

April 2017



HIGHLIGHTS



JOIN US FOR A FREE EARTH & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Residents and visitors can learn why green grows naturally in Cedar Hill at this year's Earth Fest, Cedar Hill's annual Earth Day & Arbor Day celebration.

This FREE family friendly event will be held on Monday, April 24 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, located at 285 Uptown Boulevard.

Attendees will learn how to live a "Green Life" by participating in interactive activities and visiting environmentally conscious vendors while enjoying live music and food from Streakin Ricans empanadas & Casa Masa.

This environmentally conscious event will feature:

- Performances by Lucas Miller, The Singing Zoologist
- Local school performances, such as Newman International Academy choir

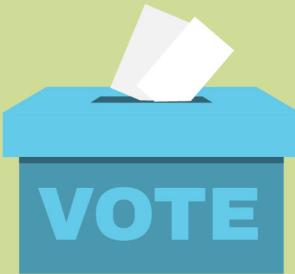
- Works from local vendors, such as Honey Hush
- Backyard Wildlife Resource Center will bring animals from the great outdoors to this year's celebration for attendees to get up close and personal with nature.

Cedar Hill residents can also add some green to their yards with a FREE tree. The FREE trees are available on a first come, first served basis while they last to Cedar Hill residents who provide proof of residency. FREE t-shirts will also be available for the first 200 attendees, so come early to enjoy all the festivities. Last year, more than 500 people learned how small changes can make a big impact on the environment, and this year's event is going to be even bigger. For more information about Earth Fest, check out cedarhilltx.com/earthfest.

Love Your Neighborhood Award

Michelle Ebanks, Neighborhood Services

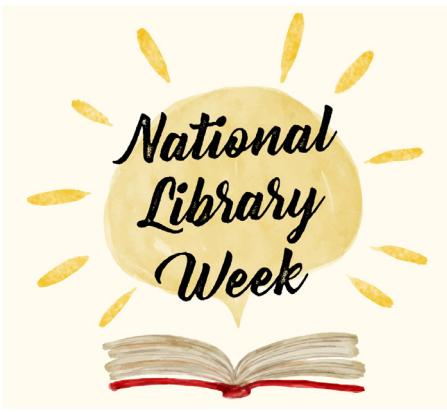
Nominate your neighborhood for City of Cedar Hill's Annual Love Your Neighborhood Award. The Neighborhood Advisory Board once again is in the season of celebrating Cedar Hill's best neighborhoods and is seeking your nomination for our Premier Neighborhood Award Program. From now until the May 29 nomination deadline, nominate a neighborhood where people come together to conquer challenges and create lasting relationships that help mold more-sustainable neighborhoods while demonstrating City Council's Values within the community. The Neighborhood Award recipient receives \$250 to be used for community building activities and a runner up will be selected and awarded \$100. Applying is simple and can be done at cedarhilltx.com/premierneighborhood.



City Election - May 6

Early Voting is April 24 - May 2
at the Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd. Cedar Hill, TX 75104

For more information call the City Secretary at 972-291-5100 x1011



Celebrate National Library Week April 9-15

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are transforming their communities everyday through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

April 9-15 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer or grow vegetables.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large depend upon libraries and the resources they offer to address the needs of their communities.

By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or building foundations for early learning, libraries and librarians transform their communities.

At the Zula B. Wylie Public Library we are transforming by offering unique items such as bicycles, hot-spots, eTablets, and Roku express sticks in addition to multiple online resources. Library card holders can check out eBooks, stream videos, download magazines and music. We celebrate and highlight the diversity of our community through our many programs; including MLK Celebrations, Cinco de Mayo, and Dia de los Muertos.

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library also offers something unique to its community, the expertise of staff with individual assistance in learning new technology. Community members can bring their laptop, tablet or other devices and receive help from staff to learn new skills or have their questions answered.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Zula B. Wylie Public Library at 225 Cedar St., call 972-291-7323 or check the library's website at cedarhilllibrary.org.

SEVERE WEATHER



Know Your Weather Warning Notification Options

The 2017 severe weather season has begun early across Texas, with tornadoes recently reported across the northern, eastern and central parts of the state. The severe weather season in Texas typically extends from late February through early June, with the peak of the season varying for different parts of the state. The main threats in Texas from severe weather include tornadoes, large hail, damaging thunderstorm winds and flash flooding. Plan ahead, know your weather warning notification options.

NOAA Weather Radio - The weather radio provides a way to get the standard forecast and alarms when watches or warnings are issued. It is designed to wake someone up during the night if severe weather approaches.

Social Media - Each Texas NWS forecast office has a Twitter and Facebook page where they post up-to-date weather information. Many offices also auto-tweet the severe weather warnings they issue. National Weather Service and FEMA provides a mobile website. In addition, our City Twitter & Facebook pages provide updated information.

Civic Ready - Emergency notifications from the City of Cedar Hill including warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Visit cedarhilltx.com/ready to read more.

Outdoor Warning Sirens - Learn where the outdoor warning sirens are located, when they are tested and how to build a disaster supply kit by visiting cedarhilltx.com/ready.

Get Social with Your City!

