



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## CITY COUNCIL HONORS THREE OFFICERS FOR HEROIC ACTS

At the latest City Council meeting, three exceptional officers were recognized for their bravery and dedication to protecting the community. Corporal Kermit Fowlks, Officer Austin Williams, and Officer Anthony Covarrubio were each presented with prestigious awards for their life-saving efforts.

Corporal Fowlks received the Life Saving Award for his quick actions in a critical situation that resulted in saving a resident's life. His swift response and professional expertise ensured the individual received immediate medical attention.

Officer Williams was honored with the Purple Heart Award, recognizing his courage and resilience after sustaining injuries in the line of duty. His commitment to service, even in the face of personal risk, exemplifies true heroism.

The Medal of Valor was awarded to Officer Covarrubio

for displaying extraordinary bravery in a dangerous situation. His decisive actions under pressure protected lives and upheld the highest standards of law enforcement.

These awards serve as a reminder of the dedication and sacrifices made by officers to keep the community safe. The City extends its gratitude to Corporal Fowlks, Officer Williams, and Officer Covarrubio for their outstanding service.





# TRI-CITY TALES: HOG HEAVEN



It was Christmas time. Betsy Jones wanted her little boy, Crù, to have the gift he'd been begging for: a new pet. At first, he wanted a parrot, which, his mom told him, "Wasn't happening."

The day before Christmas Eve, his parents sat him down for some great news. He was getting a kitten! Crù squealed with the kind of explosive joy only a 5-year-old can know. Even better, everyone was piling in the car immediately to let Crù pick out his new friend.

But after arriving at a shelter in Dallas, the family was crushed to find there were no kittens. None. No problem, they told their son, we'll just go to a different shelter. They were told a second time — not a single one. Betsy didn't realize that kittens are usually seasonal. During the spring, in breeding season, shelters have more kittens than they have room for (and call upon squads of volunteer foster homes). In winter, kittens are scarce.

They drove home that afternoon, a sobbing little boy in the back seat — Santa said he was getting a cat. They heard the phrase that stabs every parent's heart: BUT YOU PROMISED. "At this point," Betsy says, "we thought Christmas was ruined."

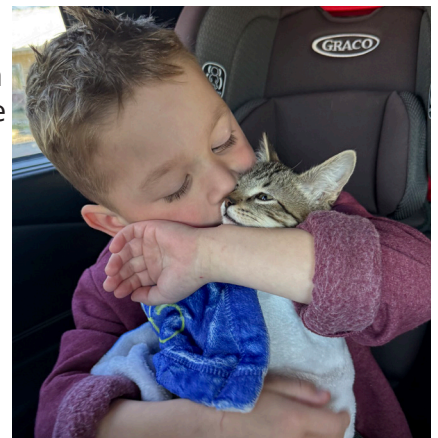
That night, Betsy began posting on Facebook, asking if someone — anyone — had a kitten needing a home. The post caught the eye of Tri-City Animal Shelter

director, Tammy Miller. Tri-City, by stroke of luck, had two kittens. Tammy was at home, more than an hour away, but she offered to meet Betsy at the shelter that night. (Betsy said it could wait until the next day, Christmas Eve.)

The shelter was closed for the holidays, but the staff opened up for Betsy and her mom. This time, Betsy decided to leave Crù at home, afraid of yet another disappointment. She picked up one of the kittens, a small male, who immediately began to purr and snuggle. Santa was going to come after all. "Everyone was so kind," Betsy says. "They sent us home with a new litter box, a collar, toys and treats."

Crù named his new kitten Meteor, after a book he'd read about a mouse who goes to the moon. Boy and kitten are now inseparable.

No doubt, Tri-City saves the lives of countless animals. But sometimes, they save Christmas, too.



## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



100 Days Smarter! CHISD students celebrated 100 days of learning, with students dressing up as 100-year-olds.



Thanks to a talented team of bakers and generous supporters, Cedar Hill employees were able to raise funds for the Helping Hands Foundation—one sweet treat at a time. Your love and kindness made a real difference!



Sweet moments, fun dance moves, and unforgettable memories were made at the Daddy Daughter Dance. Thank you Parks and Recreation for putting on a magical night!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK

**THURSDAYS | 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.**  
**TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY**

Starting March 13, a variety of food trucks will be ready for you to taste and explore every Thursday!



## GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY

**APRIL 18**

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.



## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**APR 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.



## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

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 BEAUTIFICATION & ARBOR DAY

**APR 12 | 8 A.M.**  
**TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY**

Join us for a morning to celebrate, maintain, and learn about the beauty of Cedar Hill!



## 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

**APRIL 8**  
**APRIL 22**

**MAY 13**  
**MAY 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).



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

**JUNE 15 | 5 TO 10 P.M.**  
**ALAN E. SIMS RECREATION CENTER**

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



# CEDAR HILL'S OFFICIAL PODCAST: ELEVATE EFFECT WITH MAYOR MASON

Cedar Hill is taking community engagement to new heights with its official podcast, Elevate Effect, hosted by Mayor Stephen Mason. Launched in 2024, this podcast offers insightful conversations with local changemakers, business leaders, and cultural influencers.

Now on its sixth episode, Elevate Effect provides a fresh perspective on community growth, innovation, and leadership. "By sharing their experiences, we're creating opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and be inspired," says Mayor Mason.

Each episode highlights key topics shaping Cedar Hill, from economic development and public safety to arts, culture, and civic engagement. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, the podcast delivers valuable insights in an engaging and accessible format.

Listeners can catch up on all episodes on YouTube (@cedarhilltxvideo), the city website ([www.cedarhilltx.com/elevateeffect](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/elevateeffect)), and major podcast platforms like Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart Radio, and Amazon Podcasts.





For media inquiries or to request an interview with Mayor Mason, contact [slivolsi@kstrategies.com](mailto:slivolsi@kstrategies.com).



## 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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