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# Highlights

## WNV prevention

## Help fight the bite, use 4D's

### Drain

Remove breeding sites on your property. Drain standing water, cover trash containers so they won't hold water, change birdbaths, pet dishes and wading pools at least weekly, check boat tarps and grill covers for trapped water.

### Dress

Wear long-sleeve, loose and lightly-colored clothing when outside.

### DEET

Use repellants with DEET or other FDA approved repellants and follow instructions.

### Dusk to dawn

Be aware that mosquitoes are most active from just before sunset until just after sunrise.



The City of Cedar Hill is partnering with Dallas County Health and Human Services and asks all residents to help reduce the number of West Nile Virus (WNV) infections this year.

The City has contracted with Dallas County to monitor the virus through weekly testing of sample mosquitoes collected from 5 traps in Cedar Hill.

If a sample tests positive for WNV, the entire district will be treated from truck-mounted sprayers. If needed, spraying will be scheduled late on

a Sunday night. Notices will be posted on the City website and recorded calls will be made to residences in the affected areas.

The City is asking residents to join in the fight using a 4D defense. (See list at left).

### WNV season runs April-October

The City conducts mosquito-control activities year-round but increases those efforts from April through October.

### What is West Nile Virus?

It is an infection carried by mosquitoes.

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## Chamber of Commerce selects Alan Sims Man of the Year



'A man who has made contributions to the quality of life in the city...'

Cedar Hill City Manager Alan Sims was honored at the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce Banquet in April where he was named "Man of the Year."

The award recognizes "A man who has made contributions to the quality of life in the city, demonstrated leadership, cooperation and teamwork as well as inspired others to better serve the community."

Sims has served as

City Manager since 2000 and helped guide the City through booming retail and population growth as well as challenging economic times.

His long and successful tenure has made him a sought-after counselor to administrators and elected officials alike.

He is a member of the Lions Club, a charter member of the Cedar Hill Rotary Club, and he serves on the board of directors of the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Trinity Church and Christian School Board of Trustees. In 2008, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Northwood University.

He has served in leadership for several national public administration organizations and has been active in regional transportation issues.

## Register for WNV updates

Scan this code with your smartphone using any QR code reader app. It will take you directly to the page where you can register your family's phone numbers to receive automated phone calls from the City if spraying is scheduled for your street.



## Fight the bite From front page

ried by mosquitoes. They become infected when they feed on a bird that has the virus in its blood. People get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. WNV can cause illness, and, in a very small percentage of cases, death.

Most people infected with WNV have no symptoms of illness and never become ill.

Some may become ill 3-15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache and body aches, a high fever, stiff neck, confusion and muscle weakness.

Health officials suggest getting medical attention at the first sign of symptoms, especially if your immune system is weakened by other conditions.

### Stay informed

- **Register your phones at** [cedarhilltx.com/connect](http://cedarhilltx.com/connect)

- **Check the City website daily** [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com)

- **Follow the City on Facebook** [City of Cedar Hill, Texas - Government](https://www.facebook.com/CityofCedarHill)

- **Report standing water**  
Send email to [pw@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:pw@cedarhilltx.com)

## Cedar Hill is tops for young adults

Data compiled by *The Dallas Morning News* lists a large chunk of Cedar Hill as a very popular place to live among 18-24 year-olds.

Following is a portion of the article written by Loyd Brumfield that appeared in the Neighborsgo section of the paper on Friday, April 19:

That top neighborhood is a large area that includes Northwood University at its northern-most point. It is bordered by Joe Pool Lake to the west, Mansfield Road to the south and North



Clark Road to the east. It was ranked ninth overall for young adults in the North Texas region.

The area includes downtown Cedar Hill, which is where many young adults choose to live.

"A lot of people are trying to move here because of the location," said downtown resident Shawn Bates, a CarMax employee who, at 26, wasn't surveyed for *The News* analysis but has lived in the area since he was 23. "Cedar Hill just seems like a good place to start a family. I like the idea of buying property now because I feel like [the downtown area] is getting ready to grow."

The News' analysis based its rankings on factors that young adults reported were most important to them in the polling. Safety was the most heavily weighted, along with affordability and proximity to schools.

