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# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## CHISD sets bold course



Cedar Hill ISD is opening the 2015-2016 school year with a number of substantial advancements that will fuel the school district's upward trajectory.

Some of the exciting changes include an expanded collegiate-prep program, pay increases for teachers, new start and end times for schools, a

renewed web presence for CHISD, and a new rallying cry to unite the district and community -- "Be Bold and Believe!"

**Engaging Web Presence:** The Cedar Hill community has already begun to notice Cedar Hill ISD's new web experience, which embodies a bold new design that captures vivid, expressive images of our students and boasts user-friendly links to useful district information, and many new features.

The new website, which was rolled out July 14, has all the features of the old one, plus more, and has been organized with the user in mind to provide easier access to Announcements, Popular Links, News and Information.

The address remains the same: [chisd.net](http://chisd.net). If you have any questions or sug-

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## Servant leaders impact our community

Servant leadership is an important value that your mayor and City Council members continue to communicate to our neighborhoods.

Service and faith-based organizations play an important role as leaders in our community.

This summer marks the twelfth year that Mission Cedar Hill has served this community, providing a literal helping hand to those in need.

The outreach ministry based out of High Pointe Baptist Church, has a slogan "Taking Care to the Community," and Mission Cedar Hill has honored these words. The organization has primarily focused on serving children through their "adopt a school" program and seniors with



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## It's true! Seniors get a discount on trash services



To receive the discount for trash & recycling, residents age 65 and over must complete an application from the Utility Billing Department at the Government Center or download it on the Utility Billing webpage, <http://tx-cedarhill3.civicplus.com/406/Utility-Billing>, and attach a copy of their driver's license.

Completed applications can be dropped off at the drop box at the Government Center, emailed to the Utility Billing Department at [ubilling@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:ubilling@cedarhilltx.com) or mailed to the Utility Billing Department at 285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill, TX 75104.

Help us notify you of important messages from the City. Register your family's mobile phones online at [cedarhilltx.com/citymessage](http://cedarhilltx.com/citymessage). You can choose to receive a phone call, an email or a text message.

gestions regarding the new website, please email [webmaster@chisd.net](mailto:webmaster@chisd.net).

**College-Prep Expansion:** Cedar Hill ISD is opening two new schools for the 2015-2016 school year – Cedar Hill Collegiate Prep Elementary School and Cedar Hill Collegiate Academy Middle School. The new campuses expand the district's award-winning early college program.

Collegiate Prep Elementary will provide highly motivated students the opportunity to experience academic excellence in an environment rich with technology and a college-bound atmosphere.

Collegiate Academy Middle School will provide academically driven students a compact learning environment where they can be purposeful about preparing for an early college experience.

The two schools will feed into CHISD's well-established Cedar Hill Collegiate High School (CHCHS), where students can earn high school diplomas and associate degrees through a partnership with Cedar Valley Community College.

Opened in 2008, CHCHS earned an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for four consecutive years and in 2014 earned six of six Distinctions from the TEA. It was also named to the Best Schools list by *U.S. News and World Report*.



**Recycle!**  
**It's good for everyone**

## #@\$&% 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



One parent said that the Youth Summit was perfect for her teen because of the peer pressure he faces on a regular basis and the consequences of bad decision making. Changing attitudes is what it's all about.

The Cedar Hill Police and Fire Departments, in partnership with the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, hosted the 2015 Youth Summit on the Hill for several days this summer. Over 20 police and fire staff participated.

According to Summit coordinator, Officer Tammie Cooper, the vision for the Summit is to positively impact the youth in Cedar Hill through education, awareness and prevention programs. She said, "We also want the youth to feel comfortable interacting with Police and Fire and to know that we have our community's best interests at heart."

Presentations included drug & alcohol awareness, texting & driving, fire safety training, bullying, dating violence, sexting, pool safety, stranger danger and more. There were also interactive demos from K-9, SWAT, CHFD's Jaws of Life and Care Flight.

Each day at the Summit, about 80 kids were fed and some received door prizes and giveaways, thanks to the community sponsors. Officer Cooper said the staff enjoyed interacting with the kids and the kids were especially interested in the hands-on demonstrations.

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## Servant leaders are engaged in community *from page 1*

repairs for code enforcement violations.

Each year Mission Cedar Hill hosts a "Big Project Week," during which they partner with the City of Cedar Hill Code Enforcement Department

and other local non-profit organizations to make a difference by serving throughout the city.

This June, the organization completed 13 projects, 7 of which were home improvements such as trimming trees, painting, and garage door repairs for elderly citizens.

The adults, teens and sponsors who worked on the Big Project week demonstrate the highest qualities of service for others and partnership to better us all. Their leadership sets an example for the rest of the community to find a way to become engaged and make a difference.

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

Deadline is midnight, August 31. The winner will be notified via email.

Rosalind Reece won the June contest and the gift card to Hillside Village.



