

# April 2015

# CEDAR HILL HIGHLIGHTS

**A contest to help keep Cedar Hill beautiful**

## You + social media = less litter

The Cedar Hill Beautification and Environmental Sustainability Board asks you to put your creativity to work and post your own anti-litter video or selfie on Facebook.

Show us how you do it, and we'll pass it along to thousands more. Send us your best 20-second video or selfie and we'll share. The best item will be honored at a City Council meeting and will be aired on NBC 5's Community Affairs Program on June 14. There will be other prizes awarded to creative entries.

So get your anti-litter groove on and make sure we get your best effort by April 17.

### Rules

See where/how to submit your entry at [cedarhilltx.com/BESBoard](http://cedarhilltx.com/BESBoard). You must have "#keepcedarhill-beautiful" in your post. Video must be no longer than 20 seconds. You can put music to your video, create a new dance, sing a jingle or whatever helps you encourage everyone to pick up litter and keep Cedar Hill beautiful. The contest is open to individuals or groups. All entries must comply with Facebook terms



Anti-littering ads by the City of Toronto's LiveGreen.

of use and the City's social media policy, which can be found on the City of Cedar Hill's Facebook page, [facebook.com/CityofCedarHill](https://facebook.com/CityofCedarHill). (Like us while you're there.)

Be sure to share your creations in your own social media world.

## Joint Election May 9 for City and CHSD

Up for selection on May 9 are two City Council positions and two spots on the CHSD Board of Trustees.

For Place 1 on the City Council, incumbent Jami McCain faces challenger Mike Mathews. In Place 4, incumbent Chris Parvin faces Shirley Ann Daniels.

Two spots are open on the CHSD board. Place 6 has drawn three challengers, Robert Riggs, Ken Frazier and Dawn Miller. Place 7 has two running, Cheryl Wesley and Ramona "Dionne" Ross-Bacon.

Early voting will take place in the first-floor lobby of the Cedar Hill Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd. Early voting will be open:  
April 27 - May 1, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
May 2, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 3, from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
May 4 - 5, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

On Election Day, registered voters can only vote at their precinct polling location from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. To find out where to vote on Election Day, please visit [www.dallascountytvotes.org/election-day-information](http://www.dallascountytvotes.org/election-day-information).

## Neighborhoods need leaders

When the Neighborhood Services Program was established by our City Council over a decade ago, the objectives were to provide support and resources for existing neighborhood organizations as well as support the creation and activity of new ones.

Building the type of city we all envision takes an ongoing partnership between the City Council and residents who serve as leaders in their neighborhoods.

The City of Cedar Hill recognizes 68 neighborhoods, and a little more than half of them have active crime watch groups or neighborhood organizations. If you aren't involved in your neighborhood, we encourage you to join our efforts in shaping the future of our city.

You can join or start a crime watch group, neighborhood association or homeowners association. Make your community safer by going through the Citizens Police Academy, Citizens Fire Academy or CERT program.

Help make your neighborhood cleaner by coordinating a community clean-up. To achieve our vision for this great city, we need you!

For more info on how to get involved in your neighborhood, please contact Neighborhood Services at 972.291.5100 x1099.

Check the calendar on page 3 for information on the May 19 Town Hall meeting for neighborhoods north of FM 1382 and East Belt Line Road.



Leah Walker  
Neighborhood  
Services  
Coordinator

# Rec Center turns 10, changes name, hosts block party

Saturday, March 7 was a big day in lots of ways. The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department unveiled the new name of the Alan E. Sims Cedar Hill Recreation Center, honoring our recently retired city manager who guided the city for 15 years and is a regular patron of the center.

Mayor Rob Franke, City Manager Greg Porter and Parks & Recreation Director Larry Foos hosted a short ceremony in the gym where the new name, and a plaque honoring Mr. Sims, was unveiled.

## Anniversary & Block Party

The new-name ceremony kicked off the 10th Annual Recreation Center Anniversary & Citywide Block



Party. Dozens of community organizations and City departments manned booths inside; other groups performed in the gym. Heavy equipment from our City's first responders and the reliable Public Works department was outside, as were the kid-favorite bounce structures. Good weather encouraged a huge turnout, overflowing the available parking.

**Senior Planner Don Gore discusses details of the City Center plan with residents at the Citywide Block Party. For more information about the development master plan for the heart of our city, visit [cedarhilltx.com/2010/Project-Summary](http://cedarhilltx.com/2010/Project-Summary).**

This annual event is a great way to introduce residents to the Recreation Center, with its modern workout equipment, weights, an indoor track, showers and locker rooms, rooms for workout classes and rentable special event spaces.

