

March 2016



CEDAR HILL

HIGHLIGHTS

Town Halls set earlier to attract more residents, share information and fun

Town Hall meetings with City Council members return this year with a more interesting format.

The City is planning three public meetings from March through May to keep residents informed and give them more access to our City Council members and City staff.

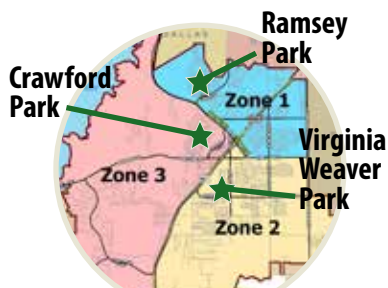
This year the meetings will start earlier and be held in area parks. City Manager Greg Porter said, "We're trying to attract more young families and active residents this year to get a good sampling of our community."

Meetings will start at 6 p.m. and conclude at 7:30 p.m. on March 31 at Ramsey Park, April 28 at Virginia Weaver Park and May 26 at Crawford Park. They are in different parts of the city to make them convenient for all residents.

This is the third consecutive year the City has held Town Hall meetings in neighborhoods.

Food

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served so residents can share a table



March 31 - Ramsey Park
April 28 - Virginia Weaver Park
May 26 - Crawford Park

with City Council members or City staffers. "We want to make it easier, break down the barriers to allow more one-on-one time with elected officials and staff members so we can get to know each other better," said Porter.

Fun

Organized activities for children of all ages will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Department during the meetings.

In case of inclement weather, watch the home page of the City website at cedarhilltx.com for cancellations.

These meetings are open to all residents and the format is informal and friendly. City Council members truly want to hear from residents who haven't been able to attend these meetings in the past.

Network

These meetings are a great way to network with neighbors, and create and strengthen neighborhood bonds.

Residents are encouraged to become engaged in their neighborhoods and their community. The City Council has made this a priority.

Follow the City of Cedar Hill on Facebook for the latest information.

These Neighborhood Town Hall meetings are coordinated by the Neighborhood Services Dept., including Stacey Graves and Michelle Ebanks

There will be representatives from all departments available at the Town Hall meetings.



Choose Healthy Cedar Hill

Commit to a healthier lifestyle by joining Choose Healthy Cedar Hill.

In January, the City of Cedar Hill hosted a Health & Wellness Fair at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center to kick off Choose Healthy Cedar Hill, the Mayor's Health & Wellness Initiative.

With the addition of partners, selected for their dedication on improving wellness within our community, the initiative was created to provide the community with resources, support programs and educational opportunities focused on creating a healthier lifestyle for the entire family.

Over 750 participants attended the fair, sponsored by Methodist Health Systems, and visited with chiropractors, nutritionists, fitness facilities and other health-based resources. Participants were encouraged to take a pledge on-site to join Choose Healthy Cedar Hill, and make a commitment to living healthier. The event also included Zumba demonstrations, Ujam, Camp Gladiator, It's a Sensory World, Rhythm Mixx and a cooking demonstration by Chef Joq.

Over 300 members of the community took the pledge that day.

We're making it easy for residents to choose a healthy lifestyle to match our natural open space, parks and trails.



Residents and visitors will see why every day is Earth Day in Cedar Hill at this year's Earth Fest, Cedar Hill's annual Earth & Arbor Day celebration.

This free, family-friendly event will be held on Monday, April 11 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, located at 285 Uptown Blvd.

Attendees will learn how to live a "Green Life" by participating in interactive activities, visiting environmentally conscious vendors, and learning how the community has incorporated environmentally-friendly practices.

A live performance by Vocal Trash will keep the crowd energized throughout the night. Free trees will also be available to Cedar Hill residents who provide proof of residency on a first come, first serve basis, so come early to enjoy all the festivities.

Last year, over 400 people learned how small changes can make a big impact on the environment. This year's event is going to be even bigger. For more information about Earth Day, check out cedarhilltx.com/earthfest.

Cedar Hill at Earth Day Texas

The best of Cedar Hill's premier staycation and vacation destinations will be spotlighted at Earth Day Texas at Fair Park in Dallas. This free family event will be held from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday, April 22 through Sunday, April 24. The City of Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill State Park and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center will collaborate to highlight our community's natural beauty and commitment to sustainability.

Come show your support for your City and learn how to preserve the environment for future generations.



Mayor Rob Franke presents the Cholesterol Education Month proclamation to Parks & Recreation Director Larry Foos and Katy Bower, Recreation Center Manager at a recent City Council meeting.

Choose Healthy Cedar Hill events flourish

As a Choose Healthy Cedar Hill member you receive on-going health tips for your busy lifestyle, chances to win great prizes, access to Choose Healthy Cedar Hill programs and much more! For information, visit www.cedarhilltx.com/CHCH and take the pledge to be a part of Choose Healthy.

ReMarket Arts, Crafts & Farmers Market on Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Houston Street at Texas Street in Downtown Cedar Hill

Miracle Weekend Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road

Your Journey Living with Diabetes Monday, March 28, 6 p.m.
Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St.

Methodist Mansfield Presents: Brandy Yearly, MD, speaking about good family health and keeping it. Tuesday, March 29, 6 p.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road

Healthy Living Computer Class - Finding Free & Reliable Health Info Online
Tuesday, March 29, 7 p.m.
Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St.



Zika virus and West Nile virus are concerns this year

Dallas County Health & Human Services advises residents to be aware of guidelines related to the Zika virus.

