

February 2018



HIGHLIGHTS

Clean, solar power welcome here

The City of Cedar Hill received a Gold designation from the national SolSmart program for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for homes and businesses to go solar.

As a SolSmart designee, Cedar Hill is helping solar companies greatly reduce the cost of installations and pass those savings on to consumers.

This allows even more local homes and businesses to obtain affordable, clean, and reliable electricity through solar.

Cedar Hill's actions will help encourage solar companies to do business here, driving economic development and creating local jobs.

Cedar Hill joins Austin and El Paso as the third city in Texas to receive the Gold designation.

This designation recognizes Cedar Hill for taking bold steps to encourage solar energy growth and remove obstacles to



solar development.

For companies looking to expand, a SolSmart Gold designation is a signal that Cedar Hill is "open for solar business."

"Stewardship and sustainability are community values in Cedar Hill", said City Manager Greg Porter. "The SolSmart Gold designation is a recognition of our residents' and business community's continued environmental leadership."

SolSmart is led by The Solar Foundation and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. More than 150 cities, counties, and small towns have achieved SolSmart designation since the program launched in 2016.

To receive designation, cities and counties make changes to their local processes to reduce the time and money it takes to install a solar energy system.

Community honors Lois Cannady's service

The City Council presented the Distinctive Character Lifetime Achievement award to Lois Cannady on January 23 at the Cedar Hill Government Center.

Cannady moved to Cedar Hill after marrying Cedar Hill native Joe Cannady in 1946. At that time, Cedar Hill had 750 residents, two grocery stores, one barber shop, a post office, and a drug store in the downtown area. She served as a volunteer and community leader as Cedar Hill has grown through the years.

In the early 1980's she and five others

organized the Cedar Hill Historical Society, where she served as board president for four years. In 1984, she was honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Chamber of Commerce, and in 2002, she was named Country Day "Queen of the Hill". The Masonic Lodge honored her as "2004 Community Builder", and in 2009, the

Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce presented her with the "Golden Cedar" award.

She played an integral role in the creation of Bridges Safehouse, a faith-based transitional housing program, and served as the first board president.



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Getting bigger every year:

Citywide Block Party

The City of Cedar Hill will celebrate the 13th Annual Citywide Block Party and Recreation Center Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center located at 310 E. Parkerville Road.

All Cedar Hill residents are invited to come out to meet their neighbors and City representatives.

The annual event brings together residents with games, prizes, health and fitness demonstrations, recreation activities, fire safety and police K-9 presentations, and much more. City employees from virtually every department are on hand to greet neighbors, answer questions, and provide information to interested residents. Doors open at 10 a.m. and admission is free, so come early and enjoy the fun!

As part of the block party, Cedar Hill Shares will host a Community Walk from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Red Oak Creek Trail Head. The walk is open to participants of all ages (including strollers) and cost is only \$10 per participant (ages five and under are free). Each participant will receive a t-shirt at the event and can make additional donations on site. All proceeds benefit Cedar Hill Shares Food Pantry; every \$1 donation provides three meals for a family in need.

For more information, or to participate as a vendor, contact Michelle Ebanks, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at (972) 291-5100 ext. 1099.



Diane Nash, 'Freedom Riders' organizer in the 60's, spoke in Cedar Hill Jan. 21, describing her work in the Civil Rights Movement.

Living the Dream through service

The Cedar Hill community honored the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr and the Civil Rights Movement with an MLK Celebration and Peace March on January 21 at the Cedar Hill Government Center.

An overflow crowd joined in song with the Cedar Hill High School Choraliars & Chamber Singers and enjoyed a conversation with special guest Diane Nash, a leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

Nash led efforts to integrate lunch counters in Nashville, Tennessee and helped organize the Freedom Riders in a successful push to desegregate interstate bus travel. In her remarks, Nash offered words of encouragement to young people, saying "you can make social change, but don't expect it to be easy". The event concluded in a peace march with participants singing freedom songs from the Civil Rights Movement.

City employees honor legacy with Day of Service

On January 18, the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday, employees and their families honored the Cedar Hill community and King's legacy by giving their holiday time for a Day of Service, volunteering at local non-profits, beautifying our roadways by picking up litter, and lending a helping hand at local senior citizen communities.

"This event, along with countless other instances where city employees gave back throughout the year, is one of the things that sets this organization apart and shows the heart behind 'service the Cedar Hill way'", said City Manager Greg Porter.

There is a wealth of opportunities for service in Cedar Hill; consider these options to volunteer with the City:



Make a furry friend at the Tri-City Animal Shelter & Adoption Center. Volunteers serve in many functions at the Animal Shelter, including walking and socializing with pets, grooming and bathing, administrative support, and more. Visit cedarhilltx.com/animalshelter to complete an application.

