



# **CEDAR HILL** *Texas*

**2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Cedar Hill is a community where opportunities grow naturally. In my tenure as your mayor, I have seen Cedar Hill grow from a small rural town to a regional leader in sustainability, a retail and dining destination, and a hub for economic activity. I am especially proud that, through this growth, we have retained the distinctive character that makes Cedar Hill unique.

This year, the city council has focused on priorities that lay a foundation for the next generation of Cedar Hill families: neighborhood engagement and revitalization, long-range land use

planning, and implementation of the library, parks, and streets improvements approved by voters in 2017.

The success of these initiatives depends on an active and engaged community. I challenge each of you to find a way to be a part of the future of our city. We look forward to working with you to positively impact Cedar Hill for generations to come.

## CEDAR HILL CITY COUNCIL

*Cedar Hill is a home rule city with a council-manager form of government. The mayor and city council members are the elected officials and policy-makers, representing citizens as they focus on community goals, major projects, and long-term considerations such as community growth, land-use development, capital improvement plans, and strategic planning. Council members are volunteer servant leaders and residents, just like you. The City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Agendas are available 72 hours in advance of the meeting at [cedarhilltx.com/archive](http://cedarhilltx.com/archive).*



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# A PREMIER CITY

The City Council envisions a premier city to be defined by the following premier statements:

## DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER



## SAFE



## CLEAN



## VIBRANT PARKS &



## NATURAL BEAUTY



## STRONG & DIVERSE ECONOMY



## EXCELLENT, SAFE & EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE



## TEXAS SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

## VISION

We envision Cedar Hill as a premier city that retains its distinctive character; where families and businesses flourish in a safe and clean environment.

## MISSION

The Mission of the City of Cedar Hill is to deliver the highest quality municipal services to our citizens and customers consistent with our community values.

## WE VALUE

The City Council believes that by communicating the values to the community, others will begin reflecting, articulating, promoting, and protecting the distinctive character that will continue Cedar Hill's success far into the future.



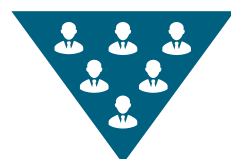
## PEOPLE & RELATIONSHIPS



## STEWARDSHIP



## HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS, BEHAVIOR & INTEGRITY



## SERVANT LEADERSHIP

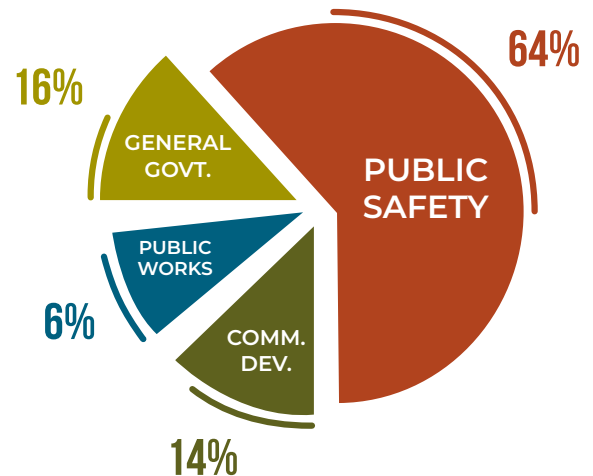
# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Cedar Hill's budget reflects the community's priorities and the strategic goals set by the City Council to provide the services, facilities, and infrastructure that make Cedar Hill a premier city.

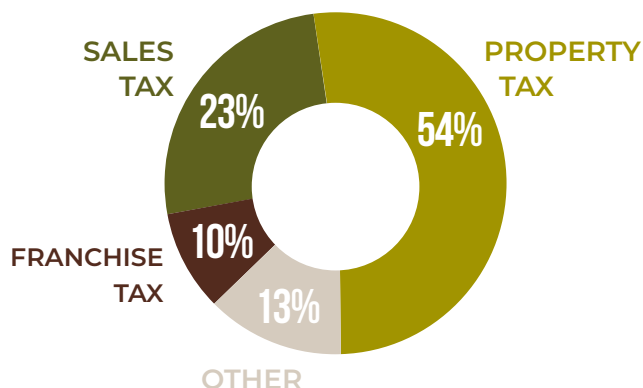
View the detailed budget at [cedarhilltx.com/budget](http://cedarhilltx.com/budget).

## 2018-19 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

For Fiscal Year 2018-19, the City Council approved \$35.8 million in General Fund expenditures. General Fund expenditures provide support for most traditional city services, including public safety, parks and recreation, library, planning and zoning, neighborhood services, and public works operations.



