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# Lancaster Connection

Mission: Lancaster City Government is Financially Sustainable and provides Efficient, Customer-Friendly Services. Our citizens have Trust and Confidence In City Government And Leaders.

Connecting with residents, neighborhoods and businesses.

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At the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 8, 2009, Mayor Marcus E. Knight delivered the 2009 State of the City address to a crowd of business and community leaders. Mayor Knight informed the attendants of our triumphant past, the realities of the present and the vision and direction planned for the future. 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 Vision 2023 Goals and Objectives was the outcome of the City Council's strategic planning. As a result, the Council and Staff have a road map with a beginning point, stops along the way and a destination to be the best place to live with excellent schools and educational opportunities and attractive corridors and neighborhoods where our citizens enjoy convenient living. To realize this vision, several major projects and partnerships are in place such as the Airport Master Plan, Streetscape Improvement, Interurban Visitor's Center, Commercial Growth, Residential Growth, Youth Commission, Community Events, Solid Waste Recycling Program, Naturalist and On-Line Bill Pay. To work towards financial sustainability the city is participating in Tex-Pool, implemented electronic meter readers and improved ability to seek municipal funding at the most competitive rates working towards a solid foundation for current and future audits.

As the community continues to grow, our vision can only be fulfilled if we continue to move forward and provide the services and quality of life amenities that will attract residents and businesses seeking the best place to live, learn, work and play.

City holiday closings

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## What Is The Digital TV (DTV) Transition?

Currently, many over-the-air stations are broadcasting in both analog and digital TV formats. After February 17, 2009, full power TV stations will broadcast only in digital. The DTV transition will affect those who watch free over-the-air television (through a rooftop antenna or "rabbit ears"). If you watch over-the-air programs on an analog TV, you must take action before February 17, 2009.

## Why Are Broadcast Stations Switching to Digital?

Federal law requires the switch, which will free up the airwaves for police, fire, and emergency rescue communications, allow broadcasters to offer programming with better picture and sound quality and offer more programming choices, and allow for advanced wireless services for consumers.

## What Should I Do to Be Ready? You have three choices:

**1. Connect your analog TV to a digital-to-analog converter box.** Digital-to-analog converter boxes are in stores and have a one-time cost of \$40-\$70. To help you pay for the boxes, the U.S. Government is offering two \$40 coupons per household. (Please note that these coupons will expire 90 days after mailing). For more information on the coupons, visit [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov), or call 1-888-388-2009 (voice) or 1-877-530-2634 (TTY). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna.



**2. Buy a digital television** (a TV with a built-in digital tuner). You do not need a High Definition TV (HDTV) to watch digital broadcast television. You only need a digital TV (or an analog TV connected to a digital-to-analog converter box). Plus, you should not need a new antenna if you get good quality reception on analog channels 2-51 with your existing antenna.

### 3. Subscribe to a paid TV service.

If your TV set receives local broadcast stations through a paid provider such as cable or satellite TV, it is already prepared for the DTV transition. Cable companies are not required to transition or switch any of their channels to digital. However, if you have an analog TV that does not receive local broadcast stations through your paid provider, you will need a digital-to-analog converter box to watch digital broadcasts on that TV.

Please join us along with 30th District Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson for a DTV Informational meeting, Friday, February 6, 2009 at the Lancaster Life Center located at 240 Veterans Memorial Parkway. The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and it will detail more information regarding the DTV transition. For more information on this event, please call (972) 218-3780.

**For More Information:  
1-888-CALL-FCC(Voice)  
DTV.gov  
1-888-TELL-FCC(TTY)**



## NEED ASSISTANCE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?



Airport	972-227-5721	Focus Daily (Newspaper)	972-223-9175
Animal Services	972-218-1200	Police (Non-emergency)	972-218-2700
Atmos Energy (Gas)	800-460-3030	Housing	972-275-1750
Building Inspections	972-218-1200	Life Center (Seniors)	972-218-3780
Cable (Time Warner)	972-742-4298	Library	972-227-1080
Chamber of Commerce	972-227-2579	LISD Administration	972-218-1400
City Hall	972-218-1300	Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
Code Compliance	972-218-1200	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 Department (Immun.)	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	Public Works	972-275-1700
Development Services	972-218-1200	AT&T (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
Driver's License	469-272-9301	Today Newspaper	972-298-4211
Economic Development Corporation	972-218-1315	TXU (Customer Service)	800-242-9113
Employment-City Job Line	972-218-1313	Water Billing	972-218-1328
Fire (Non-emergency)	972-218-2600	Water/Sewer Repair	972-218-2324
Voter Registration (Co. Elections Dept.)	214-637-7937		



## An Eye on Recycling



Recycling in Lancaster is easy! You do not have to separate your plastic from your glass, paper or metals. We have Single Stream Recycling, which means everything goes in the same recycling bin. Our Recycling Partners, Allied Waste do all the hard work for you.

