

CEDAR  HILL

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STEPHEN MASON

In 2021, *The New York Times* named Cedar Hill as one of eight best places to live and work in the U.S. It is gratifying to see that one of the top newspapers in the world recognizes what we Cedarhillians already know: that Cedar Hill is a special community.

This is a great time to be in Cedar Hill, and 2021 was a year of recovery, reconnection, and celebration of important milestones for the vision of our community.

This year, City Council continued our focus on five strategic areas: public safety, implementation of the 2017 bond program, planning and development, neighborhood engagement and revitalization, and communications.

We broke ground on a landmark industrial development in partnership with world-class developers at Hillwood; celebrated the renovation of two neighborhood parks; re-opened the upgraded Cedar Hill Senior Center with new programming and resources for adults 55+; and launched a new leadership academy.



As I reflect on the big wins of 2021, I am filled with gratitude for the work of the City Council, boards and commissions, staff, and community members that made it all happen. I can't wait to see what we'll do together in 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely of Mayor Stephen Mason.

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 policymakers, representing citizens as they focus on community goals, major projects, and long-term considerations like 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 typically meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Agendas are available 72 hours in advance of the meeting at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.



From left: Gregory Glover, Daniel C. Haydin, Jr, Clifford R. Shaw, Mayor Stephen Mason, Chad A. McCurdy, Shirley Daniels, Mayor Pro Tem Alan E. Sims

A PREMIER CITY

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.

PURSUING PREMIER

The city council envisions Cedar Hill as a premier city defined by the following characteristics:

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER



SAFE



CLEAN



VIBRANT PARKS, TRAILS & NATURAL BEAUTY



ENGAGED COMMUNITY



STRONG & DIVERSE ECONOMY



EXCELLENT, SAFE & EFFICIENT INFRASTRUCTURE



TEXAS SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

WE VALUE

The city council believes that by communicating its values to the community, others will begin reflecting, articulating, promoting, and protecting the distinctive character of Cedar Hill.



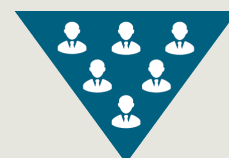
PEOPLE & RELATIONSHIPS



STEWARDSHIP



HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS, BEHAVIOR & INTEGRITY



SERVANT LEADERSHIP

TOP 10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1 Received a rating of ISO Class 1, the highest rating available, from the Insurance Services Office. The Class 1 rating, based on the City's first class fire department and water system, means that citizens and businesses in Cedar Hill may be eligible for rate reductions in insurance policies.
- 2 Reported a significant reduction in the Crime Rate Index. Cedar Hill experienced more than 26 percent reduction in the crime rate index, resulting in one of the lowest violent crime and property crime rates in the area.
- 3 Completed the construction of new neighborhood parks at Windsor Park and Dot Thomas Park.
- 4 Completed and revealed the conceptual design for the new public library and signature park, to be located near Uptown Blvd. and Pioneer Pkwy. The City Council also selected a construction manager for the project. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2022.
- 5 Awarded a construction contract for the first phase of downtown street improvements that will create a safer and more walkable experience downtown.
- 6 Broke ground on High Point 67, a Class A logistics and manufacturing center by Hillwood developers. The project is expected to generate more than \$75 million in capital investment, \$100 million in new taxable value, and support the creation of hundreds of jobs in Cedar Hill.
- 7 Launched a new daily meal program for seniors age 60+ in partnership with the Dallas Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services.
- 8 Hosted the first-ever Cedar Hill Citizen Leadership Academy, where residents grew their leadership skills and went behind the scenes to learn more about their city.
- 9 Outfitted a neighborhood block party trailer as a resource for neighborhood organizations to engage residents and build community. Organizations can rent the trailer, which provides the supplies and equipment to have a successful block party.
- 10 Provided 24/7 response to Winter Storm Uri, one of the worst winter storms in Texas History. Although more than 1,200 water systems in Texas issued boil water notices due to system outages and low pressure, Cedar Hill maintained service throughout the event.



