



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Cedar Hill's Besie Coleman Middle School on Pleasant Run is named in honor of a woman who grew up in Waxahachie.

She staged the first public flight by an African American woman in America on Labor Day, Sept. 3, 1922.



Rec Center to host Citywide Block Party

The City of Cedar Hill will host the **Sixth Annual Citywide Neighborhood Block Party and Recreation Center Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, March 5, 2011, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Cedar Hill Recreation Center, 310 E. Parkerville Road.** Admission to the event is FREE.

Cedar Hill residents are invited to come out to meet their neighbors and City representatives. "The Cedar Hill Recreation Center has been serving the needs of area residents for six years now," noted Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Haydin, "and

the Citywide Neighborhood Block Party is also celebrating six years of connecting the City with the community."

Both Neighborhood Services and the Recreation Center staff will show off a great many programs that benefit Cedar Hill residents.

Residents will be treated to demonstrations and activities presented by City departments, local area churches and civic organizations, as well as health and fitness professionals. There will be live enter-

tainment, food and refreshments.

Police K-9 demonstrations, crime watch and prevention information will be on hand and you can have your

will be on hand to sign up sports leagues, Recreation Center memberships, and to preview a host of fun activities available to Cedar Hill residents.

Saturday, March 5, 2011
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Citywide Neighborhood Block Party & Rec Center Anniversary

ENJOY GAMES, PRIZES, HEALTH & FITNESS DEMONSTRATIONS, TOURS, POLICE K-9 UNIT, FIRE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS AND MUCH MORE!

Admission is FREE!

Celebrating six sensational years of Food, Friends, Fitness & Fun for All

Presented by:
City of Cedar Hill, Parks & Recreations, Neighborhood Services & the Cedar Hill Neighborhood Advisory Board

Feb. 14 is first day to file to run for City Council in May 14 election

In the May 14 Cedar Hill election two positions will be elected, Place 2 held by Daniel C. Haydin, Jr. and Place 6 held by Clifford Shaw.

A candidate for Place 2 must live within Cedar Hill city

limits on the west side of US67. A candidate for Place 6 must live in the city limits on the east side of US67.

A candidate must file a sworn application for a place on the ballot and deliver a petition with at least 25 signatures of registered voters who live in Cedar Hill. The application and petition must be filed with the City Secretary at 285 Uptown Blvd., Fourth Floor.

Filing deadline

February 14, 2011 is the first day to file an application. March 14, 2011 at 5 p.m. is the deadline as mandated by Texas Election Law. Applications may be mailed or delivered, but if not in the City Secretary's office by the 5 p.m. deadline the application will not be considered.

An application cannot be supplemented

child fingerprinted, register bicycles and get valuable safety tips.

Also planned are fire prevention and safety instruction, severe weather information and fire equipment demonstrations compliments of Cedar Hill Fire Department personnel.

The Parks and Recreation department

With spring on the horizon, water and boating safety information will also be available.

In addition, seniors can explore residential and recreation opportunities or find information on special services available throughout the City.



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Your city needs you

You may be just the person the City of Cedar Hill needs right now. How about serving as a volunteer on a board or commission? Our community has nearly 100 people serving on boards like the Parks Board, the Planning & Zoning Commission and others.

There are currently 6 vacancies between the Neighborhood Advisory and Building Appeals and Advisory Boards alone. You can call the City Secretary at 972.291.5100 x1011 or apply on line at <http://www.cedarhilltx.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1741>.

The City of Cedar Hill depends on volunteers of many kinds. There are lots of other ways you can get involved in your community through volunteer service in neighborhood groups, involvement in our schools, community organizations and clubs. Maybe now is the time to help a youngster via Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

If sports is your thing, there is a need for coaches in the youth leagues, join the school sports and band booster clubs. Participate in your kids' PTA. The local food bank often needs volunteer help to sort and process food for our neighbors. It's not as hard as you think.

Get involved. Help make Cedar Hill the community you want it to be.

