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HIGHLIGHTS



Cedar Hill ranks among best DFW neighborhoods

Cedar Hill has long been the hidden jewel of the metroplex, but lately we've been discovered. *The Dallas Morning News* recently ranked Cedar Hill among the top 20 DFW BEST NEIGHBORHOODS for 2015. This is the second year in a row we've made the list.

Our community was recognized as one of only four in Dallas County; others mentioned were University Park, Far North Dallas/Prestonwood and Downtown Dallas. That's pretty good quality-of-life company.

We already understand what makes this a great place for families and businesses. *The Dallas Morning News* list mentioned our hilly terrain and outdoor activities, our thriving historic downtown, and the places locals and visitors love: Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, Cedar Hill State Park and Lake Joe Pool.

We know there's a lot more to love in Cedar Hill. First of all, our community is one of the safest in the DFW metroplex.

Those who work in downtown Dallas appreciate the relatively short

15-mile commute. Easy access to the I-20 corridor means you can get to DFW airport in less than 30 minutes.

Shopping and dining in town offer plenty of great options. Cedar Hill serves as the retail hub for a large market area.

Living in Cedar Hill means choosing from many great neighborhoods with a wide range of affordable

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homes. There are 68 organized neighborhoods in the community. Last year the City earned an award for outstanding participation in National Night Out.

A focus on relationship building has developed trust and strong

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Meet your neighbors in the park

The Dallas Morning News just named Cedar Hill one of the top Neighborhoods in the DFW metroplex.

They said, "Thanks to its hilly terrain and outdoor activities, Cedar Hill is a natural fit for any list of the top neighborhoods in North Texas."

Now, more than ever, home buyers are including amenities such as close proximity to parks and recreation centers in their home searches. With 32 parks and a state-of-the art recreation center just minutes from every home within the city limits, it is easy to see why Cedar Hill is included on this list.

Parks and Recreation play an important role in strengthening your neighborhood. A neighborhood park is the perfect place to meet and get to know your neighbors. You can organize a neighborhood picnic

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Leah Walker
Neighborhood
Services
Coordinator



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bonds between residents and police.

Our neighborhoods are dotted with parks and over 26 miles of trails, with more being added every year. Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of Cedar Hill life and we have over 2,700 acres of parks and open space to experience. The City Council's priorities include a pledge to set aside 20 percent of the city as green space.

Cedar Hill schools offer innovative educational opportunities, including a collegiate high school program where students graduate high school with a tuition-free Associate degree as well.

Cedar Hill State Park offers places to hike, trails to bike, and picnic and camping sites. Lake Joe Pool is 7,500 acres of great fishing, boating or just enjoying the sailboats at sunset.

Right next door to the park and the lake is a national Audubon Center in Dogwood Canyon. The unique flora and fauna make this a mecca for birdwatchers.

There's room to grow in Cedar Hill; our community is only about half built out. But what's already here makes it one of the best communities in DFW.



Dog Days

Summer can be hard on pets. Owners should treat for fleas during the warm season and provide shade with plenty of fresh water.

Do not leave your pets in a parked car, even for a few minutes, with the windows cracked. In the sun, car temperatures can quickly rise to over 130 degrees F.

Now is a good time to get your dog tested for heart worms.

You can adopt a pet at the Tri-City Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 1150 E. Pleasant Run in Cedar Hill.

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or game day at a local park. If your skills are more advanced than park free play, consider joining one of the many adult sports leagues offered in our city.

If you're not a huge fan of outdoor activity, the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center is the perfect alternative. With the center's low membership fees, daily rates, and childcare facilities, neighborhoods can organize family play dates. The Recreation Center's well equipped fitness facility makes it easy to jump start or maintain your healthy lifestyle. Ask your neighbors to meet you at the center for a game of basketball, pickle ball or table tennis.

Summer is around the corner bringing beautiful weather, so get out and enjoy living in one of DFW's top neighborhoods.

Weekly camps set for Dogwood Canyon

Camp Cedar Hill at Dogwood Canyon is a great place for a child to spend the summer. Daily hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Weekly enrollment programs allow flexibility for family trips, etc. Pay only for the weeks your child attends.

Last year, campers age 6-10 enjoyed exploring the canyon through technology, animal encounters, recreation, field trips and more.

After a one-time \$35 registration fee, tuition is only \$110 per week and there are discounts for monthly registration. Camps will run through the end of July.

For more information call 469.526.1980. To register, visit www.cedarhilltx.com/pard.

Students win anti-litter video contest

The Cedar Hill Beautification and Environmental Sustainability (BES) Board invited the community to post a 20-second anti-litter video about picking up litter or to post a selfie to Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful's Facebook page using #keepcedarhillbeautiful in the submission.

A total of 18 entries were submitted from schools, churches, community groups and residents. Life School Cedar Hill won with a video showing how students do their part to maintain Cedar Hill's pristine natural beauty.

BES Board Chairman Gregory

Glover and members of the board presented Life School with a Certificate of Recognition and an award at the April 28th City Council Meeting.

This contest was part of the BES Board's strategy to engage the community in the beautification/cleanup process, help prevent/clean up litter and beautify the City of Cedar Hill.

