

December 2012

# Highlights



The City of Cedar Hill, Texas

# Special election

SATURDAY  
Jan. 19



Special  
election set  
to replace  
City Council  
member

The recent resignation of City Council member Cory Spillman, who took a job transfer out of the country, is causing the City to hold a special election.

The City Council selected January 19, 2013 as the date of the election.

Several candidates submitted packets by the deadline in November.

Information on early/absentee voting, polling place details and information about each of the candidates is available on the City website at [cedarhilltx.com](http://cedarhilltx.com).



Residents can choose between curbside or collection point recycling for Christmas trees this year.

The City is partnering with Waste Management, our solid waste contractor, to provide a one-day pickup of natural Christmas trees on Wed. January 9. Trees, free of decorations, tinsel or artificial

snow, should be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. Trees collected will be recycled.

If that day is not convenient, from Wed. December 26 through Thurs. January 31, 2013 residents can bring natural trees to the collection site in the Recreation Center parking lot (310 E. Parkerville) where they will be recycled.

This site will be unattended, so please be careful to remove all decorations, tinsel and spray snow. Only one contaminated tree can cause the entire load to be rejected.

Trees may also be placed out with regular trash collection but those trees will not be recycled and will increase the volume of trash in the landfill.

## Parks Master plan = great read

The City Council has endorsed it, large majorities of residents support projects contained in it.

Have you read the City of Cedar Hill Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan? It's available on the City website at [cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=222](http://cedarhilltx.com/index.aspx?NID=222).

It runs a couple hundred pages, but it is well organized, easy

to read and filled with informative graphs, charts and maps.

Learn about the research and see which parts of the plan have strong support from residents (multi-use trails are supported by 86% of those surveyed).

The Implementation Summary says the Master Plan is "intended to provide a broad vision and

course of implementation for the future of Cedar Hill's parks, recreation, open space, trails, streetscapes, and image. Action plans and cost estimates are provided for recommended future actions for Parks & Open Space, Indoor Facilities & Aquatics, Trails & Bikeways, and Streetscapes."

Read all about it.

# South Clark Road Corridor

## Belt Line Road to Astoria Drive

2012 Capital Improvement Project



## Work progresses on South Clark projects

Fence work began in October after permission was secured from property owners along S. Clark Road.

Fence removal was the first phase, followed by tree removal, which was necessary to make room for the concrete-panel fence foundations.

Installers began

construction of the new masonry fence in November. The multi-step construction project starts with installation of an 8-inch wide, steel reinforced concrete footing. The high performance, pre-cast concrete panels weigh in at a remarkably light 230 lbs. and can withstand winds between 120-140 mph.

Once in place, color stain specifically designed for concrete is applied in a random earth tone color pattern.

Construction is expected to be complete in early December.

Follow other developments in the South Clark corridor at [cedarhilltx.com/south-Clark](http://cedarhilltx.com/south-Clark).



**The Police Department will check your home while you are away on vacation. Download the request form on the City website at [bit.ly/chpdvac](http://bit.ly/chpdvac)**

## Alerts

The City of Cedar Hill uses a recorded message system to quickly distribute important information to residents.

**If you no longer have a home phone, the City may not be able to get the message to you.**

The City asks that you visit the website below and add your cell phone number(s) and email address. Your information will not be available to telemarketers.

Messages are sent as recordings, emails and/or text messages. They will always clearly indicate that they are from the City of Cedar Hill.

Please register; it only takes a couple of minutes and we want to keep in touch. [cedarhilltx.com/connect](http://cedarhilltx.com/connect)



**Click on this button on the City website at [www.cedarhilltx.com](http://www.cedarhilltx.com) to find answers and request services from the City.**

## Alarm Monitoring

For only \$25 a month, you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same professional staff that dispatches police and fire crews for the City of Cedar Hill.

Instead of your alarm notifying someone several states away, this system connects directly into our local 9-1-1 call center.

Saving seconds can save lives.

It's only \$25 a month and there is no long-term contract required. For more information contact SWRCC at 972.230.5248.



Officer Andrew Rhoden, above right, and his canine partner Ranger recently joined Corporal J.R. Podany and Jax, performing unique law enforcement tasks.



inney Police Department for four months.

According to Rhoden, "the school was physically tough for me and the dog, and stressful." He added that training a police dog is a lot of work that never ends, but can be rewarding.

"Ranger is another tool that allows me to locate people, illegal contraband or potential evidence," Rhoden said.

In addition to their work in our community, Cedar Hill Police canine units assist neighboring communities and county law enforcement officials.

## People make it a community



**Above:** City Council Member Clifford Shaw presents a STAR student award to Jada Gantt-Alexander, a fourth grader at High Pointe Elementary during a recent City Council meeting.

