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Airport	972-227-5721
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./Visitor's 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	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	972-275-1200
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)	972-218-2700
Housing Agency	972-275-1750
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
Parks & Recreation Center	972-218-3700
Planning & Zoning	972-275-1240
Post Office	972-227-6089
Power to Choose (Electricity)	866-797-4839
Public Works	972-275-1700
AT&T (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
Water Billing	972-218-1328
Water/Sewer Repair	972-218-2324



As the holiday season approaches, often we reflect on the events of the year. Thanksgiving is a federal holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. On October 3, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed that the people of the United States observe "a day of public thanksgiving" on Thursday, the 26th of November. In 1941, a Congressional Joint Resolution officially set the fourth Thursday of November as a national holiday for Thanksgiving. Today, Thanksgiving is a time when many families and communities come together. As we reflect on the events of 2012 our community has much to be thankful for this holiday season. The April 3, 2012 tornado caused significant property damage; however, we had no major injuries or loss of life. Our citizens are involved in the community. Whether through City Council, Boards, Commissions, or volunteer efforts, our leaders, residents and businesses work diligently toward the continued growth and prosperity of our community.

- **Community Resilience** – Following the April 3, 2012 tornado, our community demonstrated resilience that continues in the recovery and rebuilding. Lancaster continues to grow stronger as a result of pride and determination.
- **Partnership** – Within we are a stronger more vibrant community through partnership and collaboration with the school district, community college district, Dallas County and the support from our State and federal representatives. As a result of these partnerships the city has realized infrastructure improvements like the reconstruction of Houston School Road, Daniieldale Road, and Wintergreen Road, the extension of the Lancaster Regional Airport runway, sewer line replacements and more.
- **Growth** – Lancaster continues to be an emerging community expanding its tax base. Our economic development program's business recruitment and expansion has created new jobs and retail, commercial and industrial business growth. In 2012 we've welcomed new businesses such as MOBIS, Viking Car Wash, Classic Cup Café, In-N-Out Burger, Chicken Express, and Quaker Sales & Distribution.
- **Service** – We appreciate the women and men from our community that serve and protect us. From local police and fire employees to our Armed Forces and we appreciate their sacrifice.
- **Location** – Lancaster's location between IH-20, IH-35, IH-45 and the proposed Loop 9 affords our community many economic development opportunities for continued retail, commercial and industrial development. Positioned with both rail and regional airport access our community is a destination for corporation.
- **Family-Friendly** – We are a community that has award-winning schools, an expansive park system, and excellent recreational events and offerings making Lancaster a great place to live and play. Lancaster boasts attractions such as the Ten Mile Creek Preserve, Bear Creek Nature Park, an indoor aquatic center, Lancaster Senior Life Center, four museums within the city, a hike and bike trail and more.
- **Vision** – City Council has defined a clear vision for the community that is encompassed within the FY 2012/2013 Goals and Objectives. As an organization we continue marked progress toward the accomplishment of these goals. Thank you for your contributions to making Lancaster a better community in which to live, learn and do business.

Happy Holidays from the City of Lancaster!

LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY SHOPPING ALERT

It is the time of the year that citizens pack the shopping malls to buy that special gift for their loved ones. This is also the time of the year that thieves love also. They know that people leave valuables in their vehicles while they are in the stores shopping. Vehicle burglaries tend to increase but there are ways that you can prevent this from happening to you. Here are just a few tips for protecting your valuables.

If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. This includes packages, backpacks, gym bags, GPS units, MP3 players, and so forth. Someone may be watching when you put items under/behind a seat or throw something over them. An opportunistic thief is on the lookout for "trunk-packing", and can break into your car the minute you're out of sight.

One reason SUVs and pickups are common auto-burglary targets is because they don't have a "trunk" to hold valuables — the driver/passenger generally just "hides" their valuables "out of sight". The thieves know this, and do check glove compartments, behind seats, and under seats. It only takes a few seconds to check all the "usual" hiding places.

Unobtrusively locking everything valuable "in the trunk" (*if you have one*) may be difficult when you're combining errands at multiple destinations. Certainly avoid leaving packages or shopping bags **visible** in your car — lock them in the trunk out of sight if you have to leave packages in your car unattended.

Plan your shopping/errands so that you don't load your trunk until you are **ready to drive to another destination**. Load your trunk when you **leave** a location — never open a trunk, fill it full of valuables, close it, and then just walk away to do more shopping or other errands.

Always be aware of your surroundings and when returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quickly as possible. As you approach your vehicle, scan the area, glance underneath the vehicle and take a quick look inside before entering.

Have a safe and happy holiday.



Larry W. Flatt
Chief of Police- Lancaster Police Department



Residential Security Check

You can access the application on the City of Lancaster webpage at www.lancaster-tx.com and then following the route below.

[HOME > GOVERNMENT > DEPARTMENT > POLICE > RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHECK](#)

NOTE: The Residential Security Check form is only valid for 14 days at a time. If you plan on being out longer, we ask that you please complete a form for each 14-day period that you will be out.

About the Residential Security Check Program

The Residential Security Check Program can be used whether you will be out on a weekend trip or a month-long excursion and no one should be at the home unless authorized.

Delivering the Completed Form

After completing the form, fax it to (972) 218-2790 or bring it to the Lancaster Police Department at least 72 hours prior to your planned trip. Forms are only accepted and processed Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Recycling



What to recycle and how to recycle it in the City of Lancaster!

PAPER

Recycle all paper products, magazines, cardboard and newspapers including the glossy advertising inserts. Place loose in your recycling container. If you have large quantities, please stack them in bags. On Rainy Days: Please save your newspapers for a sunny recycling day. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT WET NEWSPAPER.**

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Wax coated cardboard (food or beverage containers)

GLASS

Please recycle all clear, brown and green glass food and beverage containers. Rinse and remove the lids and neck rings. You do not have to remove paper labels.

