



The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

Cory honored at last meeting



It was a light agenda for Cory Spillman's last City Council meeting, with the last item on tree preservation, an issue he has championed for years.

After adjournment,

the honors flowed from Governor Perry, the North Central Council of Governments and other cities. A common theme was Cory's tireless dedication, intelligent contri-

City Council member Cory Spillman, joined by City Council member Clifford Shaw and Mayor Rob Franke, examines a book covering his 11 years of service to the community. Spillman was honored after his last meeting on October 23.

butions and concern for people in the community and beyond.

There was an outpouring of emotion from Council members who have served

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City wins CATEE award

The Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency organization awarded the City of Cedar Hill the 2012 CATEE Award for Small Cities at the recent conference in Galveston.

Since 2009, the Cedar Hill City Council has prioritized an environmentally friendly future and clean air for its citizens by Growing Green! Per the City's Sustainability Action Plan, all projects have to make sense Socially, Environmentally and Economically.

The City has pursued federal and state

grants to fund virtually all of the costs of these green initiatives under the direction of Assistant City Manager Melissa Stephens.

A 152 kW solar PV system at the Government Center reduces purchased energy consumption by over 210,000 kilowatt hours, about \$21,000 per year.

A 4.5 kW wind turbine at the Government Center produces over 4,400 kilowatt hours, worth more than \$400 per year.

Electric vehicle charging stations are positioned for the citi-



zens' and City use at the Government Center

A green fleet initiative purchased the City's first two all electric Nissan Leafs and will add hybrid vehicles whenever possible.

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City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23. That includes the Library, the Recreation Center, Animal Shelter and Senior Center.

Your City Council Members, administrators and employees wish all residents a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

In December, City offices will be closed on Mon. the 24th and Tues. the 25th for Christmas, and on Mon., December 31 and Tues, January 1, 2013 for New Years.



Free wi-fi

Free wireless internet connection is available to visitors at the Zula B. Wylie Public Library and at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center.



Let the City help promote your garage sale by registering it on the city website at cedarhilltx.com/garagesale or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register by Thursday to get on the list posted on Fridays. It's free! Yard sales and garage sales must be registered, by City ordinance.



Scan with smartphone

Teamwork cracks marble vandals' spree

Kingswood residents were recently plagued by a rash of broken car and house windows. Over a two-day period in October over 50 related incidents of criminal mischief were reported.

Police found that the breakage was caused by marbles.

Cedar Hill police officers Foley and Valentini came up with the idea of checking on a possible source for the projectiles.

They spoke with the local Wal-Mart manager who produced a record of marbles being sold and was able to help identify the purchaser and his vehicle.

Detectives interviewed two people who provided information and soon a suspect was located, followed and arrested. Officers found a sling shot, air rifle, knives and marbles in the vehicle.

While he was being interviewed, other suspects came to the sta-

tion to find out what was going on. They agreed to be interviewed and admitted to participating in the offenses.

According to Lt. Charles Reiss, this is another example of "thinking outside the box," teamwork among police officers and de-



ABOVE: Michael Lemmon, Center, delivered a "marble" cake from the Kingswood neighborhood to CHPD represented by Detective Joe Huston, left, and Lt. Lafferty.

tectives, local business and members of the community to solve crime.

Alarm Monitoring

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South Clark Road Corridor

Belt Line Road to Astoria Drive

2012 Capital Improvement Project



Public meeting focuses on cooperation and revitalization

In September, over 50 Cedar Hill East residents and businesses owners along South Clark attended a public meeting to discuss improvements and plans for this key portion of our community.

Hosted by Mayor Rob Franke, City Council members and key City staff members, the meeting was an opportunity to elaborate on current and future improvements and get input from stakeholders.

The City's immediate objectives are to begin infrastructure improvements including road surfaces and drainage, engage resi-

dents in crime prevention initiatives, improve traffic flow and stimulate economic development.

To do that, according to Mayor Franke, will require partnerships between neighbors and the police, pride in property and cooperation between the City, businesses and developers.

We want to help

He said City administration wants to help put businesses back in the area, revitalize neighborhood properties and relationships, develop an ongoing communication process and form bonds in the area.

Several departments had display booths including the police, with information on starting crime watch groups. Neighborhood Services stressed

communication and organizing neighborhoods. CHISD police were present to answer questions about high school traffic and students' off-campus activities.

The Public Works department discussed moving drainage underground to improve the esthetics of the roadway and the Planning Dept. showed a layout for a planned dedicated right turn lane from Belt Line onto Clark.

