



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

LIBRARY, MUSEUM & SIGNATURE PARK SET TO OPEN APRIL 6, 2024

In November 2017, voters approved funding for a new public library in Cedar Hill to meet not only the community's current needs but also the future needs of businesses and, entrepreneurs, children, and teens.

The new library will be four times the size of the existing building. It will provide new technology, flexible program space, and community meeting rooms while offering a beautiful park with several components.

The new library, park, and trail site was chosen in 2018 when the City Council appointed a Site Advisory Committee to evaluate potential locations. It was determined the new library would be built adjacent to the new signature park near Pioneer Trail and Uptown Blvd. The site backs up to Bentle Branch Creek. It is in the heart of the Midtown District, serving as a catalyst for high-quality pedestrian-oriented development that offers unique shops, dining, cultural attractions, and living opportunities.

Cedar Hill will have two upcoming grand openings to celebrate. First, the city will dedicate the Signature Park and Trail to the community with a Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, March 23. Community members can join for the first Fun Run in the Park and various other health and fitness-focused activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Then on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Library component of the project, including the Cedar Hill Museum of History, will celebrate its Grand Opening.

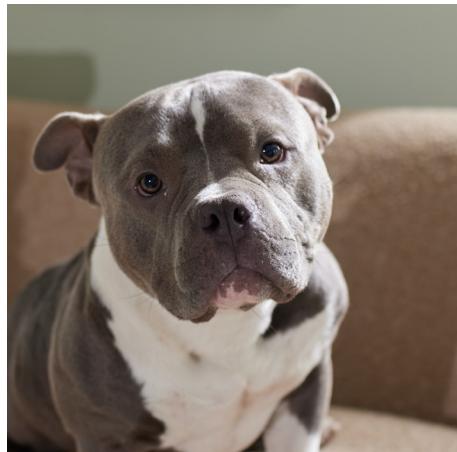
Cedar Hill Mayor Stephen Mason expressed his excitement for this legacy project, concluding, "This endeavor is not just about buildings; it's about creating a legacy that future generations will enjoy. The Library and Signature Park & Trail represent the heart of our community, and I can't wait to see our residents take joy in the results of their shared creativity."

MEET HIPPO: FROM STREETS TO STARDOM

Chris Reno is a computer guy—a computer guy who is also a dog lover—so when he saw a job opening at Chewy.com three years ago, he leapt at the opportunity. The online pet retailer has tripled its business since 2018, and makes a point of hiring passionate pet owners. One employee perk: Every day is Take Your Dog to Work Day.

Then in March of 2021, Chris's French Bulldog, Loki, was stolen from his backyard in Duncanville. Heartbroken, he visited Tri-City Animal Shelter every weekend, searching for his lost Frenchie.

By July, Chris had given up. One of the shelter staff suggested that Chris meet a gray, year-old pit bull the staff had just found on Red Bird Lane. The dog was so emaciated that his head looked like it belonged on a larger animal's body. They called him Hippo. Chris sat on the floor, and Hippo trotted in. He laid down in Chris's lap. That was all it took.



Chris didn't want Hippo to be alone, so he took him to the office every morning, where he became a workplace favorite. After a few weeks, a Chewy staff member told Chris that the company was trying to increase the diversity of dogs on the website — after all, every ad doesn't need to show a doe-eyed golden retriever or poodle fresh from the groomer. Pit bulls were underrepresented. Could they photograph Hippo? His modeling career was born.

Today, Hippo is always ready for his close up. He's learned basic commands from the studio staff so they can count on him to hold a pose. (Chris brags like a stage dad: "He's so smart!") After every photo session, Hippo moseys back to his bed in Chris's office, and plops down with a sigh that says: Dunno about you, but I've had a DAY.

Chris is proud of Hippo for being a trailblazer, helping to change the way people see pit bulls. Today, Hippo models almost 30 products. He's taken head shots. Tomorrow, he may need an agent.

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PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Mayor Stephen Mason, his wife Saida, and his daughters attend the annual State of the City address in February.



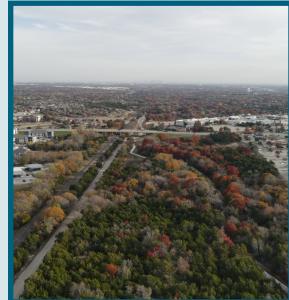
Council Member Gregory Glover teaches an 8th grader at Cedar Hill ISD the art of tying a neck tie for the district's inaugural Tie Day.



City Manager Greg Porter and Animal Shelter Manager Tammy Miller volunteer at Cedar Hill Shares Food Pantry. Find more volunteer opportunities at cedarhilltx.com/nonprofits.



UPCOMING EVENTS



SIGNATURE PARK & TRAIL GRAND OPENING

MAR 23 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
450 PIONEER TRAIL

Join us to celebrate the completion of the new Signature Park & Trail.



LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

APR 6 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
450 PIONEER TRAIL

Join us to celebrate the completion of the Traphene Hickman Public Library.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

City facilities, including the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center, Tri-City Animal Shelter, Zula B. Wylie Public Library, and Senior Activity Center will be closed in observance of the holiday.



SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

APR 8 | 10:30 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
VALLEY RIDGE PARK | 2850 PARK RIDGE DR.

Free admission, educational vendors and food trucks on site.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

APR 4 | 7:30 A.M.

ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Join Mayor Stephen Mason and Transformation Vision for food and fellowship at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m.



HEAD FOR THE HILLS BIKE RALLY

MAY 18 | 8 A.M.
HILLSIDE VILLAGE

Scenic 22, 42 or 62 mile routes for you and your cycling friends to enjoy. Details at headforthehills.org

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MAR 12
MAR 26

APR 9
APR 23

The City Council meets at the Cedar Hill Government Center at 6 p.m. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.



JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

JUNE 15 | 5 TO 10 P.M.
VALLEY RIDGE PARK

Admission is free to the Best Southwest cities' Juneteenth Celebration with food, arts and crafts, and live entertainment.

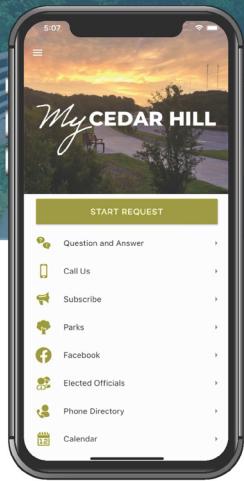
THE LAGOON

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Administration (972) 293-1467

After Hours (972) 780-6643

Animal Control (972) 223-6111

Animal Shelter (972) 291-5335

Fire Dept. (972) 291-1011
(Non-Emergency)

Library (972) 291-7323

Municipal (972) 291-5100
Court ext. 1041

Neighborhood (469)-272-2801
Services

Parks & (972) 291-5100
Recreation ext. 1500

Police Dept. (972) 291-5100
(Non-Emergency) ext. 2400

Recreation Center (972) 293-5288

Senior Center (972) 291-5353

Trash & Recycling (800) 772-8653

Utility Billing (469) 272-2931

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