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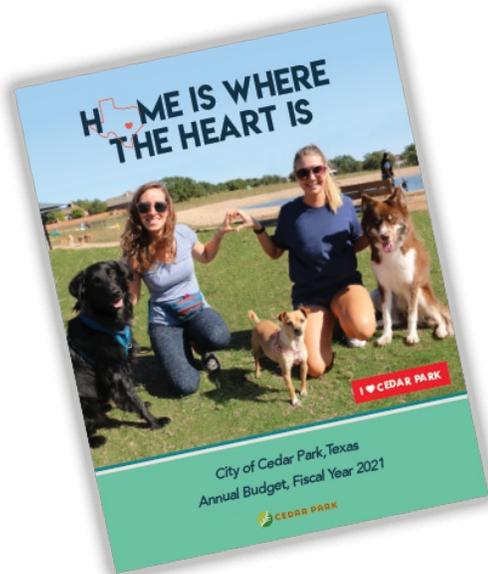
Patriot Day is September 11

**WE WILL ALWAYS
REMEMBER**

City Council adopts lowest tax rate in 23 years with new budget

The Cedar Park City Council adopted an *ad valorem* property tax rate of 44.69 cents for every \$100 of property valuation – representing a slight decrease from last year’s 44.7 cents – at last night’s City Council Meeting. Combined with the homestead exemption that City Council unanimously passed in 2018, the average Cedar Park homeowner will see roughly a \$2.65 monthly increase in property taxes paid to the City of Cedar Park for 2021. **This also marks the seventh consecutive year City Council has lowered the tax rate and it is the lowest Cedar Park has seen since the 1998 Fiscal Year.**

With the new tax rate, City Council passed a \$59.6 million General Fund budget for FY 2021. The theme of the proposed budget is *Home is where the Heart is*, inspired by the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic – in which Stay Home Work Safe Orders caused many people to reprioritize and refocus on home, family and community. While the budget maintains the City’s practice of servicing and buying down debt to save taxpayers millions in interest, it also maintains service levels and invests in infrastructure, in order to meet the expectations of residents. **Read the entire press release [here](#).**



Pardon our dust! The developer of our budget website, MyCedarParkBudget.com, is

experiencing technical difficulties. Some updates and other features may not be available at this time. We are working to restore the site to full functionality with new updates by the end of next week. We will share on social media when it's ready.

neighborhood watch



Drain After Rain

Did you know mosquitoes only need a teaspoon of water to breed? Remember to practice the 3Ds to protect your family and neighbors!

- **Drain** standing water in flowerpots, pet dishes, or clogged gutters
- **Defend** by using an EPA-approved insect repellent, especially at dusk and dawn
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when outdoors

More information at the [WCCHD website](#) or the Texas Department of State Health Services [West Nile website](#).



Lock Your Car Doors

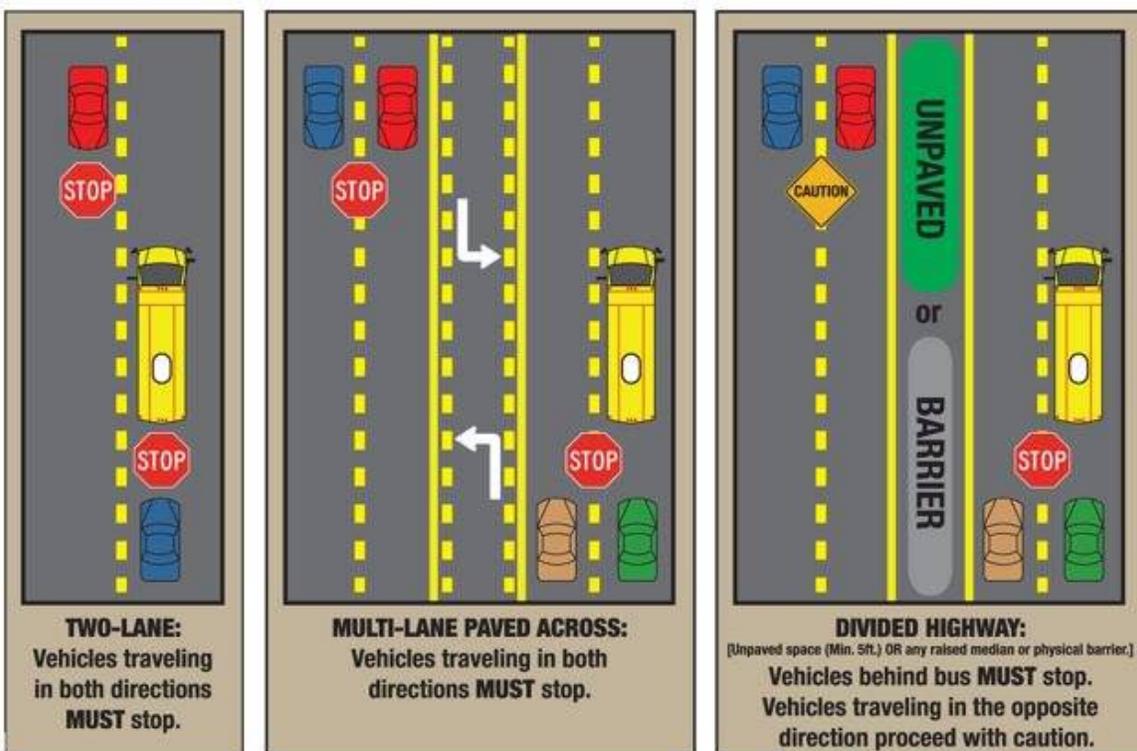
There have been several vehicle burglaries reported to the Cedar Park Police Department. In every one that has been responded to the car was left unlocked. In one case, a driver even left their keys inside!

