

# January 2018

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Cedar Hill Library celebrates generations of history & service

**The Cedar Hill Public Library celebrates its 70th anniversary in 2018!**

Join us at special anniversary events to acknowledge 70 years of continued service by the Cedar Hill Public Library.

Established in a small building at Houston and Cedar Street in 1948, the library was part of the Dallas County Public Library system and had 229 borrowers by the end of its first year.

The library was renamed the Zula B. Wylie Public Library in honor and memory of Mrs. Wylie, who donated the land where the current library is located.

### 40,000 library card holders

Although the library has had several locations and librarians, the facility and staff members focus on providing service and resources to the community with over 40,000 registered borrowers.

Activities, events, and programs throughout this year will celebrate the 1940s – the decade the library began.

These include Throw Back Thursday Movies from the 40s; Stories of Old Cedar Hill during Family Fun Night; Vintage Make-It Events; Family Old School Games; Vintage Game Day for Teens; Cooking 40s Style; Vintage Fashion show; Swing Dance Lessons; and a very special 70th Anniversary Event on April 8, 2018.

You can find all library events on the library website at [cedarhilllibrary.org](http://cedarhilllibrary.org).

For more information regarding these or other events hosted by the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, please email [aranda.bell@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:aranda.bell@cedarhilltx.com) or call 972-291-7232 X1313.



**The mission of the Zula B. Wylie Public Library is to be the community place that acts as the Door to Discovery connecting our culturally rich and diverse community to resources and services that promote lifelong learning, personal growth and development, and awareness of the arts.**



If you haven't been there lately, visit the Zula B. Wylie Public Library soon and see how our library has become much more than a place for books.

Get a library card there and begin enjoying this community asset dedicated to enriching lives with, videos, special events, rental bikes and more.

Watch the 3D printer in action, visit the Children's Music Garden, take an adult education class or sign up to volunteer.



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### Neighborhood Spotlight: Cresthaven Village

The Cresthaven Village neighborhood is located near the corner of Pleasant Run Road and Old Clark Road.

This neighborhood offers a retirement community in a beautiful and gated subdivision, centrally located in close proximity to shopping, businesses, and church activities.

The neighborhood has had success recently. Residents received the 2017 Premier Neighborhood Award from the City. Also, as an aid to the Fire Department, a red strobe light has been installed on each house which can be activated to help emergency vehicles locate the house.

This neighborhood is home to 91 families with more homes to be completed in 2018.

Many residents maintain a close working relationship with the City by volunteering on boards and the Citizens on Patrol program.

The neighborhood has a dedicated group of residents committed to increasing its relations with other various organizations and businesses throughout the City of Cedar Hill, making the community and their neighborhood premier.

Cresthaven Village residents are frequent volunteers for the Taste of Cedar Hill, New 2 You, and the Cedar Hill School Independent School District.

Under the capable leadership of organization President R.C. Clack, the Board of Directors, and many others, a bright future lies ahead for the distinguished Cresthaven Village neighborhood.



**Winter in the metroplex can be warm one day and icy the next. Here are some tips to help prepare.**

Keeping cold air out of your house not only feels better but it can save you money and reduce energy consumption.

To find air leaks in your home, hold a lit incense stick near doors and windows.

Install weather stripping around doors and windows.

Seal entry points for TV, phone and water lines with expanding foam insulation.

Before temperatures drop below freezing, winterize pipes. Insulate outdoor faucets, and turn off outdoor sprinklers. Keep indoor faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.

Take precautions when you're out in the winter weather. Dress for the cold. Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing, instead of one heavy layer of clothing. Make sure that outer garments are water-repellent.

Avoid the winter blues and cabin fever by staying active. Sign up for one or more classes or start a workout regimen at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

When temperatures drop near freezing, take extra care driving on overpasses and bridges - they often freeze more quickly than roads. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you when driving on wet streets.

Keep an emergency supply kit in your home and car. Visit [Knowwhat2do.com](http://Knowwhat2do.com) for checklists of everything you need to keep your family warm and comfortable in a winter weather emergency.

Don't forget your pets. Bring them inside or make sure they have a shelter that is warm and dry with plenty of food and water.

**NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER**

**MEET & GREET**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**AT KRAVE (329 W. BELT LINE RD.)**

 **YOUR**  
Network with other neighborhood leaders, hear City updates and learn of opportunities for your neighborhood.

## Resolve to better yourself & your community

**Kick off 2018 with these New Year's resolutions to achieve your personal goals and make a difference in your community:**

**Learn something new** at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library. Your free library card is your ticket to discovery in 2018. Check out books, movies, and magazines; access online resources; and attend events and programs for your entire family at the Library. Visit [cedarhilllibrary.org](http://cedarhilllibrary.org) to learn more.

**Get fit** at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center. Memberships include access to our 3,500 square foot state-of-the-art fitness area with a three-lane walking/jogging track, strength and cardio equipment, and free weights. Members also enjoy two full-size gyms; onsite childcare; complimentary wallet lockers; and a game room with table tennis, foosball, air hockey, a pool table, and gaming systems. Stop by the Recreation Center to purchase a membership, or visit [cedarhilltx.com/pard](http://cedarhilltx.com/pard) to learn more.

**Explore the outdoors** – Cedar Hill's unique natural landscape sets us apart from other cities in D-FW. You can enjoy it by playing in one of the City's 32 parks, hiking Cedar Hill State Park's 20 miles of trails, or watching birds at the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Make your plans at [visitcedarhilltx.com](http://visitcedarhilltx.com).

**Go green** – Learn how to reduce your impact on the environment in the new year at [cedarhilltx.com/growinggreen](http://cedarhilltx.com/growinggreen). From recycling to tree planting, renewable energy to water conservation – you'll find essential tools for a more sustainable Cedar Hill.

**Serve on a board or commission** – Each year, the City Council makes appointments to various citizen boards and commissions that advise and make recommendations to the City Council. For more information or to apply to serve, visit [cedarhilltx.com/boards](http://cedarhilltx.com/boards) or call the Office of the City Secretary at 972-291-5100 ext. 1011.

**2018**

# CALENDAR

BENEFITING FRIENDS OF  
TRI-CITY ANIMAL SHELTER



Purchase your 2018 calendar featuring stunning portraits of Tri-City Animal Shelter dogs and cats captured by photographer Carlos de León.

A limited number of calendars will be printed. Pre-order now to reserve your copy.

[www.tricityfriends.org/shop](http://www.tricityfriends.org/shop)

The Friends have helped spay and neuter over 5,000 shelter animals. Partner with us to save lives and help every animal find a forever home.





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



Faith Byrd of High Pointe Elementary is recognized as S.T.A.R. Student Award winner for December 2017.



Tracey Williams, above and Stan Johnson, left, receive Good Samaritan Awards for service to the community.



Cedar Hill Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Volunteers are recognized for their service to Hurricane Harvey evacuees who sheltered in Dallas.



Cedar Hill Fire Department receives the Going Beyond Award for their servant leadership and consistently going beyond the call of duty to serve the residents of Cedar Hill.

Carolyn Skeels, Recreation Superintendent, receives the 2017 Leadership Excellence Award from City Manager Greg Porter.



## January

**9 & 23 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).

**15 Cedar Hill Government Offices closed** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The following facilities will also be closed: Tri-City Animal Shelter, Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Zula B. Wylie Public Library, and the Senior Center.

**21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration & Peace March, 3 to 5 p.m., Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Boulevard**

Join us for a FREE community event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featuring special guest Diane Nash, pioneer of Civil Rights Movement & Freedom Riders. Enjoy performances by local school and church groups followed by a peace march.

## February

**3 Daddy Daughter Dance, 6 to 9 p.m., Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road**

Join us for an unforgettable evening for girls and their fathers, male relatives or guardians held at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center. Open to daughters of all ages, each couple ticket includes admission for daughter and date, dancing, dinner and a professional photo. Space is limited! For ticket information, visit [cedarhilltx.com/1956/February---Daddy-Daughter-Dance](http://cedarhilltx.com/1956/February---Daddy-Daughter-Dance)

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**17 Smooches for Pooches Annual Fundraiser for the Tri-City Animal Shelter, 6 to 8 p.m. at Visual Expressions Art Gallery in Cedar Hill, 1425 N. Hwy 67**

Join us for this annual fundraiser that benefits the animals at Tri-City Animal Shelter. Tickets are \$25 and include wine and beer, hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants, live music, silent auction, and professional Valentine's portraits. Tickets are available at the door or online at [tricityfriends.org](http://tricityfriends.org).

