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SIGN UP FOR CODE RED TO RECEIVE URGENT WEATHER EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS.

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ABOUT THE LANCASTER CONNECTION:

The **Lancaster Connection** is distributed throughout the City of Lancaster four times a year. This Free newsletter is available for you to catch up on the latest happening in your city, plan for free events for you and your family or friends, find the nearest park and its amenities, and even register for affordable and rewarding classes and groups.

Should you have any questions or recommendations for future newsletters, feel free to contact us!

City of Lancaster
211 N. Henry Street (972) 218-1300



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know the City of Lancaster ordinance (Sec. 22.06.004) prohibits leaving or parking a motor vehicle, boat or other impediment on any public street or alley between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. within ten (10) feet of a mailbox, except a United States Postal Service vehicle, and except on Sundays and federal holidays.

Holiday Shopping Safety



- Keep all purses and bags zipped and snapped closed.
- Do not flash large amounts of cash when paying for merchandise.
- If using a debit card, keep the card close to your body so the card number will not be able to be photographed by a cell phone.
- Always shop with a buddy, you are less of a target when you have someone with you.
- If you have to take a phone call or text message – don't let your guard down and get distracted while shopping.
- If using a shopping cart, try to secure your purse or bags with the child locking system.
- Do not carry large amounts of merchandise at one time.
- Keep children secure in a stroller or shopping cart at all times. Do not allow your children to wander.
- Speak with your children about a plan if you were separated while shopping.
- When returning to your car, look under, in and around your car while approaching it.
- Park in a well-lit parking lot.
- Report any suspicious people to the store security or customer service or 911.

CREATING A COMMUNITY WATCH GROUP

Tips:

1. Delegate, delegate, delegate! Don't be afraid to let others share in the responsibility of this big task.
2. Utilize law enforcement - they are a valuable resource.
3. Stay informed on crime in the area. (Visit www.raidsonline.com)

What You Need:

- A neighborhood without a Neighborhood Watch
- A church, school, or home to hold meetings.
- Some willing neighbors to assist you.
- A printer and paper to print flyers and other informative materials.

FREE SECURITY CHECKS

FREE SECURITY CHECK SERVICES

- Identify unsecure areas of your house
- Discount your home insurance

SS POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE

FREE VACATION HOUSE CHECK SERVICE

- Request a vacation house check
- Extra patrol while you're on vacation
- Gives contact number in case of an incident

If you have any further questions please contact

Officer Beck at 972-218-2755 at the

Lancaster Police Department.

vision

Lancaster is a proud, vibrant city. We celebrate our diversity and history, preserve our natural beauty and are the economic hub of the south DFW metroplex. Our citizens take pride in our city. The Lancaster community is the best place to live with excellent schools and educational opportunities, attractive corridors and neighborhoods. Our citizens enjoy convenient living.

mission

Lancaster city government is financially sustainable and provides efficient customer-friendly services. Our citizens have trust and confidence in city government and leaders.

2015-2025 the decade of Renaissance

financially sound government

The City has a long-range financial plan and has prudent fiscal policies and processes in place. It has met or exceeded all fund reserve goals, has funds available to address the needs of the community, and responsibly manages its debt. The community continues to move toward a more competitive tax rate.

healthy, safe & vibrant community

Lancaster is a place where we enhance public safety in our neighborhoods. The community unites at city-wide events and participates in recreational and cultural activities that keeps residents involved and engaged in their respective neighborhoods. Compassionate enforcement personnel help to sustain vibrant residential and business communities. All residents have access to parks and leisure facilities where they live.

sound infrastructure

The City has well-maintained streets and well-planned preventative maintenance programs for infrastructure; including streets, water, storm water, wastewater and other assets.

1. Infrastructure project - Pleasant Run Road Phases 1, 2 & 3 – 4
2. Complete Golf Course assessment
3. Implement Facility and Infrastructure needs assessment for future Bond issue
4. Complete the Fleet Maintenance Facility

professional & committed city workforce

Lancaster city government is an employer of choice with competitive pay that attracts an engaged, responsive, customer-oriented, innovative, and effective workforce. Some employees live in the City and all have a sense of ownership of the community. City employees feel needed and appreciated by elected officials, residents, and businesses and are respectful to and appreciative of their customers and the City's governing body. The City's executive staff is engaged with residents and attends community events, upholds strong customer service, and uses technology to aid them in working smarter.

1. Lancaster University – Establish a professional level training program for all levels of employees
2. Continue Compensation Policy – Commitment to average of survey cities - progression

Objectives & Goals 2016-2017



Councilmembers
Back row: District 3-Marco Mejia, Mayor Marcus E. Knight, District 2-DMPT Stanley Jaglowski, District 5-Clyde C. Hairston
Front Row: District 1-MPT Carol Strain-Burk, District 6-Nina Morris, District 4-Spencer W. Hervey, Jr. (not pictured)

civic engagement

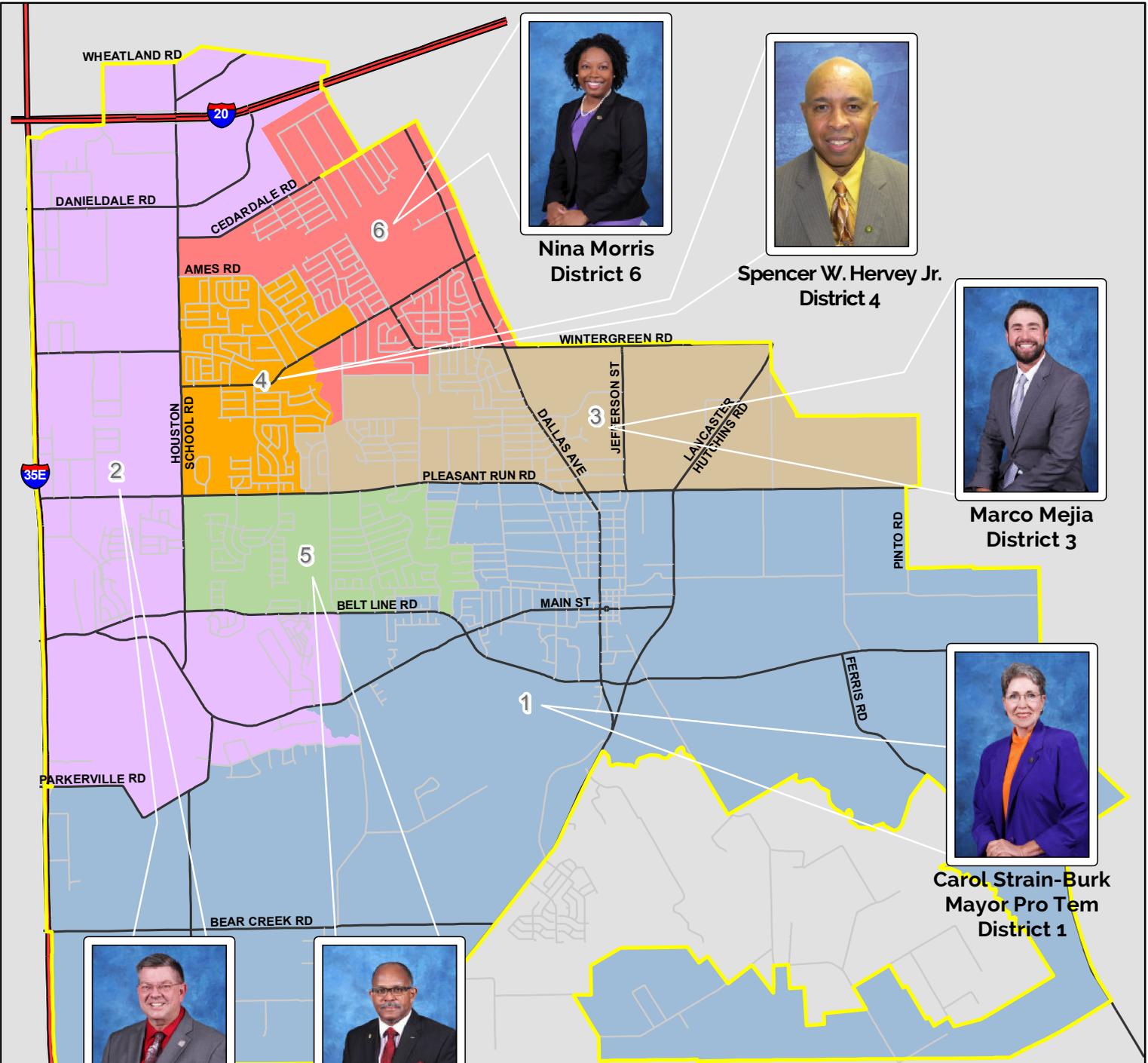
The City provides a variety of opportunities for involvement through special events, boards and commissions, youth and parent volunteer opportunities in recreation, sports teams, City elections, Civic Academies, Schools and City-wide celebrations.

quality development

The City encourages high quality construction in its housing, commercial buildings and public facilities. The City employs sustainable building practices and encourages conservation and the use of alternative energy sources. The City has a diverse housing stock with walkable neighborhoods and other high quality neighborhood amenities. A diversity of commercial businesses includes corporate business parks and distribution facilities, which make use of the expanded airport, rail, and highway system. Retail areas have grown because of growth in industrial, commercial, and residential development.

