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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!**



SAVE THE DATE!

**City of Lancaster National Night Out
Tuesday, October 1, 2013
Lancaster Communities interested in
participating, please call 972-218-1303.
Applications available now!**

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is a community event held nationally. The purpose is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

How to host National Night Out?

We invite all neighborhoods to submit a Special Event Application and register your event with the City of Lancaster to ensure that all neighborhoods are visited by City Officials, City Administration, and Police and Fire Departments.

For more information please contact 972-218-1300 or www.lancaster-tx.com



It's that time of year again. School supplies, uniforms, summer reading project completion... Back to School. As summer 2013 comes to a close we are excited about the continued success of our community and our school district.

Lancaster continues to attract new commercial residents. Over the last few months Lancaster has become home to Johnstone Supply, a HVAC distributor. They will employ 40 people at their new location in the Prologis 20/35 Business Park.

The Quaker Oats distribution facility, also located in the Prologis 20/35 park, is scheduled for completion in early 2014. Construction of the new retail complex is under way on the northwest corner of Blue Grove and Pleasant Run and is scheduled to open this Fall.

The elevated water storage tank is nearing completion; making continuous improvement projects for our water infrastructure. The City is also in the process of updating the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will identify community goals and objectives while also adding pertinent elements from existing plans and community input. The Comprehensive Plan will be the "umbrella" document guiding most aspects of the City's development and growth. Community participation and input will be an important component of the process.

The city's vision to be a proud, vibrant city begins with creating a culture of excellence where residents, employees and visitors are engaged at every level. The city has various opportunities for individuals to get engaged from Adopt-a-Spot to the Civic Leadership Academy, Public Safety Academy to our many youth and adult recreational and sports programs. There are also service opportunities available through council appointed boards and commissions or involvement in your neighborhood public improvement district, homeowners association or community watch group. Also consider getting involved with the Senior Life Center and Veterans Memorial Library.

Lancaster is our community and together we will continue progressing to the realization of our vision where, citizens take P.R.I.D.E. in our city. The Lancaster Community is the best place to live.

We look forward to your involvement in our community.



KNOW *before you* GROW



SAFETY

Every year in Texas, people are injured or even killed when they climb or prune trees near power lines. Tree limbs in contact with power lines can act as conductors, and a person can be seriously injured if contact is made.

Trees that fall into utility lines can injure people or damage property near the line, and may also cause power outages, surges, fires, and other damage.

Tree Hazard Checklist:

- Are there detached branches in the tree?
- Are there cracks or splits in the trunk or where branches are attached?
- Have the roots been broken off or damaged by lowering the soil level, installing pavement, repairing sidewalks, or digging trenches?
- Has the site recently been changed by construction, raising the soil level, or installing a lawn?
- Has the tree been topped or heavily pruned?

WHAT TO GROW

Low growing trees with a mature height of less than 25 feet can be planted adjacent to overhead power lines. There are many to choose from and a few that we recommend are:

- Flowering Dogwood
- Mexican Plum
- Dwarf Crapemyrtle
- Crabapple
- Washington Hawthorn
- Desert Willow

HOW TO GROW

Before planting trees, you should consider

- Mature height and width of tree
- Amount of shade provided
- Shape of tree: spread or columnar
- Seed production
- Growth rate and longevity

After selecting the right tree for the right place, the next step is to plant the tree properly. Dig the hole two to three times as wide and only as deep as the root ball. Root flairs should always be slightly exposed on final planting.

With proper tree selection and care, you can enhance your home and improve the environment in your neighborhood and city.

RELIABILITY

By periodically pruning trees near power lines, Oncor Electric Delivery helps to improve customer safety and prevent future power outages. Service interruptions caused by trees are an inconvenience, can endanger lives through failure of life support systems, fire alarms and traffic signals. For more information on Oncor's tree pruning program, visit www.uncor.com/trees or call 1-888-313-4747.

Together, we can successfully address the relationship between trees and power lines, and help Texans balance our environment with electric service in a safe and reliable manner.