NOT ACCEPTABLE: Light bulbs, plate glass, auto glass, tempered glass, mirrors, ceramics, or any glass that's not a container.

ALUMINUM & METAL CANS

Please rinse and recycle all food and beverage cans. You do not have to remove paper labels from your cans. **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Scrap metal, paint cans, aerosol cans, automotive product, aluminum foil or disposable aluminum plates.

PLASTIC

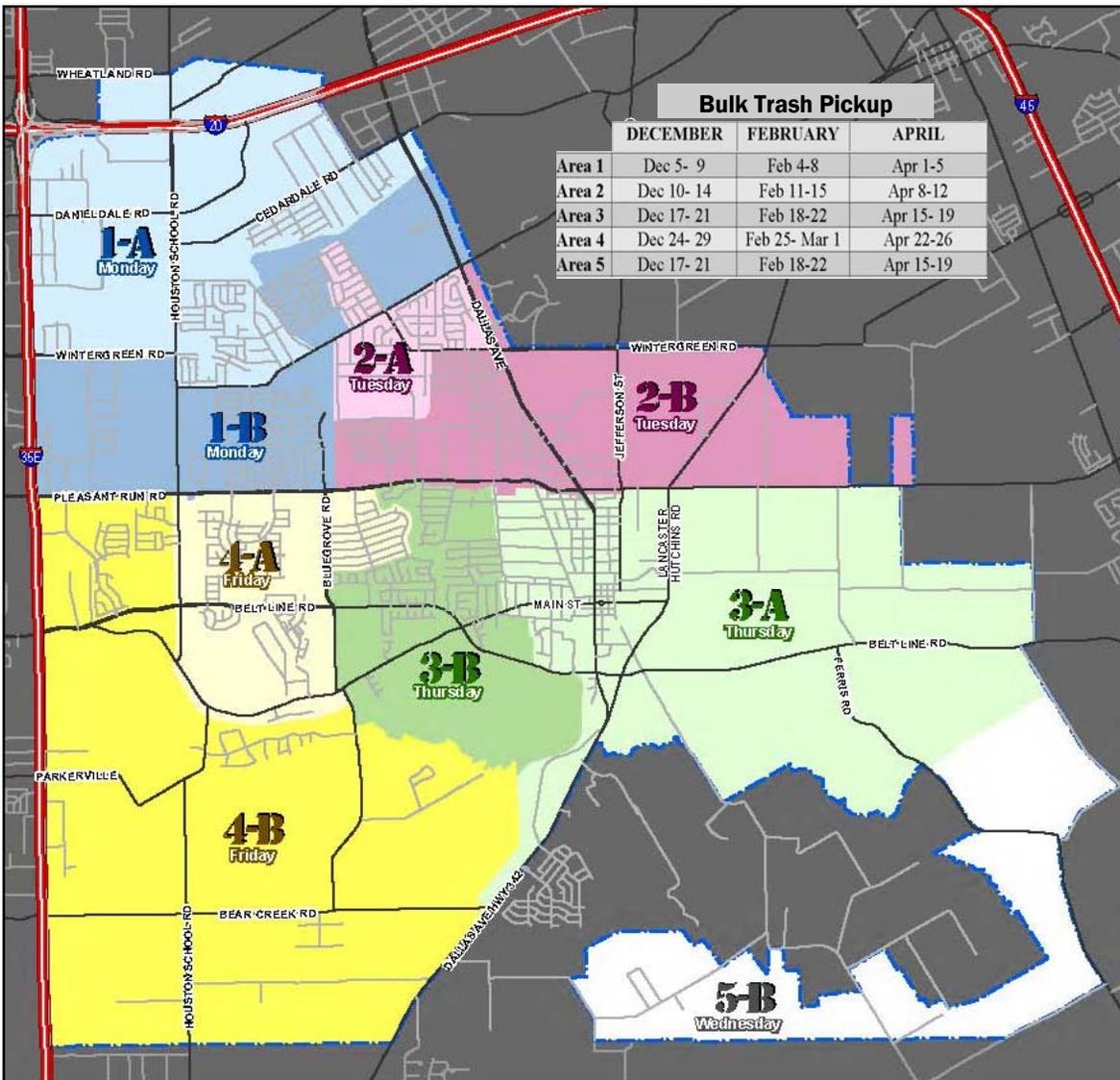
Please recycle all plastic bottles marked with the recycling symbol labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 usually on the bottom of the container, such as mild and soft drink bottles, laundry and personal care products. Rinse containers and remove lids and neck rings. **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** Plastic wrap, plastic bags or other types of any plastic bottles not marked with a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 recycling symbol.

Questions?

Contact 972-218-1300 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com



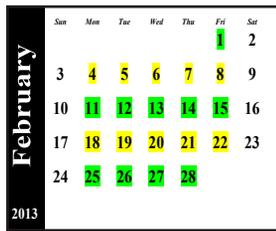
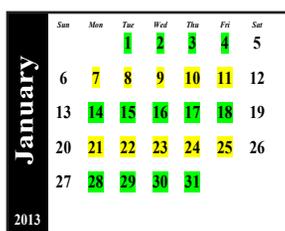
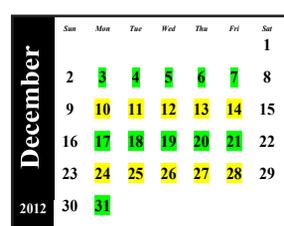
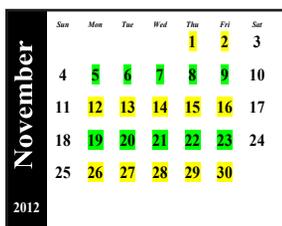
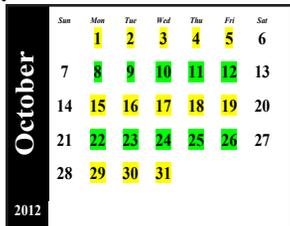
Trash Do's & Don'ts



Tips: To help prevent trash overflow, participate in the Recycle Program. For more information, contact Utility Billing at 972-218-1328

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, you will be subject to 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, ALLIED WASTE/REPUBLIC SERVICES WILL PICKUP AND A CHARGE WILL APPEAR ON YOUR UTILITY BILL.