The unique patio entrance at Babe's Chicken House and the kinetic sculpture beyond, are part of the unusual flavor found in downtown Cedar Hill

"We're getting a truly unique set of young people," said Cedar Hill City Council member Jami McCain, a staunch advocate of bringing more young people into the community. "They came here because they want to serve their city."

Many young adults say an affordable cost of living and easy access to recreational areas and other parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth area helped them pick Cedar Hill, which has a population of about 45,000 and is between DeSoto on the east and Grand Prairie to the west.

"Everything is here," said 19-year-old Gina Gardone, a student at Christ for the Nations, a Bible college in Oak Cliff. "There's shopping [at Uptown Village], restaurants, and everyone of a certain age hangs out at White Rhino Coffee Shop."

For the full article, visit *The Dallas Morning News Neighborsgo* site at <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/best-southwest/headlines/20130418-downtown-cedar-hill-area-no.-1-for-residents-18-24-who-cite-low-costs-abundance-of-activities.ece>

## Cedar Valley College in Cedar Hill earns SBA's 'Best of the Year' Award

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Dallas/Fort Worth District has chosen the Best Southwest Small Business Development Center at the Cedar Valley College Center in Cedar Hill as the best small business development center of the year.

It's the first time in the center's 21-year

history that it has received this honor.

The 2013 Salute to Small Business luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. May 23 at the Sheraton Arlington Hotel at 1500 Convention Center Drive. Tickets are \$30 through the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Dr. Megan Palsa, director of marketing and public relations at Cedar Valley College, at 972.860.8142 or by emailing [mpalsa@dccd.edu](mailto:mpalsa@dccd.edu).

The Best Southwest Small Business Development Center was created in 1992 to provide management counseling to area residents. In 2002 it moved to the Cedar

Valley College Center at Cedar Hill.

The current director, Russell Wyrick, joined the program in October 2010 as part of the college's community resources and economic development team led by Patricia Davis, chief community and resource development officer.

"This is a huge honor for our team," Wyrick said. "Their willingness to engage in the critical conversations necessary to transform the Best Southwest SBDC over the past 21 1/2 years has been instrumental in its success."

"This exceptional recognition is a reflection of Cedar Valley College's vision to be a premier college transforming lives and communities," Davis said.



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### Down&Dirty Mud Run

June 2 at Cedar Hill State Park. Get more information on this national mud and obstacle run series at [www.down-anddirty mud-run.com](http://www.down-anddirty mud-run.com)



## People make it a community



Annie Flory, 7th grade student at Permenter Middle School, receives her S.T.A.R. student award from City Council member Jami McCain.



Kathy Tra, an 8th grade student at Bessie Coleman Middle School enjoys the presentation of her S.T.A.R. student award from Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Haydin.



City Council member Jami McCain spoke about many benefits the Walk the Light festival brought to downtown Cedar Hill during the City Council's recognition of WTL staff Courtney and Laura Allen. They were joined by Mayor Rob Franke, Russel Read of the Main Street Advisory Board and Patty Bushart, Historic Downtown Manager.



### Spring Cleanup

Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful hosted 125 residents who picked up a huge collection of litter on April 13. Residents of all ages joined together on this project, shared hotdogs and donned t-shirts. Plan to be a part of the September citywide Fall Cleanup.

# Community Calendar

For the most up-to-the-minute information on events, 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.



www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx

## May

### 25 Crawford Park pool opens

530 Krantz Rd. Open daily from 1-5:45 p.m. May 25 - Aug. 11 (Closed May 28-30 and June 3-6). Season pass is \$50, daily admission \$2. Call 972.291.5130 or visit [cedarhilltx.com/swim](http://cedarhilltx.com/swim) for information.

### 27 City offices in Government Center closed Memorial Day

Check City website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com) to see hours for other City facilities.

### 28 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session

7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

## June

### 1 Youth Fishing Tournament

8 a.m. - noon, Valley Ridge Park Pond, 2850 Park Ridge Dr.

Ages 4-16. Bring fishing poles, bait and tackle provided. Register at site. This free event is sponsored by Parks Dept. and Dallas Bass Hookers Club. Call 972.291.5130 or visit [cedarhilltx.com/fish](http://cedarhilltx.com/fish) for info.