The basic rules are: place empty bottles and cans in the bin, break-down your boxes, try to keep things dry and do not over fill your bins creating a litter hazard during high winds.

See the list below and you will discover you have a lot of things to recycle!



### Recyclable items:

**Steel, tin, and aluminum cans** - labels do not need to be removed, but please make sure the cans are empty. (example: green beans can - don't rinse)

**Paper items**- newspapers, magazines, coupons, junk mail and envelopes, flattened cereal and cardboard boxes, phone books, etc. (please remove plastic wrappers they will jam the recycling machinery). Cardboard boxes must be flattened and placed in the bin.

**Glass items**-all glass items, regardless of color, may be recycled when empty. Please remove lids because they are usually metal. (example: marshmallow fluff jar - please rinse; apple juice bottles - don't rinse)

**Plastic items**-any empty plastic bottle may be recycled. No plastic grocery bags, please. (water bottles - do not rinse; peanut butter jar - please rinse; laundry detergent jug - don't rinse; pasta sauce jar - remove solids).



### NOT Recyclable: These items go in the trash.

Plastic toys, dishes, bowls, buckets, plastic wrap, plastic shopping or trash bags (many grocery stores accept the plastic shopping bags for recycling; plastic wrap (non-cling film) may be recycled along with your grocery bags, food cling film is to be put in trash). Usable items can be donated to charity

- Window glass, auto glass
- Light bulbs
- Medical waste - needles, syringes, lancets
- Pizza boxes or plastic take out food containers
- Plastic containers used for motor oil, anti-freeze , etc.
- Wire hangers
- Aerosol cans
- Dishes, china, ceramics, mirrors
- Aluminum foil
- Paper towels, facial or toilet tissue
- Waxboard
- Baby diapers
- Batteries



**The following wastes are prohibited at the Landfill and require special handling for proper disposal, as they are considered HAZARDOUS.**

- Lead acid batteries
- Used oil filters
- Tires
- Pesticides
- CFCs
- PCBs
- Liquids
- Other regulated wastes

If you have any questions regarding recycling or solid waste, please contact Deborah Willingham, Recycling and Solid Waste Coordinator at 972-218-1388 or [dwillingham@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:dwillingham@lancaster-tx.com).



REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE - REBUY





Code Connection

The City of Lancaster Code Compliance Department has divided the City into four areas. Each Code Enforcement Officer surveys their area at least 6 times a year for non-compliance of the Property Maintenance Code and other Ordinances of the City of Lancaster. Each Officer drives their area proactively and reactively.

To report code violations you may access the MyGov website at www.mygov.us. You may access this site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Select the DFW area and select Lancaster to request service from and then fill in the details of the issue. Be very specific and provide a telephone number or e-mail address for City staff to contact you. You may enter in your e-mail address to receive automatic updates on your request.

One of the violations most often found is parking on unimproved surface. Any vehicle, including campers and boats on a trailer, must be parked on an improved surface. An improved surface is concrete or asphalt. Some properties that have gravel drives and have been historically used as a driveway are allowed to continue with gravel with approval of the code official. Parking on an easement or on a vacant lot is not allowed. Should you need additional parking you may contact Building Inspections at 972-218-1200 for information in obtaining a building permit to extend your existing driveway.



Another common concern is limbs or vegetation overhanging into a public space. Tree limbs, shrubs and other vegetation cannot obstruct a street, alley or public sidewalk. By trimming your trees you are making public spaces more accessible to fire trucks and sanitation vehicles and the sidewalks more accessible to residents.



Due to the amount of overgrown trees, the limbs are scraping the roofs of fire trucks, emergency vehicles, and our sanitation vehicles from Allied Waste. The trees are also blocking visibility of STOP signs and street signs in numerous locations. Listed below are the basic regulations for maintaining vegetation on your property.

