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**2014 CITY OF LANCASTER  
EXECUTIVE TEAM**

**Opal Mauldin Robertson**  
City Manager

**Angie Arenas**  
City Secretary

**Rona Stringfellow**  
Managing Director of  
Development Services & Public  
Works

**Ed Brady**  
Economic Development  
Director

**Lena Ellis**  
Interim Finance Director

**Thomas Griffith**  
Fire Chief

**Dori Lee**  
Human Resources Director

**Sean Johnson**  
Parks, Recreation & Library  
Services Director

**Cheryl Wilson**  
Police Chief

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Residents are welcome to submit photos to  
communityrelations@lancaster-tx.com  
for future publications

1. Go to your smart phone's app store & **DOWNLOAD** a **QR READER**.
2. Locate unique barcodes (QR CODES) & **SCAN**
3. You are then connected to the City of Lancaster website where you will find **NEWS, EVENTS, RESIDENT HELP**, and **MUCH MORE!**



# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY **RELAY FOR LIFE**



## **Relay For Life of Best Southwest Cities/ South Dallas**

May 30-31, 2014  
7 p.m.—7 a.m.

Desoto Eagle Stadium  
600 Eagle Drive  
Desoto TX 75115

[www.RelayForLife.org/BestSouthwestCitiesTX](http://www.RelayForLife.org/BestSouthwestCitiesTX)

If you would like to join the City of Lancaster 's Relay for Life Team contact us at 972-218-1301 or [adorsey@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:adorsey@lancaster-tx.com) for more information on how you can join or support the City of Lancaster's team .

Looking for More Information?  
E-Mail Tonya Solis-Mosby, Event Chair:  
[tonyasolis@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyasolis@yahoo.com)  
Or visit us online

Visit [RelayForLife.org](http://RelayForLife.org).  
**Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.®**

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# 2014 Municipal Election Information

A municipal election for the City of Lancaster will be held on May 10, 2014 for the election of: City Council Districts 2, 4, 6.

The first day you may file for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, January 29, 2014. The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Secretary's office located at 211 N. Henry Street.

To qualify for the office of City Councilmember a candidate must:

- be a United States citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;
- have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
- have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
- be a qualified voter of the City; and
- have or will have resided in the district for a period of one year prior to the date of the municipal election.

In addition to the application for a place on the ballot and the Declaration of Residency forms, the City's Home Rule Charter requires the candidate to obtain, on a petition form, 25 valid signatures of qualified voters in the District for which you plan to run. The term of office for mayor or a councilmember is three years.

A candidate's packet is available to help acquaint you with applicable requirements to run for office in the City's municipal election. The candidate's packet provides guidelines and forms to file for a place on the ballot, as well as a Campaign Finance Guide and other helpful information regarding the May 10, 2014 municipal election.

Obtaining a candidate's packet is not a requirement for filing for a place on the ballot. Applicable forms are available on the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections) and the Texas Ethics Commission website at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us).

The Declaration of Residency form is available from the City Secretary's office. Picking up a candidate's packet does not indicate an application for candidacy has or will be filed.

Candidate's packets are available from the City Secretary's office, at City Hall, 211 N. Henry Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information regarding the municipal election, please contact the City Secretary's office at (972) 218-1310.

## 2014 Mayor & City Council

**Marcus E. Knight**  
Mayor

**Carol Strain-Burk**  
Councilmember  
District 1

**Stanley Jaglowski**  
Councilmember  
District 2

**Marco Mejia**  
Councilmember  
District 3

**James Daniels**  
Mayor Pro Tem  
District 4

**LaShonjia Harris**  
Councilmember  
District 5

**Nina L. Morris**  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem  
District 6

# 2014 Mayor State of the City



On Thursday, January 9, 2014 Mayor Marcus E. Knight gave his annual State of the City Address at the luncheon hosted by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. In his address, Mayor Knight gave a comprehensive review of 2013 accomplishments while providing a glimpse into the future of the City in the areas of fiscal management, civic engagement, economic development, infrastructure improvements and more.

“I am always amazed at how fast the State of the City Speech comes, but when I look back, I can see we did so much in the course of a year!” stated Mayor Knight. PepsiCo/Quaker Oats Distribution Center, the largest distribution center in the Metroplex, is almost in completion of their project which will provide 85 new jobs within our community. BMW has announced completion of the construction of their distribution facility and has plans for a Grand Opening late January 2014. The new BMW distribution facility will provide 65 jobs. ProLogis

understands that the market is right for this type of development and has their investment of a 650,000 square foot building that is ready to be occupied. In N Out Burger has announced construction of a 130,000 square foot processing facility in Lancaster that will create 65 new jobs. Johnstone Supplier, a national leader in HVAC has selected Lancaster as the home for their distribution center and has created 40 new jobs. Several new retail providers have developed in Lancaster. April of 2013 Crescent Medical Center opened their facility and received accreditation this year.

Mayor Knight gave special thanks to State Representative Helen Giddings and for her assistance to secure funds for the new amphitheater in Lancaster Community Park that was named, Helen Giddings Amphitheater in her honor. He then acknowledged City staff for establishing the first dog park in Lancaster that is utilized by our residents.

“We have continued to reinvest in our library”, now offering Wi-Fi, and providing residents with the opportunity to register and check out eBooks. We have designated computers for early childhood literacy for children 2 through 10, and an incredible genealogy society that people can take advantage of. Bear Creek Nature Park is “kind of a diamond in the rough”, stated Mayor Knight, with its catch and release pond, train rides, and camp sites. There are a number of things that we continue to try to encourage our residents and residents around the area to take advantage of. We believe that is what continues to make us a community of choice, and a vibrant community.

On the topic of fiscal management, Mayor Knight explained that this is the second year of on time audits, with no findings. “It really demonstrates that we have made a lot of tough decisions and we are being rewarded for that now.” “This is the first time in six years that we have is able to pass along a pay increase to all employees, and at the end of the day it’s about valuing people for their efforts.” “Council is committed to continuing to work hard and making the right kind of decisions to continue to reward staff for their efforts.” This year we purchased a new fire engine, ambulance, and bus for the Senior Life Center. We have continued to invest in good infrastructure, this last year we completed the construction of a 2 million gallon above ground water storage tank that will provide a sufficient amount of supply of water of this community for 20 plus years. We have paved 84,000 linier feet of streets within the last fiscal year. We will continue to support the revitalization of Town Square. The theater on the Square has been purchased and is currently undergoing renovations and will be a catalyst becoming a central focal point for the businesses here in town. We are committed to continuing our partnership with LISD, Dr. McFarland, and the School Board. We will continue to work with Cedar Valley College. “We believe that what’s good for young people will be good for this community.”

