



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## CEDAR HILL CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING BEAUTIFICATION & ARBOR DAY

On Saturday, April 12, 2025, the City of Cedar Hill hosted its annual Beautification and Arbor Day Celebration at Traphene Hickman Library and Signature Park. This year's event was the biggest yet, drawing more than 400 volunteers—the largest turnout in the event's history.

One of the day's most popular features was the tree giveaway, where over 100 Red Oak trees found new homes with Cedar Hill residents, helping to grow the city's greenery.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to the Parks and Recreation team for their outstanding coordination and to every volunteer who showed up to make a difference. Special congratulations to WISE Academy for their continued growth and the meaningful impact they're making in our community.

Together, Cedar Hill is making a difference—one tree, one block, one volunteer at a time.





## TRI-CITY TALES: HONOR GUARD

Last November, DeSoto Animal Control Officer Michelle Romualdo responded to a call about a stray dog near a local church. When she arrived,

she found a black doodle mix hiding behind the building. As she approached, the dog bolted into a nearby ravine along Ten Mile Creek.

Romualdo assumed he'd be easy to catch with a live trap—bait it with food and wait for the door to shut. But when the dog stepped inside, his back paw held the door open. The trap only scared him off.

Her larger trap was in use, so while waiting for it to become available, Romualdo visited the church daily to feed the dog and keep him nearby. "We were afraid he'd vanish into the ravine forever," she said. Staff began calling him Honor, after a nearby street.

Once she got the larger trap, she began feeding Honor around it so he'd grow comfortable. She set up game cameras to monitor him. By late January, she got close enough to notice something alarming: Honor was still wearing the puppy collar someone had put on him long ago. It wasn't a breakaway design—and now it was embedded in his neck, infected and threatening his windpipe. Catching him became urgent.

Armed with gas station hot dogs, Romualdo set the trap again. This time, it worked. "We were so elated," she said. Honor was taken straight to the shelter's Lifesaving and Learning Center, funded by Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter. To everyone's relief, the collar hadn't yet damaged his trachea or blood vessels.

The next day, Honor wagged his tail for the first time. It was clear he had once known love. The team nicknamed him "Scruffy," and Romualdo now calls him "The Honorable Mr. Scruffy." He's thriving in foster care—gaining weight, enjoying car rides, and even sliding down playground slides.

"I didn't want him to suffer alone," Romualdo said. "We saved his life. He's one of my favorite catches of all time."

*Interested in adopting Honor? Call Tri-City Animal Shelter at 972-291-5335.*



## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Residents embraced the season by showing off their spring spirit at the festive Easter Photo Walls set up in downtown.



In celebration of Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, City Council honors the dedicated professionals behind the scenes who help save lives every day.



Councilman Malone, Mayor Mason, Chief Reyes, and City Manager Valadez enjoyed a game of ball during the Party in the Park event at Crawford Park. (Mayor Mason won).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## MUSIC IN THE PARK JUNE 6, 13, 20, & 27 AT 8 P.M. VALLEY RIDGE PARK

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



## INCLUSION POOL PARTY JUNE 29 | 5:30 P.M. 631 SOMERSET DR.

Join us for an evening of fun, community, and inclusion at the Inclusion Pool Party! This family-friendly event is free to attend.



## CEDAR HILL FARMERS MARKET EVERY 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY 300 HOUSTON ST

Join us in Historic Downtown to enjoy locally grown and handcrafted products.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY JULY 4

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



## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUNE 14 | 5 P.M. - 10 P.M. 501 E. WINTERGREEN ROAD, DESOTO

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



## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AUGUST 7 | 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.



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## PAPER SHREDDING JUNE 28 | 9 A.M. - NOON GOVERNMENT CENTER

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

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

### JUNE 10

### JUNE 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](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).

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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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