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Vision 2023: 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.

Connecting with residents, neighborhoods and businesses.

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

FIVE YEAR GOALS

FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE CITY GOVERNMENT
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HIGHER QUALITY DEVELOPMENT: RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
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ENHANCED CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES
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CITY—AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

THE PREFERRED PLACE TO LIVE: PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILIES
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GREATER COMMUNITY UNITY AND PRIDE

LANCASTER MISSION

LANCASTER CITY GOVERNMENT is FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE AND PROVIDES EFFICIENT, CUSTOMER-FRIENDLY SERVICES

OUR CITIZENS HAVE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN CITY GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.

POLICY AGENDA 2008-2009

TOP PRIORITY

- ★ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: PRIORITIES & FUNDING
- ★ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES: POLICY DIRECTION
- ★ AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: UPDATE
- ★ STORM WATER MASTER PLAN & RATE EVALUATION
- ★ ENTRANCE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS & FUNDING

HIGH PRIORITY

- ★ TIF/TIRZ POLICY DIRECTION & IMPLEMENTATION —ALLEN GROUP DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
- ★ FEES SCHEDULE STUDY: REVIEW & REVISION —(FULL COST RECOVERY & MARKET ANALYSIS)
- ★ ANNEXATION POLICY & PLAN
- ★ DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN & FUNDING (TIF/PID/TIRZ)
- ★ FIRE STATION 2: RENOVATION FUNDING
- ★ PARENT RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE

LANCASTER VISION 2023

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.
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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.

MAJOR PROJECTS 2008-2009

- ★ NOKOMIS ROAD BRIDGE STREAM BANK PROTECTION: EASEMENTS, BIDS (ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS)
- ★ DANIELDALE ROAD REPLACEMENT (I-35 TO HOUSTON SCHOOL ROAD) DESIGN
- ★ PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
- ★ SENIOR CENTER BUILDING
- ★ MUNICIPAL COURT
- ★ I-20 SERVICE ROAD: CONSTRUCTION
- ★ FIRE STATION 2: RENOVATION
- ★ INTERURBAN VISITOR'S CENTER
- ★ STREETScape IMPROVEMENT: PROJECTS & FUNDING

The Mayor, City Council, and Executive Team met in the summer 2008 for their annual strategic planning session with Lyle Sumeck of Lyle Sumeck Associates, Inc. These sessions are designed to review, evaluate and fine-tune the vision, plan, and execution of priorities, progress and goals of the council and administration. The priorities established reflect careful evaluation of a multitude of both short and long-term needs and they also provide direction for city administration. The Lancaster Vision 2023 and the Five Year Goals remained consistent with previous goals and objectives.



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Texas Recycles Day



NEED ASSISTANCE?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?

Airport	972-227-5721
Animal Services	972-218-1200
Atmos Energy (Gas)	800-460-3030
Building Inspections	972-218-1200
Cable (Time Warner)	972-445-5555
Chamber of Commerce	972-227-2579
City Hall	972-218-1300
Code Compliance	972-218-1200
Community House (Seniors)	972-227-2650
Constable Derick Evans	972-228-0006
Country View Golf Course	972-227-0995
County Health Department (Immun.)	214-819-2100
County Tax	214-653-7811
Dallas County Precinct 1	972-228-2272
Development Services	972-275-1701
Driver's License	469-272-9301
Economic Development Corporation	972-218-7036
Employment-City Job Line	972-218-1313
Fire (Non-emergency)	972-218-2600
Focus Daily (Newspaper)	972-223-9175
Police (Non-emergency)	972-218-2700
Housing	972-275-1750
Library	972-227-1080
LISD Administration	972-218-1400
Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
Municipal Court	972-218-1334
Outreach Center	972-227-0138
Parks & Recreation Center	972-218-3700
Planning & Zoning	972-275-1720
Post Office	800-275-8777
Public Works	972-275-1700
AT&T (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
Today Newspaper	972-298-4211
TXU (Customer Service)	800-242-9113
Water Billing	972-218-1328



Recycling Facts:

- ♻️ Americans use 205 MILLION plastic bottles every hour. Most of them are thrown away...
- ♻️ Every month Americans throw out enough glass bottles and jars to fill up a giant skyscraper (think: Empire State Building). All these jars are recyclable!
- ♻️ Recycling one ton (about 2,000 pounds) of paper saves 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil (enough power for the average home for six months), 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of pollution.
- ♻️ If all our newspapers were recycled, we could save about 250 MILLION trees a year! If every American Recycled just one-tenth (that's one out of ten) of their newspapers, we could save about 25 Million trees a year.
- ♻️ Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours - or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline. In spite of this, Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial fleet of airplanes every three months
- ♻️ A typical family consumes 182 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk and 26 gallons of bottled water a year. That's a lot of containers - make sure they're recycled!

www.texasrecyclesday.org
Log on and take the Recycling Pledge Today!



Citizens Public Safety Academy



The Lancaster Police and Fire Departments have set Thursday, March 5, 2009 through Thursday April 30, 2009 for their Spring Citizens Public Safety Academy.

The Lancaster Police and Fire Departments have combined their efforts to offer a unique training opportunity for the citizens of Lancaster.

The 9 week Citizens Public Safety Academy is a program designed for persons living or working in the City of Lancaster who wish to learn more about Lancaster Police and Fire Department operations. The Academy is taught by Lancaster Police and Firefighters. Academy participants are given the opportunity to participate in demonstrations of emergency operations and to ride with on-duty Police and Firefighters on emergency calls. While designed for residents and people who work in Lancaster, non-residents are welcome as space permits.

The Lancaster Citizens Public Safety Academy is 9 weeks in length and meets on Thursday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. March 5, 2009 through April 30, 2009. There will also be 3 Saturday classes from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The academy meets at the Lancaster James R. Williams Pump Station, 1999 N. Jefferson Street. **The Citizens Public Safety Academy is FREE; there is no cost to the participant.** To apply, complete an application form and return it to the Lancaster Police Department, Public Safety Building, 1501 N. Dallas Ave. Lancaster Texas 75134 or call 972-218-2704 for an application. **We accept applications year round.**

LANCASTER POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

Full Name: _____

Application Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____ Employer Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Drive's License #: _____

Social Security #: _____ Race/Sex: _____

How did you hear about the Citizen Public Safety Academy? _____

Other Organizations you are involved with: _____

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

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

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

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Return completed application to:

Lancaster Police Department
Public Safety Building
1501 N. Dallas Avenue
Lancaster, TX 75134

Attention: Tia' Wagner
972-218-2704

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



Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner
November 20, 2008
4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Lancaster Recreation Center
1700 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.

Join us for a fantastic time at our annual Senior Citizen Dinner. Ages 60 +, please RSVP at 972-218-3700 by 5:00 p.m., November 14, 2008.

Lancaster Youth Basketball 2008 -2009 Season



Divisions
Boys & Girls
6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, & 14U

Regular Registration
\$65- Sept. 15- Nov. 15
Late Registration
\$75- Nov 16 - Nov 22

League Games: Dec 13, 20, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,
Feb 7 Playoffs (Single elimination bracket) Feb (TBA)

Cost includes:
Practices, 8 league games, playoffs, jersey, 1st-3rd trophies,
and officials.

Please contact: (972) 218-3702 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com



BEAR CREEK NATURE PARK

On the southwest side of Lancaster is a place that is filled with vibrant colors in the spring, the cooling power of the shade in the summer and the ever present sense of serenity that water seems to bring. That place is Bear Creek Nature Park. Bear Creek is 189 acres of rolling wooded terrain, recovering prairie grasslands, and is graced with ponds and creeks.



With the hiring of a Naturalist this past July, exciting things are planned for Bear Creek. Lancaster ISD will use Bear Creek as a fieldtrip site for students to learn science concepts through a more hands-on approach. Families will have the opportunity to learn about the plants and animals in the area through programs that will be offered at the park. Wildflower Walks in the spring, programs on local wildlife and a Kids Outdoor Survival class are only a few of the programs that will be offered. But don't wait for the Naturalist to enjoy the park.