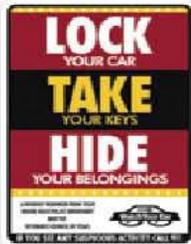
We are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan and it will pay the blueprint out for how we grow in an intelligent and substantial manner. Mayor Knight concluded his speech by stating, “Good policy and good people will create a great city.”

# Police Department

## Electronic Identity Theft Prevention



- Phishing is when fraudsters pretending to be from well-known companies, organizations, or government agencies contact consumers and try to trick them into revealing their personal information. That information is then used to commit fraud like opening new accounts in your name or taking over existing accounts like online banking or iTunes. It can happen over the phone, on email or even through text messages. Protect yourself with these quick tips:
- Be on your toes. Only open emails, attachments, and links from people you know.
- Don't believe what you see. It's easy to steal the colors, logos and header of an established organization and make emails appear legitimate.
- Avoid sharing. Don't reveal personal or financial information in an email, text or over the phone.
- Pay attention to a website's URL. Hover over any links to see where they lead.
- If you are unsure whether an email request is legitimate, try to verify it by contacting the company directly. Report suspected phishing emails to [phishing@visa.com](mailto:phishing@visa.com)
- Keep a clean machine. Make sure you keep your anti-virus software up to date.



Law Enforcement agencies are requesting that all apartment communities, Hotel Motels, business shopping centers and office buildings participate in a pro-active crime prevention program. Management companies send a message to their residents and patrons that they care enough to remind them to **LOCK** their cars, **TAKE** their keys and **HIDE** their belongings.

**Residents are asked** to do their part in reducing the number of offenses by locking their cars, taking the keys and hiding or removing visible items from inside their vehicles. Items such as cash, CD's, credit cards, hand bags, checkbooks, dry cleaning, golf clubs, wallets, laptop computers, brief cases, tools and shopping bags are an invitation for thieves. If you observe any suspicious activity in parking lots report it to the police immediately by calling **911**.

## Community-Oriented Policing

A philosophy that combines traditional aspects of law enforcement with prevention measures, problem-solving, community engagement, and community partnerships.

*U.S. Department of Justice*



## Signs of Child Bullying

Many parents are concerned that their child might be a victim of a child bullying. Some of the signs that a child is being bullied include:

- Becoming withdrawn
- Showing fear when it is time to go to school
- Increasing signs of depression
- Decline in school performance
- Speaking of another child with fear
- Noticeable decline in how the child sees him or herself
- Signs of physical altercations, such as bruises, scrapes and other marks

It may be more difficult to spot signs of verbal or emotional bullying, but you should be on the lookout for indications that your child's self-esteem and self-image are faltering, as well as a reluctance to go to school.

Cyber bullying can take many forms:

- Sending mean messages or threats to a person's email account or cell phone
- Spreading rumors online or through texts
- Posting hurtful or threatening messages on social networking sites or web pages
- Stealing a person's account information to break into their account and send damaging messages
- Pretending to be someone else online to hurt another person
- Taking unflattering pictures of a person and spreading them through cell phones or the Internet
- Sexting, or circulating sexually suggestive pictures or messages about a person

For more information about bullying contact:

- National Bullying Prevention Center
- National Education Association
- National Crime Prevention Council



Close Patrols - 0,700



### Close Patrols:

A uniformed officer in a marked patrol vehicle out & visible in a neighborhood.



# Police Department

## 12 Tips to Prevent Fraud

Protection starts at home (and in your wallet)

*Protect your information at home*

- ✔ Install a lockable mailbox at your residence to reduce mail theft.
- ✔ Limit the number of credit cards you have and cancel inactive accounts.
- ✔ Reconcile your check and credit card statements in a timely fashion. Immediately challenge any purchases you did not make.
- ✔ Scrutinize your utility and subscription bills to make sure the charges are yours.
- ✔ Keep a list of all your credit and bank accounts in a secure place so you can quickly call the issuers to inform them about missing or stolen cards. Include account numbers, expiration dates and telephone numbers of customer service and fraud departments.
- ✔ Do not toss pre-approved credit offers in your trash or recycling bin without first tearing them into small pieces or shredding them. Dumpster divers can use these offers to order credit cards in your name and mail them to their address. Always do the same with other sensitive information, such as credit card receipts and phone bills.
- ✔ Avoid credit repair scams. If you are tempted to contact a credit repair company for help, use considerable caution. The FTC and a number of state attorney generals have sued credit repair companies for false promises to remove bad information from credit reports. Only inaccurate information may be removed from your credit report; negative information that is accurate (such as a bankruptcy filing or a defaulted loan) will stay on your credit report as long as governing laws allow.

*Limit what information thieves can get from your purse or wallet*

- ✔ Never give any credit card, bank or Social Security information to anyone by telephone unless you can positively verify that the call is legitimate.
- ✔ Minimize exposure of your Social Security and credit card numbers. If the numbers are requested for check-cashing purposes, ask if the business has alternative options, such as a check-cashing card.
- ✔ Do not have your bank send your new checks to your home address. Tell the bank that you prefer to pick them up.
- ✔ Destroy all checks immediately after you close a checking account. Destroy or keep in a secure place any courtesy checks that your bank or credit card company sends to you.
- ✔ Do not allow your financial institution to print your Social Security Number on your personal checks.

Information distributed by Transunion



National Fraud Information Center  
STOPFRAUD.gov

## Annual Alarm Permit



**\$50 Residential**  
**\$100 Business**  
**FREE for seniors 65 and older**  
annual renewal is required



An unpermitted alarm citation could result in a fine up to **\$500**



## FREE Security Check Service

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



## FREE Vacation House Check Service

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



For more info call: (972) 218-2700  
or visit our website @ [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com)

## Citizens Public Safety Academy

The Lancaster Police and Fire Departments have combined their efforts to offer a unique training opportunity for citizens of Lancaster, Citizens Public Safety Academy.

The Academy is an 11-week program is designed for persons living or working in the City of Lancaster who wish to learn more about the Lancaster Police and Fire Departments, non-residents are welcomed as space permits. The academy is taught by Lancaster Police and Firefighters. Participants are given the opportunity to participate in demonstrations of emergency operations and to ride with on-duty Police and Firefighters on emergency calls.