PLEASE LOCK YOU CAR DOORS AND TAKE ANY VALUABLES INSIDE.

Many thieves are just looking for an easy opportunity. Don't give them one. Lock your doors. Every day and night. Make it a habit!

Spread the word and be safe!

School is underway, both virtual and in-person. Make sure to:



Watch for school busses. Put away your cell phone, obey school zone speed limit signs, and keep an eye out for kids at bus stops. Find out more about school bus safety [here](#).

HEADS UP
for children walking to school

Jacob, 9 and Juanita, 8
Cypress Canyon

Because their walk to school is a long one - and it should be safe!

CEDAR PARK

Students driving, cycling and walking to school. While driving have a "Heads Up" for Jacob and Juanita - their walk to school should be a safe one! [Visit our driving, cycling and walking safety site](#)

Adopt-a-Park

Are you looking for a way for you and your family

to give back to your community? Why not adopt-a-park in Cedar Park? Whether it's funding equipment or helping with maintenance, there are many options to choose from in our 46 developed parks.

You or your organization can fund park amenities such as:

- drinking fountains
- picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- trash-receptacles
- park entrance signs

Or, put in some sweat equity with these tasks:

- weed/rake, pick up litter, clean picnic tables, remove debris
- sweep courts and pathways, install dog litter pick up stations
- report graffiti and report park hazards
- other projects as approved by Parks staff

Your involvement can contribute to the quality of life of all of our residents. Find out more about how your volunteerism can help Cedar Park [here](#).



Utility e-billing and auto draft

Auto draft

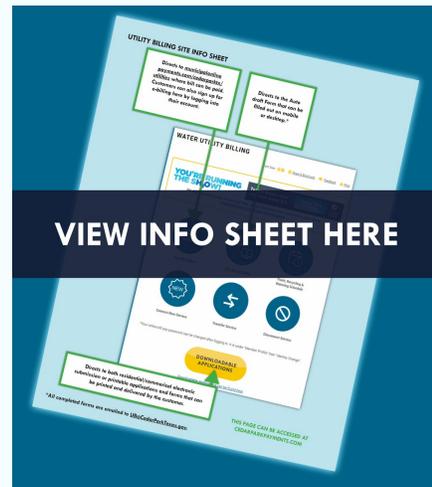
Would you like to set up automatic payments on your utility bill from your bank account or credit card?

1. Click [here](#) for the Utility Billing page
2. Click on the [Set-Up Auto Debit](#) link
3. Fill out your information and submit
4. There is also a [form](#) on the page to help you keep track of the payments you have on auto draft so you can check to see if your payment method has expired and make any updates needed
5. Make sure any information from Utility Billing is not going to your junk/spam folder

E-billing

Would you like to stop getting paper bills in the mail and receive **all** your Utility information through email? (You'll still need to enroll in auto draft if you'd like your bill to be paid automatically each month.)

1. Click [here](#) for the Utility Billing page
2. Click on the [Pay Bill Online](#) link
3. Click on the [Login](#) button
4. Make sure any information from Utility Billing is not going to your junk/spam folder



September is Library card sign-up month

Did you know Library users save an average of \$750 a year? Dive in on the savings by getting your library card today. Already have a card? Share this post to help spread the word!

Get your library card [here](#).



The September 10, 2020 City Council Meeting was entirely remote, with City Council Members as well as members of the public participating in a video conference call.

Council discussed, among other items:

- Approval of the City's FY 2021 \$59.6 million General Fund Budget and *ad valorem* Tax Rate of .4469 per \$100 of property value (lowest tax rate since 1998)
- A proclamation recognizing Reveal Resource Center's Ten Year Anniversary
- 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 September 24, 2020.

September 24, 2020 City Council Meeting will be hybrid in-person/videoconferencing format

The City of Cedar Park is planning a phased return to in-person public meetings. As part of this phased process, the September 24, 2020 Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting will be a hybrid in-person/videoconferencing format. While City staff and some City Council Members will attend in-person, **other City Council Members, the public and outside consultants and presenters will continue joining remotely**. This hybrid in-person/videoconference public meetings format will continue until further notice.

For more information on how to participate remotely in a City Council Meeting, click [here](#).



We ♥ Cedar Park residents helping others

Gracies Canned Goods is making a difference in our community, one can at a time! [#iheartcedarpark](#)

Watch the video [here](#).

Helpful Links and Information

- 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** – are opened at City Hall. Access online services [here](#).
 - **Police Department Lobby** – is now open. Contact 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-260-4600 for other assistance.
 - **Fire Admin Lobby** - now open. Contact 9-1-1 for emergencies. Call 512-401-5216 or 512-401-5222 for other assistance.
 - **Library** – Open for limited access and curbside pickup. [Digital materials](#) and [Virtual programs](#) also available. Contact by phone at 512-401-5600.
 - **Recreation Center** – Open by reservations only. Make reservations [here](#). Contact by phone at 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 Heath Districts](#) | [Travis County](#) | [City of Cedar Park](#) | [LISD](#) | [RRISD](#)

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