1. Overhanging limbs over any street or alley shall not be lower than fourteen (14) feet above the road or alley.
2. Overhanging limbs over sidewalks shall not be below seven (7) feet above the sidewalk surface.

If you plan to trim your trees, take advantage of the free bulk pickup for residential properties. Bulk trash pickup is once every other month, even months only. Call 972-218-1200 or visit the City website for the bulk trash schedule. For a more detailed description you may visit the City website at www.lancaster-tx.com under Departments see the Code Compliance section to view the Property Maintenance Code.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Trash-Off Event

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm  
Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-2:30pm

Lancaster's Spring Trash-Off is an opportunity for Lancaster residents to clean their property and volunteer to help clean right-of-ways and creek sides within the City of Lancaster. We encourage all churches, civic groups, homeowners associations and individuals to take part in this community event as well. Spring Trash-Off is provided for City of Lancaster residents only. Proof of residency is required at check-in. No loads will be accepted after closing times listed.

Trash-Off will be held rain or shine.

Collection Locations: 200 S. Dallas Ave (Town Square Parking Lot)  
1930 Cedardale (Softball Field Complex)

- Trash-Off participants will be able to deposit bulk trash/brush in dumpsters.
- Pickup FREE MULCH from after 1pm- Bring your own container or bag (Dallas Ave Location Only)
- NEW in 2009- Bring your personal documents to the Dallas Ave location to have shredded on site - Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> ONLY from 9am-1pm.
- Refreshments will be served

\*\*No paint, oil or hazardous materials will be accepted. Oil, Oil Filters & Anti-Freeze now accepted at Kwik Kar, 1442 W Pleasant Run, every day of the year. The City has the right to refuse materials that appear to be hazardous in nature.

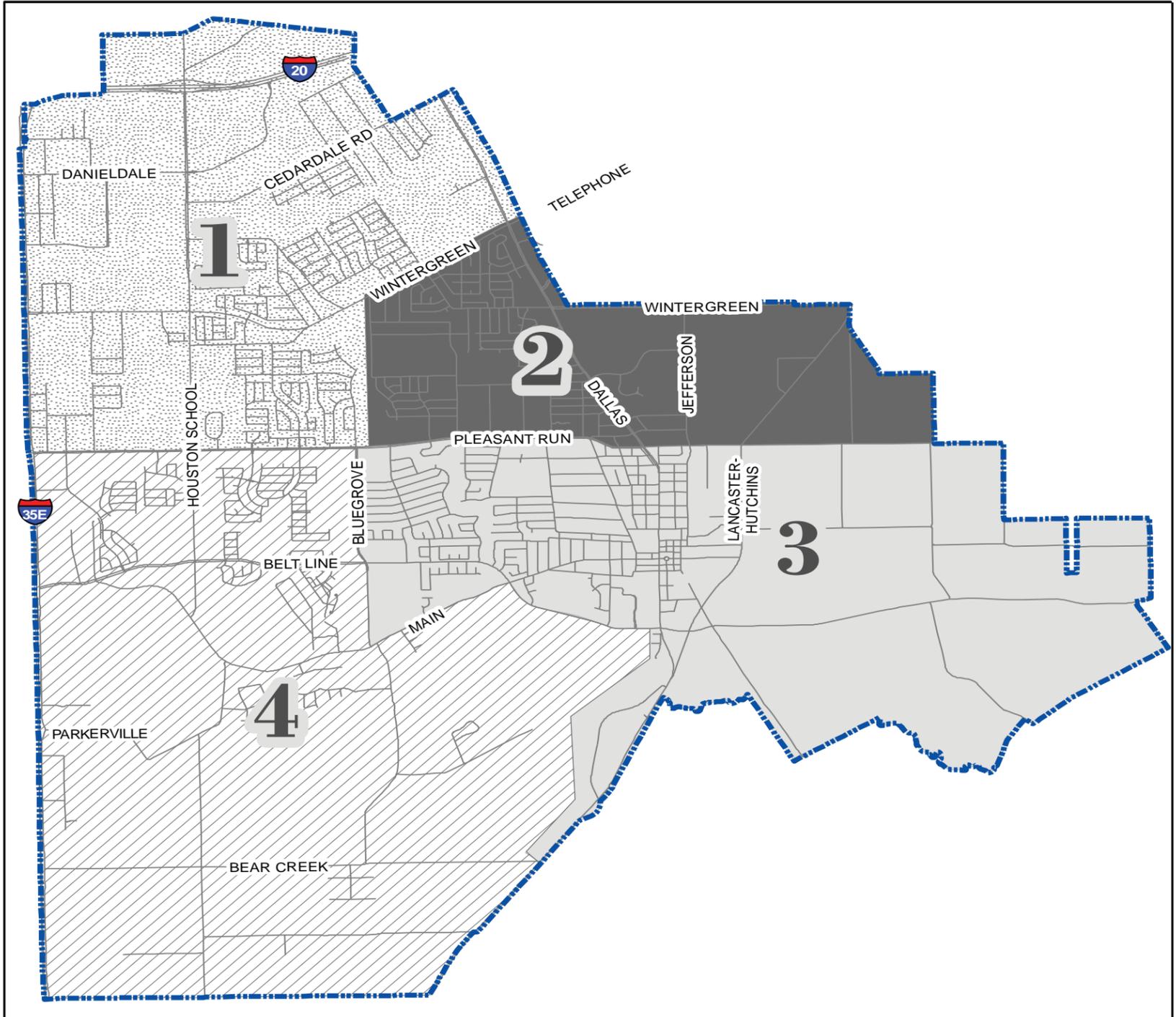
How Can I Volunteer?

