

# July 2016



# HIGHLIGHTS



## Stay on top of your water

Summer is in full swing in Texas and with school breaks, vacations, and outdoor festivities it can be a challenge to manage your water use and keep your water bills down. But here are a few tips to help you stay on top of your water.

### Check Your Sprinklers

You can save a lot of water if you make sure you have an efficient automatic sprinkler system. Check that your sprinklers do not water sidewalks, driveways or the street. Also be sure that all the sprinkler heads are in good working order and that your system has no leaks.

### Water Your Lawn Only When It Needs It

One of the best ways to conserve water during the summer is to understand when and how long to water your yard. The best time to water is in the early morning, when evaporation rates are at their lowest, there is little wind and water pressure is at its best. Many modern automatic sprinkler controllers have a "season adjust" or "water budget" feature. You can also go to [- savedallaswater.com/seasonal-watering/](http://savedallaswater.com/seasonal-watering/) to find sprinkler run times by month.

### Register Your Account Online Today

By registering your account at the FATHOM U2You™ Customer Portal you can easily manage your water use. And registering is so simple:

- Go to [cedarhill.gwfathom.com](http://cedarhill.gwfathom.com) and click on Sign Up
- Enter your Customer Number and Account Number as shown on your bill
- Supply your email address and password
- Your Registration Confirmation will be displayed on the screen

### Control Your Water Consumption Online

By accessing the FATHOM U2You Customer Portal, you have online tools to control your water use. View your daily consumption for the last 30 days. Set pre-determined consumption thresholds for your home so you're in control of how much you use and spend. Receive automatic text or email alerts to let you know that your water use may exceed the water threshold you set or if a water leak is detected.

### Pay Your Water Bill Wherever You Are

With the FATHOM U2You Customer Portal you won't miss a payment this summer. Pay your bill online from the comfort of your own home. If you're on vacation and you have Internet access you can pay while you're away.

### Stay Ahead of Your Water This Summer.

With just a few simple water saving tips and by using the FATHOM U2You Customer Portal, Cedar Hill residents can stay ahead of water use this summer and manage water consumption and costs. You're in control.

## Survey Says!

In the recent city-wide survey, residents said City services that need the most attention are traffic congestion, maintenance of streets and enforcement of housing codes.

Visit [cedarhilltx.com/2208/](http://cedarhilltx.com/2208/) for complete survey results.

## Mission Cedar Hill connects our community

*Michelle Ebanks  
Neighborhood Service Coordinator*

For more than eleven years, Mission Cedar Hill has been living up to its slogan of Taking Care to the Community. MCH is an outreach arm of High Pointe Baptist Church and Transformation Vision Cedar Hill.

With an emphasis on providing assistance for children and the elderly, this year Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Services and several local businesses teamed up to build a stronger coalition with Mission Cedar Hill to assist in their "Big Project Week" June 24-27.



See photos of Mission Cedar Hill's projects at [cedarhilltx.com/MCH](http://cedarhilltx.com/MCH)

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## Mission Cedar Hill

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We are so excited about the lives we will be able to touch this year! We have already talked to 10 homeowners, whose property does not meet code enforcement regulations, all of whom are widows, elderly, disabled, or veterans. There are also eight nonprofit organizations seeking our assistance.

At the heart of Transformation Vision is a call to action for community leaders, city officials, and volunteer organizations. The vision of Mission Cedar Hill is to unite these groups in order to serve the city of Cedar Hill.

Problems are inter-connected and so are solutions. This year over 200 volunteers have collaborated together to work on 23 projects that will directly impact residents in our community.

The goal is to strengthen and empower our neighborhoods, one project at a time.

To see before and after project photos, check out our Neighborhood Services page at [cedarhilltx.com/MCH](http://cedarhilltx.com/MCH).

Have an idea or suggestion? We invite you to participate in the process; it's a community effort and we are here to help.

Email me in Neighborhood Services to volunteer or to suggest projects. My email is [michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:michelle.ebanks@cedarhilltx.com).

This spring a flock of egrets, also known as cow birds, selected an undeveloped, wooded plot in far north Cedar Hill near the intersection of Wintergreen and Clark Road, as their breeding site.

Once nests were established, they were protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which means that these birds or their young (including eggs), or their current active nests cannot be disturbed.

Egrets are elegantly beautiful birds, but the nesting area can become a mess of bird droppings as hundreds of birds build nests. There can be an odor issue and a cacophony of bird noises while they raise their young.

