

Highlights

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

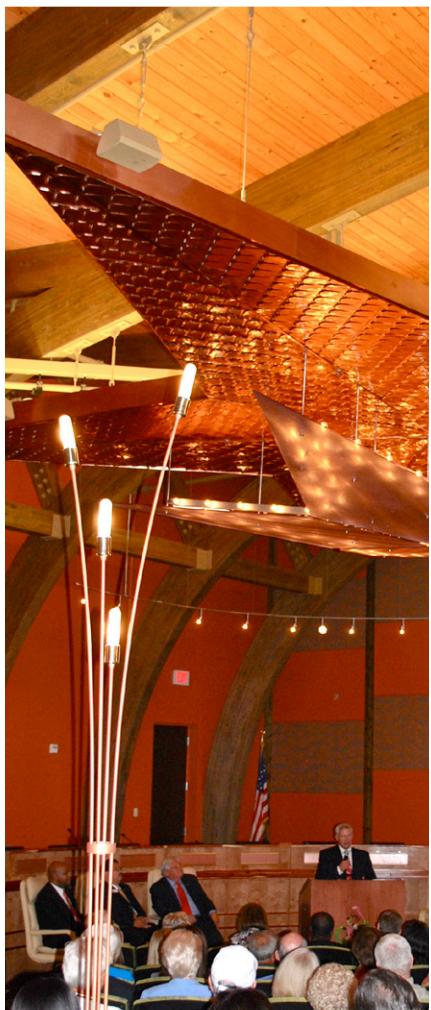
Oct.-Nov. 2008



Government Center hosts 'Grand' Opening

Clockwise from top left:

- The City and the CHISD rolled out the red carpet for guests on the evening of Sept. 30 to celebrate the grand opening of the Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd.
- The High School Band greeted over 500 visitors on the front steps.
- U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant presents a flag flown over the Capitol to CHISD Board President Dan Hernandez and Mayor Rob Franke.
- CHISD's Chief Operating Officer Kim Lewis and Deputy City Manager Greg Porter were recognized for their day-to-day management of Government Center construction.
- Architect Malcolm Holzman presents a meteorite to City Manager Alan Sims. Holzman explained that a meteor shower millions of years ago created the rose tint visible in the limestone exterior of the Goverment Center.
- A full house, including the CHHS Choir, gathered to hear speakers at the Open House before touring the rest of the facility.
- Asst. Police Chief Rodney Thompson shares a lighter moment with Mayor Franke.
- Visitors and dignitaries gather under the dramatic copper star in the T.W. 'Turk' Cannady/Cedar Hill Room.

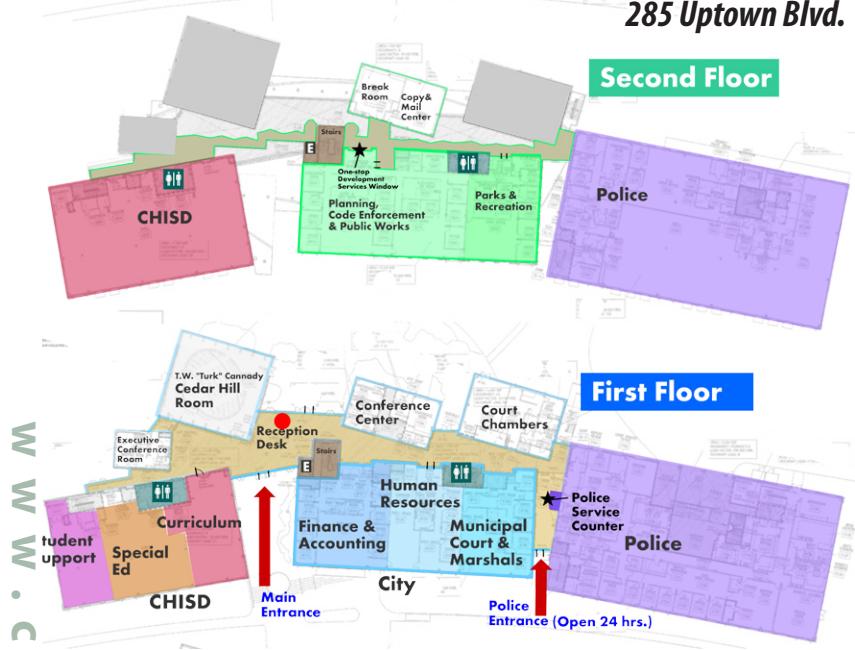


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- An interesting collection went into the time capsule to be opened in 2058.
- Police Honor Guard presented the colors.
- State Senator Royce West presented a proclamation.
- State Representative Helen Giddings celebrated the new facility.



Find it all at the Government Center 285 Uptown Blvd.



Offices for the Cedar Hill Independent School District occupy both floors of the southernmost portion of the Government Center Complex. Additional CHISD offices are located on the third floor of the center portion of the complex.

City Council and School Board meetings are held in the T.W. 'Turk' Cannady Room adjacent to the lobby.

The center portion of the Government Center contains City offices on the first, second and fourth floors. The third floor is CHISD Administration offices.

The lobby/concourse opens to Utility Billing windows and Municipal Court windows. Also available on the first floor is the Human Resources Department, the Court Chambers, Conference Rooms and the Police Department. Finance & Accounting and City Marshals offices are also on the first floor.

