

# February 2016



CEDAR HILL

# HIGHLIGHTS

## City honors David Wilson with Lifetime Achievement Award

**The following is a summary of the proclamation presented by the City Council during their January 12 meeting. David was honored by all the community's major organizations and the event was attended by a standing-room-only crowd. David was not able to attend but was Skyped in via a cell phone video connection to witness the event.**

**Whereas:** David C. Wilson Sr. first opened Rockfish Seafood Grill in Cedar Hill as manager and chef and then bought the restaurant and renamed it David's Seafood Grill in 2006.

He has set the gold standard for premier customer service and hospitality, and his restaurant is rated as one of the top three restaurants in Cedar Hill.

Since 2012, David has served on the City's Economic Development Corporation, a tenure including 55 meetings, and time dedicated to recruiting 14 new businesses and adding 265 jobs to Cedar Hill's economy.

David has served on the Chamber Board since 2007, as Chairman in 2010, and was named *2011 Cedar Hill Chamber Man of the Year*, an honor recognizing outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Cedar Hill, leadership, cooperation and teamwork as well as inspiring others to better serve the community.

He has served on the Cedar Hill Education Foundation since 2009, working on committees and making substantial donations to ensure that the fund-raising gala is a success.

David has steadfastly supported the next generation of chefs through the development and design of the Cedar Hill ISD Culinary Arts program, and by serving as a mentor to many young, aspiring chefs.

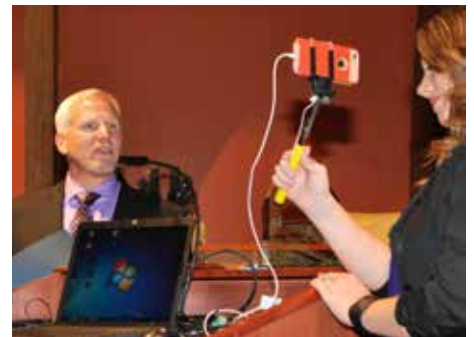
With every opportunity, David proclaims his love for Cedar Hill's small-town character and provides an atmosphere of friendly, neighborly and family-oriented service at his business.

Not only is he loved, admired and appreciated by the City, his family and his many dear friends, his Distinctive Character is an undeniable reason why Cedar Hill is the premier community it is today.

Now therefore, I, Rob Franke, Mayor of Cedar Hill, Texas do hereby honor David C. Wilson Sr. with the DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.



David was unable to attend, but did prepare a video response for the crowd. The actual presentations were sent to him, live via cell phone, below, where Mayor Rob Franke chats with David after reading the Distinctive Character Lifetime Achievement Award proclamation.



A large crowd of admirers, below, filled the Cedar Hill Room in the Government Center to honor David. They applauded the steady stream of awards that were bestowed on him and laughed with the presenters as they shared their experiences with David.





Photo by Lt. Colin Chenault, CHPD

## Peace March celebrates MLK legacy

**The Cedar Hill community celebrated the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. in January by giving back to the community and helping to make his dream of unity become a reality.**

On Sunday, January 24th, hundreds of residents participated in a commemorative peace march inspired by high school students involved in the Mayor's Teen Council and the police department's TEAM Council.

Elected officials from Dallas County and the city, clergy and community groups marched in unity, singing songs from the Civil Rights movement as they walked from Cedar Hill High School to Virginia Weaver Park. At the park Mayor Franke spoke about the responsibility that comes with being a leader and Dr. King's legacy of using peace to resolve conflict, rather than retaliation.

Following the march, back at the high school, local church and school choirs performed, quotes from Dr. King were read and the African American Repertory Theater performed a scene from the play "The Meeting", an imaginary encounter between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X in a Harlem hotel during the height of the Civil Rights Movement.

In the week prior to the peace march, many City employees spent the MLK national holiday, and the following week volunteering personal time performing various community service projects for

Cedar Hill non-profits, civic organizations and special residents.

The service projects included sorting donations at Bridges Thrifty Boutique and New 2 You, providing entertainment and care packages for senior citizens and lending a helping hand at Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center and the Cedar Hill ISD Education Foundation.

These acts of service are not limited to a day or a week. But are a sample of the service city employees provide the community during the year as they and their families participate in the community life of Cedar Hill.

Our community salutes those who bring life to Dr. King's legacy by serving as neighborhood leaders, youth athletic coaches, volunteering in schools and the many service groups and faith-based organizations in Cedar Hill. Servant leaders help shape a better community.



### Serving on days off

**City employee Aranda Bell was joined in her service at Cedar Hill Nursing Home by other Library staffers and employees from Human Resources and Code Enforcement. For many employees, working for the community is not a job but a passion that they enjoy year-round.**

**Mayor Rob Franke speaks to marchers at the park during the peace march that commemorated the walks of 50 years ago.**





People make it a community



Tyler Molett, a second grader from CHISD's Collegiate Preparatory Elementary received the S.T.A.R. student award for January from Mayor Pro Tem Chris Parvin, and impressed all present when he delivered a speech about serving the community in any way you can.

**The Dallas Morning News** has recognized Cedar Hill as one of the **top 20 neighborhoods in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.**



Our natural beauty, terrain, location, festivals, concerts and values set us apart.

