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# Lancaster Connection

## VISION 2024

**LANCASTER IS A PROUD VIBRANT CITY. WE CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY AND HISTORY, PRESERVE OUR NATURAL BEAUTY AND ARE THE ECONOMIC HUB OF 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 AND ATTRACTIVE CORRIDORS AND NEIGHBORHOODS. OUR CITIZENS ENJOY CONVENIENT LIVING.**



## Recycle Bank Going Green...Saving Green

RecycleBank is a rewards program that motivates people to recycle. It does this by quickly and easily measuring the amount of material each home recycles and then converting that activity into RecycleBank Reward Points that can be used at hundreds of local and national rewards partners. Residents can earn up to \$20.00 in reward points.

The advantages of the RecycleBank Rewards Program:

- Incentive to further enhance recycling and increase participation,
- Rewards that can financially benefit residents,
- Electronic Waste Recycling Program for the City of Lancaster to pro actively comply with potential e-waste legislation and residents the ability to receive additional rewards points,
- Generates economic dollars for local and regional businesses located in City of Lancaster and ultimately sales tax dollars for the community.

City of Lancaster	New Rates with RecycleBank - <b>Effective March 1st.</b>
Trash	\$15.95 + \$1.32 tax
Additional	<b>Effective January 1st.</b> - \$10.00 2nd cart, \$15.00 3rd cart, \$20.00 4th cart Special pick-up minimum \$65.00
Regular Pick-up	Once a week
Bulk & Brush	Every other month
Recycling	Every other week <b>95 gallon cart</b>

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## Mayor's State of the City

Join us Thursday, January 14, 2010, 11:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Grand Hall to hear Mayor Marcus E. Knight give his State of the City Address "What Does Progress REALLY Look Like?". For ticket prices and reservations contact the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce at 972-227-2579.

# GOALS & OBJECTIVES MISSION 2009-2010



LANCASTER CITY GOVERNMENT IS FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE AND PROVIDES EFFICIENT, CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY SERVICES. OUR CITIZENS HAVE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN CITY GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.

### TOP PRIORITY

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:  
PROJECT PRIORITIES AND FUNDING**  
**STORM WATER: RATE EVALUATION AND DIRECTION**  
**AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: COMPLETION,  
DIRECTION AND ACTIONS**  
**COG STUDY (INTERNATIONAL INLAND PORT)**  
**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT: EVALUATION,  
DIRECTION AND FUNDING**  
**BOUNDARY AGREEMENT: FERRIS, RED OAK**

### FIVE YEAR GOALS

**FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE CITY GOVERNMENT;  
ENHANCED CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES**  
**HIGHER QUALITY DEVELOPMENT:  
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL;**  
**CITY-AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE; GREATER  
COMMUNITY UNITY AND PRIDE;**  
**THE PREFERRED PLACE TO LIVE: PROFES-  
SIONALS AND FAMILIES**

### HIGH PRIORITY

**TIF/TIRZ: POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION:  
THE ALLEN GROUP**  
**GOLF COURSE: CONTRACT AMENDMENT,  
DIRECTION AND FUNDING**  
**LEGAL SERVICES:  
EVALUATION AND DIRECTION**  
**ANNEXATION: DECISIONS**  
**ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION  
PROJECTS: DESIGN AND FUNDING**

### MAJOR PROJECTS

**NOKOMIS ROAD BRIDGE STREAM BANK PROTECTION,  
DANIELDALE ROAD REPLACEMENT  
(I-35 TO HOUSTON SCHOOL ROAD: DESIGN),  
I-20 SERVICE ROAD,  
PLEASANT RUN HIKE/BIKE TRAIL (3 MILES),  
TXDOT ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECT,  
YOUTH COMMISSION,  
CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY,  
VISITOR'S CENTER,  
SIDEWALKS - DALLAS AVENUE: DESIGN**



## CITY ELECTION SET FOR MAY 8, 2010

This year a municipal election for the City of Lancaster will be held on May 8, 2010 for the election of:

- Councilmember...District 1
- Councilmember...District 3
- Councilmember...District 5

### Candidate Packet

A **candidate's packet** is available to help acquaint you with applicable requirements to run for office in the City's Municipal Election. The candidate's packet provides guidelines and forms needed to file for a place on the ballot, as well as a Campaign Finance Guide and other useful information regarding the May 8, 2010 municipal election. You may pick up a candidate's packet on or after January 4, 2010 from the City Secretary's office, at City Hall, 211 N. Henry Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All registered voters residing in Districts 1, 3 and 5 will have an opportunity to vote for a candidate in their respective District. Anyone not currently registered to vote has until April 8, 2010 to register in order to cast a ballot in the May election. Voter registration cards may be obtained at City Hall or the Lancaster Public Library.

Early voting for the May 8, 2010 election begins April 26, 2010 and the last day for early voting is May 4, 2010. On Election Day, Saturday, May 8, 2010 polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information regarding voter registration and election information, citizens may visit the Dallas County Elections Department's web site at [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org) or call (214) 637-7937.

### Filing for office

The term of office for a councilmember is three years.

The first day to file for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 8, 2010. The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot is Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the City Secretary's office located at 211 N. Henry Street.

### Qualifications

To qualify for the office of **Councilmember**, a candidate must:

- be a United States citizen;
- be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election;
- have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court;
- have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities
- be a qualified voter of the City; and
- have or will have resided in the City of Lancaster, Texas, and the district for a period of one year prior to the date of the municipal election.

**For more information regarding the municipal election, please contact the City Secretary's office at 972.218.1310.**

## Lady Track Team Honored . . . Top 8 Teams of the Decade

Channel 8 (WFAA) created a list of the top 8 sports teams of the decade from a list of 38. The 2004 Lancaster Lady Tiger Track Team has been included in this prestigious list! An opportunity was provided for additional voting and posting of comments on the WFAA blog. Congratulations to Coach Beverly Humphrey and the Lady Tiger Track Team for their amazing achievement of eight back-to-back state championship titles and inclusion in this Top 8 Teams of the Decade.