## 2018-19 GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES



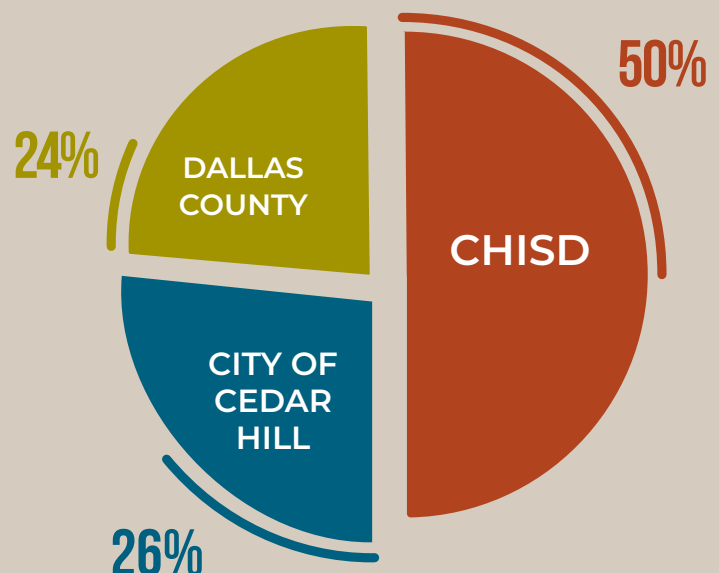
The majority of General Fund revenue come from property, sales, and other taxes.

The City's property tax rate is \$0.69703, a slight reduction from prior years. Cedar Hill has the lowest property tax rate of similar-sized cities in the area, including DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster, Mansfield, and Midlothian.

## WHERE YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS GO

Property taxes are the largest revenue stream for the City and pay for a variety of services essential for a strong community. The average single-family home value in Cedar Hill is \$178,811, which means that the average single-family homeowner pays \$104 per month, or \$3.41 per day for City services.

Property taxes also pay for county and school district services. The chart below reflects the breakdown of the average homeowner's tax bill.







# THE PROPERTY TAX RATE

## *A Day in the Life of a Cedar Hill Resident*



**LATTE**  
**\$4.60**

*Small latte from local  
coffee shop*



**LUNCH**  
**\$6.69**

*Local fast food sandwich,  
fries, and drink*



**CELL  
PHONE**  
**\$2.67**

*Data and service plan  
with major carrier*

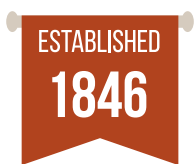


## **DAILY PROPERTY TAX**

The City of Cedar Hill property tax rate is \$0.69703. Using the average home value of \$178,811, the average daily property tax cost for residents is \$3.41 - less than a small latte or lunch at a local fast food restaurant. Your property taxes pay for the services and programs that make Cedar Hill a premier city. These services include public safety, parks and recreation, library, planning and zoning, and public works.



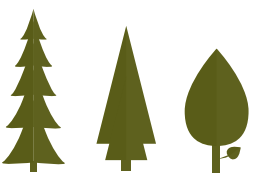
# CEDAR HILL BY THE NUMBERS



**32** TOTAL  
**PARKS**

**\$\$\$ AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD  
\$\$\$ INCOME: \$72,124**

**68**  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
**14,427**  
HOUSEHOLDS

**7,938**   
ACRES OF TREE CANOPY  
LAND AREA: **36 SQ. MILES**  
**34% OPEN/GREEN SPACE**



**880 FT.**  
**ABOVE SEA  
LEVEL**

**74% OWN**  
**28% RENT**  


**POPULATION - 49,433**



**53% FEMALE 47% MALE**

## DIVERSITY

**49%** AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
**24%** WHITE  
**21%** HISPANIC/LATINO  
**6%** OTHER





# BOND PROGRAM UPDATE

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## STREETS & DRAINAGE

More than \$1.5 million in concrete and asphalt street repairs were completed in 2018.

Construction on new street lighting on Belt Line, Joe Wilson, and Parkerville Roads began early 2019.

Design is underway for drainage improvements at Texas and Hardy streets to address local flooding and debris issues. Construction is expected to begin in 2019.



## NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

The city council appointed a citizen committee to consider and recommend site options for the new library.

The City is currently in negotiations for land acquisition for the site and will announce the location once negotiations are finalized.

Design for the new library is expected to begin in 2019 with a public participation process to gather input for the design and programming of the space.



## PARKS & RECREATION

Construction of the new playground at Calf Pasture Park is complete, and improvements at Bradford Park will begin in 2019. The new creative playground at Virginia Weaver Park opened in March 2019.

The City completed a site study for the new community pool, expected to open in the summer of 2021 at Virginia Weaver Park. The City will engage the community in a masterplan for the future of Crawford Park.





# AWARDS & ACCOLADES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HONORED FOR LIFESAVING CARE

The Cedar Hill Fire Department obtained the Gold Plus recognition from the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program and Gold certification from EMS for Children for high standards and excellence in providing care to cardiac and pediatric patients. Patients have better outcomes when treated by EMS first responders with these special protocols.

## CITY RECOGNIZED FOR LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY

Cedar Hill was recognized by the International City/County Management Association for Program Excellence in Community Sustainability. The award was based on the City's Growing Green program, which has guided elected and appointed city leaders in incorporating environmentally conscious practices into strategic planning and operations.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED FOR BEST PRACTICES

The Cedar Hill Police Department received recognition for the third time from the Texas Police Chiefs Association for professionalism and training, excellence in police operations, and innovative and strategic crime prevention initiatives.







# STAY CONNECTED

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## HIGHLIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## NOTIFY ME

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## GOREQUEST APP

Have a complaint about a pothole or a fence in disrepair? Report the issue fast with the GOREquest app. Select your issue, take a picture, and we'll take care of it. To learn more visit [cedarhilltx.com/request](https://cedarhilltx.com/request).

## SOCIAL MEDIA







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