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# HIGHLIGHTS

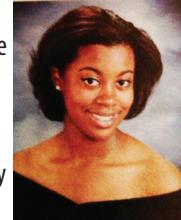
## Cedar Hill native Ivana Hall wins Miss Texas title

Cedar Hill native and 2008 Cedar Hill High graduate Ivana Hall was selected as Miss Texas 2013 from a field of 48 talented and attractive young women from across the state at the the Allen Event Center in July.

She received a \$10,000 scholarship and other prizes as Miss Texas and will compete for Miss America in Atlantic City on September 15. The Miss America organization is the largest donor of scholarship assistance for young women, awarding over \$45 million annually.

The morning after the pageant Ivana appeared on WFAA's Good Morning Texas, the first of many TV and special

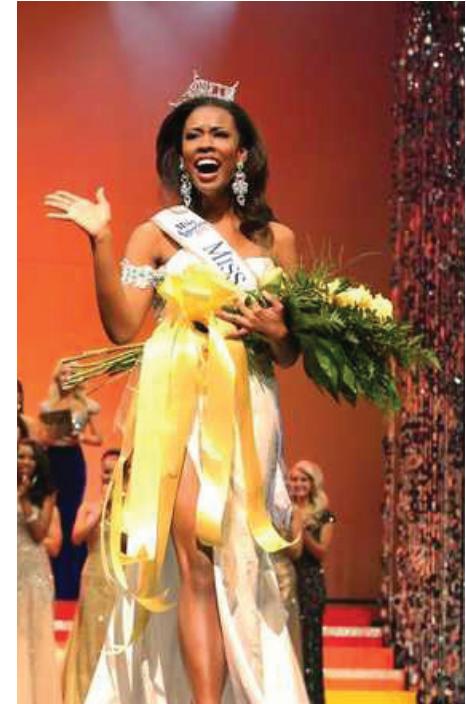
Not only was Ivana in the 2008 Longhorn yearbook, she also served on the yearbook staff and was described by then CHISD yearbook coordinator Linda Martin as a lovely young lady.



event appearances for the new Miss Texas.

Hopefully, we'll see her back in Cedar Hill soon, maybe at some of our special events.

Congratulations to Ivana and her family. We wish her the best and a successful reign as Miss Texas 2013 and beyond.



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 is asking residents to join in the fight using a 4D defense.

## Join the fight, help stop WNV

### 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 repellents with DEET or other FDA approved repellents and follow instructions.

### Dusk to dawn

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

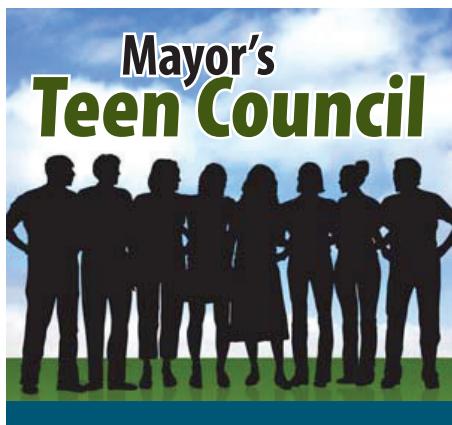
### Stay informed

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

### Register for WNV updates

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





This fall, high school students residing in Cedar Hill are invited to get more involved with local government by joining the Mayor's Teen Council.

This program will provide students the opportunity to learn about local government and how city services are provided, in addition to learning about our city's heritage.

Applications will be available Monday, August 26 on the City's website, in the City Administration office, at the Recreation Center, at High School and Collegiate counselors' offices, and at the library. Once the Mayor's Teen Council is chosen, student members will serve a two-year term or until they graduate.

Teen Council members will attend meetings twice a month where they will share ideas about Cedar Hill's local government and provide input on local issues to the Mayor, City Council and City staff. Student members will establish connections with the community

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## Volunteers add new garden plots at schools

This summer, Cedar Hill ISD, the City of Cedar Hill and a number of volunteers collaborated to create six new community garden plots on school campuses.

