

# August-September 2014

CEDAR HILL

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Head For the Hills = local benefits



The Cedar Hill Rotary Club brought a crowd of members to a July City Council Meeting to support their officers presenting results from the Head For the Hills Rally and plaques to City departments that supported the event.

Over \$27,000, raised by the May 10 event, will help support the local Rotary Club's Coats for Kids program, the Cedar Hill Food Pantry, Hope Mansion, Bridges Safehouse the Zula B. Wylie Library and a portion will go to Rotary International's charities.

Kay Kamm, current Rotary President and Treasurer Larry Horner reported that the rally continues to grow in participants and in fundraising. They extended appreciation to Dan Watkins who served as President during this year's Rally.

Dan is also a Librarian at Cedar Hill's ZBW Library.

The 2014 event brought 1,087 riders to Cedar Hill. They came from all over the metroplex and beyond, some from as far as Florida and Minnesota.

This successful event depends on support from several departments including Fire, Police, Tourism, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, Library and others. Dozens of residents volunteer to help support the event and our community.

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Parvin noted that this event has grown dramatically in its short history and brings a lot of people to our community where they can enjoy some of our natural beauty and economic vitality.

**No HIGHLIGHTS in September**  
Due to changes in the water billing process in September there will not be a Highlights newsletter in your September water bill.

## City Council launches Beautification Commission

At the July 22 City Council meeting the following residents were appointed to the Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board: Gregory Glover, Gerald L. Malone, Jr., Dr. Lester Singleton, Kellie Spencer, Ceil Stahr, Brian Hart, Naturee Hutchison, Sandra McLain and Sharon Roberts.

Serving in ex-officio posts are Asst. City Manager Melissa Stephens and Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Services Manager Stacey Graves.

## Fund set for CHPD officer

Cedar Hill Police Officer Ann McSwain was seriously injured when a suspect set himself on fire during an incident in July.

She is still recovering from her burns. Many residents have expressed their appreciation for her actions and want to help with expenses related to her recovery.

A fund has been set up online for those who wish to contribute. Visit [cedarhilltx.com/McSwainfund](http://cedarhilltx.com/McSwainfund).

All funds go directly to Officer McSwain.

## West Nile Virus season continues Fight the bite



Scan the code at right with your mobile device to register your mobile phone to ensure that you receive messages for your neighborhood about mosquito control spraying by Dallas County to reduce WNV exposure.



# High Pointe PID seeks candidates

The High Pointe Public Improvement District seeks candidates interested in running for a place on the HPPID board.

Resumes must be submitted to Cornerstone Management Services, LLC by August 22 at 6 p.m. Submission can be by email at [camsacct@cornerstoneams.com](mailto:camsacct@cornerstoneams.com), by fax at 214.520.6463 or by mail to Cornerstone Management Services, LLC, P.O. Box 191185, Dallas TX 75219.

Early voting begins Sept. 1. Regular voting will be at the HPPID board meeting at HighPointe Baptist Church on Sept. 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

More information is available at [cedarhilltx.com/HPPID](http://cedarhilltx.com/HPPID).

## Keeping Cedar Hill Clean

Keep Cedar Hill Beautiful is looking for talented, passionate people who want to make a difference in our community. We are also inviting residents to 'adopt a street' in conjunction with our Saturday roadway trash collection from 9-11 a.m. Contact Dan Brown at 972.765.4285.

**Join the Cedar Hill Community Band**  
Call Donald Stockard at 214.542.8529 or email [cedarhill-communityband@yahoo.com](mailto:cedarhill-communityband@yahoo.com). The band is looking for a rehearsal room, Monday nights.

 **Gone wireless?**

### Help us get back in touch

If you've cancelled your home phone you may no longer be receiving important messages from the City. Please register your mobile phone number(s) at our secure site: [cedarhilltx.com/citymessage](http://cedarhilltx.com/citymessage)

## The intern's inside view

*Latavia Williams has been working as a free intern in the Public Relations Dept. this summer. We've been thrilled to have this talented graduate of Cedar Hill Collegiate High School on our staff. She has contributed much to several key projects, especially the launch of the new City website and Highlights newsletter production. She will be leaving us in August to finish her final semester at Texas Tech. We will miss her. We asked her to share her feelings about working for your city this summer.*

I think the biggest misconception people have of city workers is the idea that they exist to make our lives miserable. They are the ones who hand out citations and create ordinances that a lot of people may not understand. It didn't dawn on me, until recently, that these are ways of keeping the city intact.

I started a Public Relations internship at the Cedar Hill Government Center this summer. Being a Cedar Hill resident for almost 20 years, and an uninformed college student, my initial thought of the city was, "prepare to be around a bunch of uptight employees who hate the people", but I think they are the complete opposite of uptight and hateful, and I can honestly say I have never been more wrong. The city employees have social gatherings, celebrate birthdays, and even in staff meetings, I feel as though I am at a family reunion rather than a workplace.

I never met a friendlier group of people who work together in one accord, all in attempts to make Cedar Hill the safest and healthiest community. Not only does the staff devise plans to make this suburb the



Latavia Williams

best city possible, but they encourage suggestions and input from the public.

I was shocked to know that a lot of the staff actually lives in Cedar Hill, so they can relate to common concerns of the city.

