



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

A DAY OFF WORK, A DAY ON FOR SERVICE: CITY EMPLOYEES GIVING BACK ON MLK DAY

Each year city employees are provided with a day off for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. But with family and friends in tow, they venture out to serve the wider community of Cedar Hill.

This year's acts of service included teams volunteering to provide meals at local non-profits, serving up fun for our senior citizen communities, and constructing a bird blind — creating a peaceful spot for birdwatching on the Signature Trail near the Traphene Hickman Library.

For ways you can serve the Cedar Hill Community, visit cedarhilltx.com/communityorganizations.



TRI-CITY TALES: HOG HEAVEN

He was spotted wandering on Maple Grove Drive in Cedar Hill, skittish and malnourished. The staff at Tri-City Animal Shelter had been trying to catch him for days. A street pig.

When he was finally captured, in February of 2022, the staff knew he needed a special home. Potbellied pigs have become popular pets, but they are highly intelligent, curious animals who need outdoor space and a lot of attention. They often cost more to feed than people expect (eating like pigs, ya know) and can grow quite large. According to the North American Potbellied Pig Association, the vast majority of newly adopted pigs end up re-homed after a year.

Or, in this case, picked up by the animal shelter. One of the staff members knew that the Tarver-Rendon Elementary School, part of Mansfield ISD, was a designated agricultural leadership school, complete with an outdoor classroom. The shelter called the school principal with a question: Could you use a potbellied pig?

"Of course I wanted a pig," says ag teacher Ladena Drake. "I love pigs. I was so excited." She immediately emailed the other teachers at the school, asking for name suggestions. One of her colleagues suggested "Hamilton." She was a fan of the hit Broadway musical about the U.S. Founding Father. Hamilton it was, heading to the classroom where it happens.

Shelter staff microchipped and neutered Hamilton, and after discovering he was severely anemic, recommended a special diet until he put on weight. When Drake picked up Hamilton, she found him skinny and terrified. Homelessness and his brief time at the shelter had left him traumatized. He was well cared for at Tri-City, but there was no escaping the sound of barking dogs, which trigger an innate stress response, given that canines are predators for pigs.

Today, thanks to a robust diet and loving care, Hamilton has completely transformed. He is beloved by students and staff—and runs to greet visitors with excited oinks. During the day, he hangs out with his best friend Mabel, a Boer goat. He is 130ish pounds of personality. If he hears Drake feeding the goats before he gets his breakfast, he protests in loud squeals.



Tri-City Tales are published monthly by the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter. To subscribe, visit tricityfriends.org.

PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Target thanked our officers on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with drinks and snacks to show their support.



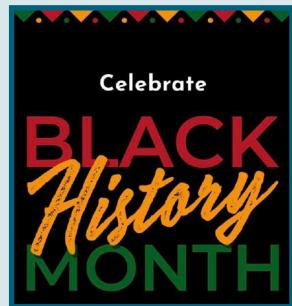
Remembering Dr. Peggy Wilson, the first woman elected to the City Council in 1994 and honoree of the Lifetime Achievement Award.



The Cedar Hill Fire Department recently celebrated a badge-pinning ceremony and swore in new hires and newly promoted fire personnel at the city council meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 1 - 28

Traphene Hickman Library will be hosting a variety of events and activities throughout the month to celebrate, educate, and inspire.



CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTY

MARCH 1 | 9 A.M.

ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Come celebrate our community at our 21st annual block party.



PAPER SHREDDING FEBRUARY 22 | 9 A.M. TO NOON GOVERNMENT CENTER

Secure paper shred at the Cedar Hill Government Center. Bring up to 3 boxes of residential household paper waste.



PARTY IN A PARK

MARCH 22 | 11 A.M.
CRAWFORD PARK

Join us for fun, food, music,
and community connections
outdoors!



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

FEBRUARY 27 | 6 P.M.
ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER

Mayor Stephen Mason addresses the Cedar Hill citizens about the state of our city.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

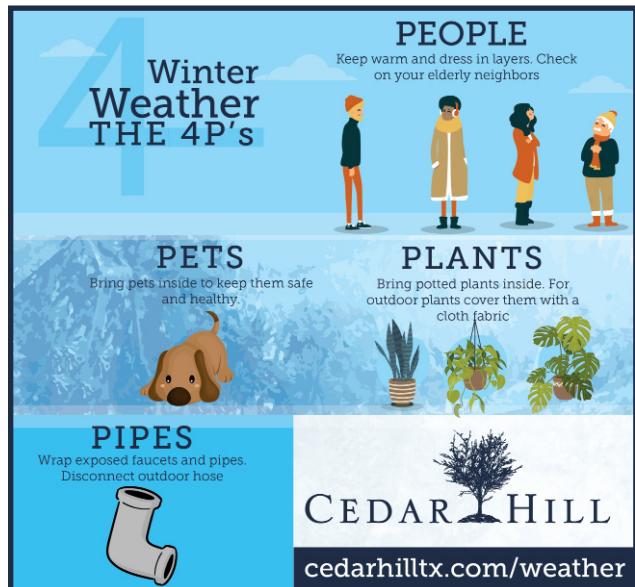
FEBRUARY 25

APRIL 8

MARCH 25

APRIL 22

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.



REMEMBER THE FOUR P's OF WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

As winter weather arrives, stay safe by limiting outdoor activity in extreme cold or icy conditions. Keep essentials like blankets and flashlights handy in case of power outages. If you need to travel, drive carefully on icy roads with a full gas tank. Dress in layers to stay warm, and watch for ice on sidewalks and streets. Stay prepared and stay safe this winter, by visiting cedarhilltx.com/weather for more tips.

CEDAR HILL'S ANNUAL CITYWIDE BLOCK PARTY

Join us as we roll out the carpet and celebrate our star-studded community! This year's block party will be one for the books as we provide free family fun, live performances, Kids Zone, food trucks, a market, and more! More details can be found at cedarhilltx.com/blockparty



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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