

# December 2017



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Residents support bonds & CCPD

All propositions passed in the November Bond & CCPD Election. The City Council will now begin to shape the transparent process it will use to determine project priorities, phasing schedules and the ways in which members of the bond committee, boards and commissions and citizens will collaborate on bringing projects to reality. Visit [cedarhilltx.com/bond](http://cedarhilltx.com/bond) to keep up with the projects.

Proposition	For	Against
Streets & Drainage (Proposition A)	74%	26%
Library (Proposition B)	66%	34%
Parks (Proposition C)	70%	30%
Crime Control & Prevention District	81%	19%

### State of the City

## Cedar Hill has a culture of collaboration

"Cedar Hill is a premier city because of our unique combination of people and place," Mayor Rob Franke told the crowd at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in November. "People want to live in Cedar Hill because of our diversity, our values, and our culture of collaboration." Franke attributed many of the City's recent successes to citizen-led efforts saying, "Cedar Hill has an army of volunteers



who step up to meet a lot of needs in our city."

Council Members Daniel Haydin, Jami McCain, and Clifford Shaw answered *See page 2*



## Choose to help lead your neighborhood



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With the year coming to a close and as we start thinking about New Year's resolutions we'd like to encourage residents to get involved in their neighborhoods by being a neighborhood leader.

Neighborhood leaders live and serve in their own neighborhoods. With passion, commitment, collaboration, and *See page 2*



## Holiday schedules

### Closures

So employees can spend time with their families, the **City facilities listed below will be closed on December 25, 26 and January 1.**

Government Center  
Senior Center  
Tri-City Animal Shelter  
Alan E. Sims Recreation Center  
Zula B. Wylie Public Library

### Holiday Trash Schedule

There will be no Monday trash collection on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Makeup days will be Saturday, Dec. 23 and Saturday, Dec. 30.

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questions about the recently approved bond program, which includes funding for streets, parks, and a new public library. They shared that the City Council will work to keep the community engaged on the implementation and timelines of the projects.

The council members also discussed the extension of the Cedar Hill Crime Control & Prevention District approved in November, and expressed their commitment to community safety and outreach initiatives.

Mayor Franke concluded by encouraging the audience to be involved in the city through service on boards or in volunteer organizations. Residents interested in serving can find more information at [cedarhilltx.com/board](http://cedarhilltx.com/board).

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hard work, they expand on the neighborhood vision and improve the quality of life in their own community.

Please join the Neighborhood Services Department for the first Neighborhood Leader Meet & Greet on Thursday, January 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Krave (329 W Belt Line Rd). You will be able to network with other neighborhood leaders, hear City updates and learn of opportunities for your neighborhood.

Help your neighborhood by signing up to be a neighborhood leader today!

Questions? Contact Neighborhood Services Coordinator Michelle Ebanks at [michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com) or 972.291.5100 ext. 1099.



Need to make some room for all those anticipated Christmas gifts? Now's a great time for a garage sale. And the City can help you promote it.

Every week the City publishes a list of local garage sales at [cedarhilltx.com/1426/Garage-Sales-List](http://cedarhilltx.com/1426/Garage-Sales-List). It's easy to register yours so you can get some extra exposure for your sale. Just visit [cedarhilltx.com/1420/Garage-Sale-Registration](http://cedarhilltx.com/1420/Garage-Sale-Registration).



## Firefighters train on live fire exercises

The Cedar Hill Fire Department conducted a series of live fire training events this fall at the City of DeSoto Fire Training Center. In a series of live fire training exercises, instructors set fire to buildings that were built for fire training. Instructors replicated three structure fire scenarios that firefighters may encounter in their community.

"Structure fires are low frequency, high risk events," said Cedar Hill's Captain

Jason O'Neill. "It takes a lot of practice to hone your craft, and this type of training allows us to get that practice in a safe environment."

Cedar Hill partners with the cities of DeSoto and Duncanville on fire training initiatives. "We respond to events regionally", said O'Neill. "So it's not realistic to train with just Cedar Hill firefighters. When we respond, it will be with crews from Duncanville and DeSoto."

### Be fire smart this holiday season with these tips:

**Make sure your live tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, or heater vents.**

**Water your live Christmas tree every day and dispose of it promptly after Christmas. (See below)**

**Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Toss strands with frayed or pinched wires.**

**Make sure your tree does not block exits.**

**Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.**



The City of Cedar Hill has made arrangements for recycling live Christmas trees. From **Monday, January 2 through Friday, January 12**, residents can drop off trees at bins located at the **Alan E. Sims Recreation Center** and at **Hillside Village**. Trees must be free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, etc. For more information visit [cedarhilltx.com/trash](http://cedarhilltx.com/trash).

