

# May 2017

# HIGHLIGHTS



## Cedar Hill 'Owns' Earth Day Celebration



Many thanks to the members of our community who celebrated Cedar Hill's commitment to sustainability during our Earth Day and Arbor Day celebration held on April 24.



The City of Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill State Park and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center participated in Earth Day Texas at Fair Park in Dallas, April 21 - April 23.

Together, we created memorable positive impressions of our community with the many visitors to our booths.



**Join Us at the Home Buyer Fair**

**Michelle Ebanks,  
Neighborhood Services Coordinator**

The Neighborhood Services Department is hosting our inaugural Home Buyer Fair on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

This FREE event will provide potential home buyers with the resources they need to achieve home ownership. Workshops will cover topics such as budgeting and credit, down payment assistance programs, how to qualify for a mortgage, and more. Learn what to look for when shopping for a home, and then chat with a variety of exhibitors from across the industry.

Enjoy family-friendly activities and enter to win some great prizes while learning how to prepare for the most important investment you can make in your family's future. Learn more at [homebuyerfair.com](http://homebuyerfair.com).

The Home Buyer Fair is brought to you by the Business and Community Leaders (BCL) of Texas NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families build their assets through home ownership. For more information, visit [www.bcloftexas.org](http://www.bcloftexas.org).

**Want easy ways to keep up?**

Visit [cedarhilltx.com/twch](http://cedarhilltx.com/twch) to sign-up for This Week in Cedar Hill Blog

Visit [cedarhilltx.com/cinch](http://cedarhilltx.com/cinch) to subscribe to calendars.



## Camps Offer Kids Engagement, Outdoor Adventure and Respect

Looking for activities for the kids this summer? There are many affordable and convenient summer fun activities right here in our beautiful city.



### Cedar Hill Action Team

This summer **C.H.A.T.** is hosting a summer camp in partnership with the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center. The camp is designed to engage our youth throughout the summer with reading programs, sports, activities, art and field trips. For more information call 972-293-5288.



### Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill

Texas Hill Country meets Dallas County at Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Your child will discover outdoor

learning and an appreciation for Cedar Hill's close ties to nature.

Campers learn to approach questions using science while having fun, gaining self-confidence, building their imaginations and making lasting camp friendships.

A typical day may include outdoor exploration, crafts and games, learning about animals and conducting science experiments. Add to that special guests and off-site trips, including to the local pool.

Camp begins May 30 for ages 6-11. For more information and to register go to: [dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org/summcamp](http://dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org/summcamp).



### Zula B. Wylie Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library wants to use this summer to "Build a Better World." This unconventional theme includes events and programs that encourage ways for individuals to display kindness, caring and respect.

The Summer Reading Program Kick-Off happening on Saturday, June 3, will feature Emmy award-winning performer David Chicken. The first 200 to register for the reading program will receive a FREE t-shirt. Visit their website [cedarhilllibrary.org](http://cedarhilllibrary.org) to learn more.

## Citizens On Patrol Add Handicapped Parking Squad



The City of Cedar Hill has begun a new and innovative program to safeguard handicapped parking privileges within the City. Responding to increasing complaints from retailers and citizens reporting abuse of parking spaces reserved for handicap use, the Municipal Court and Police Department have joined together to target unlawful parking.

On April 19, Municipal Judge Michael Petty administered the Oath of Office to seven civilian members of the Cedar Hill Citizens On Patrol organization. Each of the seven members is a volunteer who serves without compensation, other than the personal pride and satisfaction of giving back to his/her community.

After the completion of a period of training and instruction provided by the Municipal Court and Police Department, the members will begin enforcing Texas laws on handicapped parking.

Equipped with digital cameras, police radios, and ticket books, the seven members of this pilot program will patrol designated handicapped parking areas.

Vehicles which do not display a valid handicap parking tag or license plate will be ticketed if found to be blocking, obstructing or occupying handicapped parking. The minimum fine is \$500 and can be as much as \$1,200.

### Get Social with Your City!

Like, share, tweet & tag us

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/CityofCedarHill](https://facebook.com/CityofCedarHill)

**Twitter:** @CedarHillTX

**Instagram:** @cedarhilltexas

# People make it a community

**RIGHT:** Over 170 people took part in the Fashion with Flair benefit luncheon which featured a fashion show, Cedar Hill ISD choral singers, and a silent auction.

Guests were greeted by the Cedar Hill ISD culinary class, while models showcased outfits from New2You Thrift Store. Proceeds benefited the Cedar Hill Shares Food Pantry and the Thrift Store.



**ABOVE:** Representatives of Fairfield Inn and Suites join Cedar Hill city administration members to break ground for the new hotel under construction at 409 N. Clark Rd.



