



CEDAR  
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# HIGHLIGHTS

## NEW WEBSITE, RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE FOR ADULTS 55+

In January, the City of Cedar Hill launched a new webpage geared towards adults 55+ and senior citizens. The page, found at [cedarhilltx.com/55](http://cedarhilltx.com/55), hosts a community resource guide and details on city services for adults, recreation facilities, special events, health and wellness programs, aquatics, and more. The new website is the first step in a larger campaign to raise awareness of the resources available to adults over 55 and senior citizens in Cedar Hill.

These efforts are a result of the work of a senior focus group appointed by Mayor Stephen Mason in 2020 to study senior livability in Cedar Hill. The group met over the course of the year and made a series of recommendations on senior programming, marketing and communications, transportation, and facilities.



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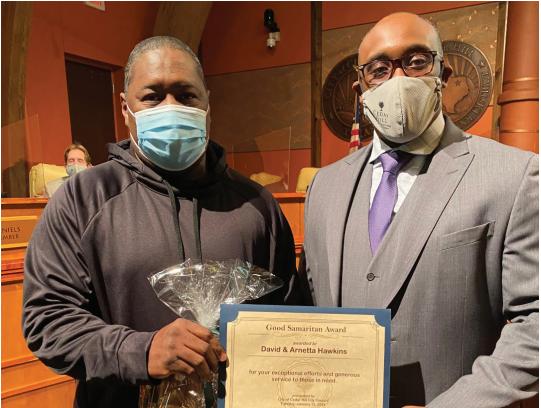
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# PEOPLE

## MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Mayor Stephen Mason presents the Good Samaritan Award to Cedar Hill resident David Hawkins

## RENT, MORTGAGE, UTILITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Cedar Hill residents who have experienced a loss or reduction of income because of the coronavirus pandemic may qualify for financial assistance through Dallas County's Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP). This program will continue to provide financial assistance for rent/mortgage, electricity, gas, and water bills through April 1, 2021. Maximum assistance through this program is \$1,500 per month for up to six months. Residents must have a household income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income. Residents who previously received housing assistance through Dallas County EHAP, may reapply for assistance through this program for up to the six month maximum time period.

The pre-screening application, frequently asked questions, and other information can be found at [dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/ehap-2021.php](http://dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/ehap-2021.php).

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is accepting pre-applications in English and Spanish online and via phone at (214) 819-1968, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Cedar Hill EMS teams receive the coronavirus vaccine in January. Residents can register to be vaccinated with Dallas County at [dallascounty.org/covid-19](http://dallascounty.org/covid-19).



CHPD Sergeant Norman Hammel and Officer Roy Rodriguez deliver a bike to a Cedar Hill resident for Christmas.

## GET TECH HELP AT THE ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The pandemic has pushed many programs, services, and daily interactions online. For those that need help getting connected, the Zula B. Wylie Public Library (225 Cedar Street) has started a new program to provide basic technology assistance. Stop by on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. or sign up for an appointment at [cedarhilltx.com/techhelp](http://cedarhilltx.com/techhelp).



# KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS

Cedar Hill sits in the middle of the Central Flyway, an important path for migratory birds as they journey annually between Canada and the Texas Gulf Coast. Migratory birds, such as egrets and herons are commonly seen in this area and are protected by federal law. Migratory birds are a beautiful and beneficial part of our ecosystem. They eat mosquitos that may carry Zika and Chikungunya viruses, help protect farm crops by eating 600 to 800 grasshoppers and crickets per day, and improve the health of livestock by eating fleas, flies, and occasionally ticks.

Although these birds are important and beneficial, challenges can arise when rookeries (colonies of breeding birds) are established near neighborhoods. Rookeries can cause noise, odor and other environmental impacts for populated areas. Residents can deter egrets and other migratory birds from settling near neighborhoods using these methods:

- Get connected with your neighbors and share news of bird sightings. Find your neighborhood association at [cedarhilltx.com/neighborhood](http://cedarhilltx.com/neighborhood).
- Be on the lookout for sentry birds. They are the first to arrive looking for good nesting spots. As soon as you see birds on or near your property, begin using scare tactics to deter them.
- Use noisemakers, spray water, or shine lights at night. Hang “scare eye” balloons or other moving objects in trees. Use long poles, tennis balls, or water hoses to disturb early nesting material (before eggs are present).
- Do not harm birds or eggs; they are protected by federal law. Once birds begin sitting on nests, eggs are probably present. It is illegal to kill, harass, move, or disturb the birds when they are actively nesting.



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## City Council Meetings

Feb 9 & 23; Mar 23 at 6 p.m.

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

## Environmental Collection Day

Saturday, Mar 13, 9 a.m. to noon

Cedar Hill High School Parking Lot

Due to impacts from COVID-19, only paper shredding and electronics will be collected. Household Hazardous Waste can be dropped off at Mansfield Environmental Collection Center. Visit [cedarhilltx.com/ecd](http://cedarhilltx.com/ecd) for details.

## Alan E. Sims Recreation Center 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

March 2021

Join us in celebration of the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center! Find event details at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).

**VIEW THE FULL CALENDAR AT  
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# RECYCLE RIGHT™: KNOW WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

On average, about 25 percent of the waste intended to be recycled in the United States is too contaminated for recycling. Follow the tips below to be sure the contents of your bin steer clear of the landfill.



Most Americans use a paper product every day, and paper makes up about 29 percent of the municipal waste stream. Brown paper bags, office paper, newspaper, magazines, and cardboard can be recycled in your bin. Paper and cardboard must be dry and free of any food.



Not all glass can be recycled. The following should not be placed in your recycling bin: glass contaminated with stones, dirt, or food waste; ceramics; heat-resistant glass, such as Pyrex; broken glass; mirror or window glass; light bulbs.



Plastics come in a variety of shapes, colors, and chemical formulations. Plastic bottles, jars, and jugs are all recyclable. Remember to recycle only clean plastics - one partially empty soda bottle in a bale of plastic can spoil the whole load! Plastic grocery sacks are not recyclable in your bin.



An aluminum can is 100 percent recyclable and is able to return to the shelf as a new can as quickly as 60 days after it is put into a recycling bin. Aluminum foil, tin, and steel cans may also be recycled in your bin. Take care to be sure any food debris has been removed.

Learn more about trash and recycling service in Cedar Hill at [cedarhilltx.com/trash](http://cedarhilltx.com/trash).

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# 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 (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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