QUICK FACTS:

- The three primary causes of power outages are trees, wildlife and lightening.
- Oncor trims about 5,000 miles of distribution line annually, which is equivalent to approximately three round trips from Dallas to Denver, or stacking 18,207 Sears Towers on top of one another.
- The average tree in a metropolitan area survives only about eight years.
- Trees provide shade and shelter, reducing yearly heating and cooling costs by \$2.1 billion.
- Trees located along streets act as a glare and reflection control.
- Trees are the longest living organisms on earth.
- Trees reduce noise pollution by acting as sound barriers.

animal services



Citizens can report non-emergency animal complaints (i.e. abandoned or stray dogs, dead animals, animals that are tearing up trash and etc.) online at: www.lancaster-tx.com.



From the City's home page click on the "Report a Concern" button. Then select "Make a Request", choose Animal Services from the drop down menu, then choose the service request type. Create an account by providing your email address and other required information. Once you've got your account set up you can submit your request and you will be notified via email of the results. If you choose not to set up an account, the request can still be submitted, however, you will not be notified of the results. For more information call 972-218-1200.



code compliance

keep trees trimmed

Tree limbs that overhang the street or sidewalk must be trimmed to allow for clearance. Sidewalks require an 8-foot clearance and streets & alleyway require a fourteen (14) foot clearance.



keep grass cut

Residents are reminded that alleyways are to be cut and trimmed on a regular basis, grass over 12 inches in height is a violation of the Code of Ordinances and you may receive a notice about the condition of your alley way.





LANCASTER POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

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 person reference."

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return completed application and wavier to:

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



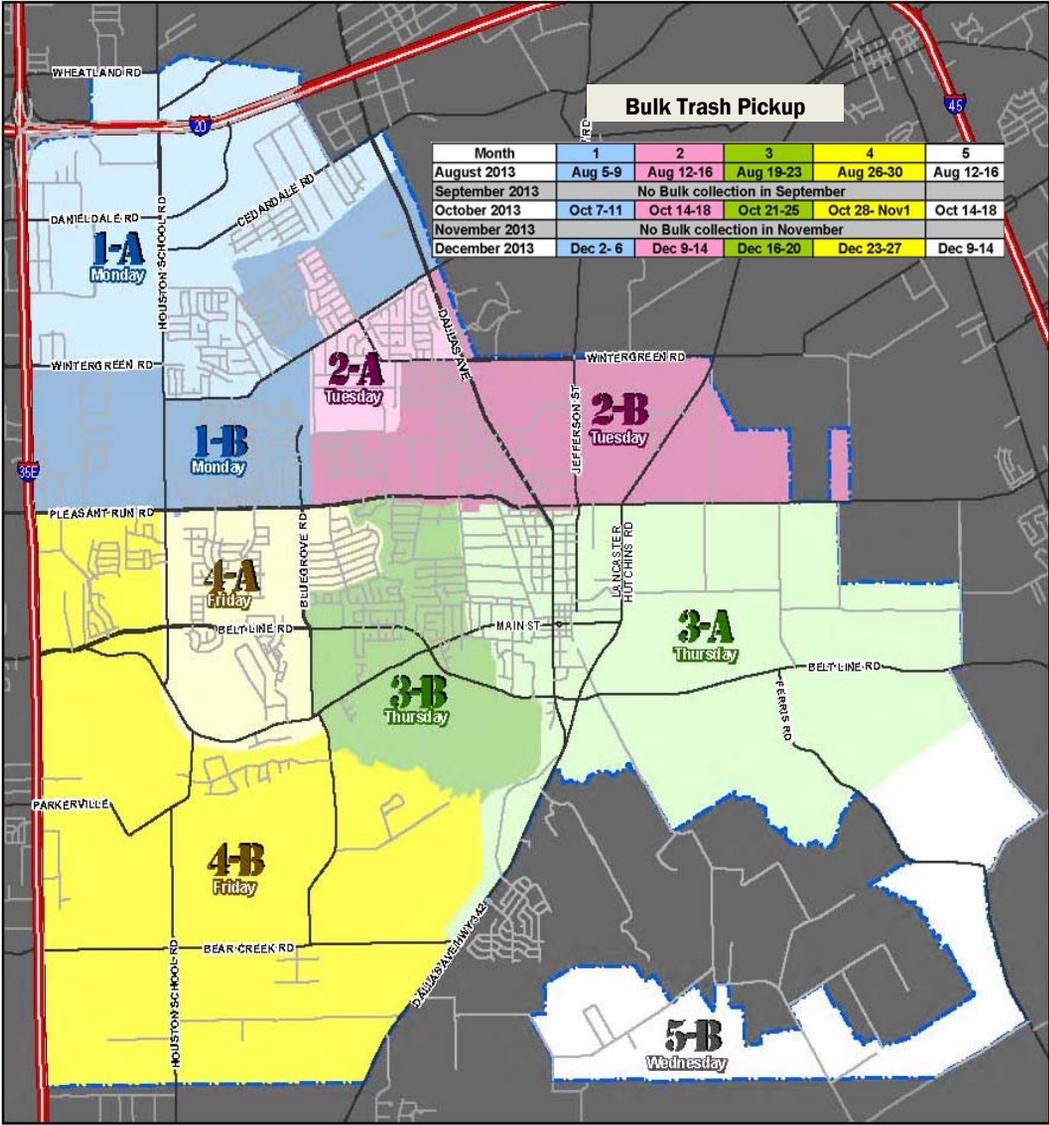
Attention: Priscilla Garcia
972 -218- 2705