The Anniversary/Block Party showcases what's going on in Cedar Hill and encourages residents to get involved in the community with the organizations present. Mark your calendar for this event on the first Saturday in March.

For additional information on Parks and Recreation programs, special events and athletics, visit [cedarhilltx.com/pard](http://cedarhilltx.com/pard).

# First Town Hall of 2015 draws engaged crowd



Over 100 residents turned out in March for the first of three City Council Town Hall meetings.

Mayor Rob Franke opened the meeting with the vision of a premier city that retains its distinctive character.

He stressed that the City Council reflects the community's values of people and relationships, good stewardship, highest ethical standards of behavior and integrity, and servant leadership.

He gave a short review of how tax revenues are divided among the county, school district and the city, and how the city allocates its share.

Referring to last year's series of Town Hall meetings, he showed how the City is addressing residents'

**City Council Member Daniel Haydin, left, responds to a resident's question during one of the small group meetings at the March Town Hall meeting**

priorities of neighborhood services, code enforcement and public safety/animal control.

Members of several City departments gave presentations on programs serving neighborhoods and encouraged residents to get involved in their neighborhoods.

Small breakout groups gave residents access to City Council members and City staffers who stayed until the last question was addressed.

For information about upcoming Town Halls, check the calendar on page 3 of this issue.

## #@\$&% typo!

It happens. Despite our best efforts, somehow typos creep into the Highlights newsletter. But now that can be good for you.

## See a typo?

If you find a typo in this issue of Highlights, **email the location to [corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com](mailto:corky.brown@cedarhilltx.com)** and you'll be entered to win a gift card from Uptown Village in Cedar Hill. Please, only one entry per person.

Deadline is midnight, April. 30. The winner will be notified via email.

Congratulations to Feliciano Hernandez, winner of the February issue contest.



People make it a community



City Council member Jami McCain presents Brendon Camp the S.T.A.R student award for March. He is a student at the Cedar Hill Ninth Grade Center.



Library Director, Toni Simmons, holding award, accepted the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Award of Excellence for the Zula B. Wylie Public Library, surrounded by staff and Friends of the Library. Kerry McGeath, right, former TMLDA President, presented.



The Beautification and Environmental Sustainability (BES) board is the newest citizen panel set up by the City Council, and they have been one of the busiest, from the Block Party to a City Council presentation. Members, left to right, are Brian Hart, Sandra McLain, Sharon Roberts, Naturee Hutchinson, Gregory Glover (Chairman), Ceil Stahr and Dr. Lester Singleton (Vice Chairman). Gerald Malone, Jr. and Kellie Spencer are not pictured. Stacey Graves, Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Services Manager and Assistant City Manager Melissa Stephens serve as ex officio members.



Early voting for the May 9 General Election, which includes City Council and CHSD Board races, runs from Monday, April 27 through Monday, May 4. The Government Center is the only early voting location in Cedar Hill. On May 9, voters will cast ballots within their precincts. To find out your precinct and the polling place for May 9, please visit [dallascountyvotes.org](http://dallascountyvotes.org) and click on "Election Day Voting Information."



# 1 8 2 9 3 4 5 12 6 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.



## April 2015

### 25 Prescription Drug Takeback

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walgreens parking lot at Belt Line and Cannady  
Dispose of expired or unused prescription drugs safely and responsibly at this collection site manned by Cedar Hill police officers. Impact Cedar Hill, a community coalition dedicated to reducing youth substance abuse, sponsors this event. Visit [dpri.com](http://dpri.com).

### 28 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting. Both are open to the public. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.  
Agendas and minutes for City Council meetings and other City boards and commissions are available at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com). Click on the Agenda Center icon.  
Agendas are posted 72 hours before meeting times.

## May

### 2 Electronic-Recycle and Paper Shredding

8 a.m. - Noon, Cedar Hill High School parking lot, 1 Longhorn Blvd.  
Don't toss those non-functional electronic gadgets in the trash, E-recycle them at this event. We can recycle most items up to 32-inch TVs. Also, bring up to three filing boxes of papers to be shredded while you wait. No commercial businesses, please.

### 9 General Election for City Council and CHSD Board

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For precinct voting locations visit [DallasCountyVotes.org](http://DallasCountyVotes.org).

### 9 Head for the Hills Bike Rally

6 a.m. registration opens, 8 a.m. rally starts  
Uptown Village in Cedar Hill shopping center, enter from Pleasant Run, west of US 67. This event draws thousands of riders to enjoy the wonderful Cedar Hill terrain and scenery. Sponsored by the Cedar Hill Rotary Club, proceeds benefit several non-profits in the community. For registration information visit [headforthehills.org](http://headforthehills.org).