1. Develop a "Land Bank" strategy for City property.
2. Develop a plan to show developers the opportunities for building custom homes
3. Create and implement a retail strategy so we are clear on what types of retail development the City wants to attract
4. Downtown TIF – Build a new City Hall
5. Complete Comprehensive Plan – Implementation Strategy
6. Review Economic Development Policy
7. Review existing Incentive Policy





Nina Morris
District 6



Spencer W. Hervey Jr.
District 4



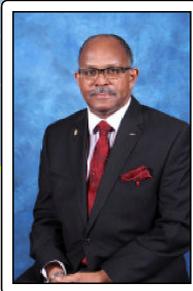
Marco Mejia
District 3



Carol Strain-Burk
Mayor Pro Tem
District 1



Stanley Jaglowski
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
District 2



Clyde Hairston
District 5



Mayor Marcus E. Knight

City of Lancaster Mayor & City Council



Boards & Commissions

Do you have a specialized knowledge, an ability to plan for the future, or an enthusiastic interest in improving the quality of life right in your own community? The City of Lancaster needs people who have a strong interest in the community to serve on one of the City's many boards and commissions

Submit your application today!

- Youth Advisory Committee
- Property Standards & Appeals Boards
- Lancaster Economic Development Corporation
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Lancaster Recreational Development Corporation(4B)
- Library Advisory Board
- Historic Landmark Preservation Committee
- Airport Advisory Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Animal Shelter Advisory Committee
- Museum Advisory Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

Have questions? Please contact the City Secretary's office at 972 218-1310, or via email at: citysecretary@lancaster-tx.com

For more information go to:

www.lancaster-tx.com

[HOME](#) > [GOVERNMENT](#) > [CITY COUNCIL](#) > [BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS](#)

VOLUNTEER



City of Lancaster, Texas Boards and Commissions Application



Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Length of residency: _____

Occupation: _____

Please list the Boards/Commissions/Corporations you wish to serve on in order of preference.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Have you ever served as a member of any Lancaster boards, commissions, or committees?

YES

NO

List any particular qualifications you feel would be beneficial to serving on any particular board or commission. You may also attach additional sheets as well as a resume.

To be an effective member of a Board or Commission, you must be willing to attend and participate in all scheduled meetings.

DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, _____, an applicant for, or an appointed official, for the City of Lancaster, Texas, elect to:

ALLOW public access to my personal information

NOT ALLOW public access to my personal information

Note: Under the Public Information Act, a personal e-mail address is not public information and would not be released.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return your completed application to the City Secretary's Office at 211 N. Henry St., or mail to P. O. Box 940, Lancaster, TX 75146 or email citysecretary@lancaster-tx.com.

For consideration during the annual appointment process, please submit your application by
November 18, 2016

Applications are always welcome as vacancies may occur throughout the year.

Office Use Only

Received by: _____ Date: _____



Fall Home Maintenance Checklist



Neighborhood Enhancement is

EVERYONE'S BUSINESS!

Maintaining livable neighborhoods requires the partnership and participation of all residents. The City of Lancaster codes are intended to benefit everyone while making our neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. The City codes are minimum standards designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of our neighborhoods. Compliance with these standards can reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values and prevent deterioration of our community

Common Code Violations

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Some examples include unauthorized use of dumpster; discarding trash and debris on another's property; or dumping left over construction materials on private or public properties.

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Junked vehicles may not be located anywhere that is visible from a public place or public right-of-way.

HIGH GRASS

Violation: Grass and weeds in excess of 12 inches between property lines and paved streets.

FENCES

All fences shall be maintained in good repair and structurally sound condition. Repair of fences require a building permit and inspection by the City of Lancaster.

One Call Does It All!

(972) 218-1200

For more information, visit www.lancaster-tx.com

You can report code violations or any other request to City staff 24 hours a day by going to the City of Lancaster website, www.lancaster-tx.com and click "**Report A Concern**". If you would like to be contacted by City staff regarding your concern, you will need to leave your name, contact number and/or an e-mail address.

Program Facts:

- Work will be completed within 60 days of payment
- The City partners with citizens to share the cost
- A four inch thick sidewalk will cost \$8.50 per square foot with a minimum cost to the property owner of \$272
- A 10% discount will be given to senior citizens age 62 and over
- Sidewalk section to be replaced shall be a minimum of sixteen linear feet in length and be more than 1 1/2 inches out of alignment

50/50

Cost
Sharing



Resident Sidewalk

Replacement Program

You may get an application online at www.lancaster-tx.com
or at 700 E. Main St, Lancaster, TX 7546
For more information Please Call 972-218-2305 or 972-218-1752

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

For Lancaster property owners not occupying their home, the City manages 40% of the cost

Non-Resident
Share Cost



LANCASTER EYES AND EARS PROGRAM (LEEP)

The City of Lancaster Code Compliance division is seeking volunteers to join the Lancaster eyes and ears program (LEEP)

The LEEP program will primarily perform duties in the field identifying code violations for code officers to perform further investigation. The program is intended to have volunteers aid city staff in improving and preserving the quality of life in our community. These volunteers will help act as the "eyes and ears" in residential and commercial neighborhoods to staff code compliance officers. Citizens are key to identifying potentially serious problems.



Essential duties and responsibilities:

Patrol assigned areas to identify code violations such as:

- Excessive accumulation of trash and debris;
- Parking of vehicles, boats, trailers on unimproved surface
- High grass and overgrown weeds/vegetation;
- Junk vehicles;
- Illegal dumping and litter; and
- Illegal placement of signs

LEEP volunteers will be asked to take photos of the identified violation and submit with the address to the code compliance division. The volunteers would only be able to provide limited information to property owners and residents concerning the correction of violations, bulk trash pickup procedures, and adhere to the expectation of privacy and personal safety.

Qualifications:

Volunteers are requested to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per week. Work schedules are flexible based on your availability but are limited to daytime hours. Volunteers must possess a Texas class "C" driver's license, successfully complete a background check and drug test, reside in the City of Lancaster.

Training:

The basic training includes, reviewing the relevant municipal code sections, criteria for determining if the conditions and known facts constitute an actual violation and how to work cooperatively with people to avoid confrontation and be a good ambassador for the city. The overall goal is to target, the problem not the people.

Training will include a total of five, 2 hour sessions with code officers to educate volunteers on different code violations that may occur in the field. The training session will include 1 hour inside and 1 hour in the field with a code officer. Volunteers will be trained on what violations are and what they may look like in the field as well as procedures of reporting to code office.

Benefits:

- Knowledge that you are helping to promote City Council's goal of a healthy, safe and Vibrant Community
- Knowledge that you are benefitting your neighbors with questions about code compliance matters.