See more at [cedarhilltx.com/bestdfw](http://cedarhilltx.com/bestdfw)



### Don't make them come after you

The 2016 Great Texas Warrant Roundup happens in March. Don't risk arrest at work or at home over an overdue warrant.

**Contact Cedar Hill Municipal Court to work out a solution.**  
Call 972.291.5100 ext. 1041.

# 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

### 23 City Council Meeting

**7 p.m. meeting, briefing session at 6 p.m. Cannady Room, 1st Floor, Government Center.**  
Agendas and minutes for City Council and other boards are available at [cedarhilltx.com/75/Agendas-Minutes](http://cedarhilltx.com/75/Agendas-Minutes).

## March

### 5 Citywide Neighborhood Block Party and Recreation Center Anniversary

**8:30 a.m. Community Walk**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. Block Party at Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville**  
Celebrate the 11th anniversary of the Cedar Hill Recreation Center and see all the many services your community has to offer. Check out great programs offered at the Recreation Center, enjoy children activities (including petting zoo, bounce houses and gaming truck), connect with organizations throughout your city and take a tour of the facility. 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.

### 5 Volunteer Training at Dogwood Canyon

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Maintenance and Programming assistance for the center**  
**1206 W. FM 1382**

Learn how you can be an active part of this wild and special place where East, West, and Central Texas converge. Opportunities include habitat and trail maintenance, administration, education programming, visitor support and more. Contact Julie Collins at [jcollins@audubon.org](mailto:jcollins@audubon.org).

### 13 Daylight Savings Time begins

**Remember to Spring forward.**

Check those smoke detector and sprinkler system batteries too.

### 14-18 Dogwood Canyon Programs

**Monday thru Friday, starting at 11 a.m., \$3 per person**

Daily presentations on lifecycles, live birds, science experiments, live snakes and bird feeders. Appropriate for all school ages. For daily schedules call 469-526-1980.

### 19 E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

**8 a.m. - Noon, CHHS parking lot**

A great way to dispose of old gadgets safely. Up to 3 boxes of paper can be shredded (residential use only) And you can watch if you want.

For information about what can be recycled, visit [cedarhilltx.com/1274/E-Waste-Recycling-Paper-Shredding](http://cedarhilltx.com/1274/E-Waste-Recycling-Paper-Shredding).

### 26 Miracle Weekend Easter Egg Hunt

**10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Virginia Weaver Park**

This event is sponsored by the Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Dept. and Cedar Hill's Church on the Hill. New this year is a Doggie Easter Egg Hunt from 10 - 11 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. enjoy an Easter egg hunt for children ages 10 and under, food and other family -friendly entertainment. Don't forget your favorite Easter basket to collect your eggs.



# PepWear celebrates 1 million impressions milestone

When Pepwear moved to Cedar Hill at the end of 2010 they were, according to President Craig Johnson, looking for an opportunity to grow.

That growth resulted in a major milestone as they celebrate 1 million impressions over the last year. That kind of volume puts them in the top echelon of screen printing and embroidery companies.

Our community celebrates with their 72 employees as they plan for even more growth.

"We chose to build in Cedar Hill for many reasons: the large pool of talent for staffing, its excellent proximity to major highways, the attractive commercial development and a progressive City management. When we saw the Cedar Hill Business Park, owned by the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation (CHEDC) we were very impressed. Then when the CHEDC offered us an attractive package of incentives to locate there, the decision was easy," said Mr. Johnson

The City of Cedar Hill is also delighted about the addition of PepWear to the Cedar Hill Business Park. "PepWear is a natural fit for Cedar Hill. Our business park has the city services the growing company

needs and the company's culture is a great match with our community. We are excited that PepWear chose Cedar Hill as its new home," said Allison J. H. Thompson, Economic Development Director for the City of Cedar Hill.

Expanding their building is the next project according to Mr. Johnson. "We need more space to accommodate the growth of our business and to make us more efficient."

Pepwear is a supplier of premium custom imprinted and embroidered wearables for schools and organizations. They also produce custom plaques and awards.

Our community is proud of Pepwear's success, another business who found that in Cedar Hill "opportunities grow naturally."



Help with federal income tax filing is as close as the Zula B. Wylie Library and it is free. This service to residents is provided by members of AARP on Tuesdays until April 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Assistance is provided first come, first serve.

Be sure to bring your forms and all of the records you need to file your taxes.



## Election day is May 7

The election for City Council positions will be held on May 7, 2016. Affected places are: Mayor, currently held by Rob Franke, who has indicated he will run for another term; Place 3, currently held by Wallace Swayze, who has indicated he will run again and Place 5, held by Steve Mason who also plans to run again.

Applications to run for any of these places on the ballot have to be returned to the City Secretary's office by Feb. 19.

## City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100 x1009

After Hours (Answering service)  
972.780.6643

Animal Control 972.223.6111

Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

Building Inspections 972.291.5100 x1090

City Secretary 972.291.5100 x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100 x1111

Communications 469.272.2903

Economic Development 972.291.5132

Fire Department, non-emergency  
972.291.1011

Human Resources 972.291.5100 x1050

Library 972.291.7323

Municipal Court 972.291.5100 x1041

Neighborhood Services  
972.291.5100 x1099

Parks & Recreation 972.291.5100 x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs 214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs 972.480.5868

Police Department, non-emergency  
972.291.5100 x2400

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 469.272.2931



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