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Choose Healthy Cedar Hill Positive changes start with us

With all the beautiful parks and open spaces, terrific trails, bike-friendly areas and a state-of-the-art Recreation Center, we have amazing infrastructure for a healthy community. Residents are invited to join the Parks & Recreation Department, with Neighborhood Services and other City departments, for **Choose Healthy Cedar Hill (CHCH), the Mayor's Health and Wellness Initiative!**

The goal of (CHCH) is to encourage community-wide healthy lifestyles, reducing obesity and heart diseases.

We want to be a healthy city! A healthy city means increasing physical activity among children and adults, taking advantage of our environment and facilities, increasing health education and

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Guest of honor, Santa Claus, thanks kids and WFAA's Pete Delkis for toys collected at Hillside Village during a live cut-in on Ch. 8. This year the generous people of Cedar Hill and the surrounding area doubled the number of toys collected last year.

Many children had a brighter Christmas this year, thanks to an amazing partnership between WFAA, Hillside Village shopping center, the City of Cedar Hill, CHISD and generous residents of this area.

Kristi Jackson, Marketing Director for Hillside Village Shopping Center said the turnout this year was much stronger than ever before. She credited competition between neighboring school districts for the record-setting toy total.

Santa made a lengthy visit, holding children and waving at shoppers. He joined WFAA Meteorologist Pete Delkis during commercial breaks throughout the evening of Dec. 4.

A highlight of the evening was when a Cedar Hill fire truck and police cruiser

made noisy entrances with lights flashing to deliver hundreds of toys collected by city employees.

Dozens of youngsters got a chance to see inside the vehicles and interact with the first responders while volunteers unloaded the toys.

With five collection sites in Dallas-Fort Worth this year, the Santa's Helpers program was able to brighten Christmas for over 50,000 children.

Cedar Hill was the only non-studio collection site in Dallas County. The TV exposure during the evening showcased the generous hearts of those who are willing to serve others.

For the latest...

Keep up with Cedar Hill on social media:

- twitter.com/CedarHillTX
- facebook.com/CityofCedarHill, Texas-Government
- Find our website at cedarhilltx.com.



**READY FOR
WINTER WEATHER?**

When the temperature drops below freezing watch for driving hazards like icy roads, especially bridges.

FM 1382 and Belt Line Road are managed by TxDOT and they are responsible for sanding those roadways. City of Cedar Hill crews sand some bridges, major intersections and areas for police and fire crews. Sorry, we don't do driveways.

And remember, to avoid pipe freezes:

- Protect outside faucets
- Turn off automatic sprinklers
- Leave cabinets under sinks open to allow heat in.



Cedar Hill Fire Department's 1924 American LaFrance engine was placed in service in 1955. Recently discovered, it is being restored and has already been in several parades. She is shown here in the Adolphus Children's Christmas parade in downtown Dallas, escorted by CHFD's LAFS Clown Troop. [See more on page 4.](#)

Showing servant leadership



Elias Sassoon, Cedar Hill Public Works Director, received the City's Leadership Excellence Award from City Manager Greg Porter at a recent City Council meeting. He was honored for consistently providing and displaying exceptional leadership.

Library makes a win/win out of late returns



The clever library staff, they have a plan to get their books, CDs and other items back while helping others.

Theresa Brooks, Circulation Coordinator said in the last two years their Food for Fines program has provided over 2,000 non-perishable items for the Cedar Hill Food Pantry. They're hoping to double that number this year.

How does it work? If you have an overdue item, even if it's really overdue, you can return it to the library with at least one canned good per overdue item (let your conscience be your guide) and all will be forgiven. You'll be able to check out more cool stuff.

Please take your items to the library before Jan. 31. If you have a question call 972.291.7323. Check out what's happening at the library at cedarhilltx.com/676/Library.



Cedar Hill Animal Control Officer Jeremy Randolph, center, was recognized at a recent City Council meeting by Tammy Miller, Manager of the Tri-City Animal Shelter, and Police Chief Steve Rhodes. Jeremy received the Texas Animal Control Assn.'s top award for outstanding services to the Animal Control Profession at their convention in November.

#@\$&% typo!

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

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 Hillside Village in Cedar Hill. Please, only one entry per person.

The deadline is midnight, January 31. The winner will be notified via email.

The winner of the November issue drawing is Susan Webster.



