



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

40,000 VISITORS FLOCK TO CEDAR HILL'S NEW TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY

Visitors from around the region are drawn to Cedar Hill to experience the community's newest amenity: the Traphene Hickman Library. Nestled in the scenic Signature Park, the library is a reflection of the Cedar Hill community. It offers both quiet spaces to read or work and dynamic opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors.

More than 40,000 patrons have visited the facility since it opened its doors in April. The library's signature event for kids, Summer Reading Kickoff, hosted more than 1,000 attendees in June. More than 6,000 free library cards have been issued in its first two months of operations.

The library hosts a variety of community events for all ages and interests throughout the year. To explore all the library has to offer, visit cedarhilllibrary.org and follow Traphene Hickman Library on Facebook and Instagram.



TRI-CITY TALES: ANSWERING THE CALL



For Greg Porter, animal services was an accidental job. When he first arrived in town, in 1987, he was a 20-year-old college student eager for a summer internship. He was first hired as an intern doing odd jobs – “asphalting streets in the summer is quite an experience,” he says – and eventually as an administrative assistant. In 1990, he was made Community Services Manager, which at that time included animal control. So when he wasn’t working on plans and budgets for parks, he was taking calls.

There was no shelter back then. That meant Porter would jump in his car, drive to the dog’s location and try to gently coax the animal into his back seat. He brought a lot of strays to his back yard for temporary housing. The dog pound, he says, was a dismal place, and there was no means set up for adoption.

One day after he was newly married, he took his bride Pam to visit the pound. “I walked in there and showed her this dog. It was a Chihuahua. I said, ‘This is this dog’s last day. If we don’t take it, it’s out of days.’” It wasn’t exactly true. But she said yes, and it became their first shelter adoptee.

A few years later, the little dog was killed in a car accident that also took the life of their young child. As they grieved from the unthinkable tragedy, someone from the city faxed him a photo of a dog with a ribbon around his neck and a note reading, “I’m for you.”

They named him Shorty. “He became part of the restoration of our soul and our family.”

As Porter ends his storied career as city manager this summer, he says spearheading construction of the animal shelter is the thing that makes him most proud. The cooperation between the cities of Duncanville and Desoto became a statewide model, and set the stage for future tri-city partnerships for emergency response and training.

“You can map the growth and maturity of this special city with the growth in how it has tended for its animals,” he says. “With animals, there’s a certain connection to the soul. We are taking care of them the way they should be.” He might have thought he wasn’t qualified for animal services, but in truth, he always was.

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PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Four members of the Cedar Hill Fire Department deployed to Southeast Texas in July to assist in response to Hurricane Beryl.



Members of the Cedar Hill Police Department, City Council, staff and volunteers went door to door to meet residents and get feedback on city services during the City’s quarterly neighborhood walk.



City Manager Greg Porter retired in July after 37 years of service to the City of Cedar Hill. Congratulations to the Porter family and many thanks for your dedication to the Cedar Hill community.

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.



BEST SOUTHWEST EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

SEPTEMBER 14 | 9 A.M. TO NOON
ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Learn how to prepare for emergencies and see how first responders help out in a crisis.



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.



PAPER SHREDDING

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

Bring up to three boxes of residential household paper waste for secure shredding.



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

OCT 3 | 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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST 13 SEPTEMBER 10
AUGUST 27 SEPTEMBER 24

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.



RECREATION CENTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 19 | 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Come celebrate 20 years of fitness, fun, and friendship at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center.

CEDAR HILL SPOTLIGHT: RED OAK CREEK TRAIL

Red Oak Creek Trail is a 3.16 mile concrete multi-use trail that links to neighborhoods, greenbelts, City Parks, schools and the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center. The trail runs along scenic Red Oak Creek and its large shade trees provide a cool respite during hot days. Access the trail at one of three trailheads at the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center (310 E. Parkerville Rd), Dot Thomas Park (1401 S. Clark Rd.), or Virginia Weaver Park (631 Somerset Dr.).



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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