



CITY, CHISD ANNOUNCE NEW CEDAR HILL FIRE ACADEMY

Students at Cedar Hill High School will soon have the opportunity to graduate ready for a job as a firefighter. Opening in August 2019, the new CHHS Fire Academy is a partnership between the City of Cedar Hill, Cedar Hill ISD, and El Centro Community College.

"We are excited about this opportunity to grow our own Cedar Hill firefighters and to give students the chance to serve the community where they grew up," says City Manager Greg Porter.

Upon graduation, scholars may earn a high school diploma, 31 hours toward an associate degree, a fire science certificate, and an emergency medical services certification. Twenty-five seats are available to scholars who are: a sophomore or junior in August 2019; willing to commit to a three-year program; and able to pass a sports physical fitness screening. Interested scholars may find more information and apply at chisd.net/fireacademy.



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Mayor Rob Franke presents the Great Impact Servant Leader Award to Jessica Hahn for her continued leadership of the Country Day on the Hill Committee.



Cedar Hill Firefighter/Paramedic Tommy Perez is recognized along with members of the Dallas Fire Department for their lifesaving efforts during this summer's Youth Baseball World Series.



Cedar Hill families enjoyed a safe and fun Halloween at the annual Scare on the Square event, where community organizations and businesses provided plenty of treats.

GET ENGAGED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As 2018 comes to a close and we begin to think about resolutions for the New Year, we encourage residents to get involved in their neighborhoods by being a neighborhood leader.

Neighborhood leaders play a key role in keeping our neighborhoods vibrant and engaged. In 2019, Neighborhood Services will focus on cultivating neighborhood leaders who engage, empower, and motivate residents to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods with the goal of advancing the long-term vitality of the community.

Four Ways to Get Involved

- Call or visit Neighborhood Services to find resources and brain-storm ideas for your neighborhood.
- Find your neighborhood organization in the online directory at cedarhilltx.com/myneighborhood.
- Get to know fellow neighborhood leaders at quarterly meet and greet events, hosted by Neighborhood Services. Find event details at cedarhilltx.com/neighborhood.
- Nominate your neighbor for the Good Samaritan Award, which honors community members who make a difference in the lives of others.
- Save the date for the 2019 Citywide Neighborhood Block Party on March 2, 2019 at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER WITH THESE TIPS

Remember the four “Ps” to stay safe in the cold weather this winter:

- **People:** Keep your family warm and stay inside if possible. Dress in layers and wear hats, gloves, and a coat. Check on elderly family members and neighbors who may need extra blankets or a warm place to stay.
- **Pets:** Bring pets inside and move livestock and other animals to a sheltered area. Make sure pets have adequate food and water available.
- **Plants:** Bring potted plants inside, store in garage, or cover with cloth fabric to protect them from wind and frost.
- **Pipes:** Disconnect outdoor hoses, drain, and store in a protected area. Wrap exposed faucets and pipes, including those outside the house or in unheated crawl spaces, attics, garages, and other areas.

Find more winter weather safety information at knowwhat2do.com.

HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Waste Management will not collect trash or recycling on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

For Christmas Day (Tuesday, December 25), trash and recycling that is normally collected on Tuesday will be collected the prior Saturday, December 22. For New Year's Day (Tuesday, January 1) trash and recycling that is normally collected on Tuesday will be collected the prior Saturday, December 29.

Brush and bulk item collection are not impacted by the holiday schedule. For more information on trash and recycling collection, visit cedarhilltx.com/trash.



RECYCLE YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE

Residents can recycle live Christmas trees from Wednesday, January 2 through Friday, January 11 at the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center and at Hillside Village. Trees must be live, not artificial, and free of all ornaments, lights, tinsel, and other decor. For more information, visit cedarhilltx.com/trash.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Dec 11, Jan 8 & Jan 22 at 7 p.m.

Cedar Hill Government Center

285 Uptown Blvd

View agendas at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

Christmas & New Year's Day

Cedar Hill Government Center Offices, the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, Senior Center, and Zula B. Wylie Public Library will be closed on Monday, Dec 24; Tuesday, Dec 25 & Tuesday, Jan 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

MLK Holiday

Cedar Hill Government Center Offices, the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, Senior Center, and Zula B. Wylie Public Library will be closed on Monday, Jan 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

CHISD Fine Arts Presents:

Disney's Newsies

Jan 18 & 19 at 7 p.m.

CHHS Performing Arts Center

1 Longhorn Blvd

Based on the 1992 motion picture and inspired by a true story, Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message perfect for the whole family and every audience. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center

310 E. Parkerville Rd

Join us for an unforgettable evening for girls and their fathers, male relatives or guardians. Each couple ticket includes admission for daughter and date, dancing, dinner, and a professional photo. Visit cedarhilltx.com/ddd for more information on tickets and events.

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STAY SAFE THIS WINTER HOLIDAY SEASON

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together; but that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. More than a third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Be sure to read labels and use as directed.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.
- Before heading out or to bed, blow out lit candles and turn off all light strings and decorations.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Source: National Fire Protection Association. Find more fire safety tips at nfp.org/education.



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Administration (972) 293-1467
After Hours (972) 780-6643
Animal Control (972) 223-6111
Animal Shelter (972) 291-5335
Building (972) 291-5100
Inspections ext. 1090
City (972) 291-5100
Secretary ext. 1011
Code (972) 291-5100
Enforcement ext. 1111
Fire Dept. (972) 291-1011
(Non-Emergency)
Human Resources (972) 291-5100
ext. 1054
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. (972) 291-5100
(Non-Emergency) 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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