

Teens tackle



graffiti.

Reversing the stereotype, a number of Cedar Hill teens have been working this summer to eliminate graffiti from our community.

Their efforts came to the attention of several TV stations who sent news crews to cover these teens making a positive difference in Cedar Hill.

They participated in a program developed by Cedar Hill Police Officer Tammie Cooper who felt something needed to be done.

On the city's police force since February 2006, Officer Cooper said she decided to start the city's new "Graffiti Abatement

Program," for several reasons, one being that she feels that graffiti harms the community. "Our P.A.C.T (police and community together) - crime prevention and community service, receives complaints about graffiti from the citizens," she explains. "The citizens were concerned that it was not being removed quickly enough and they asked "Who removes it from vacant properties?"

and "Who will assist the citizens who may not have the means to remove it."

Officer Cooper explained to her supervisors that she thought it would be a good idea to get local youths to volunteer to remove graffiti. They encouraged her. "This program was really easy to get started because of all the support," she adds. She shared her idea with Stacey Graves, Code Enforcement Supervisor, who is responsible for tracking code violations such as graffiti. "Stacey was really excited about the program and has given me

her full support," said Tammie.

Home Depot came onboard with about \$200 in supplies she needed. Chick-Fil-A and Dial One Plumbing in Cedar Hill also pitched in for lunch and water donations for the teen workers. Local teenagers working alongside police officers started

cleaning up graffiti in July.

"I have approximately 10 youths who have committed to volunteer and I'm still receiving emails and calls from youths as well as adults who want to volunteer," Officer Cooper said. "I will welcome youths and adults to come

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Recycle electronic hardware for free



The City of Cedar Hill is helping residents recycle rather than trash old, unwanted electronics by providing free recycling.. Bring your unwanted computers, monitors, TVs, phones and other electronics to the recycling event.

**Saturday, Sept. 18
8 a.m. to Noon
Cedar Hill High
School parking lot**



There will also be a mobile paper shredder on site. This is the perfect time to get rid of confidential papers. Bring up to three boxes per household and watch them shred while you wait.

Proof of residence is required for recycling electronics and paper shredding.

Dr. Glenn Clark honored for long-term service to community

It is a goal of the Cedar Hill City Council to promote and recognize those individuals who epitomize



Dr. Glenn Clark waves to the audience at the City Council Meeting. Below left, Dr. Clark receives recognition from David Wilson for his contributions to the Chamber of Commerce.



the qualities that make our community one of distinctive character in our constantly evolving world.

At the regular City Council meeting on July 13 they recognized the contributions of Dr. Glenn Clark.

For over 40 years Dr. Clark has been actively involved in the community, building his dentistry practice and providing service and leadership for civic organizations, business, education and charitable institutions.

Dr. Clark's community service includes president of the Cedar Hill Independent School District Board of Trustees. He has been a member of the Cedar Hill Chamber

of Commerce for over 37 years, named "Man of the Year" by the Chamber in 1983, received the Golden Cedar Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

He has served as chairman of the Administration Council and Financial Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Cedar Hill, and is a member of the Cedar Hill Museum of History.

Dr. Clark and wife Alicia donated property to found Bridges Safehouse, a place of help for victims of domestic abuse and homeless pregnant

Dr. Clark enjoys a special card presented by his grand children.



women in the area. Since the opening in 1998, Dr. Clark and donors have helped provide temporary housing and personal needs for over 600 homeless pregnant women and victims of domestic abuse as well as 300 babies.

According to the City Council's proclamation, the City of Cedar Hill takes pride in its distinctive small-town character, where neighborly friendliness is common. "Dr. Clark is a living legend and example of the character that our City strives to retain and that many citizens admire and desire to emulate."

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Country Day: Return to your roots Oct. 8-9

For Texas settlers, fall signaled harvest time and festivals. Today we're less in tune with our agricultural heritage, but the Country Day on the Hill celebration in historical downtown Cedar Hill reintroduces us to our roots.

The 73rd annual cultural festival will begin at 9 am on Saturday, Oct. 9. Director Jimmie Ruth White, said "even though we are bursting at the seams, everyone loves the excitement and closeness of all who participate."

Events will include the Lions Club parade, FUMC Fun Run, Ashley's Children's Corner, Cedar Hill Church of Christ's "a Day in Old Jerusalem", Central Animal Clinic's Pet Show, Methodist Family Health Center "Princess Pageant", Best Southwest Princess Pageant, horse-shoe tournament, Lions Club Fish Fry, Masonic Breakfast and blood drive.

Historic downtown will be filled with arts & crafts, food & produce vendors, Cedar Hill Museum display, Dr. Shelly Clark's kiddie train rides, CHFD clowns & fire safety house. The Main Stage will rock with professional bands and David's Seafood Hometown Talent Stage will showcase local entertainers. The Main Tent will feature Stacia's dancers, style shows, Indian dancers, Stringbini the Clown & Babe's Chicken Dinner entertainers.

All public parking will be at the Cedar Hill High School parking lot with free rides on the Texas Trust Credit Union shuttle bus.

Old Settlers Reunion

The "Old Settlers Reunion" kicks off on Friday afternoon, October 8. Bingo will be played from 3pm until 5 pm, beans and cornbread dinner & dessert provided by the Cotton Patch and Jessica's Garden Tearoom will be served from 5pm until 6 pm with the crowning of the "King/Queen on the Hill" at 5:45pm. Ticket prices for the "Old Settlers Reunion" are Adult \$5 and Child \$3 and are sold at the door. The ticket proceeds benefit ELF & Friends, Cedar Hill Food Pantry and Bridges Safehouse.