Contact Code Compliance at 972-218-1200 to volunteer by cleaning up a roadway, waterway or median, assist at one of the locations or donate to the event. Individuals and organizations are welcome. Merit badges available for Scout Troops. Community Service hours available to High School students that volunteer.

For more information call the Code Compliance Department at 972-218-1200.



# Bulk Pickup Schedule



**Bulk Trash Schedule**

Month	1st Full Week	2nd Full Week	3rd Full Week	4th Full Week
Aug 08	Aug 4-8	Aug 11-15	Aug 18-22	Aug 25-29
Sept 08	No Bulk Collection In September- Fall Trash Off Sept 20th			
Oct 08	Oct 6-10	Oct 13-17	Oct 20-24	Oct 27-31
Nov 08	No Bulk Collection in November			
Dec 08	Dec 1-5	Dec 8-12	Dec 15-19	Dec 22-26
Jan 09	No Bulk Collection in January- Christmas Tree Recycling Event			
Feb 09	Feb 2-6	Feb 9-13	Feb 16-20	Feb 23-27
Mar 09	No Bulk Collection in March- Spring Trash Off March 20-21			
Apr 09	Apr 6-10	Apr 13-17	Apr 20-24	Apr 27-May 1
May 09	No Bulk Collection in May			
Jun 09	Jun 1-5	Jun 8-12	Jun 15-19	Jun 22-26

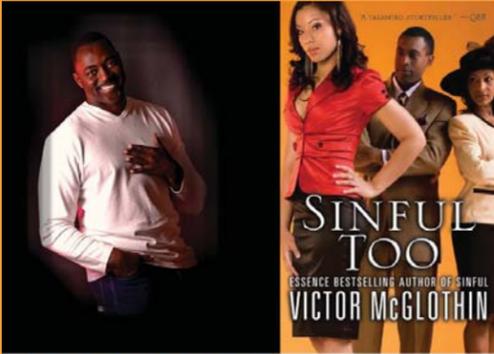


**For pickup information, please contact the Utility Billing department at (972)972-1328.**

Brush/bulk is to be placed at the street no earlier than the weekend before your pickup week, and no later than 7:00 AM Monday of your pickup week. Early or late setouts will be tagged for your immediate removal and are subject to removal charges.



Now in its sixth year, the **2009 Best Southwest Bookfest** has outdone itself by including an outstanding cast of writers, children's performers, musicians, illustrators, and a children's writing workshop that comprise this year's book festival line up. It has something for everyone, no matter what your age and no matter whether your favorite books are fairytales, history, mystery, and more! This exciting event will be held March 27-28, 2009 at the Lancaster Recreation Center located at 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway. Listed below are authors participating in this years' event.



### Victor McGlothlin

Victor McGlothlin, author of ten novels, the latest, Sinful Too, and an *Essence* best-selling writer, is a featured presenter at the **2009 Best Southwest Bookfest**, held this year in Lancaster, Texas, on March 27 and March 28, 2009.