Like, share, tweet & tag us



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@cedarhilltexas

Great Impact Servant Leader: Thomas Haggerty

Thomas Haggerty moved to Cedar Hill from West Dallas in 1988. He has since been a catalyst and champion for his neighborhood, Highlands South. He spends many hours of his time leading the Crime Watch group for his neighborhood. When asked why a crime watch group is important to a neighborhood, he simply stated that it brings people together to talk about problems and ultimately find solutions. It is a great avenue to prevent crime, increase neighborhood pride and an opportunity to meet your neighbors.

Through Thomas' efforts of bringing his neighborhood together, Highlands South has been recognized for many awards: The 2015 Growing Green Award, 2015 Premier Neighborhood Runner-up, 2012 Most Active Neighborhood and many others. Recently, Thomas has played an important role in the development of the Highlands South neighborhood park which will celebrate their ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 1. Thomas feels that a child playing in a playground multiplies the family togetherness. Thomas is always focused on the big picture and how he can make a difference in Highlands South and the families that live there. He exudes the distinctive character many strive to emulate and he believes in the Cedar Hill values. Congratulations Thomas!



CALENDAR

April 2017

11 & 25 City Council Meeting
Cannady Room, Government Center, 285 Uptown
6 - 8 pm - Public briefing session begins at 6 p.m., City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m.

15 Miracle Weekend Easter Egg Hunt
Virginia Weaver Park, 631 Somerset Dr.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Enjoy an Easter egg hunt for children ages 10 and under and bring your dogs to join in the fun too! The Doggie hunt will begin at 10 a.m. There will be food, bounce houses and photos with the Easter Bunny. This is a joint effort between Church on the Hill and the Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Dept. Visit miracle-weekend.com for additional information.

22 ReMarket
Houston St. & Texas St. in Historic Downtown

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - This outdoor community market features local vendors, fresh produce, arts and crafts, live music, food and more!

24 Earth Fest
Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

5 - 7:30 p.m. - Visit with environmentally conscious vendors, enjoy sustainability tours, food, tree giveaways, and live performances by The Singing Zoologist, Lucas Miller. The first 200 attendees get a FREE t-shirt!

May 2017

20 Head for the Hills Bike Rally
Hillside Village, 305 W. FM 1382

8 a.m. - The Cedar Hill Rotary Club is proud to host this family-friendly race. Riders have the opportunity to choose from a 20, 40, and 60-mile route. Frequent, well stocked rest stops will be available at key locations. Race as an individual or join a team. The registration fee is \$35 for individuals and \$30 for team members. There must be a minimum of 4 members to race as a team. Register early, before April 30, and receive a \$5 discount. Visit headforthehills.org for more information.



Join us at Earth Day Texas at Fair Park in Dallas!
This FREE family event will be held from 10 a.m.
to 6 p.m., Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23.
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 out and show your support of the City!

City of Cedar Hill Employee of the Quarter



Left: Officer Roy Rodriguez and City Manager, Greg Porter
Congratulations to Officer Roy Rodriguez on being named the City of Cedar Hill's Employee of the Quarter! Officer Rodriguez is part of the Police and Community Team (PACT) Unit. You may have seen him during National Night Out, Citizens on Patrol or attending a neighborhood crime watch meeting. Officer Roy Rodriguez has served with the Cedar Hill Police Department since 2004.



Have you seen a Good Samaritan?
Help us celebrate the selfless acts of kindness of individuals as we elevate expectations to help make Cedar Hill an even better place. This community-based recognition program honors citizens who demonstrate our values, offering exceptional service to those in need. Residents may nominate someone who serves our community and makes a difference in the lives of others. For further information visit cedarhilltx.com/goodsamaritan.

Spinkler Systems Can Be a Drain

Now is the time of year for sprinkler system operational inspection, along with maintenance and repair if required. Malfunctioning lawn sprinkler systems can waste hundreds of gallons of water, potentially costing utility customers thousands of dollars in avoidable water costs, so it's important to have your sprinkler system inspected and repaired if necessary.

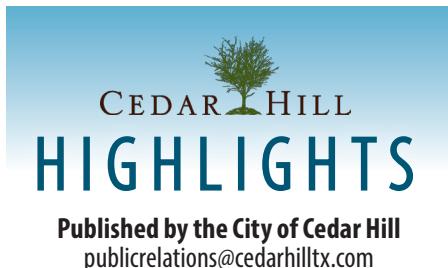
The arrival of spring is the right time to perform these inspections, and landscape professionals can inspect your system for proper system operation, make adjustments to maximize system performance, and repair any failed components to possibly cut cost.

Home and business owners should have their sprinkler system checked for:

- Damaged, misaligned or broken sprinkler heads
- Any necessary control box adjustments

- Water leaks in the valves, pumps, lines, or sprinkler heads
- Proper system water pressure
- Zone Testing: Monitors water distribution, pressure, and flow rates in each zone to ensure that all corners of the lawn get proper coverage.
- Controller/valve programming errors
- Additionally, landscape professionals can assist with:
- Programming suggestions
- System water use determination
- Turf water requirements
- Possible equipment upgrades

Cedar Hill Utility Services is encouraging home and business owners to take these proactive steps in advance of the heavy summer watering season to ensure optimum system operation for the most effective watering program at the least possible cost.



EMERGENCY

911

Administration

972-291-5100 x1009

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

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

972-291-5130

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

800-772-8653

Utility Billing

469-272-2931

CITY CONTACTS