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Don't wait for Cedar Hill marshals to arrest you at home or at work over an unpaid citation.

Be proactive and contact Cedar Hill Municipal Court at

972.291.5100 x1041 to set up a time to come pay your fees at the Cedar Hill Government Center at 285 Uptown Blvd. or pay them right now online at www.cedarhilltx.com/warrants.

Audubon Center prepares for Spring grand opening event



Construction of the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill (DCAC@CH) continues in preparation of a Spring opening. We asked Lee Papert, Director of Marketing & Development for DCAC@CH for an update.

While our grand opening is still several months away, we couldn't be more thrilled about all that's going on at the new Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill. Construction is well underway, excitement is building, and plans for a week-long grand opening celebration are coming together

Construction

The utilities, building piers, and slab are all complete. The framing of the building is well underway and the roof is finished.

As you can imagine, the trees on site are very important to us and several around

the perimeter of the building and near the "nature-viewing room" (including one of the largest and oldest red oak trees in the area) were protected thanks to the efforts of our contractors.

Trails

What would the DCAC@CH be without some trails to hike? We're proud to say that trail development continues under a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department grant. About two miles of trail, designed to explore the west side of the canyon, are nearing completion and will be ready for the grand opening.

In addition, key "outdoor classroom" areas along the proposed accessible trail have been identified so our final layout of that trail can be completed.

Conservation

Another aspect of the Center (and Audubon for that matter) is our dedication to the overarching concept of

The Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center at Cedar Hill nestles into the trees with plenty of parking close to FM1382.

conservation. We have drafted a conservation plan for the Center and it is currently under review by the National Audubon Society. Additional input was provided by the local US Fish & Wildlife Service office and the Oaks & Prairies Joint Venture program.

Education

Much like conservation, our educational efforts are vital to our ongoing success. Our existing programs are underway at nearby Cedar Ridge Preserve operated by the Audubon Dallas chapter. These programs will be adapted for use at the Dogwood Canyon site to achieve the conservation goals outlined in the above plan.

For more information, please contact Lee Papert at 214.309.5851 or lpapert@audubon.org.

City Council recognitions



Fourth grader Miranda Ynostrosa receives her STAR Student of the month award from City Council member Steve Mason at a recent meeting. Miranda was selected by the Waterford Oaks Elementary staff for her love of learning. She said "A good education rubs off on your whole life!"



Library Director Kathleen Cervenka receives a check from Chad McCurdy representing Lake Ridge POA's support of the Library. The neighborhood group hosts an annual golf tournament and this year they gave several thousand dollars to the library and the Cedar Hill Food Pantry. Mr. McCurdy said the group is also negotiating with businesses to receive their old computers and refurbish them for use in the Recreation Center computer lab.



CHISD Board of Trustees Vice President Dan Hernandez presents plaques of appreciation to Cedar Hill Police Sgt. Reese, above, and Lt. Lafferty, right, for their quick detective work to identify and locate the suspects who have been charged with causing thousands of dollars of damage at Plummer Elementary.



Community Calendar

February 2011

1-20 Recreation Center Membership Special

\$10 off a 3-month membership. Call 972.293.5288 for information.

9 Citizens Emergency Response Team Meeting

7 p.m. Fire Station at 1212 W. Belt Line

Monthly C.E.R.T. meeting. For more information on CERT please visit www.cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=1197

12 Black History Month Celebration

7 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St.

Performance by the Waerford Oaks Elementary 2nd Grade Choir

15, 22 Tax Preparation Help at the Library

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday until April 12

Provided by AARP, open to the public, first come first served

22 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

26 Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

7 a.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

11 a.m. \$5 tickets for Pancake/sausage Breakfast & Silent Auction

Helps provide scholarships, vision clinics and glasses for Cedar Hill kids
Good Shepherd Church, 915 Old Straus Road at FM 1382

March 2011

1 Women's History at the Library

7 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St.