**SINFUL TOO**  
VICTOR MCGLOTHLIN

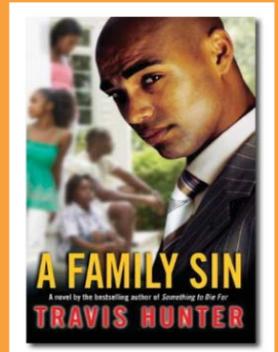


Come meet characters in history, like Jim Bowie, brought to "life" by Jim Edmonson, author of The Alamo - from Early History to Current Conflicts, described as the best and most readable of all historical accounts about the Alamo.



Hear Travis Hunter, author of six "urban" novels; discuss with humor and affection his work with budding youth writers and about changing troubled

lives in Georgia.



Joe R. Lansdale, native Texan and writer in residence at Stephen F. Austin University, has written novels and stories in many genres, including Western, horror, science fiction, mystery, and suspense. He has also written for comics as well as Batman: The Animated Series. His latest book is Leather Maiden, and his awards include the British Fantasy Award, the 2004 Edgar Award for best novel from Mystery Writers of America, and the 2007 Grand Master Award at the World Horror Convention.

Fun is having David Gish, Texas children's entertainer; delight children with artistic balloons while presenting a message to all about reading "fun"amentals.



The Best Southwest Bookfest presents a children writers workshop. In the fall of 2006, Christopher Espinosa developed a seminar that demonstrated his novel, The Story Window™ Writing Workshop, and innovative writing strategies for students. Virtually all campuses that have hosted The Story Window™ Writing Workshop credit the program for increasing student writing performance and/or commendation scores associated with TAKS assessment testing. Among his first books published was Rocket Megabyte's Texas Adventure. Christopher "Uncle Chris" Espinosa has been able to combine his love of writing, drawing, and performing into a successful and rewarding career. Mr. Espinosa's latest work, World Wide Wes, is currently in publication and will be available for distribution in 2009.



John Aubrey Anderson is author of such greats as *Abiding Darkness*, *Wedgewood Grey*, and *If I Die*, also known as the *Black or White Chronicles*. Listen to the fascinating story of his journey developing the characters, the great odds he faced in the publishing world, and about what he's about to publish next.

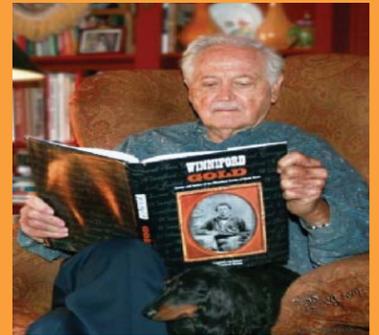


This author discovered her roots in genealogy and it inspired the character for her smash hit book, *HERetic's Daughter*. Kathleen Kent is a tenth generation descendant of Martha Carrier. She is also a masterful storyteller, and in her first novel she paints a haunting portrait, not just of Puritan New England but also of one family's deep and abiding love in the face of fear and persecution.



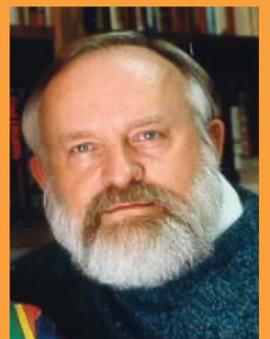
Kathryn Casey, crime novelist talks about her new book, *Singularity*. Publisher's Weekly calls the book "riveting," and Booklist labels it "an impressive fiction debut." She's an award-winning journalist and author of five true crime books, with twenty years of writing about real cases, real people, and real murders. Ask her about her amazing education on law enforcement and the criminal mind.

Winn Morton was born in Lancaster, was raised in Dallas, and had a 25 year career in New York as a stage and costume designer for Broadway, Off-Broadway, television, ice shows, and circuses. In 1977, Winn returned to Lancaster to restore his family home, the Winniford Farmstead. He has put together *Winniford Gold* from the stories and letters of Ethel Winniford Morton, his mother. These stories tell of the Winniford's migration to Texas in 1844-45. Come be inspired to create your book of family history.



Evelyn Palfrey, pictured with Travis Hunter, is author of four novels, the latest, *Everything In Its Place*. Described by *Booklist* as "Gritty and realist," is Palfrey personified. Like Hunter, she is a returning guest speaker at the Best Southwest Bookfest.

