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## Cedar Hill among leanest cities

Cedar Hill Ranks #13 on *Dallas Business Journal's* recently published List of Leanest Local Governments.

*Dallas Business Journal* staff analyzed the number of government employees relative to North Texas cities' populations. Cedar Hill ranked number 13 on the list of 38 area cities and, with 85 employees per 10,000 residents, is well below the regional average of 98.

### Value per tax dollar

City Manager Greg Porter said the analysis by the *Dallas Business Journal* affirms the value that Cedar Hill residents receive from their tax dollars. "The average homeowner in Cedar Hill pays \$94 per month for City services, including 24-hour police response, fire protection, and emergency medical services; 3,729 acres of public park land; 53 library programs per month; 310 miles of paved

streets; and much more for less than the average monthly cell phone bill," Porter said.

### Success due to commitment

The City attributes its success in delivering high-quality services with a lean city staff to its commitment to core values and focus on the City Council's vision for the community. "The Cedar Hill community values servant leadership, and our employees mirror that value in the excellent level of service they provide to citizens every day," said Mayor Rob Franke. "Employees are empowered to be innovative and resourceful in the way they deliver services and that allows our organization to remain lean and responsive as our city grows."

View the full list or see more North Texas government rankings on page 2 or at [www.bizjournal.com/dallas](http://www.bizjournal.com/dallas).



**Serving is a wonderful way to give to your community**

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As the leaves start to change and fall off the trees, it seems that the holiday season is just around the corner.

November is a month that emphasizes the giving of thanks and is the perfect time for us to express our gratitude – we'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who serve our community and remind everyone that there are several opportunities throughout the City to get connected and serve.

- Cedar Hill Shares, (972) 293-2822
- Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter, (972) 291-5335
- Bridges Safehouse, Inc., (469) 272-4441
- Cedar Hill Action Team (CHAT), (469) 630-2428
- Friends of the Zula B. Wylie Library, (972) 291-7323
- Cedar Hill Rotary Club, (469) 337-4026

Additional resources can be found at [www.cedarhilltx.com/cityresources](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/cityresources).

What are you thankful for? Don't allow the everyday grind to get in the way of life and forget to be thankful for the most basic of things. We'd like to encourage everyone to take an active role in helping your neighbor.

Have any questions or ideas? Contact Michelle Ebanks, Neighborhood Service Coordinator for more information at [michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com) or call 972-291-5100 ext. 1099



Small businesses are the engine that drives our local economy. They are part of our distinctive Cedar Hill character, offer unique products and personalized service.

This holiday season you can support local small businesses by celebrating Shop Small Saturday on November 25. Shop Small Saturday is a nationwide movement to celebrate small businesses every day and to help communities thrive. Visit [shopsmall.com](http://shopsmall.com) to find participating Cedar Hill businesses.

## KEEP YOUR DOLLARS LOCAL



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## HIGHEST PAID CITY EMPLOYEES

