



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2018

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED FOR DOWNTOWN

The Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation (CHEDC) has approved a development agreement with Lake Moreno Partners, LLC, a Jim Lake Partnership lead by Amanda and Jim Lake, for a mixed-use development project in historic downtown Cedar Hill.

“This project meets a long-term objective of the CHEDC to stimulate economic development in the city’s core,” said CHEDC President Michael Lemmon. “The development will encourage new investment opportunities in historic downtown and provide additional shopping, dining, and entertainment options to residents and visitors.”

The 40,000-square foot project, located at W. Belt Line Road and Broad Street, will offer a mix of uses, including retail, restaurant, and office space. Approval of the agreement marks the beginning of initial phases of the project; construction is expected to begin in mid-2019 and to be completed in 2021.

“For generations, the preservation of the distinctive character of the city’s core, including the historic downtown, has been a priority for Cedar Hill residents,” said Mayor Rob Franke. “The partnership with Jim Lake Companies represents a significant investment in the community’s goals for a vibrant, walkable downtown that preserves the history of our city.”

Lake Moreno Partners is a leader in adaptive urban redevelopment with experience in the creation of Bishop Arts in North Oak Cliff and the Dallas Design District. The company has invested in urban renewal in the D-FW area with pioneering projects such as Trinity Loft, the first residential and mixed-use project in the Design District; International on Turtle Creek, a 158,000-square foot repurposed parts warehouse into a Design Center; Jefferson Tower District, an entire city block of historic buildings completed in 2015; Waxahachie Town Square redevelopment; the upcoming Ennis Downtown Mixed Use Redevelopment; and the upcoming Ambassador Hotel redevelopment in Downtown Dallas.

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PEOPLE

MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Mayor Rob Franke honors international fellows from the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. The fellows visited Cedar Hill from Malaysia and Vietnam to learn about sustainability and local government.



Irene Ellison receives the Good Samaritan Award for her generosity and selfless service to her neighbors.



Cedar Hill celebrated Women Veterans Day on June 12 with a proclamation and resource fair. Veterans Michelle Ebanks, Ramona Ross-Bacon, Leah Shipman, Shelly Meeks, and Shani Washington received the proclamation.

FIVE EASY WAYS TO SAVE WATER THIS SUMMER

Use less water and lower your utility bill with these water-saving tips:

Water your lawn in early morning

The best time to water is in the early morning, when evaporation rates are lowest, there is little wind, and water pressure is best. Grasses are also less likely to develop disease or pest problems if watered in the morning.

Water your lawn only when needed

Most grasses only need one inch of water every five to ten days in the heat of summer. Fewer but heavier lawn watering encourages deeper roots that can withstand dry weather better. Applying too much water too rapidly causes runoff that can carry soil, fertilizers, and pesticides to nearby streams.

Mulch shrubs and other plants

Mulch conserves moisture by reducing evaporation of water vapor from the soil surface. Mulching also prevents compaction, reduces disease, and prevents weeds.

Check your sprinkler system

Homes with in-ground automatic irrigation systems use 35 percent more water than those without irrigation systems. To avoid water waste, make sure irrigation systems are in good working order. Check for leaks, replace any broken sprinkler heads, and make sure that spray does not water sidewalks, driveways, or the street.

Use drought-tolerant and native plants

Plants that are native to North Texas have adapted to thrive naturally in this region. They require less water and less maintenance than plants from other regions with different climates. Visit txsmartscape.com for more information.

FIGHT THE BITE

Remember the Four Ds to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illness:

- **Drain** - Drain standing water to remove breeding sites on your property. Check open trash containers, rain gutters, grill covers, and boat tarps for trapped water. Change birdbaths, pet dishes, and wading pools at least once per week.
- **Dress** - Wear long-sleeve, loose, and light-colored clothing when outside.
- **DEET** - Use insect repellents with DEET or other FDA approved repellents and follow application instructions.
- **Dusk and Dawn** - Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.