## **D**estination...Excellence – Upcoming District Events

### **Destination...Excellence - Lancaster ISD Fall Highlights**

Lancaster ISD continues to move towards excellence. The district is proud to announce six campuses received a **Recognized** rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

- Pleasant Run Elementary
- Houston Elementary
- West Main Elementary
- Rosa Parks/Millbrook Elementary
- Rolling Hills Elementary
- Belt Line Elementary

## **D**estination...Excellence ~ Staying Connected with Lancaster ISD

Lancaster ISD offers multiple ways to stay connected with district happenings.

- [www.LancasterISD.org](http://www.LancasterISD.org) provides information for campuses, departments, and district events. Check out the wealth of information on the district web site.
- The Tiger Tracks is a monthly electronic newsletter with district achievements, current events, and general district information. Subscribe today!
- Flash Alert is a resource for notification of important district information via text messages or email. Subscribe today!
- School Messenger is a phone system that allows campuses and the district to send messages to a student.

Links to subscribe to the Tiger Tracks eNewsletter or Flash Alert is available on the home page at [www.LancasterISD.org](http://www.LancasterISD.org).

Lancaster Elementary School and Lancaster High School received an Acceptable rating from TEA. This moves Lancaster High School up from the 2008-2009 Unacceptable rating. Lancaster Middle School received an Unacceptable rating due to the percentage of students (2.1%) coded as dropout during the 2007-2008 school year. The acceptable standard for 2009 was 2.0% and was based on 2007-2008 data. This is the first year the Dropout Rate indicator is a determining factor that impacts the middle school and the district state accountability rating. The district appealed the rating but the appeal was denied.

## **T**eacher Advancement Program

Five elementary schools participated in the Teacher Advancement Program during the 2008-2009 school year. The goal is to attract, develop, motivate, and retain high quality classroom teachers. This program is designed to provide multiple career paths for teachers; ongoing, applied professional growth; instructionally focused accountability; and performance-based compensation according to teacher's roles and responsibilities, their performance in the classroom, and the performance of their students.

All five schools received a value added score of 5. This is the highest possible score a school can receive. The Teacher Advancement Program also includes a teacher pay incentive supported by grant funds. In October, over \$479,000 in incentive pay was distributed to staff at West Main Elementary, Rosa Parks Millbrook Elementary, Rolling Hills Elementary, Belt Line Elementary, and Houston Elementary.

Additional funds have been made available for the 2009-2010 school year allowing Lancaster Elementary to join the Teacher Advancement Program.

**School closing information will be available on the district web site as needed. The FlashAlert system will be used to send information for closings or delayed openings once a decision is made. Emails will also be sent through the Tiger Tracks eNewsletter source as well. Local television and radio stations will be contacted with closing or delayed opening information.**

## Spelling Bee Competition

Students across Lancaster ISD have been practicing their spelling skills in preparation for the annual Spelling Bee. Students in grades 2 through 8 participated in campus level spelling bee competitions through December. The first and second place winners will advance to the District Spelling Bee competition at the Lancaster High School Auditorium. Kindergarten through 3rd grade first place campus winners will compete in the District Spelling Bee, January 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. 4th through 8th grade students will compete on January 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The first place winner of the 4th-8th grade contest will proceed to the Regional Spelling Bee.

## PK – 12 SciMaTe Fair 2010

It is time for the 2010 **Science, Math and Technology (SciMaTe)** Fair. Local school fairs will be held on or before January 27, 2010. Winning school projects will be entered into the district fair for judging. The District SciMaTe Fair will take place on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the Lancaster ISD Administration Building Gym. Awards will be presented following the judging of the projects. The public is invited to attend.



## Academic Decathlon

The Lancaster High School Academic Decathlon team will compete on January 29th and 30th in Keller. The Academic Decathlon program provides high school students an opportunity to experience the challenges of rigorous academic competition through participation in team activities. Lancaster High School competes as a medium school. The team consists of nine members and is sponsored by Sarah Christie and Blake Jessup. In January 2009, the Academic Decathlon team won the regional competition and advanced to state. The current team is rigorously preparing for the January competition. We anticipate another excellent outcome at the competition in Keller.

### DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?

Airport	972-218-1274	Fire (Non-emergency)	972-218-2600
Animal Services	972-218-1200	Focus Daily (Newspaper)	972-223-9175
Atmos Energy (Gas)	800-460-3030	Police (Non-emergency)	972-218-2700
Building Inspections	972-218-1200	Housing	972-275-1750
Cable (Time Warner)	972-742-5298	Life Center (Seniors)	972-218-3780
Chamber of Com./Visitor's Center	972-227-2579	Library	972-227-1080
City Hall	972-218-1300	LISD Administration	972-218-1400
Code Compliance	972-218-1200	Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
County Elections Dept.	214-637-7937	Municipal Court	972-218-1334
Constable Derick Evans	972-228-0006	Outreach Center	972-227-0138
Country View Golf Course	972-227-0995	Parks & Rec. Center	972-218-3700
County Health Dept. (Immune.)	214-819-2100	Planning & Zoning	972-275-1720
County Tax	214-653-7811	Post Office	800-275-8777
Dallas County Precinct 1	972-228-2272	Power to Choose (Electricity)	866-797-4839
Development Services	972-218-1200	Public Works	972-275-1700
Driver's License	469-272-9301	AT&T (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
Economic Development	972-218-1315	Water Utility Billing	972-218-1328
Employment-City Job Line	972-218-1313	Water/Sewer Repair	972-218-2324

**F**ocus on Internet Safety . . . Lancaster ISD will implement a district-wide initiative to promote Internet Safety during the month of January. Students at all levels will receive instruction and information about ways to stay safe on the Internet. Resources from NetSmartz ([www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)) provide multimedia Internet Safety presentations specifically designed for parents, communities, teens and tweens. NetSmartz also provides on- and offline learning activities for parents to use with their children and teens about Internet Safety. Additional resources will be utilized from [www.iKeepSafe.org](http://www.iKeepSafe.org) and [www.CyberSmart.org](http://www.CyberSmart.org). Check out the great resources available on these various sites that promote safety for all on the Internet.

**Fire Safety Saves Lives!**

On November 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:52 a.m. the Fire Department responded to a house fire in the historic section of the City. The residents were just exiting the home upon our arrival. An 8 year old boy and the father suffered smoke inhalation. The fire was caused by a shirt being placed over a lamp to dim the lamp; the shirt ultimately ignited. The fire occurred in the boy's bedroom – he escaped and alerted his family. The boy and father were transported to the hospital, where they received treatment and were released the next day.