How to Join:

- Contact the City of Lancaster Code Compliance Division located at 700 E. Main Street, or by phone at 972-218-1204, or by e-mail at cmiles@lancaster-tx.com
- Complete a City of Lancaster Volunteer Application



LANCASTER EYES AND EARS PROGRAM (LEEP)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE:

Name (First, Middle Last)

E-mail Address

Employment Experience:

Maiden Name

Previous Address 1

Education Level:

Alias Names

City/County/State

- High school student
- High school diploma/Ged
- College student
- College degree

Address:

Dates of Occupancy

Volunteer Availability (Check all that apply):

Apt. #:
Gender: **Male** **Female**
Circle One

Previous Address 2

- Weekdays
- Saturdays
- evenings
- Sundays

City

City/County/State

Skills & Interests (Check all that apply):

Home Phone

Dates of Occupancy

- Typing/Word Processing
- data Processing/spreadsheets
- Research
- Filing/sorting materials
- Answering Phones
- Administrative Tasks
- Customer service
- Planting/Gardening

work Phone

Date of Birth

- General Outdoor Projects
- Clean Up/Park Beautification
- Children's Programs
- senior Citizen Programs
- Animal service Programs
- Special events
- Lancaster Eyes and Ears Program
- Other: _____

Cell Phone

Social Security #

Driver's License # State

WAIVER/RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I, _____, do understand and agree to the following:

1. I am not entitled to compensation for performance of my duties as a volunteer, nor any employee benefits, nor am I covered by any workers' compensation. My liability coverage only covers official volunteer duties.
2. The offer to volunteer employment and consideration of continued volunteer employment is contingent upon acceptable review of information including but not limited to consumer credit history, criminal

conviction history, driving record and other such reports that may exhibit information on my work habits, performance, education and experience, along with reason for termination of employment from previous employers where such information exists.

3. I knowingly and voluntarily authorize and consent to allow the City of Lancaster to request information from various Federal, state and other such agencies which maintain records concerning and relating to records that may contain my driving history, criminal history, credit history, civil history and other experiences. I hereby authorize without reservation any party or agency contacted by the City of Lancaster, as a condition of volunteer employment, to furnish the listed information on this application and to release and hold harmless all parties involved from any liability and responsibility for doing so. This authorization and consent shall be valid in its original, faxed or copy form.
4. I hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Lancaster, including its agents, employees or representatives, from any and all claims or causes of action, including any claims or causes of action resulting from the negligence or liability of the City of Lancaster, including its agents, employees or representatives, including, but not limited to, property damage, bodily injury or death arising out of or in any way connected to my participation in the City of Lancaster Volunteer Program.
5. I knowingly and voluntarily authorize and consent to allow the City of Lancaster to utilize my image or likeness for promotional purposes, both electronically and in print.
6. I certify that all information I have provided is true and correct.

Parent/guardian must authorize permission for background check on minor.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

Microchips.....



MICROCHIPPING your pet is a technology with many advantages and few perceived drawbacks. The days of "Lost Cat" posters and pounding the pavement looking for Fido are a thing of the past; nowadays, an owner whose pet is lost or stolen can rely on microchipping technology to potentially locate his or her pet.

The microchipping process is just what it sounds like. A small microchip is embedded in your dog; cat or other pet is inserted, and contains identification and contact information. If the pet is lost or stolen and ends up at an animal shelter, a scanner can be used to retrieve the information and the owner can be contacted.

- ✓ Your cat or dog's microchip implant gives your pet the best chance of returning home to you if lost.
- ✓ A microchip is registered along with your current contact information in order to identify you as your pet's parent and contact you in case it is lost.

Visit the Lancaster Animal Shelter TODAY to get your pet microchipped for only \$25.00 (690 E. Main St. Lancaster, TX 75146) or call 972-218-1210 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you can receive a citation for letting your dog run loose?

Avoid receiving a citation by taking the following precautions:

- Keep your dog and/or cat contained in your yard.
- Dogs must be held by a leash at all time in a park or public playground, except in park areas designated and posted by the parks and recreation department to be "dog friendly areas", such as City Parks across the Golf course.





Make Sure Your Pets are Prepared for Winter

Exposure to winter's dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin. Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws.

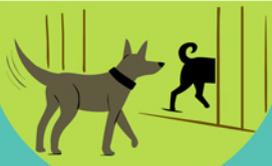
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REDUCE
AGGRESSION



LOWER
RISK OF CANCERS



DECREASE
OVERPOPULATION



INCREASE
LIFESPAN UP TO 3-5 YEARS



In 3 years, and as early as 4 months old,
1 unspayed female and
1 unneutered male can produce:

512 DOGS
382 CATS



LANCASTER ANIMAL SHELTER

690 E. Main St.
(972) 218-1210

Shelter Hours

Mon – Fri

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

The Lancaster Animal Shelter has many **WONDERFUL** pets that are waiting for someone to bring them home and love forever.

Come and visit the Lancaster Animal Shelter and some of the wonderful pets ready for adoption.

The Animal Shelter is currently accepting applications for volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a "Star" volunteer please call 972-218-1210.

Adoption Fees:

Cats:	\$15
Small dogs & puppies	\$15
Large dogs:	\$25



RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

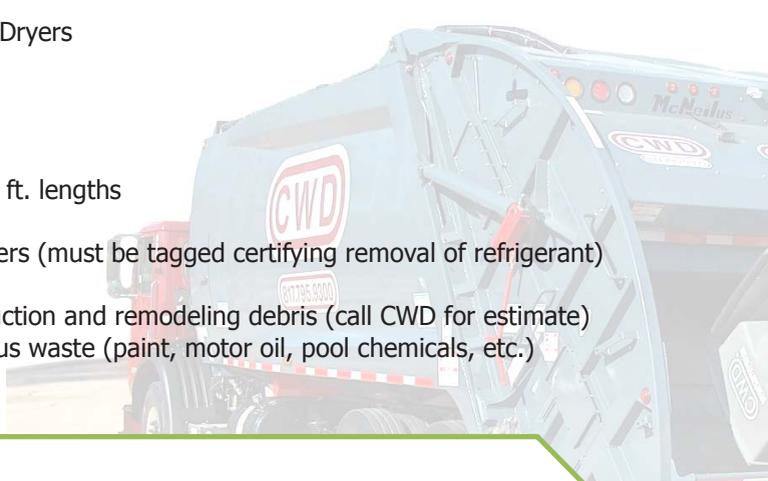
CURBSIDE BRUSH/BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

ACCEPTABLE

- Washing machines/Dryers
- Water heaters
- Kitchen appliances
- Yard tools
- Furniture
- Bundled carpet in 4 ft. lengths
- Bagged leaves
- Refrigerators/Freezers (must be tagged certifying removal of refrigerant)

PROHIBITED

- Commercial construction and remodeling debris (call CWD for estimate)
- Household hazardous waste (paint, motor oil, pool chemicals, etc.)
- Tires, batteries
- Propane tanks



BULK TRASH or heavy trash is picked up **EVERY OTHER MONTH** on even months (October, December).

Please refer to map on the following page to find your service area and the chart to identify your bulk service week.

On odd months, residents may drop off up to 12 cubic yards at the CWD transfer station at the following address:

2010 California Crossing
Dallas, Texas 75220

A copy of your current water bill is required. Charges will apply to volumes in excess of 12 cubic yards.

All brush and bulk materials must be set out and ready for pick up by 7:00 a.m. the Monday of your collection week.



REGULAR TRASH is picked up **ONCE** a week. All trash must be secured in bags within your GRAY cart.



RECYCLING is picked up **ONCE** a week with trash pickup. Everything with the **BLUE** cart must be recyclable materials.

If at any time you do not comply within the above mentioned guidelines, your address will be documented as NO PICK UP for that week's collection.

For efficient retrieval, place both trash (GRAY) and recycle (BLUE) carts with the handles towards the curb (see picture for proper cart placement).

