



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## LIBRARY IN A PARK PROJECT RECEIVES BEAUTIFY TEXAS AWARD

Keep Texas Beautiful recently announced Cedar Hill's Library in a Park as a winner of the 2024 Outstanding Project Award for its work to preserve and enhance Texas's environment and make the community stronger.

The Beautify Texas Awards recognize the efforts of those working to enhance their community and protect the Lone Star State. These awards range in honoring extraordinary volunteers, professionals, youth, educators, businesses, local/civic governments, organizations, and specific projects and programs.

"We are proud to honor and recognize Texans who are making a difference in our state," says Suzanne Kho, Executive Director of Keep Texas Beautiful. "Their actions do more than protect the environment; they inspire community members to get involved and help us keep Texas beautiful."

Cedar Hill's Library In A Park project exemplifies community collaboration and environmental stewardship. This

innovative initiative provides a state-of-the-art public library integrated seamlessly with its natural surroundings, enhancing Cedar Hill's environmental beauty while promoting education and community engagement.

The Traphene Hickman Library is surrounded by the city's new Signature Park featuring lush green spaces and nature trails. The city planted 231 new trees and 14,342 native plants during park development, contributing significantly to local biodiversity and ecosystem health. The City's commitment to green space is also evident in an allocated plot of land across from the Library In A Park with a full treescape. The exclusive use of plants native to the region ensures the park remains in harmony with the city's environment. The entire project was designed to LEED standards and was built with sustainability at the forefront of all efforts.

A full list of winners and award descriptions can be found at [ktb.org](http://ktb.org).





## TRI-CITY TALES: BAR-B DREAMHOUSE

In March of 2023, the Tri-City Animal Shelter got a call about a stray chicken. The young bird was spotted roaming, appropriately enough, on Oriole Street. When animal control officers picked her up, they noticed how remarkably congenial she was. Not only did she let everyone handle her without objection, she seemed to crave human companionship. Like a dog. With feathers.

She remained in a cage in the hallway at the animal shelter for more than week while staff tried to locate her owners. No one came to claim her. They couldn't determine why she had -- forgive us for this one-- flown the coop. As it happened, her stay at the shelter overlapped with the Friends of Tri-City's annual Cats, Coffee, Dogs and Donuts event. Attendees started lining up for a spring photo op with the resident chicken. (Including Cedar Hill council member Chad McCurdy.)

When it became clear that her owner would not be found, shelter director Tammy Miller took the chicken home. Her husband jokingly named her Barbeque Chicken, which Miller shortened to Bar-B because the only way she would ever make it to the dinner table was with her own chair, plate and napkin.

BarB gradually settled into her new digs, a roomy outdoor enclosure complete with a heated foot warmer on her perch.

Not that she's there much. During the day, BarB scampers in and out of the dog door, sometimes hanging out in the barn, other times coming in to sit with the family and watch television. She rides on top of the dog, and bosses the cats. When Miller arrives home from work, BarB runs out to greet her.

"We have to get onto her so she doesn't get in a car," Miller says. She's so friendly with strangers, Miller worries that she is going to jump into an Amazon delivery van one day and ride off. That said, Miller cautions that BarB's easy-going nature is highly unusual. Every year, in the months after Easter, the shelter takes in the chicks and bunnies that looked so adorable in Easter baskets, but grew into adult animals that need food and clean cages. (Stuffed animals are just as cute, and much easier to care for.)

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## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Cedarhillians viewed the total eclipse on April 8 at Valley Ridge Park with a few thousand of their closest friends!



Parks and Recreation and Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Boards hosted a community cleanup and tree giveaway to commemorate Earth Day in Cedar Hill.



Council Member Maranda Auzenne and Police Chief Steve Lafferty presented a proclamation honoring public safety dispatchers in March.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 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](http://headforthehills.org).



## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY MAY 27

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



## CEDAR HILL FARMERS MARKET

2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS  
300 HOUSTON ST.

The Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce hosts a market with locally grown and handcrafted products.



## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST JUN 6 | 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.



## LAGOON OPENS

MAY 25

631 SOMERSET DR.

Make a splash this summer at Cedar Hill's outdoor aquatics center! Get your season pass and facility details at [cedarhilltx.com/lagoon](http://cedarhilltx.com/lagoon).



## MUSIC IN THE PARK

JUN 7, 21, & 28 AT 8 P.M.

VALLEY RIDGE PARK

Bring a chair and a friend out to Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater for live music!

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

MAY 14  
MAY 28

JUNE 11  
JUNE 25

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](http://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 music with headliner Atlantic Starr!





# THE LAGOON

SEASON PASSES ON SALE NOW



## FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Administration	(972) 293-1467
After Hours	(972) 780-6643
Animal Control	(972) 223-6111
Animal Shelter	(972) 291-5335
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-1011
Library	(972) 291-7323
Municipal Court	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1041
Neighborhood Services	(469)-272-2801
Parks & Recreation	(972) 291-5100 ext. 1500
Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)	(972) 291-5100 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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