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HIGHLIGHTS

CEDAR HILL RECEIVES \$750K TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE GRANT FOR NEW OUTDOOR POOL

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission announced in August that the City of Cedar Hill will receive a \$750,000 grant towards the City's new community outdoor pool. Funding for the pool was approved by voters in the 2017 bond election, and Virginia Weaver Park was selected as the location of the new pool after an extensive site analysis.

The grant was a portion of just over \$15 million in competitive local park grants approved by Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to help fund projects that will create and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities like nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, splash pads, dog parks and sports fields at 30 community parks across the state.

The grants, allocated to local government entities, appropriate state and federal funding dedicated for the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities in Texas on a 50/50 reimbursement match basis. The commission, which administers the local park grants program for the state of Texas, awarded projects in various categories based on community population size and scope.



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FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET ADVANCES PUBLIC SAFETY, NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS



The team at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library celebrated National Library Card Sign-up Month in September. Visit cedarhilllibrary.org to get your card.



Members of the Cedar Hill Fire Department were deployed to the Texas coast in August to assist in the evacuation and response to Hurricane Laura.



The McGrew family stopped by the drive-thru public input event for the new public library and signature park. Learn more about the project at letstalkcedarhill.com.

In September, the Cedar Hill City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, which includes a reduction in the property tax rate to \$0.688102 per \$100 valuation.

The budget funds the services, infrastructure, and amenities that are the foundation to everyday life in Cedar Hill at a cost of less than \$4 per day for the average homeowner:

- Police response, fire protection, emergency medical services that keep us safe.
- Public parks and trails, library resources, and community events that connect us to our neighbors and bolster our physical and mental wellbeing.
- Building inspections, code enforcement, neighborhood support and services, and city planning to keep our buildings and neighborhoods safe and clean.
- Streets and public rights-of-way that reflect Cedar Hill's character and allow us to travel safely to our destinations.
- Support and services to help families and businesses respond to and recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to maintaining current service levels, the FY21 budget continues to focus on the priorities identified by the City Council:

- Public Safety excellence and community relationships
- Implementation of the 2017 bond program (Parks, Library, and Streets/Drainage)
- Planning efforts like the downtown complete streets plan and the Comprehensive Plan
- Senior Livability
- Neighborhood Integrity and Engagement

"The City Council has intentionally and consistently maintained a stable tax rate for the last 10 years that is one of the lowest rates in the southwest metro area," says City Manager Greg Porter. "Their dedication to maintaining a stable tax rate and fiscal resiliency means that Cedar Hill is well-positioned to weather the current uncertain environment while continuing to advance the community's priorities."

MAKE REQUESTS, STAY CONNECTED WITH MY CEDAR HILL MOBILE APP

In September, Cedar Hill launched a new mobile app, My Cedar Hill, to make it easier for residents to access their City government. Through the app, citizens can make service requests and track their status, access city council meetings agendas, stay connected with easy access to the City's calendar, and find contact information for City departments and services. Residents can also make requests through the City's website at cedarhilltx.com/request.

Find the app by searching 'My Cedar Hill' in the Apple Store or on Google Play.



HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The residential trash and recycling collection schedule will be impacted for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays.

For Thanksgiving (Thursday, November 26), trash and recycling that would normally be collected on Thursday will be collected on Friday, November 27, and trash that would normally be collected on Friday will be collected on Saturday, November 28.

For Christmas Day (Friday, December 25), trash and recycling normally collected on Friday will be collected on Saturday, December 26. For New Year's Day (Friday, January 1), trash and recycling normally collected on Friday will be collected on Saturday, January 2.

Brush and bulk item collection are not impacted by the holiday schedule. For more information on trash and recycling collection, visit cedarhilltx.com/trash.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

Oct 27; Nov 10 at 6 p.m.

View agendas and meeting access information at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

Scare in the Park

Saturday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Valley Ridge Park

2850 Park Ridge Dr.

Join the City of Cedar Hill for a drive-thru Halloween celebration at Valley Ridge Park! Find event details at cedarhilltx.com/scare.

Thanksgiving Holiday

City of Cedar Hill government offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christmas Holiday

City of Cedar Hill government offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

**VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR AT
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CEDAR HILL STRONG PROGRAM FUNDS \$850K IN GRANTS & LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSES

Seventy-four Cedar Hill businesses were awarded grant and loan opportunities through the Cedar Hill Strong program funded by the city council earlier this year.

Small businesses across the nation – particularly those deemed non-essential that were required to close their doors to customers and potential revenue – continue seeing widespread impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Cedar Hill is home to more than 1,500 businesses, where 55 percent are considered micro-businesses with four or fewer employees.

“From the start, the city council and administration advanced efforts to protect citizens, employers, workforce, and visitors, so they can continue enjoying a safe and pleasant experience in Cedar Hill,” said Cedar Hill Mayor Stephen Mason. “The ‘Cedar Hill Way’ always leads a path to a brighter tomorrow, and that is due in large part to the respect, coordination, and resilience of our great community. The additional funding is supporting this fact in every aspect.”

The city council, alongside a taskforce from the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation (EDC), worked diligently over the past six months to reach and identify the most critical needs from the business community. Taskforce leaders appointed EDC staff to oversee the process and ultimately administer funds to business operators throughout the city.

The process included a series of workshops, documentation, and overall premier customer service helping business owners navigate not only the local Cedar Hill Program but also the federal and county opportunities emerging along the way.

“Today is exciting – amid the setbacks, challenges, and hardships of so many businesses in Cedar Hill, this program set out to not only help them survive but thrive. It’s truly inspiring to watch businesses evolve and be empowered to pivot, meeting the challenges ahead for their various operations,” said Kim Butram, Director of Economic Development at Cedar Hill. “This journey is not affecting one but so many, and we look forward to sharing the true spirit of Cedar Hill in the days, weeks, and months to come.”

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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