# Which North Texas cities have the leanest local governments?

CITY	POPULATION EST., 2016	TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT	GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS	
<b>Little Elm</b>	42,504	283	<b>67</b>	
<b>Carrollton</b>	133,351	926	<b>69</b>	
<b>Lewisville</b>	104,659	734	<b>70</b>	
<b>Lancaster</b>	38,867	279	<b>72</b>	
<b>Rowlett</b>	61,999	476	<b>77</b>	
<b>The Colony</b>	42,408	330	<b>78</b>	
<b>Mansfield</b>	65,631	514	<b>78</b>	
<b>Wylie</b>	47,701	383	<b>80</b>	
<b>Arlington</b>	392,772	3,248	<b>83</b>	
<b>Fort Worth</b>	854,113	7,100	<b>83</b>	
<b>McKinney</b>	172,298	1,452	<b>84</b>	
<b>Frisco</b>	163,656	1,388	<b>85</b>	
<b>Cedar Hill</b>	48,343	411	<b>85</b>	
<b>Rockwall</b>	43,586	372	<b>85</b>	
<b>Grand Prairie</b>	190,682	1,663	<b>87</b>	
<b>Flower Mound</b>	73,547	654	<b>89</b>	
<b>Mesquite</b>	143,736	1,292	<b>90</b>	
<b>Waxahachie</b>	34,345	312	<b>91</b>	
<b>Allen</b>	99,179	907	<b>91</b>	
<b>Irving</b>	238,289	2,181	<b>92</b>	
<b>Bedford</b>	49,528	459	<b>93</b>	
<b>DeSoto</b>	52,599	505	<b>96</b>	
<b>NORTH TEXAS AVG.</b>	5,664,256	55,406	<b>98</b>	
<b>Dallas</b>	1,317,929	13,257	<b>101</b>	
<b>Duncanville</b>	39,457	398	<b>101</b>	
<b>Burleson</b>	45,016	464	<b>103</b>	
<b>Garland</b>	234,943	2,488	<b>106</b>	
<b>Keller</b>	46,646	517	<b>111</b>	
<b>Plano</b>	286,057	3,347	<b>117</b>	
<b>Richardson</b>	113,347	1,402	<b>124</b>	
<b>Southlake</b>	30,991	393	<b>127</b>	
<b>Euless</b>	54,769	730	<b>133</b>	
<b>Coppell</b>	41,360	553	<b>134</b>	
<b>Cleburne</b>	30,223	427	<b>141</b>	
<b>Farmers Branch</b>	34,988	504	<b>144</b>	
<b>North Richland Hills</b>	69,798	1,136	<b>163</b>	
<b>Denton</b>	133,808	2,221	<b>166</b>	
<b>Hurst</b>	39,160	663	<b>169</b>	
<b>Grapevine</b>	51,971	973	<b>187</b>	

### AND THE LEANEST OF THEM

**ALL:** That's Little Elm (pop: 42,504), which boasts 67 government employees on its payroll per 10,000 residents.

**THE METHODOLOGY:** Only cities with more than 30,000 residents were included in our analysis with one exception: Haltom City (pop: 44,361), which was unable to provide the requested information in an editable electronic format by print deadline. All employees appearing on cities' payroll — including part-time and temporary personnel — were included in our calculations. Ratios have been rounded to the nearest whole number for ease of reading.

**THE AVERAGE NORTH TEXAS CITY HAS 98 EMPLOYEES PER 10,000 RESIDENTS,** according to analysis of payroll information provided to the Dallas Business Journal by local cities from information requests submitted in August 2017.

*People make it a community*



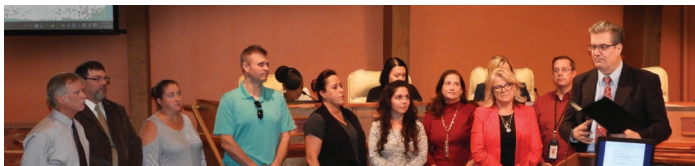
Sheila Hood was honored at a recent City Council meeting with the Great Impact Servant Leader Award for her many years of servant leadership in Cedar Hill.



Alexandria Moore, of Highlands Elementary, was selected as a STAR Student Award winner for October. Tristen Allen, a student at Plummer elementary was also selected as a STAR Student.



Georgia Thomas, with the tiara, receives recognition from Council Member Jamie McCain for earning the title of Little Miss Texas Regency international. She was joined by her family.



The staff of Building Inspections and Code Enforcement were part of a declaration marking October as Code Enforcement Month in Cedar Hill.



On behalf of the City, Council Members accept a community quilt from Rhonda Hughes-Montee and others at the Corner Square Quilt Shop. The quilt was started in 2007 to commemorate the City's history. Many people contributed, from a few stitches to many hours on the quilt. The 31 stars represent the states in the U.S. when Cedar Hill was founded.