During the follow-up investigation the boy's grandmother wrote a voluntary statement thanking the Fire Department for its fire safety education efforts. It turns out that the boy had attended the Oktoberfest activities on the Square and had visited the fire safety house. During those presentations children were taught to escape from a fire by crawling below the smoke. The boy and his grandmother credit the survival of the family to that training.

We would like to BRAG on all the fire employees who devote countless hours to this training every year. Our institutional memory tells us that this is the third time in several years where the training of children has produced a heart-warming result. We may not always know when our efforts are rewarded with a saved life, but the effort is worthwhile on its own merits.



**Did You know you can obtain accident reports online?**

Just log onto [www.policereports.us](http://www.policereports.us), select the State of Texas, locate "Lancaster Police Department", and you can search by report number, name or date of accident. A credit card number is required to purchase and print the complete report.

**What is NIXLE.com?**

The Lancaster Police Department has partnered with NIXLE.com to provide community updates and alerts regarding our community. Nixle is a web based company that allows citizens (who sign up) to receive updated real time information from our department.

**What Public Safety forms are available at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com)?**

Visit [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com), departments, police to obtain alarm permits (new & renewals), security house watch forms, citizens public safety academy applications and much more. These are just some of the things you can do from the comfort of your own home. Stay connected for the latest and greatest interactive services to be offered.

# 10 MINUTES

## TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

### The Census: A Snapshot

- ▲ **What:** A count of everyone in the United States.
- ▲ **Who:** Everyone in the United States must be counted - both citizens and noncitizens.
- ▲ **When:** 2010 Census forms will be mailed or delivered in March 2010 to students living off campus and April - May 2010 to students living in on-campus housing.
- ▲ **Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- ▲ **How:** College and university students should complete and return their census form upon receipt.

### A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- ▲ The census helps employers understand where the next generation of workers is coming from, which will influence recruitment efforts.
- ▲ Scientific research depends on census data. College and university students and faculty use census information for reports, statistical profiles and other research projects.
- ▲ Census data affect college and university tuition grant and loan programs.
- ▲ Census figures help establish fair-market rents and enforce fair lending practices.
- ▲ Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments. Funding is used to build new schools, roads, hospitals and more.

### Easy, Important and Confidential

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### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

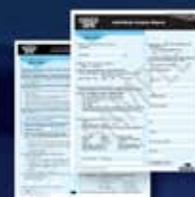
# United States<sup>®</sup> Census 2010

### CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

### ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

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## January

- 9 Christmas Tree Recycling, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. @ Town Square Parking Lot, 200 S. Dallas Avenue  
Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Yu-Gi-Oh tournament, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 12 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 13 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 14 Mayor's State of the City Address, 11:30 a.m. @ Recreation Center Grand Hall  
K-3 District Spelling Bee – LHS Auditorium @ 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Lancaster Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, 11:00 a.m. @ Elsie Robertson Middle School  
Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - City Offices, LISD, Chamber of Commerce closed
- 19 LISD Students Holiday / Staff Work Day  
Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 20 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Library Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. @ Library Conference Room  
4th – 8th District Spelling Bee, 7:00 p.m. @ LHS Auditorium
- 21 Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 23 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Pokemon tournament, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 25 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers
- 26 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 27 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 28 YMCA of Dallas Tax Credit Education Workshop (in English), 7:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 29,30 Academic Decathlon Competition – Keller High School
- 30 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library

## February

- 1 Pajama time story hour, 7:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 2 Groundhog Day  
Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 3 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 4 Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 4-6 Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale
- 6 District SciMaTe Fair – LISD Administration – 1:30 p.m.  
Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 8 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers
- 9 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 10 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 11 Chamber Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. @ Recreation Center Grand Hall
- 13 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
YMCA of Dallas Tax Credit Education Workshop (in English), 11:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 14 Valentines Day

### Genealogy Programs

7:00 p.m.

**January 12** - "Education in the Revolutionary Era" - Susan Reno

**February 9** - "Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestors" - Don Raney

**March 9** - "Researching Your Civil War Ancestors" - Mic Barnett

**April 13** - "Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestors" - Lloyd Bockstruck

## February continued

- 15 Presidents Day  
Tree Advisory & LRDC-4B meeting, 6:00 p.m. @ Recreation Center  
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m. @ Pump Station
- 16 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 17 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 18 LISD District-wide Black History Program, 7:00 p.m. @ LHS Auditorium  
Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Teen Game Night, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 20 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Black History Month "Katanga Rhythm Art: make a musical instrument", 11:00 a.m. @  
Veteran's Memorial Library  
"Katanga Rhythm World: play drums, dance and learn song", 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial  
Library
- 22 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers
- 23 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 24 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 27 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library Memorial Library
- 26 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers
- 27 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 28 Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library

### Anime Club

Art and Anime Club  
ages 11-14 and their  
parents, 5:00 p.m.  
- 6:00 p.m. 1st &  
3rd Thursdays of  
each month

## March

- 1 Pajama time story hour, 7:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 2 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 3 Nature School for Home School Students, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. @ Bear Creek Nature Park  
Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 4 Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 6 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
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- 11 YMCA of Dallas Tax Credit Education Workshop (in Spanish), 7:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial  
Library
- 14 Daylight Savings
- 13 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 15 Tree Advisory & LRDC-4B meeting, 6:00 p.m. @ Recreation Center  
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m. @ Pump Station
- 15-19 LISD Spring Break  
Spring Into Veteran's Memorial Library for a Film Break  
(Harry Potter movies), 2:00 p.m. daily
- 16 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 17 St. Patrick's Day  
Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 18 Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 20 Birding at Bear Creek, 8:00 a.m. @ Bear Creek Nature Park

### Anime & Yu-Gi-Oh Club

For ages 15 & up,  
6:30 p.m. on 1st &  
3rd Thursdays of  
each month.



