

# July 2014

CEDAR HILL

# HIGHLIGHTS



## New City website mobilizes access

The City's website has a new look, new functions and continues to be the largest, most accessible source of information about what's happening in Cedar Hill.

The address is still **cedarhilltx.com** but now you'll find a website that is much more functional on mobile devices. Check it out.



Mayor Rob Franke, front row, center, surrounded by Teen Council members, City staff and CHISD staff who participated in programs to expose students to the workings of local government.

## Teens learn servant leadership

Cedar Hill students are learning the importance of giving back to the community while developing their leadership skills serving on the Mayor's Teen Council.

In October 2012, Mayor Rob Franke and Toni Simmons, Library Manager, collaborated with CHISD staff and the Parks and Recreation department to create the Teen Council program.

Primary goals are to involve the youth of the community in service leadership and give them exposure to the workings of local government.

Twenty students were selected from more than 40 applicants in the initial year.

The Teen Council elected officers and developed their own guidelines. Additionally, they served as volunteers at

City events and raised funds for the Blue Caboose Children's Fund benefitting children and families living with cystic fibrosis.

Members have been meeting with local business and community leaders to see how they give back to the community and are planning two ongoing community service activities to promote sustainability.

Over the summer, the Teen Council will develop a program to encourage recycling at elementary schools and plant a tree, in recognition of this year's program, in a local park.

As the school year came to a close, Alissa Allison, Spencer Bahr, Naairah Lott, Jordan Seals, Aida Solomon and Morgan Thomas graduated from high school, concluding their service in the program. However, their legacy will live on in the programs in which they participated and the trails they blazed while they continue to enhance the leadership skills learned in this program as they enter the next phase of their lives.

To learn more about the Mayor's Teen Council, contact the Zula B. Wylie Public Library or a high school counselor.

## West Nile Virus season continues Fight the bite



Scan the code at right with your mobile device to register your mobile phone to ensure that you receive messages for your neighborhood about mosquito control spraying by Dallas County to reduce WNV exposure.



# Literacy and community grow in Little Free Libraries

Little Free Libraries are small wooden boxes placed where people can easily access them. They promote reading by exchanging books for free.

A unique partnership between the Rotary Club and the Zula B. Wylie Public Library is bringing Little Free Libraries to Cedar Hill.

## City Council snuffs out e-cig sales to minors



At their June 10 regular meeting, City Council members passed ordinance 2014-538 prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine to minors and also banned the possession of same by minors. There is a fine of up to \$500 for each violation.

Ordinance 2014-538 also prohibits self-service display or vending machine merchandising of e-cigarettes or liquid nicotine.

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

 **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](http://cedarhilltx.com/citymessage)

Small wooden boxes that encase books are attached to posts eventually to be set up in various neighborhoods.

The first Little Free Library is being set up at High Pointe Village Apartments in Cedar Hill.

Little Free Library is a non-profit, organization whose mission is to promote a sense of community, reading for children, literacy for adults and libraries around the world.

Little Free Libraries contain constantly changing collections of books donated and shared by people of all ages and backgrounds.

The Libraries are built to withstand weather of all kinds and hold 20-100 books. Some Libraries are located in coffee shops, in or near restaurants and community centers.

Here are some of the most quoted benefits of Little Free Libraries:

"People meet more neighbors and passers-by than they have in years. They often spend time getting to know people as well as books. They value the free-wheeling exchange of books, especially because they are often surprised by the variety and quality of the collections."

Small, local business owners report



Inspecting Cedar Hill's first Little Free Library are Dan Watkins, Librarian and Rotary Club President, Teri Nelson, Children's Resource Coordinator at the Library and Glenn Majors Rotary Club Community Services Chairman.

that Little Free Libraries help them attract and keep customers.

Realtors have said that libraries (big and small) have influenced potential homebuyers to decide to settle on one neighborhood rather than another.

Neighborhoods and businesses interested in participating can contact Teri Nelson at 972.291.5100 ext 1323.

## People make it a community



Mayor Pro Tem Chris Parvin, right, presents a "Take a Kid Fishing Day" proclamation to Betty Minshev, Parks & Recreation Marketing Mgr. and from left: Doris Childress, Margot Buchholz and Ann Holt who enjoyed registering children at the event.



