



PLANNING OUR FUTURE

This year, the city council adopted Cedar Hill Next, the City's comprehensive plan, after an extensive public input and engagement process. The plan sets an ambitious policy goal to preserve 25% of the City's land mass as open space and identifies strategic opportunities to move the community forward while also preserving its character.

Construction of the first phase of the Downtown Complete Streets plan was completed in November. Broad Street, between Belt Line Road and Texas Street, was resurfaced and new sidewalks, street benches, street lights, and landscaping were installed.



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Cedar Hill is an engaged community, and 2022 brought new opportunities to connect with neighbors. The year began with a new Welcome to Cedar Hill program where new residents toured the City and met their neighbors.

Cedar Hill celebrated Hispanic heritage in September with the inaugural LatinFest event, where residents and visitors enjoyed food, kids activities, and cultural performances.



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AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Environmental Planning Gold Award for the Comprehensive Plan (*from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association*)

Innovation Award for Neighborhood Walk Program (*from the Texas Police Chiefs Association*)

Achievement of Excellence in Libraries (*from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association*)

Economic Excellence Recognition (*from the Texas Economic Development Council*)

ASPCA Dog of the Year (*Fire Station 212's Clementine, adopted from the Tri-City Animal Shelter*)

Achievement of Excellence Award (*from the Texas Fire Marshals Association*)

Mission: Lifeline Silver Award for Excellence in Heart Attack and Stroke Care (*from the American Heart Association*)

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (*from the Government Finance Officers Association*)

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award (*from the Government Finance Officers Association*)

CEDAR HILL
WHERE OPPORTUNITIES GROW NATURALLY

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR STEPHEN MASON

Cedar Hill is a community where opportunities grow naturally and where we celebrate and preserve our distinctive character. That character was certainly on display at every event this year, from our citywide block party in March, to the first-ever Cedar Hill LatinFest in September, and wrapping up the year with Holiday on the Hill in December.

This year, we broke ground on two major bond projects that will have a tremendous impact on the fabric of our community: the Library, Museum & Signature Park and the Lagoon at Virginia Weaver Park. I cannot wait to see the community's vision come to life as we progress on the construction of these amenities in 2023.

2022 also saw the completion of projects that have been decades in the making. The first phase of downtown street improvements brings investment and vitality to our historic core, and the opening of Balcones Trail along FM 1382 highlights and makes accessible Cedar Hill's distinctive natural beauty.



As I reflect on the big wins of 2022, 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 the great things we accomplish together in 2023.

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 SAFE COMMUNITY

Safety is a top priority of the city council, and it is a core driver of quality of life and economic development in Cedar Hill. **Sixty-five percent of the City's budget is dedicated to public safety**, funding nationally-recognized police, fire and emergency medical services that make Cedar Hill the safest city in the Best Southwest.



MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- Crime rate index decreased 13%, marking the fifth straight annual decrease and falling 49% since 2016.
- New heavy rescue truck and rescue boat were put into service, enhancing special rescue capability for the region.
- Engaged the community through the Youth Summit, National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy, Teen Fire Academy, Special Needs Dance, and the award-winning Neighborhood Walk program.
- Expanded mental health and resiliency resources for first responders and the public through partnerships with Dallas County and our neighboring cities.
- Added two new traffic safety officers and additional speed monitoring devices for neighborhood traffic issues.



ASPCA DOG OF THE YEAR

Station 212's adopted hound dog, Clementine, was honored as ASPA's 2022 Dog of the Year Award. Clementine was adopted from the Tri-City Animal Shelter after evacuating from Hurricane Ida. Her personality made it challenging to place her in a typical home but a perfect match for the fire family in Station 212. She loves riding on the fire truck, stealing snacks at mealtimes, and is always ready to comfort them in times of stress. Clementine's story was shared nationwide in People and Southern Living magazines.

BREAKING NEW GROUND

In 2022, we celebrated major milestones in the voter-approved bond program. The city council completed design and broke ground on the new Library, Museum & Signature Park and the new community pool - the Lagoon at Virginia Weaver Park. Renovations were completed at Ramsey Park in the High Pointe neighborhood, and Cedar Hill's first outdoor pickleball court was installed at Bear Creek Park.

LIBRARY, MUSEUM & SIGNATURE PARK

ANTICIPATED OPENING: 2024

The community showed up in droves to break ground on the new Library, Museum & Signature Park in July. The new state-of-the-art library will be 40k square feet and feature community and event space, innovative technology, and program areas for all ages. It will be integrated with a new signature park and trail, bringing the outside in and continuing the City of Cedar Hill's vision as a city in a park.



THE LAGOON AT VIRGINIA WEAVER PARK

ANTICIPATED OPENING: SUMMER 2023

The city council broke ground on the new community pool in May with a luau-themed celebration. The new pool, named The Lagoon At Virginia Weaver Park, will feature almost 10,000 square feet of water surface, including a zero-depth entry pool, separate lap swim pool, lazy river, three-turn slide, and splash feature.

Construction is around 50% complete and is on schedule for a summer 2023 grand opening.