**March continued**

- 20 Family Nature Walk, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ Bear Creek Nature Park  
Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 22 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers
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- 24 Nature School for Home School Students, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. @ Bear Creek Nature park  
Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 27 Golden Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. @ Recreation Center  
Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 30 Preschool Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 31 Nature School for Home School Students, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. @ Bear Creek Nature park  
Daycare Story Hour, 10:00 a.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library

**April**

- LISD Visual Arts Exhibition at each campus throughout the month
- 1 April Fool's Day  
Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library  
Teen Game Night, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 2 Good Friday - City Offices Closed
- 3 Family Story Hour, 2:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 4 Growing Up Wild - Nature Programs for Pre-K Children, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. @ Bear Creek Nature Park
- 5 Pajama time story hour, 7:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library
- 15 Teen Library Club, 7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Veteran's Memorial Library

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Entry Form**

[www.LancasterMLK.org](http://www.LancasterMLK.org)  
**January 16, 2010**

Line-up begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. at Elsie Robertson Middle School, 822 Pleasant Run Rd.  
Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
city state zip

Please check category that best describes your entry:

Float     
  Marching Band     
  Motor Vehicle  
 Choir     
  Marching Unit     
  Equestrian

Please return entry form with brief explanation of your entry with the approximate number of individuals via mail or fax (972-227-0619) to:

Roosevelt Nichols  
2318 Monclair  
Lancaster, TX 75146

## **Water Conservation Measures regarding Meter Tampering**

**Water that is taken without being paid for, affects all Lancaster water customers. The cost of unauthorized water use is absorbed by the paying customers.**

**On June 14, 2009 the Lancaster City Council adopted measures to address unauthorized water use.**

**The City of Lancaster Ordinance # 2009-06-14 Sec. 13.106(b) states:**

**For the purpose of this section it shall be presumed that a person who is receiving economic benefit of public water has knowingly tampered with the tangible property of the City of Lancaster if the communication of supply has been:**

**Diverted from passing through a metering device; or Prevented from being correctly registered by a metering device; or Activated by any device installed to obtain public water without a City of Lancaster authorized metering device.**

**A person Violates this section if they knowingly tamper with public property as described above or seek to take public water without proper payment, and shall be subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and/or disconnection of water service. Each day a person fails to comply is a separate violation.**

**If you have questions or for additional information  
you may contact 972-218-2324.**



## **UNITED NATURAL FOODS LOCATES FACILITY IN LANCASTER**

United Natural Foods, Inc. the leading national distributor of natural, organic and specialty foods has chosen Lancaster, Texas as the home of its twenty-first U.S. distribution facility. UNFI will lease 590,000 square feet of distribution space in the ProLogis 20/35 Business Park located at IH-20 & Houston School Road. The facility will serve UNFI's customer base throughout the Southwest including Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The Lancaster location was chosen over several other possible locations in the DFW region. "Our strategic location, available facilities, strong labor pool and a competitive incentive package were factors that tipped the scale in the favor of Lancaster as the preferred site for the company's newest distribution operation", commented Ed Brady, Director of Economic Development for the City of Lancaster.

Over 130 new jobs will be created in the first two years of operation with an opening date projected for the fall of 2010.

## Bear Creek Nature Park

Is a great place to bring the family, relax, and enjoy the beauty Lancaster has to offer! Located at 1000 Bear Creek Road, Bear Creek Nature Park offers programs for families, children, Scout and school groups and civic organizations.

For program information go to [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com) or contact Naturalist Linda Dunn at 972-218-7339 or email at [ldunn@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:ldunn@lancaster-tx.com)

## Blooms of Spring Wildflower Walk

### Dates of Classes:

Saturday, April 10 @ 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24 @ 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at the Pavilion at Bear Creek

**Cost:** \$3.00 adult; \$2.00 6-12 yrs. old; 5 and under free



Bear Creek has the remains of native tall grass prairies which mean beautiful wildflowers for us! Come and learn the wildflowers of the native prairie and the stories behind them as well!

**Register at the Lancaster Recreation Center.**

## Family Fishing Day

**Date of Class:** Saturday, April 10th

**Time of Class:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Location:** Meet at Bear Creek Nature Park Pavilion

**Cost:** \$1.00 per person

### Description:

Fishing is great activity for the whole family! Join us for a fun and informative day in which families will learn about fishing safety, regulations, knot tying, casting a rod & reel, bait and lures, and fish identification. After learning the different skills through attending different skill stations, you will have the opportunity to test your new found skills at the pond at Bear Creek Nature Park.



Participants will receive an Angler pin and certificate upon completion of all stations! Bring a sack lunch, something to drink, and fishing gear if you have it!

**This event is sponsored in part by Texas Parks & Wildlife.**

## Family Nature Walk



### Date & Time of Classes:

March 20, 2010, 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

April 24, 2010, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

### Location:

Meet at Bear Creek Pavillion Cost: \$3.00/adult; \$2.00 6-12 yrs. old; 5 and under free

What animal lives at the park and is used for the base of our perfumes? What tree has been used for wine and as a vitamin supplement? Bring the family out to the park and find the answer to these questions and many more as we take a walk on the trails of the park and discover the many treasures nature offers.

**Resister at the Lancaster Recreation Center.**

## Wednesday Nature School for Home School Students

**Dates of Classes:** (8 weeks)  
 Wednesdays, March 3th – April 21st  
**Time of Classes:**  
 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
**Location:**  
 Meet at the Bear Creek Pavilion  
**Cost:**  
 \$3.00/child per program

These hands-on classes will focus on the life sciences and will be interactive and engaging for all students, supplementing what is taught at home. Topics covered will include insects, wildflowers, the water cycle, soil and trees. All age ranges are accommodated during lessons.



## Growing Up WILD – Nature Programs for Pre-K Children

**Dates of Programs:**  
 Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
**Time of Program:**  
 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:**  
 Meet at Bear Creek Pavilion  
**Cost:**  
 \$3.00/child per program

Come for one program or all four! During these programs we will focus on a theme for the day – insects, birds, trees, mammals – and have stories, activities and guided hikes as children learn through a hands-on, fun experience in nature!

## Birding at Bear Creek

**Date of Class:** Saturday, March 20  
**Time of Class:** 8:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Meet at Bear Creek Pavilion  
**Cost:** \$3.00 adult; \$2.00 6-12 yrs. old

Because of the diverse habitats and the presence of water at Bear Creek, birds are in abundance at Bear Creek. Join Naturalist Linda Dunn and find out what all the birding excitement is about. Learn what to look for when identifying birds, and learn to bird by listening as well. Bring a pair of binoculars if you have them.



## The Stork's Nest

Learn how to have the healthiest pregnancy possible. Free classes and free baby items offered. The Stork's Nest is sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated/Upsilon Nu Zeta Chapter in partnership with the March of Dimes.