**Below:** Wallace Swayzee presents a STAR student award to Izmel Carter a fourth grader at Waterford Oaks.



**Above:** Maranda Auzenne, General Manager of Uptown Village at Cedar Hill, center, enlisted help from her security director, CHPD's Asst. Chief Rodney Thompson and Police Chief Steve Rhodes to recognize CHPD officer Gemaulie Mayberry for his outstanding commitment and service to the shopping center.



**Left:** Jessica Hahn, Co-chair of Country Day on the Hill, 2012, was recognized by Mayor Rob Franke and she, in turn praised Country Day volunteers who helped make the event a success.

**Below** A few of the many co-chairs and City staffers are shown with City Council members in the group shot.



# 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](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/calendar.aspx)

## December

### 28 Kwanzaa Festival

5-7 p.m. Uptown Village at Cedar Hill hosts a free Kwanzaa Fest on the Village Green

### 24-25 City offices and facilities closed for Christmas holiday

### Dec. 24 - Jan. 4

Cedar Hill Independent School District Winter Break

### Dec. 25 - Jan. 31 Christmas tree recycling drop off site

The City is providing a collection site to recycle Christmas trees at the Recreation Center parking lot at 310 E. Parkerville Rd. It is set to be open from Dec. 26 through Jan. 31. No decorations, tinsel or spray snow, please.

### Dec. 31-Jan. 1 City offices and facilities closed for New Years holiday

## January 2013

### 8 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Session.

7 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room. Agenda posted online at [cedarhilltx.com/agenda](http://cedarhilltx.com/agenda) and at the front door of the Government Center at least 72 hours before meeting.

### 12 Animal Shelter - Second Saturday

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tri-City Animal Shelter, 1150 E. Pleasant Run Road  
Low cost pet microchipping (\$20 instead of usual \$25 charge) includes registration.

### 19 Special Election - City Council

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## 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](http://twitter.com/CedarHillTX). Like us on Facebook, look for City of Cedar Hill, Texas. Pin with us on [Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx](http://Pinterest.com/cedarhilltx).



# Contacts

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972.223.6111

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972.291.5100x1010

City Secretary  
972.291.5100x1011

Code Enforcement  
972.291.5100x1090

Economic Develop. Corp.  
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  
972.291.5100x1084

Parks & Recreation  
972.291.5100x1500

Parks Adult Rain-outs  
214.855.9758

Parks Youth Rain-outs  
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Police Department  
*Non-emergency*  
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Public Works  
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Recreation Center  
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Utility Billing  
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**T**he *Dallas Morning News* likes Cedar Hill State Park. Just look at this quote from a recent editorial:

“Rolling terrain. Joe Pool Lake. Mountain bike trails. Plus campgrounds, fishing ponds and beautiful chalk hills. At this time of year the park’s trees are ablaze with color, forming a tranquil backdrop for a hike, ride or walk along the lake.”

The writer went on to talk about the proximity to the Dallas population center, yet, when in the park it seems a million miles away from civilization.

## Our own backyard

We residents of Cedar Hill have this state park, that draws half a million visitors each year, right in our own back yard.

Take advantage of it



**It's beautiful,  
get out and enjoy it**

and all it offers: camping in 355 wooded campsites; mountain biking with 15 miles of courses in over 1,200 acres of prime landscape.

Birdwatching, for over 200 species, is great at the park, and popular next door at the Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center.

If you can't spend the night, take advantage of one of the 200 picnic tables with grills, nearby playgrounds and views of the lake.

Joe Pool Lake is over 7,700 acres of boating, jet skis, fishing and swimming.

Today, the great outdoors competes with computer games,

cable TV and YouTube. The folks who run our state parks know it.

## Busy lives, options

The Parks and Wildlife Department knows that parents with children have competing options. They have launched orienteering programs that let children become sleuths for a day. (Learn more at [tpwd.state.tx.us/speed/activities/outdoor\\_recreation/geocache](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/speed/activities/outdoor_recreation/geocache).)

Families can fish for free in lakes that are part of a state park. No license necessary.

The Texas Outdoor Family Program hooks families up with park staffers to learn how to pitch a tent, build a campfire and learn more of the es-

sentials of camping. (Go to [tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/text-as-outdoor-family](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/text-as-outdoor-family).)

## Go natural

Turn everything off for a while, go outside and play.

Cedar Hill State park is open 7 days a week from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission for day use is \$7 for adults. Children 12 and under are free.

For a more interesting visit, download the Cedar Hill State Park Activity Guide, 32 pages of information and fun for visitors to the park.

More information is at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/cedar-hill](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/cedar-hill).



## Trash/Recycling holiday schedules

**Christmas** falls on Tuesday, this year. There will be no trash/recycling collection on Tues. Dec. 25. For those with regular pickup on Tuesdays, trash/recycling will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 26. Be sure to have material out by 7 a.m.

**New Years Day** also falls on a Tuesday. Collection for those with regular Tuesday service will be on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

  
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