

Celebrating distinctive character



Lois Cannady, above, enjoys the view of a historical property during the bus tour in June. Right, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Hayden, Jr. assists Downtown Manager Patty Bushart and Mayor Rob Franke reveal the plaque at Babe's Chicken House that describes how the structure served as City Hall, fire station, and library for the city for over 50 years.

The heritage of old Cedar Hill is right where it has always been, just around the corner.

On a recent Saturday the City of Cedar Hill's Main Street Manager, Patty Bushart, served as the guide for two bus tours of historic sites

in Cedar Hill.

This was the second time bus tours were available. Plans are to continue to occasionally offer them.

The tours include classic homes, storied business locations and wacky relics that reflect the unique personality of the people

and places of Cedar Hill.

The same sites can be visited any time on a self-guided walking tour. For an online, printable brochure about the walking tour, visit <http://tinyurl.com/CHwalkto>.

Information on upcoming bus tours is available at <http://tinyurl.com/CHbus-tour>.

The next time you're at Babe's Chicken House in Cedar Hill at Main and Cedar streets (formerly City Hall), be sure to check out the plaque and learn something old.



City wins NCTCOG award for Regional Cooperation

The City of Cedar Hill was recently honored, along with partner cities DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster, with the Regional Cooperation Award presented by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

The award honors local governments which promote coordination and cooperation to solve regional problems, do not allow jurisdictional boundaries to

be barriers, and demonstrate how joint projects can provide better use of resources and improve services.

The nomination explained how these Best Southwest cities, guided by visionary leadership, cooperate to provide public safety, animal shelter, and other services to residents. Their cooperation helps reduce costs and shows a responsible concern for how tax dollars are allocated to provide services.



Bobby Waddle, President of the NCTCOG Executive Board for 2009-10, congratulates Mayor Rob Franke as one of the four Best Southwest Cities receiving the 2010 Regional Cooperation Award. Joining them are DeSoto Mayor Carl Sherman, Duncanville Council Member Scott Cannon and Mayor Marcus Knight of Lancaster.

Parks & Recreation

Celebrate, Advocate, Recreate

Mayor Rob Franke has officially declared July as Park and Recreation Month in Cedar Hill. Each July since 1985, America has celebrated national Park and Recreation Month to recognize the importance of recreation for the physical, economic and environmental well-being of communities.

"We invite you to celebrate the month with us in your local park" said Rhoda Savage, Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Director.

"It may be challenging to find time," she continued, "but I'll bet you can find some time to enjoy a nice sunny afternoon walking along a trail, take a dive into the public pool, work out at the Recreation Center, watch a friendly game of baseball at Valley Ridge Park, or hop onto a swing at a nearby neighborhood park playground. Come play with us!"

Post it online

Citizens of Cedar Hill are invited to take pictures of themselves, family, and friends playing in the parks and at the recreational facilities throughout the city and post the photos on Twitter, Facebook or other social media and email the link to

rec.news@cedarhilltx.com. The photos will be added to the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department Facebook photo album.

Park & music

The annual Music in the Park Concert Series was a great success. The events were

held Friday nights in June at the Valley Ridge Amphitheater.

This year's series kicked off with the Vintage Vibes playing tunes from the 40's and 50's. Week two, over 600 enjoyed the rhythm and blues band Domino Effect. They had the crowd up and dancing before the night was over.

Week three, husband and wife team Bonnie & Nick Norris pleased listeners with country and bluegrass music.

Me and My Monkey, a Beatles tribute band, ended the series with participants wanting more.

Free prize drawings at each concert added to the fun.

Music in the Park is a free concert series offered by the Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department.

Flick-n-Float Fun

Over 100 people gathered on Friday evening, June 11th to the soak up the first of three Flick-n-Float movie nights at Crawford Park Pool. The pool opened at 8 p.m. and families streamed in with their floats and lawn chairs to watch "Happy Feet" on the outdoor big screen.

Two more Flick-n-Float events are planned for the summer, Shark Tales on July 8th and Shrek 1 on August 13th. The cost is \$2 per person. For more information check out the calendar on www.cedarhilltx.com or call 972.291.5130.

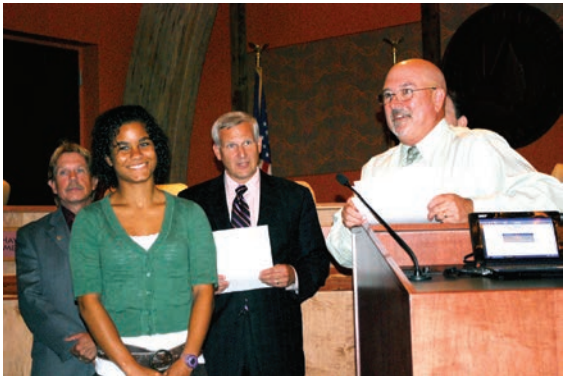
Hot summer days mean perfect evenings to float in the swimming pool, spend time with family and friends and watch a great movie. Can you smell the fresh pizza wafting from the concession stand?