Steve Keller, right, of Waste Management Inc. presents \$1500 scholarships to CHISD high school students Morgan Avery Thomas and Celeste Adrienne Jessie and is joined by CHISD Trustee Wendy Hodges-Kent, left, and next to her, Library Manager Toni Simmons.

## Mark your calendar for these events at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Call 972.291.5100 X1300 for more information

**July 19 - 1 - 3 p.m.** Adults are invited to learn about the adventures of geocaching using the global positioning system.

**July 24** - Magic Show w/ David Hira - Enjoy an evening of magic and illusions performed by international entertainer David Hira.

**July 29 - 2 - 4 p.m.** Poetry Jam and Summer Reading Finale - All teens are invited to this spoken word performance. Light refreshments provided.

**July 31 - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.** Children's Summer Finale - The Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show performs science experiments.

# 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](http://cedarhilltx.com/calendar/home)

## July is National Parks and Recreation Month

### Camp Cedar Hill at Dogwood Canyon

7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays - Fridays through August 1, ages 6-12. This day camp features exploration, animal encounters, recreation, art and more. Visit [cedarhilltx.com/camps](http://cedarhilltx.com/camps) or call 972.293.5288

### OTG Elite U Summer Basketball Camp

8:30 a.m. to Noon Mondays - Fridays through August 8, ages 8-18. Camps for player development, competitions and awards. visit [cedarhilltx.com/camps](http://cedarhilltx.com/camps) for information.



### 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](http://loveyourcitytheater.com). Tickets may be purchased at the door.

### 19 Bike Safety Rodeo

9-11 a.m. ages 5-14, Cedar Hill Recreation Center parking lot, 310 E. Parkerville Rd. Free event teaching safe riding skills with an obstacle course and a group ride on the new Red Oak Creek Trail. Call 972.291.5130 for more info.

### 19 Star Party

About sunset to 11 p.m. at J.W. Williams Park (behind West Intermediate School) 1605 High Pointe, third Saturday of every month, subject to weather. Bring your telescope or enjoy the sights through telescopes provided by members of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas. Come early to view the sun through special filters. For status and cancellation information call 214.800.6000.

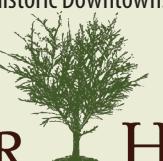
### 31 Movie Night "Out" at the Rec

Starts at Dusk. Cedar Hill Recreation Center 310 E. Parkerville Rd. "Despicable Me" movie begins at dusk on the west side of the building, bring blankets/lawn chairs. Concessions will be available. Open to all ages.



### Cedar Hill Museum opens with Chief Quanah Parker

An exhibit chronicling the life and times of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker is on display through July at the Cedar Hill Museum of History in their new location at 607 Cedar Street in Historic Downtown. Call for hours, 972.293.3806.



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# Stash your trash, don't let it fly

No one wants to see trash in the street or waterways. Bag it securely and keep the lid on your trash container. City ordinance Part II Chapter 9 Sec. 9-52 specifies:

*Every customer shall keep all garbage and trash containers used by him securely closed in such a manner as to prevent the scattering of the contents thereof and to render the contents inaccessible to insects, rodents, and other animals.*

Each violation may be prosecuted as a Misdemeanor in Municipal Court and subject to fine.

Residents with a complaint about unsecured trash can call Code Enforcement at 972.291.5100 ext. 1120 or ext. 1094 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

# Tech Week July 21-25 at Dogwood Canyon

The CHISD Technology Department is partnering with the City of Cedar Hill and the Audubon Center at Dogwood Canyon during "Totally Tech" week, July 21-25.

Campers get a hands-on experience building and programming robots, and coding and creating stop-animation videos with iPads. In addition, CHISD Technology plans to demonstrate a RoboLabs drone used in math and science classes.

The camp welcomes children ages 8-12. There is a one-time registration fee of \$30 per child. The weekly fee is \$100, the monthly rate is only \$350.

For more info call 972-293-5288 or scan this code.



The War Dog Monument dedication ceremony attracted wide-spread attention to Cedar Hill. The statue "Enduring Valor", center, above, is the focal point of the Pet Memorial Park. "Enduring Valor" and the surrounding installation honors canines and their handlers who have served in law enforcement and military service and reminds us of the strong bonds between humans and our beloved pets. For more on the amazing reclamation story of the park and the memorial visit [cedarhillpetcemetery.org](http://cedarhillpetcemetery.org).

## 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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