Popular fence idea

The Building dept. and Code Enforcement unveiled a plan for uniform fencing along portions of the west side of the roadway. Funds were subsequently approved at the next City Council meeting.

For more information, please visit cedarhilltx.com/southClark.



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Community is more than a word



Behind the check are Mayor Franke, Cedar Hill Baseball Assn. President John Hurst and board members who presented a check for \$85,000, raised by the organization, to help pay for improvements at baseball fields.



Police Chief Steve Rhodes, at the podium, introduces Police Department recruits while presenting the department's annual report to the City Council at a recent meeting. Members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assn. watch brilliantly. See the report online at cedarhilltx.com/PDAR2011.



William Glee and Joseph Graves are honored by the City for helping our Police Department. Others were: Dylan Green, Valerie Richey, Doretta Ward-Sauls, Martin Trevino, Patrick Dunkins and Elijah Stroughter.



Cedar Hill's Community Profile, in the hands of EDC Director Allison Thompson, right, was recognized by the International Economic Development Council at their recent national conference. EDC Marketing Director Michaela Dollar, holding the award, coordinated production of the Profile. View/download the Profile at CedarhillEDC.com; look for "Data Center" in the blue box.

Community 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.



www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx

November

22-23 City offices and facilities closed for Thanksgiving holiday

December

06 Old Town Holiday on the Hill

6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

The City of Cedar Hill, Main Street Development and Preservation Board, Parks and Recreation, and downtown area businesses present Old Town Holiday on the Hill, the annual tree-lighting and holiday celebration. Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. to help Mayor Franke light the tree, then he will climb aboard his sleigh to pose with children for free pictures. Downtown merchants will provide holiday activities, specials and treats, and smart shoppers can get a head start on holiday gift purchases!

7 Santa's Helpers and WFAA at Uptown Village

5-10 p.m.

Popular annual toy drive visits our community with on-air personalities and live TV look-ins. Drop off new, unwrapped toys with the elves and Santa. Details at uptownvillageatcedarhill.com.

11 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session, Regular City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room. Agenda posted online and at the front door of the Government Center at least 72 hours before meeting at cedarhilltx.com/agenda.

24-25 City offices and facilities closed for Christmas holiday

31-January 1 City offices and facilities closed for New Years holiday

January 2013

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19 Special Election - City Council

The City Council has called a special election to fill the remaining term of Council member Cory Spillman who has resigned. More details will be available on the city website at cedarhilltx.com

More social than ever

Keep up with the latest goings on in Cedar Hill via social media.

You can tweet with us at twitter.com/CedarHillTX.

Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas.

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Non-emergency
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Human Resources
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Library
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Municipal Court
972.291.5100x1041

Neighborhood Services
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Parks & Recreation
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Parks Adult Rain-outs
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Parks Youth Rain-outs
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Police Department
Non-emergency
972.291.5100x2400

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Recreation Center
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Senior Center
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Tri-City Animal Shelter
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Utility Billing
972.291.5100x1200

National Night Out Brings the community together

Over 30 Cedar Hill neighborhoods participated in National Night Out in October.

Coordinated by the PACT group of the Police Department, this annual event is a time for neighbors to come together with each other, with our police officers and City officials to celebrate the relationships and partnerships that help keep our city safe.

City Council members, CHISD school board members and



Officer Tammie Cooper visits with a young lady at a National Night Out neighborhood event.

representatives of several City departments visited with every neighborhood group during the evening.

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Community-wide change is pursued by re-structuring city's solid waste contract to be more recycle-friendly and reducing the trash pickup by 50%, lowering the City's carbon emissions significantly.

With the help of NCTCOG, the City will deploy 12 "Big Belly" Solar Recycle Compactor cans at 164-acre Valley Ridge Park to reduce maintenance costs.

The citywide solid waste changes initiated with the solar recycle cans and upgraded household recycling service have saved the City over 752,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Annually, all of the City's Growing Green projects combined have lowered carbon emissions by

over 1,070,000 pounds or 486 metric tons; reduced energy consumption by over 235,000 kilowatt hours, and diverted thousands of cubic yards of trash from the landfill.



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Country Day: 75 years young



Attendance was estimated at close to 10,000 visitors

Set yourself a calendar event for the second Saturday in October in 2013 and we'll see you at the next Country Day.

See more at cedarhilltx.com/countryday and don't miss the video.

Cory *from page 1*



with him and become friends.

Following a video presentation, Cory expressed his apprecia-

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You can get more information and download the form on the City website at <http://bit.ly/chpdvac>

tion for the people he has worked with at all levels in the city.

Cory has resigned his seat on the City Council due to a job transfer to Peru. He and his family will be moving there soon.



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