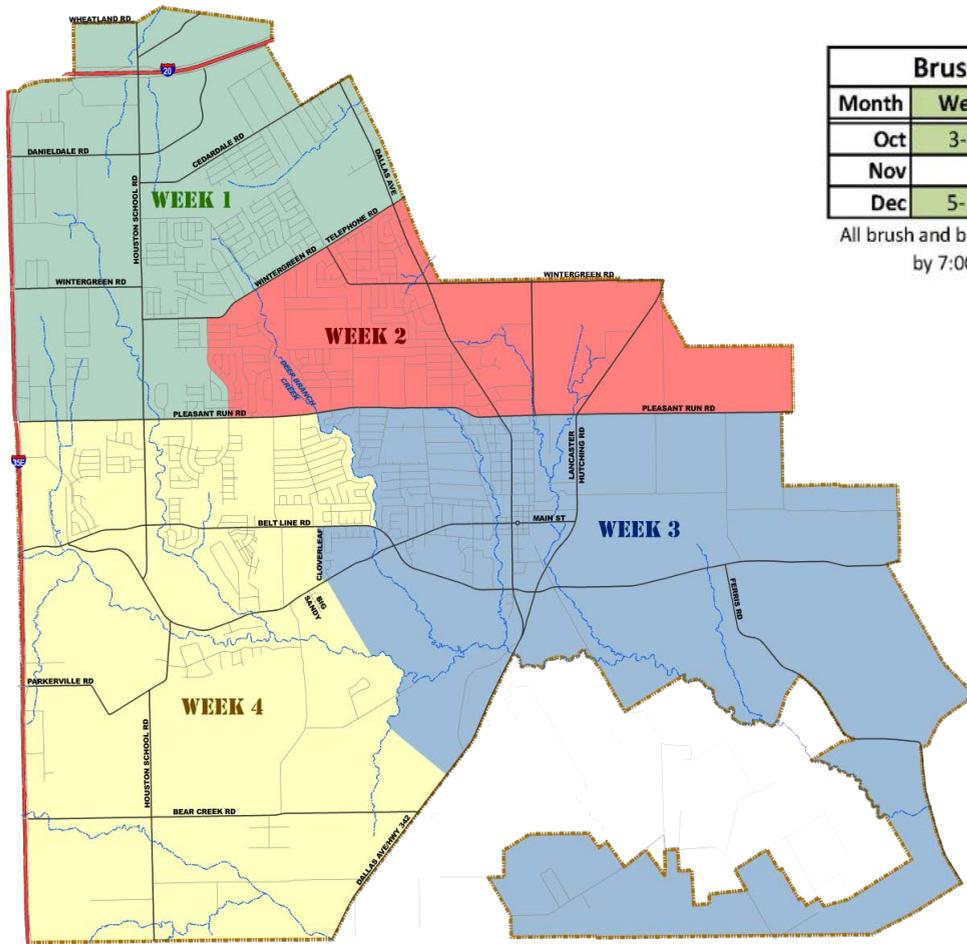
Place carts out by 7:00 a.m. for service between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Household trash should be in disposable bags inside 95-gallon trash carts.

All items **MUST** be placed in carts.

Carts must be 3 ft. away from each other, 5 ft. away from any obstacles such as: mailboxes, car, fences, gas meters, or drainage ditches and a 16 ft. clearance above the carts.





Brush & Bulk Trash Schedule 2016				
Month	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Oct	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct
Nov	NO BULK TRASH COLLECTION			
Dec	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec

All brush and bulk materials must be set out and ready for pick up by 7:00 AM the Monday of your collection week.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOV. 24th – NO PICK-UP
 Service will resume the following day
 (Thursday trash will be collected on
 Friday, Friday trash will be collected on
 Saturday).

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
 No pickup
New Year's Eve/ New Year Day
 No pickup

FALL TRASH OFF, NOVEMBER 5th



1501 N. Dallas Ave.
 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- ✓ Brush
- ✓ Bulk trash
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Recyclables
- ✓ Scrap items
- ✓ Document shredding
- ✓ Tires (10 free, \$5 each additional tire)
- ✓ Hazardous household waste



Goodwill will be onsite accepting donations.

Volunteer opportunities available.
 Contact the City of Lancaster at 972-218-1300

Lancaster residents only with proof of residency

Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9-15, 2016

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!



Lancaster Fire Department Promotes Fire Prevention Week

- Council Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week
- Fire Safety classes to every Lancaster Elementary School
- Smoke Detector Program for the elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged

Smoke Alarms at Home

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area.
- ✓ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- ✓ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ✓ Push the test button on alarm once a month to make sure that it is working.



Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

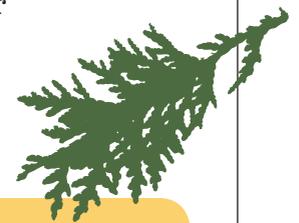


LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.



FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every six** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

Public Works Department

Water
Waste-water
Meter Reading

Streets
Storm-water

Road Safety

Roads can start getting icy and foggy during autumn. Before starting the car in the morning watch for thin ice, and make sure to totally defrost your windshield, windows, and mirrors so you have clear vision. Always use low beams to enhance your visibility in foggy areas. Keep your car well stocked with the fluids it needs, check your wipers, lights, heat, and defrost. Rainstorms can be quite hazardous during this season as I mentioned earlier the leaves can be slippery along with heavy amounts of rain and possible flooding. The roads may still have some residue left from the summer driving composed of oil remnants, dust, dirt, and rubber. If your car starts hydroplaning, don't brave the storm. Slowly pump your brakes and pull over until the storm subsides a bit.

Yard Work

It is great to see the colorful leaves hanging around campus, but those leaves will also find their way into small streams and eventually flowing into larger bodies of water. When rain or snow falls into developed land, organized storm drain systems funnel it out of the area. Help reduce the amount of harmful pollutants entering storm drains this fall by:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Recycle grass clippings on your lawn.
- Do not blow leaves or grass clippings off your property.
- The fewer leaves that make it to the street, the better.
- Avoid pesticides.

TIPS TO KEEP YOUR CAR RUNNING NEWER, LONGER MONTH 2012

Did you know?

- 54% of cars have low tire pressure
- 38% of cars have low engine oil
- 28% of cars have inadequate cooling protection
- 19% of cars need new belts

**from recent Car Care Council research*

3 out of 4 drivers wash their cars every month

only 1 out of 7 correctly checks tire pressure

Tires can be 50% under inflated before it is visibly noticeable

40 percent of drivers have not rotated their tires within the recommended interval

Worried about your tire treads?

Abe Lincoln has you covered. Position Lincoln's head in one of the grooves on the tread. If any part of his head is obscured by the tread, you're driving with the legal and safe amount of tread. If you can see above his head, where it says "In God We Trust," take a hint: you're ready for a new tire.

Tires can lose **1** psi per month under normal conditions

Prepare for cold weather

Keep the exterior washed and waxed to protect your vehicle from the environment.

Have a professional check:

- Battery cables and terminals
- Belts and hoses
- Levels of anti-freeze, oil, brake fluid, etc.
- Air filters
- Windshield wipers
- Lights and turn signals

Stop losin' money!

A single misfiring spark plug can cut fuel economy by up to 4%

Under inflated tires can lead to higher fuel costs as much as 3-5¢ per gallon

40 percent

A serious maintenance problem can decrease gas mileage by as much as

Change Your Sprinkler Schedule

As the weather cools down and the days are shorter, lawns and plants don't need as much water...and when it's raining, they don't need to water at all. Change your sprinkler timer now and remember to turn it off when it rains. Another option is to invest in a weather-based irrigation controller and never worry about your sprinkler watering schedule.



Check for Leaks

Find and fix leaks now. One way to find out if you have a leak present is to read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you most likely have a leak.

Get a Jump Start on Spring Planting

The best time to plant is the Fall. The Fall season requires less water and will look better in the springtime!

Used Cooking Oil

Disposing of three to five gallons of used fryer oil from a deep fried turkey can be a nightmare. While it may seem harmless to pour your used oil down the drain, dumping any amount of cooking oil into the sink can harm wildlife and damage local sewage systems. Grease clings to pipe walls in small particles that latch on to each other, leading to massive clogs over time - and not just in your kitchen sink. Cooking oil and kitchen grease from residents and restaurants is the No. 1 cause of clogged sewer pipes, which costs big bucks. Whether it's a cup of olive oil or the leftovers from your deep-fried Thanksgiving, recycling is your best disposal bet.



Dispose of grease properly.
Pick up grease trapper bags at Lancaster City Hall, 211 N. Henry St.

Congratulations

Lancaster ISD Board Named Texas Outstanding School Board of the Year



Pictured from left to right: Region 10 Executive Director Gordon Taylor, School Board Members : Marion Hamilton, Rhonda Davis-Crawford, Cynthia Corbin-Jarvis, Ellen Clark Ty. G. Jones, and LISD Superintendent Michael McFarland. Members not pictured: Robbie Johnson and LaRhonda Mays

Lancaster ISD's Board of Trustees has been named the 2016 Texas Outstanding School Board!

Since 1971, the TASA School Board Awards program has honored outstanding Texas school boards that have demonstrated commitment to their students and to their communities.

Lancaster ISD Superintendent Michael McFarland, the 2015 Texas nominee for National Superintendent of the Year, nominated the board for the award.

Lancaster's board was chosen from among five finalists interviewed by a committee of Texas school superintendents. Their decision was based on several criteria, including the board's support for educational performance; educational improvement projects and school transformation initiatives; commitment to a code of ethics; and placement of the welfare of children served by the school system above other motives.

