



SAVE THE DATE FOR 2019 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

All Cedar Hill residents are invited to join your neighbors this year to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. National Night Out is a great way to get to know your neighbors and many of the public safety personnel who serve to keep Cedar Hill safe. As is tradition, members City Council, police and fire command staff and officers, and other city staff will make the rounds to each registered neighborhood celebration.

Visit cedarhilltx.com/nno to find location information for your neighborhood. The listing will be updated daily through the day of the event. Come see why Cedar Hill has won national awards for this event each of the last 5 years and counting.



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City Council and staff served lunch to seniors at the Senior Information & Wellness Expo in August.



Cedar Hill Fire Department got an early start on recruiting young scholars at CHISD's annual Back to School Rally.



Mayor Stephen Mason and volunteers with Cedar Hill Action Team greeted families at Family Day in the Park.

FY2020 BUDGET FOCUSED ON SAFETY, NEIGHBORHOODS

The City Council will take action in September on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget, which includes a recommendation to maintain the current property tax rate of \$0.697028 for the eighth year in a row.

The budget advances the City Council's vision of a premier city that retains its distinctive character, where families and businesses flourish in a safe and clean environment. Proposals address the top priorities of the community including: investing in public safety, continuing to aggressively implement the bond program approved by voters in 2017, and enhancing neighborhood integrity and engagement.

FY2020 Budget Highlights

- 65% of General Fund expenditures are dedicated to public safety services, including 81% of all new revenue.
- An additional code enforcement officer and customer service support for code complaints are funded.
- An ambulance and other public safety equipment will be replaced.
- Budget includes traffic safety and speed monitoring equipment for neighborhoods.
- Bond projects funded in 2019-2020 include neighborhood park improvements; design of the new public library, signature park, and outdoor pool; street repairs and improvements; renovation of the senior center.

How Do We Compare?

The City of Cedar Hill has consistently maintained a lower tax rate than surrounding cities, behind the City of Grand Prairie, which has a larger population and almost four times the taxable value of Cedar Hill. In 2017, Cedar Hill was ranked among the leanest local governments in North Texas by the Dallas Business Journal, which analyzed the number of government employees relative to cities' populations. The City Council's lean approach and stable tax rate policy is one reason the City of Cedar Hill has one of the lowest property tax rates in the area.

CITY	POPULATION	FY 19 CITY TAX RATE (CENTS)	FY 19 CERTIFIED TAXABLE VALUES
Grand Prairie	189,430	66.99	\$14,755,015,593
Cedar Hill	48,973	69.70	\$3,779,101,307
Midlothian	30,400	70.82	\$3,694,812,190
Mansfield	65,660	71.00	\$6,970,455,992
DeSoto	52,870	72.13	\$4,057,268,985
Duncanville	39,470	74.84	\$2,298,848,647
Lancaster	37,880	86.75	\$2,564,358,642

P.A.C.T. UNIT HONORED BY CRIME PREVENTION GROUP

Congratulations to the Cedar Hill Police Department's Police And Community Team (P.A.C.T.), who received the following awards at the Texas Crime Prevention Association's annual conference in July. This is the first time in the association's history that a single agency won all four of these awards in a single year. These awards represent the strength of community partnerships and efforts to keep Cedar Hill safe.

Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year (Small Agency) – Rhonda Stanbury
Crime Prevention Specialist of the Year (Overall) – Ann McSwain
Crime Prevention Manager of the Year – Norman Hammel
Crime Prevention Agency of the Year (Small Agency) - CHPD



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and the American Library Association (ALA) nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends are joining libraries on an adventure to promote the value of a library card. They'll be reminding the public that signing up for a library card opens a world of infinite possibilities: libraries offer resources and services that help people pursue their passions and give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond.

For more information regarding obtaining a library card and the events, classes or programs at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, visit cedarhilllibrary.org, or visit us at Zula B. Wylie Public Library at 225 Cedar St.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Sep 10 & 24; Oct 22 at 7 p.m.
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd.
View agendas at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

Neighborhood Summit

Sep 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd.
Get tools to conduct neighborhood meetings, recruit volunteers, and network with their neighbors to improve neighborhood vitality and engagement. Call (469) 272-2801 to register by Sep 20.

Old Settlers Reunion

Oct 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
Historic Downtown
Houston & Broad St.
In 1937 a small band of Cedar Hill residents gathered on the Old Town Square to fellowship and renew old friendships. As the years passed more and more folks returned on the 2nd Saturday in October for what became known as the Old Settlers' Reunion. Today that event has grown into what we call Country Day on the Hill, but the settlers still gather around the square on Friday for Bingo, prizes, live musical entertainment, a light supper and the crowning of the King and Queen of the Hill. \$5 per person; proceeds benefit Bridge's Safehouse and the Cedar Hill Food Pantry.

Country Day on the Hill

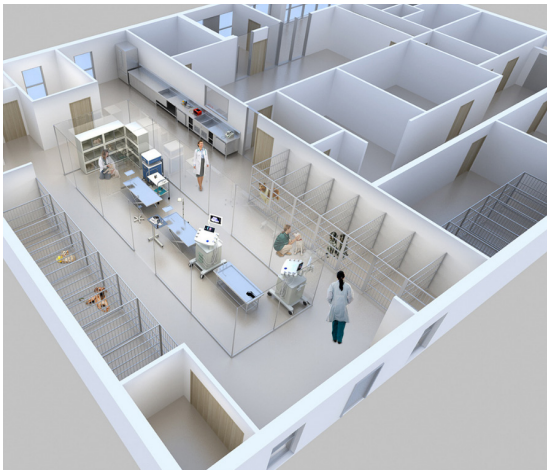
Oct 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Historic Downtown
2019 marks the 82nd annual event that features a parade, over 100 craft vendors, food, activities, contests, and live entertainment on 3 stages through the entire day. Find details at countrydayonthehill.com

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PETCO FOUNDATION INVESTS \$200K IN SURGERY SUITE

The Petco Foundation has awarded \$200,000 to Tri-City Animal Shelter and its non-profit partner, Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter.

The Petco Foundation's investment will be utilized to help renovate the shelter's old building, located on the current animal shelter's campus, into a surgery suite and medical center. This new facility will be used to provide veterinary care to over 7,000 animals at Tri-City Animal Shelter each year.



"Four years ago, we began to recognize the shelter's lack of capacity for treating injury and illness," said Corey Thompson, Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter Executive Director. "If they transported every stray animal that needed veterinary care to one of the local vets, they would do nothing else all day — not to mention the financial constraints."

"The shelter team told us they could save more animals if they could bring veterinary care in-house, so there was no question that our non-profit was going to commit to making that happen," said Thompson. Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter launched a \$500,000 capital campaign in September 2018 and hopes to open the new facility in 2020.

"We're so thankful that the Petco Foundation shares our commitment to lifesaving and has chosen to partner with us to build the Surgery Suite and Medical Center," said shelter manager Tammy Miller. "We asked for help and they came through in such an incredible way for us."

"We're happy to support Tri-City Animal Shelter's lifesaving work which is creating a better world for pets and the people who care for them," said Susanne Kogut, president of the Petco Foundation.

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. 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. (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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