



# Highlights

The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

## Be prepared for hazardous weather



Spring, Summer and Fall bring great weather to Texas, but they are also the seasons when most severe storms hit.

Severe weather planning for the City

of Cedar Hill directly involves the Fire, Police, Parks and Public Works departments, under the supervision of City administration.

Teams of spotters are assigned to all seg-

ments of our community whenever severe weather approaches. These spotters give first-hand reports of weather developments. After storms pass, they assess damage and high water areas, begin clearing roadways and advising utility providers of outages.

The City operates a network of 15 sirens designed to alert those who may be outside as storms approach. They may be activated if

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## City seeking engaged citizens for civic boards

The Cedar Hill City Council values input from residents. Many of the City's most active departments and programs are driven by citizen boards.

From now through April 30 the City is accepting applications from volunteers who wish to serve on the following boards and commissions:

- Tri-City Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Board of Adjustments
- Community Development Corporation
- Economic Development Corporation
- Main St. Development and Preservation Board
- Neighborhood Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning and Zoning Board
- Tourism Advisory Board
- Zula B. Wylie Library Board

These boards represent input from over 100 residents. Members are selected by the City Council from those who express an interest in serving.

An online application, and more information about the function of each board is available at [cedarhilltx.com/boards](http://cedarhilltx.com/boards). Applications may also be picked up at the office of the City Secretary on the fourth floor of the Government Center at 285 uptown Blvd. Forms must be returned to the City Secretary Office by 5 p.m. April 30, 2012.

You may call 972.291.5100 ext. 1011 for more information.

## City Council vote cancelled; School Board election still on

Mayor Rob Franke, Place 2 Council member Wallace Swayze and Place 4 Council Member Steve Mason drew no opposition for the May 11 City Council election so it has been canceled.

All three will begin serving three-

year terms after being sworn in at a May City Council meeting.

The May 11 election for CHISD school board members is still on. Early voting begins April 29. For more information please visit [CHISD.org](http://CHISD.org) and click on "News & Events".



## Dogwood Canyon offers free admission and learning on First Thursdays

Audubon's Dogwood Canyon Center in Cedar Hill is currently offering free admission on the first Thursday of each month.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. visitors can enjoy guided hikes, animal encounters and children's

arts & crafts activities.

Get more information, download a trails map and learn more at [dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org](http://dogwoodcanyon.audubon.org).

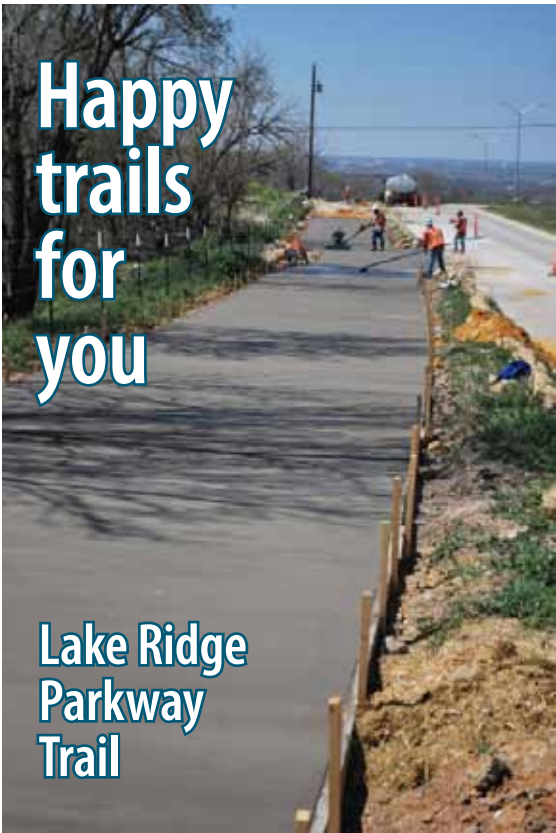
Registration for week-long summer day camps starts soon.