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

Bulk Trash Schedule

Trash

Do's & Don'ts



Tips: To help prevent trash overflow, participate in the Recycle Program. For more information, contact 972-218-1300



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.

REMEMBER!
THE 2013 FALL TRASH OFF IS SEPTEMBER 21ST
 For more information see page 28

Summer Yard Care Tips

Take care of your lawn while you take care of your storm drain

- ✔ When cutting the lawn, the blades need to be set as high as possible; mow infrequently
- ✔ Redistribute the clippings throughout the lawn, for nutrients
- ✔ Fertilize at the beginning of spring and the end of fall
- ✔ Any patches of lawn that do not seem to grow properly needs to be seeded
- ✔ The entire lawn should have at least 1.5 inches of water on a weekly basis
- ✔ The landscape of your home should remain clean at all times
- ✔ Remove any weeds from your lawn that may kill your grass
- ✔ The end of the summer is the prime time for aerating the lawn, as thatch and extensive soil compaction may have built up during the spring and summer season

Stage 2 Watering Schedule Lancaster Drought Contingency Plan will be in effect until further notice

Last Digit of Address

Watering Days Allowed

0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 (even numbers) → Sundays and Thursdays

1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 (odd numbers) → Saturdays and Wednesdays

For more detailed information regarding the Mandatory Stage 2 Watering Restrictions, please visit www.lancaster-tx.com or www.savedallaswater.com or contact the City of Lancaster Public Works Department at 972-218-2324

Go Native!

Less fertilizer is better. Pesticides and fertilizers are chemicals that often cause environmental problems. In our attempt to encourage growth of our lawns and landscape plants that are not adapted to our stressful North Texas environment, we often make repeated applications of fertilizers. If all the fertilizer applied directly fed the targeted plants, fertilizers would not be a problem. Unfortunately, this is often not the case. Often times, fertilizer never reaches the targeted plants, but instead enters our waterways through normal runoff. Aquatic plants, especially various algae, respond vigorously to these additional nutrients, often creating visible mats that literally choke out small ponds, tanks and slow-moving streams. When these aquatic plants experience a die-back, often in mid-summer, the foul-smelling decomposition that follows depletes the water of its oxygen, resulting in fish kills. Gardening with natives will go a long way toward alleviating these problems. If you stick to plants local to the region, you will find they are capable of maintaining a healthy, vigorous growth form without the use of fertilizer. The best soil amendment to increase growth and health is organic compost. This method offers a non-polluting solution.

FY 2013-2014



Back row: Stanley Jaglowski (District 2), Mayor Pro Tem James Daniels (District 4), Mayor Marcus E. Knight, Marco Mejia (District 3), Front row: LaShonja Harris (District 5), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Nina Morris (District 6), Carol Strain-Burk (District 1)

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.

Goals objectives

Financially Sound City Government

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

- => Ensure the City's Tax Rate is Competitive.

Civic Engagement

The City provides opportunities for involvement through special events, boards and commissions, youth and parent volunteer opportunities in recreation, sports teams, City elections, Civic Leadership Academy, and City-wide celebrations.