Your recycling day is the same as trash day every other week. Place your recycling out 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.

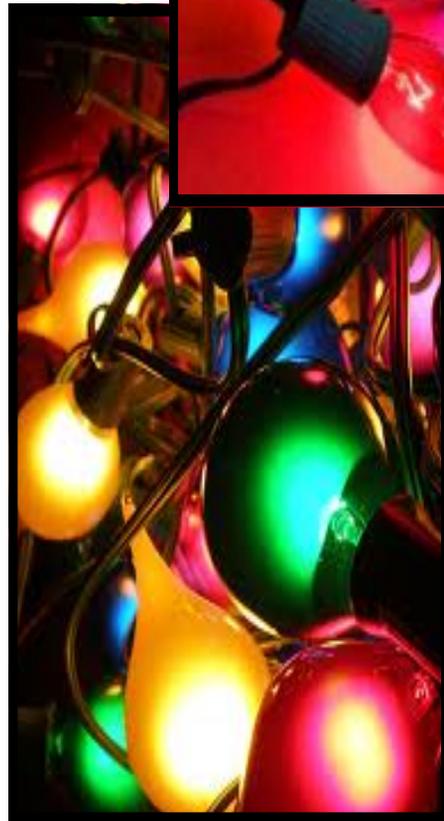
59th Annual Parade of Lights

“Lancaster on the Glow”

Join us on
Saturday, December 8, 2012
at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at
Historic Town Square

For more information, the parade route,
or to enter the parade visit
www.lancaster-tx.com



Parade of Lights Application



City of Lancaster & Lancaster Chamber of Commerce

59th Annual Christmas Parade

“Parade of Lights”

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Entry Form Due Friday, November 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.



Contact Information

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entry Description

Name of Entry: _____

Detailed Description: _____

Category:

Band

Float

Dance/Cheer

Other

Number of Participants: _____ Length of Entry (ft.): _____

Music: Yes No If Yes, Describe: _____

Entry Fee

The entry fee is a donation of new unwrapped toys or non-perishable food items to be brought to the parade line-up during check in. All donations will benefit the Lancaster Outreach Center.

Award Categories

Please indicate your judging preference:

Best Lighted Entry

Best Business Entry

Best Organization Entry

Best Performance Group

Participant Signature

Contact Signature

Date

Return this form to:

City of Lancaster

Attn: Alicia Hills-Oyedele

211 N. Henry St.

Lancaster, Texas 75146

Questions?

Call: 972-218-1303

Email: aoyedele@lancaster-tx.com

Fax: 972-275-0921

November		
15	Dive-In Movies @ Recreation Center	7:30 p.m.
15	Thanksgiving Luncheon @ Senior Life Center	11:00 a.m.
17	Taste of Lancaster & Business Expo @ Grand Hall	11:00 a.m.
22	City Offices Closed — Thanksgiving	All Day
23	City Offices Closed — Thanksgiving	All Day
30	Family Night @ Recreation Center	6:30 p.m.
December		
1	“Healthy Lifestyle for Men” Event @ Recreation Center	9:00 a.m.
7	Christmas Ball @ Senior Life Center	6:30 p.m.
8	Parade of Lights	6:00 p.m.
10	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
20	Dive-In Movie @ Recreation Center	7:30 p.m.
24	City Offices Closed — Christmas Eve	All Day
25	City Offices Closed — Christmas	All Day
January		
1	City Offices Closed — New Years Day	All Day
5	Babysitter Training Class @ Recreation Center	9:00 a.m.
12	Babysitter Training Class @ Recreation Center	9:00 a.m.
14	City Council Meeting @ City Hall	7:00 p.m.
17	Dive-In Movie @ Recreation Center	7:30 p.m.
19	MLK Parade	11:00 a.m.
19	Babysitter Training Class @ Recreation Center	9:00 a.m.
21	City Offices Closed — MLK Holiday	All Day
28	City Council Meeting @ City Hall	7:00 p.m.

***Any date changes or added events, will be posted on the City website at www.lancaster-tx.com



This is a proposed design of the MLK Monument proposed by the MLK Foundation.

The Lancaster Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Foundation will be celebrating the 9th Annual MLK Parade on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. The foundation has awarded scholarships to Lancaster ISD students annually and students are encouraged to visit the webpage for more scholarship information.

The following organizations have all been invited to participate in the 2013 event:

Lancaster ISD
 Red Oak ISD
 DeSoto ISD
 Hampton Preparatory Academy
 Life Charter School
 Cedar Valley College
 City of Lancaster

New Generation Baptist Church
 Harmony Tabernacle Church
 DFW Trail Riders Association
 Motorcycle Clubs
 Townview Magnet Center
 Wilmer Hutchins High School
 Pinkston High School
 Gateway Charter Academy

Dallas Black Dance Theater Junior Performers
 Texas College Band
 OCBF Christian Academy and Youth Ministry
 Cedar Valley Christian Center and Ministries
 Antique Car Clubs

For more information on the Lancaster MLK Foundation or to participate in this year’s parade please visit www.lancastermlk.org or contact Roosevelt Nichols at 469-358-8722 or nick0420@sbcglobal.net.

Winterize your home

Furnace Inspection

Call an HVAC professional to inspect your furnace and clean ducts
Stock up on furnaces

Get the Fireplace Ready

If the chimney hasn't been cleaned for a while, call a chimney sweep to remove soot or creosote
Inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing



Check the exterior, door and windows

Use weather stripping around doors to prevent cold air from entering the home and caulk windows
Replace cracked glass in windows and if you end up replacing the entire window, prime and paint wood.