**ACCESS**  
Cedar Hill

**Click on this button on the City website at [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com) to find answers and request services from the City.**

# Happy trails for you

## Lake Ridge Parkway Trail



Crews are making good progress on the Lake Ridge Parkway trail that runs from Mansfield Road on the north to the US67 access road on the south.

The trail is the final portion of the expansion of Lake Ridge Parkway and will be a welcome addition for neighbors looking for safe, enjoyable family exercise and for cyclists attracted to our community. Completion is expected late in 2013.

**LEFT** Crews finish pavement near the southern end of the Lake Ridge Parkway hike/bike trail. **BELOW** Forms snake through mature trees on the Red Oak Creek Trail near South Clark Road.



## Red Oak Creek Trail

Red Oak Creek Trail is currently under construction in the south central portion of Cedar Hill.

This 3-mile trail will extend from Virginia Weaver Park, near the high school, on its north end to Dot Thomas Park on South Clark at the southern termination.

There will also be extensions from the spine to the Cedar Hill Recreation Center on the east and the Cedar Trails Green Belt on the west.

Design and construction of this trail, part of an extensive master plan of hike/bike trails throughout the city is funded by a Dallas County grant to improve mobility within the community.

This trail is expected to open later this year.



## 'Walk The Light' arts festival illuminates historic downtown



Several thousand residents and visitors enjoyed great weather, artists creating and displaying in local businesses saturated with live music during the third annual Walk the Light Arts Festival in Cedar Hill in March.

This year's event showcased a "Better Block" project demonstrating how partnerships between businesses and the City might result in attractive and comfortable streetscapes that would bring more visitors to downtown and generate additional foot traffic for retailers in the area.

The late afternoon/evening event attracted a stimulating mix of long-time residents, new families and young adults. The Walk the Light staff generously chose to promote the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Bridges Safehouse and Hope Mansion.

View hundreds of photos at [walkthelight.org/march-16-2013--arts-festival](http://walkthelight.org/march-16-2013--arts-festival).

In addition to the City's participation, sponsors included Prosperity Bank, The Purple Farmhouse, Church on the Hill, Yelp\*, Nations Roofing, Suburban Newspaper, Babe's, artlovemagic.com, Chick-fil-A and VCRnow.com.



A double decker bus provided by Babe's was a popular attraction, with most enjoying the upper-story ride which gave a unique view to downtown and beyond. The bus served as a shuttle between downtown stops and visits to the Purple Farmhouse and the Library venues where additional artists performed.

The bus gave some idea of how walkable the downtown area could be with a little help from some sort of funky mass transit.

**Photos courtesy of Cedar Hill Mayor Rob Franke.**



Let the City help promote your garage sale by registering it on the city website at [cedarhilltx.com/garagesale](http://cedarhilltx.com/garagesale) or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register by Thursday to get on the list posted on Fridays. It's free! Yard sales and garage sales must be registered, by City ordinance.



Scan with smartphone



## People make it a community

### City Council actions on March 12



Army Corporal Jordan Morado receives a City flag from Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Haydin at the City Council Meeting. Morado, a Cedar Hill resident, was recognized for his service as a medic in Afghanistan and recently earning his Ranger tab.



Red Cross proclamation



Saturday May 11 over a thousand cyclists will enjoy the beautiful scenery and the wonderful topography that attract so many to Cedar Hill when they participate in the Seventh Annual Rotary Club "Head for the Hills" bike rally.

Last year the event raised over \$106,000 benefitting the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Cedar Hill Education Foundation, Bridges Safehouse, Hope Mansion, Friends of the Tri-City Animal Shelter, the Cedar Hill Library, TROT, CAAA the Wheelchair Foundation and Polio Plus.

To be sponsor or to ride in this event, visit [headforthehills.org](http://headforthehills.org).

# 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)

## April

### 20 Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebration

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Public Library, 225 Cedar St.

Bring out the entire family for a special Earth Day celebration including a tribute to Arbor Day and tree dedication. A limited number of free trees will be available for qualifying Cedar Hill citizens. Enjoy storytelling, musical performances, kid-friendly recycled crafts, tour the community gardens and more! For more information call 972.291.7323.