Open the Door to Discovery at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library. Students, parents, working people, retirees --anyone thirteen years of age and over who are Cedar Hill residents or attend school in Cedar Hill-- can help deliver quality Library services to the community. Explore opportunities to work with children, share library information, process materials, assist with special projects and engage with the community. Visit cedarhilllibrary.org or call 972-291-7323 for more information.

Adopt a Street, Trail, or Park – Volunteers can help keep our parks and rights-of-way beautiful, clean, and safe by donating time and resources to maintain a specific street, park, or trail. As a special thank you, the City of Cedar Hill will acknowledge your commitment and dedication with a sign in your adopted facility and a certificate of appreciation upon fulfillment and completion of the adopted period. Find more information or complete an application at cedarhilltx.com/adopt.

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. Find more information or apply to serve at cedarhilltx.com/boards or call the Office of the City Secretary at 972-291-5100 ext. 1011.

CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's online calendars at cedarhilltx.com



Emerson Minor, above, and Ellington Young, right, receive S.T.A.R. Student awards from City Council members Clifford Shaw and Stephen Mason.



Resident Thomas Haggerty is honored by the City for his long-term and ongoing service in Highlands South. Mayor Franke said Thomas' service has been key to the effectiveness of the neighborhood organization.

Bill Pierce and Sterling Burns received special recognition for their part in the capture of a felony suspect. Using license plate scanning equipment in the Citizens on Patrol vehicle, they located the vehicle of the suspect and advised police who made the arrest.



Gordon Furbush, another Citizen on Patrol volunteer, joins members of the Cedar Hill Police and Community Team (PACT) who received individual and team awards at the recent North Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention Association Conference.

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13 & 27 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.

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.

March

3 Citywide Neighborhood Block Party & Rec Center Anniversary, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road.

Celebrate the 13th anniversary of the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center and see the many services your community has to offer at the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party. Find more information at cedarhilltx.com/blockparty.

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17 Environmental Collection Day, 9 a.m. to noon at the High School Parking Lot at US-67 and Cooper Street.

Household hazardous waste collection, electronics recycling, and paper shredding all in one day! Space is limited, and registration is required. Find more information and register at cedarhilltx.com/ecd.

31 Miracle Weekend Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Virginia Weaver Park, 631 Somerset Dr.

Join us for the 5th Annual Miracle Weekend Egg Hunt, a joint effort between Church on the Hill and the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department. Enjoy family photos with the Easter Bunny and egg hunts galore!

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.

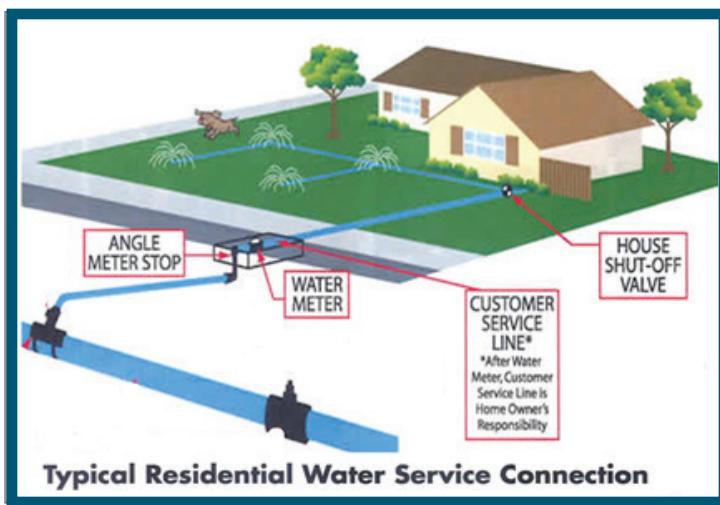
Avoid penalties Understand your water connections

When Cedar Hill residents need to turn water on and off to their home, it is important to know the location of their personal water shutoff valve.

Water is delivered from the source to the residence through a series of main lines connected to smaller lateral pipes. The lateral connects to the residence through a valve, known as the angle meter stop, or angle stop and then to the water meter. The meter connects to home through a service line. Somewhere along this service line, typically in the ground near the home or in the home near where the service line enters, is the resident's house or personal cut-off valve.

their personal cut-off valve, maintaining the valve in good working order, and knowing how to use it. Residents using the City's angle stop valve in the meter box may be subject to penalty fees and the cost of any damages to the valve.

City staff responds to requests for water to be shut off at the meter box for emergencies Monday through Friday



When a resident needs to turn water off to the residence for either routine or emergency maintenance, the resident must use the home's personal cut-off valve and may not use the City's angle stop in the meter box. Homeowners are responsible for knowing the location of

(non-holidays) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Response times depend staffing and workload; knowledge of the home's personal cutoff location and status is the best option for the resident in an emergency.

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

Cedar Hill Marshal's

WARRANT ROUNDUP

February 24 - March 4, 2018

Don't get arrested at home or work!

For Cedar Hill warrants contact:

Cedar Hill Municipal Court
972-291-5100 ext. 1041

www.cedarhilltx.com/warrants

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