Inspect Roof, Gutters and Downspouts

If your weather temperature will fall below 32 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter, adding extra insulation to the attic will prevent warm air from creeping to your roof and causing ice dams.
Clean out the gutters and use a hose to spray water down the downspouts to clear away debris



Install smoke and Carbon monoxide detectors

Buy extra smoke detector batteries and change them when daylight savings ends
Install a carbon monoxide detector near your furnace, fast-log fireplace, and/or water heater
Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work.

Prevent plumbing freezes

Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency
Insulate exposed plumbing pipes
If you go on vacation, leave the heat on, set to at least 55 degrees

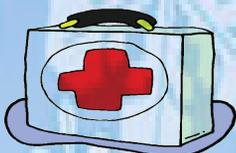


Check Foundations

Rake away all debris and edible vegetation from the foundation

Prepare an Emergency Kit

Buy indoor candles and matches/lighters, flashlights and batteries for use during a power outage
Place utility company phone numbers close to your phone or in phone book
Prepare an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency
store bottled water and non-perishable food supplies.



Smoke Alarm Safety at Home



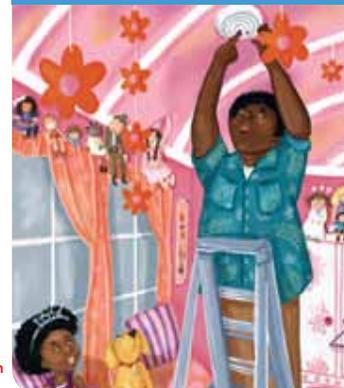
SAFETY TIPS

- » INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- » Larger homes may need ADDITIONAL smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- » For the best protection, INTERCONNECT all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- » An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a PHOTOELECTRIC smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- » Smoke alarms should be INSTALLED away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- » REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

AND DON'T FORGET...
All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



Your Source for SAFETY Information www.nfpa.org/education
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Christmas Tree Safety



PICKING THE TREE

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

PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

LIGHTING THE TREE

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

After Christmas

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



FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance to be deadly.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every five** of the fires.

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



Fats, Oils & Grease Clog the Sewer

Sewage backups and overflows are typically the result of grease buildup which can cause property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards. Fats, oil and grease can enter into the sewer system from commercial food establishments and private residents.

Most grease is a byproduct of cooking and is usually found in things as such:

- Food scraps
- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking oil
- Butter and margarine
- Baking goods
- Sauces
- Dairy products



All too often fats, oil and grease are washed into the plumbing system and stick to the inside of both private and public sewer pipes. Over time the oil and grease build up and eventually blocks the entire pipe causing sewer backup and overflow.

Cost to You:

As sewer pipes backup, sewage and food particles attract insects and other vermin that may pose potential health risks.

Property damage can result from sewage backup leading to costly clean up and repairs.

Cost to the Environment:

Clogged sewers can lead to overflow. As sewage overflow into the streets, it enters the storm drain system where it is carried into the local waterways and eventually drinking water.

Cost to the City of Lancaster:

Increase sewage stoppage and overflow leads to excessive and costly maintenance and could result in severe fines from State and Federal agencies. These added cost result in an increase to the customer.

Proper Disposal Methods:

- Scrape grease from food scraps from plates, pots and pans into trash can for disposal.
- Do not put grease and scraps down garbage disposal.
- Pour grease into a container and dispose of it in the trash.
- Do not pour grease into kitchen sinks, floor drain or toilets.
- Be cautious of chemicals and additives that claim to dissolve grease. Some simply pass grease down to pipes where it can clog lines further down stream.

**Report sewer problems to the City of Lancaster Water & Wastewater Division at
Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 972-218-2325 or
After hours & weekends at 972-227-2311**

Together We will Make a Difference!!
Simple Steps to Prevent Stormwater Pollution

1. Clean Up After Your Pet at Rest Areas and Parks

When our pets leaves those little surprises rain washes all that waste and bacteria into the storm drain. It pollutes our water bodies.

What to do???
 Simply, pick up after your pet and flush the waste down the toilet.



2. Practice Good Car Care

When you are washing your car, remember you are not just washing your car.

All the soap and grease goes to the storm drain, where it flows directly into our lakes, creeks and streams. This pollutes our water bodies. Instead, wash your car on grass or gravel, or use a car wash facility



where the dirty water receives treatment.

3. Never Fertilize When Rain is Expected

Stormwater pollution drains into our streets and enter our lakes and streams. So, when we fertilize our lawn before it rains, the fertilizer is flushed into the drain and pollutes our fresh water. It causes algae to grow that use up the oxygen that fish need to survive. Everyone needs to be aware of the cumulative effects of lawn practices. How can you help?? Use a slow release, low phosphorous fertilizer when rain is expected.



4. Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

Remember only rain in the drain! Storm water drains in the streets lead to our creeks and streams. Any oil, pet waste, fertilizer, gasoline or chemicals on the pavement can enter a storm drain and contaminate the water bodies. We all need to be aware of what ends up in our storm drains.



5. Properly Dispose of Automotive Products and Don't Top Off

Motor oil, antifreeze, deicer, gasoline, cleaners and solvents are just some of the automotive products that enter our storm drains. You can help these out of our lakes and streams. Don't top off when you fill your tank. Soak up spill immediately. Dispose of hazardous waste properly.



6. Properly Drain the Water from the Pool

The chemicals used in swimming pool maintenance includes chlorine, bromine, copper etc.. Which can kill fish and plants in our water bodies. Pool discharges



should be done slowly to prevent soil erosion, flooding or damage to adjacent properties. Never clean a filter near a creek, stream or storm drain. Ask your pool service/store for help for help preventing persistent algae problems.

Our Nature. Our Water. Our Future. Ours to Protect.