The Academy is 11-weeks and meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1650 N. Dallas Avenue, Lancaster Public Safety Building. There will also be two Saturday classes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It is free to all participants.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Beck at 972-218-2755 application is available on page 8. Complete and submit Attention: Paul Beck C.P.S.A. Coordinator, 1650 N. Dallas Avenue, Lancaster, TX 75134. Applications will accepted until Monday, February 17, 2014.



**City of Lancaster**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 PROUDLY PROTECTING AND SERVING OUR COMMUNITY



1650 N. Dallas Avenue \* Lancaster, TX 75134 \* 972.218.2700 \* 972.218.2790 FAX  
 www.lancaster-tx.com

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Drive's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Sex \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Citizen Public Safety Academy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizations you are involved with: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of any crime? Please Circle Y / N. If yes, please explain below: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

"I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statements and answers. I understand that any omission of false statement on this application shall be sufficient cause for rejection for enrollment in or dismissal from the Lancaster Citizen's Public Safety Academy.

I further understand that the Lancaster Police Department will be conducting a thorough background investigation that may include, but is not limited to: criminal history, employment history, and personal reference."

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Applicant's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

*Return completed application and wavier to:*

Lancaster Police Department  
 Public Safety Building  
 1650 N. Dallas Avenue  
 Lancaster, TX 75134

**Attention: Paul Beck**  
 972 -218- 2755

Shirt Size: M , L , XL , XXL , Other \_\_\_\_\_



# News You Can Use...

## How can you pay you Utility Bills?

- Ace Check Cashing Service - cash only, no checks or credit cards
- Automatic Bank Draft - bring a blank, voided check and sign up at the office:  
211 N. Henry St.  
Lancaster, TX 75146
- Credit / debit card payments by telephone or in person, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Mail to: City of Lancaster  
P.O. Box 650427  
Dallas, TX 75265-0427
- Online Bill Pay
- Payment drop box located outside the office

Bills are granted a 10-day grace period following the given due date (residents are not required to call for this extension) anything past the 10-day grace period is subject to disconnection at any time.

For more information about your bills contact 972-218-1328.

## Council Meetings:

City Council Meetings occur every 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers located in City Hall (211 N. Henry St.) For more information contact 972-218-1300.

## Neighborhood Parking Ordinance

“**Parking Prohibited**” in the “**PARKING IN ALLEYS AND STREETS, GENERALLY**” ordinance adopted in September of 2007, meets all Postal Service requirements regarding parking in front of the mail box. According to the ordinance, no one, except a Postal Service vehicle and except on Sundays and federal holidays, is allowed to park within 10 feet of a postal receptacle or a grouping of postal receptacles between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Residents are also not allowed to leave, stand or park any motor vehicle, boat or other impediment in any paved alley within the city limits. Violators will receive a fine of up to \$200 for each offense committed.

**For any updates regarding the City of Lancaster visit the website at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com).**

## ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

When activating new online accounts, residents must have account numbers ready. The new online system, does not have past online account information due to the updates. Our new online system has real-time balance, option for recurring payment, and e-bill. Also, our new system includes an IVR system, an automated voice system that allows customers to make payments and check their balance over the phone. The automated voice system calls and notifies a customer when balance is past due. Please be sure to update your telephone numbers and email addresses with the Utility Billing Department, call 972-218-1328 for account questions or call 1-855-429-3534 to pay bill email us at [water-billing@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:water-billing@lancaster-tx.com).

## Contact Information

Airport	972-227-5721
Animal Services	972-218-1200
Building Inspections	972-218-1200
Cable (Time Warner)	972-370-6200
Chamber of Com./Visitors Center	972-227-2579
Auxiliary Museum	972-227-2579
City Hall	972-218-1300
Code Compliance	972-218-1200
County Elections Department	214-819-6300
Constable Precinct I	972-227-6015
Country View Golf Course	972-227-0995
County Health Dept. (Immunizations)	214-819-1800
County Tax Office	214-653-7811
Dallas County Precinct 1	972-228-2272
Development Services	972-218-1200
Driver's License	469-272-9301
Economic Development	972-218-1314
Fire (Non-emergency)	972-218-2600
Focus Daily (Newspaper)	972-223-9175
Police (Non-emergency)	972-218-2711
Senior Life Center	972-218-3780
Library	972-227-1080
LISD Administration	972-218-1400
Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
Municipal Court	972-218-1334
Outreach Center	972-227-0138
Recreation Center	972-218-3700
Planning	972-218-1200
Post Office	800-275-8777
Power to Choose (Electricity)	866-797-4839
Public Works	972-218-1200
Water Billing	972-218-1328

# Bulk Trash

Bulk Trash is picked up bi-monthly (even months) in the City of Lancaster according to your zoned area. Trash can be put out on the curb as early as the Saturday before your pick-up week and has to be out no later than the **Monday** of your week **BEFORE 7:00 a.m.** Early or late setouts will be tagged for immediate removal and charges and/or fines. Do not add to the pile during the week. If items are added, additional charges may apply. No liquid or hazardous waste, construction debris, electronics or automotive waste. All refrigerants from appliances must be removed and certified.

**IF BRUSH/BULK IS PRESENT AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN YOUR DESIGNATED PICKUP WEEK, THE WASTE WILL BE TAGGED FOR REMOVAL. IF NOT REMOVED WITHIN 3 DAYS, IT WILL BE PICKED UP AND A CHARGE WILL APPEAR ON YOUR UTILITY BILL.**

## Bulk Trash Examples



# Earn Points!!! Get Rewards!!!



Activate your account today and start earning rewards.

## THIS IS HOW IT WORKS:

- ⇒ Register @ [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) or call 1-866-563-0114
- ⇒ Earn Points - Take action & get points for placing YOUR recycle materials in the GREEN cart
- ⇒ Get Rewards from different locations, that can be purchased with your points
- ⇒ Learn how to live GREEN
- ⇒ Invite Friends- Get everyone in on the action

For more information visit [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com) or call 1-866-563-0114

