

April 2014

CEDAR  HILL

HIGHLIGHTS



Every day seems like...

Earth Day in Cedar Hill

Your City's Growing Green Initiatives have garnered growing interest in our community and beyond. This year residents can enjoy several days celebrating Earth Day at City-supported events.

The City of Cedar Hill will show how easy it is to be green at this year's local Earth Day celebration on April 21 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Govern-

ment Center, 285 Uptown Boulevard.

Then on Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27 our Growing Green show will go on the road to the Earth Day Texas event at Fair Park in Dallas.

Visitors will learn about sustainable practices already in place all over the city, and plans for a future full of environmentally-friendly practices including the City Center Plan and the Parks, Trails and Open Space Plan.

The local event will feature activities and entertainment for the whole family including a self-guided video tour of sustainable exhibits, recyclable crafts with Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful, face painting, and performances by Shades of Gray, the Bray Elementary choir and Cedar Hill High School Band. Village Tech students will present exhibits on sustainability.

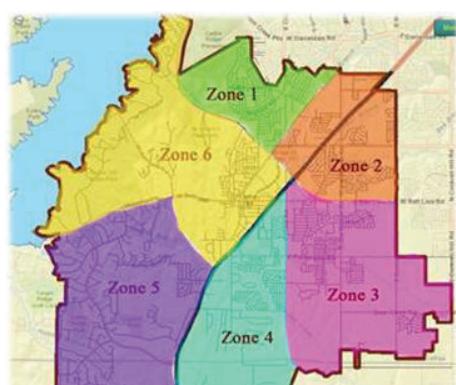
Community organizations, such as *Continues on page 2*

City Council Town Hall meetings set with western neighborhoods

Tuesday April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Ninth Grade Center, 1515 W.
Belt Line Road (Zone 5)

On Tuesday, April 15, residents south of Mansfield Road and west of Lake Ridge Drive and US 67 are invited to meet with the City Council at the Ninth Grade Center, 1515 W. Belt Line.

Strong neighborhoods are the



City Council Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings Map

Tuesday May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church at 128 N. Roberts (Zone 6)

Strong neighborhoods are the foundation of a strong city. Your Mayor and City Council members want to meet with residents to share information and hear residents' concerns and dreams for their neighborhoods.

The four previous Town Hall meetings have been well attended and residents have expressed their appreciation to City Council members and staff.

City services

At these meetings, hosted by Mayor Rob Franke and the members of the City Council, residents get a brief summary of the neighborhood services provided by many of the City's departments. Then there is a short

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Offices closed

City offices in the Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. will be closed Friday, April 18 for Good Friday.

Online payments for Water Utilities, Municipal Court and Parks & Recreation class registration can be made 24/7 on the City website at cedarhilltx.com. Click the "Online Payments" button in the left column of the home page.

Earth Day events

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Home Depot and the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, will also have booths.

Learn about the legacy of Arbor Day and your city's recognition as a Tree City and Scenic City. Free trees will be available to Cedar Hill residents while they last.

For more about Cedar Hill's Earth Day, check out greencedarhill.com.

The Green Road Show

The City will take its Growing Green initiatives on the road to the Earth Day Texas event at Fair Park in Dallas on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

City staff will showcase sustainable practices including our City Center plans, Parks, Trails and Open Space plan, and educational videos about the City's various sustainable practices. Come show your support for the City and mother earth at this free family event.

Learn more about Earth Day Texas at earthdaytx.org.

Keeping Cedar Hill Clean

Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful is looking for talented, passionate people who want to make a difference in our community. We are also inviting residents to 'adopt a street' in conjunction with our Saturday roadway trash collection from 9-11 a.m. Contact Don Hughes at 972.765.4285.



Gone wireless?

Help us get back in touch

If you've cancelled your home phone you may no longer be receiving important messages from the City. Please register your mobile phone number(s) at our secure site: cedarhilltx.com/citymessage



Waste Management funds 2 scholarships

Two \$1,500 scholarships are available to 2014 Cedar Hill ISD graduates or graduates who are residents of Cedar Hill. Requirements include a minimum 2.5 GPA and a desire to further education by attending a university, junior college or trade school.

The scholarships are provided by Waste Management and coordinated by the Zula B. Wylie Public Library. Recipients will be invited to a Cedar Hill City Council meeting in June for the presentation.

Applications are available at the Zula B. Wylie Library and must be returned to the Circulation Desk of the library by 5 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014.

City seeks engaged residents for boards

The City of Cedar Hill is accepting applications for voluntary membership on its boards and commissions. Currently, there are openings on the following boards:

- Board of Adjustment
- Building Appeals and Advisory Board
- Community Development Corporation Board
- Economic Development Corporation Board
- Tourism Advisory Board
- Tri-City Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Zula B. Wylie Library Board

More information and a link to the application form are available at [cedarhilltx.com/boards and commissions](http://cedarhilltx.com/boards_and_commissions) or may be picked up weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the City Secretary's office on the 4th floor of the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014.

For more information, please call 972 291-5100 ext. 1011.

April is National 911 Education Month

The Southwest Regional Communication Center provides emergency dispatch services for the residents and visitors in Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Duncanville.

Karima Dash, Managing Director SWRCC encourages residents to learn more about emergency dispatch services at an open house April 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their offices in DeSoto at 200 S. Parks Dr.

Speakers are also available to speak to churches or organizations about the use of 911 emergency services. They will help educate residents about what's considered an emergency and what to expect when the call 911.

SWRCC employs a staff of 30, including 21 dispatchers to serve the three cities. Karima said "The job is definitely a position for someone

who truly loves helping people."