Lancaster Independent School District



The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) recently selected Lancaster



ISD Superintendent Dr. Michael McFarland as one of 39 superintendents to

participate in the Future-Ready Superintendents Leadership Institute. It is a program designed to develop and sustain leaders who are willing to expand their leadership beyond the local level and work together to define the future of public education in our state. education in our state.

Texas Education Agency Selects Lancaster ISD to Participate in the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.



The Consortium, composed of representatives from only 23 Texas school districts, will help develop innovative, next-generation learning standards, assessments and accountability systems. Recommendations will be made in four key areas: Digital learning, learning standards, multiple assessments and local control.

Lancaster ISD received a Superior Achievement rating from the Texas Education Agency Financial Integrity



Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This is described as the district's financial report card and Lancaster ISD grades a district on its financial management and solvency. Lancaster ISD received an "A", scoring 67 out of 70 or 95.7% of the possible points.

Lancaster High School Culinary Arts Students Assist Celebrity Chefs Paula Deen and Bobby Flay at Dallas Cooking Show.

The LHS Culinary Arts II students were the only high school program selected to assist and prep at the first-ever local Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show at the Dallas Convention Center. The students helped set the stage for Paula Deen and prepped food for New York chef, Bobby Flay and helped set his stage

Participate in Career Day at Lancaster Middle School

Lancaster Middle School's Annual Career Day is on Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:35 a.m. Professionals will be on-site to help our students receive firsthand information about the potential occupations offered in the 21st century. For more information, please contact Ms. Mandigo at (972) 218-1668.

Friday, December 21, 2012 the instructional day for LISD campuses will end at the following times:

- Elementary – 12 p.m. (7 campuses)
- Secondary – 1 p.m. (6th Grade Center, LMS, LHS)

**Schools and District Offices will be closed
November 19 to 23, 2012 and December 24, 2012 to January 7, 2013**



Fine Arts Schedule

November

Sunday, 4th Gospel Expo/LHS Band
 Friday, 9th Project Discovery/LHS Theater
 Saturday, 10th Urban League Wellness Event/All Elem. and Middle School Depts.
 Saturday, 17th Taste of Lancaster/Chamber of Commerce/LHS Band



December

Saturday, 1st Neiman Marcus Parade/LHS Band
 Saturday, 8th Lancaster Christmas Parade Fine Arts Winter Concert
 Thursday, 13th District-Wide Winter Concert
 Friday, 14th Project Discovery/LHS Theater
 Tuesday, 18th LHS/LMS Fall Dance Program
 Thursday, 20th Northpark Performance/LHS Choir/LHS Dance



*Please note Elementary performance groups participate in monthly PTA programs. Please reference the campus schedules for details.



2012-2013 RUNNING TIGERS BASKETBALL

Day	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	9 th	JV	V
Saturday	11/3/12	Scrimmage (SKYLINE H.S.)	SKYLINE	DNP	DNP	11am
Saturday	11/10/12	Scrimmage (TBA)				
Thurs /Sat	11/15-17/12	McDonald's INVITATIONAL	PASADENA, TX			TBA
Friday/Sat.	11/23-11/24/12	TEXAS H.S. JAMBOREE Friday- Houston Wheatly Saturday- Houston Yates	HOUSTON, TX			8pm
Friday	11/30/12	DALLAS BRYAN ADAMS	LANCASTER	5	6	7:30
Tuesday	12/04/12	SOUTH OAK CLIFF	ELLIS DAVIS	5	6	7:30
Friday/Sat.	12/7/-12/8/12	CHRIS BOSH SHOOT-OUT Friday- Dallas Lincoln Saturday- Dallas Hillcrest	LINCOLN H.S.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	12/11/12	WEST MESQUITE	WEST MESQUITE	6	6	7:30
Saturday	12/15/12	F.W. TRIMBLE TECH	WILKERSON GRINES			TBA
Tuesday	12/18/12	* MANSFIELD LEGACY	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Friday	12/21/12	* WAXAHACHIE	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Wednesday	12/26-28/12	D.I.S.D. COCA COLA TOURNAMENT	Ellis Davis			TBA
Friday	1/4/13	* SEGUIN	SEGUIN	5	6:30	8
Tuesday	1/8/13	* LAKE RIDGE	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Friday	1/11/13	* RED OAK	RED OAK	5	6:30	8
Tuesday	1/15/13	* ENNIS	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Friday	1/18/13	*SUMMIT	SUMMIT	5	6:30	8
Tuesday	1/22/13	* LEGACY	LEGACY	5	6:30	8
Friday	1/25/13	* WAXAHACHIE	WAXAHACHIE	5	6:30	8
Tuesday	1/29/13	* SEGUIN	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Friday	2/1/13	* LAKE RIDGE	LAKE RIDGE	5	6:30	8
Tuesday	2/5/13	* RED OAK	LANCASTER	5	6:30	8
Friday	2/8/13	* ENNIS	ENNIS	6	6:30	8
Tuesday	2/12/13	*SUMMIT	LANCASTER	6	6:30	8

* Denotes District 15-4A Games

Recreation Center

Facility Information

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Lancaster, TX 75134

972-218-3700

Hours of Operation - Facility

Monday-Thursday
6:00am-9:00pm

Friday
6:00am-5:00pm

Saturday
8:00am-5:00pm

Hours of Operation - Open Gym

Mon-Fri	6:00am-9:00am	All ages
	12:00pm-6:00pm	All ages
Sat	6:00pm-9:00pm	17+ years
	8:00am-5:00pm	All ages

