

August 2012

Highlights

CEDAR HILL

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

CHFD saving lives, property & more

This fire engine is going green!



The Cedar Hill Fire Department recently took delivery of a Pierce PUC (Pumper, Ultimate Configuration).

According to Fire Chief John Ballard,

this unit gets double the gas mileage of a conventional engine.

And it can fight a fire on the move. It is capable of pumping and rolling, more effective on a grass fire

near the roadway, for example.

The pump that feeds the fire hoses is mounted between the frame rails which makes it lower and farther forward, allowing a shorter wheel base, hence more maneuverability. Great for tight residential streets.

This engine is equipped with a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS). CAFS mixes air and foam with water to make a more effective fire extinguishing agent. Cedar Hill engines all carry 500 gallons of water and 20 gallons of Class A foam.

Lower ongoing costs

Safety, serviceability, and operating costs were all major factors in deciding to purchase this unit. Pierce trucks are among the safest. The cabs

are designed to withstand a roll over without collapsing. And it is equipped with air bags. The step-in height for this truck is about 3" lower for easier, safer boarding. The windshield is lower, allowing better visibility for the driver.

and maintenance of a generator.

The truly new feature of this design is the cab interior. The overall visibility is improved. It is set up to carry five personnel in seats moved inboard to give the firefighters more shoulder room.



Even maintenance will cost less. Daily fluid checks can be done without tilting the cab. The valves for the discharges are configured around a walk in area for quicker repair.

Lighting on the truck is 12-volt which saves the cost, weight

This unit has much more storage area than the engine it replaces, but has a lower profile. Almost all equipment is stored in compartments, including the ground ladders.

Long-term project

The apparatus com-
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Apartments are going green

Now apartment live-ers can recycle too! Beginning in August, apartment managers will be offering recycling services in cooperation with the City and Waste Management.

Every apartment can request an 18-gallon bin. 8-yard Waste Management Recycle containers will be strategically located for all apartments.

It's easy, no sort-

ing required. Most paper, packaging and other materials are recyclable. Unacceptable items are pizza boxes, dirty food containers, plastic grocery bags, electronics, ceramics or dishes, garbage, light bulbs, window glass or yard waste.

For more information visit greencedarhill.com or call the City at 972.291.5100 x1003 for more information.

Choose how to pay your water bill

■ By Mail

Include your account number on your check mail it with the payment stub in the envelope provided. Mail to:

City of Cedar Hill
285 Uptown
Cedar Hill TX 75105

■ Drop boxes

Drop your envelope with your check and the payment stub in either of the drop boxes that are available 24/7 in front of the Government Center at 285 Uptown or in front of the Recreation Center at 310 E. Parkerville. Payments are credited next business day.

■ Western Union

You may pay your water bill at Kroger's Grocery service window or at Woodforest National Bank inside Wal*Mart during their regular business hours. Payment can be via cash, check or money order and there will be a \$1.50 service fee. Your payment will be posted the next business day.

■ Online

Go to cedarhilltx.com and click on the "Online Payments" button or go directly to <https://cch-payments.net>. It takes just a couple of minutes to set up your account and next visit it is just a matter of clicks. Visa, Mastercard or American Express cards are accepted. Your payment will be credited the next day.

■ Automatic bank draft

Contact Utility Billing at 972.291.5100 x1200 for information about setting up your account for automatic payment from your checking account.

■ In person

The windows in the Government Center, first floor, are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, excluding holidays.

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 related news item or calendar event posted?



Scan this code with your smart phone to sign up for the information you want, or email corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com

At the library

Growing Closer

The Cedar Hill community garden pilot program at the library has been a great success, according to Library Director Kim Risner. It has been instrumental in developing a sense of community among the participating gardeners.

"They watch and care for others' gardens and develop friendships", she said. "The gardens have drawn intergenerational participation, and created a familial bond as all members of the family interact in this gardening experience".

Many gardeners have also deepened their relationship with the library. They feel more comfortable visiting with staff, using the library, and participating in other programs. We are getting more input about customer needs. One gardener recommended books of interest to the community, and a desire to see self-check-out stations.

When people feel engaged and that their voice is important they

often take a deeper interest in the success of an organization.

Gardeners share their produce with the staff, attend Master gardening classes, and pot luck meals. For some gardeners this has been a rewarding learning experience, because of their inexperience in growing plants. By teaching these skills the library is promoting environmental sustainability and lifelong learning.

The harvest of this summer's Community Garden project has been a lot more than tomatoes and squash. Traffic has increased inside the library and many new relationships have been planted as neighbors learned from each other.

For the fall season, current gardeners have priority in signing a contract but there should be a few beds available.

Applications will be made available for new gardeners in September.

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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.

Refer to the home page of the City website www.cedarhilltx.com for water usage updates.



ABOVE: Mayor Rob Franke is joined by Lucille Ames, Chisholm Train Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as he issues a proclamation designating the week of Sept. 17, 2012 as Constitution Week in Cedar Hill. September 15 is the 225th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution in Philadelphia.



ABOVE: Big Brothers & Sisters, Dallas Region, recognized the residents of Cedar Hill for submitting the most applications to serve as a BB or BS during a recent registration drive for the Best Southwest cities. Mayor Franke is joined by (L to R) Wendell Hall, VP of Recruitment, Tim Drennan, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, Dani Bethune, Regional Executive Director and Allison Thompson, EDC Director for the City and BBBS liaison. There is still a huge waiting list of young people in this area who need sponsors. Connect on Facebook/bbbstx.