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



Carlos Pacheco received a Good Samaritan Award from City Council Member Daniel Haydin for his quick actions in helping a neighbor attacked by dogs.



Greg Hernandez was presented with a Citizen Life Saving Award from Fire Chief John Ballard for rescuing his neighbor from a house fire.



Hailee Beecham of Bray Elementary, center, received the November 2017 S.T.A.R. student award from the City Council.



Aiden Folks of Waterford Oaks Elementary, center, received the November 2017 S.T.A.R. student award from the City Council.

Chamber of Commerce board members Steve Hendon, Amber Hatley, Vernon Folks and Executive Director Randall Chase received a proclamation recognizing Small Business Saturday from City Council Member Daniel Haydin.



## December

### 7 Holiday on the Hill featuring The Polar Express, 6-8 p.m., Historic Downtown

Celebrate the holidays with us at the annual Holiday on the Hill celebration in Downtown Cedar Hill. We want to bring the magical story of The Polar Express to life with train rides, plenty of holiday kids activities, festive crafts, a reindeer petting zoo, live performances, photos with Santa, and the official lighting of the City of Cedar Hill tree. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas just like in the story. Sponsored by Resource One Credit Union.

### 12 City Council Meeting, Government Center, T.W. "Turk" Cannady Room, 6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. City Council Meeting. Both meetings are open to the public. Agendas are available 72 hours before meetings at [cedarhilltx.com/archive.aspx](http://cedarhilltx.com/archive.aspx).

### 25-26 Government Center offices closed for Christmas holiday. Additional closings include the Senior Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, Alan E. Sims Recreation Center and Zula B. Wylie Public Library.

### 27 Kwanzaa Food Fest, 4 p.m., Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar Street

Bring the whole family to celebrate and learn more about the seven principles of Kwanzaa and enjoy traditional foods of the harvest. Learn more at [cedarhilllibrary.org](http://cedarhilllibrary.org).

## January

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### 15 Government Center offices closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

Join us for a FREE community event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Visit [cedarhilltx.com/mlk](http://cedarhilltx.com/mlk) for more information.



Have you seen a Good Samaritan? Help us celebrate the selfless acts of kindness of individuals 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. To nominate someone, visit [cedarhilltx.com/2280/Good-Samaritan-Award](http://cedarhilltx.com/2280/Good-Samaritan-Award).

## City honors Country Day and Citizens On Patrol organizers/volunteers



The 2017 Country Day on the Hill Chairpersons and Committee received certificates of appreciation for the work involved in making our downtown annual festival such a success



Cedar Hill Citizens on Patrol were recognized for receiving the 2017 Small Agency of the Year Award from the Texas Citizens on Patrol Association.

## Outdoor fan wins Staycation package



Jami McCain, Cedar Hill City Council member, left, presents a special Staycation Package to Iva Cruz, a Duncanville resident who registered at the Tourism booth during Country Day. Patty Bushart, Cedar Hill Tourism, said Iva is an ideal winner because she's an outdoor enthusiast and loves Cedar Hill's natural beauty .



## Hwy. 67 construction prepares for better flow

Residents are advised to maintain extra vigilance when driving on Hwy. 67 during the current construction. Watch for traffic stoppages due to construction work and as trucks enter and leave the area.

Barriers have been set up and may differ somewhat from what's familiar. Construction is scheduled for minimal impact on rush hour traffic and will often take place at night.

The US 67 Widening Project is a break-out project from the Southern Gateway Project. Through coordination between TxDOT and the cities of Duncanville and Cedar Hill, the project was determined to be best built under a separate project.

The goal of the Hwy. 67 Widening project is to relieve congestion for the US 67 corridor from I-20 to Belt Line Rd.

The existing 4-lane roadway will be widened to 6 lanes. Various exit and entrance ramps will be adjusted for maximum traffic flow, and there will be some intersection improvements.

Completion is scheduled for 2019.



## 1382 Trail Phase II starts

Last month the City Council approved a construction contract for Phase II of the 1382 Trail, from the entrance of Cedar Hill State Park to the city limits. Construction will begin in early 2018 and includes a pedestrian and an architectural overlook and amenity station. Phase I of the trail, from New Clark Road to the State Park entrance, is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in Spring 2018.

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Administration 972-291-5100 x1009

After Hours (Answering service)  
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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

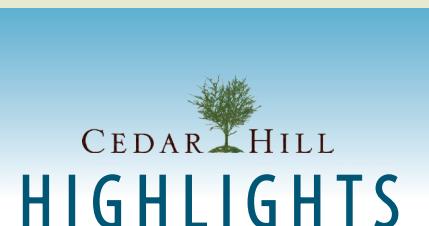
Recreation Center 972-293-5288

Senior Center 972-291-5353

Tourism 972-291-5100 x1084

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