



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY: BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025–2026

On September 9, 2025 the Cedar Hill City Council took action on the proposed fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. This plan reflects the community's priorities by maintaining essential services and infrastructure while reducing the property tax rate to \$0.636449 per \$100 valuation (City of Cedar Hill, 2025). For the average homeowner, the budget translates to an investment of just \$5.74 per day to support vital services such as public safety, parks, and neighborhood revitalization. It also secures Cedar Hill's future by funding employee compensation adjustments, scheduled equipment replacements, and continued economic development efforts (City of Cedar Hill, 2025). This budget highlights the City's commitment to financial resiliency while ensuring Cedar Hill remains a thriving place to live, work, and play.

*To review the FY2025-2026 budget and learn how these investments will shape our community, visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/3226/Budget-for-Year-2025-2026](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/3226/Budget-for-Year-2025-2026).*



# TRI-CITY TALES: FROM FIREHOUSE TO FOSTERING



When Deb Mullins retired from the Dallas Fire Department in 2020, she chose to spend her time volunteering at the Tri-City Animal Shelter. She had adopted pets there since the 1990s, including a once-feral cat named Charlie, who now enjoys a life of comfort with the belly to prove it.

For nearly a year, Deb cleaned cages and pitched in on daily tasks. Then, in spring 2021, the director asked if she would foster a litter of kittens. Deb thought about the kittens confined to cages, trying to bat balls that landed in food bowls or litter boxes. She agreed to foster.

Deb teamed up with her neighbor, Becky Armstrong, who turned a spare room into a "kitty condo." Both now serve on the Friends of

Tri-City Animal Shelter board. That first year, they fostered 41 kittens, and they signed up again the next year... and the next.

The shelter provides supplies for foster families, from food to kennels. Since then, Becky and Deb have cared for more than 100 kittens. They even keep a photo album, like a baby book, with a card for each adopter to contact Deb about their pet's early life.

At first, Deb worried she'd grow too attached. "I've never had any animals that I didn't have for their whole life," she says. But now she feels proud knowing her role helps kittens become socialized and litter box trained, boosting their adoption chances. "I can give them a few months of happiness," she says. "We've given 100 kittens a healthy start."

*Tri-City Tales are published monthly by the Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter. To subscribe, visit [tricityfriends.org](http://tricityfriends.org).*



## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Cedar Hill Police launched the Citizens Police Academy with a full class eager to learn and connect with local officers.



City employees joined Public Works staff for a behind-the-scenes adventure (complete with a rare trip inside a water tower) gaining a deeper appreciation for the people who keep Cedar Hill running.



Laughter and smiles filled the room as Cedar Hill City Council members came together with neighbors at the Best Southwest Breakfast Series, highlighting the joy of community partnerships.

# 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!



## MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST DECEMBER 4 | 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.



## 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 November 20!



## PAPER SHREDDING DECEMBER 20 | 9:00 a.m. GOVERNMENT CENTER

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



## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 27 & 28

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.



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DECEMBER 24 & 25

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## HOLIDAY ON THE HILL DECEMBER 4 | 5:30 p.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Join us for a magical Holiday on the Hill! Come together with friends and family to light up the tree, meet Santa Claus, and indulge in a festive atmosphere filled with joy and wonder!

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 11   DECEMBER 9  
JANUARY 13   JANUARY 27

The City Council meets at the Cedar Hill Government Center. Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).

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## Dallas County Soarsers Young Birders Club

For more information and meeting dates email:  
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**DON'T  
BLOW IT**



**BAG IT**

Leaves and grass clippings can clog storm drain lines which may lead to flooding or other issues in our creeks and streams.

Don't blow it, bag up or compost your yard waste instead!



# 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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