### 5 CHISD Grades 7-12 last day of school

### 6 Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center Free First Thursday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., special extended hours

1206 West FM 1382. Call for details 469.526.1980

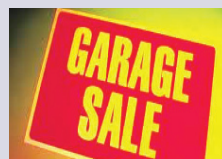
### 7, 14, 21, 28 Music in the Park - Free Concert Series

Enjoy great music outdoors every Friday evening in June in the Cedar Hill Amphitheater in Valley Ridge Park, 2850 Park Ridge Drive. Bring food or enjoy concessions provided by The Pink Pig beginning at 7 p.m. Music begins at 8.

## Saturday litter collection project

Meet at the Government Center every Saturday at 10 a.m. to help keep Cedar Hill clean by collecting litter in all parts of the city. This program is supported by Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful and coordinated by Don Hughes. To confirm, if weather is iffy, please call him at 972.765.4285.

## Promote your garage sale for free on the city website



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

## More social than ever

Keep up with the latest goings on in Cedar Hill via social media. You can tweet with us at [twitter.com/CedarHillTX](https://twitter.com/CedarHillTX). Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](https://pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).



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City Secretary  
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Code Enforcement  
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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  
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Utility Billing  
972.291.5100x1200

## City Center planners looking for your ideas

The expansion of regional rail service in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex is bringing some exciting opportunities to Cedar Hill. The City wants your opinions.

With two rail stations (Loop 9 and City Center) identified by the North Central Texas Council of Governments Mobility 2030 Plan, the city is currently preparing for the City Center station along the future West Oak Cliff/Midlothian Red Line extension.

Since the fall of 2012 the City's Planning Department, has been working with a citizen's advisory group and consulting firm, to prepare a preliminary master plan to address land use, street design, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, public open



space, future rail transit station location, and a circulator system throughout the City Center area.

The City Center will be the focal point of a Transit Oriented Development or TOD. TOD's create sustainable communities that help transform auto-centric cities into more people-centric cities.

Plans for the City Center TOD call for a walkable, mixed-use development near the Government Center. At about 800 acres, City Center is comprised of Uptown,

Downtown and Midtown, and is bound by Pleasant Run to the north, just below Tidwell to the south, US 67 to the east, and the BNSF railway to the

west.

City Center is positioned to bring:

- opportunities for local employment and job creation.
- housing options to strengthen the city's tax base and create a more sustainable future.

• a reduction in household spending on transportation.

• more walking opportunities and a healthier lifestyle.

The City wants to hear your opinions about amenities in the City Center area.

Complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CedarHillTOD>.

Or call Asst. City Planner Don Gore at 972.291.5100 x1076 or email him at [don.gore@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:don.gore@cedarhilltx.com)

More information is available at [cedarhilltx.com/citycenter2](http://cedarhilltx.com/citycenter2).

## Amphitheater hosting free June live concert series

The Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater is a 3,000 square foot amphitheater. It features a natural bowl, seating for 2,000 people and convenient paved parking.

For years it has hosted the popular Music in the Park Concert Series. "We look forward to the concert in the park every year. It's a great family friendly event and is a great way to be with the community," said Cedar Hill resident Melissa Bowers.

This year's Cedar Hill Music in the Park Concert Series is set for every Friday in June from 8:00 p.m. until. Enjoy free concerts by artists including Joyce Spencer & Expressions on June 7 (Jazz), Memphis Soul on June 14 (R & B), Party Crasher on June

21 (Rock), and Jukebox Live on June 28 (70's music).

Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater is located at 2850 Park Ridge Drive. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and relax under the stars with music in your ears. There will be a food vendor at each event but no alcohol or glass containers are allowed.

Valley Ridge Amphitheater information: 972.291.3900.

## Residents 'triple' blood donations for West, TX

On April 17, the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas caused several deaths and hundreds of injuries. Hearing of the need for blood, the City of Cedar Hill posted an

appeal for donors on the website and issued an appeal via social media.

The next day Carter Blood Care's Cedar Hill Donor Center had 132 people come in to donate blood; three times more than the usual amount of donors.

"I felt good knowing Cedar Hill was showing up in droves," said resident Cynthia Ferguson. By the end of the week 221 people had donated blood and the number is still growing. Way to go Cedar Hill!



**June 1** Join in volunteer work on Cedar Hill State Park trails. Call Jeff Achee at the park, 972.291.3900 x231 for details.



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