## Trash Do's & Don'ts



Lid Closed



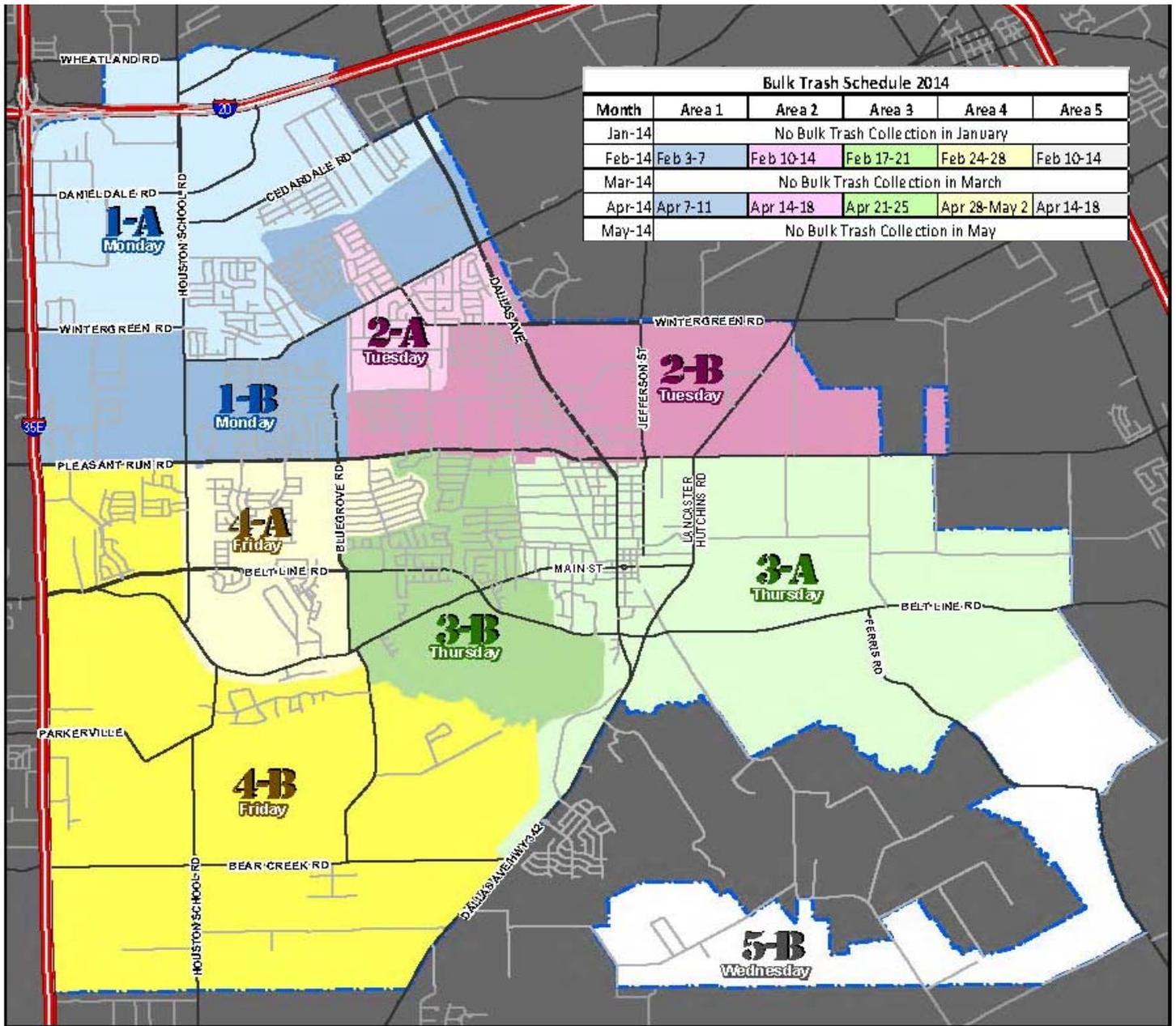
Lid Open



Excess Trash



Carts are to be placed 6-feet away from fence, cars, or mailboxes. Any carts that do not meet standards will be tagged and drivers will not return for pickup, until your next scheduled pick up day.



Bulk Trash Schedule 2014					
Month	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5
Jan-14	No Bulk Trash Collection in January				
Feb-14	Feb 3-7	Feb 10-14	Feb 17-21	Feb 24-28	Feb 10-14
Mar-14	No Bulk Trash Collection in March				
Apr-14	Apr 7-11	Apr 14-18	Apr 21-25	Apr 28-May 2	Apr 14-18
May-14	No Bulk Trash Collection in May				

### January 2014

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	1
12	13	14	15	16	17	1
19	20	21	22	23	24	2
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### February 2014

Su	M	Tu	W	Thu	Fri	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

### March 2014

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	1	13	14	15
16	17	18	1	20	21	22
23	24	25	2	27	28	29
30	31					

### April 2014

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**\*\* March 22nd is Spring Trash Off\*\***

## Know Your Recycle Week

Your recycling day is the same as trash day, every other week. Place your recycling cart with your trash no later than 7:00 a.m. your recycle week ( **A** or **B** ). DO NOT use your recycle cart for regular trash as it will not be picked up.



## Lancaster Texas State Auxiliary Museum

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Second Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

103 N. Dallas Ave.

972-227-2579

Situated in the restored Interurban and Texas Electric Company building at the corner of Main Street and Dallas Avenue the State Auxiliary Museum is where the story of Lancaster is displayed.

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 1950's. 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.

The City of Lancaster State Auxiliary Museum was established by the Texas legislature in 2010 through a resolution introduced by State Representative Helen Giddings. The museum offers the opportunity to showcase the history of the State of Texas and Lancaster through pictures currently on display.

### Museum Advisory Board

The city is currently accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the Museum Advisory Board. The Board will consist of 5 regular members serving staggered two year terms and 1 alternate. The Advisory Board will make recommendations regarding the acquisition of exhibits, travel exhibits, fund raising and business practices.

If you are interested, please contact the City Secretary's office at 972-218-1310 or visit [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com) for an application.



# Winter 2014 City Calendar

## January

27	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
29	First Day to run for City Council	City Hall	ALL DAY

## February

1	Community Charrette	Grand Hall- Recreation Center	9:30 a.m.
8	2nd Saturday on the Square	Town Square	10:00 a.m.
8	Parent/Child Dance	Recreation Center	7:00 p.m.
10	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
14	VALENTINES DAY		
17	PRESIDENT'S DAY		
20	Dive-In Movie	Aquatics Center	7:00 p.m.
21	Black History Program	Senior Center	
22	BSW Bowl for Kids Sake		8:00 a.m.
24	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

## March

3	City Council Meeting		
8	2nd Saturday on the Square	Town Square	10:00 a.m.
10	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
17	ST. PATRICKS DAY		7:00 p.m.
22	Spring Trash Off	1501 N. Dallas Ave.	8:00 a.m.