Texas Track and Field Hall of Fame Class of 2017

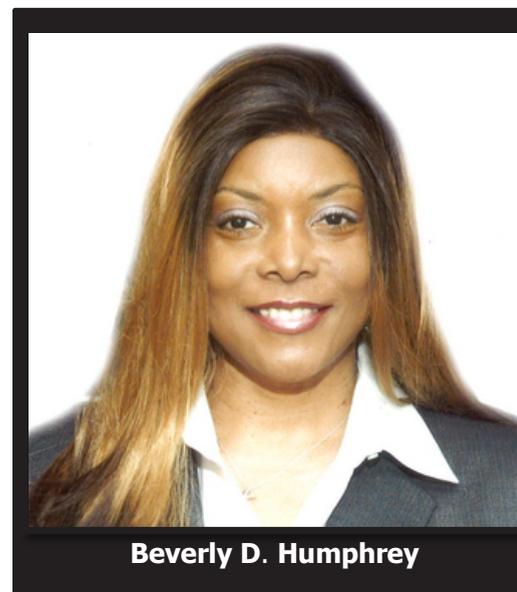
Lancaster ISD Athletic Director and Head Girls Track and Field Coach **Beverly D. Humphrey** will be inducted into the Texas Track and Field Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Humphrey, along with six living and 11 posthumous track and field legends, will be honored at an induction ceremony on January 6, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Addison, TX.

Humphrey is an athlete, Olympic trial finalist, champion, teacher, coach and mentor. Her journey to this point began at Lincoln High School in Dallas, Texas, where she was a standout track star. She followed that act by having 4 All-American years at Prairie View A&M University. She qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 100m, 400m, and made the finals in the 200 meters.

Humphrey has won 11 UIL state track and field titles and created the rich tradition and culture of winning in Lancaster ISD and she has received countless awards and honors throughout her coaching career, which include 10 Dallas Morning News Coach of the Year awards and the renaming of the Lancaster High School Tiger Stadium to the Beverly D. Humphrey Tiger Stadium in her honor in 2007.

Lancaster ISD will honor Humphrey during half time of the Lancaster High School Homecoming Football game on October 14, 2016. The Lancaster City Council will honor Humphrey at the October 10 City Council meeting. The induction ceremony is open to track and field fans throughout the state of Texas. For information on attending the event visit www.ttfca.com.



Beverly D. Humphrey

Contributor- Lancaster ISD Communications

2016 LANCASTER RUNNING TIGERS BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday	11/5/16	Scrimmage-Elite 14	Wichita Falls	10:00am
Saturday	11/12/16	Scrimmage-Richland	N.Richland Hills	10:00am
Thursday- Saturday	11/17-11/19/16	Mcdonalds Invitational- Varsity	Pasadena, Tx	TBA
Friday/Saturday	11/25-26/16	S.O.C. 9th Grade Thanksgiving	Dallas S.O.C.	TBA
Friday/Saturday	11/25-26/16	Carter Classic J.V. Thanksgiving Classic	Dallas Carter	TBA
Friday/Saturday	11/25-26/16	Houston Jamboree- Varsity Friday- Houston Bellaire- 8pm Saturday- Houston Yates- 5pm	Houston, Tx	TBA
Tuesday	11/29/16	Dallas South Oak Cliff	Ellis Davis	5/6:30/8pm
Saturday	12/3/16	Dallas Lincoln	Ellis Davis	5/6:30/8pm
Tuesday	12/6/16	South Garland	Lancaster	5/6:30/8pm
Monday	12/12/16	Big Monday	TBA	TBA
Saturday	12/17/16	Ars Dallas Vs. The Country Hoopfest	Highland Park	TBA
Tuesday	12/20/16	*Lake Ridge	Lancaster	1/2:30/4pm
Wednesday-Friday	12/28-30/16	Disd Coca Cola Tournament	Tba	TBA
Tuesday	1/3/17	* Legacy	Legacy	5/6:30/8pm
Friday	1/6/17	*Summit	Summit	5/6:30/8pm
Tuesday	1/10/17	*Timberview	Lancaster	5/6:30/8pm

LISD Upcoming Events:

Lancaster High School Fall Concert

October 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Homecoming Parade & Community Pep Rally

October 12, 2016 @ 4:30-7:30pm
Lancaster Middle School to BDH Tiger Stadium

Lancaster Chamber Luncheon: State of Schools Report

October 12, 2016 @ 11:30am-1:00pm
Lancaster Recreation Center

Homecoming Tiger Tailgate

October 14, 2016 @ 4:30pm-7:30pm
Lancaster High School Coliseum Pavilion

Lancaster High School Homecoming Football Game

October 14, 2016 @ 7:30pm
Beverly D. Humphrey Tiger Stadium

Hispanic Heritage Bowl

October 29, 2016 @ 9:00am-3:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Theater Arts Talent Showcase

November 16, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Strengthening Families Event

November 17, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Rolling Hills Elementary

Lancaster ISD School Board Meeting

November 30, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Lancaster ISD Administration Building

Lancaster Education Foundation Basketball Tournament

December 3-4, 2016 @8:00am-6:00pm
Tiger Coliseum

Winter Choir Concert

December 6, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Winter Band Concert

December 8, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Lancaster ISD School Board Meeting

December 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Lancaster ISD Administration Building

Winter Theater Showcase

December 14, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

Winter Dance Concert

December 15, 2016 @ 7:00pm-9:00pm
Lancaster High School Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE!

LANCASTER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016

To Participate Or Volunteer
Contact Community Relations At
972-218-1300, Communityrelations@Lancaster-tx.com
More information available on next page



Lancaster Martin Luther King Foundation Presents:
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade
Saturday, January 14, 2017

Contact:
Roosevelt Nichols 469-358-8722
Quinnie Wright-Nichols 972-748-6798
\$25 Entry Fee
Complete application at
www.lancastermlk.org





Join us for the City of Lancaster 63rd Annual Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 10, 2016

All Entry Forms Must be Submitted by 3 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2016
Entry form is available online at: www.lancaster-tx.com/ChristmasInLancaster

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- ✦ All entries are required to attend a mandatory parade meeting on Thursday, December 8TH, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ✦ Entry lineup will be from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. northbound on Centre and Main St. towards Towne Square. Prior to the parade, you will be provided a designated time to arrive and location for your entry. Event staff and volunteers will assist you to locate your line up position. All individuals and vehicles associated with your entry must check in together.
- ✦ The parade will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m.
- ✦ Judging will take place along the parade route and awards will be presented at the Lancaster Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.
- ✦ Once the parade has begun, please do not stop until the conclusion of the parade.
- ✦ One banner preceding your entry is allowed; there is no size limit. There is no limit on the number of banners that can be attached to the entry.
- ✦ Entries may be sponsored by a business; however, the entry may not be used primarily for advertising purposes and must be in keeping with the spirit of the parade and theme.
- ✦ Children under 13 years of age must be adequately supervised from the parade lineup to completion.
- ✦ All motorized equipment must be clean and in good working condition. All vehicles must maintain a safe distance of at least 20 ft. between units.
- ✦ Use live music when possible. No amplified music is permitted (small portable sound systems are allowed).
- ✦ Pursuant to the City ordinance # 2004-06-18, and for the safety of the spectators, throwing candy is prohibited. Those wishing to distribute candy must walk along-side parade route.
- ✦ All participants must dress appropriately. Shoes and shirts are required. No clothing that makes mention of or reference to any obscenities, sexually explicit material and/or drugs. Appropriateness is at the discretion of staff.
- ✦ All parade entries must submit a parade application to the Community Relations Division by 3:00 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2016
- ✦ Please refrain from the inclusion of live Santa costumes, as this can confuse children

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT 972-218-1300



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Lancaster Water Improvements (East 2nd Street, Dallas Avenue, Main Street, Pleasant Run Road/Jefferson Avenue, and Lancaster-Hutchins Road): Estimated start date - October 4, 2016. Estimated completion date - December 16, 2016.

Street Reconstruction of Lancaster-Hutchins Road and Rogers Avenue: Rogers Avenue estimated start date - October 5, 2016. Estimated completion date- December 5, 2016. Lancaster-Hutchins Road estimated start date - October 24, 2016. Estimated completion date - January 3, 2017.

Street Reconstruction of Daniieldale Road from Houston School Road to I-35E: Estimated start date – Monday, October 17, 2016. Estimated completion date – January 31, 2017.

The estimated start and completion dates are dependent on weather conditions and possible underground utilities. Please be assured that we will make every effort to accomplish this construction project with minimum inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Community Relations at (972) 218-1300 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com.



