

cedar park pulse

Official news about the City of Cedar Park from the City of Cedar Park.



The Cedar Park Public Library turns *40 & Fabulous* on January 17, 2021. The Library has come a long way from its humble beginnings in a 500 square-foot space. It is now the busiest of all City of Cedar Park facilities – offering everything from books and technology, to early literacy and STEM education resources. The new Cedar Park Public Library is currently under design and will anchor the Bell District.



Fittingly, the Library will revel in its fabulousness all January long, offering a cadre of celebratory community activities and “party favors” to patrons throughout the month. The anniversary theme is *40 & Fabulous: Explore today. Discover tomorrow.*

Learn more about the Library’s *40 & Fabulous* [history here](#), and check out all of the Library’s [celebratory offerings this month here!](#)

For information about the Cedar Park Public Library Foundation click [here](#).

| MONDAY, JANUARY 25 | TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 | WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 |
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| Birthday Storytime Launch of Battle of the Books | Launch of Virtual Escape Room | Birthday Storytime |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 | FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 | SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 |
| Extra-Special Library Birthday Trivia | Crafts for Pickup (both youth and adult activities) | Special Storytime Performance by Mr. Johnny and Friends |

VIRTUAL

City of Cedar Park

Council Chat

What's on your mind?

Got questions about your City?

Submit questions early & get details:
cedarparktexas.gov/councilchat

ASK US!
Wednesday, January 27
6:30-8:30 P.M.



Mayor
Corbin Van Arsdale



Council Member
Heather Jefts
Place 6



Council Member
Mel Kirkland
Place 2

Oops! We got a little ahead of ourselves and posted in error about the all-virtual Council Chat on January 27. It will be Council Members Heather Jefts and Mel Kirkland in attendance with Mayor Corbin Van Arsdale. Join them from the comfort of your own home as they answer your questions about the City in a town hall-style format. It will be streamed live via WebEx and Facebook.

The Virtual Council Chat is happening Wednesday, January 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ask your questions during the chat via Webex.

Ways to ask your questions in advance:

[E-mail us here.](#)

[Submit a comment card here.](#)



VACCINES – WHO'S ELIGIBLE AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

The State of Texas is in charge of distributing vaccines. At this time, the State has approved eligibility for the following:

- **Phase 1A:** Frontline healthcare workers (including first responders such as firefighters and medics) and residents at long-term care facilities
- **Phase 1B:** People over 65 or with a chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19



Earlier this week, [Williamson County applied for State approval to be a vaccine distribution hub.](#) State approval is pending.

While the City of Cedar Park is not a vaccine provider, you can find vaccine updates, a map of State-approved providers and answers to frequently asked questions on the Texas Department of State Health Services page. [Get more information here.](#) The data provided on the State of Texas website is from the Texas Department of State Health Services and cannot be verified by the City of Cedar Park.

Additionally, the Williamson County and Cities Health District has a helpful Vaccine Information webpage. [Get information here.](#)

HIGH HOSPITALIZATION RATES HAVE TRIGGERED REDUCED CAPACITIES FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES

The [October Governor's Executive Order 32](#) included a trigger to reduce capacities for certain businesses in areas with a high hospitalization rate.

At this time the Trauma Service Area for Travis and Williamson Counties has met the high hospitalizations threshold outlined in the October Governor's Executive Order:

2. In areas with high hospitalizations as defined below, any business establishment that otherwise would have a 75 percent occupancy or operating limit may operate at up to only 50 percent. This paragraph does not apply, however, to business establishments located in a county that has filed with DSHS, and is in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding minimal cases of COVID-19. "Areas with high hospitalizations" means any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less. A current list of areas with high hospitalizations will be maintained [here](#).



[Read the entire Executive Order 32 here](#)

Once the rate of COVID-19 hospitalizations returns to below 15 percent for seven consecutive days, certain business capacities may increase.

[Read the news release from Williamson County, concerning the State-ordered reduced capacities here.](#)

MORE COVID-19 INFORMATION



You can find more information, including local COVID positivity and hospitalization rates, latest orders and links to resources, on the [City of Cedar Park's COVID webpage](#).