## April

4	City Offices Closed for Spring Employee Picnic		11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
12	2nd Saturday on the Square	Town Square	10:00 a.m.
14	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
18	GOOD FRIDAY- City Offices Closed		ALL DAY
19	Egg Hunt Fun Run	Community Park	TBD
28	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

## Lancaster ISD Parent Connect

Parent Connect is the vehicle used by the Lancaster Independent School District to keep parents informed and engaged with current initiatives and opportunities to connect to their student's learning environment. Therefore, we engage our parents as partners, teachers, advisors and advocates.

### These are the remaining dates for the year....

**February 10:** Mini workshops in Math 10th-11th; Literacy for 9th  
STEM K-12 Math Coordinator, Latasha Murry

**March 25-28:** Choice Sheets and Information about Campuses Pit stop (PM Session)  
Campus Level: Dr. Lisa Bacon and Dr. Lamont Smith (Meet/Greet)

**April 8:** Job Fair and Shadowing (Session)  
Director of Parent Engagement Dr. Lisa Bacon and Community Partner (s)  
Academic 4th Quarter "Push You Can Make It" (Session)  
Secondary Administrator (s)

**May 31:** PBL Showcase / Parent and Student Job Fair  
Director of Parent Engagement Dr. Lisa Bacon

Learn more about Parent Connect at [www.lancasterisd.org](http://www.lancasterisd.org). Click on the Parent tab and view the resource guide.



# DON'T MISS OUT!!!



**Financial Aid Week: February 25-March 2nd**

## Lancaster High School

Monday-Thursday Senior parents can complete FAFSA/TASFA until 7 pm in the College Center

**SUPER Saturday 9 am-1 pm**

**Open to ALL Students!**

Events taking place during Super Saturday:  
30 minute consecutive seminars on:

- Transitioning from High School to College
  - The Differences between the ACT and the SAT
  - "I've Filled out my Financial Aid, Now What?"
  - The Urban League of Dallas : Parent Job Training
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- \* Completion of FAFSA/TASFA
  - \* In the Cafeteria Mini College Fair, Organization Showcase, and MORE...



**Special Event Ending!! Starring The Lancaster Drum line!**

For more information contact Ms. Gardner:  
[autumn.gardner@lancasterisd.org](mailto:autumn.gardner@lancasterisd.org)

**ADVISE TX**  
COLLEGE ADVISING CORP.

# LANCASTER ISD



DR. MICHAEL D. MCFARLAND, SUPERINTENDENT



*Lancaster ISD is definitely the place to be and there is something for everyone. We have grown from 5700 to more than 6400 total students and we expect to grow to around 7000 students in the next three years.*

## For the High School Student:

- ✓ We have the highest graduation rate of the Best Southwest Member Cities with more than 90% of our students receiving acceptances to a college, university or military.
- ✓ Lancaster High School is the only International Baccalaureate and STEM for All campus in the area.
- ✓ We have increased our Advanced Placement and dual credit enrollment classes. Students have the opportunity to graduate with an Associate's Degree.

## For the Middle School Student:

- ✓ On the STAAR, Lancaster Middle School (LMS) outperformed all cohort districts in the Metroplex and was above the state average in most areas.
- ✓ Dallas Commit recognized LMS for its significant academic gains. In the area of Science, the middle school achieved double digit gains for all student groups.
- ✓ LMS students participated in multiple STEM-related opportunities including participating in global learning with students in Abu Dhabi via video conferencing.

## For the Elementary School Student:

- ✓ We are a leader in early childhood programs and offer a full-day option for three-year-olds providing early academic exploration and social development.
- ✓ Our elementary Exploration Academy targets gifted and talented students to expand their learning. It's led to a 90% increase in the identification and service of gifted and talented students in Lancaster ISD.
- ✓ Our elementary academies are all STEM-focused with an emphasis on Health Science Technology, Engineering, Information Systems and Software Design or Global Arts Communications & Entrepreneurship.

*The Lancaster ISD train is on the move, so get your seat!*

**CALL TODAY**

[www.LancasterISD.org](http://www.LancasterISD.org)

## ***But don't just take our word for it!***

"It is extremely impressive and encouraging how Lancaster ISD has, in one year, increased the number of students in advanced courses. Getting students to sign up for harder work today is a difficult challenge, but Lancaster ISD has met this challenge based on the number of students now taking AP and IB courses."

**-Sam Self, President  
Texas Instruments Foundation**

"Across the state of Texas, Lancaster ISD is developing a reputation of being the school district that is transformative, cutting edge and innovative. The best kept secret in the Best Southwest Consortium was Lancaster ISD and its willingness to re-invent what school looks like for children today. Now, the secret is out and Lancaster ISD is standing head and shoulders above other districts in the consortium and across the state."

**-Dr. Reo Pruiett, Program Officer  
Educate Texas**

**Lancaster Independent School District**

422 S. Centre Ave. Lancaster, TX 75146 | (972) 218-1400 | [www.LancasterISD.org](http://www.LancasterISD.org)

# SPRING TRASH OFF



1501 N DALLAS AVE  
972-218-3709

SAT  
MAR 22ND  
8AM - 2PM

document shredding

tires

limit 10 per person  
\$1.00 each after that

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# THE CITY OF LANCASTER

# RECREATION CENTER

The Lancaster Recreation Center (LRC) is 64,000 sq ft. of excitement! The facility includes an indoor walking track, gymnasium, fitness atrium, indoor aquatic facility, banquet hall with catering kitchen, aerobics room, class room space and conference room. Programs are available for all ages, ranging from athletics and fitness to creative arts and academic.

Stop by and see what we have to offer!

## Hours of Operation:

**Monday - Thursday**  
**6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Friday**  
**6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## Facility Information

**1700 Veterans Memorial Pkwy**  
**Lancaster, Texas 75134**

**972-218-3700**

**Forms of Payment: Cash, Debit/  
Credit, Money Order**

The following participation cards (\$5 - \$30 per year) are ONLY valid for the indoor walking track, gymnasium and game room. Annual recreation ID cards are needed to participate in any and all City of Lancaster Recreation Programs.

<b>Junior 4 and Under</b>	<b>Free w/ adult purchase</b>
<b>Youth 5-16 years of age</b>	<b>\$10 per year</b>
<b>Youth 5-16 years of age</b>	<b>\$15 per year (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>Adults 17-49 years of age</b>	<b>\$20 per year</b>
<b>Adults 17-49 years of age</b>	<b>\$30 per year (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>Senior 50 years of age and older</b>	<b>\$15 per year</b>
<b>Senior 50 years of age and older</b>	<b>\$20 per year (Non-Resident)</b>
<b>Drop - In Pass</b>	<b>\$5 /session</b>
<b>Replacement Cards</b>	<b>\$5/ card</b>

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Dance & Gymnastics

### Onyx Tumbling

LRC-Gymnasium

(Age 5-12) Learn tumbling, beam and vault techniques. Great for cheer, dance, gymnastics, or just because!