Life School Cedar Hill's award-winning video will be featured on NBC 5's community affairs program on June 14th.

For additional information about the BES Board, please visit cedarhilltx.com/BESBoard.

#@\$% typo!

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, June 30. The winner will be notified via email.

We had no winner for the May issue because there were no entries.

Have a complaint about a pothole or a fence in disrepair? Visit cedarhilltx.com and click on the 'Submit a Request' button. We'll take care of it.

People make it a community



Mariachis share the dance floor with happy residents in a beautiful outdoor setting. It must be Cinco de Mayo at the Zula B. Wylie Library.



City Council member Daniel Haydin, on motorcycle, prepares to lead the start of the Rotary Club Head For the Hills rally on May 9. Despite threatening weather, several thousand riders enjoyed Cedar Hill's hospitality, beauty and terrain.



Officer Tammie Cooper participated in the CHPD color guard at the Police Memorial service May 11 at the Grady Lamb Community and Police Services Building.



Robert Woodbury
P.E., CFM, the City Engineer for Cedar Hill, was elected 2015 President of the North Central Texas Branch of the Texas Public Works Association.

In addition to his engineering work on roadways and other infrastructure for the city, Robert also serves as the City's liaison to Dallas County Health and Human Services. He is the first to be notified if positive West Nile Virus (WNV) results are detected in samples taken in the city. He coordinates information about WNV prevention and any scheduled spraying in our community.

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.



June

20 Juneteenth Arts & Music Festival

5 - 10 p.m. Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Drive.
Free admission and parking.

The cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster join together for the largest Juneteenth celebration in the DFW metroplex. The free festival includes a full slate of live music on the amphitheater stage, including the Grammy award-winning Dazz Band, One Voice Community Outreach Choir, Dallas' Memphis Soul, Austin's Rattlesnake Marimba, and the Blue Monarch Line Dancers of Cedar Hill. There will be much more to do. For more information visit cedarhillpard.wix.com/juneteenth.

23 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.

27 ReMarket in Historic Downtown

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Broad Street, just south of Belt Line Road.
Community market featuring fresh produce, local art and crafts, a flea market, eco-friendly goods and more. For information, visit chartstx.org.

July

3 City offices closed for Independence Day

4 Red, White and Pool

1 - 5:45 p.m. Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus Rd.
\$2 per person. Celebrate your holiday with the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation team at Crawford Park Pool. Dress in your best red, white and blue and enjoy family-friendly games, competitions and a day in the sun.

21 Town Hall Meeting with City Council

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Neighborhood Leadership Reception
6:30 - 8 p.m. Town Hall meeting at Cornerstone Bible Church, 981 E. Parkerville Rd.
This meeting is for residents living south of FM 1382/East Belt Line and east of US 67. Following a short presentation, residents will be able to interact one-on-one with City Council members.

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More social than ever

Keep up with the latest goings on in Cedar Hill via social media. You can tweet with the City at twitter.com/CedarHillTX. Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas-Government. Pin with us on Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx.



CEDAR HILL

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McCain and Parvin keep seats on City Council



McCain



Parvin

At the May 26 meeting of the City Council, members Jami McCain and Chris Parvin were formally sworn in following a canvas of the votes from the May 9 election. Both were re-elected by a wide margin.

McCain was first elected to the City Council at a special election in January, 2013. She and her husband Adam pastor Church on the Hill in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill.

Parvin has served on the City Council since 2009, most recently as Mayor Pro Tem. He is an Estate Planning, Probate & Business Litigation attorney in the Dallas law firm of Emmert & Parvin, LLP where he also serves as the firm's managing partner.



Dallas County Health and Human Services found the West Nile Virus (WNV) in the city of Mesquite last month. WNV spreads to humans through mosquito bites.

The health department encourages citizens to practice the 4Ds to reduce the risk of WNV:

DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA-approved repellents and follow instructions.

Dress: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.

Drain: Drain or treat all standing water in and around your home or workplace.

Dusk & Dawn: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

Prevent mosquito breeding areas around your home by emptying all standing water and cleaning up piles of leaves and grass clippings.

Free dunks that can be tossed into stagnant pools or ponds to prevent mosquito larvae from hatching are available for free at the Community Services office on the 2nd floor of the Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.



ReMarket in Cedar Hill is a great place to be on the fourth Saturday of each month. Through September, vendors will set up downtown to offer fresh produce, local art, crafts, vintage items, eco-friendly goods and cool stuff.

Watch for more events downtown that reflect the vitality and development opportunities in the city core.

Look for the fun just south of Belt Line on Broad St. Booths open at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m., rain or shine. This event is supported by the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and the Cedar Hill Arts Council.

For more information, please visit www.chartstx.org.

City Contacts

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972.780.6643

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Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

City Secretary 972.291.5100x1011

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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

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Recreation Center 972.293.5288

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Tourism 972.291.5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)
800.772.8653

Utility Billing 972.291.5100x1200



Register for WNV updates

Scan this code with your smartphone using any QR code reader app. It will take you to a page to register your family's phones to receive phone calls from the City if spraying for mosquitoes is scheduled for your street.



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