Animal Control officers have been checking the area to remove dead birds to help control the smell.

On the positive side, an egret can consume up to 600 bugs a day, including grasshoppers, flies, mosquitoes and spiders. They also eat small frogs, toads and lizards.

Although they can't be disturbed until nesting season is over (October), there are things that can be done during the winter to make this area less attractive for them next spring.

Thin out about 50-75% of the undergrowth in the area and remove as many old nests as possible. Dead trees should be removed and taller trees thinned out to make the area less appealing. This habitat modification will help to persuade the birds to move into areas that may not cause conflicts with people.

If you have questions or issues, please call Cedar Hill Animal Control via dispatch at 972.223.6111.

## International pros study Cedar Hill's sustainability



Yen Cao of Viet Nam and Ret Thaung of Cambodia were in Cedar Hill for a month this spring. They were here to study the city's sustainability programs and apply what they learned when they return to their native countries.

"I think they helped teach us that the world is so small and we care about the same things," Cedar Hill Assistant City Manager Melissa Valadez-Cummings said.

For much more about their U.S. State Department sponsored visit to Cedar Hill please visit [cedarhilltx.com/fellows](http://cedarhilltx.com/fellows).



## CHFD earns gold, we all benefit

The Cedar Hill Fire Department has earned Gold Award recognition from the American Heart Association for its expertise at recognizing and treating STEMI heart attacks while patients are in transit to the hospital.

STEMI heart attacks are due to complete blockage of a coronary artery and put a patient at risk of death or disability.

The award recognizes CHFD first responders' use of 12-lead electrocardiograms, identifying the condition and notifying the hospital while on the way. This allows the patient to spend minimum time in the emergency room and receive treatment sooner.



## People make it a community



At the CHPD Youth Summit in June, local youngsters interacted with first responders and gained new understanding of their role in the community. Here, a student operates a utility saw used in vehicle extrication while Engineer Boyd of the Cedar Hill Fire Dept. assists.



Larry Foos, Parks Director, joined Valerie Mosley, Senior Center Supervisor, to receive the 2016 Proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Stephen Mason at the June 14 City Council Meeting.



You can get daily news and updates about our community, even on weekends at **City Hub Cedar Hill** online at [cityhub.biz/cedarhill](http://cityhub.biz/cedarhill).

Share their website and Facebook page with others who would like to be kept abreast of what's happening in our hometown. If you have a suggestion or feedback, please send them an email.

Be sure to check out the Business Spotlights and the coupon page to save at several of their businesses that support this news outlet.

Visit the nonprofit link to see who they are and visit their websites to learn what they do to help our community.

Stay informed, get engaged. Your community needs you.

# CALENDAR

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, check out the City's online calendar by scanning this QR code with your smartphone. Free QR scanners are available in your phone's app store.



## July

### 23 Clear the Shelters & Prowl & Howl Grrrage Sale

**Friday, July 23**

**Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1150 E. Pleasant Run Road**

This year's nationwide Clear the Shelters adoption event is in partnership with NBC and Telemundo TV. The hope is to place all animals at the shelter with loving humans in forever homes. In conjunction with that event, the Friends of the TCAS are holding a Grrrage Sale. Find that item you can't live without and help support our shelter.

### 15, 22, 29 Jam to Give Concerts at Hillside Village

**Every Friday in July at 7 p.m. Hillside Village Shopping Center on the Village Green**

Enjoy live music outdoors in this amazing shopping venue.

During each concert, Hillside Village will recognize a different Dallas-area nonprofit organization with a cash donation, as well as hosting an in-kind donation drive. Concert attendees are encouraged to bring items to support the featured nonprofit. For more information visit the Hillside Village website ([ShopHillsideVillage.com](http://ShopHillsideVillage.com)) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/ShopHillsideVillage](http://facebook.com/ShopHillsideVillage))

## August

### 13 Paws in the Pool-ooza

**Saturday, August 13 from 8 a.m. to Noon.**

**Crawford Park Pool, 401 Straus**

A fun-filled day gone to the dogs! Let your furry four-legged friend take a swim in the Crawford Park Pool, visit with dog-friendly vendors, win some friendly prizes and have fun! All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter.