Recreation Center Manager, Katy Bower, center, and Special Event/Marketing Coordinator Dianna Lawrence, right, accepted the 2015 Communications Award for Social Media from the Texas Recreation and Parks Society, North Region in November. Cedar Hill PARD uses 3 social media channels to engage the community and advertise to a larger audience.

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promoting healthy food choices.

The first CHCH will be a Health and Wellness Fair and kick off party on January 16 from 10 am – Noon at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center. This event will feature food demonstrations, health education, and fun and fitness for the entire family.

The Health and Wellness fair will also be the official launch of the CHCH 90-day Weight Loss Challenge. Participants will win prizes, discounts on health and wellness goods and services, free group and individual training classes and much more! This event and challenge are free and open to everyone.

To learn more about this program and how you can get involved, visit cedarhilltx.com/CHCH.

Watch for events and programs all through 2016 to help you and your family create a healthier lifestyle.

Follow Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation on Facebook for regular updates at facebook.com/cedarhillpard.

People make it a community



City Council member Wallace Swayze presents a STAR Student award to Dulce Palomo, a 5th grader at Bray Elementary. Below, City Council member Daniel Haydin awards STAR student Alexandria Pruitt, a 5th grader at Lake Ridge Elementary.



The Parks & Recreation Dept. recently received generous donations for park improvements. PARD Director Larry Foos, above center, is flanked by Marvin Hicks-Butler and Clint Farrell representing girls softball and boys baseball groups which contributed to installation of shade structures over grandstands. Below, Foos joins Evern Speers, of the Bear Creek Ranch HOA, which was honored at a recent City Council meeting for their donation toward design costs for their new neighborhood park.



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.



cedarhilltx.com/calendar

January

18 City facilities closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

24 Peace March and Celebration of MLK

3 p.m. March, 4 p.m. Tribute, Cedar Hill High School Performing Arts Center.

The march, commemorating those led by Dr. King, is open to everyone and will be led by youth leaders, elected officials and the Cedar Hill Police Dept. Zula B. Wylie Library staff has organized MLK Day activities for the last 7 years to support City Council values of diversity and respect for individuals.

26 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.

February

5 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

7:30 a.m., Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Members of the community meet to pray for the City of Cedar Hill, our schools, businesses, first responders, faith-based organizations, residents and our country's leaders.

6 Daddy/Daughter Dance – Starry Night

6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Join us for an enchanted Starry Night. Open to daughters of all ages (2 years old and up is recommended), the evening is a special time to create memories that will last a lifetime! Each couple ticket includes admission for daughter and date, dancing, dinner and a professional photo. Space is limited. View photos of last year's event and purchase tickets at cedarhilltx.com/1956/February---Daddy-Daughter-Dance.

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19 Smooches for Pooches

6 p.m., Visual Expressions Art Gallery

Benefitting Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter, this event includes art, live music, hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting. Tickets available online at tricityfriends.org.



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LaFrance draws a crowd

The 1924 American LaFrance was purchased from the Dallas Fire Department in 1955 and placed in service by the Cedar Hill Fire Department.

In the mid 1980's, it was decided over a handshake that the engine would be transferred back to Dallas to be kept in their Fire Museum.

Over the years it was almost lost from memory, but rumors persisted.

John Denison, Chris Bullard and Ron Osborn traveled to the Texas Fire Museum last year to inquire about the engine. A faded tarp was removed from an old engine in the back barn of the museum. Low and behold, the hood read "Cedar Hill Fire Department". The engine that was once rumored, had been located. There it sat in years of dust.

Tires were purchased by Fire Chief John

This classic 1924 LaSalle recently visited the Cedar Hill Government Center and attracted several for photos, including Angelica Morales from HR, Patty Bushart from Tourism, Lea Anne Edwards from Admin. and retiree Pat Bateman.

Ballard, and work began on the old engine. Cedar Hill fire fighters began a fund-raising campaign to restore it and worked countless volunteer hours to get the engine into running condition.

Exactly one year after it was found, the American LaFrance was driven to the 2015 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. The engine also participated in the 2015 Country Day on the Hill Parade. The LaFrance was invited to participate in the 2015 televised Adolphus Children's Christmas Parade, and proudly represented Cedar Hill and the heritage of our firefighters..



Apply by Feb. 19 for a place on the May ballot

Applications for a place on the City of Cedar Hill regular election ballot can be filed between January 20 and February 19, 2016.

Application packets will be available

from the City Secretary's office, fourth floor, Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd. Forms must be completed and returned by the Feb. 19 deadline.

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.

Qualifications and requirements are included in the application packet.

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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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


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