

# Highlights



The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

## Cyclists Head for the Hills



**Over 1,100 enjoy terrain, endure rain**

More than 1,000 bikers from the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond flocked to the Rotary Club of Cedar Hill's "Head for the Hills" bike rally on May 12.

The event started and ended in Uptown Village at Cedar Hill. A small team of Rotary Club members directed a large staff of volunteers and coordinated participation

from local companies. Cedar Hill police officers helped control traffic on city streets as the cyclists journeyed on 10, 20, 40 and 60-mile routes.

### Broad involvement

Rest stops were provided every 10 miles along the route. Volunteers from other area organizations and businesses provided water, sports drinks, cookies and fruit.



Some of the 1,00+ riders pass the Cedar Hill Government Center as they "Head for the Hills."

Mini Chick-Fil-A sandwiches were available for the 40 and 60-mile riders.

At the last rest stop, Expressions Chiropractic helped work out the kinks for weary riders.

Back at Uptown Village, riders lined up to enjoy Red Robin restaurant burgers, cooked on-site. Razzo's offered riders cups of spicy pasta (carbs) to those waiting for burgers.

Not even rain showers during the event dampened spirits. Comments from riders included:

"My favorite ride! Thanks to the city of Cedar Hill, volunteers, police officers, Red Robin and all that continues to make this ride awesome! Yes, even with the rain."

"Great event!! I especially enjoyed the

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## CCPD funding program needs no new taxes

During a recent City Council briefing session Cedar Hill Police Chief Steve Rhodes provided information about how Cedar Hill might benefit by setting up a Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) as prescribed by state statutes.

A CCPD would require no new taxes. It is funded by reallocating current sales tax revenue without changing the sales tax rate.

The sales tax rate in Cedar Hill is 8.25%. That rate will not change if the CCPD is approved.

The initiative would require no new taxes. Funding would be provided by re-allocating 1/4 cent of sales tax revenue that is currently going to the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation.

If the ballot initiative fails, the sales tax rate will remain the

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## LOST

### Lost on how to handle a lost pet?

If you have lost a pet, the first thing to do is contact the Tri-City Animal Shelter and Adoption Center at 972.291.5335. In addition to calling you should bring a picture of the pet to the shelter at 1150 E. Pleasant Run Rd. and fill out a "lost" report.

Remember, lost pet signs may not be placed in the right-of-way or medians according to Section 9-60 (e) of the Code of Ordinances, nor can they be attached to light/utility poles nor to mail boxes.

The City of Cedar Hill requires all dogs, when outdoors, to be confined within the



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Code Enforcement Manager Stacey Graves, above in blue, directs volunteers helping with paper shredding and right, residents line up to drop off old electronic devices for safe recycling at no cost. This event collected 25,552 lbs. of electronic gear, the most ever. The City has provided these free services to residents since 2010.



## E-waste & paper shredding draw record participation

## 1,100+ ride in Rotary bike rally

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stop serving a warm Chic-Fil-A sandwich in the rain :) Looking forward to next year."

Next year's "Head for the Hills" bike rally is set for May 11, and Uptown Village will be hosting the event again.

This event was started in 2007 as a fund raiser for the local Rotary Club and to add a premier special event to the com-

munity's calendar to attract visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of Cedar Hill.

### Funds = benefits

The event has raised \$106,000 benefitting local charities including The Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Cedar Hill Education Foundation, Bridges Safehouse, Hope Mansion, Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter, Cedar Hill Library, TROT, CPAAA, Wheelchair

Foundation and Polio Plus have all benefited.

The club also provides new coats and school supplies to in-need Cedar Hill children. A scholarships is provided for one high school student, and several children attend the International Museum of Cultures "Travis Day Camp".

To be a sponsor or a rider in "Head for the Hills" 2013, visit [headforthehills.org](http://headforthehills.org).



"head for the Hills" cyclists pass the Cedar Hill Business Park early on their 10, 20 40 or 60-mile treks.



Do not program 9-1-1 into your speed dial. Accidental calls from cell phones account for nearly one quarter of all 9-1-1 calls, taking time from true emergency calls. Calling 9-1-1 from a cell phone is always free.

**Notify Me** will send you an email or text message update whenever new information is posted on the City website about topics of interest to you. Want to know when there's a new related news item or calendar event posted? Scan this code with your smart phone to sign up for the information you want.



## Watering restrictions

**No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. seven days a week from May 1 to Sept. 30**

From May 1 to September 30, outdoor watering is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fines for violators start at \$200 for the first offense.

The City requests no outside watering at all on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow the system to re-

plenish supplies in the water storage tanks.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at [tinyurl.com/CHwater](http://tinyurl.com/CHwater).

Refer to the home page of the City website [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com) for water usage updates.

# Community Calendar



At the May 22 City Council meeting, Council Members Cory Spillman and Chris Parvin were joined by their families as they were sworn in by City Secretary Lyn Hill, left. Both Spillman and Parvin ran unopposed in the latest local election. During the meeting Daniel Haydin was elected Mayor Pro Tem.



Asst. Chief Rodney Thompson spoke during Cedar Hill's National Peace Officers Memorial event, and the color guard helped place a wreath remembering Cedar Hill police officer Grady M. Lamb.