Experience "Stories of Unsung Heroines" by storyteller Elizaeth Ellis

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5 City-wide Block Party and Recreation Center Anniversary Party

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14-18 Spring Break at the Library

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Check the online calendar at www.cedarhilllibrary.org for events

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26 E-Waste Collection & Paper Shredding Event

8 a.m. - Noon at High School parking lot, US 67 at Cooper

Keeping it Green in Cedar Hill. Recycle TVs computers, printers, other electronic equipment at no charge. Bring up to 3 boxes of papers and watch them shred. Hosted by City of Cedar Hill Code Enforcement

To submit your community organization's activity to be considered for this Community Calendar, please email 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 Rain-outs
214.855.9758
- Parks Special Events
214.890.6977
- Police Department
Non-emergency
972.291.5100x2400
- Public Relations
972.291.5100x1032
- 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

Election

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after it is filed. It will be reviewed by the City Secretary after filing and if the application or petition do not comply with requirements, the City Secretary must reject the application and notify the candidate.

Eligibility

In general, a candidate for Mayor or City Council must be a U.S. citizen, must be 18 years old by the first day of the term, must not be totally or partially mentally incapacitated, must not be convicted of a felony without a pardon and must have resided in the state for 12 months and in the city for six months preceding the filing date. Complete eligibility information is available from the City Secretary.

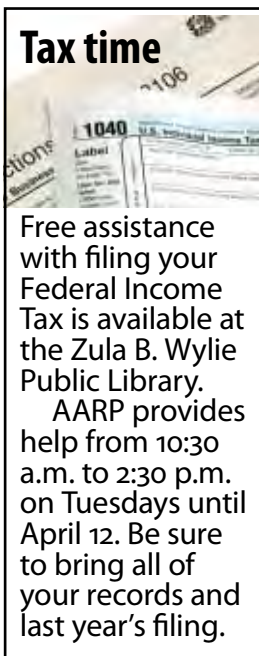
All election records are public information and may be viewed by the general public.

Write-ins

Write-in candidates must file a declaration filed with the City Secretary no later than 5 p.m. on March 21, 2011. Forms are available in the City Secretary's office.

At the time of filing for office candidates receive a packet of information that includes the application and petition forms, a campaign finance guide, a calendar of important dates and information about political advertising and fair campaign practices.

Tax time



Free assistance with filing your Federal Income Tax is available at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library. AARP provides help from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays until April 12. Be sure to bring all of your records and last year's filing.

Seniors rock! and roll

At the Senior Center, 1740 Mansfield Road, you have to be over 50, but you'd better be on the move.

Supervisor Barbara Scott supports a group that not only participates, they lead. Last year the Senior Senate helped raise enough funds to pay for a new copier and they contributed funds toward the new Senior Center van.

A big chunk of the money came from

their cookbook with over 200 recipes. Now they're starting on volume 2.

They cook, they copy, they bingo, they do ceramics, casino trips, oil painting, exercise classes, yoga and zumba. They do it all, and have a great time.

Their theme is: "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

Go granny, go!

EMS earns 'Provider of the Year' honors



The Cedar Hill Fire Department was recognized by Methodist Medical Center for success in the hospital's efforts to raise awareness in stroke prevention.

EMS Chief Kevin Cunningham and Deputy Chief Ricky Pendley accepted the award, a framed Jason Terry jersey.

In December, the Cedar Hill Fire Department Emergency Medical Services group was named EMS Provider of the Year by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory

Council. Chosen by their peers, they received this recognition for their outstanding service to the community, including the active Shattered Dreams program, Citizens Fire Academy, Community Emergency Response training, the clown program, that is part

of the annual school fire safety program, and outstanding patient care.

The North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council covers a 19-county area of North Texas.

The 2011 Cedar Hill Museum of History calendar is still available for only \$10. Purchase online at www.cedarhill-museum.com or call 972.293.3806.

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

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Highlights

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