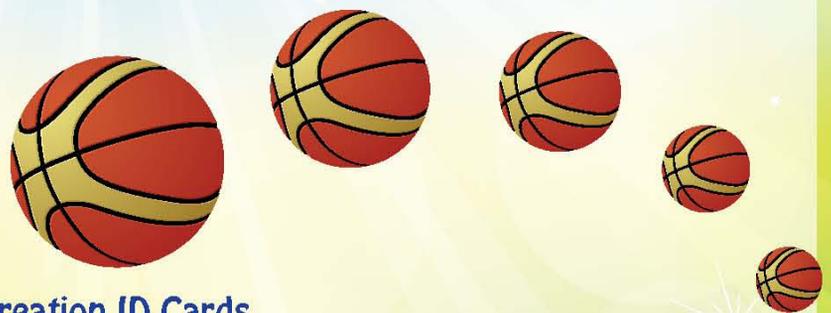


Features and Amenities

The Lancaster Recreation Center (LRC) is a 64,000 sq. ft. facility filled with amenities, programs and fun! LRC features include:

- ▶ Indoor walking track
- ▶ Gymnasium with two full basketball courts & bleacher seating
- ▶ Fitness atrium with state of the art equipment
- ▶ Indoor aquatic center
- ▶ Banquet hall with catering kitchen
- ▶ Mirrored aerobic room
- ▶ Game Room
- ▶ Classroom
- ▶ Conference Room

Several areas of the facility are available for private rentals, including the gymnasium, banquet hall, indoor aquatic center and all rooms. The Lancaster Recreation Center offers programs for all ages, ranging from athletic leagues and fitness courses to creative arts and academic guidance. Stop by and see what we've got to offer!



Recreation ID Cards

Participation in all Lancaster Recreation Center classes, activities, seminars, sport leagues and select special events requires possession of a valid Recreation ID Card. The card is good for one (1) year from the date of purchase and provides a great value! Recreation ID Cardholders have access to the indoor walking track, gymnasium and game room. Also, many special events have unique benefits available only to Recreation ID Cardholders.

Recreation ID Card Rates

	Junior	Ages 4 and under	Free w/ adult
	Youth	Ages 5-16	\$10/year
	Adult	Ages 17-49 (resident)	\$20/year
	Adult	Ages 17-49 (non-resident)	\$30/year
	Senior	Ages 50+	\$15/year
	Senior	Ages 50+ (non resident)	\$20/year

After School Care & Camps



S.A.F.E. After School Program

Open to Grades K-8
Lancaster Recreation Center
3:00-6:00pm Monday-Friday

Pickup provided from:

Houston Elementary, Beltline Elementary, Lancaster Elementary, Millbrook/Rosa Parks Elementary, Pleasant Run Elementary, Rolling Hills Elementary, West Main Elementary & Robertson Middle School



The Supervised After-School Fulfilling Enrichment program (S.A.F.E.) provides transportation for youth from Lancaster ISD schools to the Lancaster Recreation Center during the school year. Children receive an afternoon snack, homework time and structured activities including crafts, sports, creative arts, active games and more.

Registration for the S.A.F.E. After School Program is on a first come, first serve basis with limited enrollment. Registration must be done by the parent or legal guardian at the Lancaster Recreation Center. The monthly fee must be paid in full prior to the start of each month; space will not be held without full payment.

Registration is \$85/month for the first child, and \$70/month for each additional child.



Turkey Break Camp

(Grade K-8) School is out and fun is in! Don't forget to register your children for a week of great activities. Participants will enjoy indoor and outdoor sports, games, crafts, swimming at the indoor aquatic center and a special field trip. Register for the week or drop in for the day!

\$36/week or \$20/day
Mon-Wed 9:00am-6:00pm November 19-21
Drop off before 9:00am is an additional fee.



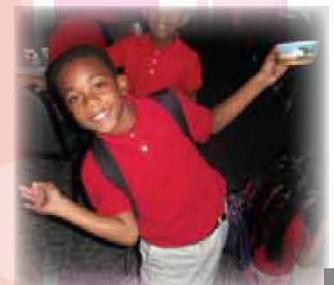
Winter Break Camp

(Grade K-8) Our Winter Break Camp is back! Open to boys and girls Kindergarten through 8th grade, the camp provides an excellent resource for working parents. Nature walks, crafts, games, sports, swimming, field trips and more!

The weekly fee includes a daily lunch and afternoon snack, and field trip fees. Participants are welcome to bring their own sack lunch as well.

Registration opens Monday November 26th. Sign up in person at the Recreation Center.

\$45/week or \$20/day
Mon-Fri 9:00am-6:00pm
December 24-January 7



Aquatic Programs

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	9:00am-10:00am
\$12/month	Sat	9:00am-9:45am
\$25/month	Mon-Thurs	5:30pm-6:15pm



Pool Party Rental Info

All pool reservations must be made in person at the Recreation Center at least 14 days in advance, but no more than 3 months in advance of the event.

\$75 deposit and all rental fees are due in full at the time the reservation is made. Deposit must be paid by credit card.

All individuals entering the facility will count toward the total guest count, regardless of age and whether they plan to swim.

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; required to work as a lifeguard at Texas pools. Advance registration & swim skills are required.

Sat/Sun	9:00am-5:00pm	October 27-28
Sat/Sun	9:00am-5:00pm	December 1-2

Dive-In Movies

(All ages) Enjoy a feature film while relaxing in the water. Concessions available, floats permitted.

\$5 (or FREE with a Recreation ID card)

Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	September 20
Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	October 18
Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	November 15
Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	December 20
Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	January 17
Thurs	7:30pm-10:00pm	February 21

Private Party Rentals

Includes private use of the full Aquatic Center.

Friday	6:00pm-8:00pm 8:30pm-10:30pm
Saturday	5:30pm-7:30pm 8:00pm-10:00pm
Sunday	2:00pm-4:00pm 4:30pm-6:30pm

Number of Guests	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
1-50	\$200	\$250
51-100	\$250	\$300
101-150	\$300	\$350
151 or more	\$350	\$400

Semi-Private Party Rentals

Hold your event during public swim. Includes a private party room and entry for up to 30 guests.

Saturday	12:15pm-2:15pm 2:45pm-4:45pm
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Number of Guests	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate
1-30	\$100	\$125





Swim Lessons how do I get started...



