



CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

CEDAR HILL HONORED WITH CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The City of Cedar Hill is proud to announce it has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 35th consecutive year. This milestone reflects our commitment to financial stability, transparency, and ethical integrity. We are humbled and thankful for City leaders and staff whose dedication ensures Cedar Hill's assets are responsibly managed every day.



TRI-CITY TALES: WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN



Ashley Cole was out of town for Thanksgiving when her phone rang on Black Friday. Her pet sitter sounded frantic. Ashley's two dogs, Luna and Oso, had escaped from her backyard in Duncanville after digging out beneath a corner of the fence.

Oso, a Great Pyrenees, has been with Ashley for ten years. He was a puppy when Ashley's boyfriend—now her husband—gave him to her. Luna, a four-year-old yellow lab Ashley calls "everyone's best friend," loves tennis balls, paddleboarding, and following Oso wherever he goes. The two dogs are inseparable and, apparently, skilled escape artists.

At first, Ashley tried not to worry. Luna and Oso had gotten out before, and she and her husband believed they had fixed the problem by burying chicken wire along the fence. Ashley assumed the dogs would return on their own. But hours later, the sitter called again. After two hours of searching Duncanville, there was still no sign of them. Darkness fell, rain began, and Ashley knew Luna was afraid of storms.

Two states away in Alabama, Ashley panicked. She posted urgently on social media and Nextdoor and contacted the emergency line at Tri-City Animal Shelter. Staff responded immediately. No one had brought the dogs in yet, but they asked a question that gave Ashley hope: were the dogs microchipped?

Knowing they were chipped brought some comfort. If Luna and Oso reached a shelter, they could be identified. Ashley tried to sleep, waking often to check her phone.

Around midnight, a Duncanville police officer responded to a report of an injured dog near Santa Fe and Wheatland Roads. He found a yellow lab with a leg injury and a Great Pyrenees standing guard. When the officer opened his car door, Oso jumped inside. Both dogs were taken to Tri-City, fed, and settled onto warm blankets.

By morning, Ashley learned her dogs were safe. Luna's injury was only a sprain, and she is recovering well. The dogs no longer have unsupervised backyard time. The fence has been reinforced again, and GPS collars are on the way.

Ashley believes microchipping made all the difference. Two other Pyrenees picked up that same night were not chipped and were still waiting for their owners. She credits the shelter staff for their care and quick action.



PEOPLE MAKE IT A COMMUNITY



Congratulations to Art & Bundle!
Winners of Cedar Hill's 3rd Annual Tree
Decoration Contest.



The Cedar Hill Action Team partnered with
AT&T and Compudopt to host a community
giveaway of laptops. With help from City
Council members in distributing the
computers.



Many smiles and much fun at the
Employee Christmas Luncheon.
Congratulations to our Employee of the
Year, **Juan Martinez!**



FIRST RESPONDERS BECAME SANTA'S HELPERS

While holiday lights and decorations filled Downtown Cedar Hill, another kind of magic was happening behind the scenes. Throughout December, the Cedar Hill Police Department, alongside the Fire Department, community partners, and volunteers, worked to make Christmas special for more than 400 local children through three impactful programs.

Heroes and Helpers brought 70 CHISD students together with local heroes, including police officers, firefighters, veterans, nurses, and educators, for a special shopping experience made possible through partnerships with Target and the Cedar Hill Education Foundation.

During Shop With a Cop, officers shopped alongside 40 children from Trinity Church's Single Parent Ministry, ensuring each child had gifts to place under the tree. Community partners helped provide breakfast and gift wrapping, while officers often went above and beyond for the families they served.



The largest effort, Elf and Friends, supported more than 300 children through Angel Trees placed throughout the city. Thanks to generous donations from residents, businesses, and city staff, families picked up wrapped gifts just before Christmas and shared meaningful moments with police and fire personnel.



These programs reflected the true spirit of the season and showcased the dedication of those who worked tirelessly to support Cedar Hill families during the holidays.

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REPORT ISSUES
like graffiti, potholes, or water leaks.

STAY CONNECTED
with easy access to the City's calendar.

FIND CONTACT INFO
for City departments and services.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE
with city council meeting agendas.

THE JOY OF BIRDING

Resolution: More Birds, More Joy!
Join in on this **FREE** program and discover the world of bird watching!

Saturday, January 10
Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center / 3206 FM 1382 Cedar Hill, TX 75304
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Register Today!
bit.ly/3MKATSS

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY JANUARY 19

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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY CELEBRATION JANUARY 22 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY

Join us for an inspiring event featuring musical performances, powerful words of Dr. King, and much more.



POLAR PLUNGE JANUARY 25 | 1 p.m. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Join the Annual Polar Plunge to support local athletes with intellectual disabilities. Every dollar raised helps provide year-round sports training, competitions, health services, and inclusion programs.



ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS FEBRUARY 12

Get ready for an engaging in-person gathering where we'll share exciting updates and a look ahead at what's planned for Cedar Hill in 2026.

Reserve your tickets at:
www.cedarhilltx.com/sotc

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**JANUARY 13 JANUARY 27
FEBRUARY 10 FEBRUARY 24**

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.

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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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