- => Support Lancaster neighborhoods in the creation of Public improvement Districts (PIDS) throughout the city to strengthen and connect neighborhoods.

Healthy, Safe & Vibrant Neighborhoods

Lancaster is a safe place where neighbors know each other. The community unites at citywide events that keep neighborhoods strong. Compassionate code enforcement maintains our residential neighborhoods and all residents have access to parks near where they live.

- => Assess Community Policing Strategy and determine appropriate staffing levels and deployment.

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.

- => Update our Compensation Survey and provide data to the Council on where our pay is relative to the established policy.

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 include 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.

- => Promote the development of a nationally branded hotel/convention center in Lancaster-pursue opportunities and develop a strategy.
- => Gauge the interest of the development community in pursuing development on the north side of I-20 at Houston School Road.

mission >>>

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

Sound Infrastructure

The City has well-maintained streets and well-planned preventative maintenance programs for infrastructure and assets.

- => Prioritize maintenance initiatives based on Pavement Management Program results.
- => Plan for new Fleet Maintenance Facility.

September

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Labor Day/City Offices Closed | ALL DAY | |
| 5 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| 9 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| 12 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Airport |
| 14 | 2nd Saturday on the Square | 10:00 a.m. | Town Square |
| 16 | City Council Work Session | 7:00 p.m. | Pump Station |
| 19 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Pump Station |
| 21 | Fall Trash Off | 8:00 a.m. | 1501 N. Dallas Ave. |
| 23 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| 26 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Library |

October

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 1 | National Night Out | 7:00 p.m. | |
| 3 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Public Safety Building |
| 6-12 | Fire Prevention Week | | |
| 12 | Saturday on the Square | 10:00 a.m. | Town Square |
| 12 | Oktoberfest | 10:00 a.m. | Town Square |
| 14 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | Pump Station |
| 15 | Town Hall Meeting (Districts 2, 4, 6) | 7:00 p.m. | Grand Hall |
| 17 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Municipal Court |
| 24 | Civic Leadership Academy | 7:00 p.m. | Public Safety |

Fall 2013 Events Calendar

News You Can Use...

ONLINE WATER STATEMENT

The Utility Billing Department is in the process of transitioning to a new vendor for our online payments. Therefore, customers will not be able to see their new billing statement or receive an e-mail notification from our current website. Also, those accounts on recurring payments WILL NOT be drafted. If customers were previously on the recurring draft payment process, they must temporarily make manual payments on their water bills. We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. The City will keep you posted as the new system progresses and becomes available. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Utility Billing Department at 972-218-1328 or e-mail waterbilling@lancaster-tx.com.

Utility Bill Notifications....

Update e-mail and phone numbers to receive billing reminders and services.

How can you pay your 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

Any payments that are past due are subject to interruption at any time.

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

Residential Permits

The construction of any residential property requires a building permit regardless of the form of construction. All construction must comply with the International Residential Code as adopted with any amendments by the City of Lancaster. Builders and sub contractors must be LICENSED and REGISTERED with the city.

Building permit packets for plan review should contain the following information:

- All building permit packets must be received in a legal sized manila folder with a blue label
- A Building Permit Application
- 3 sets of plans (4 sets for any infill lot)
- 2 completed IC3 applications for Energy Code Compliance
- 2 sealed Engineered Foundation Plans
- 2 Engineer Letters for foundation verification (1 Original)
- Sub Contractor Verification Forms: Electrical
Plumbing, Mechanical and Concrete
- Water Meter Serial #
- Water Meter RF#

For more information visit the Development Services Office at 700 E. Main St. or contact us 972-218-1200.

How to Adopt a Pet?

The City of Lancaster offers pet adoption through our Animal Services Department.

If you are interested in adopting a pet you must be 18 years old and have a valid Texas driver's license.

For more information visit the city website at www.lancaster-tx.com or visit www.petfinder.com

GOVERNMENT> DEPARTMENTS>DEVELOPMENT SERVICES> ANIMAL SERVICES> ADOPT-A-PET

For any updates regarding the City of Lancaster visit the website at www.lancaster-tx.com.



PLUG INTO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Find out how to recycle your old television
and computer equipment at
TexasRecyclesComputers.org
or TexasRecyclesTVs.org



Questions? Send an e-mail to
recycle@tceq.texas.gov
or call toll free
1-855-TV-Recycle
(1-855-887-3292).