The amenities at the park create an environment that lends itself so well to learning the many things it has to share. A pond with a walking trail around it is wonderful for water investigation. A small outdoor classroom crafted from trees found on the property creates an ideal spot for outdoor studies. A pavilion that holds approximately 90 people is available for rent. Equestrian trails are also available. Riders must obtain a permit through the Recreation Center in order to ride.

Walking trails can be found throughout the park. Enjoy a walk in the shade of the tall hardwood trees, walk among the wildflowers of the prairie in the spring or hike the horse trails with its scattered cedars anytime of the year. Whatever time of year it is, be sure to leave enough time to stop and enjoy the many things found along the way.

Around every corner at Bear Creek there is something beautiful. Come and visit. Spending time to relax, listening to the quiet and renewing your spirit. For further information about Bear Creek Nature Park, contact Linda Dunn, Naturalist at 469-223-1209.





The City of Lancaster encourages all homeowners to get involved in their Homeowners Associations. By city ordinance, all subdivisions must form a Homeowners Association (HOA). These organizations are not only beneficial to the homeowners, but to the entire Lancaster community. HOA's help govern the overall appearance and landscaping of neighborhoods which results in higher property values, they help individuals become familiar with their neighbors, and they aid in deterring criminal behavior.

The City encourages Homeowners Associations to establish Public Improvement Districts (PID). This program allows associations to collect dues through assessments collected by Dallas County. By creating a PID, everyone contributes financially to the community. The Board of Directors of the association determines the assessment value rate and the assessments are collected through property taxes. These funds are then remitted back to the PID.

A Homeowners Association interested in creating a PID, must first set an appointment with city staff to discuss public improvements and service needs for their area. Residents are asked to develop cost estimates for those improvements and services for a period of 5-7 years.



Once a proposed budget and method of collection for the proposed PID are established, residents must then develop a petition to distribute to property owners within the subdivision. The City develops a list of property owners then residents distribute the petition to their neighbors for the signature to agree to start a PID. A PID may be established if property owners of record signing the petition represent more than fifty percent of the total value of property in the specified area and more than fifty percent of property owners of record sign the petition. PID petitions have to be turned into City staff for approval by City Council before the new budget year begins on October 1.

PID assessments are a set rate based on total property value. PIDs can fund public improvements and services that benefit the entire subdivision such as landscaping, distinctive lighting, signage, sidewalk maintenance, community entry features, and PID administration. An application for creating or renewing a PID should clearly identify the benefit of establishing the PID for the property owners and the City. PID applications must include an acceptable map and a legal description of the property within the subdivisions. PIDs must be self-sufficient and not impact daily City operations or services.



Any management firm interested in establishing a PID must follow the same procedures, but are required to submit quarterly reports of all activities and expenditures. They must also submit an annual independent audit of all PID expenditures and hold an annual meeting with all property owners to consider and approve the PID Budget and Service Plan.

Lancaster currently has five public improvement districts within the city. Rolling Meadows, Glendover Estates, Tribute at Mills Branch, Tribute East at Mills Branch, and Lancaster Mills are all active PIDs making a positive impact on our city.

The City of Lancaster is committed to making our city the best place to live and by establishing public improvement districts, we can play an active role in making that happen. Any Homeowners Association interested in becoming a public improvement district should contact the Community Relations Coordinator at 972-218-1305.





Capital Improvement Projects



The Municipal Court is now open at 220 W. Main! The court is now equipped with more clerk stations and more space throughout the building. The Grand Opening will be on November 6, 2008 from 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.



The Lancaster Life Center is making excellent progress and the grand opening ceremony is scheduled for December 17, 2008. We are also making great progress on the Public Safety building which is scheduled to open early 2009.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fats, Oil and Grease CLOG THE SEWERS

Sewage back-ups and overflows are typically the result of grease build up which can cause property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards.

Fats, Oil and Grease can enter into the sewer system from commercial food preparation establishments and also private residences.

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

- Food Scraps
- Meat Fats
- Lard
- Cooking Oil
- Butter or Margarine
- Baking Goods
- Sauces
- Dairy Products



All too often, fats, oil and grease are washed into the plumbing system and stick to the insides of sewer pipes both on private property and in the streets.

Over time, oil and grease builds up and eventually **blocks the entire pipe** causing sewer back-ups and overflows.