\$35/month \$10 drop-in  
Weds 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

### Onyx Tumbling Tots

LRC-Aerobics Room

(Age 3-5) Tots love to tumble at Lancaster Recreation Center! Your preschooler will learn the fundamentals of tumbling and enjoy floor games!

\$35/month  
Mon 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

### Tutus & Tap

LRC-Aerobics Room

(Age 3-5) Tots love to dance! Introduce your child to ballet and tap to improve coordination and confidence.

\$25/month  
Thurs 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m./6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

### Move Your Body Dance Combo

LRC-Aerobics Room

(Age 6-12) Learn jazz & hip hop dance techniques with a focus on healthy and active lifestyles for children.

\$25/month  
Mon  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Beginner  
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Intermediate



### Onyx Cheer Force

LRC-Aerobics Rm

(Age 5-18) This class will include professional competition and performance cheer training, tumbling foundations, and introductions to flipping!

\$35/month  
Thurs 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

## Martial Arts

### Youth Karate

LRC-Grand Hall

(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.

\$40/month  
Tues 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  
Thurs 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

### Taekwondo for Tots

LRC-Aerobics Room

(Age 3-5) Taekwondo develops your child's athletic abilities, self-awareness, and improves the child's capabilities in self-defense.

\$25/month  
Tues 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.



## Performing Arts

### Music: Keyboarding

LRC-Classroom

(Age 5-16) Learn the basics of keyboarding, how to read music and able to perform basis scales.

\$60/month  
Mon 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### D&C All-Star Cheer

LRC-Aerobics Rm

(Age 6-16) Join DC All-Star to improve your showmanship, spirit kicks and more! Mock tryouts available!

\$40/month  
Mon 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### Center Stage 1 Music Program

LRC-Classroom

(Age 6-14) Learn from Center Stage 1 and *make* one yourself the easy way! Learn voice, percussion, and piano from professionals.

\$25/session  
Mon/Wed 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

# Adult Programs

## Gym Circuit Training

LRG

Spice up your workout with circuit training for which you do a series of exercises and take minimal rest in between each exercise. Recreation ID card Required.

\$30/month \$5 drop-in

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

7:00 a.m. -8:00 a.m.



## Body Pump – Self Pace Program

LRC-Fitness Atrium

Body pump is one of the fastest ways to get into shape. It challenges all major muscle groups as you squat, press, lift and curl. You will surely see the results. This program is a conditioning and weight training self pace program using the fixed weight equipment, and a variety of exercises for each weight Station. Beginner workout routines are available at the recreation center front desk.

Monday – Friday

Fitness atrium pass and recreation ID required.

6:00 a.m. —10:00 a.m.

## 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 during our hours of operation.



## MUSIC CLASSES

Dr. Lorraine James– Stiggers

LRC– Class Room

Have you ever wanted to learn how to play an instrument and never got around to it. Now you have the chance. Stop by the Lancaster Recreation Center and try our adult music lessons. Instruction includes basic theory, sight reading, ear training, rhythm and notes, writing history and much more. Call 972-218-3700 to register

Mondays

\$60/month \$15 drop-in

6:00 p.m. –7:00 p.m.

## Personal Trainer Opportunities

We are currently looking for certified personal trainers with fitness training experience or education to join our team. This position will be a contract instructor position. Recreation ID and fitness membership is required.

Responsibilities include:

- ◆ Conducting need analysis, health screenings, fitness and body composition assessments.
- ◆ Introduce clients to fitness programs and services.
- ◆ Design fitness programs and nutritional plans for clients.
- ◆ Consult, educate and provide clients with complete wellness solutions.
- ◆ Record clients' progress, follow through and provide exceptional customer service.
- ◆ Create a 'wow' factor for clients
- ◆ Establish and foster relationships with clients

Call 972 218-3700 for further information

# ADULT FITNESS

## Fitness Classes

## Fitness for Women One Step at a Time

### Dancersize

LRC-Aerobic Room– Instructor Stacy Dickson  
 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.  
 Saturdays  
 \$25/ month \$8 drop-in  
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



### Zumba

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

Instructor: Anasa Ross-Davis  
 Monday/Wednesday/Friday,  
 \$25/month \$5 drop-in  
 8:00 a.m. -9:00 a.m.

Instructor: Benita Swimmers  
 Monday /Wednesday  
 \$25/month \$5 drop-in  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday  
 \$25/month, \$5 drop-in  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday  
 \$35/month \$5 drop-in  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



LRC– Aerobics Room, Instructor: Stephanie Johnson  
 What exactly is fitness for women? It is steps to a healthy lifestyle designed specifically for women. You know the saying “no pain, no gain”, well when it comes to women fitness that is not necessarily true. By taking small steps to eating right and implementing a simple exercise routine, you can gain a better level of fitness without too much pain.  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 \$30/month \$5 drop-in  
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



### Power Hour Walking Fitness

LRC-Indoor Walking Track  
 Walking program will help improve physical and mental health of those who walk. It will increase weight loss and improve fitness. Walking at a minimum of 30 minutes a day can improve your health greatly.  
 Monday - Friday  
 Free with Recreation ID Card or \$5 drop-in  
 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m.



### Cardio Kickboxing

LRC-2nd Floor Fitness Zone, Instructor: Paul Luther  
 Take control of your body, tone muscles, increase stamina, and reduce anxiety and stress. Includes weight training, jump rope, aerobics and kickboxing.  
 Monday and Wednesday  
 \$30/month \$5 drop-in  
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



### Adult Taekwondo

LRC– Aerobics Room , Instructor: Stephanie Johnson  
 Traditional and Olympic Style Taekwondo enhances self-esteem, builds confidence, develops discipline , strengthens your mind, body and teaches self defense.  
 Certified Black Belt Instructor  
 Saturdays  
 \$25/month \$5.00 drop in  
 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



# SENIOR LIFE CENTER

## Facility Information

240 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134 phone: 972-218-3780

### Annual Membership Fee

Resident	\$3
Non-Resident	\$5

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday  
8:00am-5:00pm

### Accepted Forms of Payment

Cash  
Money Order  
Debit/Credit Card  
No Checks

### Features and Amenities

The Lancaster Senior Life Center is a full-service activity center open to adults ages 50 years and up. The center is one of the newest facilities in the city, and includes several top features:

- ★ Banquet hall with full catering kitchen & stage
- ★ Nintendo Wii consoles for fun and fitness
- ★ Classrooms
- ★ Craft room
- ★ Reading lounge with selection of books
- ★ Well-stocked game room with pool & poker tables
- ★ Community garden
- ★ Computer Room
- ★ Fitness Room

There is truly something for everyone! All members will receive a t-shirt and opportunity to participate in classes, special events and to build new friendships.