Classes held every Saturday, register ASAP!!!  
 Saturday, January 23, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Free)

## Park Hours

March through October  
 Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.  
 November through February  
 Tuesday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Closed all City Holidays

## Scouting Programs

Bear Creek offers programs for local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops to gain the requirements needed for certain badges and/or patches. Programs in the past have included the Webelos Naturalist, Forester and Geologist badge and the Girl Scout Watching Wildlife and Water Everywhere Triad. For information on these programs or to set-up other scout programs, contact Naturalist, Linda Dunn at 972-218-7339 or email at [ldunn@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:ldunn@lancaster-tx.com).



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## Overhanging Limbs

This is a good time of the year to prune trees and shrubs on your property, cooler weather is better for the vegetation to be cut rather than during the extreme heat of the summer. Trees, shrubs and other vegetation should not block a public sidewalk and hang no lower than 7' over the sidewalk. Limbs should not hang lower than 14' over a street or alley. Keeping your limbs to a minimum of 14' over the street will help keep our City fire trucks and trash service vehicles from being scratched when passing by. Most fire trucks are between 11' - 14' in height. Damage to the top and/or sides of these vehicles can be quite expensive. Take advantage of your FREE bulk pickup service by trimming the weekend prior to your week of bulk pickup. All bulk items are to be set out at the street, no items will be picked up in alleys.

**Are your house numbers visible from the street and from the alley?**



**Did you recently paint your house and forget to re-post your house numbers?**

This is a very easy and inexpensive property maintenance item to correct.

Your house numbers should be posted on the front of your house, normally near your front door.

The numbers need to be in Arabic; a minimum of 4 inches in height, and a minimum width per line of 1/2 inch.

The numbers should be a different color than the paint on your house so they can be seen from the street.

If you have an alley, whether paved or grass alley, numbers need to be posted in the back so they can be seen from the alley as well.

The numbers should be posted on the back of the house, normally around a back door, the back portion of your fence along the alley, or the garage.

Having your house numbers posted in both locations is very important and helpful for police, fire, ambulance, trash service and other utility service providers in identifying the proper location.



## Polycarts (Trash Container)

Once every week your polycart is to be set out either at the curb for front collection or at the alley for rear collection. You may set the container out after 7:00pm the night before your collection and must remove within 24 hours. For collection at the street, your trash container should be brought back by the front of the house. For collections in the alley, your trash container should be brought back towards the garage or back of the house. Do not leave the containers at the location of pickup. Containers in violation will be tagged for your removal. If not removed, a citation may be issued. All trash must be bagged and placed completely inside the container. Do not overfill the containers or set trash outside of them.



Vehicles should not be left on jacks or other items keeping the vehicle raised for more than 72 hours. Safety issues may arise if left unattended.

## Parking and Inoperable/Junked Vehicles

Vehicles, including boats, campers and RV's are to be parked on an improved parking surface. Most improved surfaces are concrete driveways but in some locations within City Limits, properties that originally had gravel driveways can continue to use a gravel driveway if properly maintained.

Not enough room to park all your vehicles? Contact Lancaster Building Inspections at 972-218-1200 for information about expanding or improving your driveway.

**Did you know that by keeping the vehicle registration sticker on your car, truck, motorcycle, or trailer up-to-date, you're helping Texas build and maintain our highways, roads and bridges?**



Drivers who are late to register or fail to register their vehicles, and newcomers to Texas who don't register in the 30-day grace period, deprive Texas of badly needed funds.

Vehicles within Lancaster City Limits must have current vehicle registration and current inspection tags to be on your property in public view or in the street. Vehicles that have flat tires, are wrecked or inoperable need to be repaired or removed from public view by being parked inside your garage. Vehicles without current registration and inspection are subject to removal and/or a citation being issued by Code Compliance. For registration information visit [www.texasonline.state.tx.us](http://www.texasonline.state.tx.us) or your local Texas Department of

Transportation Department.

**REMEMBER: CHECK THE DATE. LOVE YOUR STATE.**

**Protect your neighborhood and your Livestock**



If you live within the City of Lancaster city limits, chickens and roosters are not allowed in a residential area without a Specific Use Permit (SUP). Cages and coops are not allowed without building permits.

Livestock such as goats, horses and other animals must meet the following requirements:

- Grazing animals must be on a property with a main structure (house);
- Grazing animals over 500 pounds must have a minimum fenced area of 15,000 square feet per animal;
- Grazing animals under 500 pounds must have a minimum fenced area of 3,000 square feet per animal;
- All fenced areas must be a minimum of 150' from the main structure (house);
- All animals must have access to shelter, food and water at all times;
- Ground accumulation of manure shall be collected and properly disposed of so not to create an offensive odor;
- Fences must be made of approved material.

For permit information, contact the Building Inspections Division at 972-218-1200.

**NO  
RIDING OF HORSES OR  
LIVESTOCK ON TRAVELED  
PORTION OR MEDIAN OF  
HIGHWAY, ROADWAY STREET  
OR ALLEY  
ORDINANCE # 2009-10-31**

**City of Lancaster  
Ordinance No. 2009-10-31**

**Riding of Horses and Livestock**

The City of Lancaster has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the riding of horses and certain other livestock on the traveled portion of the roadway and the center median of the roadway for the following roads:

Street Name	Location
Beltline Road	In its entirety
Bluegrove Road	In its entirety
Cedardale Road	In its entirety
N. Dallas Avenue	In its entirety
Houston School Road	In its entirety
Jefferson Road	From its intersection at Second Street northward to its intersection with the City Limits.
W. Pleasant Run Road	In its entirety

The riding of horses and certain other livestock may be exempt from this ordinance if participating in a permitted special event or parade.





1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
 Lancaster, TX 75134  
 972.218.3702

**Hours of Operation**

<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Closed

**Forms of Payment:** *Cash, Money Orders, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express*

**Memberships**

Enjoy the benefits of membership. Quarterly and annual members have access to 2 basketball gymnasiums, an indoor walking track, state of the art fitness atrium and our fabulous year round, indoor water park with a two-story spiral slide. Annual members have the added benefit of enjoying all land based and water aerobics classes that are offered.