How do you conserve water?

Seven days. Seven ways.

SUNDAY



Fix Leaks

MONDAY



Collect Rainwater

TUESDAY



Use Less Water

WEDNESDAY



Plant Native

THURSDAY



Take Shorter Showers

FRIDAY



Mow Less

SATURDAY



Wash Full Loads

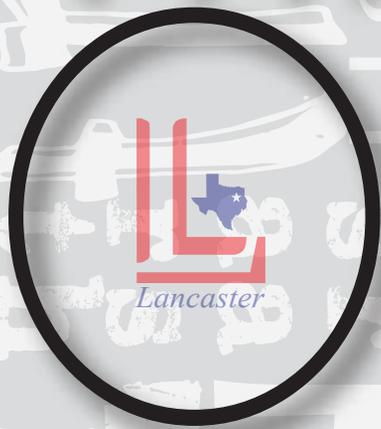
**Take Care
OF Texas**
www.takecareoftexas.org

**To find out more,
visit www.takecareoftexas.org**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



FALL TRASH



1501 N DALLAS AVE
972-218-3709

document shredding

tires

limit 10 per person
\$1.00 each after that

brush metal e-waste

SAT SEPT 21ST

8AM - 2PM



make a difference!
pick your spot today



adopt a spot



TREE CITY USA®



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, 972-218-3709 (o) - 972-218-3655 (f)
mrasco@lancaster-tx.com

Keep Lancaster Beautiful



Youth Athletics



Basketball Camps & Leagues

Jr. Dallas Mavericks

Basketball Skills & Drills
LRC-Gymnasium
Registration - September 9-30, 2013
Season begins October 1, 2013
Fee: \$75
Practice Days: Tues / Thurs 5pm - 6pm

Lady Mavs

LRC-Gymnasium
Registration - September 9-30, 2013
Season begins October 1, 2013
Fee: \$75
Practice Days: Tues / Thurs 5pm - 6pm

Lancaster RBI Baseball

Major League Baseball

Reviving Baseball to Inner Cities
Monday Night Baseball
Year round play
Free for all ages and levels
at Royce Clayton field.
Mondays- 6pm (Recreation ID required)

Punt Pass & Kick Competition

NFL Youth Skills Competition

Free!!!
Monday, September 28 at 2pm - 5pm

Baseball Competition

Pitch, Hit & Run

Fundamental Skills Competition (MLB)
Royce Clayton Field
FREE nationally renown
Major League Baseball Event
Monday
October 14 2:00pm- 5:00pm

Swim Team Tryouts

Lancaster Tiger Sharks

LRC-Pool
Join the yellow and blue Tiger Sharks
Mon-Wed at 5:30pm \$50 per month.



Soccer Camps

Community Park
UK Elite Soccer Camp Sept 6
Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp Sept 20
Camps are at 5pm at Community Park fields

Youth Programs



Dance & Gymnastics

Ultimate Tumbling

LRC-Gymnasium
(Age 5-12)
\$45/month \$10 drop-in
Tue 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tumbling Tots

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 3-5)
\$20/month
Wed 6:00pm-7:00pm

Tutus & Tap

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 3-5)
\$25/month
Thur 5:30pm-6:30pm/6:30pm-7:30pm



Move Your Body Dance Combo

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 6-12)
\$25/month
Mon 5:00pm-6:00pm Beginner
6:00pm-7:00pm Intermediate

Diva Dance Twirl Camp

LRC-Gymnasium
(Age 6-18) This class a unique arts and performance education class for youth. Participants will be taught basic twirl technique and twirl combinations.
\$10/session Mon 7:00pm-8:00pm

Martial Arts

Youth Karate
LRC-Grand Hall
(Age 5-15)
\$40/month
Tues 5:30pm-6:30pm
Thur 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tae Kwon Do

LRC-Aerobics Room
\$25/month \$5 drop-in
Sat 9:30pm-10:30pm

Tae Kwon Do for Tots

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 3-5)
\$25/month
Tue 5:30pm-6:15pm

Performing Arts

Manners & Modeling

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 6-12) \$20/month
Sat 2:00pm-3:00pm

