



## WINDING HOLLOW, CEDAR CREST RECOGNIZED AS PREMIER NEIGHBORHOODS

Among Cedar Hill's many distinguished communities, two stood out this year as Premier Neighborhoods: Winding Hollow and Cedar Crest.

East of Joe Wilson Road, along Bee Branch Creek is a quiet neighborhood, Winding Hollow. This friendly community was developed in 2000 and is now home to more than 200 households.

In the last year, the residents of Winding Hollow have organized and participated in several community projects, including a spring clean-up event and a fall back-to-school drive, and their efforts have extended to improve residences. The neighborhood utilizes the free app Next-door to provide residents with landscaping tips and to connect neighbors needing help with home projects.

Bound between South Cedar Hill Road and Red Oak Creek, the neighborhood of Cedar Crest overlooks a scenic ridge. The community is home to more than 600 households, many of which are situated atop the wooded crest and along the creek tributaries that run throughout the area.

Showing that they are committed to making their neighborhood a great place to live, the residents of Cedar Crest distinguished themselves in every award category. The community hosts regular crime-watch meetings, organizes clean-up days, and annually participates in Cedar Hill's National Night Out event.

In addition to being recognized by City Council and the Neighborhood Advisory Board, both neighborhoods received monetary gifts to support future community-building activities.

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# PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



**City leaders break ground on the new hotel and convention center project at Hillside Village Shopping Center.**



**Kids of all ages enjoyed the festivities at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Country Day on the Hill in October.**



**The Zula B. Wylie Public Library hosted Pumpkin Patch Storytime in October. Find more library programs at [cedarhilllibrary.com](http://cedarhilllibrary.com).**

## LET'S TALK CEDAR HILL: UPDATING OUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City leaders are working with a consulting team, Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative, to update Cedar Hill's comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan is a policy document that details the City's long-term vision and goals and outlines the steps necessary to achieve them. The plan is intended to guide growth and development in an organized, efficient, and sustainable manner.

The team is currently in the process of gathering data and seeking extensive feedback from the community, which will help establish a vision for the city's future.

"Right now, we're in the data-collecting and input-seeking phase," said Planning Director LaShondra Stringfellow. "Even after we move on into the analysis phase and begin drafting the plan, we'll be looking for feedback; but, during these first few months, residents' input is crucial."

Stringfellow said she would like at least 10 percent of Cedar Hill's population to participate in the process. The City and consulting team are working to achieve that goal through online surveys, community events, a citizen Think Tank, and any format that encourages conversation and the development of ideas.

"The comprehensive plan is only as good as how much feedback and ideas we get," said Stringfellow. "The plan can help us get ahead of issues, but we need the community's guidance to help shine a light on what those might be."

The first phase of planning will conclude with a multi-day community event, Planapalooza, between Dec. 4 and 10. The event will feature a series of sessions, during which participants will have the opportunity to complete hands-on exercises, provide feedback, and ask questions about the following topics:

- Transportation and Mobility
- "Dollars and Sense"
- Neighborhoods & Housing Choices
- Community Amenities & Quality of Life
- City Character & Authenticity
- Challenges & Opportunities for Continued Growth
- Parks, Open Spaces & Natural Resources

Planapalooza will also include an open-studio concept, allowing attendees to see the consulting team working in real time.

"This is something we've never done before. It'll allow everyone to see where we are in the process and ask the consultants questions. We're hoping that this will be an effective way of helping those coming through understand what's going on."

For event details, visit [www.letstalkcedarhill.com/cedarhillnext](http://www.letstalkcedarhill.com/cedarhillnext).

# RECORD NUMBER PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Oct. 1, Cedar Hill celebrated its 7th Annual National Night Out, during which 52 neighborhoods participated by hosting block parties and community-gathering events. The goal of the citywide initiative is to bring neighbors, community leaders, and first responders together and build relationships that make Cedar Hill a safer place to live.

“The more involvement we have from our community, the safer we’ll be,” said Police Chief Ely Reyes, whose top goal is to make Cedar Hill one of the safest places to live in North Texas. “The Police Department depends on residents to be our eyes and ears, so people need to know their neighbors and when something is suspicious or out of place. And knowing their officers will make them more comfortable and trusting to report such activities.”

Chief Reyes was personally able to attend six different neighborhood events. Appointed last spring, this was his first National Night Out in Cedar Hill, although he’s been to many others in Texas.

“I was impressed by the sense of community in Cedar Hill, and by how different and engaging each event was,” said Chief Reyes. “There was line dancing at one event, bounce houses and grilling at another, and one even had a mechanical bull. But, overall, it was great to see a lot of engagement between people who probably didn’t know each other before that night.”

When asked about goals for next year’s event, Chief Reyes said he has a team that focuses on neighborhood outreach and education; and, as they continue building crime-watch groups and working with the Neighborhood Services Office, neighborhood-involvement numbers should also increase.

“We hope that the number of neighborhoods participating continues to grow, which in turn will help make our city more safe.”



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### City Council Meetings

Nov 12; Dec 10 at 7 p.m.  
Cedar Hill Government Center  
285 Uptown Blvd.

View agendas at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).

### Thanksgiving 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 Thursday, Nov 28 and Friday, Nov 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov 29, all day  
Small Business Saturday is an effort to support local shops that make our communities strong on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to encourage people to Shop Small and bring more holiday shopping to small businesses. Find Cedar Hill small businesses at [shopsmall.com](http://shopsmall.com).

### Holiday on the Hill

Dec 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.  
Historic Downtown Cedar Hill  
Celebrate the holiday season with us at the annual Holiday on the Hill celebration in Downtown Cedar Hill. Enjoy holiday kids activities, festive crafts, live performances, photos with Santa, and the official lighting of the City of Cedar Hill tree. You don’t want to miss this free family event!

### Environmental Collection Day

Dec 14 from 9 a.m. to noon  
Cedar Hill High School Parking Lot  
Entrance at US 67 and Cooper St.  
Household hazardous waste, electronics recycling, and paper shredding. Register at [cedarhilltx.com/ecd](http://cedarhilltx.com/ecd).

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# CEDAR HILL, TAJ HOSPITALITY BREAK GROUND ON HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

In October, the City of Cedar Hill broke ground on a Hotel and Convention Center project that will bring 136 hotel rooms, a 23,000 square foot convention center, and enhanced commercial and entertainment amenities to the City.

The project will be constructed on the eastern side of Hillside Village shopping center and will include an approximate 136-room Aloft hotel and adjacent convention facility to include an 8,000 square foot ballroom, 4,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, and various support spaces. The project is being designed to interact closely with existing retail activity and provide a foundation for an enhanced entertainment presence in the area. The anticipated total value of the facility is approximately \$25 million and is projected to open for business in the summer of 2020.



"This is a project that has long been anticipated, and we're excited to add a hotel/convention center to the high-end retail and entertainment offerings at Hillside Village in Cedar Hill," says Mayor Stephen Mason.

The project is being developed and operated as a public-private partnership, where partner Taj Hospitality will own and construct the hotel while the City will own and construct the convention facility. The financial contribution of the City for the convention facility is an estimate of \$7.5 million, which would be financed and supported through revenues generated by the facility.

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