

June 2014

HIGHLIGHTS



West Nile Virus season is back

cedarhilltx.com/wnv

Protect yourself and your family; check the webpage above for prevention tips and news about spraying if WNV-positive samples are detected in Cedar Hill.

Dallas County Health and Human Services provides mosquito collection and testing services for Cedar Hill. They collect weekly samples in several locations in Cedar Hill.

If spraying is scheduled for any part of Cedar Hill, that information will be posted on the webpage above and the City will do mass calling in the affected area(s). Spraying is typically done late at night.

Register for WNV updates

Scan this code with your smartphone using any QR code reader app. It will go to a page to register your family's phones to receive calls from the City.



4D is the formula to reduce West Nile Virus exposure.

Drain

Remove breeding sites on your property. Drain standing water, cover trash containers so they won't hold water, change birdbaths, pet dishes and wading pools at least weekly, check boat tarps and grill covers for trapped water.

Dress

Wear long-sleeve, loose and lightly-colored clothing when outside.

DEET

Use repellents with DEET or other FDA approved repellents and follow instructions.

Dusk to dawn

Be aware that mosquitoes are most active from just before sunset until just after sunrise.



Cedar Hill
#2 place to live
in Dallas County
says Dallas News

In a survey published recently by *The Dallas Morning News*, Cedar Hill was one of only two "neighborhoods" in Dallas County to be selected as best overall places to live.

The Sunday, May 18 issue of the paper contained a special section reviewing the best neighborhoods in the north Texas area.

The survey looked at several areas considered important to residents when they select a neighborhood.

Safety was the most important factor, followed by affordability, good schools, well-maintained and quiet, rising home values, pet-friendliness, places to shop and things to do, commute, walkability, attractive trees and landscaping and parks and green spaces.

While the survey included neighborhoods in Dallas, Denton, Collin, Rockwall and eastern Tarrant county

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Watering restrictions

No watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week, May 1 to Sept. 30

From May 1 to September 30, outdoor watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. is prohibited by ordinance. Fines for violators start at \$200 for the first offense.

The City requests no outside watering at all on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow the system to replenish supplies in the water storage tanks.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at cedarhilltx.com/watering.

Any additional watering restrictions required under the City's Drought Response Stages will be posted on the home page of the City website, cedarhilltx.com, if they are put into effect.

Safety Fair reaches 500 HS seniors

Just before the Prom, Cedar Hill's Municipal Court partnered with several agencies and safety-related groups to hold a safety fair for seniors at Cedar Hill High.

Sakina Jackson, Municipal Court Juvenile Case Manager worked with Dr. Chandra McGhee, CHISD Director of Student Support and Community Services to bring together an interesting and educational experience for students, focusing on safety, especially alcohol and driving issues.

Students were able to visit with representatives and receive information from the Dallas District Attorney's Office, Drug Prevention

Resources Intervention, the Cedar Hill Police and Fire Departments, Agape Alcohol and Drug Education Program and Skillful Living.

Among the most popular educational experiences were a computer-simulator for driving and pedal cars provided by the Texas Dept. of Transportation that included "drunk goggles" that showed students how impaired their perception and control skills can become after just a small amount of alcohol.

According to Ms. Jackson, it was great to interact with students in a more positive way than in Juvenile Court.

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She said the support of Cedar Hill Municipal Judge Michael Petty made this program possible.

Additional safety programs involving the City and CHISD are planned, starting in the Fall.



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

Join the Cedar Hill Community Band
Call Donald Stockard at 214.542.8529 or email cedarhill-communityband@yahoo.com. The band is looking for a rehearsal room on Monday nights. Call if you have an idea.



City Secretary Lyn Hill retires

Lyn Hill, Cedar Hill City Secretary who retired in May was honored by Dallas County Commissioners Court when they passed a proclamation recognizing her public service. County Commissioner John Wiley Price introduced and read the proclamation at the meeting.

It acknowledged Ms. Hill's public service that began in 2002 in Oak Leaf and continued through her tenure as Executive Assistant to the City Secretary in Cedar Hill, beginning in 2006, and her term as City Secretary from 2008 to the present.

