



CEDAR  
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# HIGHLIGHTS

## CEDAR HILL, BEST SOUTHWEST CITIES WIN REGIONAL AWARD FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Lancaster received the Regional Cooperation Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments in August for regional efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The award recognizes the cooperative regional efforts of local governments, honoring those that promote coordination and cooperation to solve regional problems; do not allow jurisdictional boundaries to be barriers to solutions; and demonstrate that joint projects can provide better use of resources as well as quality service.

While this award recognizes the four Cities' collaboration in managing and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cedar Hill and the Best Southwest cities collaborate regularly on a number of initiatives that provide a high level of service to residents at a lower cost, including the Tri-City Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, the Southwest Regional Communications Center, the Tri-City Jail, and shared positions in Emergency Management and Fire Training.

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# PEOPLE

## MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Cedar Hill Police Officer Agyemang met a young resident while conducting a business patrol at our local Walmart.



Neighbors came out to celebrate the opening of Kingswood Park with a pop-up giveaway from the Parks & Recreation Department.



Senior Center Member Carolyn Walker received the proclamation designating August 21 as Senior Citizen Day in Cedar Hill from the City Council.

## RENT, MORTGAGE, UTILITY ASSISTANCE OPEN TO CEDAR HILL RESIDENTS

The City of Cedar Hill announced in August the launch of the Cedar Hill Residential Assistance Program in partnership with Catholic Charities of Dallas. The residential assistance program is funded by the CARES Act and provides rent or mortgage and utility assistance (electricity and gas only) for qualified Cedar Hill residents experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The application, which includes requirements and restrictions, can be accessed at the following link: <https://zoomgrants.com/zgf/CedarHillEAP>.

Cedar Hill residents experiencing difficulties paying their water utility bill due to the COVID-19 pandemic may qualify for financial assistance through the Dallas County Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) funded by the CARES Act. Residents may also qualify for rent/mortgage and other utility assistance for this Dallas County program if they meet the program qualifications. Please visit [www.dallascounty.org/ehap](http://www.dallascounty.org/ehap) for information about the program and required documents or call Dallas County Health and Human Services at (214) 819-1968 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Many residents have experienced hard times financially because of the pandemic," said Mayor Stephen Mason. "We are glad to be able to provide this help to our residents in partnership with Dallas County and Catholic Charities of Dallas."

## CHPD LAUNCHES NEW CRIME DATA & MAPPING TOOL

Last month the Cedar Hill Police Department launched a partnership with CrimeMapping.com to search preliminary crime information. Accessible from [cedarhilltx.com/police](http://cedarhilltx.com/police), CrimeMapping.com utilizes an advanced mapping engine, which provides a high level of functionality as well as flexibility. The site provides the ability to view preliminary police reporting information and is subject to change.

Crime data is extracted on a daily basis from each department's records system so that the information being viewed through a Web browser is the most current available. All address information is proximity only and generalized by block in order to help ensure privacy is protected.

Earlier this year, the Department implemented an online reporting tool for citizens to make certain types of police reports online, such as burglary of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, theft, credit card abuse, and lost property, among others. These and other tools can be found at [cedarhilltx.com/police](http://cedarhilltx.com/police).

# FIGHT THE BITE & PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITOES

Remember the Four Ds to protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illness:

- **Drain** - Drain standing water to remove breeding sites on your property. Check open trash containers, rain gutters, grill covers, and boat tarps for trapped water. Change birdbaths, pet dishes, and wading pools at least once per week.
- **Dress** - Wear long-sleeve, loose, and light-colored clothing when outside.
- **DEET** - Use insect repellents with DEET or other FDA approved repellents and follow application instructions.
- **Dusk and Dawn** - Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.



## FIND COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS NEAR YOU

If you think you may need to be tested for COVID-19, your doctor can help you make that decision and find access to testing and medical care. If you need help finding doctor or accessing medical care, call 2-1-1, and they can direct you to low- or no-cost providers in the area.

Public testing and drive-thru testing locations are available throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. To find a COVID-19 testing location near you, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website at [dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus](http://dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus). As testing locations and criteria frequently change, please contact your preferred testing center directly for details. If you are experiencing extreme or dangerous symptoms (including trouble breathing), seek medical attention immediately.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### City Council Meetings

Sep 8 & 22; Oct 27

View agendas and meeting access information at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).

### Labor Day

Monday, September 7

City of Cedar Hill Government Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. Access City services online at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).

**FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE FROM  
LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS, THE  
CITY OF CEDAR HILL HAS  
CANCELED ALL CITY-HOSTED  
EVENTS.**

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# RESIDENT JONATHAN RIVERA HONORED BY NEIGHBORS AS 'GOOD SAMARITAN'

Cedar Hill resident Jonathan Rivera received the Good Samaritan Award from the Cedar Hill City Council in August. Jonathan is well known in his neighborhood for lending a helping hand to his neighbors and friends. He was nominated by his neighbor for endless acts of kindness - helping with home repairs, picking up litter, and rescuing a pair of abandoned puppies.

Do you know a neighbor that deserves recognition? Visit [cedarhilltx.com/goodsam](http://cedarhilltx.com/goodsam) to make a nomination.



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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 (972) 291-5100
- Resources ext. 1054
- Library (972) 291-7323
- Municipal (972) 291-5100
- Court ext. 1041
- Neighborhood (972) 291-5100
- Services ext. 1099
- Parks & (972) 291-5100
- Recreation 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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