YOUTH SUMMIT A SUCCESS

In June, the Cedar Hill Police Department held its sixth annual Youth Summit, a positive police and youth engagement opportunity. Young people, aged 11-17, participated in interactive sessions, including interactive crime scenes, a police K9 demonstration, and a DWI experience. New this year, CHPD partnered with the Cedar Hill ISD Police Department, and CHISD officers provided educational sessions on interacting with police and social media safety.



“We had a great time with the kids,” said Lt. Colin Chenault with the department’s Police And Community Team. “Approximately 50 kids attended the Summit and between our officers and the school district officers, we had some great opportunities to interact and enjoy our time with them. I think that’s the

true measure of this event’s success; the quality of the relationships that were developed in such a short time.”

MISSION CEDAR HILL ‘TAKES CARE TO THE COMMUNITY’

For more than 17 years, Mission Cedar Hill (MCH) has been living up to its slogan of Taking Care to the Community. MCH is an arm of outreach of High Pointe Baptist Church and Transformation Vision Cedar Hill. With an emphasis in providing care for children and the elderly, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Services, and several local businesses teamed up to assist with Mission Cedar Hill’s “Big Project Weekend”, held June 7 -10.

This year, over 100 volunteers worked together on more than 30 projects, making necessary home repairs, removing over 640 feet of fencing, and igniting community spirit in Cedar Hill neighborhoods. The goal is to strengthen and empower neighborhoods one



house and one family at a time. When community volunteers mobilize, they empower healthy, vibrant, and safe neighborhoods. Find more information at www.transformationvision.org/what-we-do/mission-cedar-hill or contact Neighborhood Services Manager Michelle Ebanks at (469) 272-2801.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Jul 10 & 24; Aug 14 & 28 at 7 p.m.
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd.
View agendas at cedarhilltx.com/archive

Jam to Give Concert Series

Fridays, Jul 6-Aug 10; 7 to 9 p.m.
Hillside Village, Village Green
305 W. FM 1382
View the lineup at shophillsidevillage.com

Summer Reading Finale

Aug 2 at 10:30 a.m.
Zula B. Wylie Public Library
225 Cedar St.
Visit cedarhilllibrary.org for event details

Paws in the Pool-ooza

Aug 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Crawford Park Pool
401 Straus Rd.
Get details at cedarhilltx.com/pard

CHISD Back to School Rally

Aug 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cedar Hill Ninth Grade Center
1515 W. Belt Line Rd.
Registration & information at chisd.net/rally

Paws, Claws, & Outlaws Gala

Sep 15 from 6 to 10 p.m.
Alan E. Sims Recreation Center
310 E. Parkerville Rd.
Benefitting Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter - visit tricityfriends.org for tickets

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CEDARHILLTX.COM/TWICH.**

JULY IS PARKS & REC MONTH

July is National Parks & Recreation Month! Take a photo while you're out at a Cedar Hill park or trail, when you're working out at the Recreation Center or Senior Center, or making a splash at Crawford Park Pool. Share it with us on social media and use #cedarhillpard in your post. Participants can win FREE t-shirts through July 31!



INSIGHT CEDAR HILL: PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Q: Does the City provide any property tax exemptions?

The City provides a \$30,000 homestead exemption for residence homestead owners who are disabled or who are age 65 or over. To qualify, eligible taxpayers must own and reside in their home on January 1 of the year the application is made. To apply for a 65 or older or disabled homestead exemption, visit the Dallas County Appraisal District at dallascad.org or call (214) 631-0910.

What do you want to know? Email your question for Insight Cedar Hill to admin@cedarhilltx.com.

CONTACT CITY OF CEDAR HILL

Emergency	911
Administration	(972) 293-1467
After Hours	(972) 780-6643
Animal Control	(972) 223-6111
Animal Shelter	(972) 291-5335
Building Inspections	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1090
City Secretary	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1011
Code Enforcement	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1111
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-1011
Human Resources	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1050
Library	(972) 291-7323
Municipal Court	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1041
Neighborhood Services	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1099
Parks & Recreation	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1500
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-5100 ext. 2400
Public Works	(972) 291-5126
Recreation Center	(972) 293-5288
Senior Center	(972) 291-5353
Tourism	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1084
Trash & Recycling	(800) 772-8653
Utility Billing	(469) 272-2931

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