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# HIGHLIGHTS

## STATE'S SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT TAKES EFFECT

A new Texas state law, The Safe Outdoor Dogs Act, went into effect in January to protect unattended dogs restrained outdoors. The law, consistent with existing Cedar Hill ordinances, requires adequate shelter, access to drinkable water, and prohibits the use of chain restraints which cause pain and injuries. The Act also allows animal services and law enforcement to take immediate action for dogs in distress. While the requirements for the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act are in effect in all weather and seasons, adequate shelter for your pet is especially important in cold and inclement weather.

All animals react differently to the cold, even if they are considered "cold-weather" animals. At 45 degrees Fahrenheit, young, elderly and/or sick animals can begin to suffer health consequences. At 32 degrees Fahrenheit or less, no owned dog or cat should be left outdoors unless they have access to a well-insulated structure that:

- is large enough to curl up in and has a wind block at the door.
- includes access to an unfrozen water source.
- has a dry, solid floor that is elevated from the ground with warm dry blankets or dry straw.

If animal is restrained by tether, it must be in accordance with the Safe Outdoors Dog Act. Restraints must allow the dog to stand, turn around, and lie down. The Act prohibits chain restraints which can cause injury, restraints with weights attached, a tether that is shorter in length than the greater of five times the length of the dog measured from the tip of the dog's nose to base of the dog's tail or ten feet, or restraints attached to a collar or harness not properly fitted.

Do not wait for bad weather conditions to report a pet without adequate shelter. If you see a pet that does not have adequate shelter call Animal Services at (972) 223-6111. If your pet needs a temporary shelter to help them stay inside during frigid conditions – such as a wire crate or plastic carrier, let Tri-City Animal Shelter know (972-293-7387)! They may be able to assist.

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# PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY

## NEIGHBORS RECOGNIZED AS GOOD SAMARITANS

The Cedar Hill City Council recognized two sets of neighbors as Good Samaritans in January: Larry and Jamila Johnson, and Njandjou and Rose Ngewoh.

Larry & Jamila Johnson were nominated for the Good Samaritan award by their Bear Creek Ranch neighbor, Dr. Peggy Buckner. Larry and Jamila have been Dr. Buckner's neighbors for more than 2 years. During that time, they have proven to be friendly, courteous, helpful and very respectful. Dr. Buckner recalled one particular incident: "I was leaving the house one day to run errands. I got in my car with my music was on and perhaps some would consider it high. However, I am hard of hearing. So, I proceeded out of driveway. I blew my horn at Larry as he was in his yard doing some work, and drove on going out of the neighborhood. As I approached Bear Creek Road, I thought I heard a strange noise. I slowed down, looked in my rearview mirror, and I could see Larry running behind my car. He was waving at me, and trying to get my attention. I stopped the car and got out. I was driving on the rim of a tire! We inched the car back to the house, and Larry put on the spare tire. That's a great neighbor and a great Samaritan!"

Dr. Buckner also nominated neighbors Rose and Njandjou Ngewoh as Good Samaritans. Rose and Njandjou have lived in Cedar Hill for more than three years. Both are engaged in serving the community. Rose and Njandjou set up an organization to help meet the needs of impoverished children in the community. Rose provides school supplies, food, and personal attention on a daily basis. Dr. Buckner shared, "there have been many other occasions where this family has seen a need in my life, and without asking, have stepped up to meet that need. Examples are cutting my grass; removing my trash bins from alongside the road; calling to check on me; calling and asking to pray with me and for me; watching my house while I am out of state; calling to question a suspicious car or person around my house. What they have done for me, they have done for many others in our neighborhood and in our city. "

Visit [cedarhilltx.com/goodsam](http://cedarhilltx.com/goodsam) to nominate your neighbor for a Good Samaritan Award.



City of Cedar Hill staff and community members participated in a blood drive in January and donated more than 30 units.



The Zula B. Wylie Public Library hosted a Kwanzaa celebration with performances, music, and traditional food.



Cindy Guzman, Code Support Specialist, was selected as Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of FY2022.



Larry and Jamila Johnson, presented the Good Samaritan Award by City Council Member Chad McCurdy.



Rose and Njandjou Ngewoh, presented the Good Samaritan Award by City Council Member Shirley Daniels.

# CEDAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS IDA EVACUEE

From Hurricane Ida refugee to Fire Station No. 1's number one, hound dog Clementine had quite an adventurous journey in 2021!

Clementine's shelter journey began on May 5, 2021 when she was first placed in a Louisiana shelter as a stray. Three months later on August 26, 2021, she was evacuated due to the threat of Hurricane Ida. The ASPCA, who was on the ground in Louisiana assisting animals impacted by the hurricane, evacuated Clementine, along with 16 of her four-legged friends, to the Tri-City Animal shelter.



Matching Clementine with her forever family proved to be a challenge. Clementine is a hound dog mix that loves her people and loves to find activities to keep her busy. As a hunting breed, she was bred to sniff out small animals for her human - this did not endear her to some other shelter pets or to homes with small animals! Patiently waiting for her chance, Clementine was adopted and returned twice, staying ten days in each of these homes before she was returned due to her special quirks.

The Tri-City Animal Shelter did not give up on Clementine, and in October, Clementine won the hearts of Cedar Hill's Fire Station No. 1. At her new home at the station, Clementine gets plenty of love, attention, and activity from each of the shifts that man the station. She knows which firefighters give the best chin scratches and which are the most likely to drop a bite of their dinner. Clementine also helps her new family relax and recover from what can be a very stressful job. Clementine's story proves that sometimes a disaster like Hurricane Ida can have a happy ending after the storm.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### City Council Meetings

Feb 8 & 22; Mar 8 & 22 at 6 p.m.

Cedar Hill Government Center

285 Uptown Blvd.

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

### MLK Celebration + Peace March

Sunday, Feb 27 at 3 p.m.

Location TBA

This event was rescheduled from January due to COVID-19. Join us to honor and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Details at [cedarhilltx.com/mlk](http://cedarhilltx.com/mlk).

### Citywide Block Party + Recreation Center Anniversary

Saturday, March 5; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alan E. Sims Recreation Center

310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Celebrate the 17th anniversary of the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center with a citywide block party that includes city departments and nonprofit organizations, a petting zoo, and bounce houses.

### Good Friday Holiday

Friday, April 15, 2022

Cedar Hill government offices will be closed in observance of the Good Friday Holiday.

The Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, Senior Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, and Zula B. Wylie Public Library will also be closed.

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# FREE TAX HELP

provided by **AARP**



Need help filing your taxes? FREE tax help provided by AARP is held at the Library every Tuesday 11 am-2 pm through April 15. Appointment required. Call 972-291-7323 to sign up.

## SPRING BREAK AT ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 14-18 - Kids of all ages are invited to sign up for our Camp iRead Reading Challenge and participate in fun activities all week! Learn more at [CedarHillLibrary.org](http://CedarHillLibrary.org)

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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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