REGISTER– Sign your child or yourself up for swim lessons at the Control Desk of the Lancaster Recreation Center.



ASSESSMENT DAY– Bring your child or yourself to the scheduled assessment day for the session in which you have registered. Certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors & certified Lifeguards will assist in evaluating each student to determine the appropriate level placement based on ability & skill level.



INTRODUCTION DAY– The first day of class will be an introduction to the level in which you will be taking part in. There are 3 different levels based on skill level: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced. Some participants may need to take a level over again based on the instructors determination of skill level before moving onto the next level.



JUST KEEP SWIMMING– Once a student has successfully met the exit skills required of each level & received a certificate of completion, they are able to register for the next level of swim lessons & continue their advancement & development of swimming.





Recreation Swimming Program

Open Swim

/Saturdays 12pm-5pm

\$5 per person

Children 3 & under free with adult



Fitness Swim

Schedule

Mon - Fri: 6:30am - 8:30am
 Mon & Wed: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Saturday: 10:00am - 11:30am

Cost

Resident \$15/month
 Non Resident \$20/month
 Drop-In Fee \$3/day

Water Aerobics

Schedule

Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 10:00am
 Mon - Thurs: 5:30pm - 6:15pm
 Saturday: 9:00am - 10:00am

Cost

Mon-Fri: \$30/month
 Mon-Thurs: \$25/month
 Saturday: \$12/month

Swim Lessons

Parent & Tot: Mon & Wed
 5:30pm-6:15pm \$30/session

Level 1: Tues & Thurs
 5:30pm-6:15pm \$30/session

Level 3: Tues & Thurs
 6:30pm-7:15pm \$30/session

Semi Private Adult: Mon & Wed
 5:30pm-6:15pm \$50/session

Level 2: Tues & Thurs
 5:30pm-6:15pm \$30/session

✚ All lessons are taught by American Red Cross certified instructors.

Jr. Swim Team & City Swim Team

Jr. Swim Team: (grades 3rd-4th)
 Tues & Thurs: 4:30pm-5:30pm

City Swim Team:(grades 5th-6th)
 Mon & Wed: 4:30pm-5:30pm

Begins October 1, 2012



Senior Life Center

Facility Information

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

Hours of Operation

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

Accepted Forms of Payment

Cash
Money Order
Debit/Credit Card
No Checks

Annual Membership Fee

Resident	\$3
Non-Resident	\$5



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 & 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. Two additional outings are taken each month as well.

Coffee & Conversation Café

Engage fellow seniors in a weekly discussion on topics relevant to seniors today. Mondays at 1:00pm.

Water Aerobics

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

Walking Club

Get healthy and fit through walking and low impact exercise. Tuesdays at 11:00am



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



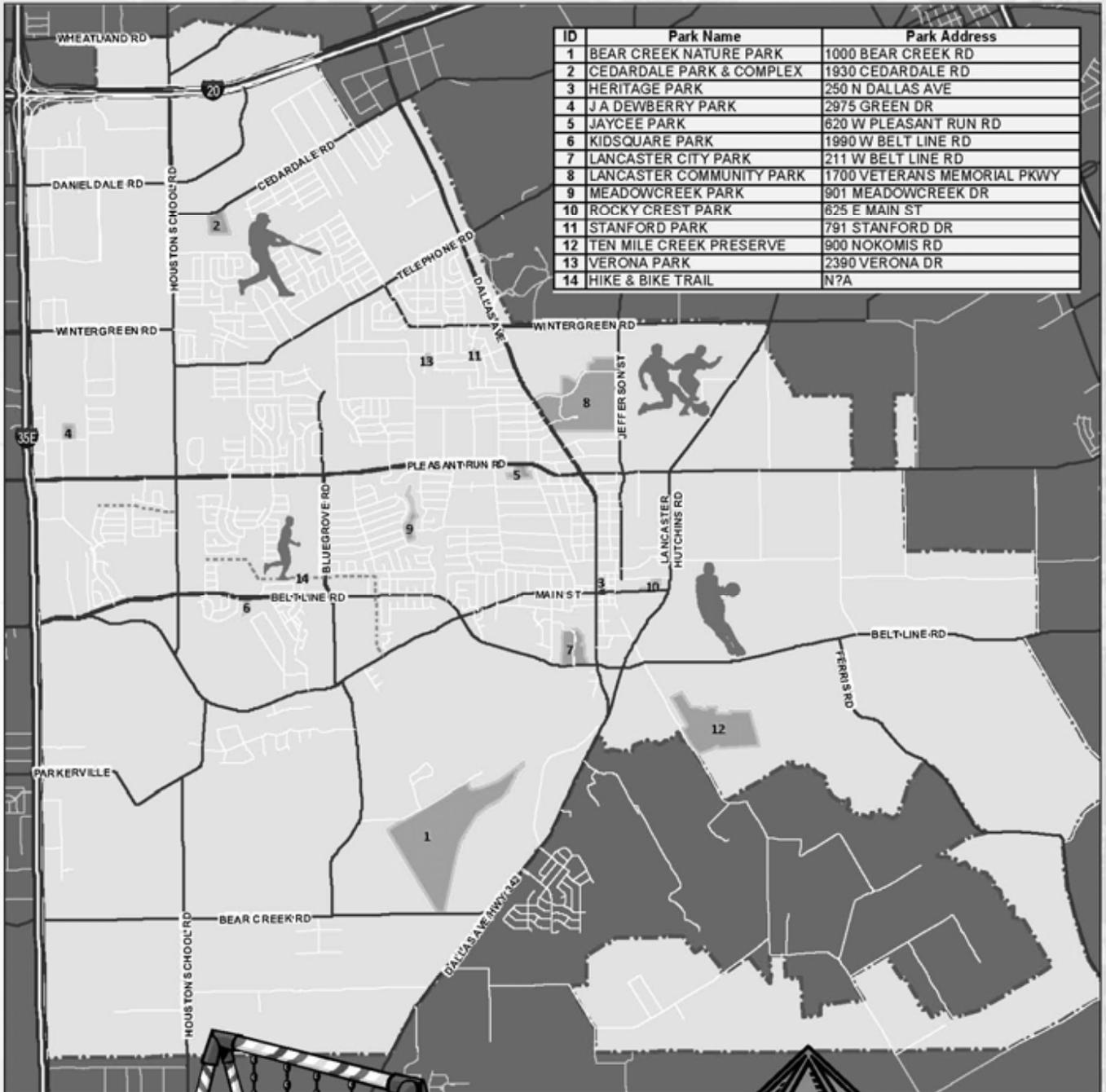
Community Service Restitution

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.