Commonly-asked questions:

- How do I report if my trash or recycling was not picked up?
- How do I request a replacement cart if mine is broken?
- What is my trash/recycling or outdoor watering schedule?

All these answers and more may be found by scrolling to the bottom of our Report-a-Problem page [here](#) under *Trash & Recycling Services*.

When it comes to recycling, remember to do your part and put it all in the blue cart! All recycling materials must be contained in the blue recycling cart if you want those materials to be picked up by the recycling truck, including cardboard boxes. Find more trash and recycling info [here](#).



We ♥ Fire Chief James Mallinger!

Last night at the City Council meeting, **Fire Chief James Mallinger** was honored for 25 years of service with the Cedar Park Fire Department.

He's a Master Fire Inspector, Master Firefighter and Master Fire Investigator - just to name a few of his accomplishments and appellations.

Cedar Park is lucky to have him!

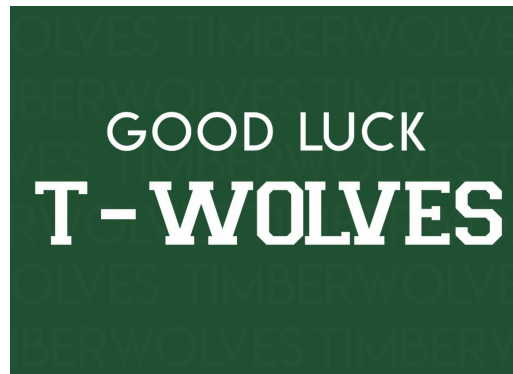
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City offices and facilities — including the Recreation Center and Library — will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Trash and recycling pickup remains on schedule.

Check out City services that may be done [online here](#).



The Cedar Park High School Timberwolves Football Team will play for the Title in the Class 5A Division I State Championship tonight at 7 p.m.!

If you'd like to watch the game, it will be broadcast on Fox Sports Southwest/FSSW Plus1. [Complete broadcast information may be found here.](#)

The January 14, 2021 City Council Meeting was conducted in a hybrid meeting format, with City Council Members and some City staff attending in-person.

Council discussed, among other items:

- Update on future redevelopment of Lime Creek Quarry
- Reappointment of Audrey Wernecke to Planning and Zoning Commission and Linda Ayotte to Tourism Advisory Board
- First Reading and Public Hearing of ordinance, calling and ordering Special Called Election on May 1, 2021, to consider amendments to City Charter
- City of Cedar Park's COVID-19 Declaration of Local State of Disaster



Watch the video recording of the meeting [here](#).

The next scheduled City Council Meeting is January 28, 2021.

Helpful Links and Information

- **State of Texas COVID vaccine information** can be found [here](#). The City is not a vaccine provider. This information is provided by the State.
- **Community resources for senior residents or those at high risk:** Find the list on our website [here](#).
- **Sign up for Smart 9-1-1 today:** Just by providing as little information as your home address can make a difference during an emergency. Fill out your profile [here](#).
- **Find updates, current case counts, resources and more** on all things COVID-19 on the City website [here](#).
- **City services are still available to you:**
 - **City Lobbies** – open for limited access. Find online services [here](#).
 - **Municipal Court Lobby** – closed to the public. Court Services are available by phone, fax, or [e-mail](#) Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - **Police Department Lobby** – open for limited access. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-260-4600 for other assistance.
 - **Fire Admin Lobby** – open for limited access. Call 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-401-5216 or 512-401-5222 for other assistance.
 - **Library** – open for holds for curbside pickup. If you have questions, call 512-401-5600.
 - [Digital materials](#)
 - [Holds for curbside-pickup details](#)
 - [Virtual programs](#)
 - **Recreation Center** – open for reservations only. Make reservations [here](#). If you have questions, call 512-401-5500.

COVID-19 Links

[Centers for Disease Control](#) | [Texas Health and Human Services](#) | [World Health Organization](#) | [Office of the Texas Governor](#) | [Williamson County](#) | [Williamson County and City Health Districts](#) | [Travis County](#) | [City of Cedar Park](#) | [LISD](#) | [RRISD](#)

