

October 2012



Highlights

November 6 ballot holds local items

**When you go vote
please be sure to check
the bottom of the ballot
for local propositions; two for
the City and the CHISD bond proposal**

Crime Control and Prevention District

The City is asking voters to approve the creation of the Crime Control and Prevention District. This city-wide 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 cedar-hilltx.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 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.



Am-bus mass response

This article contributed by Anita Hall, publisher of *CEDAR HILL good news* a weekly online newsletter available at www.cedarhillgoodnews.com.



The Cedar Hill Fire Department recently acquired a Multi-Patient Vehicle transport, or "MPV2-03" also called the "Am-Bus," funded by a state grant.

You may have seen this big white bus rolling down Belt Line. I stopped by Fire Station 4 on Lake Ridge, where the vehicle was parked, and had a very interesting conversation with EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham.

The Cedar Hill Fire Department was organized in May, 1941, with eleven volunteer members. In 1964, the department took a

step that no other department within hundreds of miles had taken when it established emergency medical service (EMS) within the fire department.

Today, the department operates four fire stations, staffed by 78 highly-trained personnel.

The department maintains a fleet of superior apparatus and equipment, providing premier service to the citizens of Cedar Hill.

Cunningham wrote

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At station 214 (Lake Ridge) with the am-bus, are Engineer Drew Harris, EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham, Captain Mike Wofford and Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Richardson.

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Voting information

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Dallas County administers federal, state and local elections for most residents of our community. The information below is for Dallas County residents. If you live in Ellis County, please contact Jane Anderson, Elections Administrator at 972.923.5195 weekdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Am I registered?

You can see if you are registered by visiting Dallas County's official elections site at dallas-countyvotes.org.

You can request a voter registration form online or pick up a form at the Information Desk at the Cedar Hill Government Center. It must be mailed to the voter registrar in the county of your residence. Several organizations are organizing voter registration drives during community events. Registration ends October 9.

When is early voting?

The Cedar Hill Government Center is an early voting location for Dallas county residents:

Monday, Oct. 22 - Friday, Oct. 26
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday Oct. 29 - Nov. 2
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where do I vote on Tuesday Nov. 6?

If you visit dallascountyvotes.org and click on the "Voter Information" icon you can see the address of your precinct's polling place for the November 6, 2012 general election.

More information

Dallascountyvotes.org also has information about mail ballots and voters with special needs or you can call the Dallas County Elections Department at 214.819.6300.

Deputy City Manager Greg Porter shines in the glare of positive publicity during his interview for the ICMA video recognizing our city's successful partnerships.



ICMA video features our partnerships

At the International City Managers Assn. Conference in Phoenix

this month Cedar Hill is being recognized in a video focusing on

our community's innovative partnerships and collaborations.

The City's attitude of cooperation is a long-standing tradition that has brought to life shared facilities like the Tri-City Animal Shelter, the unified public safety dispatch system, fire boundary drops, the Dogwood Canyon Center and numerous other agreements with public and private entities.

The video visits several of the facilities built as a result of successful partnerships.

It also features comments from Mayor Rob Franke, City Manager Alan Sims, Deputy City Manager Greg Porter, Assistant City Manager Melissa Stephens and resident Jami McCain.

All spoke of the benefits for residents who receive enhanced services at lower costs as a result of the multi-entity cooperation.

Shop Cedar Hill

Help yourself and the community

If you are wrapping up your back-to-school shopping or getting started on your holiday gift list, remember to Shop Cedar Hill and give yourself the gift of community services.

By shopping locally you can save yourself time and gas while helping reduce air pollution in the metroplex. With so many advantages and with so many great stores and restaurants opening here, you almost don't need to go anywhere else. (Hey, Mr. City Manager, how about an Apple® store?)

A portion of the sales taxes on the merchandise you buy at businesses in Cedar Hill goes into City funds which pay for important city services such as police and fire protection, parks, the library, and street maintenance. By shopping in Cedar Hill, you have a direct impact on supporting the city services you enjoy.

We've made it easy for residents to find great shopping and dining in Cedar Hill. Visit whycedarhill.com and click on "Shop" or "Dine" for lots more information.

Shopping close to home can be so much more rewarding with local businesses who tend to be more responsive to your needs and interests.

If you're active in social media you know there are local tweeters, bloggers and Facebook pagers who strongly support local shopping and dining. We love that! Check them out and contribute your comments about what you like (and don't like) about local businesses.

Check out whycedarhill.com for a listing of shopping and dining establishments for your next outing. The site is sponsored by the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corp. Let us know about new businesses you discover or appreciate or recommend.

Contact michaela.dollar@cedarhilltx.com with input for whycedarhill.com.

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

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Cedar Hill



Click on this button on the City website at www.cedarhilltx.com to find answers and request services from the City.

It takes a village to raise a bike rack



The new, artistic bike rack in front of Pioneer Park in historic downtown Cedar Hill represents the inspiration and cooperative effort of about a dozen residents and employees of the city to provide a place to secure bikes on the square. The design features a replica of the old water tower that used to stand on Texas street.

