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HIGHLIGHTS

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES CEDAR HILL 'TREE CITY' FOR 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Cedar Hill achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forest budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand" said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Cedar Hill are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, and protection from extreme heat and flooding. The Arbor Day Foundation recently launched the Time for Trees initiative to address these issues, with unprecedented goals of planting 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspiring 5 million tree planters by 2022.

With Tree City USA recognition, Cedar Hill has demonstrated a commitment to effective urban forest management and doing its part to help address these challenges for Cedar Hill residents now and in the future.



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MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Council Member Chad McCurdy presents a proclamation designating April 2021 as Autism Awareness Month in Cedar Hill.



Mayor Pro Tem Clifford Shaw presents a proclamation designating April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in Cedar Hill.



Council Member Gregory Glover presents a proclamation designating April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week in Cedar Hill.

LIBRARY RECEIVES STATE EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library was recognized for the 14th consecutive year with the Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA). The Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award is conferred annually to libraries that demonstrate consistent excellence and outstanding contributions to public library services within their communities. Difficult to attain, in 2018 of the 548 public libraries in Texas, only 52 libraries received the award.



FOLLOW THE FOUR D'S TO FIGHT THE BITE

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.

Cedar Hill residents can also pick up a FREE mosquito dunk sample at the Government Center (285 Uptown Blvd) to help control mosquito larvae at your home. Find more information at cedarhilltx.com/fightthebite.

DON'T LET LEAKING WATER DRAIN YOUR WALLET

The typical home in Cedar Hill uses 250 gallons of water per day without a sprinkler system or swimming pool; approximately 7,500 gallons per month for a typical residence. A surprising amount of water can leak away and raise your water bill if leaks aren't detected and repaired quickly.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 10% of US residences have leaks that waste 90 or more gallons per day, or 2,700 gallons per month. A simple dripping faucet can waste 350 gallons per month. It is possible to leak several hundred gallons per day without any visible sign.



Cedar Hill customers can use the City's WaterSmart portal to monitor their consumption in near real time and set email or text alerts to avoid surprises at bill time. Registration is free and available at cedarhilltx.watersmart.com. For more information or help getting started, call Utility Services at (469) 272-2931, select 7 and then 0 to speak to a representative.

Residents can also detect leaks on their own through their water meter. The water meter measures water use through a spinning impeller. When water flows from the service line to the residence, the impeller spins and advances numbers on the face of the meter register. If water is not moving through the meter, the impeller will not spin and the numbers will not change. One easy way to detect a leak at home is to shut off all water in the home and look at the red dial pointer. If the pointer is moving, water is flowing through the meter and a leak is likely.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

City Council Meetings

May 11 & 25; Jun 8 & 22 at 6 p.m.
View agendas and meeting access information at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

Government Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 31

The Cedar Hill Government Center, Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, and Zula B. Wylie Public Library will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Find city services online at cedarhilltx.com.

Kid Fish Tournament

June 5 from 8 a.m. to noon
Valley Ridge Park Pond
2850 Park Ridge Drive
Learn to fish at this free event at Valley Ridge Park. Find details and register at cedarhilltx.com/kidfish.

Music in the Park

June 4, 11, 18, and 25; 8 to 9:30 p.m.
Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater
2850 Park Ridge Drive
Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a free concert by various artists. Find details at cedarhilltx.com/music.

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CEDARHILLTX.COM/CALENDAR



BE PREPARED FOR SPRING STORMS & SEVERE WEATHER

Spring weather can be unpredictable, and severe weather can occur at any time. Cedar Hill is designated a StormReady Community by the National Weather Service, which recognizes the City's proactive approach to hazardous weather through advanced planning, education, and awareness. Cedar Hill residents can do their part to prepare for severe weather by making a plan, maintaining a supply kit, and signing up for emergency alerts.



Make a plan

A little preparation takes only a few minutes and can protect your life and the lives of those around you. Put together a family emergency plan that addresses key needs, including shelter, an evacuation route, and a communication plan for your household. Tailor your plan to fit your specific needs, such as care of children, pets, or those with medical or dietary needs. Go to ready.gov/make-a-plan to create a plan and practice with your family.

Build a supply kit

Pack supplies in a duffel bag, suitcase, or storage container and keep it in a place that is easy to access. Remember to check and update your kit every year to test batteries, check expiration dates, and update important documents. Visit knowwhat2do.com for a checklist to help assemble your kit.

Sign up for emergency alerts

Visit cedarhilltx.com/beprepared to sign up for emergency notifications. You can also opt in to community messages and weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service.

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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