

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



## An Alternative Groundbreaking

*Closed event recognized Bell Road Realignment amid pandemic restrictions*

The City of Cedar Park held a different kind of groundbreaking to mark a major milestone of the Bell Boulevard Road Realignment construction project – in consideration of group gathering, social distancing and face covering considerations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This short, closed photo shoot took place Thursday, October 8, 2020, with the Mayor and some City Council Members, key City staff and a few contractors in attendance. Attendees wore masks and maintained a safe distance from one another for the brief photo shoot. We look forward to resuming hosting in-person celebrations with broader participants when we are able to do so.

### About the Project

This groundbreaking marked the official start of construction of the Bell Boulevard Road Realignment Project, which realigns a section of Bell Boulevard (US 183) from just south of Buttercup Creek Boulevard/Brushy Creek Road to just north of Park Street. The path of the realigned section of highway follows much of what is now Old Highway 183 just east of Bell Boulevard and is closer to the railroad.

The road construction project will transform Bell Boulevard into a four-lane divided roadway with a raised median, curb and gutter, illumination, landscaping, generous shared-use pedestrian/bicyclist facilities on the west side of the highway and reduced ingress and egress points – or driveways – to improve traffic flow. It will also reconstruct the current six-way intersection at Bell, Buttercup Creek/Brushy Creek and Old Highway 183 into a more manageable four-way intersection. Construction will take place off to the side, and out of the way of traffic; when new section is complete, estimated to be in late 2021, traffic will shift to the new roadway.

The Bell Boulevard Road Realignment construction project is funded by \$11.9 million in voter-approved General Obligation Bonds, part of the \$63 million in Streets and Roads Bonds approved by 74.76 percent of voters in the City's 2015 Bond Election. The road construction contractor is Austin Underground, Inc. The Design Engineer is Binkley Barfield.

The road realignment of Bell Boulevard is the critical path forward for the Bell Boulevard Redevelopment Project, which dates back to 2014. View more information [here](#).



Halloween ON the Hall will be happening October 19-31  
Halloween in the Hall becomes Halloween "ON" the Hall for 2020. Like all things 2020, we're doing things differently for Halloween this year. Learn more [here](#).



Fall weekly yard trimmings recycling is happening October 19-30  
Service and pick up days remain the same all year long. During this period yard trimmings will be recycled and not sent to the landfill. For details and FAQs visit our website [here](#).

## National Night Out was a Nite to Unite



Thank you so much Cedar Park! National Night Out is all about coming together as a community and you showed up even during this unprecedented time.  
[#NationalNightOut](#)

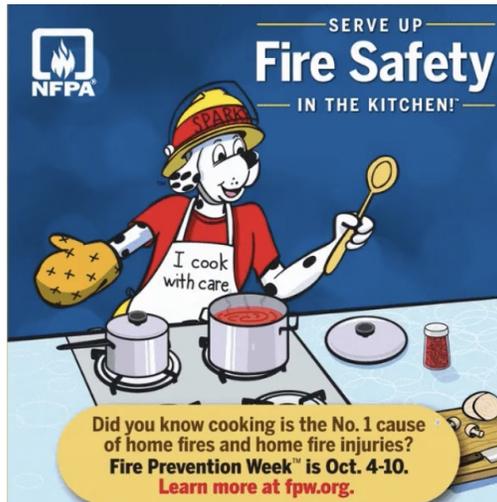
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## Boards and Commissions Special Edition

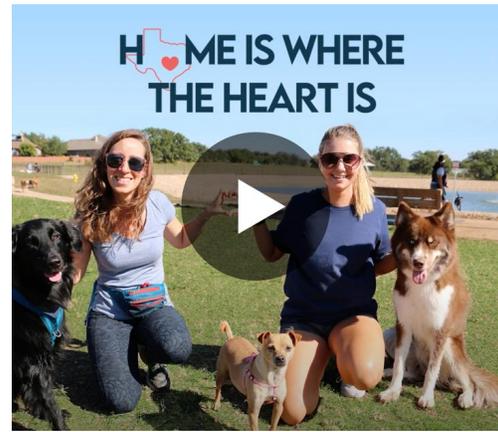
Did you know that the City of Cedar Park utilizes the services of several specialized boards and commissions made up of citizen volunteers? These groups are responsible for a variety of functions, including parks & recreation, planning and zoning, tourism, economic development, community development and more. Most boards & commissions meet monthly to discuss various projects, events, programs and other important issues. Often the recommendations of the boards and commissions are presented to the City Council for final approval or adoption.

Find out more about the role and function of each of these boards, the volunteers who serve

and how you might be able to get involved in a special edition of the Pulse newsletter on October 16.



This week was #firepreventionweek. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries—nationally and in Cedar Park. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, *Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen™* offers tips, guidelines and resources for cooking safely. Learn more [here](#).



The new fiscal year started October 1, 2020, for the City of Cedar Park. Would you like to know more about the City budget? Get an overview on our video [here](#).

If you want to dive in and get even more information, visit our budget website [here](#).



The October 8, 2020 City Council Meeting was conducted in a hybrid meeting format, with City Council Members and some City staff attending in-person. In the interest of public health and safety, outside consultants, other presenters and the public joined remotely via videoconference.

Council discussed, among other items:

- Resignation of Place Four Council Member Mike Guevara
- Approval of an ordinance to amend Parks fees for non-Cedar Park residents
- Recognition of City Attorney JP LeCompte for 10 years of service
- 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 October 22, 2020.

## VACANCY OF CITY COUNCIL PLACE FOUR

With the resignation of Council member Mike Guevara from Council Place Four, the position was declared vacant effective October 8, 2020.

This vacancy will be filled by a Council appointment and will serve until a candidate is elected from the November 3, 2020 Election and is anticipated to be sworn in at the November 19, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Applications from qualified residents will be accepted until **Thursday, October 22, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.** If you're interested in applying for the position you can do so [here](#).



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Halloween is quickly approaching and that means jack-o'-lanterns, candy, and of course, pumpkin spice everything. While shopping for your holiday essentials make sure you Buy Cedar Park. When you Buy Cedar Park you're giving back to the community you love. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## 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.

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## 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](#)

