

JULY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

Cutting costs, improving sustainability with...

Solar-powered, trash talking containers

Cedar Hill is growing greener, thanks to BigBelly solar-powered compacting recycling containers that send an email when they are full.

A Regional Waste Grant Program, through North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), helped make the compactors available.

The City of Cedar Hill is installing 12 units at Valley Ridge Park. They use cloud-based information technology to reduce collection trips (lowering fuel and labor costs) and emissions. They send a message to let Parks & Recreation staff know when they need to be emptied.

These units use solar energy to operate their communication and to compact the recycled material. Not only do the containers hold more than old-fashion trash cans, they also eliminate or reduce animal infestation and trash blowing.

Waste Management, Inc. is committed to supporting the City's goals by providing sustainable waste and recycling service, educating residents about the importance of recycling and waste reduction, and supporting important community organizations.

Sustainability is important to Cedar Hill. It serves the City Council's goals of maintaining a community where families and businesses flour-



ish in a safe and clean environment.

In 2012, Cedar Hill implemented a new environmental services plan with weekly trash and bulk collection. Larger 96-gallon recycling carts were issued to residents, and brush began to be diverted from the landfill.

The increased recycling volume by residents has reduced waste going to the landfill by an estimated 40%, proving that it is possible to be fiscally responsible, while making a social and environmental impact. The City's recycling effort saves the equivalent of annual emissions from 1,427 cars.

Fight the bite, help stop WNV

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.

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
- Check the City website daily cedarhilltx.com
- Follow the City on Facebook City of Cedar Hill, Texas - Government
- Report standing water, send email to 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.



Getting around the planned City Center

Convenient transportation between the districts in the proposed City Center will be important to visitors and increase walkability. One option is an urban circulator system.

This type of system offers service within a closed loop less than three miles long. An urban circulator system may be a rubber-tire trolley, streetcar trolley, a shuttle bus or even a bike share program.

Each of these systems will require some capital investment.

A rubber-tire trolley uses replicas of historic trolley buses with either a gas or electric motor. The rubber-tire trolley

service is easily implemented and the routing can be adjusted as the development focus changes. Investment in this system includes the purchase of vehicles as well as yearly operational costs.

A streetcar trolley system is similar to the rubber-tire trolley system, except its cars look more like railroad passenger cars and the system runs on a set of rails. A street car trolley can be self-propelled or powered by overhead electrical poles.

A third option would be a shuttle service that uses 12-15 passenger vans to move people from one district to the next. These modern vehicles can facil-



Rubber-tired trolleys, like this one in Fort Worth, are an option for Cedar Hill's circulator system.

tate boardings, provide more frequent service, and adapt to multiple and special use functions.

When the rail station becomes a reality with development infill, an environmentally-friendly option would be a bike share program like the one Fort Worth recently implemented (fortworth-bikesharing.org).

Tell us what you think the urban circulator system should be like and where potential stops should be located! Visit us on Facebook (facebook.com/CedarHillPlanning) or send us an email to citycenter2@cedarhilltx.com.

The City of Cedar Hill Planning Department, working with a citizen's advisory group and a consulting firm, is developing a preliminary plan for the City's first Transit Oriented Development (TOD). Learn more by visiting cedarhilltx.com/citycenter2.



Compete in Chili Cook Off at Country Day

Country Day on the Hill will host the Citywide Neighborhood Chili Cook Off in Historic Downtown Cedar Hill on Oct. 12.

The Chili Cook Off is open to any Cedar Hill neighborhood organization team, up to three teams per neighborhood. No entry fee is required. All teams must make at least four gallons of chili. All chili team entries will be blind judged.

Teams will be entered in all three contest categories:

- Competition Chili
- People's Choice Chili
- Showmanship Team

Registration forms are available

online or at two convenient locations in town: Dick's Uptown Café, 610 Uptown Blvd. or David's Seafood Grill, 350 E. F.M. 1382. For more information contact Teril Woodward at 214.679.9120 or email dicksuptown@att.net.

Rules and regulations are available online at cedarhilltx.com/chilicookoff.

Proceeds from the sale of tasting cups will be distributed to local area non-profits.



Construction starts for Forestar complex

Forestar Apartments, located at Uptown Boulevard and Pioneer Trail, will be a 355 unit, 3-story apartment complex.

The complex lies within the boundaries of the City Center project, which is planned to enhance Cedar Hill with modern living and community amenities while still keeping its natural beauty.

A fitness center, business center, swimming pool with sun deck and connection to planned city trail system are just a few amenities to be available to Forestar residents.



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.

The City requests no outside watering at all on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow the system to replenish supplies in the water storage tanks.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at tinyurl.com/CHwater. 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 if and when they are put into effect.

People make it a community



Officer Nicholas Foley and Corporal Chad Cooley were recognized at a recent City Council meeting when Kathy Quaid of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presented them awards for their efforts to stop and arrest DWI drivers.



Mike Holley, left, representing the Cedar Hill Masonic Lodge, presents a check to CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members from Best Southwest cities. Holley spoke to the City Council of the many hours these volunteers have given to support emergency preparedness and first responders in training and actual events.