Discover Photography Class

LRC-Classroom
(Age 6-14)
Advance registration is required.
\$35/4-week session
Registration: August 12th-September 20th

Fall Hours
Monday-Thursday
3:00pm-8:00pm
Friday
3:00pm-5:00pm
Saturday
12:00pm-4:00pm

Special Interest

TRU Community Hip Hop Dance Group

LRC-Aerobics Room
(Age 11-17)
\$25/month
Mon/Wed 7:30pm-9:00pm

Tiger Room

LRC-Game Room
(Age 10+) Free with Recreation ID Card



for more information call 972-218-3700

ADULT FITNESS

Fitness Classes

Fit N 2MY Life Boot Camp

LRC-Gym

Looking for a way to energize yourself before a long day at work? Challenge yourself with these effective aerobic techniques to great music! Focus on arms/abs/buns.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

5:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.

\$65/month \$5 drop-in

Morning Zumba

LRC-Aerobic Room

Party yourself into shape! Zumba is an exhilarating, **Effective, easy-to-follow Latin-inspired dance fitness party** that's moving millions toward joy and good health. Move to the music and work up a sweat!

\$25/month \$5 drop-in

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

\$15/ month \$5 drop-in

Saturdays 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Evening Zumba

LRC-Gymnasium

Party yourself into shape! Zumba is an exhilarating and **effective, easy-to-follow Latin-inspired dance fitness party that's moving millions toward joy** and good health. Move to the music and work up a sweat!

\$35/month \$5 drop-in

Mon-Thur 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$20/month \$5 drop-in

Mon/Wed 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$20/month \$5 drop-in

Tue/Thur 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Cardio Kickboxing

LRC-2nd Floor Fitness Zone

Take control of your body, tone muscles, increase stamina, and reduce anxiety and stress. Includes weight training, jump rope, aerobics and kickboxing.

\$30/month \$5 drop-in

Mon/Wed 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Adult Karate

LRC-Aerobic Room

Designed to provide physical fitness, self-defense training, discipline in all areas of life and effective martial arts training, it will change your way of living!

\$25/month \$5 drop-in

Tue 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.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.**

Free with Recreation ID Card or \$5.00 drop-in

Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

DancerSize

LRC-Grand Hall

Time to get in shape while learning the latest line dances. DancerSize is a line dance exercise class that **allows you to dance your way through a fulfilling cardio work out.**

\$25/ month \$5.00 drop-in

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Adult Taekwondo

LRC- Aerobics Room /Grand Hall

Traditional and Olympic Style Taekwondo **Enhances self-esteem, builds confidence, develops discipline , strengthens your mind, body and teaches self defense. Certified Black Belt Instructor.**

\$25 or \$5 drop in

Saturdays 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



ADULT ATHLETICS

COED Softball League

Softball is Back in Lancaster!

Lancaster, once home of some of the best adult softball in the DFW Metroplex, is ready to take back the crown! This adult recreational coed softball league provides an excellent opportunity for churches, businesses and community organizations to play together, bond and get some exercise at the same time. Games will be played at City Park, which has lighted fields, restroom facilities, plenty of parking, seating and a playground for the kids. Grab your friends and register today!

- Registration:** Register in person at the Lancaster Recreation Center
August 1 - 30 \$300/team
- Location:** City Park-Softball Fields
211 W. Beltline, Lancaster
- Dates of Play:** September 1—November 30
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Tournament:** Single-elimination, awards to 1st and 2nd place



Ladies Volleyball Wednesdays

* Bump * Set * Spike *

Lancaster Recreation Center Gym
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Open Play

Registration:
Register in person
@ the Lancaster Recreation Center
August 1 - 30

Dates of Play:
September 4

Free with rec ID

www.lancaster-tx.com

SENIOR LIFE CENTER

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Facility Information

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

Annual Membership Fee

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| Resident | \$3 |
| Non-Resident | \$5 |

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold

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

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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

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

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

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

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

| | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 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

| | Resident | Non-Resident |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 4 Hour Rental | \$175 | \$250 |
| 6 Hour Rental | \$225 | \$300 |

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.

| | Resident | Non-Resident |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 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.