Costs to You:

As your sewer pipes back-up, sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects and other vermin and may create a potential health hazard. Property damage can result from sewage back-ups leading to expensive clean up and plumbing repairs that may have to be paid by the customer.

To the Environment:

Clogged sewers can lead to overflows. As sewage overflows onto the streets, it enters the storm drain system where it is then carried into our local streams.

To the City of Lancaster:

Increased sewer stoppages and overflows can lead to excessive and costly maintenance and could result in severe fines from State and Federal regulatory agencies. These costs result in increases to the customer's sewer bill.

Proper Disposal Methods:

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



Coming Soon!!!

On-Line Bill Pay is coming to the Utility Billing Department!!!! The City of Lancaster is proud to boast its new on-line bill pay system for utility customers. In the coming months, citizens will be able to utilize our website to pay their bills. This feature will also allow customers to receive their bills online. The City of Lancaster is committed to protecting our environment and this added amenity will aid in the reduction of paper being produced for billing statements. Customers with an active account will be prompted to create a user name and password, and upon completion of the user setup, an account will be formed. Not only will customers be allowed to make one time payments, but they will also be allowed to make recurring payments with a debit/credit card and/or their checking accounts. The Utility Billing department is committed to providing quality customer service and this added pay feature will provide a faster, more convenient way for customers to pay their water bills!! Stay tuned for the new online bill pay system!!! For more information, please contact the Utility Billing Department at 972-218-1328 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com.

Hand-Held Cell Phones Banned in Active School Zones

City Council voted on October 13, 2008 to ban the use of hand held cell phones while driving through an active school zone. The City of Lancaster joins other cities throughout the metroplex including Dallas and Mesquite in banning the use of hand held cell phones while driving in school zones. Police Chief Keith Humphrey states that cell phone usage can cause distractions and contribute to increased accidents. The ordinance states, "the use of hand held cell phones is prohibited while driving through school zones on active school days and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00 per offense." This does not apply to emergency calls made to 911 or other emergency calls. Enforcement of the new ordinance will be effective **December 1, 2008**. For more information regarding the new ordinance, contact the Police department at 972-218-2700.

Development Services and the Recreation Center Have New Hours

The new budget year brought about changes to some City departments. The Recreation Center is now closed on Sundays and the Development Services Department now operates on a four day work week.

The Development Services offices are now open Monday - Thursday from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. This office contains Building Inspections, Permits, Code Compliance, Parks and Recreation Maintenance, Streets, Stormwater, and Animal Services. Animal Services is available on Fridays and may be contacted at 972-218-1210. In the event of an after hours emergency, please call 972-218-2700. For more information regarding the new hours of the Recreation Center, call 972-218-3700 and for the Development Services office, dial 972-218-1200.



Micro Chip Program A Success

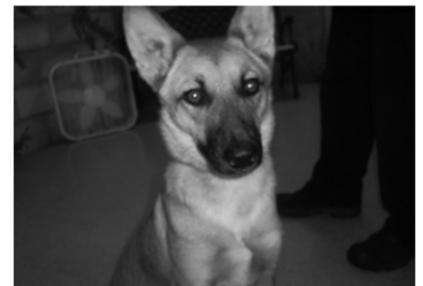
Lancaster Animal Services retrieved a stray white Maltese on Cedardale Road on Thursday, October 16, 2008. When the dog was brought to the Animal Shelter, as standard policy, the Maltese was scanned for micro chips. This particular Maltese was registered by the Arlington Animal Shelter to an Arlington resident, Ms. Melane Dharmagunaratine. When the owner was called she had been looking for the dog for two years and had filed a lost animal report with the Arlington Police Department. The owner was not physically able to drive to Lancaster, so her pet was delivered to her in Arlington. She was extremely thrilled and appreciative of our efforts in getting her pet back to her. Both were extremely happy to see one another and they were headed to the Vet and groomer.



The shelter offers FREE Micro Chips to all Lancaster Residents and in the event your pet is lost, this device allows the pet and the owner to be reunited. All animals adopted from the shelter receive a microchip.