The railroad crossing on Wintergreen near N. Cedar Hill Rd. has been repaired, finally, at no cost to the City. BNSF Railroad did the repairs in one day. We heard the complaints, so we know many residents are enjoying the smoother crossing.

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



Camp Cedar Hill

6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. weekly through August 16

Belt Line Education Center, Age 5 (completed Kindergarten, with birth certificate) to age 11. Cost \$100 per week or \$350 per month, for Cedar Hill residents only. Register at Cedar Hill Recreation Center or call 972.293.5288.

Crawford Park pool open for the summer

530 Krantz Rd. Open daily from 1-5:45 p.m. Season pass is \$50, daily admission \$2. Call 972.291.5130 or visit cedarhilltx.com/swim for information.

5 JULY - 16 AUGUST Jam to Give concerts at Uptown Village

305 W. FM 1382, 7 to 9 p.m. Free admission. Concerts benefit local charities. Call 972.637.6300 or visit uptownvillageatcedarhill.com/events for information.

JULY

23 City Council Meeting

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

25 Outdoor Movie Night

8 p.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 W. Parkerville Rd.
Bring blankets and lawn chairs for a free family-friendly movie under the stars. Sponsored by Cedar Hill Recreation Center and Cedar Hill Chick-fil-A. Call 972.293.5288 for information.

AUGUST

1 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center 310 E. Parkerville Rd.
Prayer for the Cedar Hill community, sponsored by Transformation Vision. More information at transformationvision.org.

13 & 27 City Council Meetings

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

17 Teen Anime Club Meeting

3-5 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library, Meeting Room, 225 Cedar St.

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.

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-Government
Pin with us on Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx.



cedarhilltx.com/calendar/home

Love Your Community Theater this summer

This summer Love Your City Theater, the new theater group in Cedar Hill, is launching its inaugural summer show, *Annie the Musical*. Love Your City Theater is expanding the development of artists within Cedar Hill and surrounding areas through quality family-friendly musical theater, while also raising awareness and benefitting both Bridges Safehouse and Hope Mansion with a portion of their proceeds.

Performances for *Annie the Musical* will be at Trinity Church, 1231 E Pleasant Run Rd, in Cedar Hill.

Fri, July 26 at 7pm

Sat, July 27 at 2pm

Sat, July 27 at 7pm

Sun, July 28 at 7pm

Tickets range in price from \$10-20, and are available online at goo.gl/U3RdS. The perfor-

mances are being hosted by Trinity Church, who have donated the use of their facilities for the *Annie* production.

The cast consists of 60+ adults and children from our community, including many from CHISD, with a full, live orchestra organized by Cedar Hill High School's band director, Peter Ward.

For more information regarding tickets and sponsorships, please visit their website: loveyourcitytheater.com or by emailing info@loveyourcitytheater.com.



Vaccinate your dogs, protect everyone's pets

At the Tri-City Animal Shelter we are seeing higher levels of Parvo and distemper virus. Pet owners need to understand it is vital to get their pets vaccinated whether they have indoor or outdoor dogs.

We have picked up strays with these diseases. A number of residents are surrendering their dogs to be put to sleep because they are showing signs of these diseases.

Parvo facts

- Young dogs and puppies are more susceptible to a virus, the most vulnerable time is 2-6 months.
- The virus is extremely hardy and can survive up to 6 months outside of its host.
- It is transmitted by oral ingestion of contaminated feces.
- Symptoms of parvo include vomiting and diarrhea followed by dehydration within 7-10 days from contact with the virus. Watch for a change in your puppy's behavior. Lethargy and loss of appetite are often early signs of Parvo.
- Survival is possible if it is caught early and treated immediately. Treatment is usually very expensive requiring a hospital stay and IV fluids.
- Certain breeds are more susceptible to parvo, i.e. Rottweilers and Dobermans.

Distemper info

Distemper is a virus that initially affects the respiratory system. It is often difficult to diagnose. Distemper can be hard to treat

and will eventually affect every system in the body. Many pet owners choose to euthanize a dog that has been positively diagnosed with distemper as the treatment is often not successful.

The Tri-City Animal Shelter staff and the Animal Control Officers have seen more Parvo cases this year than in the past few years. We have even seen cases in adult dogs this year, which used to be highly unlikely.

We ask that you ensure that your dogs and puppies are properly vaccinated against these diseases to protect your dogs from contracting the diseases and preventing further spreading.

The logo for the Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC) features the number '911' in large red digits, with 'SWRCC' in blue and 'COMMUNICATIONS CENTER' in smaller text below it. The text 'SOUTHWEST REGIONAL' is curved along the top edge.

Alarm Monitoring

For only \$25 a month, you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same professional staff that dispatches police and fire crews for the City of Cedar Hill. Instead of your alarm notifying someone several states away, this system connects directly into our local 9-1-1 call center. Saving seconds can save lives. It's only \$25 a month and there is no long-term contract required. For more information contact SWRCC at 972.230.5248.

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

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