## City Council Election Set for May 5

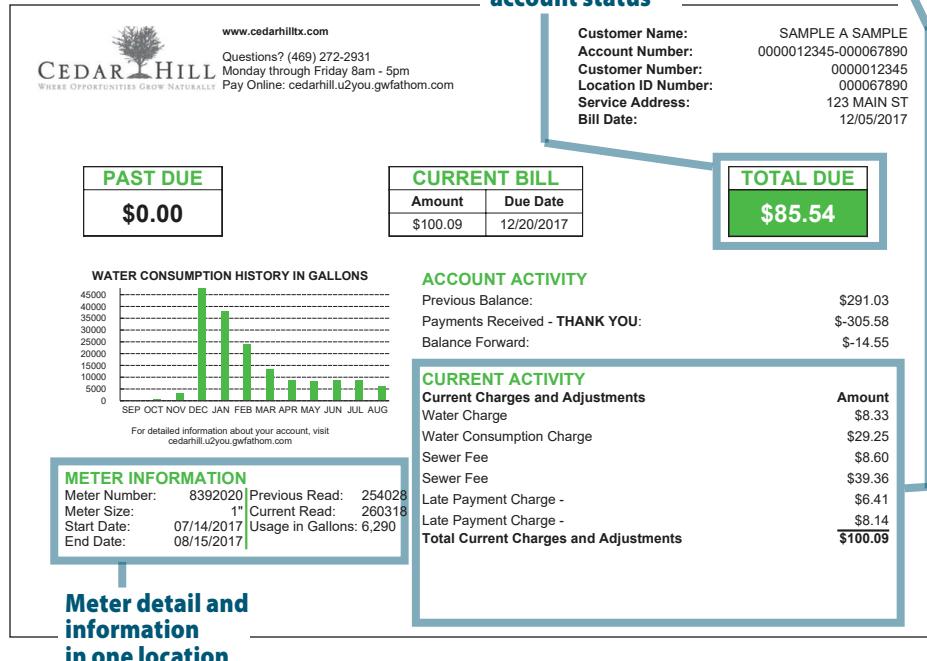
An election for City Council Place 1 and Place 4 will be held on May 5, 2018. Residents wishing to run for City Council can pick up an application packet during the filing period at the City Secretary's office on the fourth floor of the Government Center. Applications for a place on the ballot can be filed Wednesday, January 17, 2018 through Friday, February 16, 2018. Qualifications and requirements are included in the packet.

# Water bills get a new, easy-to-understand, look

In January, utility customers in Cedar Hill will begin receiving utility bills in an improved format to make bills easier to read and understand. Some of the improvements to the main body of the bill are shown below.

Fathom, the City's utility billing contractor, has responded to your concerns. The new bill format incorporates your suggestions

for a more concise and understandable appearance, and we encourage customers with ideas for better service to continue sending them to us for evaluation and possible implementation at [ubilling@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:ubilling@cedarhilltx.com).



## Choose from convenient payment options

There are a number of ways to pay your bill, including:

**on the web** at <https://cedarhill.u2u.gwfathom.com/>, where you can make a payment by credit/debit card or check.

**on the phone** at 469.272.2931. You can use our automated system to make a payment using credit/debit card or check.

**via personal banking** from your bank account. Provide your bank your customer and account numbers and our mailing address of PO Box 205232, Dallas, TX 75320-5232.

**by mail**, send a check or money order to the City of Cedar Hill, PO Box 205232, Dallas TX 75320-5232. Include the correct portion of your utility bill.

**by Automated Check Payment**, contact us to set up an automatic draft from your bank account.

**at the kiosk** in the Police Lobby of the Government Center. It is available 24/7.

**in one of three drop boxes**, located in front of the Government Center, inside the Government Center and in the parking lot of the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center on Parkerville Rd. Include your payment check or money order in an envelope with the correct portion of your utility bill. Do not include cash.

**our smartphone app**, FathomU2You, available for iPhones or android devices.



## Nominate Your Organization for a Green Award

In partnership with Waste Management, the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce, and the Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board, the City of Cedar Hill awards a business and a non-profit or civic organization that have implemented green initiatives distinctive to the character of Cedar Hill. For additional information including the nomination form, visit [cedarhilltx.com/GreenAwards](http://cedarhilltx.com/GreenAwards). All nominations are due by February 5, 2018.

## 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



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