Adoptions Available:

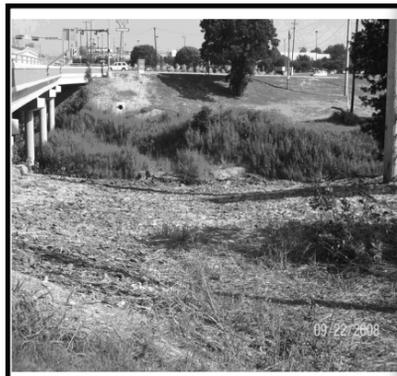
Please visit the shelter to learn more about these animals.



Fall Trash Off Was A Clean Sweep

Lancaster's 9th Annual Fall Trash Off was held Saturday, September 20th with great success. Many residents took the time to trim their trees and clean out the garage and took advantage of the free disposal of debris. Between our two drop off locations, one at 200 S Dallas and one at 1450 W Pleasant Run, residents filled twenty-one 30 yard roll off dumpsters. Other items that were disposed of consisted of 359 tires, 38 batteries, soda cans and two 30 yard roll offs full of scrap metal. Brush was mulched onsite to save on dumping fees. Mulch was available to anyone wishing to pick it up. An entire 30 yard roll off dumpster of mulch was given out to citizens.

Along with the site locations, Allied Waste also donated a roll off dumpster at Beltline & I-35E. The Scouts from Pack 126 volunteered to clean up debris from the edge of Ten Mile Creek and because they did such a wonderful job on the cleanup, Keep Texas Beautiful would like to use the photographs for future promotions in their brochures and on their website.



Ten Mile Creek (Before Cleanup)

Ten Mile Creek (After Cleanup)

Scout Troop 126

Tigerettes

The City of Lancaster would like to thank all volunteers who participated in the Fall 2008 Trash-Off. Join us March 20-21, 2009 for the 10th Annual Spring Trash Off. Locations will be announced at a later date. Accepted items are brush, tires, batteries, scrap metal and other debris. No household chemical waste will be accepted. NEW FOR 2009 - ONSITE DOCUMENT SHREDDING!! Check the City website early next year for updates on the Spring Trash Off. Volunteer opportunities are available.



BULK TRASH INFORMATION

The City of Lancaster in May of 2006 adopted an Ordinance to help residential properties with the removal of BRUSH and BULK WASTE from their properties.

WHEN WILL PICK UP BE?

Brush and Bulk waste collection is provided six (6) times/months per year to all residential properties. The six months scheduled for pick-up are February, April, June, August, October, and December.

WHEN IS MY SCHEDULED PICKUP?

The City is divided into four (4) bulk Districts as the below map illustrates. Area 1 pickup is always the first full week of the month, area 2 pickup is the second week of the month, area 3 is the third week of the month and area 4 is the fourth week of the month.

WHEN CAN I START PLACING THE BULK OUT FOR PICKUP?

Brush and Bulk waste can be placed out the Saturday before your scheduled weekly pick-up. Do not put it out before the Saturday of your scheduled pick-up. All bulk/brush trash must be placed on the curb by 7:00 a.m. Monday morning.

HOW WILL I KNOW IT WILL BE PICKED UP?

Every Monday morning of the pickup week, an Allied Waste representative drives the entire scheduled area and records those streets where bulk/brush is placed out. A list is developed and Allied sends their trucks only to those streets for bulk removal. Bulk will be picked up from Monday through Friday of the designated Bulk week in your area.

HOW MUCH AND WHERE CAN I PLACE MY BULK FOR PICKUP?

All brush/bulk items shall be placed between the street curb and the sidewalk, however if a curb or sidewalk is not present on your street, the brush/bulk items shall be placed immediately adjacent to the street; but cannot hinder or block traffic or pedestrians. You are limited to only 12 cubic yards of brush/bulk at any residence. Those amounts of brush/ bulk that exceed 12 cubic yards will be the responsibility of the resident to remove at their own expense.

WHAT CANNOT BE PLACED OUT FOR PICKUP?