Shown above are Theresa Brooks, a member of the Cedar Hill Arts Council; Patty Bushart, Main Street Manager for the City; Gabriel Allred, member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board (who likes to ride his bike to downtown); Al Armistead, former mayor and member of the Cedar Hill Arts Council and current Mayor Rob Franke.

Also involved were Parks Director Rhoda Savage, Parks Superintendent Clifton Felts, Parks Crew Chief Chance Baker and other Parks employees.



9/11 reminder presented to Cedar Hill



At the September 11 City Council meeting the City was presented a relic from the World Trade Center by retired NY Firefighter Paul Nigro, above center. Securing a certified piece of WTC I-beam was made possible by Firefighter/Paramedic Traci Hemminger's (above right) contacts with the NYFD.

The subsequent process of transporting and preparing for display was coordinated by Fire Chief John Ballard (above left), Captain Richard Dixon (not shown) and involved a number of local firefighters.

The display, which includes other items and information related to the New York attack on September 11, 2001, is on display in the lobby of the Government Center.

Mr. Nigro's presentation was very moving and emotional for many in the audience even 11 years after the event.

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

October

20 Hazardous Household Waste Collection for Fall

9-11 a.m., Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd. Bring hazardous items as listed at cedarhilltx.com/hhw.

23 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.

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.

30 Members Appreciation Day

6:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd. Members of the Cedar Hill Recreation Center will be honored throughout the day for their support of the Center. Visit cedarhilltx.com/special-events for more information.

November

03 E-Waste & Paper Shredding Event

8 a.m.-Noon, Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd. Residents can drop off computers, monitors, hard drives, TVs (up to 32"), printers, fax machines, satellite TV equipment, VCRs, stereos and related electronic gear. These items will be 95% recycled. You can bring up to 3 boxes of papers and watch as they are shredded. Commercial material not accepted.

06 Election Day

7 a.m. - 7 p.m. For your polling place, visit dallascountyvotes.org and click on the "Voter Information" icon, enter your name and birth-date to find out where your precinct votes. For information call Dallas County Elections Department at 214.819.6300. For early voting information, see page 2 of this issue.

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22-23 City offices and facilities closed for Thanksgiving holiday

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).



Contacts

After Hours
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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



Dump the gunk Sat. Oct. 20

Hazardous Household Waste Collection from 9-11 a.m. at the High School

Proof of residency required. Residents may bring acids, aerosol cans, antifreeze, batteries (all kinds including car batteries), brake fluid, craft chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaner, fertilizer, fluorescent light bulbs, herbicides, household chemicals, motor oil, paints and stains, paint thinners, pest strips, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, oil filters, solvents, transmission fluid, and varnish.

Residents should NOT bring ammunition, asbestos, building materials, explosives, medical waste, PCB's, radioactive material, computers, smoke detectors or tires.

If you have questions about what to bring, call Code Enforcement Supervisor Stacey Graves at 972.291.5100 x1094.

State grant funds CHFD am-bus

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a grant application to the State of Texas to pay for this \$460,000 am-bus that can serve as a rolling medical station or transport up to 17 patients in an emergency situation.

Mass transit

Our new am-bus is integral to any mass casualty response plan; evacuating hospitals or nursing homes, responding to school and tour bus accidents, treating heat-related issues at marathons or other large public events. It aids the City's response to natural disasters or large-scale accidents, the rehab of firefighters or as an on-site command center.

MPV2-03 can transport up to 10 patients in wheelchairs, and has pull down seats for ambulatory patients.

Cedar Hill Fire Department's am-bus has five air conditioning

units, five remote blood pressure/heart rate/blood oxygen level monitors, a slide-out stretcher system, a 15-foot loading ramp, a large generator, germ and virus resistant flooring, and many other features.

The unit has stainless steel compartments stocked with blankets, standard medical supplies, a refrigerator and freezer for medical supplies, and "...

enough oxygen to go from here to New York," boasted Cunningham.

One of 12 in Texas

Texas plans to position 12 MPVs around the state with four in north Texas: Sherman, Frisco, Fort Worth and Cedar Hill.

Much of the reason Cedar Hill qualified for the bus is due to our highly-trained fire department personnel.

EMS Chief Cunningham reports that all our fire fighters are certified paramedics and Class B drivers, qualified to drive more than an ambulance. The other dominant issue that the state looked at is the City's history of response when a major disaster strikes, like hurricane Katrina.

Cunningham said emergency responders across the state are now trying to

determine the best mode of operation. "This has been an ad-



EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham in the versatile and gleaming interior of the newly-operational am-bus acquired under a state grant program.

venture," he said. The CHFD worked with UT Southwestern to determine the most efficient ways to use the bus for proper care of the patients onboard, but "...we're writing the book on this because this type of equipment is a totally new thing."

"We look at this as a great asset for the area," said Cunningham with a big smile. After reviewing the big white bus, I've got to agree.



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