Follow us online

Stay informed by following us on **Facebook** (Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department) or **Twitter** (<http://twitter.com/CHParksAndRec>).

Waste Management honors terrific seniors with scholarships



Steve Keller of Waste Management Inc. enjoyed reading the accomplishments of outstanding recent Cedar Hill High School graduates Queen Ekejija, top, and Paige Duggins, above, at a recent City Council meeting where they each received a \$1500 scholarship check. This ongoing program is the single largest corporate scholarship program in the Cedar Hill Independent School District.



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

July

27 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. Citizens are invited to address the City Council during the Citizens Forum.

August

10 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, public meeting

7 p.m. City Council meeting

Government Center, Cedar Hill Room

13 Flick-n-Float

8 p.m. Crawford Park pool

26 Give Back to the Texas Rangers Baseball Club Night

7:05 p.m. Rangers Ballpark, Arlington

For information, call 972.291.5132 x1

For the latest information on upcoming events, visit the 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."

Boards and commissions shape the city

A dozen groups of volunteer citizens help the City Council and staff members collect information, review proposals and plot the future for many important parts of our community. These boards provide critical citizen input and support to maintain efficient and fair operation of the City's departments and many City services. These boards make recommendations, review and help develop plans for growth, quality-of-life improvements and budget input.

Every May, the City begins accepting applications for residents who want to volunteer their time and wisdom for the benefits of the community. From these applicants they select replacements for board members whose terms are expiring. Most terms are for two years. For a list of boards and their members, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/CHboards>.

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- Code Enforcement
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- Economic Develop. Corp.
972.291.5132
- Fire Department
Non-emergency
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- Human Resources
972.291.5100x1050
- Library
972.291.7323
- Municipal Court
972.291.5100x1041
- Neighborhood Services
972.291.5100x1084
- Parks & Recreation
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- Parks Rain-outs
214.855.9758
- Parks Special Events
214.890.6977
- Police Department
Non-emergency
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- Public Relations
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- Public Works
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- Recreation Center
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- Utility Billing
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Help your dog battle Texas summer heat

The worst of Texas heat is here. Cedar Hill Animal Control Officers Ty Yount and Jeremy Randolph have witnessed the devastating effect of extreme heat on pets, especially dogs who are kept outdoors.

Long-haired dogs, short muzzled dogs and elderly, overweight dogs are most at risk.

Warning signs of possible heat stroke:

- Excessive panting
- Weakness in the knees, or barely able to walk
- Excessive saliva (foaming at the mouth)
- Appears to be experiencing convulsions

If your dog shows the above symptoms, you should:

- Immediately try to cool it off with cool water (make sure water contacts the skin)
- Try to get the dog to drink water (do not force)
- Place your dog in front of a fan or air conditioner
- Take your dog to

a veterinarian for proper care.

To help keep your dogs safe from a heat-related death:

1. Provide plenty of water in a container that cannot be



turned over by the dog.

2. Provide a shaded shelter with a top to block sunlight and vented sides that allow air flow.
3. Never leave your dog in a garage or vehicle during the day.

Suggestions:

1. Shave your long haired dogs.
2. Acquire a kiddie pool for them to play in. (refresh water often to prevent mosquitoes)
3. Keep water source in a shaded area and add few ice cubes to help encourage your dog to drink more.

Sign up for alerts

The City of Cedar Hill uses Connect-CTY to contact residents by phone for severe weather warnings, hazardous road conditions, and other situations that impact the safety, property, or welfare of our citizens.

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

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



Heavy Equipment Petting Zoo is a unique experience

Beat the heat with cool Library events

The Summer Reading Program is in full swing at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, with daily events for children and teens.

The library offers a free Summer Reading Club open to children of all ages. For every 5 books or 5 hours read, participants win prizes, books and restaurant coupons!

Over 400 people enjoyed the kick-off event on June 5, which included train rides, storytelling, crafts and popsicles to keep cool.

The 5th Annual Heavy Equipment Petting Zoo on June 10 attracted over 700 visitors.

It started with a

dramatic helicopter entrance. Then, kids were able to climb all over lots of heavy equipment and vehicles that provide services to the community, including the helicopter, fire truck, ambulance, police car, sanitation truck and many others.

The Ringling Bros. clowns performed; Parks and Recreation provided miniature golf and games.

Check out upcoming events at www.zulabwylie.lib.org.

The Reading Club Finale will be June 29 at 2 pm with Ronald McDonald, and at 6:30 pm enjoy a ventriloquist/storyteller.



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