

# July 2015

# HIGHLIGHTS



## Safety-first helps the summer fun last



**A**h, those carefree summer days. To maintain the fun, remember to make safety a priority.

Starting with the heat, there are dangers during the summer. Do not leave children or pets in a vehicle, even for just a minute. In June, Cedar Hill Police officers broke a car window to rescue a 2-year old child whose mother had left her in the car to quickly pick up a Father's Day gift. Lt. Colin Chenault expressed a huge thank-you to the concerned shopper who called the police when she saw the child.

Temperatures inside a car in summer heat can quickly become deadly for children and pets.

### Close it and lock it

Speaking of cars, if you park your car outside, lock it. Whether in a parking lot, in your driveway or in front of your house, an unlocked car is an invitation to thieves.

Also remember to keep your ga-

rage door closed, even if you're just working in the yard. In just a few seconds, someone can slip in and slip away with your goods.

If you plan to take a vacation, contact the Cedar Hill Police Department about residential security checks while you are gone. This free service requires only a form, available on the City website, turned in at the Police Department, 285 Uptown Blvd.

### Safe around water

Parents who really want to relax by the pool should make sure little ones always wear life jackets, but better still is getting kiddos into swimming lessons at the Crawford Park pool. For details about lessons call 972.291.5130 or visit [cedarhilltx.com/pard](http://cedarhilltx.com/pard) and look for "aquatics."

Watch for kids on bikes, or playing near a street or alley. Sometimes they get so busy having fun, they

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

## Communication keeps everyone connected

Interacting with your neighbors is crucial to the success of your neighborhood. One way you can do this is through *Next-Door.com*, which is a secure site for your neighborhood.

Help the City connect with you by registering your cell phone and email



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Coordinator

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**REMARKET**  
DOWNTOWN CEDAR HILL  
EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY, 9 AM-2 PM, APRIL-SEPTEMBER

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](http://www.chartstx.org).

Or get 'GORequest'  
for your phone



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forget to watch for dangers. Give them a "brake."

### Dodge the sun

Old or young, we can take only so much heat and sun. Remember to have plenty of water available at outdoor events, provide shade whenever possible, and take breaks from activities. Hats help keep body temperatures down. Sun stroke can happen quickly and can be dangerous, especially to the very young and the very not-so-young. Playing outdoors or doing yard work means you'll need long sleeves or sunscreen to prevent sunburn.

### And other yucky stuff

Remember to watch for poison ivy, poison oak and the occasional insects and reptiles who may bite.

Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk. To reduce the chances of getting West Nile Virus, follow the "Fight the Bite" tips in this newsletter.

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address on Connect CTY, which enables us to provide important messages that are citywide, as well as information for your individual neighborhood.

It is easy to connect with City staff and your elected officials via the City website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com). Locate information and email addresses for City Council members under "Your Government," and find all employee email addresses in the Staff Directory. You can also access important information including upcoming City Council agendas. Use the search box on the home page to dig deeper.

You can follow us on various social media outlets, all linked to the City website at the top of the home page.

Growing successful neighborhoods is a big part of continuing to build the type of city we all envision. Every resident can play a part, and we are here to serve along with you. Please don't hesitate to contact Neighborhood Services anytime.

# Hot dogs are not cool

Dogs are particularly prone to heatstroke during the hot summer months. If not treated immediately it is often fatal.



Heatstroke can occur when animals are kept in a poorly ventilated garage or kennel on a hot day, confined in the hot sun without proper shade, ventilation, or access to plenty of fresh water, or are

over-exercised in the heat of the day.

Dogs left tethered out in the yard are prime candidates for heat exhaustion. They may become entangled and unable to get to shade or water.

If your dog has heat stroke he will begin to show excessive panting, pale gums, a bright red tongue, rapid heart rate, thick saliva, vomiting and breathing difficulties.

Contact your vet immediately if your dog is experiencing any of these symptoms.

Prevention is best, so keep your dog safe by keeping him cool.

## Teen Council learns by serving

The Mayor's Teen Council (MTC) continues to make a positive impact in the community. Formed in 2013, the MTC develops leaders by exposing students to local government, participating in service projects and meeting with local business and community leaders.

The Council is comprised of local high school students who desire to gain leadership skills and contribute to the community. This past year, MTC members participated in leadership training, the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Summit, and volunteered at community events.

This past January, the Council produced a video for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Cedar Hill High School Performing Arts Center.