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

NAMED A TOP PLACE TO LIVE
AND WORK IN THE U.S.
(THE NEW YORK TIMES)

SCENIC CITY GOLD CERTIFICATION
(SCENIC TEXAS)

SAVVY AWARD FOR
#CEDARHILLSTRONG CAMPAIGN
(CITY/COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS &
MARKETING ASSOCIATION)

CLEAN AIR PARTNER OF THE YEAR
(NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS)

VALUE OF YOUR TAX DOLLAR

The City's property tax rate is \$0.697029 per \$100 valuation. The average homeowner pays \$127 per month or \$4.18 per day for city services, including 24-hour police response, fire protection, and emergency medical services; 3,729 acres of public park land; 53 library programs per month; and 310 miles of paved streets.

\$4.18 OR **\$127**
PER DAY **MONTHLY**

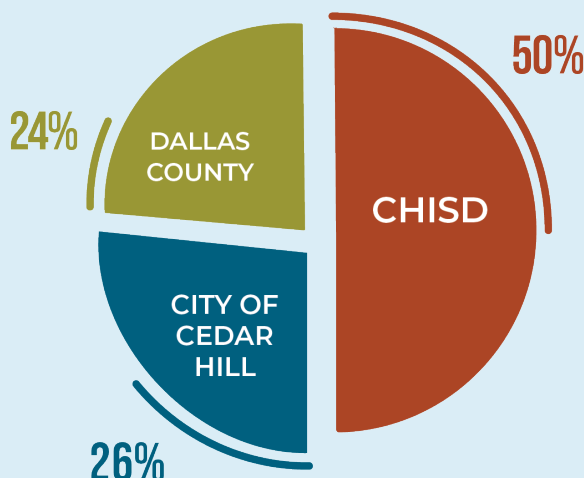
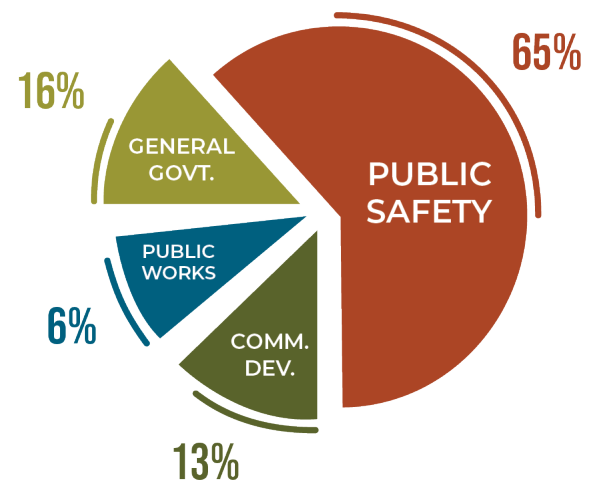
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD COST FOR CITY SERVICES

2021-2022 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

The City of 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. You can view the detailed budget at cedarhilltx.com/budget.

For Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the City Council approved \$41.6 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.

More than half of General Fund expenditures (65%) go toward public safety services: police response, fire protection, EMS services, and more.



BREAKING DOWN YOUR TAX BILL

Property taxes are the largest revenue stream for the City and pay for a variety of services essential for a strong community. The average homeowner pays about \$127 per month in property taxes towards these services.

Property taxes also pay for county and school district services. The chart to the left reflects the breakdown of the average homeowner's tax bill in Cedar Hill.

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LET'S TALK!

Get engaged and share your feedback about the projects and initiatives that shape our future at letstalkcedarhill.com.

THIS WEEK IN CEDAR HILL

Do you know what's happening this week in Cedar Hill? Visit cedarhilltx.com/twch to sign up for emails or text notifications to stay in the loop!

MY CEDAR HILL APP

Need to report a pothole or a fence in disrepair? Report the issue fast with the My Cedar Hill app. Select your issue, take a picture, and we'll take care of it. Learn more at cedarhilltx.com/request.

NEWSLETTER

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