	Daily Fee	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual
Child (4-12)	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$150.00
Adult (16-54)	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$180.00
Seniors (55+)	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$150.00
Walkers Club (55+)			\$12.00	\$40.00
Couples			\$100.00	\$300.00
Family* (up to 4 people)			\$125.00	\$360.00
Additional Family Member			\$25.00	\$50.00

\*Family members must reside in the same household, proof of residency required. No more than 2 family members over the age of 21 permitted on a Family Membership. All memberships valid one year from the agreement date.

Land Aerobics Punch Pass	15 visits for \$45.00 cannot be used for water aerobics
Water Aerobics Punch Pass	15 visits for \$45.00 cannot be used for land aerobics

**Corporate Memberships**

Attention Business Owners! Are you looking for ways to save money, minimize sick time usage, and promote good health among your employees? Work site fitness programs are credited with saving money by increasing employee productivity, morale, and essentially promoting a healthier lifestyle among employees. Corporate Memberships can be obtained for businesses that have as few as five (5) employees. Corporate/ Agency employee memberships are valid for one (1) year from their agreement date.

Number of Employees	Agency Fee	Individual Employee Fee
Corporate A (5-9 employees)	\$125.00	\$100.00 (An \$80.00 Savings)
Corporate B (10+ employees)	\$300.00	\$100.00 (An \$80.00 Savings)

## Do you know the refund policies?

### Membership Refund Policies

- Gym Day passes, Pool Day passes and Monthly memberships are **non-refundable**.
- Quarterly and Annual Membership cancellations must be submitted in person by completing a membership cancellation form at the front desk with recreation staff.
- A refund, minus a \$25.00 cancellation fee will be issued if the request is submitted in writing within 5 business days from the date of purchase.
- After 5 business days from date of purchase **Membership fees are non-refundable**.
- We do not grant credit or issue refunds for non use of memberships. If memberships are not used due to medical reasons, the customer will be granted an extension for the time that they were under a physicians' care. Written verification by a physician is required.

### Aquatics

- When a session is canceled by the Parks & Recreation Department due to low enrollment or other circumstances, a transfer to another class or a full refund will be offered. **NO REFUND AFTER THE FIRST CLASS DATE.** PLEASE NOTE - DUE TO A LIMITED AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE POOL SPACE, THERE WILL BE **NO MAKE UP CLASSES.**
- If a class date is canceled by the Aquatics staff due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, participants will receive a prorated credit towards any recreation program, membership or future facility rental. **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

It is the registrant's responsibility to check with recreation center staff should a class be canceled. For cancellation information call (972) 218-3702.

### Land Aerobics and Water Aerobics Classes

- **Aerobics 15 Punch Pass memberships are non-refundable**
- In the event of severe weather, Lancaster Recreation Center may cancel classes. Please call 972-218-3702 for information. Every effort will be made to post cancellation notices prior to the start time for the aerobics class.
- **There are no refunds for land or water aerobics classes.**
- If a class is cancelled on the same day that a customer has paid for attendance a credit voucher for future attendance to an aerobics class will be issued.
- If a class is cancelled on the same day that a customer has scanned their membership punch pass for attendance a credit voucher for future attendance to an aerobics class will be issued.

### Youth and Adult Program and Sports League Registration

All Athletic Fees and Registration Dates are subject to change without notice. In case of snow, ice, severe weather, Lancaster Recreation Center may decide to cancel classes. If in doubt please call the rain out line (972) 218-5559 for information.

If the Lancaster Recreation Center cancels a youth or adult program or a sports league due to low registration, fees will be refunded at no charge. Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing.

You may cancel a program or sports league registration **up to 1 week prior** to the start date of the program. Registration and fees will be issued as credit to customer's account.

**No refunds, credits, or programs or sports league transfers will be issued on or after the day the program starts.**



## Pool Party Rental Information

Reservations must be made in person at the Lancaster Life Center-Reservations Desk at least 14 days in advance.

Reservations will be taken up to 3 months in advance of a scheduled event.

**Deposit and all rental fees are due in full at the time of the reservation.**

## Private Party Available Rental Times

### Friday

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.-10:15 p.m.

### Saturday

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

## Private Party Rental Fees

Number of Guests		Non-Resident Rates
<b>Damage Deposit Rate</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
1-50 guest	\$150.00	\$175.00
51-100 guest	\$200.00	\$225.00
101-150 guest	\$225.00	\$250.00
151 or more guest	\$300.00	\$350.00
<b>Semi-Private up to 30 guests</b>	<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$105.00</b>

## Semi Private Rentals

You may have your event during public swim, with your own party room for up to 30 guests. Please call for more details. Available Saturdays only from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Available Fridays (Only During the months of June, July & August) from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

\*All individuals entering the pool area (swimmers and non-swimmers) for private and semi-private pool parties will count toward the guest count.

## Adult Fitness/Lap Swim

Hours Begin August 18, 2010

Time	Days	Cost
6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Tue.-Fri.	\$5.00/visit
10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Tue.-Fri..	\$5.00/visit
8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Sat.	\$5.00/visit

## Water Aerobics

Time	Days	Cost
9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m	Tue.-Fri.	\$5.00/class or \$45.00/15 classes
5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	Tue. & Thu.	\$5.00/class or \$45.00/15 classes
9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	Sat.	\$5.00/class or \$45.00/15 classes

## Public Swim

Time	Days	Cost
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (8:15 p.m. whistle)	Wed.	\$5.00/visit
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (4:45 p.m. whistle)	Sat.	\$5.00/visit

*All of the above Free with Annual Membership.  
All times and activities subject to change.*

## Spring Swim Lessons

Learn-to-Swim classes provide instruction to help swimmers of all ages and abilities develop their swimming and water safety skills. It is designed to give students a positive learning experience. The objective is to teach people to swim and to be safe in, on and around the water. Lessons start in February. Please call 972-218-3711 for more information.

## Aerobics Course Descriptions

### Early Rise

Early Rise is an Aerobics class with stretching and strength training routines. The goal is to improve all elements of fitness (flexibility, muscular strength, and cardiovascular fitness).



Monday,  
Wednesday &  
Friday  
6:00 a.m.-  
6:45 a.m.  
\$5.00/Visit or  
free with annual  
membership



### Coaches

All new and returning coaches interested in volunteering must be certified through National Youth Sports Coaches Association. NYSCA coaching certificates are offered online for all sports. For information visit [nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics](http://nays.org/nyscaonlineclinics).

