

# March 2018

CEDAR  HILL

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Prepare for severe spring weather

**Along with warmer weather, spring can bring severe weather such as thunderstorms, flash floods, and tornadoes. Follow these tips to be ready for spring weather:**

### Sign up for emergency alerts

Visit [cedarhilltx.com/785/Emergency-Management](http://cedarhilltx.com/785/Emergency-Management) to sign up for emergency notifications. You can also opt in to community messages and weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service. Our alert system, CivicReady is a geographically-based system and uses street addresses to send notices to users in specific areas. It's important that you provide your current address to receive the proper notices.

### Make a plan

A little preparation takes only a few minutes and can protect your life and the lives of those around you. Put together a family emergency plan that addresses key needs in an emergency, including a shelter plan, an evacuation route, and a communication plan for your household. Tailor your plan to fit your specific needs, such as care of children, pets, or those with medical or dietary needs. Go to [ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://ready.gov/make-a-plan) to create a plan and practice with your family.

### Build a supply kit

Pack supplies in a duffel bag, suitcase or storage container and keep it a place that is easy to access. Remember to check and update your kit every year—test batteries, check expiration dates, and update important documents. Visit [knowwhat2do.com](http://knowwhat2do.com) for a checklist to help assemble your kit.

## City partnership provides scholarships

Scholarships are available to 2018 Cedar Hill graduates through a partnership between the City of Cedar Hill and Waste Management. Scholarships are paid directly to the graduates, and the scholarship money can be spent at the discretion of the recipient, to help with living costs, books, etc.

Two \$1,500 scholarships are available to 2018 Cedar Hill ISD graduates or graduates who are residents of Cedar Hill. Applicants must submit an essay that is no more than two pages double-spaced describing the role they can play in enhancing the sustainability of our community.

Applicants must have a minimum 2.6 GPA, submit an official high school transcript and two letters of recommendation, and demonstrate a desire to further their education by attending a university, junior college or trade school.

Applications are available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and online at [cedarhill-library.org](http://cedarhill-library.org). Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Shared Information Desk of the library.

### Now Hiring for the Summer Season

Looking for a summer job? Join our team for a season of fun and service to your community. We are currently hiring for the following seasonal positions:

- Pool Cashier
- Lifeguard
- Water Safety Instructor/Lifeguard
- Assistant Pool Manager
- Swim Team Head Coach
- Seasonal Park Maintenance Worker

Applications are accepted online only at [cedarhilltx.com/jobs](http://cedarhilltx.com/jobs).



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## Neighborhood Spotlight Winding Hollow

**We chat with 17-year resident and Winding Hollow Neighborhood Association President Jennifer Hutchinson:**

### What do you love about your neighborhood?

I love that Winding Hollow is a peaceful, quiet, and friendly neighborhood. The pond area is a great place to share and spend time with my family. Winding Hollow is a family-friendly place to raise my children, and I look forward to spending another 17 years here.

### What success have you had in your neighborhood?

We reorganized Winding Hollow Neighborhood Association and petitioned the City Council to establish Winding Hollow Public Improvement District #3. We went door-to-door to 235 homes, talking to our neighbors and conducting meetings. Establishing the PID is the biggest success this neighborhood has ever seen.

### Do you have any upcoming events or projects?

Winding Hollow will have a neighborhood movie night in the spring or summer at the pond and will participate in National Night Out in October. Our biggest project is an entry-screening wall. The PID board is making tremendous progress towards that project, and with help from the City, we hope to complete it this year. We also plan to enhance lighting on Joe Wilson Road and upgrade the pond area.

### What advice would you give to other neighborhood leaders?

Although being a leader of a community takes a lot of effort and time away from your family, please do not give up when faced with criticism and negativity. You may be faced with obstacles, but stay on your journey, improving and enhancing your community. Your hard work will not go unnoticed.

*Living with nature for a neighbor*

# Hello neighbor!

Migratory birds such as egrets are commonly seen in Texas as they journey annually between the United States and Canada. This natural cycle is a beautiful part of our ecosystem, and nesting colonies, or rookeries, are protected under federal law. Migratory birds are beneficial to our ecosystem in many ways. They eat mosquitos carrying harmful viruses, such as Zika and chikungunya. They also help protect farm crops by eating between 600 and 800 grasshoppers and crickets per day, and they improve the health of livestock by eating fleas, flies, and occasionally ticks.

When nesting colonies settle near populated areas, they can bring challenges such as noise, odor, and other significant environmental impacts. **By federal law, City staff and residents are prohibited from interfering or harassing the birds once a single egg is found in a single nest.**

The best way to avoid the residential and environmental impact that may occur is with detection and public awareness. Residents can address the situation proactively by

following these guidelines:

- Learn how your neighborhood plans to distribute news of bird sightings. For help contacting or locating your neighborhood association, visit [cedarhilltx.com/myneighborhood](http://cedarhilltx.com/myneighborhood).
- Familiarize yourself with "sentry" birds. They are the first to arrive, looking for good nesting places. Report sightings to your neighbors.
- Familiarize yourself with the variety of migratory birds that nest in Texas.

They include the Yellow-Crowned Night

## A note from Waste Management

Working together, we can help you get the most out of your waste collection program. Recently, we've experienced a few issues that are causing windblown trash and service delays.

Follow these tips to ensure a safe, clean and efficient waste collection program that protects you and your family, surrounding

communities, and the environment.

