

February 2015

HIGHLIGHTS



City staff honors Dr. King with community service

To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Americans should make it “a day on, not a day off.” At least, that’s how many City of Cedar Hill employees feel.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service is an opportunity for all Americans to honor Dr. King by coming together to help meet the needs of their communities and recommit to service throughout the year.

Monday, January 19, City offices were closed as it was a designated holiday for City employees. Nevertheless, dozens of City workers spread out across the community and spent hours finding ways to help serve residents.

Below, and on the following page, are some of the ways they helped.



Some brought family and picked up trash in parks and along the roadside.

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Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.

Ten years in the making

Block Party, the event for everyone



Leah Walker
Neighborhood Services Coordinator

The 10th annual Recreation Center Anniversary and Block Party on Saturday, March 7, will be a free event featuring a health fair, food trucks, petting zoo, music, gaming truck and much more. The first 750 attendees will receive a free commemorative t-shirt.

It all starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. The Neighborhood Services Department, in collaboration with Parks and Recreation, invite you to celebrate the Recreation Center's ten great years of serving this community through fun and fitness.

The Block Party started in 2004 as a way to commemorate the opening of the Cedar Hill Recreation Center and has grown into the largest community event of the year. It has grown beyond the building, with some displays and activities happening outside.

With dozens of participating organizations, this dynamic event serves as a celebration, and a fun way to learn about the wide array of services and resources available to Cedar Hill residents.

Councilman Stephen Mason said “I look forward to the block party each year because it is a great way to bring all of the different neighborhoods together. It is also lots of fun!”

The members of the Cedar Hill

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A day on, not a day off, for City employees



MLK Day at the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Bridges Safehouse, the library and along South Clark Rd.

Celebrate Black History Month at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library

Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month, is celebrated every February. It is a time to remember the important people and events in the history of descendants of the West and Central Africans who were enslaved and shipped to the Americas by way of the Atlantic Slave Trade.

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library will be honoring the African-American community by celebrating Black History Month with the following programs:

Family Fun Night on Monday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. will have a drum performance from the Amber Terrace Elementary Drumming Group of DeSoto, led by Kevin Hood. There will be interactive games to learn about different individuals and events that helped shape African-American history.

Mr. Paul Beaty will speak on "Reconnecting the African Diaspora" at the Cedar Hill Genealogy Society meeting on Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Mr. Beaty is a member of the African American Genealogical Society and the Dallas Genealogical Society. He has reconnected over a hundred families through genealogy

and other various DNA projects over the last ten years.

Every Tuesday in February at 4:30 p.m. the library will have the West Africa drumming specialist, Damon Frazier, instructing children in the art of playing African drums.

Registration is required due to

space limitations. Please call 972-291-7323 ext. 1305 to register.

For more information regarding programs and events being held at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, please visit the library website at www.cedarhilllibrary.org or visit us at 225 Cedar Street. The library's phone number is 972-291-7323.



For the past several meetings, the Planning and Zoning Commission has studied how solar photovoltaic energy systems work, and their impacts on the community. Currently, the Commission is in the problem-identification process, where they identify every possible issue that may arise from solar panels.

The issues that are being currently discussed are: aesthetics, hazardous materials, decommissioning, ambient temperature, property val-

ues, public safety, noise, glare and environment. Other communities around the Dallas-Fort Worth area, including Flower Mound, Southlake, and Plano, have taken up this issue.

Are there other concerns regarding solar photovoltaic systems that the Commission should be reviewing?

Contact, Don Gore at don.gore@cedarhilltx.com for any questions or comments regarding Solar Cedar Hill.

People make it a community

CHAMPS PARADE



Mayor Pro Tem Chris Parvin and City Council member Clifford Shaw, shown above, joined CC members Daniel Haydin and Wallace Swayzee in the Champions Parade Jan. 16, honoring state football championships for the Cedar Hill Longhorns and the Trinity Tigers.



Chris Hernandez, above, received the S.T.A.R. student award from City Council member Daniel Haydin. Chris was recognized for his academic and leadership skills.