### Congregate Meal Program

Lunch served Monday-Friday 12:00pm-1:00pm

The Congregate Meal Program is a daily lunch program that ensures a nutritious meal for seniors ages 60 and older. There is no cost to participate, and seniors do not have to be a member of the Senior Life Center.

Eligible participants must complete an intake form and nutrition assessment prior to participating in the program, which is sponsored in part by the Dallas Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. Participants must attend free monthly nutrition education courses.

Seniors ages 50-59 who are members of the Lancaster Senior Life Center may purchase a lunch from the program for an additional fee.

### Monthly Activities

#### Shopping Trips

Each month we provide transportation from the Center to area stores such as Wal-Mart and Family Dollar. 2 additional outings are taken each month as well.

#### Texercise

Looking for a way to stay fit or maintain a healthy lifestyle? Challenge yourself and change your life by joining this 12 week program! Designed specifically for seniors ages 50+, provides a simple way to begin living healthy.

#### Water Aerobics

A great workout for all fitness levels. Promotes balance. Held every 3rd Wednesday at 10:30am

#### Zumba Gold

Senior Appropriate Workout ages 50+. Grooving and Exciting Dance Fitness. Free with Senior Life Center Membership. Mondays & Fridays at 11:00am

[www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com)

# Facility Rentals



## Grand Hall

### Banquet Facility

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway

#### Hours of Availability

Mon-Thur 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Fri-Sat 8:00am-midnight

Sun 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Deposit: Resident \$250 Non-Resident \$250  
 Set-Up: Resident \$50 Non-Resident \$50  
 Kitchen: Resident \$30/hr Non-Resident \$30/hr

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
1,100 sq. ft. room	\$50/hr	\$75/hr

Includes 7-60" Round Tables  
 1-6' Rectangular Table  
 56 Chairs

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
2,200 sq. ft. room	\$75/hr	\$100/hr

Includes 14-60" Round Tables  
 2-6' Rectangular Table  
 112 Chairs

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
3,300 sq. ft. room	\$100/hr	\$125/hr

Includes 24-60" Round Tables  
 3-6' Rectangular Table  
 192 Chairs



## Community House

100 N Henry Street

#### Hours of Availability

Fri 6:00 p.m.-midnight

Sat 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Sun 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Deposit: Resident \$150 Non-Resident \$150  
 Set-Up: Not Available  
 Kitchen: Included

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
4 Hour Rental	\$200	\$225
6 Hour Rental	\$300	\$325

Includes 8-60" Round Tables  
 4-6' Rectangular Table  
 70 Chairs

## Senior Life Center

240 Veterans Memorial Parkway

#### Hours of Availability

Fri 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Sat 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.

Sun 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Deposit: Resident \$250 Non-Resident \$250  
 Set-Up: Not Available  
 Kitchen: \$30/hr. Non-Resident \$30/hr.

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
4 Hour Rental	\$400	\$500
6 Hour Rental	\$600	\$750

Includes 13-60" Round Tables  
 4-6' Rectangular Table  
 160 Chairs

### Reservation Policies - All Pavilions, Fields and Facilities

- ★ Reservations must be made no less than 14 days in advance in person at the Lancaster Recreation Center.
- ★ Two (2) hour rental minimum. Community House and Senior Center rentals occur in pre-set time blocks.
- ★ All fees and deposits must be paid in full at the time the rental is booked.
- ★ All deposits must be paid by cash, debit or credit card, no exceptions.
- ★ Must show proof of residency to receive the resident rate.

# Parks, Gazebos, Pavilions and Amphitheater

## Helen Giddings Amphitheater

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Venue features lighting, electricity and a stadium seating format. Ideal place for concerts, theatrical productions, weddings, art shows and many other events.



Deposit	Resident	Non Resident
	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$250</b>
	<b>Fees</b>	
4 hour rental	\$150	\$300
6 hour rental	\$225	\$375
8 hour rental	\$300	\$450

	Deposit	Fee
<b>Resident</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$75</b>

## Rocky Crest Park Pavilion

698 W. Main Street

Includes 15 picnic tables, grills and electricity

## Meadowcreek Park Pavilion

901 Meadowcreek Drive

Includes picnic tables and grill

## Dewberry Park Pavilion

2975 Green Drive

Includes picnic tables and grill



## Heritage Park Gazebo

250 N. Dallas Avenue

Includes electricity

## Gymnasium

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

Resident / Non-Resident	Deposit	\$100
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### 1/2 Gym Fees

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



### Full Gym Fees

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

### Full Gym-Tournament (allows gate fees/concessions)

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

## Athletic Fields

Each field has a two (2) hour minimum. Lights are an additional fee

Resident / Non-Resident	Deposit	\$50
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### All Fields

Resident	Non-Resident
\$20/hour	\$30/hour
Cedardale Park - Baseball/Softball	

City Park - Softball

Royce Clayton Ballpark- Baseball

Community Park - Football/Soccer



## Parks

	Deposit	Fee
<b>Resident</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$75</b>
<b>Non-Resident</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$100</b>

### City Park Pavilion 1

211 W. Beltline Road

Includes 13 picnic tables, grills and electricity

### City Park Pavilion 2

211 W. Beltline Road

Includes 15 picnic tables, grills and electricity

### Community Park Pavilion

200 N. Dallas Avenue

Includes 4 picnic tables, grills and electricity

### Kid Square Park Pavilion

1990 W. Beltline Road

Includes 12 picnic tables, grill and electricity



### Bear Creek Park Pavilion

1000 Bear Creek Road

Includes 8 picnic tables and grill

make a difference!  
pick your spot today



# adopt a spot



The Adopt-a-Spot Program is a joint effort between our city government and residents to keep our right-of-ways and neighborhoods clean and beautiful. This program allows our residents, businesses, clubs and organizations to express their pride and commitment to the community, while providing them with signage recognition for their time and efforts spent beautifying the City of Lancaster.

For information and support on Adopt-a-Spot, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department  
Michael Rasco, 972-28-3709 (o) - 972-28-3655 (f)  
m-rasco@lancaster-tx.com

Keep Lancaster Beautiful



### **Mission Statement**

The City of Lancaster's volunteer program seeks to engage people ages 16 and older and involve them as leaders in the work of the City of Lancaster. There are many opportunities for both residents and non-residents to get involved with the services that the City has to offer.