**Want to be a volunteer coach, or get involved?**

Contact the Athletics Office at (972) 218-3712 for more information.

### Cardio Kickboxing

Cardio Kickboxing is high energy, explosive, exciting and motivating. It is the non-contact kickboxing workout that blends elements of boxing, martial arts and traditional aerobics into a 30 to 60 minute exercise routine.

Monday & Wednesday  
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.



**Lancaster Youth  
Lancaster Soccer Association**  
Ages 4-14  
Spring Registration: January  
Spring Season: April to June  
Fall Registration: July  
Fall Season: October to December  
Fee: \$65.00

### Youth Sports Council

The Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department is looking for interested individuals to participate on the **Youth Sports Council**. The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate and promote the planned activities of the various independent athletic organizations with the City of Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department in an effort to provide the citizens of Lancaster with the opportunity to participate in quality amateur sports programs on or in quality athletic facilities.

New organizations desiring to become a Sport Association must complete an Athletic Facility Permit application and be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department (90) days prior to the start of league play. Each organization must appoint one representative from their organization to be a member of the Youth Sports Council. Come by the Lancaster Recreation Center to complete an application.

**Dallas Blaze  
All Star Cheer**

Do you have spirit?  
Then this is the class for  
you. This class will build  
self-esteem and give you an  
opportunity to meet new friends  
and travel to different contest.  
Open to all girls ages 5-18.

Tuesday & Thursday  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
\$35.00/Month



**Mizu No Kokoro Ryu Karate**

Age 15 years and up

The disciplines of the Art taught are:  
Kata, Japanese Culture, Hold-Breaks,  
Multiple-Attacker, Weapons Defense,  
Weapons Use, Focus of Ki, Joint-Locks,  
Grappling, Throws, Body Mechanics,  
Balance, Pressure Points and Anatomy.

Wednesday  
7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
\$25.00/Month

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Join the Lancaster Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). YAC was created to serve as an advisory board to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Lancaster City Council. The mission is to provide youth of our community opportunities to volunteer and to take initiatives that help promote change. Call 972-218-3713 to find out more information about becoming a member.

**Sport Associations**

**Sport Xcellence**

Chad Harper (972) 400-8263

[www.sportsexcellence.com](http://www.sportsexcellence.com)

Registration: On-going

Fee varies call for details

Mike Delgado (214) 766-0977

**Arts & Crafts with Amber**

Calling all little artists ages 3-9! Come join Amber as she helps your child develop into the next GREAT artist. Your child will paint and draw their personal masterpieces. Please wear clothes that you do not mind getting paint on.



Tuesday & Thursday

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

\$5.00/class

or \$45.00 for 10 classes

**Summer Camp**

Summer is approaching fast so start planning now to have your child enrolled in the best Summer Camp in the area. We are planning cool field trips and events for little ones. We are going to take them on a summer adventure that they will never forget. If you have any questions please feel free to call Brandon Harrison at 972-218-3713.



**TAAF Men 45 & over Invitational**

Tournament Dates: April 10th and 11th  
 Location: Lancaster Recreation Center  
 Registration: January 5th -March 29th  
 Tournament Entry Fee: \$175.00 (Two Game Guarantee)  
 Coaches Meeting: Friday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Recreation Center  
 Rule: TAAF

**High Noon Hoop Out**

Each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. bring your best basketball game. Get your workout on the hardwood. Must have a membership or purchase a day pass.

**Women Adult Spring Volleyball League**

BUMP, SET, SPIKE! Spring adult volleyball league will be offered on Thursday evenings at the Lancaster Recreation Center. Bring your family and friends to compete and have a great time!

Registration Starts: January 5th  
 Registration Ends: February 27th  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
 \$125.00/Team  
 Ages: 16 and up

Season runs: March-April + PLAYOFFS!  
 Team must provide uniforms.  
 Winning Team will receive championship award.

**Texas 9 Men (Adult Sports)**

Carlos McGee      469.337.5370      [mcgee@texas9man.com](mailto:mcgee@texas9man.com)      [www.texas9man.com](http://www.texas9man.com)

**Spring Break Basketball Camp**

Sports Xcellence specializes in professional skills training that focus on the development and enhancement of student athletes. Learn from the best Select basketball coaches in the DFW area. The Sports Xcellence coaching staff has a wide range of experience from playing overseas, winning state championships, and holding college records in scoring and rebounding. We have created custom techniques guaranteed to improve any athletes' game in six weeks, no matter what style or level of play. We teach all aspects of the game to create a better understanding of how the game is played.

Learn the fundamentals of:

- Ball Handling
- Defense
- Shooting
- Rebounding
- Attacking the basket

Cost: \$85.00  
 Days: Monday-Friday  
 Session 1: 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 Session 2: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



**Lancaster Spring Baseball**

Youth Baseball is coming back to Lancaster!! Be a part of something great. Your child will have a great time playing America's Past Time Sport. With the support of the head baseball coach of Lancaster High School and community volunteers, this season will be a grand slam.

Season Runs: March-April  
 Registration: January 4th-February 26th  
 \$75.00/Player (Includes Cap, Shirts, and Pants)

Age Divisions:

- 5-6 T-Ball
- 7-10 Minor League
- 11-12 Major League
- 13-14 Junior League

We are looking for committed volunteer coaches and team moms. Contact 972-218-3702 to become a volunteer.



### **Sports Xcellence (NEW!)**

Sports Xcellence specializes in professional skills training that focus on development and enhancement of student athletes. Sports Xcellence works with children to young adults, male and female. Sports Xcellence also focuses on Academic Xcellence, maturity, and personal well-being of their student athletes.

Other specializations include: Academics, Athletic Development, and Athlete marketing Sports. Sports Xcellence offers a variety of services: Athletic Fundamental Development & Marketing Athletic Xcellence.

### **Academic Xcellence Tutoring**

At Academic Xcellence our tutors are the best in the industry. We have a team of tutors consisting of Rocket Scientists and Engineers (each with at least a masters degree from an accredited College or University), College professors, Teachers, Lawyers and Accountants. Academic Xcellence Tutoring strengths are in Science, technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) allowing us to focus on critical community needs and use real life examples to motivate our students and give them a sense of hope, creating innovative minds and building confidence in every student.

