hill prides itself on delivering the highest quality municipal services to our citizens and customers consistent with our community values. One of the best ways for us to make sure we are fulfilling our mission is to maintain open lines of communication between our citizens and City Hall. We are constantly seeking opportunities to network and build meaningful relationships with residents and businesses in the community and we are committed to making sure your voice is heard.



Is  
Santa  
here  
yet?

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is once again participating in the Santa Claws pictures at Petsmart in Duncanville. During the first three weekends in December between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., you can bring your furry friends and have their pictures taken with Santa. All of the proceeds of the pictures go to benefit the Tri-City Animal Shelter. Petsmart is at 2964 W Wheatland Rd next to Sam's Club. For more information call the store at 972.283.3600 or the shelter at 972.291.5335.

## Shelter Benefit collects over \$13K

Thanks to support from the communities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Duncanville, this year's gala generated over \$13,000 to benefit the animals in the Tri-Cities Animal Shelter.

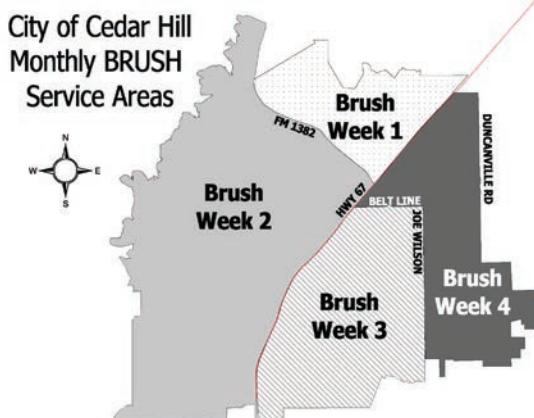
This event would not have been a success without the generosity and support of the citizens, businesses, City Council members and Mayors of our three cities.

The highlight of the event was during the live auction when the Mayors offered themselves up for auction creating a mock bidding war between the cities. Watch for information about and plan to attend next year's gala.



**Above** map shows residential trash pick up days in Cedar Hill. Recycling is picked up in green tubs every Wednesday.

**Below** is the brush pick up map. Each residence is picked up once a month. If, for example, your area is marked "Brush Week 2" your brush will be picked up at the street starting on the second Monday of the month. For more information on trash/recycling/landfill, please visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=882](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?nid=882)



### City honors S.T.A.R students

Above, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Haydin presents a plaque and Star award to Emmanuel Pina, sixth grade student of Belt Line Intermediate School.

Below, Council Member Chris Parvin admires S.T.A.R. student Taahira Walker, fourth-grader at Highlands Elementary School before presenting her awards.



# Community Calendar

## November

### 20 'Parade of Joy'

9 am. at Uptown Village in Cedar Hill.

### 25-26 City offices closed

City offices in the Government Center closed for Thanksgiving. The Senior Center, the Recreation Center, and the Zula B. Wylie will be closed both days as well, but the Tri-Cities Animal Shelter will be open Friday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## December

### 2 Holiday on the Hill

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park, Historic Downtown Cedar Hill Annual tree-lighting and holiday celebration. Santa is expected to arrive on a fire truck, help Mayor Franke light the tree and pose with children for free photos taken by members of ELF & Friends.

### 14 City Council meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

### 24, 27, 31 City offices closed

City offices in the Government Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Friday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 27 and for New Year's on Friday, Dec. 31.

### 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).

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Code Enforcement  
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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  
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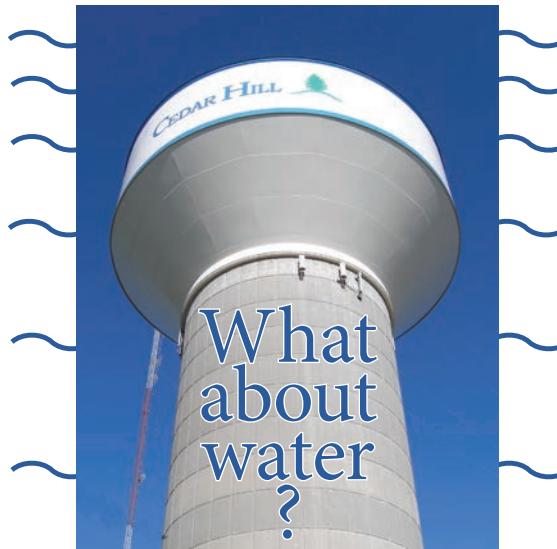
Public Works  
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Recreation Center  
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Senior Center  
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Tri-City Animal Shelter  
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Utility Billing  
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It's easy to take water for granted when it flows every time we turn on the tap.

But it takes a lot to get water to your tap. The City of Cedar Hill Water Department distributes an average of 8.7 million gallons a day to 15,843 metered water connections. During a particularly hot day in 2006 residents consumed 19.7 million gallons.

Drinking water for Cedar Hill is acquired mostly from the City of Dallas which distributes drinking water to a large portion of North Texas. A small amount of Cedar Hill water is from a City-owned well.

Safety of the water supply is most important so the City collects 50 bacteriological and chlorine samples each month to ensure

water quality.

Our water department maintains 278 miles of water lines, 2 water pumping facilities, 1 water well and 2 elevated storage tanks. The City's storage capacity exceeds 17.5 million gallons.

Maintenance includes repairing line breaks and extends to divers who examine elevated storage tanks and video cameras that snake into water and sewer lines to provide visual inspection.

Dealing with sewage is an equally large and important task that involves 215 miles of wastewater collection lines and 19 sewer lift stations.

Cedar Hill wastewater is directed downstream to treatment plants that discharge clean water into the Trinity River.

## Neighbors turn out for local National Night Out



National Night Out in Cedar Hill featured 41 neighborhood groups meeting in 19 locations.

Each NNO event that registered with the City was visited by at least three groups of police officers, firefighters, City Council members, CHISD Trustees and City staffers.

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The cooperation was another example of what makes Cedar Hill special. Residents were able to share a hot dog with elected officials and public servants. There was a lot of laughter as neighbors got to know each other better.

Cedar Hill's National Night Out, a crime and drug abuse prevention program, has grown from about six neighborhoods only a few years ago to over 40 this year.

Police Sgt. Jerry Busby, the P.A.C.T. (Police And Community Together) Supervisor, and the P.A.C.T officers who work with the neighborhood watch groups did a great job of getting participation all over the city.

## Watch your drain's diet

During the holiday season there is so much going on we sometimes forget about important things like our sewer system.

One of the most common clogs in sewer lines is cooking grease. Many people just dump it down the drain.

Some even pour the grease from their turkey fryer down the drain.

While it's warm it will flow, but once underground the grease cools and turns into a lard-like substance that clogs sewer lines, causing expensive repairs.

Please dispose of cooking grease and oil in a suitable container placed in your trash.



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