The plots are at Bray Elementary, Lake Ridge Elementary, West Intermediate, Joe Wilson Intermediate, Bessie Coleman Middle School, and Belt Line Education Center. There are 22 community garden plots at the Zula B. Wylie library already producing crops.

Charles Plummer, a local gardening expert, is the volunteer coordinator for the project. "What we are trying to voice is healthier eating from organic gardens. By showing people that growing your own garden is affordable and easy to do then we could help spread awareness of this issue," said Plummer.

Volunteers built raised garden beds with cinder blocks, added soil and compost to the beds, built a tool shed and laid down a weed barrier for mulch walking paths around the garden.

"Cedar Hill ISD is excited about the prospect of linking our students' hands-on learning experiences with our community and parents," said Director of

Student Support and Community Services Dr. Chanda McGhee.

The increasing number of community garden plots reflects the continued greening of Cedar Hill. The plots represent ongoing partnerships between the City, CHISD and supporting businesses



Toby Snowden of High Pointe Baptist Church was one of the volunteers who helped install six community garden plots at area schools. Beds made of concrete block were built over weed barrier sheets and filled with rich soil.

and involved residents.

Beyond the valuable organic gardening techniques being shared are the frequent encounters between neighbors, students and others that foster a feeling of community.

For more information about the plots contact Charles Plummer at 214.392.0753 or at charlesplummer37@yahoo.com.

## Fire Dept. honored

Fire Chief John Ballard is proud of two medical service awards recently presented to the Cedar Hill Fire Department by Methodist Charlton Medical Center.

The first award was EMS Provider of the year, presented for outstanding EMS care and community service.

The second award was for a crew treating a resident with an ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction, the deadliest kind of heart attack. The crew's excellent communication with Charlton staff prior to the patient's arrival resulted in minimal time in the Emergency Room before going to the cardiac cath lab for a stent.



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

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

Conservation during hot summer months is critical to avoid entering Drought Response Stages.

Any additional watering restrictions

required under the City's Drought Response Stages will be posted on the home page of the City website [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com) if and when they are put into effect.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages and water conservation on the City website at [www.cedarhilltx.com/water](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/water).

## People make it a community



Uptown Village at Cedar Hill's Jam to Give concert series in July and August drew large crowds, raised money, provided in-kind donations for charities in the area and promoted good times with community spirit.



The Merrell Down & Dirty Mud Run brought over 1,000 participants from age 8 to 80 to Cedar Hill State Park this spring. Sponsors agreed that attendance was up again this year because of the great venue and the the beauty of the Cedar Hill area.

### Saturday litter collection

Meet at the Government Center every Saturday at 9 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.

**Join the Cedar Hill Community Band**  
Call Donald Stockard at 214.542.8529 or  
email [cedarhillcommunityband@yahoo.com](mailto:cedarhillcommunityband@yahoo.com)

# 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.



[cedarhilltx.com/calendar/home](http://cedarhilltx.com/calendar/home)

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### 15 Fashion with Flair Luncheon and Style Show

11:30 a.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Benefitting the programs of the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, featuring fashions from New 2 You. Tickets are \$25. Call 972.293.2822 or 972.293.0411 for tickets and information.

### 26 CHISD First day of school

### 28 City - IMPACT Business

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Multipurpose Room, First Floor, Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

These monthly meetings are a time when information is shared between the City of Cedar Hill and the Cedar Hill Chamber of Commerce. These meetings are open to everyone and are a great opportunity to network.

### 27 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting  
Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

## SEPTEMBER

### 2 City Offices in Government Center closed for Labor Day

For information on hours of other City facilities, check the home page at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).

### 3 Taste of Cedar Hill & Business Expo (12th annual)

5-8 p.m., Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Rd.

Seniors only hour starts at 4 p.m., \$5 admission.

Enjoy samples of great food from local eateries, prize drawings, access to local business owners, and a silent auction, all in a relaxed atmosphere. Get your Taste of Cedar Hill tickets online at [cedarhillchamber.org](http://cedarhillchamber.org) or at the door, \$10 adults, \$5 children and seniors. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 972.291.7817.