Class dates: Monday & Wednesday  
Class time: 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$75.00

### **Sports Xcellence Best of the South Basketball Tournament**

Come join the best teams in the metroplex and finally get the answer you have been waiting for. Who has the Best team across the south? Be crowned the best and hold bragging rights for the year. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams and T-shirts passed out to everyone.

All day June 11th and 12th

For more information visit: [www.sportsexcellence](http://www.sportsexcellence).  
Call or come by the Recreation Center to set a one on one training session.

### **Sports Xcellence Basketball Academy**

Learn from the best Select Basketball coaches in the DFW area. The sports xcellence coaching staff has a wide range of experience from playing overseas, winning state championships, and holding college records in scoring and rebounding. We have created custom techniques guaranteed to improve any athlete's game in six weeks, no matter what style or level of play. We teach all aspects of the game to create a better understanding of how the game is played. Learn the fundamentals of:

Better ball handling, better defense, shooting, rebounding and attacking the basket.

Age: 5-18 boys and girls  
Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Days: Saturdays  
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

### **Academic & Sports Xcellence Awards Banquet**

A Time to honor all the hard work of our students and athletes and offer scholarships to potential graduating seniors.

Thursday May 6th

### The Grand Hall Banquet Facility

Available: Mon-Thu 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
 Fri-Sat 8:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.  
 (972) 218-3785

Reservation must be made a minimum of 14 days in advance, in person at the Lancaster Recreation Center. Note: Two (2) hour rental minimum; an additional \$200.00 deposit for alcoholic beverages; uniformed Lancaster Police Officer.

1,200 sq. ft. room	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$200.00	\$250.00
Set-Up Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rental per hour	\$35.00	\$55.00
Kitchen per hour	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Includes:</b> 56 chairs & projection screen	7(60" round tables)	1(6' head/buffet tables)

2,200 sq. ft. room	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$200.00	\$250.00
Set-Up Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rental per hour	\$55.00	\$75.00
Kitchen Rental per hour	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Includes:</b> 112 chairs & projection screen	14(60" round tables)	2(6' head/buffet tables)

3,300 sq. ft. room	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$250.00	\$250.00
Set-Up Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rental per hour	\$75.00	\$100.00
Kitchen Rental per hour	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Includes:</b> 192 chairs & projection screen	24(60" round tables)	3(6' head/buffet tables)

### Community House

Located in Downtown Lancaster, 100 N. Henry

Details and Times	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Fri. 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	\$175.00	\$255.00
Sat. & Sun. 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	\$135.00	\$205.00
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	\$135.00	\$205.00
6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	\$175.00	\$255.00

Includes: Approximately 8 (60" round) & 1 (6 ft. buffet) table; 100 chairs; kitchen; restrooms

### Parks and Gazebos

Daily Rental Period  
 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \* 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
 Rental Season April-November

### Community Park East Pavilion

Located at 200 Dallas Avenue

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$125.00

Includes: 4 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

### Community Park Amphitheatre

Located at 200 Dallas Avenue

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$25.00	\$50.00

Includes: 4 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

### City Park Pavilion

Located at 211 W. Beltline

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$125.00

Includes: 13 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

\*All fees and deposits are to be paid in full at the time the rental is booked.  
 \*All deposits must be made on a credit card ONLY. No cash or checks accepted for deposits.



**City Park Pavilion II**

Located at 211 W. Beltline

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$125.00

Includes: 15 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

**Heritage Park Gazebo**

Located at 250 N. Dallas Avenue

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$125.00

Includes: electricity

**Kidsquare**

1990 W. Beltline Road

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100.00	\$150.00
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$125.00

Includes: 12 picnic tables, grill, electricity

**Bear Creek Pavilion**

1000 Bear Creek Road

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Rental Rate	\$75.00	\$150.00

**Athletic Fields**

Each Athletic Complex has a 4 hour rental minimum

	Deposit	Hourly Rental Rate
Cedardale Fields	\$50.00	\$25.00/hr.
City Park Fields	\$50.00	\$25.00/hr.
Royce Clayton Ballpark	\$50.00	\$30.00/hr.
Youth Football Fields	\$50.00	\$25.00/hr.

**Lancaster Life Center**

A Full Service Activity center for adults 50 years and up.

**Annual Membership Dues:**

Lancaster Residents: \$3.00

Non-Residents: \$5.00

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

- Dining hall
- Computer lab
- Game room
- Reading lounge
- Class room
- Arts and craft room
- Nurse (consultation room)

**Activities:**

Meal program- lunch served 12-1:00 p.m.

- Arts
- Bunko
- Checkers
- Dominos
- Wii Fitness
- Bingo
- Cards
- Crafts
- Hand and Foot

**Gymnasium**

Two (2) full size courts equipped with hardwood floors surrounded by six (6) adjustable official height goals that can accommodate simultaneous activities. Shirts and proper shoes must be worn at all times. Maximum capacity: 500. Reservations: fourteen (14) days in advance; one (1) reservation group within 23 hour period.

	Deposit	Hourly Rental Rate
Full Court: Adults & Youth	\$50.00	\$75.00/hr.

**\*4 hour rental minimum. A written request form must be completed and approved by the Athletic Supervisor for all gymnasium and field rentals.**

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade



January 16th  
11:00 a.m.  
from Elsie  
Robertson  
Middle  
School  
Lineup  
begins at  
9:00 a.m.

## Golden Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 27th, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Recreation Center



## Arbor Day Music Fest

Heritage Park Gazebo  
Saturday, April 17 th  
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



## Old Fashion 4th of July

Fireworks at Dark at  
Community Park



## Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Shop for book and video  
bargains! Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
through Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The  
Thursday evening preview sale is  
a "first choice" for members of the  
Friends of the Lancaster Library  
or with \$10 for non-members.  
There will be special bargains  
on leftovers on Saturday at  
1:00 p.m. See more at  
[BookSaleFinder.com](http://BookSaleFinder.com).

## Spring Trash-Off

This year will be a combined Trash-off, Arbor Day & Earth Day  
Event.

We will be accepting all your trash, at 200 Dallas Avenue (Town  
Square Parking Lot) between 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Saturday,  
April 17th. After you have done your spring cleaning, stop off at  
the Arbor/Earth Day Festival and learn how to vermin-compost,

reduce, reuse and recycle your household  
waste and grab a tree to plant in your yard  
while listening to some excellent tunes.  
Join us for a full day of fun.

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