Upcoming **RETAIL DEVELOPMENTS**

- QuickTrip: Pleasant Run and I-20E
- A new discount retailer at the corner of North Dallas Avenue and Telephone Road
- A new strip center with restaurants and retail on West Pleasant Run Road across the street from Minyard's

Check the city website for updates on these and future development projects!
Questions? Contact Community Relations at 972-218-1300.

TAKE THE LANCASTER SPENDING PATTERN SURVEY!

The purpose of this survey is to understand shopping patterns and retail preferences of people living and working in Lancaster. The information gathered from this survey will help determine the retail and restaurant needs of the City. These results will influence recruitment efforts to ultimately increase and also retain retail sales within Lancaster.

Surveys May Be Picked Up Any Public City Facility.

This Survey Can Also Be Taken Online At:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LancasterTXRetailSurvey>

Take
the **Survey**



1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Lancaster Recreation Center FEATURES:

- ❖ Indoor Walking Track
- ❖ Gymnasium with two full basketball courts and bleacher seating
- ❖ Indoor Aquatic Center
- ❖ Grand Hall with catering kitchen
- ❖ Mirrored Aerobic Room
- ❖ Game room
- ❖ Classroom
- ❖ Conference Room

Several areas of the facility are available for private rentals, including the Gymnasium, Grand Hall and Indoor Aquatic Center.

For information on reservations, membership, or to take a tour, contact the Lancaster Recreation Center at 972-218-3700.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2016 UPCOMING EVENTS

School Out/Day Camp

October 10, 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. @ Recreation Center

Senior Fall Extravaganza

October 15, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Dive In Movie

October 20, 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. @ Recreation Center

Fall Festival/Boovie Night

October 28, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Senior Veterans Day Program

November 10, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 17, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Turkey Bowl/Open House

November 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Turkey Camp

November 21-23, 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Parade and Festival

December 10, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Senior Legacy Ball

December 16, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Winter Break Camp

Monday-Thursday

December 19-22 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday

December 27-30 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Hours of Operation:

Monday -Thursday

6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday

6 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fitness Atrium

The new state of the art equipment will help anyone looking to reach potential fitness goals. The facility is surrounded by windows with scenic views to inspire you during your workout. Multiple televisions and our locker rooms make it easy to fit in a workout before or after work.



Fitness Atrium Orientation/Assessments Receive a free atrium orientation and physical Assessment with a Fitness Atrium monthly or annual pass. The orientation will teach you how to get the full benefits of the fitness equipment in order to reach your optimum level of fitness. The assessment consists of BMI, strength, flexibility, blood pressure, fat count, and weight. See the front desk for more details.

Fitness Atrium equipment:

- ❖ Elliptical
- ❖ Exercise Bikes
- ❖ Free Weights
- ❖ Treadmills
- ❖ Weight machines
- ❖ And more!

**The Fitness Atrium is open to ages 17 and older.
Must have a Fitness Atrium Pass.**

	Resident	Non-Resident
Daily Pass	\$5	\$5
Monthly Pass	\$20	\$25
Annual Pass	\$160	\$200

Reservations

We have over 6500 square feet of space for rent. Plan a special event to remember for days and years to come. Not only do we offer meeting rooms and a banquet hall; we also offer parks, pavilions, fields, gymnasium and a 165,000 gallon pool that includes zero depth entry, a lazy river, a two story water slide and lap lanes. For more information call 972-218-3700 or visit the Recreation Center during hours of operation.

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AQUATIC PROGRAMS

Water Aerobics

Mon/Wed/Fri	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	\$30/month
Monday - Thursday	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	\$35/month
Saturdays	9:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.	\$7/drop in

Have you ever noticed how challenging it is to walk through a swimming pool? The resistance provided by water makes it a great course for all fitness levels. It is low-impact, yet increases stamina and strength. Register monthly, or pay \$5 per class as a drop-in.

Lifeguard Certification (Age 15+) \$65 per class

Learn basic lifesaving techniques and get certified as an American Red Cross Lifeguard. Includes CPR/First Aid/AED. Great for those seeking part-time summer jobs; or to fulfill requirements for those who work as a lifeguards at Texas pools. Advance registration & swim skills are required. Please inquire at the front desk for future classes.

Dive-In Movies (All ages)

October 20th, November 17th, December 15th 7:30 p.m.

It's time to dive in to the pool! Every third Thursday, enjoy a feature film while relaxing in the water. All movies are free (w/ current Rec ID Card)

SWIM LESSONS

All Learn-to-Swim classes provide instruction to swimmers of all ages and help them develop swimming and water safety skills in a positive learning environment. Each session includes four 45 minute classes over a two week period. Pre-requisites for each class level required.

Parent & Tot (6-48 months)

Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. \$30/session

Parents learn water safety and infants develop comfort in the water. Parents must enter the water for all classes.

Youth (7-12 years)

Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. Level I, II, III \$30/session

Learn basic strokes, floating, breathing, treading water and diving skills. Skill levels are divided into three different skill levels: Level I for New Beginners, Level II, for those with Basic Skills and Level III for Intermediate Swimmers.

Semi-Private (13+ years)

Mondays/Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. \$50/session

This course is designed to assist teens and adults with learning basic or advanced swim techniques. Each instructor is paired with only two students, allowing time for more individual instruction.

Karate (Ages 5-15)

Tuesdays/Thursdays 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.,
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. \$40/Month
Youth Karate age 5-15, Martial arts are a great way to build self-confidence and character in children. Karate and self-defense techniques are for all skill levels.

Sewing For Kids and Adults

Mondays/Thursdays 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
\$40/month
For ages 7-17. This class teaches you how to operate Sewing and Serger machines. You will also be able to sketch and illustrate designs. This class reinforces focus on knit fabrics. You will learn how to make your favorite shirts, skirts and jeans!!!

Music for all Occasions (Ages 4-Adult)

Tuesdays 6 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Ages 4-Adult \$48/month
Saturdays (2nd & 4th) 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Ages 50+ \$15/month
This class will teach students the proper techniques of piano and keyboard. Music for all occasions also provides complete orientation to the keyboard for beginning pianists. There is a \$30 one time registration fee.

Tutus & Tap (Ages 3-5)

Tuesdays 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. \$30 Monthly
Tots love to dance! Introduce your child to ballet and tap to improve coordination and confidence.

Dancing From the Soul (Ages 4-18)

Mondays 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Saturdays 10 a.m.- noon. \$40 Monthly
You will dance from the soul in this Field collegiate style dance conditioning class where your child will learn Ballet, Jazz and Hip-Hop class.

Next Level Dance

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Ages 4-18 \$10/month. Next Level Dance is a program that allows all interested Lancaster youth the opportunity to learn different varieties of dance.



ADULT FITNESS PROGRAMS

Want to be an instructor?

Do you have a special talent or skill that you'd like to share with others? Whether you teach children, adults or seniors, we would love to hear from you. For more information on how to become a contract instructor, call 972-218-3700 or visit the Recreation Center

Dancersize

Saturday 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. \$25 / month \$8 drop-in
This is a line dance exercise which provides a fun and unique way to help you get in shape. You will learn the latest line dances while enjoying a fun and fulfilling cardio aerobic workout.

Zumba

Mon/Wed/Fri	8 - 9 a.m.	\$30/month \$7 drop-in
Mon/Tue/Thurs	6 - 7 p.m.	\$30/month, \$7 drop-in
Saturdays	8 - 9 a.m.	\$20/month, \$7 drop-in

ZUMBA, a class that uses hip hop, weights, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts, squats and lunges all in one class. Come to the party and experience a full body workout in Zumba.



Yoga Boot Camp

Begin your journey to promote the union of mind, body & spirit. Learn how to connect the mind & body through breathing. Explore relaxation techniques for overall health.
Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
\$30/month, \$7 drop-in



Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library

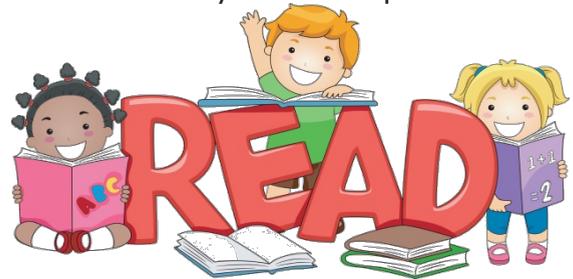
1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Programs for Children

Family Story Time: Every Wednesday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. for all ages. We will have stories, songs, and a take-home craft project. The first Wednesday of each month is bilingual story time in Spanish and English.