All trash in the trash carts should be bagged. Otherwise, when the ASL (Automated Side-Loader) truck empties the cart, trash may be blown by the wind as the truck arm moves the cart from the ground to empty inside the truck. Putting all your trash in bags will also keep your cart clean!

Please make sure that the lid on your cart is closed completely. If your cart is overloaded and the lid doesn't close, trash may fall out as the cart is emptied inside the truck.

Remember, your recycling cart is for recyclable materials only. Do not put any excess trash in your recycling cart. This contaminates the recycling. If you put trash inside your recycling cart,



Heron, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret and others.

As soon as you see birds on or near your property, begin using scare tactics. Use noisemakers, and spray water or shine lights at night. Hang "scare eye" balloons or other moving objects in trees. Use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material.

- Do not harm birds or eggs. These birds are protected by international treaty.



- Once birds begin sitting on nests, eggs are probably present. You cannot kill, harass, move or disturb the birds when they are actively nesting.

### Nesting Season (March – October)

- Do not kill, harass, relocate, move, or attempt to scare away the birds by any means during nesting season.

### Pre- and Post-Nesting Season (November -February)

- Remove any old, abandoned nests.
- Trim your trees. Remove deadwood, and thin tree canopy to allow sunlight between limbs and other trees.
- Destroy new nests before egg laying.

For more information, contact Duy Vu, Environmental Manager for Cedar Hill at [duy.vu@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:duy.vu@cedarhilltx.com)

the cart will be tagged and not emptied until you clean it out.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in these matters! We are proud to partner with Cedar Hill – a City that truly cares about the environment and works to preserve it for future generations.



*People* make it a community



Lois Cannady, in red jacket, is honored by the City Council with the Distinctive Character Lifetime Achievement Award for her long-term engagement in the community and the encouragement she provides to so many.



Emily Fordan, left, with Dan Haydin, and Paula Gallegos, below, with Stephen Mason, are honored as S.T.A.R. students based on recommendations by their teachers and CHISD staff.



Employees who participated in the most recent City U program are recognized for their desire to learn more about the workings of City government and the community. The program is coordinated by the Human Resources department and involves tours and presentations by almost every department of the City.



Batunde Adetiba, left, receives the City's Good Samaritan Award from Wallace Swayze. Bab's engagement in the community exemplifies exceptional efforts and generous service to those in need.

# CALENDAR

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

## March

**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](http://cedarhilltx.com/archive).

**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](http://cedarhilltx.com/ecd).

**30 Government offices closed for Good Friday.**

The Government Center, Senior Center, Alan E. Sims Recreation Center and Zula B. Wylie Public Library will be closed. However the Tri-City Animal Shelter, will be open regular hours.

**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!

## April

**7 Pre-Kindergarten Roundup, 9 a.m. to noon at Bray, Highlands, Lake Ridge, High Pointe, Plummer, Waterford Oaks Elementary Schools.** Don't miss CHISD's Pre-Kindergarten Roundup to learn more about Pre-K options, including state-funded and tuition-based programs. Learn more at [chisd.net/pre-k](http://chisd.net/pre-k).

**8 70th Anniversary Celebration, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar Street.** Join us in celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Zula B. Wylie Public Library. This FREE family event features Dawn Miller singing Big Band Standards, the Newman Jazz Band, swing dancing, kids crafts from the 1940's, and light refreshments.

**10 & 24 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](http://cedarhilltx.com/archive).

**23 Earth Fest, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.**

Join us for an Earth and Arbor Day Celebration. Visit with environmentally conscious vendors and enjoy sustainability tours, food, tree giveaways for residents, and much more!



## New trails access more nature

Cedar Hill is a uniquely diverse geological area with abundant wildlife. New hike and bike trails will provide additional access to more of our community's natural beauty.

The ecological corridor of Belt Line and FM 1382 showcases the city's natural beauty through Cedar Hill State Park, Dallas County's Cedar Mountain Preserve, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, and Cedar Hill's Calabria Nature Preserve.

Through partnerships with state, local, and nonprofit organizations, the City is currently constructing a hike and bike trail along FM 1382 to provide recreational access to these tremendous natural resources.

Phase I of the FM 1382 Trail, from New Clark Road to the state park entrance, began construction in 2017. The trail alignment goes through the wooded area along the south side of West FM 1382.

Because these areas have been identified as nesting areas for two federally-listed endangered species, the Golden-cheeked

Warbler and the Black-capped Vireo, Phase I construction will be on hold until September 1, 2018 in order to minimize nesting impact to the birds.

The Golden-cheeked Warbler only nest in Texas. Their breeding and nesting areas consist of hillsides and slopes in mature woods of ashe juniper mixed with oak, pecan and hackberry trees. Nests always consist of ashe juniper bark strips and will house three to five eggs each spring.

Black-capped vireos nest only Texas and Oklahoma during April through July. Nests are placed in low growing oaks or other dense shrubs and hold three to four eggs during the long hatching period.

In early 2018, construction began on Phase II of the FM 1382 Hike and Bike Trail, from the entrance to Cedar Hill State Park to the city limits. This section of the trail will include a pedestrian bridge spanning a drainage ravine and the installation of an architectural overlook and amenity station.

## 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 Athletic Rain-outs 972-480-5868

Parks Special Event/After School Rain-outs  
214-855-9758

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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