



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

CEDAR HILL NAMED COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR 2025!

Cedar Hill has been honored with the prestigious American Planning Association (APA) Texas Community of the Year 2025 award. This recognition is part of the State Planning Awards, which celebrate Texas' most outstanding planning projects, advocates, and communities.

The Texas Planning Awards Program highlights exceptional achievements in planning and leadership across the state. Nominees were evaluated by the Awards Selection Committee on originality and innovation, community engagement, implementation and effectiveness, quality, and the promotion of planning.

This award represents the highest level of planning recognition in Texas. Cedar Hill's efforts showcase best practices in community planning that will serve as a model for other communities across the state and nation.

Congratulations to our City Council, staff, partners, and residents who work together every day to make Cedar Hill a shining example for communities across Texas and the nation.

For more details on the Texas Planning Awards, please visit:
<https://texas.planning.org/community-outreach/chapter-awards/chapter-awards-2025/>



TRI-CITY TALES: HOG HEAVEN

In mid-May, someone called animal control after finding a box of abandoned chicks in a parking lot. There were four of them, a fast-growing breed, likely purchased from a feed store. Staff suspected they had been part of someone's Easter basket surprise, now unwanted with the holiday behind them.

Tri-City Animal Shelter doesn't have the means to keep chickens indefinitely, so director Tammy Miller called Pam and Michael Petty. The Pettys tend a flock of backyard hens accustomed to watermelon snacks in summer, a heated coop in winter, evening lawn strolls, and daily treats of freeze-dried fly larvae. Miller texted to ask if they might have room for four more. Yes, the Pettys said. When you already have a couple dozen, what's a few more?

When Pam and Mike arrived, Miller also mentioned a dog found that day in Duncanville. The Pettys are known for attracting rescues, especially mutts with rough beginnings. "Anything that looks like it needs a bit of a jump start," says Mike. They already had seven dogs, enough to require a special multi-pet permit with the City of Cedar Hill. While each dog has a bed, five prefer snuggling at night with their humans. The way the dogs see it, that's what a king-sized mattress is for.

Before leaving with the chickens, they met the new arrival. His hair was so overgrown it was hard to tell one end from the other. Under the tangled mass, he

appeared to be a teacup poodle. He seemed like a sweet soul who had been alone far too long. When you already have seven dogs, what's one more?

Still, Waldo, as they named him, would need to blend with the Petty pack. They brought him home a week later. He quickly fit in with the other dogs, and before long, he was trailing Pam and Mike everywhere. He now has his own bed but, like the rest, prefers the furniture.

The chicks, too, are settling into luxury. They appear to be broiler hens, not layers, but on Petty Farm poultry lives out its natural life. The Pettys insist they are now at maximum capacity for dogs and chickens.

Who knows, though. When the next stray comes along, they may think: what's one more?

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



PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Cedar Hill is officially named a Purple Heart city! We are happy for one more way to show love to veterans and their families.



The 55+ Wing is coming to Alan E. Sims Recreation Center! Residents had a chance to share ideas and excitement for this new city development.



This year we honor our City Secretary on 25 years of service to the city. Happy anniversary, Belinda Berg!



UPCOMING EVENTS



ZUMBA IN THE PARK MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 6:30 p.m. PIONEER PARK

Get moving and have a blast at this FREE outdoor fitness program in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill!



OLD SETTLERS' REUNION OCTOBER 10 | 5:30 p.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Enjoy a light supper, free bingo, exciting prizes, and the crowning of the King and Queen of the Hill.



TWEEN CROCHET 101 OCTOBER 7 | 5:30 p.m. TRAPENE HICKMAN LIBRARY

Add a new hobby to your tween's day! Visit cedarhilllibrary.org to register for this beginner class.



COUNTRY DAY ON THE HILL OCTOBER 11 | 9:00 a.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

"It's a Fiesta," and 2025 marks the 88th annual Country Day! Featuring a parade, arts and craft vendors, food & more.



FOOD TRUCKS IN THE PARK THURSDAYS | 5:00 p.m. 450 PIONEER TRAIL

Enjoy a rotating selection of delicious food trucks, live music, and a fun community atmosphere. **Ends in October!**



SCARE ON THE SQUARE OCTOBER 25 | 6:00 p.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Join us for a FREE and festive evening of Halloween fun with live performances, photo ops, trick-or-treating & more!



CEDAR HILL FARMERS MARKET 2ND & 4TH SATURDAYS 9:00 a.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Join us in Historic Downtown to enjoy locally grown and handcrafted products. **Ends in October!**



SPOOKY HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OCTOBER 24

Details coming soon! Check out our visitcedarhilltx.com page for updated details.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Make plans to come together with your neighbors, local law enforcement, and city officials to celebrate community and safety. More details at cedarhilltx.com/nno

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 2
OCTOBER 14

SEPTEMBER 9
OCTOBER 28

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.

INTRODUCING THE NEW VISIT CEDAR HILL!



We're excited to share that Cedar Hill's brand-new Tourism website is now live! This refreshed site is your go-to guide for everything our city has to offer, from outdoor adventures and family-friendly fun to local dining and hidden gems..

To celebrate, we're also relaunching our Visit Cedar Hill social media accounts! Follow along for insider tips, upcoming events, and must-see spots that showcase what makes Cedar Hill shine.

We're kicking things off with a stroll through Historic Downtown Cedar Hill alongside Destination Manager Michelle Ebanks. Take a peek at the highlights and discover why our downtown is the heart of the city.

Explore more at visitcedarhilltx.com

Follow us on Instagram [@visitcedarhilltx](https://www.instagram.com/visitcedarhilltx) and Facebook [@visitcedarhilltexas](https://www.facebook.com/visitcedarhilltexas) to stay connected.

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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