Toddler Time: Each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for ages 0-4 years – stories, songs, activities and fun!

Teen Programs

Teen Club for ages 11-18 meets the first and third Thursdays of each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for movies, games, crafts, anime and fun!

- ✓ **October 6th** - Book crafts – make art projects from old books.
- ✓ **October 20th** - Halloween costume party – enjoy a movie, snacks and fun. November and December will be filled with winter fun.

Programs for All Ages

NEW! Video Editing Class, Saturday, October 22nd, 2:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 26th, 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 5th, 2:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 10th, 5:30 p.m. An introductory class on the fundamentals of organizing, cutting, and composing digital videos, using iMovie on the library's own computers. The class is open to all ages, but children should be accompanied by an adult.

Juggling Class will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Open to all skill levels and all ages. (October 15th, November 19th and December 17th)

Wizards and Time Machines Science Fiction and Fantasy Discussion Group is open to everyone. Check the library's website for the current reading list. 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (October 19th, November 16th and December 21st)



Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library

Programs for Adults

SPECIAL EVENT! **Buying and Selling a Home**, Wednesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 12th, 6:30 p.m. A licensed realtor, will cover the benefits of home ownership, how to prepare to buy a home, what to consider when selling a home and how to prepare a house for the market.

Adult Colorist Society – Color your stress away! Bring your creativity, everything else is provided. 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (October 13th, November 10th and December 8th)

Anime Nights – Enjoy anime with others over age 18 on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (October 27th, no meetings in November or December due to the holidays)

Computer Classes - on a beginning level for keyboarding, searching the Internet, using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint are held on a rotating basis on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Book-a-Librarian One-on-One Tech Help available by appointment at least 72 hours in advance. Unable to make it to computer class? Schedule your own private session!

How Deep Are Your Family Roots?

Lancaster Genealogical Society meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month except December to hear speakers on related topics. Everyone with an interest in family history is welcome. (October 11th and November 8th)

Genealogical Research Assistance is available on Monday nights (except 3rd Mondays) from 6:00-7:45 p.m.



FALL COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULE

Class	October	November	December
Computer Basics	5 th and 7 th	2 nd and 4 th	7 th
Excel basics & Charts	12 th and 14 th	9 th and 11 th	9 th
PowerPoint Basics	19 th and 21 st	16 th and 18 th	14 th
Word Basics	26 th and 28 th	No class	16 th
*Classes subject to change or cancellation			

Senior Life Center

240 Veterans Memorial Parkway
972-218-3780

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Annual Membership Dues

Lancaster Resident \$3
Non-Lancaster Resident \$5

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Coffee Served

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fitness Room

Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Congregate Meal Program

Monday – Friday, Noon to 1 p.m.

This daily lunch program ensures a nutritious meal for senior participants ages 60 years of age and older. It is FREE and Senior Participants do not have to be a member of the Lancaster Senior **LIFE** Center.

Senior participants, who are not members of the Senior **LIFE** Center, ages 50-59, can purchase the nutritious meal for an additional fee.

Sponsored in part by the Dallas Area Agency on Aging "DAAA" and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.



The Lancaster Senior **LIFE** Center is a full service activity center open to adults 50 years and up, and includes several **TOP FEATURES:**

- Banquet and Dining Hall with Full Catering Kitchen, with full size stage.
- Nintendo Wii Consoles for fun, fitness and entertainment.
- Classroom for Computer Education and Training.
- Fitness Room and Croquet Course.
- Arts and Craft Rooms for Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Quilting, and Creative Card Making.
- Bid Whiz, Spades, Chess, Chicken Foot, Dominoes.
- Reading Lounge with large selection of books.
- Well-stocked game room with billiards, poker tables and shuffle board.
- DAAA and other educational and informative presentations from community liaisons.

The Senior Source

3910 Harry Hines Blvd.
Dallas, TX 75219
(214) 823-5700
www.theseniorsource.org

Dallas County Older Adult Services Program

2377 North Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207
214-819-1848

Dallas Area Agency on Aging

1341 W. Mockingbird Ln
Suite 1000W
Dallas, TX 75247
(214) 871-5065
www.theseniorsource.org

ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMS

BINGO

Every Friday 1:00 p.m.
Quarterly Breakfast BINGO every three months with continental breakfast included. Nominal Fee Required.

Creative Card Making

Tuesdays/Thursdays 10:00a.m.
Learn to create unique, fun and personalized greeting cards. All supplies are provided.

Harmonizers

Wednesdays 1:30p.m.
This is a majestic group of singing senior participants meets regularly and performs occasionally at special events throughout the City of Lancaster.

Senior Spiritual Harmonizers

Monday/Wednesday/Friday. 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Enjoy the majestic sound of singing seniors.

Knitting and Crochet

Tuesdays/Thursdays 10:00 a.m.
Come and enjoy the lively company of a tightly knitted group of senior participants, designing items through knitting and crochet. Class is open to all (beginners, intermediates and advanced members).

PuzzleRama

Mondays 1:00 p.m.
Everyone loves games. PuzzleRama is a wonderful way to exercise your ingenuity and your wealth of knowledge, as only seniors know. We have a variety of puzzles. PuzzleRama exercises the mind, body and soul, by challenging you to pick up the pieces and solve the problem.

Coloring for Seniors (Words, Numbers, Puzzles)

Monday-Friday. 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Who doesn't love to color? Especially outside of the lines! Join seniors for competitive coloring contests and prizes.

Groom and Glamour Lounge

11:00 a.m.
Every first and fourth Wednesday of each month.
Who doesn't like looking good? Groom and Glamour Day is back! Senior participants (men and women), you owe it to yourself to be pampered. Must sign up early at the Senior LIFE Center. Available seating is limited.

Computer Education and Training

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Thursdays 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy computer access and learn different software, programs, and navigation on the Internet. Create Facebook pages and enjoy other forms of social media.

SPECIAL Events

State Fair of Texas Senior Day

Thursday, October 6 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 13 10:00 a.m.

Senior Fall Extravaganza

Enjoy music, fun, food and the beginning of Fall. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.
Friday, October 15
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Senior Veterans Recognition

Veterans Dedication and Posting of Colors. Join us as we celebrate seniors who served, both listed and non-listed, and the families that supported them. Refreshments and Door Prizes will be provided.
Friday, November 10
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Join us in Giving Thanks for Family, Friends and Gratitude.
Thursday, November 17
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Senior Annual Legacy Ball

The number eight represents new beginnings. Put on your Sunday best and step out in senior style as we celebrate our Eighth Annual Legacy Ball. FREE and FANCY
Friday, December 16
7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Water Fitness and Exercise

A fantastic class for all water fitness levels, with a focus on balance, and more flexibility for stressed joints. A very comfortable workout!

Transportation will be provided from the Senior LIFE Center to the Lancaster Recreation Center.

Third Wednesday of the Month
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Liz's Line Dancing

Mondays/Wednesdays

1:00 p.m.

Line Dancing with Flavor! Seniors with sequences of steps showcase line dancing and swing dancing. Learn the basic steps.

Men's Power Hour

Mondays/Wednesdays

10:00 a.m.

Men Only! This is a powerful hour of empowerment. Come and fellowship with other men to discuss and engage in conversations, specifically important to men. This very popular class is open to men of all ages and distinctions. Strength is mighty. One's mind is mightier. Lively and spirited discussions are held, related to the male population of Older Americans regarding maturity, love, companionship, relationships, parenting, politics, etc. Empower your mind through conversations with men of all ages, races and nationalities.

Movie Madness

Monday – Friday

3:00 p.m.

Love Movies? Movie Marathons? Join us for the occasional popcorn and sweet tea during Movie Madness. Dramas, Action and Adventures, Thrillers, Documentaries, Romance, Westerns, you can have it all.

Reading is FUN

Tuesdays/Thursdays

1:00 p.m.

Reading is basic information before leaving earth, and essential to the livelihood of all individuals, so much so that it is the most popular program at the Senior LIFE Center. Money is fundamental. Wisdom is powerful. Knowledge is an advantage. Nothing, however, compares to the written word on paper. Engaging, energizing, informative and empowering. Re-develop your love of reading.

Sewing and Quilting

Tuesdays/Thursdays

1:00 p.m.

Bring your own materials and enjoy conversation, assistance with technique, and the company of fellow craftsmen. A quilting horse and sewing machine is provided. Participants regularly create items to be donated to area hospitals and care facilities.