Camryn Samuel was honored by the Police Dept. for foregoing birthday gifts and asking family and friends to donate to a fund to purchase ballistic vests for Police Service Dogs. Ranger, shown above, wearing a vest provided by Camryn's generosity, is handled by Officer Rhoden. \$2,000 has been raised, but more is needed; to help, email k9vestdonations@gmail.com.

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.



February 2015

24 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting. Both are open to the public. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room. Agendas and minutes for City Council meetings and other City boards and commissions are available at cedarhilltx.com. Click on the Agenda Center icon. Agendas are posted 72 hours before meeting times.

March

7 Recreation Center 10-Year Anniversary and Citywide Block Party

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd. Celebrate the 10-year Anniversary of the Cedar Hill Recreation Center and see all the many services your community has to offer at the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party. Take a tour of the Recreation Center, check out great programs offered, enjoy children's activities with the family and connect with organizations throughout your city. Don't miss out on all the fun and action as we celebrate this momentous occasion. The first 750 attendees will receive a free t-shirt.

8 Color Half Marathon and 5K at Cedar Hill State Park

6:30 a.m. Registration opens, 10 a.m. Half Marathon Awards ceremony, Cedar Hill State Park Cost \$35 - \$85, more information at colorhalf.com. Not just a 5k fun run but also a fully-certified half marathon on the shores of Lake Joe Pool in Cedar Hill. Run in a scenic state park, just 20 minutes from both Dallas & Fort Worth. Come for the beautiful surroundings and fill your day with color.

9 Neighborhood Advisory Board

6 p.m. Cedar Hill Government Center, First Floor, Conference Room D This 9-member board is advisory to Neighborhood Services and the City Council concerning matters involving neighborhoods and community affairs. The Board meets on the second Monday of each month.

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28 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

9 a.m. - 11 a.m., Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd. Hazardous household waste includes acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (all kinds including car batteries), brake fluid, craft chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaner, fertilizer, fluorescent light bulbs, herbicides, household chemicals, motor oil, paints and stains, paint thinners, pest strips, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, oil filters, solvents, transmission fluid, and varnish. Full details at cedarhilltx.com/1252.

Earth Day Cedar Hill is coming April 21, visit cedarhilltx.com/1086



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cedarhilltx.com/calendar



The Last Small Town comes home to Cedar Hill Museum

Open House Saturday, February 28, 2015, 2 – 4 p.m.

The "Your Dallas" historical exhibition series at the Old Red Museum returns to Cedar Hill with an open house celebration Saturday, February 28 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Museum of History, 607 Cedar St. in Historic Downtown.

The exhibit traces the history of Cedar Hill in southern Dallas County from its origins in the 1840s when settlers with Peter's

Colony arrived by wagon, through a Depression-era bank robbery attributed to a member of Bonnie and Clyde's gang.

Displays explore the social, commercial, and natural history of the city known as the Hill Country of North Texas. Developed by the Cedar Hill Historical Society, the returning exhibit will be on permanent display at the Museum Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. or by appointment.

For more information call 972.293.3806 or visit cedarhilltx.com/museum.

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Recreation Center are one of the most important parts of this celebration.

This year there will be a special unveiling recognizing the City Council's decision to add the name of recently retired City Manager, Alan Sims, to

the Recreation Center.

The Alan E. Sims Recreation Center is located at 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

For more information on this event, or any other Neighborhood Services matter, contact Leah Walker 972-291-5100 ext. 1099.

Don't make them come after you



The 2015 Great Texas Warrant Round-Up happens in March. Don't risk arrest at work or at home.

City Marshal Leland Herron urges those with outstanding Cedar Hill warrants to contact Municipal Court to work on a solution. The goal this year is to minimize arrests.

Contact Municipal Court before March 7, at 972.291.5100 x1041.

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It happens. Despite our best efforts, somehow typos creep into the Highlights newsletter. But now that can be good for you.

See a typo?

If you find a typo in this issue of Highlights, **email the location to corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com** and you'll be entered to win a gift card from Uptown Village in Cedar Hill. Please, only one entry per person.

Deadline is midnight, Feb. 28. The winner will be notified via email.

City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100x1009

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
972.291.5100x1099

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

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