

September 2012



# Outstanding October

## Busy month filled with community activities

### Right neighborly

On Tuesday night Oct. 2, Cedar Hill neighbors will get together to focus on crime prevention and safety at National Night Out events.

Last year's NNO gathered over 58 neighborhoods in 19 different locations.

National Night Out increases crime and drug prevention awareness; strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

For information about NNO in your neighborhood, contact [jerry.busby@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:jerry.busby@cedarhilltx.com) or call 972.291.5181 x2145.

### Crazy Country Day

Fun and excitement abound each year on



the second Saturday of October when Cedar Hill celebrates Country Day on the Hill. 2012 will mark the 75th edition of this event,

featuring a parade, a 5K Fun Run, over 100 craft vendors, food, activities, contests and live entertainment on three stages through

LEFT: Sometimes, when you get caught up in the excitement of Country Day, you just have to dance. **Oct. 13, 2012**

BOTTOM LEFT: Police Chief Steve Rhodes visited a neighborhood fire station last year to speak to residents about keeping Cedar Hill safe during National Night Out.

**Oct. 2, 2012**

BELOW: Scare on the Square is a fun afternoon sponsored by merchants in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill. **Oct. 27, 2012**



the entire day. The fun begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

This community event includes city, school, civic group, church, business and area citizen volunteers.

Country Day on the

Hill was started in 1937 by a small group of Cedar Hill citizens to renew old friendships.

In the past few years crowds have been estimated between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors on

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# Wind working with solar

"In Cedar Hill we are blessed with a beautiful natural environment", Mayor Rob Franke recently said, "Our 'Growing Green' initiative is our decision to be intentional, to learn about new technologies, conservation, re-use and preservation."

He said a primary goal of the City's Growing Green initiative is to maintain the distinctive character

and wholesome lifestyle of our community while being responsible stewards of our gift.

The recent addition of a 4.5 kW wind turbine system at the Government Center is the latest example of Growing Green in action.

This wind energy project joins solar panels on the roof, electric vehicles and chargers in the parking lot and

enhanced recycling services city-wide.

"The wind turbine does many things," says Melissa Stephens, Assistant City Manager. "First and foremost it serves as a symbol of the City's dedication to



green technology and renewable energy.

At the Government Center residents and visitors can view and experience several forms of renewable energy including solar, wind, electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations."

## Part of the plan

Stephens said renewable energy projects are not undertaken unless they make sense in three categories: socially (the community), environmentally (carbon emission reduction) and economically (saving the City money or is a grant-funded project).

The City Council adopted a Sustainability Action plan that expresses the desire to offset the costs of electricity with renewable energy. Staff has used that guide in pursuing federal and state grants for projects.

The wind turbine may look more like public art than a generator, but it is a real tool in the City's plan to explore viable renewable energy options. The screen at left, located in the lobby of the Government Center, shows visitors real-time generation of electricity by the wind turbine and solar panels on the roof.



**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.



## Apartments are going green

**Now apartment live-  
ers can recycle too!  
Apartment managers  
are offering recycling  
services in coopera-  
tion 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](http://greencedarhill.com) or call the City at 972.291.5100 x1003 for more information.

**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](mailto:corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com)

# Local items on November 6 ballot

During the August 14 City Council meeting, two ordinances were approved to add propositions to the November 6 ballot.

## Crime Control and Prevention District

The City is asking voters to approve the creation of the Crime Control and Prevention District. This citywide crime prevention initiative is to fund police officers to keep Cedar Hill safe with no new taxes.

It involves reallocating 1/8 of 1 cent from the existing revenues of the Economic Development Corporation to fund this program. Approval is for five years.

More details about the CCPD is available on the City website at [cedarhilltx.com/CCPD](http://cedarhilltx.com/CCPD).

## Legal sale of beer and wine

The second proposition allows voters to decide whether Cedar Hill will be authorized to approve the legal sale of beer and wine for off premise consumption only.