The Walking Club

Mondays/Wednesdays

10:30 a.m

We hold the hearts of our senior members in the palm of our hands. Get healthy and fit through walking and low impact exercise. Participants meet at the Senior LIFE Center and are transported to the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Center.

Seniors In Motion

Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays

11:50 a.m.

Free. Low Impact chair exercises modified for seniors that targets the upper body muscles.

RESERVATIONS

We have over 6500 square feet of space for rent for your enjoyment. You can plan that special event for you and your guest to remember for days and years to come. Not only do we offer meeting rooms, a banquet hall set up for rent we also offer parks, pavilions, fields, gymnasium and a 165,000 gallon pool that includes zero depth entry, lazy river, two story water slide and lap lanes. For more information call 972-218-3700 or visit the Recreation Center during hours of operation.

Grand Hall Banquet Facility

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway
(972) 218-3700

Deposit \$250 Set-up \$50 Kitchen \$30/hr.	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
1,100 sq. ft. 7- 60" Rounds 1-6' Tables 56 Chairs	\$50/hr.	\$75/hr.
2,200 sq. ft. 14- 60" Rounds 2-6' Tables 112 Chairs	\$75/hr.	\$100/hr.
3,300 sq. ft. 24- 60" Rounds 3-6' Tables 192 Chairs	\$100/hr.	\$125/hr.

Community House

100 N. Henry Street
(972) 218-3700

Deposit \$150	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
4 hour rental	\$200	\$225
6 hour rental	\$300	\$325



Community House

Senior Life Center

240 Veterans Memorial Pkwy
(972) 218-3700

Deposit \$250 Set-up \$50 Kitchen \$30/hr.	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
4 hour rental	\$400	\$500
6 hour rental	\$600	\$750

Gymnasium

Four (4) hour minimum if outside hours of operations.

Resident / Non-Resident Deposit \$100

Half Gym Fees

Resident \$50/hour
Non-Resident \$65/hour

Full Gym Fees

Resident \$75/hour
Non-Resident \$90/hour

Full Gym-Tournament

(allows gate fees/concessions)

Resident \$100/hour
Non-Resident \$125/hour

Athletic Fields

Each field has two (2) hours minimum, lights are an additional fee of \$15.00 per hour.

Resident / Non-Resident Deposit \$100

All Fields

Resident \$25/hour
Non-Resident \$35/hour

Cedardale Park – Baseball/Softball

City Park – Softball

Royce Clayton Ball Park - Baseball

Community Park – Football/Soccer

RESERVATIONS

Helen Giddings Amphitheater

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Deposit	Resident	Non Resident
	\$150	\$150

FEES

4 hour rental	\$200	\$325
6 hour rental	\$275	\$400

Each additional hour after 6 hours		
	\$50	\$75

Parks Pavilion

Deposit	Resident	Non-Resident
	\$100	\$100

FEES

4 hours	\$75	\$100
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City Park Pavilion 1

211 W. Beltline Road Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Concession Stand

City Park Pavilion 2

211 W. Beltline Road Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Concession Stand

Community Park

200 N. Dallas Avenue Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Amphitheater
- Backstop
- Baseball Field

Meadowcreek Park

901 Meadowcreek Drive Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700



Kids Square Pavilion

1990 W. Beltline Road Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Grill
- Pavilion
- Restrooms

Bear Creek Park

1000 Bear Creek Road Lancaster, TX 75134
(972) 218-3700

- Butterfly Garden
- Climbing Rock
- Equestrian Trail

Rocky Crest Pavilion

698 E. Main Street Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Backstop
- Baseball Field
- Basketball Court

Heritage Park

250 N. Dallas Avenue Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 218-3700

- Gazebo

J.A. Dewberry Park

2975 Green Drive Lancaster, TX 75134
(972) 218-3700

- Basketball Court
- Grill

VISITORS CENTER AND STATE AUXILIARY MUSEUM

**103 N. Dallas Ave.
Lancaster, TX 75146
972-218-3790
www.lancaster-tx.com**



The Visitors Center, formerly known as the Interurban building, has welcomed visitors and businesses to our City for over one hundred years. Built in 1911, the Interurban Building was home to the Texas Interurban Railway that ran from Waxahachie through Red Oak, Lancaster, and Dallas to Sherman-Denison until the 1950s. It was also the region's first electric-powered building and where area residents' electricity bills were paid for more than 50 years. The Lancaster Visitors Center and City of Lancaster State Auxiliary Museum continue in this rich tradition.

In keeping with the history of the City of Lancaster and the Interurban Building, the City of Lancaster State Auxiliary Museum was established by the Texas legislature in May 2007 and introduced by State Representative Helen Giddings. The museum showcases the history of the State of Texas and educates patrons on the historical artifacts represented within the exhibit. This premier attraction serves as a unique resource for residents, educators and visitors of Texas alike.

The Lancaster Visitors Center and City of Lancaster State Auxiliary Museum are open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Texas Auxiliary Museum

Cleo Hearn Exhibit



Rent this venue for your next business meeting, conference, art showcase, photo shoot or private social gathering.

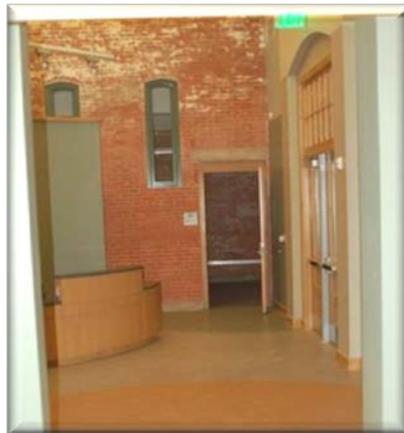
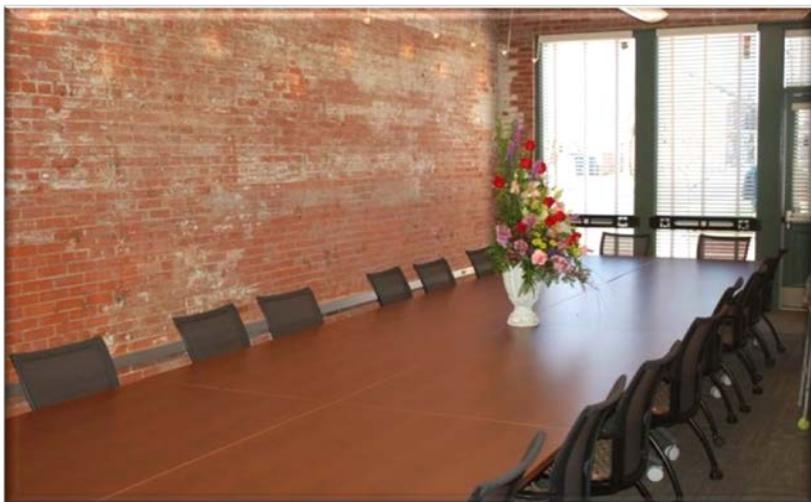
The vintage characteristics and historic décor of this wonderful facility will compliment your event and create an ambiance of long lasting memories. Our rates are as follows:

	Resident	Non Resident
Deposit	\$250.00	\$250.00
Set-up Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
3 Hour Rental (After hours)	\$350.00	\$400.00

3 hour minimum and maximum for after hour reservations.

Conference Room (during hours of operation only)

Deposit	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hourly rate (2 hour minimum)	\$50.00	\$75.00



City of Lancaster

P.O. Box 940

Lancaster, TX. 75146

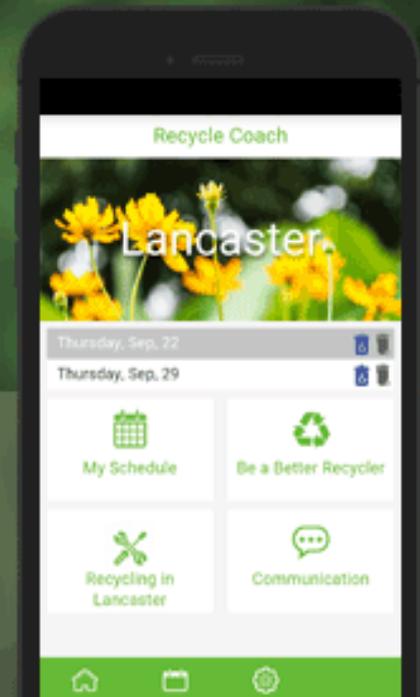
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