



MAYOR APPOINTS SENIOR FOCUS GROUP TO STUDY PROGRAMMING & FACILITY NEEDS

Cedar Hill Mayor Stephen Mason has appointed a senior focus group to study programming and facilities needs of the senior citizen population. There has been ongoing discussion amongst the City Council, City staff, and the larger community about the growing needs and desires of the senior community for some time. In 2017, the City included funding in a bond program to address immediate needs at the existing senior center and to study the long-term needs of senior citizens in Cedar Hill in a more comprehensive way. More recently, that conversation has included discussion of a new senior facility that would support more and different programs and amenities for seniors.

Through their annual strategic planning retreat, the City Council has asked for an assessment of the facilities, programs, and amenities that meet the needs of seniors and impact their quality of life. To that end, over the course of the next 10-12 months, the City will engage a professional consultant who will perform a comprehensive assessment and develop a plan for current and future needs of seniors for both programming and facilities. The project will accommodate the City Council's mandate to seek broad public input so that the plan reflects the diverse needs and desires of the Cedar Hill senior community. This is the first step on the path to new senior facilities.

In the meantime, the City will continue to pursue the improvements to the existing senior center that were funded through the 2017 bond program, including improving the HVAC system, purchasing new furniture, and making other cosmetic enhancements to the facility. The City will finalize public input on those improvements in January for construction in the spring.

To stay up to date on the assessment and current improvements, visit letstalkcedarhill.com.

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City Council members and staff served Christmas lunch to seniors in Cedar Hill at the annual Christmas luncheon at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center.



Pastor Julius and Danita Harris were honored by the City Council with the Good Samaritan Award in December.



Jadon Sanders and Richard Cardoso were recognized as S.T.A.R. Student Award Winners for the month of December 2019

CEDAR HILL TO HOST DESCENDANT OF HARRIET TUBMAN FOR MLK CELEBRATION

Join the Zula B. Wylie Public Library for a free community event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featuring keynote speaker Ernestine "Tina" Martin Wyatt - great, great, great granddaughter of renowned abolitionist Harriet Tubman.



The event will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Government Center (285 Uptown Blvd). In addition to the keynote speaker, participants will enjoy special performances followed by a peace march.

This annual celebration is sponsored by the Friends of the Zula B. Wylie Library, Kids at Heart Pediatric Dentistry and Frost Bank.

CITY AWARDED CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The City of Cedar Hill received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An impartial panel judged the CAFR to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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FOUR WAYS TO GET FIT AND HAVE FUN IN THE NEW YEAR

Stay active in 2020 and take advantage of these local opportunities to get fit in Cedar Hill.

Join the Recreation Center

Members of the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center have access to a 3,500 square foot state-of-the-art fitness area with a three-lane walking/jogging track, strength and cardio equipment, and free weights. Memberships also include access to onsite childcare; complimentary wallet lockers; and a game room with table tennis, foosball, air hockey, a pool table, and gaming systems. Stop by the Recreation Center to purchase a membership, or visit cedarhilltx.com/pard to learn more.

Dance the day away at the Senior Center

Learn to line dance, get in rhythm with Zumba, or take off to the two-step at the Cedar Hill Senior Center. The center also hosts a variety of programs and events, including fitness classes, games, and crafts. Visit cedarhilltx.com/seniors to learn more about the free membership.



Walk with a friend at the Tri-City Animal Shelter

Taking a walk with a furry friend a few times a week can bring numerous health benefits, including improved cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, stronger muscles and bones, and decreased stress. The Tri-City Animal Shelter welcomes volunteers to walk and socialize pets. Sign up at cedarhilltx.com/animalshelter.

Explore the outdoors

Cedar Hill's unique natural landscape sets the area apart from other cities in North Texas. You can enjoy it by playing in one of the City's 32 parks, hiking Cedar Hill State Park's 20 miles of trails, or watching birds at the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center. Make your plans at visitcedarhilltx.com.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Jan 14 & 28, Feb 11 & 25 at 7 p.m.

Cedar Hill Government Center

285 Uptown Blvd

View agendas at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

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 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Trash & recycling collection will not be impacted by the holiday.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb 1 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.

Citywide Block Party &

Rec Center Anniversary

Mar 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center

310 E. Parkerville Rd

Celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center and see all the many services your community has to offer at the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party. Find event details at cedarhilltx.com/blockparty.

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CEDARHILLTX.COM/TWICH.**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY GOING GREEN IN 2020

A new year is a great time to think about ways to incorporate sustainable practices into everyday activities and choices. Read these tips for a more sustainable year in 2020.

Conserve water and lower your bill

Cedar Hill utility customers can set consumption alerts and monitor their water usage in near real time to conserve water and avoid surprises at bill time. To set an alert, visit the customer portal at cedarhilltx.watersmart.com.

Reduce, reuse, and recycle

Drink from reusable bottles, shop with reusable bags, and consider other reusable materials to reduce both waste and energy consumption. Consider other uses for items you already own or can purchase at a secondhand store.

When you must throw something out, take time to recycle paper products, aluminum cans, glass bottles, cardboard boxes, and other recyclable items. Make sure recycled items are clean to avoid contamination. Find a full list of recyclable items at cedarhilltx.com/recycle.

Adopt a street or park

The City of Cedar Hill encourages families, civic groups, businesses and individuals to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of city parks and rights-of-way. Participants in the Adopt Cedar Hill Program donate time and resources to help maintain and beautify the community's parks and streets.

The City can provide participants with cleaning supplies, such as trash grabbers, safety vests, trash bags, and gloves. Visit cedarhilltx.com/adopt for applications and more information.



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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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