

## City & CHISD on the move



City offices have opened in the new Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd., joining CHISD offices that moved the week before. Police offices will move before the end of July.

### City offices are open in Government Center

The opening of City and Cedar Hill Independent School District offices in the new Government Center makes them the first such entities under one roof in all of Texas.

Sharing space saved the two bodies about \$4 million in construction, according to City Manager Alan Sims. "Building this together has saved the taxpayers money and is going to benefit the community for years to come"

The new facility was designed with efficiency in mind. The most often

visited locations are located on the first floor and easily accessible to residents.

The 116,000-square-foot facility is several buildings joined by an atrium/lobby/concourse. The main reception area serves the City and school district. The Police Department will occupy the north building with its own entry and receptionist.

The City Council and school board will share the dramatic T.W. 'Turk' Cannady Cedar Hill Room for their meetings. Conference

rooms, break rooms, the copy room, technology services and parking are also shared by city and school employees.

Sharing operating expenses for the facility will reduce the cost to taxpayers.

#### Police moving later

Police Department offices are scheduled to move to the new building by the end of July.

#### Not all will move

A number of City employees will not be moving. The Library, Recreation Center, and Tri-City Animal Shelter staff members will con-

tinue to serve at their current locations.

Some Public Works and Parks & Recreation service providers will work out of the existing Public Works building at 1554 S. Clark.

#### A long time coming

Planning and construction has taken several years and arrangements for the move have been underway since last year. Melissa Stephens in City Administration has been shepherding the move from the beginning.

"Move Masters" from each depart-

ment have been meeting weekly for several months to make the move go smoothly.

Departments packed up and were ready for the move by Friday, July 11.

At 8 a.m. Monday, July 14, City employees were unpacking and organizing their files as they served the needs of citizens, vendors and other visitors to the Government Center.

Old City Hall will be remodeled and open next year as a Babe's Chicken Dinner House.

### Quicker alarm response can save critical time

The City of Cedar Hill maintains an efficient home and business alarm monitoring service designed to save critical time.

When an alarm is received at the Southwest Regional Call Center and confirmed, dis-

patchers immediately send the appropriate police, fire or medical unit to your location.

Other alarm companies require several extra time-consuming steps.

After receiving your alarm signal, they must

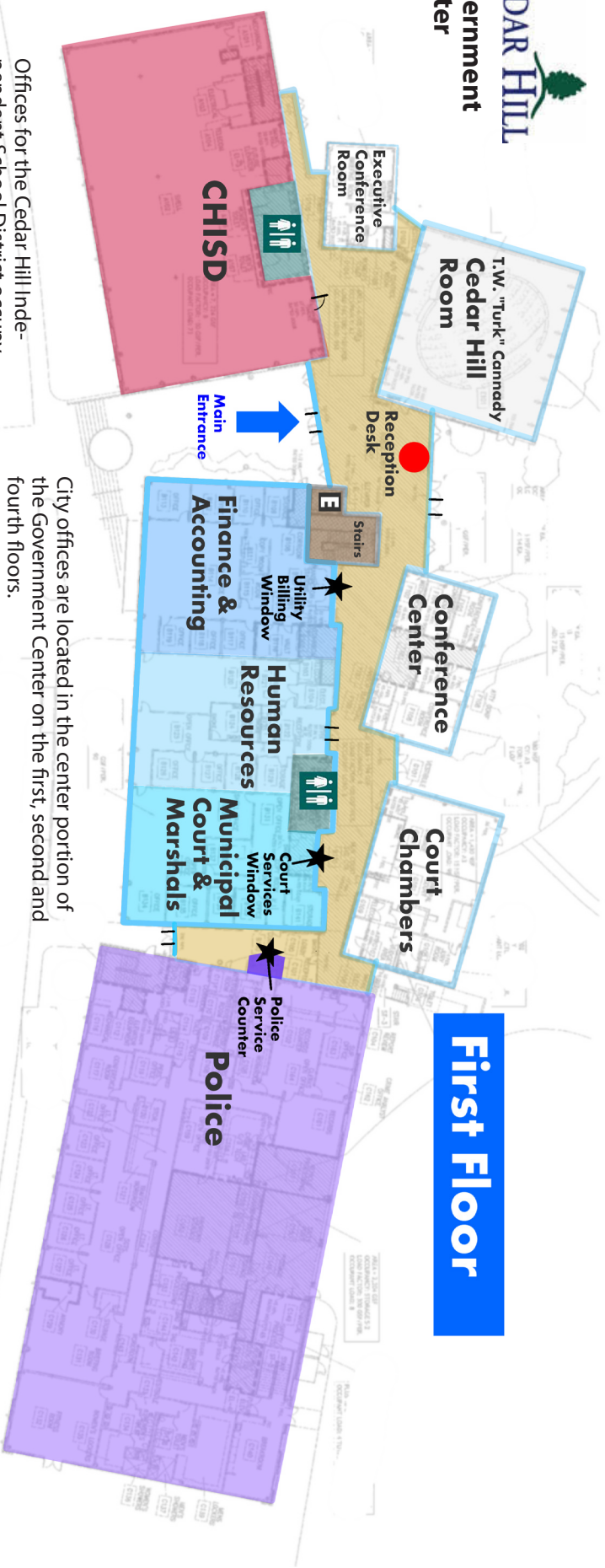
confirm the alarm with a long distance call, then place another long distance call to the local 9-1-1 center administrative line and verbally pass the information on to the dispatcher, who sends emergency services to your home or

business.

More information about the Southwest Regional Call Center is available at [www.swrcc.net/alarm](http://www.swrcc.net/alarm) or call SWRCC Director-Tim Smith directly 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.



## First Floor

Offices for the Cedar Hill Independent School District occupy both floors of the southernmost portion of the Government Center Complex and the third floor of the center portion.

School Board meetings will be held in the T.W. 'Turk' Cannady Cedar Hill Room adjacent to the lobby at the main entrance to the building.

City offices are located in the center portion of the Government Center on the first, second and fourth floors.

Easy access windows for Utility Billing and Municipal Court are located on the first floor in the lobby/concourse that runs the length of the building. Human Resources offices are also on the first floor.

The City Council meets in the T.W. 'Turk' Cannady Cedar Hill room on the first floor.

The first floor also includes offices for Finance & Accounting, Municipal Court and City Marshals. Several conference rooms are on the first floor.

A one-stop counter for development/builders on the second floor provides services from Building Inspection, Code Enforcement and Planning. Parks & Recreation and Public Works administrative offices are on the second floor.

City Administration offices are on the fourth floor.

The Police Department section of the Government Center has its own entrance facing Uptown Blvd. that will be open 24/7.

The facility includes administrative offices, processing labs, a workout area for officers, evidence storage and space for 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 some time in 2009.

**Visitor parking is available in front of the Government Center or in the parking lot south of the facility.**



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