### 12 & 26 City Council Meetings

6 p.m. Briefing Session, 7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting. Both are open to the public. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

### 19 Town Hall meeting for NE zone

6:30 p.m. Hillcrest Baptist Church, 265 W. Pleasant Run Road  
This is the second of three Town Hall meetings to help residents feel more connected to the community. Hosted by City Council members, this meeting will focus on residents in the northeast portion of the city, north of FM 1382 and East Belt Line Road. The meeting will consist of a brief update on issues that matter to residents, then the audience will break out into three smaller groups, providing more direct interaction with City Council members. For more information, visit [cedarhilltx.com/1685/Neighborhood-Town-Hall-Meetings](http://cedarhilltx.com/1685/Neighborhood-Town-Hall-Meetings).

Earth Day Cedar Hill  
April 20, visit  
[cedarhilltx.com/1086](http://cedarhilltx.com/1086)

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cedarhilltx.com/calendar

## Every day is Earth Day

Come see why every day is green in Cedar Hill at this year's Earth Day & Arbor Day celebration. "Passport to the Planet" is the theme.

This free, family-friendly event begins at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20 at the Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd.

Learn how to live a greener life with workshops, interactive exhibits and environmentally-conscious vendors. See how your city incorporates sustainable practices in operations.

Live music will be provided by Vocal Trash and you can grab a quick dinner from the Pink Pig. Free trees will be available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis, proof of residency required.

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

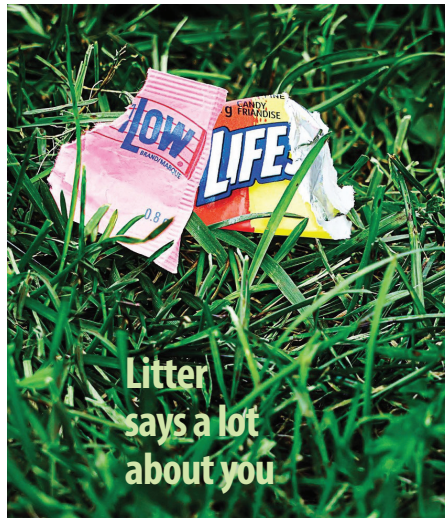
For more green goodness, plan to attend Earth Day Texas at Fair Park in Dallas from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26. Visit booths from your city, Cedar Hill State Park and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center

## PeopleVET supports small business entrepreneurs

The City of Cedar Hill succeeds when residents succeed. That's why the Cedar Hill Economic Development Corporation has partnered with the Best Southwest Small Business Development Center (BSSBDC) and PeopleFund, a non-profit lender to offer PeopleVET

PeopleVET's mission is to create economic opportunity for military veteran entrepreneurs. BSSBDC offers no-cost, one-on-one consulting for start-ups and existing businesses related to loans and financing, marketing, and all facets of running a small business. Participants will work with a business advisor from BSSBDC. Those who complete the program become eligible for a \$20K loan at 5% via PeopleFund.

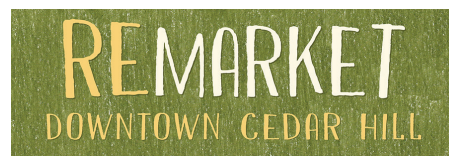
The program begins May 28 at BSSBDC, 207 N. Cannady in Cedar Hill. For more information visit <https://peoplefund.org/educaion/peoplevet>.



## Fight the bite

Your City's Public Works staff members are already working with Dallas County Health & Human Services to help protect residents from West Nile Virus-infected mosquitoes. Monitoring stations have been placed throughout the city. If an infected mosquito is detected, the County will spray the zone where the mosquito was trapped.

For a map showing the collection/spraying zones, and more information about spraying procedures and avoiding West Nile Virus, visit [cedarhilltx.com/wnv](http://cedarhilltx.com/wnv).



Some good old, new-fashioned ReMarket events are coming to Downtown Cedar Hill this spring and summer.

On the fourth Saturday of each month, from now through September, vendors will set up downtown to offer fresh produce, local art, crafts, eco-friendly goods and cool, old stuff.

Plans are for booths to open at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m., rain or shine. This event is supported by the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and the Cedar Hill Arts Council.

For more information, please visit [www.chartstx.org](http://www.chartstx.org).

## City Contacts

EMERGENCY 911

Administration 972.291.5100x1009

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  
972.291.5100x1099

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

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