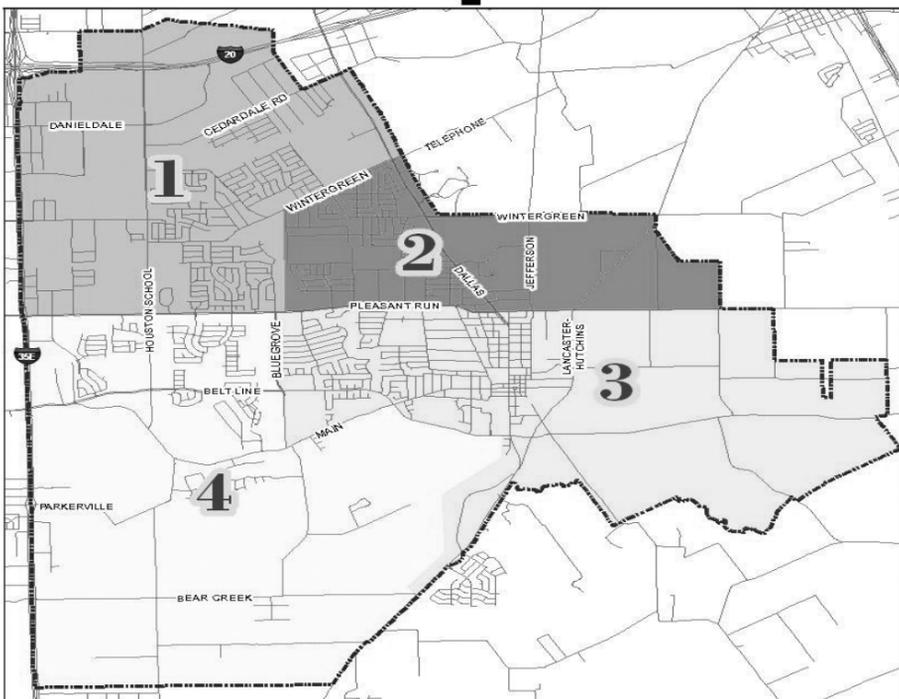
The items that cannot be placed out for pickup are tires, Household Appliances THAT CONTAIN FREON GAS, automobile batteries, food refuse and commercial construction refuse.

CAN I PLACE MY BRUSH/BULK ON PROPERTY I DO NOT OWN?

It is unlawful to place brush/bulk items on any other property that you own.

The Code Compliance Division hopes this information makes the Brush/Bulk Ordinance clear, however if you have any questions feel free to call the Code Compliance Division at 972-218-1200 to discuss the ordinance in depth.

Bulk Pickup 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 dial Utility Billing at 972-218-1328.



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.



LANCASTER 55th "LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE"



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008

Sponsored by City of Lancaster, Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, and Lancaster Lions Club

Benefiting the Lancaster Outreach Center.

The entry fee is the donation of non-perishable food items or new unwrapped toys. These items are to be brought to the parade. The parade will begin at Lancaster Middle School parking lot (822 W. Pleasant Run Rd.--the old High School) and will end at the Historic Town Square (Main @ Dallas Avenue).

Lineup: Lancaster Middle School Parking Lot at 3:00 p.m.
Entry Deadline: December 5, 2008

Judging: 3:30 p.m.
Parade Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Parade Theme: "Lancaster Lights"

Since the parade starts at 5:00 p.m., you are encouraged to light your entry.

Judging categories will be divided into: Automobiles/ Antique Auto: Business Entry; Churches/Clubs/ Organizations; Equestrian; Marching Group; Youth Groups

Awards will be given out at the beginning of the parade.

Please, no Live Santas on floats; it confuses the children. Thank you. Pursuant to City Ordinance # 2004-06-18, and for the safety of the spectators, throwing candy is prohibited. Those wishing to distribute candy must walk along-side parade route.

ENTRY FORM 2008 LANCASTER CHRISTMAS PARADE

Group: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Category: _____

Brief Discription: _____

Return form to: Mary Kinnard, 100 N. Dallas Avenue, Lancaster, TX. 75146 or Fax to 972-227-9555



One the most famous speeches ever delivered was given by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 46 years ago on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. In his speech, he stated, "I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Today we celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a federal holiday that honors the life and legacy of Dr. King.

On Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. the City of Lancaster and the MLK Day Citizen Committee will host the 6th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day parade. The parade will begin at Lancaster Middle School (822 W. Pleasant Run Rd), travel east on Pleasant Run Rd. and then north on Dallas Ave to end at Lancaster Indoor Sports Complex (200 E. Wintergreen Rd).