Moreover, the staff encourages me to speak up and give insight knowing that I am a Cedar Hill native. I feel like my voice matters. They do not discriminate because of my age and lack of experience, and I am treated like part of the team rather than an insignificant intern.

I encourage everyone to go to a City Council meeting, look at the website, and follow the city on social media to know why things are going on, and what's happening in town.

Knowledge brings an understanding. Once people understand the city and its workers, maybe they can realize that city workers are people just like you and I. After all, someone who works for the city may very well be a neighbor, and I know I like to think of a neighbor as someone who always has my best interest at heart.

## Alarm Monitoring **911SWRCC**

For only \$25 a month, you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same local 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.

## People make it a community



At a recent City Council meeting eight firefighters were recognized and pinned by family members and friends. They included, in top photo, Jeff Gateley, Tyler Howle, Fernando Fonseca and Michael McMahon. In photo below are: Justin Smith, Jake Spataro, Dustin Crocker, Jason Patrick, and Fire Chief John Ballard.



Kevin Driggs, center, was recognized for his promotion. He is joined by Brandy Driggs and Chief Ballard.



The July 8 City Council Meeting was an evening for recognizing outstanding neighborhoods.

1. Stoney Creek Estates - Most Active
2. Stonewood Heights - Most Improved
3. Lake Ridge - Premier Neighborhood Award



# 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.

## August

### 9 CHISD Back to School Rally

9 a.m. to Noon at Cedar Hill High School. More information at [CHISD.net](http://CHISD.net).

### 25 CHISD first day of school

Visit [CHISD.net](http://CHISD.net) for everything about back to school.

### 29 Lake Ridge Parkway Project Ribbon Cutting

Time and location will be announced on [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com)

## September

### 1 City offices in Government Center closed for Labor Day

For information on hours of other City facilities check the City website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).

### 20 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

9-11 a.m., High School parking lot.  
Details about what is allowed at [cedarhilltx.com/hhw](http://cedarhilltx.com/hhw).

### 27 E-Waste Recycling and Paper Shredding Event

8 a.m. - Noon, High School parking lot.  
For more information visit [cedarhilltx.com/e-waste](http://cedarhilltx.com/e-waste).

## October

### 7 National Night Out

An evening for neighbors to come together with police, fire and city officials to build relationships and share information to strengthen the community. Meetings at various locations around the city. For details visit [cedarhilltx.com/nationalnightout](http://cedarhilltx.com/nationalnightout).

### 10 Old Settlers' Reunion in historic downtown

5:30 - 8 p.m. under the main tent on Cedar Street between Broad and Houston. Get more info at [cedarhillcountryday.com/OldSettlersNew.html](http://cedarhillcountryday.com/OldSettlersNew.html).

### 11 Country Day on the Hill, 77th annual edition

10 a.m. start. Historic Downtown  
This event is a day of celebrating the heritage, growth and values of Cedar Hill. Live music, parade, pet show, 5K run, festival food and more. Get information at [cedarhilltx.com/countrydayonthehill](http://cedarhilltx.com/countrydayonthehill).

### 13 Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Family Fun Night

6:30 p.m. Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St.  
Enjoy performances by storytellers, crafts and more.



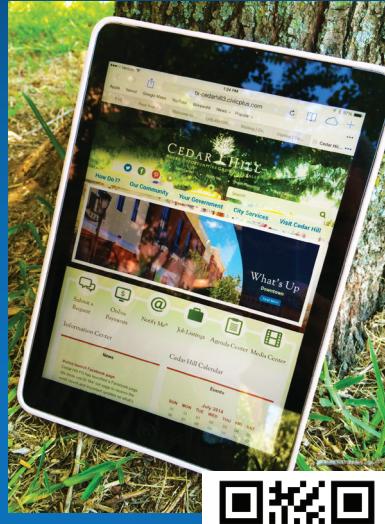
# City website has new look, travels well

In July, Cedar Hill launched a new website with an open, airy design and new capabilities. The new site is designed to give visitors a better feel for our attractive community.

Public Relations Manager Corky-Brown said "The new design is awesome on mobile devices like phones and tablets. Content re-sizes on the fly to fit the window. Since over 40% of the visits to the City site come from mobile devices we want those users to have the best experience possible. Mobile is here and now."

Some content has been rearranged in a more logical structure. A powerful search tool helps find specific content.

A new addition to the website is the 'Visit Cedar Hill' tab on the home page. On the 'Visit' pages learn about Cedar Hill's attractions and things to do in the city. Look for the "This Week in Cedar Hill" (TWICH) blog to keep up with what's hap-



pening.

Featured attractions include, but are not limited to, Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center and the Cedar Hill Museum of History. Sports and recreational activities, entertainment, dining, and shopping are also found under this tab.

To experience and explore the new website and its features, visit [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).



**Brand new site, same old address:**

**cedarhilltx.com**

## Watering restrictions

**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 [cedarhilltx.com/watering](http://cedarhilltx.com/watering).

**If any additional watering restrictions are required under the City's Drought Response Stages they will be posted on the City website, cedarhilltx.com.**

## City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100x1010

After Hours (Answering service)  
972.780.6643

Alarm Monitoring 972.230.5248

Animal Control 972.223.6111

Animal Shelter 972.291.5335

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  
972.291.5100x1094

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

Tourism 972.291.5100 x1084

Trash & Recycling (Waste Management)  
800.772.8653

Utility Billing 972.291.5100x1200

  
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