Common symptoms of infection are headache, fever, conjunctivitis and joint pain. Only one in five infected persons develops symptoms. Health professionals have warned of suspected cases of Zika-infected women whose children are born with microcephaly. Evidence is currently circumstantial.

As of February 2016, no one has contracted the virus from a mosquito bite in the U.S., but travelers to other parts of the world are being warned to take precautions.

Avoiding mosquito bites is the best precaution for most residents. Since West Nile Virus is still an issue in this area, similar precautions work

to avoid contracting both viruses.

Use products that include DEET. Wear long, loose, light-colored clothing when outside. Drain or treat all standing water sources. Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

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.

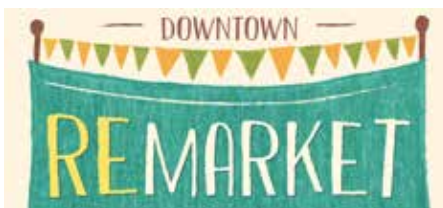
See more at cedarhilltx.com/

2145/DFW-Best-Neighborhoods-per-DMN

People make it a community



Skyla Webber, a sixth grader at Cedar Hill Collegiate Academy Middle School receives a S.T.A.R. student award for February from Council Member Steve Mason. **Below**, Cedar Hill Collegiate High School senior Jennifer Jackson receives her S.T.A.R. student award from Council Member Wallace Swayze.



Every 4th Saturday, March-May from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Houston St. @ Texas St.
Eco-friendly goods, flea market, local art, fresh produce & crafts.
Visit chartstx.org/remarket.

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 for an overdue warrant. Ask about our convenient payment plan.



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.



March

26 Miracle Weekend Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Virginia Weaver Park, 631 Somerset Dr.

This fun, family event grows bigger and better every year. You'll feel like a kid when you see the field of brightly colored Easter eggs. New this year is a Doggie Easter Egg Hunt from 10 - 11 a.m. At 11 a.m. enjoy the exciting Easter egg hunt for children ages 10 and under, food and other family-friendly entertainment. This event is sponsored by the Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Dept. and Cedar Hill's Church on the Hill. Pets must remain on a leash at all times in the park.

31 Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m., Ramsey Park, 1313 High Pointe

This year Town Hall meetings are even more fun. This is the first of three meetings set up by your City Council so they can meet with residents in a more informal environment. This year's meetings will be held outdoors with hot dogs and opportunities to visit with elected officials and City staff members. Activities will be available to keep children safely occupied.

April

2 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

9-11 a.m. Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd.

Dispose of hazardous household materials easily at this drive-thru event. Your vehicle will be quickly and carefully unloaded. Proof of residence required. More info at cedarhilltx.com/HHW.

7 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

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

Join with friends, neighbors, business leaders and public servants to celebrate the blessings of our community. Sponsored by Transformation Vision. More info at transformationvision.com. Everyone is welcome. Meets first Thursday of even numbered months.

9 Miles for Milson Commemorative 5K

7 a.m. registration at Longhorn Stadium, Cedar Hill High School

Remembering long-time boys basketball coach David Milson. This is a certified 5K run, 5K walk and Kids K, coordinated by Cedar Hill ISD Athletics. There will be several raffles during the morning. It benefits the charities of the Cedar Hill Lions Club. Register online at milesformilson.org.

11 Earth Fest - An Earth & Arbor Day Celebration

5-7:30 p.m. Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

Learn how to enjoy the "Green Life" by visiting with environmentally-conscious vendors and enjoying a special musical performance by Vocal Trash. Did you know that your city harnesses solar and wind energy to save you money?

16 Cedar Hill Arts Festival

featuring Walk the Light & Kids on the Hill Creative Arts

Noon - 10 p.m. Historic Downtown Cedar Hill

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Zula B. Wylie Library are partnering with **Walk the Light** to present the 6th annual Cedar Hill Arts Festival in historic downtown. Activities include amazing artwork, food trucks, live music performances, arts and crafts demonstrations, as well as interactive art and performances for kids produced by **Kids on the Hill Creative Arts**.

30 Drug Disposal

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walgreens, 501 E. Belt Line Road

Cedar Hill Police and IMPACT Cedar Hill will safely collect unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications for disposal. Please, no inhalers or injection supplies. No questions asked.





Is our water safe?

The safety of our water supply is not something Cedar Hill residents should lose any sleep over.

When you get up, you can make coffee, shower and brush your teeth knowing that your water meets federal, state and local standards which are monitored with dozens of tests.

Public Works Operations Manager Adam Campbell said our water is tested by our staff 50 times a month. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality tests for organic and inorganic contaminants on their own schedule and we do additional quarterly testing for over 20 types of contaminants.

Most of the water in our system is purchased from Dallas Water Utilities where it passes dozens of tests before it comes to us.

The City issues an annual Water Quality Report in June giving all the details.

Learn more about your water at cedarhilltx.com/1373/Water-Quality.



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.



Food for Fines is a win/win for Library and Food Pantry

This January, the Zula B. Wylie Library's Food for Fines campaign brought in more than 750 food items for the Cedar Hill Food Pantry. The library staff loves the amnesty program because it gets many books and DVDs back into circulation and allows patrons to clear their accounts. Many brought extra food items.

Food pantry clients also use the library for computer access and classes, help with resumes and free Wi-Fi.



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.



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- facebook.com/CityofCedarHill
- Find our website at cedarhilltx.com.

City Contacts

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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

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Neighborhood Services
972.291.5100 x1094

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

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