Carlton Stowers, of Cedar Hill, Texas, is recognized as a master of the true crime book at the head of the class. Stowers has received a variety of national and state awards for his work. A 12-time finalist in the Dallas Press Club competition, he has won seven Katie Awards and four Stephen Philben Awards from the Dallas Bar Association. His CARELESS WHISPERS received the Oppie Award from the Southwestern Booksellers Association in the Reporting category. He was named Dallas' Best Writer by the Dallas Observer and in 1997 was honored as Author of the Year by the Friends of the Duncanville Library. Most recently he received a National Community Network Media Award for Exceptional Merit for an article he wrote on the deadly use of heroin by teens in Plano, TX.



Come enjoy the best cultural experience in the southern Dallas County cities where you will see these and other great authors, writers, illustrators, musicians, children's workshop presenters and entertainers, such as:

- Michelle Stimpson, author of *Trouble in My Way*
- Edward Nawotka, contributing editor for *Publishers Weekly*
- Barbara Venton Montgomery, author of *Wonderful, Wicked Women of the World*

For further information on this free event, visit the website at [www.BestSouthwestBookfest.org](http://www.BestSouthwestBookfest.org) or call the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library at (972) 227-1080.



Memberships

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 parks 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.

Corporate Memberships

Attention Business Owners!

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	\$100 (An \$80 Savings)
Corporate B (10+ employees)	\$300	\$100 (An \$80 Savings)



Bear Creek Nature Park



Come and visit Bear Creek Nature Park on those warm winter days when you need a breath of fresh air from being confined to the house all winter! Programs to look forward to this spring are Nature Programs for kids, Bird Watching walks in March, and Wildflower Walks in April.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 6:00am-9:00pm	Friday 6:00am-5:00pm	Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm	Sunday Closed
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Forms of Payment

Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express

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Pool Information

Spring Pool Information

Adult Fitness/Lap Swim

Time	Days	Cost
9:00am-9:45am	Tuesday-Friday	\$5/class or \$45/15 classes
5:30pm-6:15pm	Tuesday & Thursday	\$5/class or \$45/15 classes
9:00am-9:45am	Saturday	\$5/class or \$45/15 classes

Water Aerobics

Time	Days	Cost
6:30am-8:45am	Tuesday-Friday	\$5/visit
10:00am-12:00pm	Tuesday-Friday	\$5/visit
6:30pm-8:30pm	Tuesday-Thursday	\$5/visit (1 Lane Available)

Public Swim

Time	Days	Cost
2:00pm-5:00pm	Saturday	\$5/visit (4:45pm whistle)
6:30pm-8:30pm	Tuesday-Thursday	\$5/visit (8:15pm whistle)

Spring Break March 17-19

Time	Days	Cost
2:00pm-5:00pm	Tuesday-Thursday	\$5/visit (4:45pm whistle)
6:30pm-8:30pm	Tuesday-Thursday	\$5/visit (8:15pm whistle)

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.

Saturdays (4 Weeks)  
\$30/Session

Session 1 3/7/09-3/28/09	8am-8:45am 10am-10:45am	Level 3 & 4 Level 1 & 2	\$30.00
Session 2 4/4/09-4/25/09	8am-8:45am 10am-10:45am	Level 3 & 4 Level 1 & 2	\$30.00

Pool Events

**Splish...Splash...Family Luau Night**  
Bring the whole family for a fun filled night of Tropical Music and Swimming! How low can you go? Limbo, Games and Lots of Fun!

April 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm  
\$3.00 per person  
Free Popcorn

**Dollar Days Family Swim Nights**  
Bring the whole family to swim for a discounted price!  
\$1.00 per person  
Wednesday Nights March-April 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Whistle @ 8:15pm

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 Rental Times

Day Available Rental Time

Friday  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
8:15pm-10:15pm

Saturday  
11:00am-1:00pm  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
7:45pm-9:45pm



Lifeguard Certification  
American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Course  
Course will last two weekends

Dates: March 7 & 8 / 14 & 15  
Times Sat. 9am-6pm & Sun 10am-6pm  
Cost \$150.00





## Rec & Athletics Classes

### Recreation Courses

#### Milah's School of Dance

Age 2 and up

Offering recreation and professional dance classes.

Choose from classical ballet, point, tap, jazz, lyrical, mommy and me, or creative dance. Also offering Junior Dance Competition Company and Teen Dance Competition Company. Continually registering at the Lancaster Recreation Center!