### 13 CHISD Back to School Rally

**Saturday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Ninth Grade Center, 1515 W. Belt Line**

Events include the Frost Bank Summer Literacy Game Truck, and the Two-Wins Foundation Rally Hour, Longhorn Kidzone and more. Food, vendors, and other services will also be onsite. Don't forget to register your children to receive a free backpack. Cedar Hill ISD will be handing out free backpacks at the event. Onsite registration will be available. Visit the Cedar Hill ISD website for more information.

### City Council Meetings

**Tuesdays, July 26, August 9**

**Briefing session starts at 6 p.m. City Council meeting starts at 7 p.m..**

**Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.**

Witness local government at work. Both the briefing session and the meeting are open to the public. There is a Public Forum during the meeting to allow residents to bring comments to the City Council. Your City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of all months except November and December when they meet only once.

### Keep up with TWICH & CINCH

**TWICH:** Get the week's activities delivered directly to your computer or mobile device by subscribing to the This Week in Cedar Hill blog at [cedarhilltx.com/list.aspx](http://cedarhilltx.com/list.aspx). Scroll down to the Blogs category and select This Week in Cedar Hill, be sure to add your email address at the top of the page. You can receive the information by email or by text message.

**CINCH:** Coming In Cedar Hill is our way of describing how you can be alerted to upcoming events by subscribing to exactly the calendars you desire. There are over a dozen calendars listed on the subscription page at [cedarhilltx.com/list.aspx](http://cedarhilltx.com/list.aspx). Customize what you want to know about, it's a cinch.

[cedarhilltx.com/calendar](http://cedarhilltx.com/calendar)



For a list of healthy activities happening in our community, check out the list at [cedarhilltx.com/chch](http://cedarhilltx.com/chch).

## Bikes at Library



We all know that libraries check out books. Now you can check out a bike at the Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St.

Under this new program bike rentals are free to Cedar Hill residents, 18 and over, who have had a library card for 90 days. There are a few other rules involved. Learn more at the library or call 972.291.7323.



## Walk for a Dog<sup>SM</sup>

Check out this new app, for iPhones and Androids, called Walk for a Dog. It allows you to support the Tri-City Animal Shelter every time you take your dog for a walk (and you know you should do that more often).

Just download the app onto your mobile device, load your name and choose Tri-City Animal Shelter from among the shelters listed. Then, whenever you take your pet for a walk, tap the "Start Walking" button. When you return home, tap it again and you'll have a history of your walk and you will have helped support our local shelter.

## Sign up now for **severe weather alerts** at CivicReady

We encourage residents to sign up all family phones to receive alerts when dangerous weather approaches. Our warning system will send your choice of an email, text message or phone call or all three. Take a few minutes now and register your family's phones at <https://tx-cedarhill.civicready.com>



## MCMC named Breast Center of Excellence

Methodist Charlton Medical Center is now nationally accredited as a Breast Center of Excellence. The National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers recognizes hospitals that are providing high-quality breast care to women diagnosed with the full spectrum of breast disease.

Accreditation ensures a patient will have access to:

- Diagnostic services, including digital mammography, ultrasound, stereotactic and ultrasound guided breast and surgical biopsies, and bone densitometry exams.
- Multidisciplinary team approach to coordinate high quality treatment options.
- Dedicated, fellowship-trained breast surgeon who specializes in breast surgical oncology and oncoplastic reconstruction of the breast.
- Cancer nurse navigator who helps guide patients through cancer treatment by answering questions, coordinating care and appointments, and providing educational and emotional support to breast cancer patients.



- **Apply repellent with DEET**
- **Wear long sleeves**
- **Eliminate standing water or treat with dunks, free to residents at the 2nd floor counter in the Government Center.**

## City Contacts

### EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100 x1009

After Hours (Answering service)  
972.780.6643

Animal Control 972.223.6111

Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

Building Inspections 972.291.5100 x1090

City Secretary 972.291.5100 x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100 x1111

Communications 469.272.2903

Economic Development 972.291.5132

Fire Department, non-emergency  
972.291.1011

Human Resources 972.291.5100 x1050

Library 972.291.7323

Municipal Court 972.291.5100 x1041

Neighborhood Services  
972.291.5100 x1099

Parks & Recreation 972.291.5100 x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs 214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs 972.480.5868

Police Department, non-emergency  
972.291.5100 x2400

Public Works 972.291.5126

Recreation Center 972.293.5288

Senior Center 972.291.5353

Tourism 972.291.5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)  
800.772.8653

Utility Billing 469.272.2931



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