Martha Franklin teaches tennis lessons thru the Parks & Rec. Dept. She and the coach from Garland held a tennis tournament for the students of the two cities. **Front row:** Marcela Lopez, Addison Carlisle, Holden Hathcock, Ethan Hathcock, Noah Loredo, Molly Reed **Middle row:** Layken Lynch (partially hidden) **Back row:** Helga Lopez, Nathalia Sorto, Coach Martha, Ajah Henderson.

## June

### **June 4 – August 24, Lucky Longhorns Summer Day Camp**

Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Grades K-7, Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack included, \$90 per week or \$70 per week for free/reduced lunch students. Call 972-291-5130 for information.

### **22 & 29 Music in the Park**

8 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free concerts by various artists while relaxing under the stars.

### **26 City Council Meeting**

6 p.m. Briefing Session, Regular City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room. Agenda posted online and at the front door of the Government Center at least 72 hours before meeting at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda).

## July

### **4 Government Center offices closed**

Check [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com) for information about other City facility closings.

### **4 Red, White & Pool**

1 - 5:45 pm, Crawford Park pool

Cost: \$2

Family-friendly games and competitions will be played. There will be a slip 'n' slide for everyone to enjoy and a water slide for the little ones. Call 972.291.5318 for more info.

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For the most up-to-the-minute calendar items, check out the City's online calendar by scanning this QR code with your smartphone. Free QR scanners are available in your phone's app store.



A City ordinance requires yard sales and garage sales to be registered online at [www.cedarhilltx.com/garegesale](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/garegesale) or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register by Thursday to get on the list. It's free and it will advertise your sale on the list published Fridays on the city website.

# Contacts

After Hours  
972.780.6643

Alarm Monitoring  
972.230.5248

Animal Control  
972.223.6111

City Administration  
972.291.5100x1010

City Secretary  
972.291.5100x1011

Code Enforcement  
972.291.5100x1090

Economic Develop. Corp.  
972.291.5132

Fire Department  
*Non-emergency*  
972.291.1011

Human Resources  
972.291.5100x1050

Library  
972.291.7323

Municipal Court  
972.291.5100x1041

Neighborhood Services  
972.291.5100x1084

Parks & Recreation  
972.291.5100x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs  
214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs  
972.480.5868

Police Department  
*Non-emergency*  
972.291.5100x2400

Public Relations  
469.272.2903

Public Works  
972.291.5126

Recreation Center  
972.293.5288

Senior Center  
972.291.5353

Tri-City Animal Shelter  
972.291.5335

Utility Billing  
972.291.5100x1200

## CCPD funding

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same and EDC sales tax revenues will be unchanged.

The State-of Texas authorized CCPDs and our City Council would decide which specific public safety programs would be funded under the program. Possibilities are enhancements to the radio dispatch center, school-police programs and police-community safety programs.

A CCPD budget can include personnel, administration, expansion, enhancement and capital expenditures.

The City Council is examining the possible budget and may call for a vote in the November election.

The City Council places a high priority on public safety. As a result, Cedar Hill has one of the lowest crime rates in Dallas County.

CCPD must be renewed by another vote in 5 years.

Other cities are already using CCPD funding for over 50 types of crime prevention and public safety programs.

Based on current Cedar Hill sales tax reports, the CCPD would have about \$750,000 available per year.

Sales tax is collected on retail sales made in the city. Much of this revenue comes from shoppers who live outside of Cedar Hill.



## State recognizes historic 1856 tornado graveyard

Members of the Dallas County Historical Society, the Cedar Hill Historical Society were part of a group of about 40 people who attended the placement of a "Historic Texas Cemetery" by the Texas Historical Commission at what has become known

as Crawford's Tornado Graveyard. This historical grave site, located in thick cedar brakes off Cedar Hill Road, is one of the oldest integrated cemeteries in Dallas County. Learn more about it on the City website at <http://cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=1518>.

## Oncor posts info on power outages

### **Powerful storms often leave many of us without power.**

In the dark we wonder, "Has anyone called this in? How long will it take to get power back?"

Now Oncor, the electricity transmission company that serves most consumers in North Texas, and specifically Cedar Hill, has introduced a

new website ([stormcenter.oncor.com](http://stormcenter.oncor.com)) where consumers can see a map of outages that have been reported, see how many people are affected and get an estimated time when power will be restored.

The site is also available from [oncor.com](http://oncor.com) by clicking Power Restoration. On the [oncor.com](http://oncor.com) mobile site just click on Outage

Map. These sites are accessible by

The City does not maintain or restore power lines. Do not call the City to report power outages, contact Oncor at 1.866.797.4839

If there are downed power lines, call 911 and keep people away from the lines.

## Lost pet

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owner's fence, tied on a leash or under the control of the owner. Dogs running at-large are subject to being impounded by the City.

Owners of impounded animals could receive a citation for violating the City's leash law.

The fee for the first impoundment starts at \$30, the second at \$60 and up until the fifth time the fee is \$100.

Animals redeemed from the shelter will have a microchip put in prior to leaving and must be spayed or neutered within 30 days. There is a \$25 fee for microchipping.

Owners must also

provide proof of rabies vaccinations within three business days of the animal being impounded.

Owners should keep current identification on the pet, have a current picture of the pet, report the pet missing immediately to the shelter and let neighbors know so that they will recognize it.

If you find a lost pet, contact Animal Control at 972.223.6111 immediately or take it to the shelter during regular business hours: Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You may keep it in your home and search for the owner yourself but contact the shelter to leave a "found" report and bring the animal to be scanned for a microchip.



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