The Police Department section of the Government Center has its own 24-hour entrance facing Uptown Blvd.

The Police offices include space for administration, processing labs, a workout area for officers, evidence storage and future expansion.

Community Service functions of the Police Department will be located in the remodeled Police building at 601 E. Belt Line when it is completed sometime in 2009.

Toll Tags at Govt. Center windows and online

NTTA TollTags are on sale at the Utility Billing window, the Municipal Court window and in the Human Resources office on the first floor of the Government Center. Only credit cards are accepted.

You may purchase your TollTag online at www.cedarhilltx.com. Click on the "T" Toll Tag logo for more information.

To purchase TollTags, you need the year,

make, model, color and license plate number of each vehicle. Payments are processed by the NTTA in only a few seconds.

TollTags can be used on the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Addison Airport Tunnel and Mountain Creek Lake Bridge.

They can be used to pay for DFW Airport terminal parking and pass-through, and to pay for parking at Love Field Airport.

City offers alarm monitoring service via 9-1-1 Call Center

Cedar Hill's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center offers home and business alarm monitoring. The Center uses emergency dispatchers to provide the quickest alarm response available for both fire and intrusion alarms.

Connecting your system directly to the City monitoring system saves critical time by reporting your alarm directly to the appropriate 9-1-1 emergency dispatcher.

Traditional alarm companies require an extra step, which consumes valuable time. After receiving your alarm signal, they must call the local 9-1-1 center serving your area and verbally pass the

information on to the dispatcher, who in turn dispatches the appropriate police, fire or medical unit to your home.

More information, and a list of alarm system professionals is available at www.swrcc.net/alarm or call 972.223.6111. Or call Tim Smith, Dispatch Center Director, at 972.230.5053.

Free wi-fi
Wireless internet connection is available at the Zula B. Wylie Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

'Waste Watch' extra eyes in our neighborhoods

Waste Management has partnered with the City of Cedar Hill to start a neighborhood safety program called Waste Watch®. Waste Management provides special



training for drivers to spot and report anything suspicious or dangerous to their dispatcher or directly to 9-1-1.

The Waste Watch® program enhances safety by giving emergency response agencies the

benefit of extra eyes and ears in the community every day.

Because drivers are working at times when neighborhood and business crimes often occur, they are in an ideal position to spot and report these situations. They will report such events as vehicle crashes, fires, road hazards and suspicious activities.

Waste Management drivers in other communities have reported accidents, fires, suspected criminal activity and unusual situations before they ordinarily would have been detected.

An opportunity to show appreciation to soldiers

The Mayor's Adopt-A-Soldier program is an opportunity to adopt an overseas soldier by sending requested items during this 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. and purchase a \$10 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. No matter if they are a friend, neighbor, son, daughter, husband, wife, niece, or nephew - send their complete name and APO (Army Post Office) address to Amanda Baker at amanda.baker@cedarhilltx.com or by phone at 972.291.5100 x1007. Please pass this information on as our goal is to adopt as many soldiers as possible.

Cedar Hill Mayor Rob Franke thanks you in advance for your support of the troops serving our country.

Community Calendar

November

25 City Council Meeting

7 p.m. T.W. 'Turk' Cannady/Cedar Hill Room in the Government Center City at 285 Uptown Blvd. Council briefing sessions usually begin at 6 p.m. All are open to the public.

Meeting agendas are posted by the entrance to the Government Center and on this website at least 72 hours before meeting time.

27-28 Library Closes

Library is Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
The library will reopen on Saturday, November 29, 2008.

December

4 Holiday Celebrations Around the World

7 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St. Master storyteller, Traphene Hickman, will present a delightful selection of holiday stories. Come listen and experience the joys of the season! (Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanzaa)

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13 Santa's Pajama and Pancake Party

8-10:30 a.m., Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road, \$15 per person
Come enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center. Come in your pajamas. Have your photo taken with Santa. Make fun holiday crafts. All ages are welcome. Register by December 8th, online at www.cchrec.com or at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

Monthly

Readers on the Hill

Literary group meets the first Monday of each month at the Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St. Call the library at 972.291.7323 for more information.

Dallas Area Writers Group

Open to beginning and seasoned writers, this group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St. For more information visit www.dallaswriters.org.

Cedar Hill Star Party

Third Saturday of each month, Sunset until 11 pm, J.W. Williams Park, 1065 High Pointe Ln. (Beside West Intermediate School)
Telescopes provided by members of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas. For more information, please visit www.tasobserving.org. For status and cancellation information, call 214.800.6000.

To submit your community organization's activity to be considered for the Community Calendar and to be listed on the City's website, email complete information (including date, time, location, a contact number or email to corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com.

City Council Meetings

are scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday of most months. Meetings, held in the T.W. 'Turk' Cannady/Cedar Hill Room of the Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. start at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. Citizens can address the City Council members during the Citizens Forum.

Visit www.cedarhilltx.com to see more events

Contacts

After hours
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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
972.291.5353

Tri-City Animal Shelter
972.291.5335

Utility Billing
972.291.5100x1200



The 71st Country Day on the Hill, held Oct. 11, enjoyed splendid weather, a huge turnout and plenty to see and do for everyone. Jimmie Ruth White, above, hosted the wildly successful regional event. Friends of Country Day and dozens of sponsors cooperate to make this fall tradition a great celebration every year.



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