For additional information on becoming a City of Lancaster volunteer contact the Volunteer Service Coordinator at 972-218-3786 or email jbates@lancaster-tx.com



Citywide Park Map



Facility Rentals

Grand Hall Banquet Facility

1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway

Hours of Availability

Mon-Thur 8:00am-9:00pm

Fri-Sat 8:00am-midnight

Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-10:00pm

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 6:00pm-midnight

Sat 1:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-midnight

Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-10:00pm

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 6:00pm-midnight

Sat 1:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-midnight

Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-10:00pm

Deposit: Resident \$250 Non-Resident \$250
 Set-Up: Not Available
 Kitchen: Included

	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 credit card, no exceptions. Must show proof of residency to receive the resident rate.

Pavilion/Field Rentals

Parks and Gazebos

Sun-Sat

8:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-5:00pm

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



	Deposit	Fee
Resident	\$75	\$50
Non-Resident	\$100	\$75

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



Athletic Fields

Each field has a two (2) hour minimum.

Resident / Non-Resident Deposit \$50

All Fields

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

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

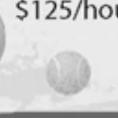
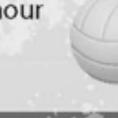
Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee
\$50/hour	\$65/hour

Full Gym

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

Full Gym-Tournament (allows gate fees/concessions)

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

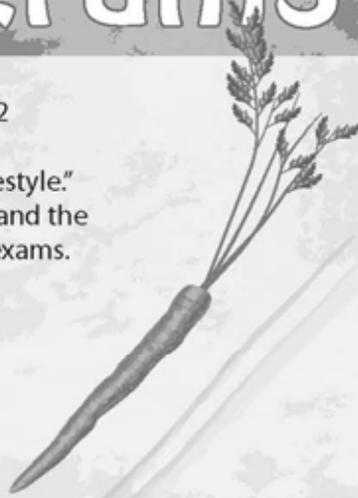


Special Programs

Lancaster Recreation Center Presents
“Healthy Lifestyles for Men” Event
 Lancaster Recreation Center
Baby Sitters Training Class



Saturday December 1, 2012
 9 am - 12 noon
 Learn how to live a “Healthy Lifestyle.”
 Hear about current health issues and the
 importance of yearly wellness exams.
FREE!



Family Night

November 30, 2012
 6:30 pm – 9 pm
 Lancaster Recreation Center



A Night
 for families to come and enjoy the
 recreation center, gym, pool,
 game room & a family movie
 Fee: \$10 for a family of four
 \$5 for families less than four
 See You There!

Saturday January 5, 12, and 19, 2013
 9 am - 12 noon
 Learn skills necessary to care
 for infants and children.
 Class includes CPR/First Aid
 & class certificates
 Cost \$15 members,
 \$20 non-members



Lancaster Recreation Center

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday November 3, 2012
 9am - 3 pm
 Come and take a tour and enjoy free
 activities for all ages
 There will be handouts and giveaways
 Instructors and staff members will be on hand to meet and greet participants
 *The first 50 people to sign up for a paid program at the event will be entered to
 win a free membership

Adult Fitness

J. C. Fitness Classes

Boot Camp

LRC-Gymnasium

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

\$25/month \$5 drop-in

Mon/Wed/Fri 6:00am-7:00am

Tuesday / Thursdays 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

\$20.00 \$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 8:00am-8:45am



ZUMBA®

Evening Zumba

LRC-Gymnasium

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!

Monday-Thursday 6:0 pm—7:00 pm \$35 \$5 drop-in

Monday/Wednesday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm \$20 \$5 drop-in

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm \$20 \$5 drop-in

Other Fitness Classes

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 7:00pm-8:00pm

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 7:30pm-9:00pm



Power Hour Power Walk

LRC-Indoor Walking Track

Make the most of your lunch hour! For those looking for a low-impact option, join others to power walk on our climate-controlled, indoor walking track.

Free with Recreation ID Card

Mon-Fri 12:00pm-1:00pm

Massage 101

Chair Massages by Back and Body Works

Every third Monday 9:00 am - 12 noon

Every fourth Wednesday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$1 per minute, 5 minutes minimum



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59th Annual Parade of Lights
Saturday, December 8, 2012
at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at
the Historic Town Square
For more information,
visit www.lancaster-tx.com

Attend City Council Meetings

November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.
December 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
January 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
January 28 @ 7:00 p.m.



Would you like to know what's happening in
the City of Lancaster?

Sign up for Lancaster Live Around Town!

This is a weekly email publication that keeps
you informed about community events and
civic engagement opportunities.

To sign up, go to

www.lancaster-tx.com

Then click, "Notify Me" or come to City Hall
at

211 N. Henry St.

Come Support the Lancaster
MLK Foundation
9th Annual MLK Parade
January 19, 2013
at 11:00 a.m.

The parade will begin at
Elsie Robertson Middle School
For more information,
visit www.lancastermlk.org



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

- o Thursday, November 22nd will run on Friday
- o Friday November 23rd will run on Saturday
- o Tuesday, December 25th will run on Wednesday
- o Tuesday, January 1st will run on Wednesday

