



## 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](http://letstalkcedarhill.com).

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# PEOPLE

## MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



**Members of the CHPD Police and Community Team (PACT) met with residents at 'Coffee with a Cop' event.**



**Fire Marshal Reginald Alexander was recognized for completing the Fire Executive Management Training Program.**



**PACT Officers and Citizens on Patrol volunteers delivered Christmas meals to more than 20 Cedar Hill Food Pantry clients over the holiday season.**

## CENSUS 2020: I COUNT, YOU COUNT, WE ALL COUNT!

Cedar Hill residents will have the opportunity to make their voices count by participating in the 2020 Census. The Census is a confidential count of residents in the United States that has a big impact. Census data determines political representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and state legislature, distribution of federal funds, helps local governments plan for the future, and provides valuable information to potential businesses.

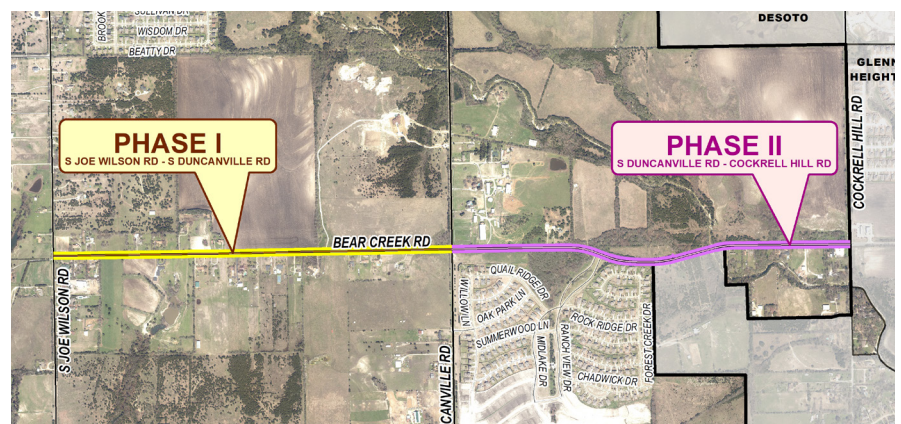


Residents will receive an invitation to participate in the Census in March and are asked to respond by mail, phone or for the first time, online. Residents may provide information about their household online using the unique ID included in the Census mailing. Additionally, residents have the option to respond by phone or online in 13 languages. The official Census day upon which the information is based is April 1, 2020.

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE SET FOR BEAR CREEK ROAD

In 2017 voters approved funding for streets and drainage in a bond election. In January, crews began work on Bear Creek Road, from Joe Wilson Road to Cockrell Hill Road. The project will be done in two phases, with each taking approximately 30 days to complete. Phase 1 is from Joe Wilson Road to Duncanville Road and Phase 2 is from Duncanville Road to Cockrell Hill Road.

During each phase, the roadway section will be closed to thru traffic, and access will be maintained to those residents who live on Bear Creek Road.





# CITY EMPLOYEES HONOR KING'S LEGACY WITH DAY OF SERVICE

Each year on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, employees and their families honor the Cedar Hill community and King's legacy by giving their holiday time for a Day of Service, volunteering at local non-profits, beautifying roadways by picking up litter, and lending a helping hand at local senior citizen communities.

"This event, along with countless other instances where city employees give back throughout the year, is one of the things that sets this organization apart and shows the heart behind 'the Cedar Hill way'", said City Manager Greg Porter. "It is an opportunity to connect with the community and to reflect on the meaning of service".

There are many opportunities for individuals and organizations to participate in their own day of service to the community. Find information about Cedar Hill community organizations at [cedarhilltx.com/communityorganizations](http://cedarhilltx.com/communityorganizations).



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### City Council Meetings

Feb 11 & 25, Mar 4 at 7 p.m.

Cedar Hill Government Center

285 Uptown Blvd

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

### 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](http://cedarhilltx.com/blockparty).

### Environmental Collection Day

Mar 14 from 9 a.m. to noon

Cedar Hill High School Parking Lot

US-67 and Cooper St.

Household hazardous waste, electronics recycling, and paper shredding. Space is limited, register at [cedarhilltx.com/ecd](http://cedarhilltx.com/ecd).

### EarthFest: An Earth and Arbor Day Celebration

Apr 20 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Cedar Hill Government Center

285 Uptown Blvd

A FREE family event celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day! Visit with environmentally conscious vendors, enjoy food trucks, entertainment, sustainability tours, and tree giveaways for Cedar Hill residents!

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# KEEP FIRST RESPONDERS SAFE; MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN

On September 1, 2013, the Texas State Senate passed SB510, which requires all vehicles to vacate the lane closest to an emergency vehicle or slow their speed to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit. Since the passing of this law, it has become apparent that more drivers do not comply with this statute than the numbers that do comply. There have been several incidents across Texas and in the Dallas-Fort Worth area where first responders have been struck by vehicles while assisting motorists on the side of the road, the most recent example being the tragic deaths of a firefighter and police officer that occurred in Lubbock.



In an effort to raise public awareness, the Cedar Hill Police Department conducted a driver education and enforcement operation in January. The "Move Over Initiative" took place along high volume, multi-laned roadways that pose the greatest risk for safety as it applies to emergency responders, tow truck operators, and highway maintenance workers. During the course of the initiative, more than 150 drivers were issued warnings for failing to follow this law. Drivers can help ensure the safety of our first responders by moving over or slowing down to 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

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<b>Administration</b>	(972) 293-1467
<b>After Hours</b>	(972) 780-6643
<b>Animal Control</b>	(972) 223-6111
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	(972) 291-5335
<b>Building Inspections</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1090
<b>City Secretary</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1011
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1111
<b>Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)</b>	(972) 291-1011
<b>Human Resources</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1054
<b>Library</b>	(972) 291-7323
<b>Municipal Court</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1041
<b>Neighborhood Services</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1099
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1500
<b>Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 2400
<b>Public Works</b>	(972) 291-5126
<b>Recreation Center</b>	(972) 293-5288
<b>Senior Center</b>	(972) 291-5353
<b>Tourism</b>	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1084
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<b>Utility Billing</b>	(469) 272-2931

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