Factoid

Cedar Hill is one of the oldest organized communities in Dallas county and was designated as the temporary County Seat before it was assigned to Dallas. See more Fun Facts at cedarhilltx.com, look for "Popular Links" and "Cedar Hill Fun Facts."

For live music in Cedar Hill check out:

Uptown Village Friday concerts through August 25 at uptownvillageatcedarhill.com/en/eventsandpromotions.html and Bailey's Grille Jazz Nights at uptownjazzdallas.com/events/event/listFeatured

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. Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas. Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](https://pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).



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

August

25 Music in the Park

8-10 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive. Jazz concert featuring The Primary Colors with Matt and Luke Marantz, local musicians, now based in the exciting jazz scenes in Boston and New York. The Pink Pig will be serving BBQ and more starting at 7 p.m. For more information, call 972.291.5130.

27 First Day of School - CHISD

28 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.

September

8 Kids on the Hill Creative Arts Festival

6-9 p.m. Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater, 2850 Park Ridge Drive. Enjoy professional storytelling, crafts, dance, face painting, mimes, food and more. Event is highlighted by a free concert by "The Doo Dads" a wildly popular Kansas City band of Dads who apply kid-friendly lyrics to rock & roll beats. For more information, visit cedarhilltx.com/kids.

11 & 25 City Council Meeting

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15 Mother & Son Adventure - Backyard Safari

10 a.m.-Noon. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 301 E. Parkerville Rd. Mother-and-son-only event for boys ages 5-12. Scavenger hunt and craft project with a light lunch. Register early to save, at cedarhilltx.com/adventure.

29 Sister to Sister Festival and 5K

6 a.m.-Noon. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 301 E. Parkerville Rd. Walkers, volunteers, corporations and community supporters from the Metroplex will unite to walk and address the risks of breast cancer. Register at celebratinglife.org or call 972.501.9981.

29 Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful - Community Cleanup

6 a.m. - Noon, Free hot dog lunch at 11:30 at Crawford Park. Register your group at cedarhilltx.com/KCHB. For more information, call 972.291.5100 x1094.

October

2 National Night Out

Residents will gather in neighborhoods on this evening to celebrate the benefits of getting to know each other and working with the police department to help keep our community safe. For more information, check for updates at cedarhilltx.com/NNO. Right now you can register your neighborhood or group and receive an organizational kit at nno.org/nno/reg.html.

Submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this calendar by emailing complete info to corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com.

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

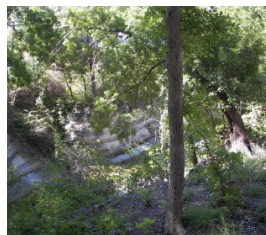
Tri-City Animal Shelter
972.291.5335

Utility Billing
972.291.5100x1200

Sept.29 Clean up with KCHB

Help your friends and neighbors Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful on Saturday, Sept. 29 by getting your group together, selecting the area you want to clean up and register your group at cedarhilltx.com/KCHB.

Free gloves and trash bags will be available at the team



leader meeting a week prior to the event.

Meet with other KCHBers at Crawford Park for a free hot dog lunch after the cleanup at 11:30. More info is available from Stacey Graves at 972.291.5100 x1094.

'Green' fire engine from page 1

mittee began working on the design of this unit in early 2011. Russell Boyd, Robert Burlison, Charles Christian, John Denison, Richard Dixon, Curtis Greenburg, Drew Harris, Ben Irish, Cory Landers, Ron Osborn, Jerry Pena, and Chris Tancred served on the apparatus committee along with Chief Pendley and Chief Ballard.

The estimated front line service for this

engine is 12 years and for 9 more years it is expected to serve as a reserve engine.

This unit will be housed at Station 213 in High Pointe.



Let the City help promote your garage sale by registering it on the city website at cedarhilltx.com/garagesale or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register by Thursday to get on the list posted on Fridays. It's free! Yard sales and garage sales must be registered, by City ordinance.



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Growing at the library from page 1

E-books here!

E-books have arrived at Zula B. Wylie Public Library. The 3M Cloud platform is brand new on the library scene. Your library is the first in the state to roll out this program.

Library cardholders can download a book on up to 5 devices, to read almost anywhere. the 3M Cloud Library app is available for iPhone and iPad as well as Android devices. cardholders can use the discovery station in the library to download e-books directly to their account.

The library is preparing some 3M E-Readers for checkout to Cedar Hill Library cardholders. The E-Readers are expected to rollout in August.

Learn a new lingo with Mango

Do you want to learn a foreign language? Mango Language program is now available on the library website.

Introduction classes will be offered this fall. Dates are yet to be determined. For more information please contact the library at 972.291.7323.

Growing more at the Library

Your library has increased adult program attendance by 204% compared to last year.

There have been 24 new adult-focused programs added in 2011.

Efforts started in

October, 2011 to reach out to the adults in the community and determine what programs best fit their interests and needs.

The community garden has been a significant contributor to the increase. People attend Master Gardener Classes, visit the library to care for their garden and then use the other library services.

Programs geared towards parents during children's programs have opened up a new adult audience.

Computer classes offer new topics, such as how to use Facebook and other social networks. Classes help sell items on eBay, and have more fun with photos.

The new Cedar Hill Genealogical Society has offered research classes.

Soon, the library will offer computer classes geared towards E-readers and the new collection of e-books available.



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