Park & Pavilion Rentals

Parks & Gazebos

Sun-Sat 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. April-November

| | Deposit | Fee |
|--------------|----------------|------------|
| Resident | \$75 | \$75 |
| Non-Resident | \$100 | \$100 |

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

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



Field & Gym Rentals

Athletic Fields

Each field has a two (2) hour minimum.

Resident / Non-Resident Deposit \$50

All Fields

Resident Fee \$20/hour Non-Resident Fee \$30/hour

Additional fee for light on fields

Cedardale Park - Baseball/Softball

City Park - Softball

Royce Clayton Ballpark- Baseball

Community Park - Football/Soccer

Gymnasium

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

Resident / Non-Resident Deposit \$100

1/2 Gym

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

Full Gym

Resident Fee \$75/hour Non-Resident Fee \$90/hour
(allows gate fees/concessions)

Full Gym-Tournament

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

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972-218-3700

Water Aerobics

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.

\$30/month Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
\$12/month Sat 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.
\$25/month Mon-Thur 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Lifeguard Certification

(Age 15+) 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.

\$150
Sat/Sun 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. October 26/27
Sat/Sun 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. November 2/3

Dive-In Movies

(All ages) It's time to dive in to the pool! Every third **Thursday, enjoy a feature film while relaxing in the water. Concessions available, floats permitted.**

August 16 at 7:30 p.m.
September 19 at 7:30 p.m.
October 17 at 7:30 p.m.

All movies are free (w/ Rec ID Card)

Swim Teams

(Ages 6-16) The Lancaster Swim Team provides a year-around swimming experience that places emphases on teaching the value of competition.

\$50/month
Mon/Wed 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

make a splash

Swim Lessons

Learn-to-Swim classes provide instruction to swimmers of all ages and helps them develop swimming and water safety skills in a positive learning environment. Each session includes four 45 minute classes over a two week period. Visit the website for more information on the **qualifications for each class level.**

Parent & Tot

(6-36 months) Parents learn water safety and infants develop comfort in the water. Parents must enter the water for all classes.

\$30/session
Mon/Wed 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Preschool

(3-6 years) Learn basic strokes, floating & breathing. Split into three groups by skill level: Starfish for new beginners, Sea Horse for those with basic skills and Sting Ray for intermediate swimmers.

\$30/session
Mon/Wed 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Level I, II, III

Youth

(7-12 years) Learn basic strokes, floating, breathing, treading water and diving skills. Split into three groups by skill level: Angel Shark for new beginners, Tiger Shark for those with basic skills and Great White Shark for intermediate swimmers.

\$30/session
Mon/Wed 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Level I, II, III

Semi-Private

(13+ years) Designed to assist teens and adults learn basic or advanced swim technique. Each instructor is paired with only two students, allowing more focus on each student.

\$50/session
Mon/Wed 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.



Call to find when new registration class begins.

Aquatic Programs

972-218-3700



VOLUNTEER

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 Cynthia Williams at 972-218-3706
cdwilliams@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 to Friday. A negative coggins is required at the time of permit purchase.

City of Lancaster Bear Creek Equestrian Trail Appreciation Day

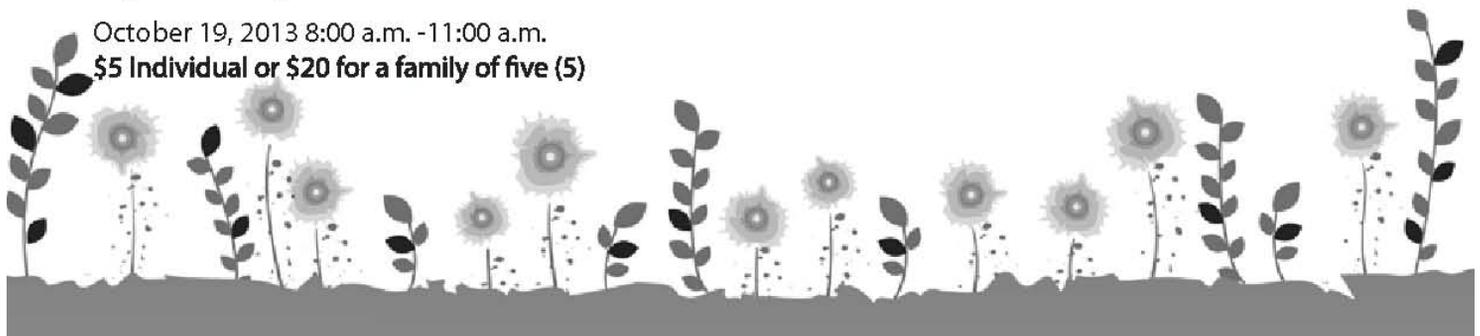
Fun filled day, activities include riding through the equestrian trail at Bear Creek Nature Park, information on caring for horses and grooming classes. Bounce house, pony rides for the children, food vendors, face painting and prizes for the best riding club and largest number of participants. Equestrian permit from the City of Lancaster with a negative coggins report is required. Permits are free.

