



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## TAKE A QUICK SURVEY AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CEDAR HILL PARKS

This year, the City is updating its Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Master Plan. The Plan, once adopted by the City Council, will guide policy, capital improvements and future bond issues for the community's park system. The current master plan was completed in 2012 and was based on three innovative concepts: the City will grow and flourish as a city within a park; 25 percent of Cedar Hill's land area will consist of public and private open space; and the interface of nature and built environment will be celebrated and influence the design of public infrastructure.

You can help determine the future of Cedar Hill's parks, recreation, trails, and open spaces by scanning the QR code or visiting [cedarhilltx.com/survey](http://cedarhilltx.com/survey) and taking a quick survey.

Tell us what you love about Cedar Hill parks, would like to see improved, and how we can make our green spaces even better. Survey participants will be entered for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

Scan the code for  
your chance to win!



# CITY NAMES NEW CITY MANAGER, MELISSA VALADEZ-CUMMINGS

On May 28, the Cedar Hill City Council named Melissa Valadez-Cummings as its next city manager in a unanimous vote. Valadez-Cummings has served the City of Cedar Hill for more than 20 years, most recently as deputy city manager.

"It has been an extreme honor and privilege to serve the community that I love so much and to work alongside such an amazing team," Valadez-Cummings said. "My time in Cedar Hill has been rewarding and heartwarming. I am excited to serve the community as Cedar Hill's next city manager."

Over the course of her career at the City of Cedar Hill, Valadez-Cummings has overseen numerous strategic initiatives and departments. In her role as deputy city manager, she led the implementation of the City's 2017 bond program, which authorized \$45 million in parks renovations, street and drainage improvements, an outdoor aquatics facility and a new public library and signature park. Valadez-Cummings has also been a champion of Cedar Hill's sustainability efforts, securing more than two million dollars in grants for citywide green projects.

"Melissa is a proven leader who has played an important role in every major milestone in Cedar Hill in the last 20 years," said Mayor Stephen Mason. "She has earned the confidence of the city council and staff to lead the organization as our next city manager."



Valadez-Cummings is an ICMA Certified Public Manager through the International City Managers Association and an alumni of the Harvard Kennedy School's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program. Valadez-Cummings earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Kansas State University and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas, where she serves on the alumni board of the renowned KU MPA City Management focused program.

Current City Manager Greg Porter will step down from his role on July 31, after 37 years of service to the City. Valadez-Cummings' first day will be August 1.

## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Mayor Stephen Mason honored Ms. Delores Shaw and Mr. Leonard Howza as 2024 Ms. and Mr. Juneteenth.



Members of the 2024 Cedar Hill Citizen Leadership Academy celebrated their graduation from the program in June.



Police Chief Ely Reyes and his family represented Cedar Hill on vacation in the Dominican Republic this summer.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## 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.



## LABOR DAY SEPTEMBER 2

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.



## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

AUG 1 | 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.



## PAPER SHREDDING

SEPT 14 | 9 A.M. TO NOON  
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER

Shredding service for residential paper waste. Get event details at [cedarhilltx.com/shred](http://cedarhilltx.com/shred).



## WELCOME TO CEDAR HILL

AUG 17 | 9 A.M.  
CEDAR HILL GOVERNMENT CENTER

New to Cedar Hill? We're so glad you're here! Join us for breakfast and a tour of the town. Register at [cedarhilltx.com/welcome](http://cedarhilltx.com/welcome).



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## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

JULY 9  
JULY 23

AUGUST 13  
AUGUST 27

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).



## COUNTRY DAY ON THE HILL

OCT 12 | 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

2024 marks the 87th annual event that features a parade, arts and craft vendors, food, activities, contests, and live entertainment.

# BEST SOUTHWEST JUNETEENTH DRAWS THOUSANDS TO VALLEY RIDGE PARK

More than four thousand visitors from the Best Southwest region flocked to Valley Ridge Park in Cedar Hill for the annual Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration, featuring Atlantic Starr.



# 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. (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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