Call 972.291.7582 for information and visit www.countrydayonthehill.org for updates.

Recycling is easy for everyone

The City of Cedar Hill encourages recycling. Recycled materials are picked up citywide on Wednesdays. A recycling bin is provided to each new home when connecting water service. Additional bins are available for \$6 each at the Utility Billing window at the Government Center.

Recyclable materials include:

- newspapers
- magazines
- telephone books,
- household paper products
- junk mail
- cereal boxes
- cardboard
- aluminum
- steel/tin cans
- glass bottles

- #1 through #7 plastic bottles and containers (HDPE & PET).

No sorting is necessary. Please place bins within 3 feet of the al-



ley or curb.

If you have more recycled material than will fit in your bin, or if you are concerned about materials blowing out, you may place recycling in clear trash bags.

Please DO NOT include the following items in your recycled material:

- motor oil
- cooking oil
- antifreeze
- brake fluid
- paint cans
- pesticide containers
- packaging materials contaminated with food or grease
- automotive batteries
- other hazardous materials



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

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

The City requests no outside watering on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays to allow the system to re-

plenish supplies in the water storage tanks.

There is a lot more information about Drought Response Stages on the City website at tinyurl.com/CHwater.

Watch the home page of the City website www.cedarhilltx.com for drought response updates.

Community Calendar

August

22 Crawford Park Swimming Pool closes for the season

24 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

To view/print the upcoming agenda, visit www.cedarhilltx.com, click on "Agendas and Minutes" in the left column.

26 Give Back to the Texas Rangers Baseball Club Night

7:05 p.m. Rangers Ballpark, Arlington

For information, call 972.291.5132 x1

September

14 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

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18 E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding

8 a.m. - Noon, High School Parking Lot

A great, free, safe way to dispose of old electronic gear like computers, CD/DVD players, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, printers, satellite TV equipment, VCR's. There will also be a heavy-duty paper shredder.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/CHewaste> for more information.

18-Oct. 23 Itty Bitty Basketball

9-10 a.m. Cedar Hill Recreation Center

Ages 3-5. Fee \$55. Call 972.293.5288 for more information.

Also happening at the Rec Center:

Jazz Club for ages 8+, free. Ask for Juan Bragg at 972.293.5288.

Zumba Toning, Ages 14+, \$20/month. Mon./Wed. 6-7 p.m. Call 972.293.5288

Belly Dancing, Ages 18+, \$40/month, Tues./Thurs 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Call 972.293.5288.

For the latest information on upcoming events, visit the City calendar on www.cedarhilltx.com Click on "View All" for more events.

For updated information, follow Cedar Hill at twitter.com/cedarhilltx

To receive the latest emergency and priority information by phone or email, we encourage residents to sign up for Connect-CTY. Visit the City website at www.cedarhilltx.com, and under "Popular Links" click on "Sign up for Connect-CTY City Messages."

Contacts

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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



Give back to the Rangers

Thursday, August 26 is Give Back to the Texas Rangers Night.

When the Cedar Hill High School fieldhouse was ransacked by vandals in January all of the team's equipment was stolen or destroyed. The Texas Rangers organization dispatched pitcher Tommy Hunter and second baseman Ian Kinsler to the school with a check for \$10,000 and a number

of pro players donated equipment to the high school players.

Now it's our turn to show how much we appreciate our Texas Rangers.

Tickets for the Cedar Hill section for the August 26 game can be purchased online at www.texasrangers.com/cedarhill. Bleacher seats are \$10 in Sections 52, 53 and 54.

Game time is 7:05 p.m.



The City of Cedar Hill sends warnings by phone for severe weather, hazardous road conditions and other situations that impact the safety of our citizens.

To make sure you get the message, even if you're not at home, the City asks that you visit the website below and add your cell phone and email address. Your information will not be available to telemarketers.

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

The City uses the regular white pages listing for home numbers, so we need residents to visit the website below and add cell phone numbers and email addresses.

<https://portal.blackboardconnectcty.com/1228101>

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out and help support their community by volunteering in this program."

When putting the plan together, Office Cooper says she initially reached out to youths at the schools and sent emails to neighborhood crime watch members informing them about the idea.

"They were more than willing to volunteer," she says of the youths and the members of the roughly 50 crime watch neighborhood groups in the city.

If the graffiti is on private property, they will clean that too, but Officer Cooper said she must have the property owner sign a waiver, giving the group permission to remove it.

With removals taking place until the end of August, Officer Cooper adds, "This program is important to the city because it will not cost the city money, and also we're sending a message to the community that we are not ignoring the graffiti.

The neighborhood groups are excited be-

Local TV news crews documented the July 10 clean up project at the 1382 overpass and interviewed Officer Tammie Cooper about the program that is allowing Cedar Hill teens to help improve the community.

cause they now know the graffiti will be removed and they can be involved."

As for what the kids get out of it, Officer Cooper says they will receive volunteer hours, which can be used for school credits or college applications.

"I want to build positive relationships with these youths as a police officer," she concludes. "I feel it's important for these youths to engage with police officers in a positive way, especially at an early age."



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