### 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.

### 26 Bridges Safehouse Annual Building Bridges Banquet

6:45 p.m. Trinity Church of Cedar Hill, 1231 E. Pleasant Run Rd.

Join Bridges Safehouse at their Annual Banquet, where they will share the heart of Bridges Safehouse as well the lives of those who have been impacted. Co-pastor and Director of Women's Ministry at Trinity Church, Becky Hennesy, will be the guest speaker for the event. Call 469.272.4441 for more information.

## May

### 2 National Day of Prayer

7-9 p.m. Cedar Hill High School Performance Arts Center

Sponsored by Transformation Vision, this local event is coordinated with the 62nd annual observance of the National Day of Prayer. The theme is "Pray for America." For more information, call TV at 972.291.2501.

### 11 Head for the Hills Bike Rally

6 a.m. onsite registration, 8 a.m. start

Hosted by Uptown Village at Cedar Hill, enter from Pleasant Run Road.

Riders enjoy the opportunity to choose from a family-friendly 20, 40 or 60-mile route. Rest stops are available every 10 miles. Online registration at [headforthehills.org](http://headforthehills.org) closes May 9 at midnight. On-site registration is available the morning of the event.

### 11 School Board Election

For early voting locations/times and election day information, please visit the Dallas County Elections website at [dallascountyvotes.org](http://dallascountyvotes.org).

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## 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://pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).



# Contacts

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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

# Weather

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the National Weather Service issues a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Tornado Warning for any part of our City. They are sounded if our storm spotters report a tornado that may affect the City or storms that may produce 1-inch or larger hail.

If you hear sirens, go inside and seek shelter immediately. Tune to a local radio or TV station for severe weather information. Have a battery operated radio available in case you lose power.

The outdoor warning sirens are not designed to alert resi-

dents who may be inside and unable to hear them. Be aware of approaching storms, turn on a radio or TV to be advised of storms.

The City encourages residents to learn more about emergency preparedness including emergency supply kits, sheltering in place, the role of the Citizens Emergency Response Team and the various means of communication in the aftermath of a major storm.

Please visit [cedarhilltx.com/weather-safety](http://cedarhilltx.com/weather-safety) and other pages on the City website under City Services/Fire/Emergency Management.

# Green Run draws happy crowd



The unseasonably cool temperatures and an early morning hail storm did not slow down the fun for the crowd who participated in the First Annual Green Run sponsored by the City of Cedar Hill and hosted by Uptown Village at Cedar Hill on March 23. Many joined in the spirit of painting the town green.

Cedar Hill Parks Director Rhoda Savage said it was a happy crowd that enjoyed the unique evening format of fun run/walk, live entertainment provided by the Mars Hill Band at the Village Green, green face painting and more.

Participants were asked to donate gently used shoes, eyeglasses and books to benefit the Shoe Bank, Lion's Club and the Zula B. Wylie Library.

# Alerts



The City of Cedar Hill uses a recorded message system to quickly distribute important information to residents.

**If you no longer have a home phone, the City may not be able to get the message to you.**

The City asks that you visit the website below and add your cell phone number(s) and email address. Your information will not be available to telemarketers.

Messages are sent as recordings, emails and/or text messages. They will always clearly indicate that they are from the City of Cedar Hill.

Please register; it only takes a couple of minutes and we want to keep in touch. [cedarhilltx.com/connect](http://cedarhilltx.com/connect)

**Oncor maintains most of the streetlights in our city.**

**To report a problem, visit their website at [oncor.com](http://oncor.com) and select "Report Streetlight Issue" or call 888.313.4747.**

# CHEF donors benefit students

In the lobby of the Government Center, just inside the main entrance, is an ethereal display designed to look like a tree.

The oversized leaves contain the names of residents and area businesses that have made donations to the Cedar Hill Education Foundation since 2002.

The etched glass leaves represent tributes to those who have helped the CHEF distribute over \$300,000 in grants to teachers and schools in CHISD.

To learn how our kids benefit from grants, and to support CHEF, please visit [cedarhillef.org](http://cedarhillef.org).



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