This proposition was brought to the City Council with a petition containing a number of signatures totaling more than 35% of the registered voters in the City who voted in the most recent gubernatorial election. The petition was certified by the City Secretary as required by the Texas Election Code.

## CHISD bond election

Also of local interest on the November 6 ballot is a bond election proposal of \$45 million to address district-wide safety and security, HVAC and roof replacements, technology infrastructure and equipment upgrades.

For more information on the CHISD bond election, visit [tinyurl.com/CH12bond](http://tinyurl.com/CH12bond)

## Dogwood Canyon = beautiful fall

The Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center is offering fall programs along with weekly events. Visit their website for a schedule at <http://tx.audubon.org/dogwood-canyon-audubon-center>.

## 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://www.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](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx)

## September

### 25 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).

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://cedarhilltx.com/NNO). Right now you can register your neighborhood or group and receive an organizational kit at [nno.org/nno/reg.html](http://nno.org/nno/reg.html).

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### 12 Old Settlers Reunion

5:30 - 8 p.m. Under the tent on Cedar Street in Historic Downtown \$5 adults, includes dinner and a bingo card. Kids are less, extra bingo cards available at \$1 each. Old settlers and new friends gather for the prelude to Country Day. Beans & cornbread dinner begins at 5:30, crowning of King and Queen on the Hill at 6:30. Bingo begins at 6:45.

### 13 Country Day on the Hill

9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Historic Downtown Cedar Hill Parking available at the High School, shuttle bus provided. This marks the 75th year of this fall classic. Enjoy the parade, live entertainment on three stages all day. a 5K Fun run, a Chili cook off, over 100 craft vendors, food, contests, did I mention food? Visit [cedarhillcountryday.com](http://cedarhillcountryday.com).

### 20 Hazardous Household Waste Collection for Fall

9-11 a.m., Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Bring hazardous items as listed at [cedarhilltx.com/hhw](http://cedarhilltx.com/hhw).

### 27 Scare on the Square

3 p.m., Historic Downtown Cedar Hill Scary tales begin at 3 p.m. at the Old Lumber Yard on Broad St. Costumes encouraged, participation free for all children accompanied by an adult. Trick-or-treat downtown merchants at 3:45. For more info, call 972.291.5100 x1084.

### 27 Fall Family Festival

6-9 p.m., Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd. This is a free family event offering games, crafts, bounce houses, food and more. Call 972.572.1986 for information.



# Contacts

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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  
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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 Have fun, get dirty 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](http://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.



## Who answers your alarm?

You can have your home or business alarm monitored by our local 911 Center. Get the fastest possible response. Find out about 3 months free at 972.230.5248.

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the streets of our Historic Downtown Cedar Hill. All event parking is at the Cedar Hill High School with free shuttle service available to and from the festival throughout the day.

## New settlers invited

On Friday evening, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. join in the fun at The Old Settlers Reunion. The gathering takes place under the Main Tent in downtown on Cedar Street at Houston.



For only \$5 per person (\$3 for children under 12) you can savor a dinner of beans and cornbread, witness the crowning of "The King and Queen of the Hill", enjoy live entertainment, play bingo and enter for a chance to win wonderful prizes.

All proceeds benefit local charities within the Cedar Hill community.

For more information contact the Friends of Country Day at 972.293.1483 or visit [cedarhillcountryday.com](http://cedarhillcountryday.com).

## Spooky Downtown

Scare on the Square's goblins, ghosts, and ghouls are set to invade the Historic Downtown Square on Saturday, October 27. Fun storytelling, costume wearing, and trick-or-treat activities will be available for people of all ages.

Admission to the storytelling is always free to children accompanied by a parent or guardian. Guests are encouraged to arrive on time.

Scary tales begin at 3 p.m. at The Lumber Yard in Historic Downtown followed by Trick or Treat with local downtown merchants at 3:45pm.

If you have questions regarding Scare on the Square, contact Patty Bushart at 972.291.5100 ext. 1084.

**Free wi-fi**

Free wireless internet connection is available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.

**ACCESS Cedar Hill**

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