### 10 & 24 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting  
Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

### 21 Kids on the Hill Creative Arts Festival

4-8 p.m. at Valley Ridge Park Amphitheater at 2850 Park Ridge Drive. For details visit [cedarhilltx.com/kidsonthehill](http://cedarhilltx.com/kidsonthehill).

## 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](http://twitter.com/CedarHillTX). Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas-Government. Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](http://Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).



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and citizens while learning about how the city works and gaining an appreciation of the residents who have contributed to the history of Cedar Hill. Students will be encouraged to make a difference through involvement and relationships with elected officials.

After completing a term, students will receive a letter of recommendation from City administration and community service hours which can be added to college or job applications.

The Mayor's Teen Council will enrich the lives of teens who have an interest in how the community works and provide opportunities for involvement in local government.

The program is designed to encourage teens to become involved with the community and better understand the history, structure and potential of the city of Cedar Hill.

## City Center survey generates great ideas

Looking to gather feedback and public opinion on the City Center Development Plan, which envisions more pedestrian oriented development, the City of Cedar Hill's Planning and Zoning Department launched an online survey from April 26, 2013 thru May 20, 2013. The 118 responses shared a lot of interesting insights and ideas that survey participants have for this area.

You can find the entire survey at [cedarhilltx.com/citycenter2](http://cedarhilltx.com/citycenter2) but here are some findings from the survey:

- The most important are pedestrian-friendly sidewalks with small retail shops and sidewalk cafes.
- More than 72% of participants felt that bike lanes and other bicycle infrastructure was the investment.
- The idea of a park or open space within the City Center area was also a survey-submitted idea.
- Festival space for community events, fountains and water features were requested by over half of the participants.

Share your ideas by entering our Design-A-Park Contest, you may win an Uptown Village gift basket and dinner at Babe's Chicken

House. To enter, go to [cedarhilltx.com/citycenterparkproject](http://cedarhilltx.com/citycenterparkproject).

## Animals need help

The Tri-City Animal Shelter is in need of volunteers. If you are interested, and at least 16 years of age, you are invited to the monthly volunteer orientation on the first Sunday of every month at 2 p.m. at the shelter, 1150 E. Pleasant Run.

Bring a completed volunteer application, which can be picked up at the shelter, or is available online at [cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=1246](http://cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=1246).

### Grrrrage Sale a success

The latest Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter event raised over \$1,000 that will go toward providing care for TCAS dogs and cats at participating veterinary care centers.

The day of the event 28 pets received low-cost microchips which will help them find their homes should they be brought to the shelter or a vet.

### Gala set for Sept. 15

The Friends of Tri-City Animal Shelter Gala will be held at Enchanted Memories on the Hill in Duncanville on Sept. 15 from 2-6 p.m. Tickets are available at the Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1150 E. Pleasant Run Road in Cedar Hill.

## So do Audubon folks

The Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center in Cedar Hill is offering volunteer opportunities including habitat/trail maintenance, education programming for all ages, administration, animal care, guiding hikes, nature store, marketing, special events and more.

To join the team, contact volunteer coordinator Julie Collins at 469.526.1991, [jcollins@audubon.org](mailto:jcollins@audubon.org).

## Nextdoor helps neighbors keep up with the neighborhood and City

Nextdoor is the private social network for you and your neighborhood. It helps neighbors keep in touch.

Many Cedar Hill neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor's secure online tool to get the word out about meetings, watch groups, finding trustworthy service providers and more.

Sgt. Victor Vasquez with the Cedar Hill Police Department provides crime prevention tips to neighborhoods via Nextdoor.

Check it out at [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com). Your neighbors may already be there.

## City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100x1010

After Hours 972.780.6643

Alarm Monitoring 972.230.5248

Animal Control 972.223.6111

City Secretary 972.291.5100x1011

Code Enforcement 972.291.5100x1090

Economic Development 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

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