### **Areas of Service**

We offer several opportunities for individuals and groups. Whether you want to make a long-term commitment or a one-time project, we have options that can work for you!

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Animal Shelter
- Special Events
- Planting/Weeding
- Customer Service
- Litter Removal
- Library Services
- Filing/Data Entry
- Senior Center



### **Community Service Restitution**

The Community Service Restitution (CSR) Program helps enforce court-mandated community service requirements, improves lives and strengthens our city. In order to perform court-assigned community service through the City of Lancaster, the individual must contact the Volunteer Center of North Texas, undergo screening and be assigned to the City.



**BE the change**



For additional information on becoming a City of Lancaster volunteer contact Rashidah Smallwood at 972-218-3710  
[rsmallwood@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:rsmallwood@lancaster-tx.com)

# Outdoor Programs

## Bear Creek Nature Park

1000 Bear Creek Road  
Lancaster, TX 75134 phone: 972-218-3701

### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed on city holidays



**The park** includes 189 acres of wooded terrain, ponds, creeks and natural trails. It offers fishing, hiking, horseback riding and nature photography. The creek is fed by a natural spring, as well as two ponds, where a healthy fish population is established through catch and release fishing policies. The crushed granite trail around the main pond is handicapped accessible.

The park includes two miles of equestrian trails that cross through prairies, cedar groves and woodlands. All riders must purchase a equestrian permit at the Recreation Center from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. A negative coggins is required at the time of permit purchase.

### City of Lancaster Bear Creek Campout Hoedown

Treat yourself to a weekend full of nature. Enjoy horseback riding down a 2 mile trail ride, primitive camping, and ending the evening with a good old fashion hoedown. Come out and experience Bear Creek Campout and Hoedown. This family event is an opportunity to enjoy the tranquil surroundings of the Bear Creek area, bring your horse, tents, and camp out, spend quality time with your family.

Other activities include games, scavenger hunts, kite flying, snag golf. Campsites are limited, first come first serve, so register early. must furnish your own tents and camping equipment. Food will be available to purchase or you may bring your own.



**FREE**  
**April 26, 2014, 10:00 a.m.**  
**to**  
**April 27, 2014, 7:00 a.m.**



# LANCASTER VETERANS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**FAMILY STORY HOUR** – Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. Stories, songs and a take-home craft project are featured.

**PAJAMA TIME STORY HOUR** – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Listen to stories and sing songs. The first Monday of the month will feature bilingual (Spanish and English) stories.

**TODDLER TIME** – Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Thirty minute story time with stories, songs and a simple take-home craft project.



## **TEEN PROGRAMS**

Teen Club for ages 11-18 is held the first and third Thursday of each month from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Participants enjoy anime movies and art, board games, Yu-gi-Oh, crafts and book talks.

## **CRAFT & CHAT**

All ages are welcome to join this informal group on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. as they make friends and work on their current craft projects. Get feedback and assistance from fellow crafters, or learn new crafts from one another! Bring your own supplies.



## **Friends of the Lancaster Library**

You can support the library by becoming a member of the Friends of the Lancaster Library. Volunteer for the annual book sale and get a sneak preview of items to be sold. As a member of the Friends you get a longer check out period on books and movies. The annual business meeting occurs Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 p.m. and will include a light supper. After the business meeting, members of the Friends will decorate the library for the holiday season.



# Imagine Lancaster Community Charette

City of Lancaster  
P.O. Box 940  
Lancaster, TX. 75146

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## Join Us!

**Saturday, February 1, 2014**  
**9:30am – 3:30pm**  
at the  
**Lancaster Recreation Center**  
**Grand Hall**  
**1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway**  
**Lancaster, Texas 75134**

The City of Lancaster is conducting an update to the 2002 Comprehensive Plan. We are seeking input from citizens for the future vision of the community. Please join us for a community stakeholder meeting.

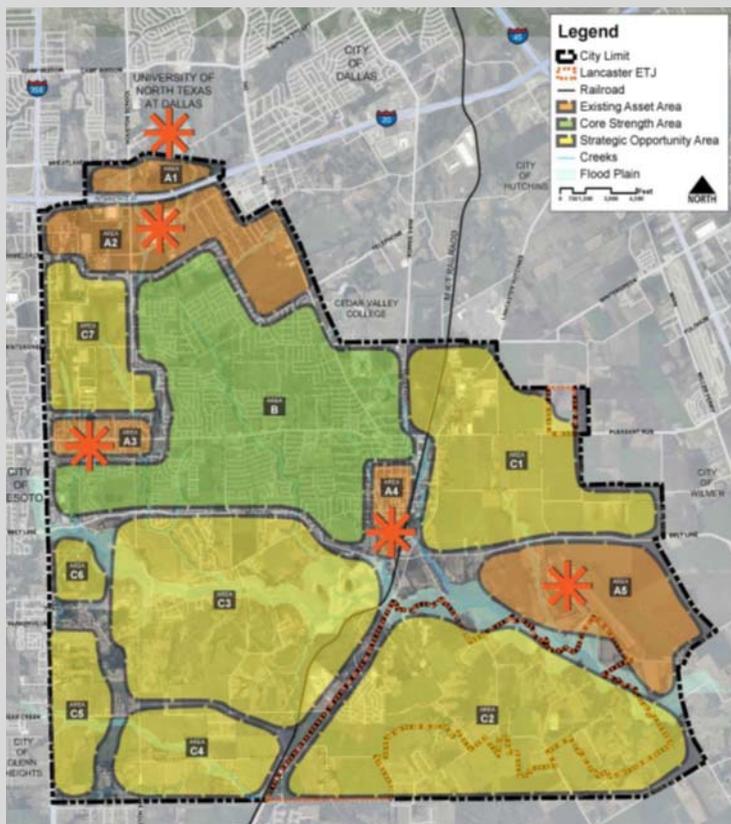
Your opinions are necessary to form the next 20 years of our city's future.

For More Information please

e-mail:

[compplan@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:compplan@lancaster-tx.com)

or call 972-218-1300



## How do I get Involved?

Your input and involvement in this plan update process is extremely important and highly valued by the City. Lancaster residents, business owners, community leaders, property owners and stakeholders are requested to provide comments and suggestion by visiting [www.lancaster-tx.com/comprehensiveplan](http://www.lancaster-tx.com/comprehensiveplan).