Time	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
1:00pm				Mommy & Me
5:30pm			Creative Dance	
6:30pm	Ballet 1		Recreational Dance	
7:30pm		Dance Acro	Jazz / Musical Theatre	
8:00pm	Ballet 2			Ballet 2

Classes start at \$25 a month

Contact: Miss Milah @ (254) 338-7278 or MilahsDanceStudio@yahoo.com

#### Adult Dance (Ages 16 and older)

Swing Out Dance

Classes are affordable and filled with all the swing etiquette, style, technique and fun you can imagine. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned vet it has something for you. Our goal is fun, exercise, style & grace

Tuesday & Thursday

7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

\$10/visit



#### Dallas Blaze All Star Cheer

Age 5-18

Do you like to have fun? Do you have spirit? Do you want to become one of the best cheerleaders? Then Dallas Blaze All star cheer Squad is for you! Open to girls ages 5-18, classes start January 6, 2009. Registering NOW at the Lancaster Recreation Center!

Tuesdays and Thursdays

6:00pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$25 a month

#### Kid Filmmaker Workshops

Age 8-18

The Kid Filmmaker Workshops are an educational and exciting introduction to the world of filmmaking. Each workshop is designed to give students hands-on experience operating a digital video camera, scriptwriting, acting, producing, directing, and editing a short movie. Workshops start January 12, 2009. Registration available NOW at the Lancaster Recreation Center, class sizes are limited so register today!

Monday or Thursday

6:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

10:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-3:00pm

Cost: \$135 for 5 weeks

#### 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 & Anatomy.

Wednesday

7:30pm-9:00pm

Cost: \$25 a month

#### The Stork's Nest

Learn how to have the healthiest pregnancy possible. Free classes and free baby items offered. Sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated/ Upsilon Nu Zeta Chapter in partnership with the March of Dimes. Classes starting January 24, 2009, registering Now!

Saturday

9:00am-11:00am

Cost: FREE

#### Adult CPR/First Aid/AED

Learn to recognize and respond to emergencies including shock, cardiac and breathing emergencies for adults, children and infants, heat and cold emergencies, sudden illnesses and poisonings. Additionally, participants will learn first aid for everything from cuts and scrapes to muscle, bone and joint injuries.

Saturdays 8am-2pm

Date(s) 2/7, 2/28, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11 & 4/25

Cost: \$35.00

### Aerobics Courses

#### Early Rise

An aerobics class with stretching and strength training routines with the goal of improving all elements of fitness (flexibility, muscular strength, and cardiovascular fitness).

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

6:00am-6:45am

\$5/visit or free w/Annual Membership



#### Cardio Kickboxing

Cardio Kickboxing is high energy, explosive, exciting and motivating. It's 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

5:30pm-6:30pm

\$5/visit or free w/Annual Membership

#### Afternoon Blast

Get your work out done and over with before it gets too late. This class consists of cardiovascular calorie burning workouts and strength training.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

4:30pm-5:30pm

\$5/visit or free w/Annual Membership

### Aerobics Class Calendar

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
6:00am-6:45am	Early Rise		Early Rise		Early Rise
4:30pm-5:30pm	Afternoon Blast	Afternoon Blast	Afternoon Blast	Afternoon Blast	
5:30pm-6:30pm	Kickboxing		Kickboxing		

Class availability is based on the number of participants per class. Schedule subject to change without notice.



Facility Rentals

The Grand Hall Banquet Facility  
 Available: Mon-Thu 8:00am-9:00pm  
 Fri-Sat 8:00 am-12am  
 (972) 218-3782

Reservations 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. **\*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.**

1,100 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
Includes: 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
Includes: 112 chairs & projection screen	14(60"round tables)	2(6'head/buffet tables)

3,300 sq ft room	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$200.00	\$250.00
Set-Up Fee	\$50.00	\$50.00
Rental per Hour	\$75.00	\$100.00
Kitchen Rental per hour	\$25.00	\$25.00
Includes: 192 chairs & projection screen	24(60"round tables)	3(6'head/buffet tables)

The Lancaster Life Center

Details and Times	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$300	\$500
Fri / Sat / Sun 6pm-12pm	\$750.00	\$1050.00
Sat / Sun 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm	\$600	\$750

Community House

Charming Remodeled Rental House  
 Located in Downtown Lancaster at  
 100 N. Henry St