# CALENDAR

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

## November

### **14 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).

### **24 Cinema on the Square, 7 p.m., Historic Downtown**

Join us in Historic Downtown Friday nights in November to enjoy a film, food, and fun! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and be sure to arrive on time for the best seating. Friday, November 24, will feature "Nate & Hayes" starring Tommy Lee Jones, Michael O'Keefe, Max Phipps, and Jenny Seagrove. Enjoy a swashbuckling adventure taking place in the mid-1800's on South Pacific islands.

### **25 Remarket, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Historic Downtown**

A community market featuring local vendors, music, food, art and more! We are held on Houston St. and Texas St. in Downtown Cedar Hill. If you are interested in being a vendor, you can visit [www.chart-stx.org/vendors](http://www.chart-stx.org/vendors) to find more info and fill out the application.

## December

### **1 Cinema on the Square, 7 p.m., Historic Downtown**

Join us in Historic Downtown Friday nights to enjoy a film, food, and fun! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and be sure to arrive on time for the best seating. Friday, December 1, will feature "The Princess Bride" starring Cary Elwes and Robin Wright. The story is a classic tale of love and adventure. When the beautiful Buttercup (Wright), engaged to the odious Prince Humperdink, is kidnapped and held against her will in order to start a war, it's up the Dread Pirate Roberts (Elwes) to save her.

### **2 Santa's Workshop and Holiday Make it! Fair, 2 p.m., Zula**

**B. Wylie Public Library**, 225 Cedar Street

Learn more about this family-friendly holiday event, sponsored by Friends of the Library, at [cedarhilllibrary.org](http://cedarhilllibrary.org)

### **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.

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### **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).

# Holiday closures and trash/recycle collection

Some City facilities will be closed on holidays so that employees can enjoy time with family and friends. We appreciate those public safety and other employees who will be working or on call during the holidays.

**The Animal Shelter, Library, Recreation Center and Senior Center will be closed November 23-24, December 25 -26 and January 1.**

## Adjusted trash/recycling collection schedules

Our trash /recycling vendor will not be collecting on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day, so some areas of the City will have alternate collection days.

**On Thanksgiving, Thurs. Nov. 23**, residents who normally have trash/recycling collections on Thursday will have theirs collected on Friday, Nov. 24 and those who normally have Friday collection will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 25.

**For the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day**, Monday collections will be moved to Tuesday and those normally collected on Tuesday will be collected on Wednesday.



The holiday season is a time to share great food with family and friends. Unfortunately, fats, oils and grease from that food can cause expensive sewer backups, plumbing emergencies, or sewer system repairs. Following these dos and don'ts can help reduce costly problems from fats, oils, and grease.

Bring your fats, oils, and grease to the Service Center at 1554 S. Clark R. from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for proper disposal. The Service Center is closed on November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving; you can drop off your holiday grease on the following Monday.

Scrape food scraps into the trash, not the sink. Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them. Don't pour oil, pan drippings, or sauces down the sink, toilet, street gutter, or storm drains. Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain. Pour them into a sturdy container with a lid and place in the trash, or bring to the Service Center.

## C.H.A.T. offers after-school enrichment

There is still time to sign up for the Cedar Hill Action Team (C.H.A.T.) after-school program at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

The After-School Program provides fun enrichment activities for youth, such

as crafts, sports, professional tutoring and homework assistance from 3:00pm – 6:30pm.

Transportation is provided to pick up students from Cedar Hill ISD campuses, and afternoon snacks are provided.

The C.H.A.T. program also offers students full-day camps for teacher in-service days and school holidays through May 25, 2018.

The Cedar Hill Action Team (C.H.A.T.) is a nonprofit organization that provides youth educational and enrichment programs. For more detailed information please email [coordinator@cedarhillactionteam.org](mailto:coordinator@cedarhillactionteam.org) or register at [cedarhilltx.com/online](http://cedarhilltx.com/online).



## 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

Utility Billing 469-272-2931