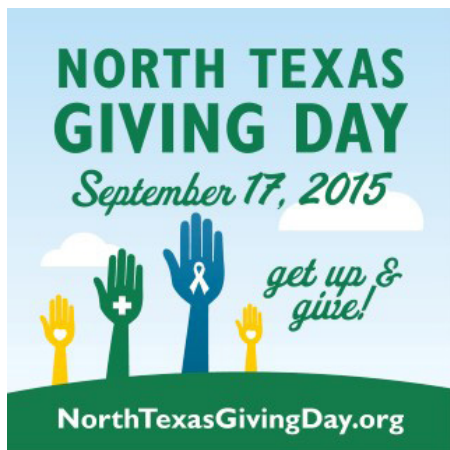
People make it a community



Cedar Hill Rotary Club President Pat Bonds recognizes the support from the CHFD with a plaque to Fire Chief John Ballard at a recent City Council meeting. The Rotary Club also showed appreciation for City staff in the Police Dept. and Parks & Recreation. Despite reduced numbers, due to a rainy forecast, the group raised over \$8,500 this year. Besides Rotary International programs, the proceeds support a number of nonprofits in our city.



Assistant City Manager Melissa Stephens speaks with some of the 100+ residents from the south-east portion of the city, who also met with elected City officials and other staff members in July at the last of three Town Hall meetings for 2015.



North Texas Giving Day is a one-day, online giving event for people in North Texas to raise as much money as possible for local nonprofits.

At [northtexasgivingday.org](http://northtexasgivingday.org) you can enter "Cedar Hill" in the search box to find registered local nonprofits. Or you can search by the name of an organization.

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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.



## August

### 22 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).

### 25 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.

## September

### 7 City offices closed for Labor Day

Check the City website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com) for the holiday hours of other City facilities.

### 15 A Taste of Cedar Hill

4 - 8 p.m. at Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

Over 60 vendors provide opportunities to meet friends and neighbors while supporting local businesses. Visit the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce site at [cedarhillchamber.org](http://cedarhillchamber.org).

### 17 North Texas Giving Day

6 a.m. to Midnight. Donate at [NorthTexasGivingDay.org](http://NorthTexasGivingDay.org).

Last year, donations raised during this event benefitted dozens of Cedar Hill area nonprofits. You can search for specific Cedar Hill Charities at the link above.

### 19 Dallas Area Writers Group Workshop

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., DeSoto Civic Center, Pleasant Run and Hampton.

"Write to Publish: Climbing Toward Success." This one-day workshop for new and published writers is hosted by the Dallas Area Writers Group and sponsored by public libraries in Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster. Registration is at [dallaswriters.org](http://dallaswriters.org). Questions to Patsy Summey, [summeypatsy@yahoo.com](mailto:summeypatsy@yahoo.com).

### 19 Wine & Whiskers

6 p.m., Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, 1206 W. FM 1382.

Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter present their annual gala featuring live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live magic, live and silent auctions to raise money in support of the shelter and their programs for animal treatment, adoption and educational initiatives benefitting the entire community. Tickets available at [www.tricityfriends.org](http://www.tricityfriends.org).



### For the latest...

Let the latest goings-on in Cedar Hill come to you via social media.

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

Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](https://www.pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).

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



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## CHFD earns AHA cardiac care award

The Cedar Hill Fire Department and Methodist Mansfield Medical Center have received the Mission: Lifeline Silver Receiving Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association for time-sensitive care procedures for patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

James G. Jollis, MD, Chair of AHA's Mission: Lifeline Advisory Working Group said, "These emergency medical professionals met specific goals for treatment of their patients. We applaud them for their commitment to quality and timely care."

Cedar Hill's EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham said our firefighter/paramedics continue to do outstanding work for the health and safety of residents.



## EDC scores in job training

Cedar Hill Economic Development Corp. received the Workforce Excellence Award by the Texas Economic Development Council for developing an innovative and collaborative workforce model in partnership with local industrial companies, education partners, and non-profits.

Pictured above in the front row are Michael Lemmon, Cedar Hill EDC Board of Directors; Pat Davis, Cedar Valley College; Erica Molett, Cedar Hill EDC Business Retention Manager; and Rob McDonald, iDX.

For more information, visit the new EDC website at [cedarhilledc.com](http://cedarhilledc.com).

## Summer fun goes 'Wild' at the library

Over 1,000 readers went wild at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library this summer. Over 1,000 participants, from infants to senior citizens, enjoyed over 75 special summer programs.

Sponsors were Friends of the Library, PepWear, CNB Bank and Texas Trust Credit Union. The sponsors' generosity also allowed each family to take home a yard sign proudly declaring that "A Summer Reader Lives Here."

Adults were offered a summer reading list of "Sizzling Summer Reads" and wild events including "Sizzling WILD Reads" Bingo, Wild Literary Crawl, Wild Zumba Camp, and Wild Painting Party.

The "Wild Literary Crawl" community-wide event was created to inform the adults about what is offered not only by the library but by Parks and Recreation, Tri-City Animal Shelter, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center and other community organizations.

Adult readers were challenged to become better informed regarding the opportunities available at the library.



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.

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).

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City Secretary 972.291.5100x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100x1111

Economic Development 972.291.5132

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Parks Youth Rain-outs 972.480.5868

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