**ABOVE:** On March 28, our community celebrated long-time resident and retired Cedar Hill Fire Chief Charles Ray Sims. He received the 2017 City of Cedar Hill Distinctive Character Lifetime Achievement Award. Under his leadership, fire protection in Cedar Hill moved from volunteer status to a modern organization with full-time firefighters. He may have retired, but he continues to be a vibrant part of our community.

# CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's online calendar at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com)

## May

### 20 Head for the Hills Bike Rally

**Hillside Village, 305 W. FM 1382**

**8 am-12 pm** - The Cedar Hill Rotary Club is proud to host the popular Head for the Hills Bike Rally. The event is family-friendly and open to all riders. For more information, go to [headforthehills.org](http://headforthehills.org).

### 20 Crawfish Fest Fundraiser

**Beltline IS Campus, 502 E. Beltline Rd.**

**11 am-6 pm** - Enjoy some hot Cajun Fried Fish, music, bounce house and plenty of family fun! This event benefits Cedar Hill All Pro Dads.

### 27 ReMarket

**Houston St. & Texas St. in Historic Downtown**

**10 am-3 pm** - This outdoor community market features local vendors, fresh produce, arts and crafts, live music, food and more!

### 30 Camp Cedar Hill

**Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, 1206 W FM 1382**

**May 30-July 28** - Your child can experience science, nature, and outdoor learning in a unique, natural Cedar Hill setting at the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Register today by calling 469-526-1980 or email [dcac@audubon.org](mailto:dcac@audubon.org).

## June

### 3 Kid Fish Tournament

**Valley Ridge Park Pond, 2850 Park Ridge Dr.**

**8:30-11:30 am** - Bring your fishing poles or use provided bait and tackle (first come, first serve.) Trophies will be awarded and the event will include lunch and prize drawings. Sponsored by The Dallas Bass Hookers Club. Pre-registration is available online at [cedarhilltx.com/pard](http://cedarhilltx.com/pard) or will be available on site.

### 3 Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

**Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St.**

**2 pm** - Kids, teens and adults! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and discover ways that you can enrich your community. Enjoy a live performance by David Chicken, art stations, giveaways, a food truck and more to kick off the summer!

### 9, 16, 23 & 30 Music in the Park Concert Series

**Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater**

**8-9:30 pm** - Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy these FREE, live music concerts sponsored by Resource One Credit Union. Food vendors will be on site starting at 7 pm, so plan on dinner and a night full of fun at Valley Ridge Park. No alcohol, glass containers or smoking allowed in the park.

# Egg Hunt Blends Family, Fun and Dogs!



An estimated 3000 people and a few hundred dogs enjoyed the 4th Annual Miracle Weekend Easter Egg Hunt, April 15, at Virginia Weaver Park. The event is a joint effort between Church on the Hill and Cedar Hill Parks & Recreation Department.

What started out in 2014 as a small gathering, has grown into a true city partnership with volunteers, staff and students creating fun for everyone.

Miracle Weekend Scholarship winners were: Devin Rader and Katherine Alexander. Selected by CHISD staff, each received a \$500 scholarship from Church on the Hill.

CHISD stand out volunteers: Coach Carlos Lynn, new head football coach, and Melanie Benjamin, Assistant Athletic Director.



## Involvement Stimulates Improvements For Two Parks



Residents celebrated park dedication ceremonies on April 1 for Bear Creek Park and Highlands South Park.

Neighbors, partnering with the Parks & Recreation Department, have created special places where current and future generations can enjoy the scenic outdoors of Cedar Hill. **Above: Neighbors cut the ribbon at Highlands South Park.**

## New Side-load Trucks Bring Benefits



**Waste Management's new residential trash collection process using automated auto-side load (ASL) trucks will begin on June 5.**

The trucks coming to Cedar Hill will be brand new vehicles, powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) and emit substantially less hydrocarbons, and other pollutants, than their diesel counterparts.

The CNG powered trucks are also up to 50% quieter, more reliable, speedier and safer than the older trucks being taken out of service. Learn more at [cedarhilltx.com/wm](http://cedarhilltx.com/wm).

## 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

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

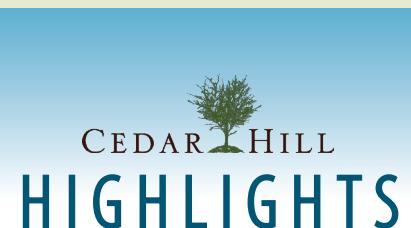
Recreation Center 972-293-5288

Senior Center 972-291-5353

Tourism 972-291-5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)  
800-772-8653

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