



# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

## CEDAR HILL LAUNCHES GOATSCAPING INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE HABITAT MANAGEMENT

When it comes to habitat management, the City of Cedar Hill has hired the greatest of all time (or as it's better known, the G.O.A.T.) – quite literally. In partnership with North Texas-based Open Space Development, the City has welcomed a hardworking crew of goats to help restore balance to a local nature preserve. These four-legged landscapers are taking on overgrown vegetation one bite at a time, proving that sustainability can be both effective and charming.

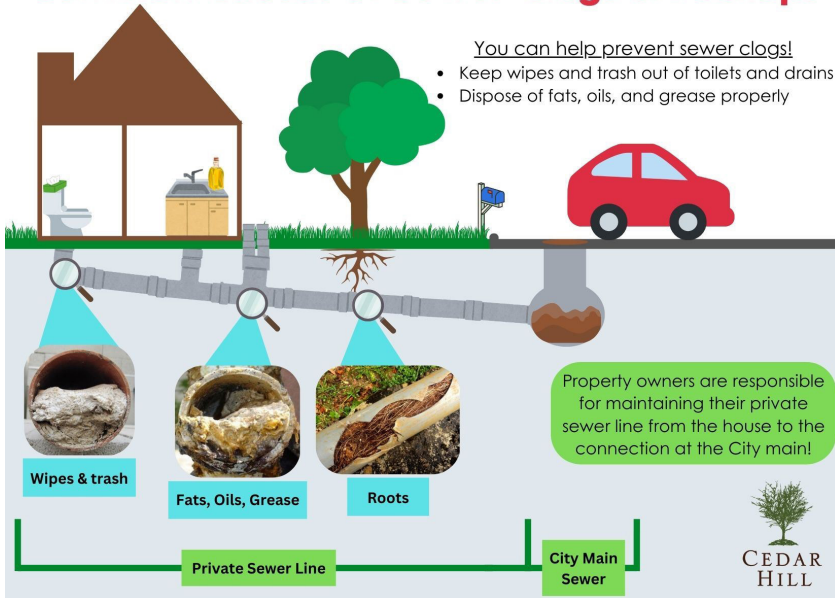
This innovative approach, known as goatscaping, reflects Cedar Hill's commitment to environmentally friendly land management. Instead of relying on machinery or chemicals, the goats use controlled grazing

to clear vegetation, fertilize the soil, and support the recovery of native plants. The herd is targeting invasive species such as *Ligustrum sinense* (Chinese privet) and *Sorghum halepense* (Johnson grass), which threaten native ecosystems. By grazing on these plants, the goats help restore the natural balance that supports pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

"Goatscaping is a simple yet powerful tool for habitat management," said Shawn Ray, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Cedar Hill. This natural solution also reduces emissions, minimizes soil erosion, and eliminates the need for herbicides. Sometimes the best way to care for the environment is to let nature do the work.



## Common Causes of Sewer Clogs & Backups



## DEFEND YOUR DRAINS: PROPERLY DISPOSE OF FATS, OIL, AND GREASE

Holiday cooking leave you with grease and used cooking oil? Don't pour it down your drains! Instead, you can drop off your used cooking oil and grease to the Cedar Hill Public Works Service Center, located at 1554 S. Clark Road, Monday through Thursday during business hours, 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is a FREE service for Cedar Hill residents! All used cooking oil and grease must be in closed containers and should not be leaking. Defend your drains and let us dispose of your holiday cooking oil and grease for you!

## HOLIDAY TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION

WM, Cedar Hill's trash and recycling provider, observes three holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Service may also be impacted due to inclement weather. Find updated information and sign up for service alerts and reminders at [cedarhilltx.com/trash](https://cedarhilltx.com/trash) or scan the code to get the latest details.



## PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Happy 21st Anniversary to the Alan E. Sims Recreation Center! Thank you to all who were able to attend and join in on the fun.



American Legion Post 111 in Cedar Hill gathered for a time of honor as they hosted a citywide flag retirement ceremony. Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve our country.



Cedar Hill celebrated 88 years of tradition with this year's Country Day on the Hill, which welcomed more than 8,000 attendees. To stay informed about next year's celebration, visit [cdoth.com](https://cdoth.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NOVEMBER 27 & 28**

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



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

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



## **MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**DEC 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 at 7:30 a.m.



## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DECEMBER 24 & 25**

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



## **HOLIDAY ON THE HILL DEC 4 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

### **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**

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!



## **NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY JANUARY 1**

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

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**DECEMBER 9**

**JANUARY 13     JANUARY 27**

The City Council meets at the Cedar Hill Government Center at 6 p.m. Agendas are posted 3 business days in advance at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).



# CALL FOR ARTISTS

**2025/2026 TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

**TAKE PART IN BEAUTIFYING CEDAR HILL BY SUBMITTING YOUR DESIGN CONCEPT TODAY!**



**THIS YEAR'S THEME IS:  
"CONNECTING COMMUNITY  
TO NATURE" & "SHARING  
SPACE WITH NATURE"**

**SUBMIT BY DECEMBER 30, 2025**

**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!



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## 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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