Lyn was active in municipal clerk organizations as a member of Texas Municipal Clerks Assn., International Municipal Clerks Assn., North Texas Municipal Clerks Chapter and Yellow Rose Chapter of Texas Municipal Clerks Assn., which she helped form.

She has also been a newspaper editor, flight attendant, art gallery owner, counselor and advisor.

Her integrity, tenacity and grace will be missed in Cedar Hill.

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Top of page: Lyn Hill speaks at Dallas County Commissioners Court with Deputy City Manager Greg Porter and City Manager Alan Sims. **Above:** She receives the 2014 Municipal Clerks Week proclamation from Mayor Rob Franke.

People make it a community



Top: Two City Council members were sworn in for new terms at a May meeting. At top, Cliff Shaw is sworn in by City Secretary Lyn Hill. Shaw has served since 1998. **Above:** Daniel Haydin prepares to be sworn in by Ms. Hill. He has served since 2000. City Council members serve 3-year terms.



Above: City of Cedar Hill Public Works Director Elias Sasso receives a proclamation designating May 18-24 as National Public Works Week from Mayor Rob Franke.

Below: Keyovante Ray Harrison, left was recognized as a S.T.A.R. student and received his certificate from City Council member Jami McCain at a May meeting. Keyovante is a 6th grade student at West Intermediate.



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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

June

20 World's Largest Swim Lesson

10 a.m. Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd.

Help put Cedar Hill's Crawford Park pool in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest swimming lesson. Join in this fun, life-saving event. Each participant will receive a free lesson and a certificate. For more information visit cedarhilltx.com/worldslargestswimlessons or call 9782.291.5130.

20, 27 Music in the Park Series

Friday evenings in June, at Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater
Concerts begin at 8 p.m.

Bring the whole family for these free outdoor concerts set in a beautiful corner of Valley Ridge Park. Bring a picnic, or enjoy food truck cuisine. No alcohol or glass containers allowed. Blankets and lawn chairs encouraged. See all the bands at cedarhilltx.com/music.

24 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.

July

4 Red, White and Pool

1 - 5:45 p.m. Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd.
Family-friendly games and fun in the pool, celebrating Independence Day.

4 City offices closed

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14 Hope Mansion Golf Tournament

7 a.m. registration, 8:30 tee off, Thorntree Country Club, DeSoto
Help support Hope Mansion's efforts to break the chain of poverty and hopelessness by providing a residential environment for women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.
For more info about the tournament visit hopemansion.com/events/golf.

18-20 Love Your City Theater presents The Music Man

Enjoy live performances of this musical theater classic while supporting the Cedar Hill Food Pantry and the North Texas Food Bank. For more information and to buy tickets visit loveyourcitytheater.com.





MADD honors CHPD for DWI enforcement

At a May City Council meeting, Cedar Hill Police officers were honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their strict DWI enforcement.

Cpl. Chad Cooley, left, received the Enforcement Hero award for making the most DWI arrests in Cedar Hill in 2013.

Officer Christine Hill, left center, received MADD's Commitment Hero for her dedication to DWI enforcement including standardized Field Sobriety testing training she conducts on her own time.

Overall, the department had a 77% increase in DWI arrests in 2013 over 2012.

Chief Steve Rhodes accepted the Commitment Hero Department award, one of three under this program sponsored by TxDOT.

It recognizes the Impaired Driving Investigations team progress toward a "No refusal" program that requires a blood sample from second DWI offenders.

Presenting the awards was Terri Peaks, right, Manager of Victim Services with MADD North Texas.

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Cedar Hill among best neighborhoods

the results were heavily skewed to the north with 23 of the top 25 Best Overall neighborhoods located in Collin, Denton and Tarrant counties.

Cedar Hill was the only one of the top 25 Best Overall neighborhoods located south of downtown Dallas and the one with the shortest commute to downtown. The other Dallas county neighborhood in the top 25 was Duck Creek in Garland.

Check out a DallasNews.com interactive map comparing Dallas and Tarrant County neighborhoods by scanning this QR code with any QR code scanner available for free at your mobile device's online app store.



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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