Vendors are welcome \$25 vending booth fee (food vendors must have food vendors permit). Please contact Larry King at (972) 218-1209 for the food permit.
September 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. \$5 per person

Family Fun 5k Run/Walk - Bear Creek Nature Park

A great opportunity for you and your family to get out the running shoes and participate in a family fun 5k run/walk. This event will increase your health and wellness. It will also allow the entire family to participate in a low stress activity. The family fun 5K run/ walk will be held at Bear Creek Nature Park. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the run/walk will start at 9:00 am.

October 19, 2013 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
\$5 Individual or \$20 for a family of five (5)



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.

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.



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.



City Facilities

City Hall

211 N. Henry St.
972-218-1300

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

City Manager's Office
City Secretary's Office
Economic Development
Finance
Human Resources
Utility Billing "Water Department"
Purchasing

To pay your utility bill you may pay it at City Hall or by going online:

www.lancaster-tx.com

Development Services & Public Works

700 E. Main St.
972-218-1200

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Code Enforcement
Building Inspection
Planning & Development
Engineering & Construction
Streets/Storm Water

Having a garage sale?
Don't forget to get your permit at the Community Development Building!

Animal Services

690 E. Main St.
972-218-1200

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Animal Shelter Hours:

Mon - Fri 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Lancaster Municipal Court

220 W. Main St.
Phone: 972-218-1334
Fax: 972-218-8554

Email:

court@lancaster-tx.com

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Public Safety Building

1650 N. Dallas Ave.
972-218-2700 (Police Department)
972-218-2600 (Fire Department)
Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Police
Fire

Information Technology

Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library

1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.
972-227-1080

Mon - Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Fri 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Senior Life Center

240 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.
972-218-3780

Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lancaster Recreation Center

1700 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.
972-218-3700

Mon-Thurs 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

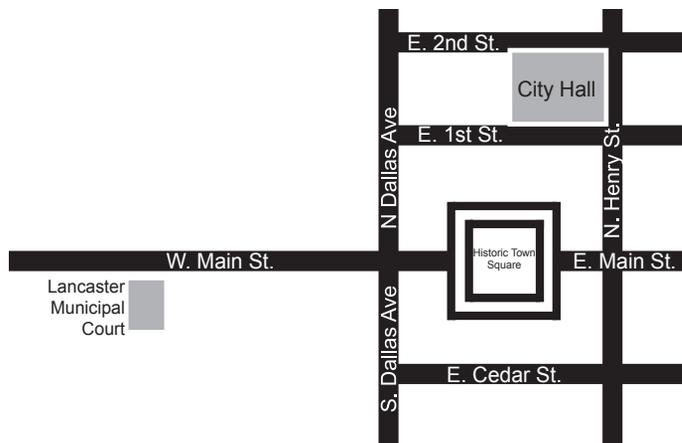
Fri 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sat 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Lancaster, TX. 75146

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| Animal Services | 972-218-1200 |
| Atmos Energy (Gas) | 800-460-3030 |
| Building Inspections | 972-218-1200 |
| Cable (Time Warner) | 972-370-6200 |
| Chamber of Com./Visitors Center & Auxiliary Museum | 972-227-2579 |
| City Hall | 972-218-1300 |
| 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 |
| Driver's License | 469-272-9301 |
| Focus Daily (Newspaper) | 972-223-9175 |
| LISD Administration | 972-218-1400 |
| Motor Vehicle Registration | 214-653-7811 |
| 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 |
| AT&T (Telephone Service) | 800-464-7928 |
| Water Billing | 972-218-1328 |
| Water/Sewer Repair | 972-218-2324 |