For more information please contact the Citizen Committee President, Roosevelt Nichols at 214-417-8487.



**Lancaster Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation,
January 17, 2009 SIXTH ANNUAL
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PARADE**

LINE-UP TO BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:00 a.m.

The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. January 17, 2009, at the Lancaster Elsie Robertson Middle School 822 Pleasant Run Road. The parade will travel East on Pleasant Run Rd one mile. North onto Dallas Ave. Proceeding on to the Lancaster High School indoor sports complex

Immediately following the parade there will be a short Program. Per City ordinance # 2004-06-18, throwing candy is prohibited. Those wishing to distribute candy must walk along-side parade route.

Contact Persons for the event:

Roosevelt Nichols - Chairperson 214-417-8487 or Quinnie Wright 972-748-6798

For LISD Personnel - Contact Teri Wilson

Co-Sponsored by: City of Lancaster, Lancaster Independent School District and Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
www.Lancastermlk.org

Lancaster Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

ENTRY FORM

LINE-UP TO BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:00 a.m.

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

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Please check the category that best describes your entry:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Unit | <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

**ATTN: Roosevelt Nichols
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Lancaster, TX. 75146
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Calendar

November 2008		
1	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
2		Daylight Savings Time Ends
3	7:00 p.m.	LISD School Board Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
3	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Time @ Library
4		Election Day
4	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
4	7:00 p.m.	Lancaster Art Club @ 7:00 p.m.
5	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
6	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
6	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
6	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
8	10:00 a.m.	2nd Saturday on the Square @ Town Square
10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
11		Veterans Day
11	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
12	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
13	11:30 a.m.	Chamber Luncheon @ Rec Center
14	7:00 p.m.	Dance Concert @ LHS Auditorium
15	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
18	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
19	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
20	4:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
20	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 11-14 @ Library
20	6:00 p.m.	Anime Club ages 15+ @ Library
20	7:00 p.m.	Teen Club @ Library
24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
24-28		LISD Thanksgiving Holiday
27		Thanksgiving
27-28		Thanksgiving Holiday (City Closed)

December 2008		
1	7:00 p.m.	Pajama Time @ Library
1	7:00 p.m.	LISD School Board Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
2	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
3	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
4	5:00 p.m.	Anime Club Party @ Library
4	7:00 p.m.	Holiday Family Program @ Library
4	7:00 p.m.	Elementary Choral Winter Concert @ LHS Auditorium
6	2:00 p.m.	Family Story Hour @ Library
9	10:00 a.m.	Preschool Story Hour @ Library
9	7:00 p.m.	Elementary Orchestra Winter Concert @ LHS Auditorium
10	10:00 a.m.	Daycare Story Hour @ Library
11	7:00 p.m.	High School Winter Concert @ LHS Auditorium
13		Winter Wonderland Activities @ Town Square
16	10:00 a.m.	Preschool School Story Hour @ Library
16	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Winter Concert @ LHS Auditorium
22-Jan.7		LISD Winter Break
25		Christmas
25-26		Christmas Holiday (City Closed)
31		New Year's Eve

January 2009		
1		New Year's Holiday (City Closed)
7	8:00 a.m.	Classes Resume
12	7:00 p.m.	LISD Board of Trustees Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
15		Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
15	7:00 p.m.	K-3rd District Spelling Bee @ LHS Auditorium
17	11:00 a.m.	MLK Day Parade @ Lancaster Middle School
19		MLK Holiday (City & School District Closed)
22	7:00 p.m.	4th-8th District Spelling Bee @ LHS Auditorium
27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
30	7:00 p.m.	LMS Step Show @ LMS Auditorium

February 2009		
2	7:00 p.m.	LISD Board of Trustees Meeting @ LISD Admin Building
7	12:00 p.m.	Science, Math, and Tech Fair
7	6:30 p.m.	Peace Officers Awards @ Rec Center
9		100th Day of School
10	7:00 p.m.	LISD Black History Program @ LHS Auditorium
10	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall
14		Valentine's Day
24	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting @ City Hall

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