They picked up litter at the annual spring cleanup, volunteered and made recyclable crafts at the City's

annual Earth & Arbor Day celebration. Most recently, the Mayor's Teen Council planted two trees at the Red Oak Creek Trail trailhead in recognition of recognizing MTC seniors of 2014 and 2015.

This year's MTC graduates are Princess Anosike, Thaddaeus Bacon, Christian Gilyard, Kenneth Goodson, Chris Hernandez, Elvin Johnson, Brandon Palafox, Lettice Redmond, Victoria Uche, Christian Woolen and Kyle Young.

MTC initiatives for next year are a recycling competition for elementary schools, empowering and sharing leadership skills with youth in the community.

To learn more about the Mayor's Teen Council, contact the Zula B. Wyllie Public Library or a Cedar Hill High School counselor or visit the Mayor's Teen Council page at [cedarhilltx.com/1969/Mayors-Teen-Council](http://cedarhilltx.com/1969/Mayors-Teen-Council).

## #@\$% 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](mailto:corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com)** and

you'll be entered to win a gift card from Hillside Village in Cedar Hill. Please, only one entry per person.

Deadline is midnight, July 30. The winner will be notified via email.

Bobby Grashel won the May issue contest. We forgot to change the gift card prize from Uptown Village to Hillside Village.

## People make it a community



At a recent City Council meeting, representatives of Winding Hollow accepted a check signifying the 2015 Premier Neighborhood Award for their outstanding efforts to develop relationships between neighbors and the City. They are joined by Neighborhood Services and Code Manager Stacey Graves, left and Neighborhood Services Coordinator Leah Walker with Mayor Rob Franke at right.



Highlands South neighborhood earned two Love Your Neighborhood awards for Premier Neighborhood runner up and the Growing Green Award from the Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board.



Debi Knoblock, right, of Texas Trust Credit Union, introduces the new Spirit Debit Reward Card designed by CHHS student Martha Estrada. Texas Trust recently received the Community Partner of the Year Award from CHISD for contributions of over \$200,000 in the past 6 years.



Steve Keller of Waste Management, left, presented \$1,500 scholarships to CHISD students Nathan Robin and Cameron Wicks for their winning essays on sustainability. Aranda Bell, right, of the library, coordinated the contest.

# 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.



## July

### July 10-August 14 Jam to Give Concerts at Hillside Village

7 - 9 p.m. On the Village Green at Hillside Village Shopping Center, FM 1382 at Uptown Village.

This summer concert series benefits a different local non-profit each week. For details visit [shophillsidevillage.com](http://shophillsidevillage.com) and check the Events Calendar under the Experience tab.

### 13-17 Step Up Your Game Camp

9 a.m. to noon Monday - Friday at Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville. Former NBA All-Star Sidney Moncrief joins with the Rec Center staff and Cedar Hill Action Team (CHAT) to help kids step up their game in life. Included topics are fitness, nutrition, personal skills, building relationships. Cost is \$45-\$65 per week. Call 972.293.5288.

### 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.

### 25 ReMarket in Historic Downtown

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Broad St. 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](http://chartstx.org).

### 28 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.

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### More social than ever

Keep up with the latest goings-on in Cedar Hill via social media.

Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas-Government.

You can tweet with the City at [twitter.com/CedarHillTX](http://twitter.com/CedarHillTX).

Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](http://Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).

Find our website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).



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# After all the rain, it's time to fight the bite



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.**

## 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.



## City's Sustainability Tour open to public

Sustainability experts and novices have the opportunity to learn how the City is working to protect and preserve the natural beauty and distinctive character for which Cedar Hill is known through the Growing Green Self-Guided Tour.

The tour was designed to educate the community on the City's sustainability efforts and demonstrate how the City is using technology and sustainable practices to save our residents money and preserve Cedar Hill's environmental amenities and character for future generations.

Inside and outside the Government Center, there are signs with Quick Response (QR) codes on them that link to a short educational and entertaining video about each of the eight exhibits, which support the City's Sustainability Action Plan. The



exhibits include the solar photovoltaic system, wind turbine, BigBelly solar-powered trash compactor, recycling cart and electric vehicle charging stations.

To watch the videos, visitors can scan the QR code with a QR code reader on a smart phone or tablet. A data plan may be needed on the device to access videos outside of the Government Center.

iPads are available for checkout and a map of the suggested order of the tour stops is available at the Government Center reception desk.

Residents and visitors can take the free tour year-round at the Government Center, 285 Uptown Boulevard, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Personal guided tours are also available by calling 972.291.5100, extension 1118.

## 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

Utility Billing 972.291.5100x1200



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