SWRCC is also provides a fee-based home and business alarm monitoring system for \$25 a month that takes alarm signals directly and dispatches emergency services without the delay of a remote alarm monitoring service that may be located out of state. Please visit their website at swrcc.net.

SWRCC's website at provides much information, including a very useful list of helpful number for all three cities including Animal Control, Jail, Municipal Courts, Auto Impound, after-hours answering services, wreckers and victims assistance.

In 2013 SWRCC handled over 200,000 calls for service, about 4,000 a week. Their goal is to help make sure the proper responders are dispatched as quickly as possible.

People make it a community



ABOVE City Council member Jami McCain receives a gift from Kayla Howell, a member of the Lake Ridge Elementary Student Council when the group attended a recent City Council meeting to show their appreciation for the volunteer service of City Council members.

Lake Ridge teacher Debra Seeley, who sponsors the LRE Student Council, brought about a dozen students to the meeting and spoke about their community service with Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful, welcoming grandparents to their annual breakfast, showing school spirit in parades, collecting food for the Cedar Hill Food Pantry and purchasing gifts for two children through the ELF program in December.



ABOVE Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Baker presents a check for \$17,599 to representatives of Muscular Dystrophy Association on behalf of the Cedar Hill Firefighters Assn. These funds benefit local MDA programs like summer camp for kids with neuromuscular diseases, clinics at Children's Hospital and UT Southwestern Hospital, support groups, flu shots and critical research for the 43 diseases that MDA covers, including ALS.

Firefighters lauded the generosity of Cedar Hill residents as they responded to this year's "Fill the Boot" campaign.

City Council Meetings

Your City Council usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, except for November and December.

The most recent agenda is available at cedarhilltx.com/agenda. Briefing sessions usually start at 6 p.m. and the City Council Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's online calendar by scanning this QR code with your smartphone. Free QR scanners are available in your phone's app store.



cedarhilltx.com/calendar/home

April

21 Earth Day in Cedar Hill

6-8 p.m. - Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

Learn about sustainable practices already in place all over the city and see how easy it is to be green during this local Earth Day celebration. Experience the self-guided video, recyclable crafts, school choir and band performances. For more info visit greencedarhill.com.

22 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

Agenda available at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

26-27 Cedar Hill takes Earth Day to Dallas

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Fair Park in Dallas

Our City staff and partners in the City will take the Cedar Hill Growing Green show on the road to join others celebrating green living at the 2-day Earth Day Texas Event. See more info at earthdaytx.org.

May

9 Navy Band Cruisers Concert

8 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Road

Cruisers are a 9-piece combo, part of the Navy Band, a premier musical organization representing the U.S. Navy and country, based in Washington D.C. Enjoy an evening of free, incredible music outdoors in beautiful Cedar Hill.

10 Head for the Hills Bike Rally

Onsite registration begins at 6 a.m. Rally starts at 8 a.m. Uptown Village north parking lot. Riders can choose from 20, 40, 60 or the new 100-mile route to Italy. Register early for discounts. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cedar Hill, this event benefits the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, City library, CHISD Education Foundation, Bridges Safehouse and Hope Mansion. Join in Friday May 9 for a spaghetti dinner provided by local Boy Scouts. Look into camping at the Cedar Hill State Park in Cedar Hill and avoid driving in Saturday morning. Details on the event and related activities at headforthehills.org.

13 & 27 City Council Meetings

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

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Head for the Hills bike rally coming Saturday, May 10

The Cedar Hill Rotary Club sponsors the annual Head for the Hills bike rally which attracts riders to the spectacular beauty and great rides in Cedar Hill. The event benefits Rotary youth programs, the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Bridges Safehouse, Hope Mansion, the CHISD Education Foundation, the City library and other immediate needs in the community. Visit headforthehills.org.

Council/Neighborhoods

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survey, with live responses, about perceptions of City services.

Residents can then choose one of several smaller breakout groups for one-on-one meetings with City Council members.

These meetings are set at locations around the city to make attendance more convenient for residents.

Upcoming meetings

April 15, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Ninth Grade Center, 1515 W. Belt Line Road, for residents in Zone 5, south of Mansfield Road and west of Lake Ridge Parkway and US 67.

May 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 128 N. Roberts, for residents south of FM 1382, west of US67 and west of Lake



City Council member Daniel Haydin responds to residents' questions during a breakout session, with support from City staff members.

Ridge Parkway and north of Mansfield Road.

What's it all about?

Meetings with neighbors help maintain Cedar Hill's small town feel, help the City focus services on needs expressed by residents, and improve communication.

The goals are to find out what the City and neighbors can do, working together, to bring about positive changes.

Should you have any questions, please contact Stacey Graves, Neighborhood and Code Services Manager at 972.291.5100 ext. 1094 or [stacey.graves@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:graves@cedarhilltx.com).

Alarm Monitoring 911SWRCC

For only \$25 a month, you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same local 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.

City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100x1010

After Hours (Answering service)
972.780.6643

Alarm Monitoring 972.230.5248

Animal Control 972.223.6111

Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

City Secretary 972.291.5100x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100x1090

Economic Development 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
972.291.5100x1094

Parks & Recreation 972.291.5100x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs 214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs 972.480.5868

Police Department, non-emergency
972.291.5100x2400

Public Relations 469.272.2903

Public Works 972.291.5126

Recreation Center 972.293.5288

Senior Center 972.291.5353

Tourism 972.291.5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)
800.772.8653

Utility Billing 972.291.5100x1200



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