Details and Times	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Friday 6:00pm-12:00am	\$175	\$255
Sat & Sun		
8:00am-12:00pm	\$135	\$205
1:00pm-5:00pm	\$135	\$205
6:00pm-12:00am	\$175	\$255

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

Parks and Gazebos

Daily Rental Period  
 8:00am - 12:00pm \* 1:00pm - 5:00pm  
 Rental Season April-November

Community Park East Pavilion

200 Dallas Ave

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

Includes: 4 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

Community Park Amphitheatre

200 Dallas Ave

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$25	\$50

Includes: 4 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

City Park Pavilion – 211 W. Beltline

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

Includes: 13 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

City Park Pavilion II – 211 W. Beltline

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

Includes: 15 picnic tables, grills, and electricity

Heritage Park Gazebo – 250 N. Dallas Ave.

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

Includes: electricity

Kidsquare – 1990 W. Beltline

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

Includes: 12 picnic tables, grill, electricity

Bear Creek – 1000 Bear Creek Road

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$150
Rental Rate	\$75	\$125

\*Only available to organized groups

Bear Creek Pavilion – 1000 Bear Creek Road

Details	Resident	Non-Resident
Rental Rate	\$75	\$150

Gymnasiums

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

Court Size	Deposit	Rate
Full Court: Adults and Youth	\$50.00	\$75.00 per hour
Half Court: Adults and Youth	\$50.00	\$50.00 per hour

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

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



## Calendar

### February 2009

10	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
10	7:00 p.m.	LISD Black History Program @ LHS Auditorium
10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
11	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
12	11:30 a.m.	Chamber Luncheon @ Rec Center
14		Valentine's Day
14	2:00 p.m.	Black History Program @ Library
17	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
18	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
19	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
19	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
19	7:00 p.m.	Teen Library Club @ Library
21	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
23	7:00 p.m.	Black History Program @ Library
24	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
26	6:00 p.m.	Annexation Town Hall Meeting @ Rec Center
28	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library

### March 2009

1	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
2	7:00 p.m.	LISD Board of Trustees Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
2	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Time @ Library
3	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
3	7:00 p.m.	Lancaster Art Club @ Library
4	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
5	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
5	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
5	7:00 p.m.	Teen Library Club @ Library
7	8:00 a.m.	Math Olympiad
7	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
10	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
11	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
14	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
16-20		LISD Spring Break
17	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
18	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
19	10:00 a.m.	Employee and Community Wellness & Health Fair @ Rec Center
19	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
19	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
19	7:00 p.m.	Teen Library Club @ Library
20-21	8:30 a.m.	Spring Trash Off @ Town Square Parking Lot & 1930 Cedardale Rd.
21	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
24	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
24	7:00 p.m.	Lancaster Night @ The Meyerson
25	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
27-29		BSW Bookfest @ Rec Center
28	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library

### April 2009

4	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
6	7:00 p.m.	LISD Board of Trustees Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
6	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Time @ Library
7	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
8	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
9	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
9	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
9	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
10		Good Friday (City Offices Closed)
11		Lancaster Country Rally Bicycle Race @ Town Square Parking Lot
12		Easter
14	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
14	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
15	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
17-18	7:00 p.m.	Drill Team Spring Show @ LHS Auditorium
18	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
18		American Veterans Traveling Vietnam Wall Tribute @ in Desoto
20	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
21	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
22	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
23	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
23	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
23	6:00 p.m.	Arbor Day Celebration @ Community Park
23	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
25	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
27-May1		Early Voting Begins @ Library
30	5:00 p.m.	LISD Art Expo

### May 2009

2	10:00 a.m.	Crime Victims Awareness Fair @ Rec Center
2	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
4	7:00 p.m.	LISD Board of Trustees Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
4	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Time @ Library
5		Early Voting Ends
7	7:45 a.m.	LIMA Prayer Breakfast @ Rec Center
7	12:00 p.m.	LIMA Community Prayer @ Gazebo
7	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
7	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
7	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
7	7:00 p.m.	All Choir Night @ LHS Auditorium
9	7:00 a.m.	Election Day
9	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
14	7:00 p.m.	All Orchestra Night @ LHS Auditorium
16-17		American Cancer Society Relay for Life @ DeSoto West
16	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
19	7:00 p.m.	All Band Night @ LHS Auditorium
21	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
21	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
21	6:30 p.m.	DigiTech Showcase
21	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
25		Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)
26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
30	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library