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Lancaster Connection

Vision 2020: 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.



Lancaster Pride – Success – Mayor Joe Tillotson’s State of the City Address

At the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 11, 2007, Mayor Joe Tillotson delivered the 2007 State of the City address to a crowd of business and community leaders. Mayor Tillotson informed the attendants of our triumphant past, the realities of the present and the vision and direction planned for the future. Hard work, tough decisions, solid partnerships and dedicated leaders with a commitment to provide a community with excellent quality of life is what makes residents and businesses proud to call Lancaster home.

The Lancaster Vision 2020 Goals and Objectives was the outcome of the City Council’s strategic planning which began several years ago. 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 Lancaster Campus Plan, I-20 Corridor, Medical District, I-35 Corridor, Downtown District and developments in and around the Lancaster Municipal Airport. The Trans-Texas Corridor, Loop 9, River of Trade Corridor Coalition and the Clean Air Cities Coalition are just a few of the state and regional partnerships that are on the road map for Lancaster.

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.

For more information on the Mayor’s State of the City Address, please visit our website at www.lancaster-tx.com

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**Super Bowl XLI
Watch Party
February 4, 2007
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Lancaster Recreation Center
Grand Hall
Big Screens, Music, Food &
Drinks!**

**Registration:
January 8th - February 4th
Age: Adults
Cost: \$20
972-218-3700
for more information
Child care available for \$5
per child**

**Valentine
Dinner & Dance
February 10th
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ages 13 and under
see page 8
for details**

**The Golden
Egg Hunt
April 31st
11:00 a.m. - 3:00
p.m.
Ages 12 and under
see page 8
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**City holiday
closings
January
15**

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Air Quality

The City of Lancaster is working to promote better air quality in conjunction with other agencies, such as North Central Texas Council of Governments Clean Vehicle Program.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed the Air Quality Index (AQI) for reporting the levels of ozone and other common air pollutants. The index makes it easier for the public to understand the health significance of air pollution levels. Although physical exertion helps build up strength in the heart and lungs, exerting your self outdoors can actually increase your chances of experiencing health effects when ozone concentrations are at unhealthy levels. Exertion generally causes you to breathe harder and faster, thus causing more ozone to be taken into your lungs and ozone reaches tissues that are susceptible to injury.

Environmental tips for cleaner air

Keep your vehicle well maintained - You might be surprised to learn that the emissions from one poorly maintained vehicle can equal those from 25 properly functioning vehicles.

Looking for an inspection station in your area? www.txdps.state.tx.us/vi/inspection/new_locator.asp

Report smoking vehicles - The next time you see a car, truck, or bus with dirty smoke coming from its exhaust for more than 10 consecutive seconds, get the license number and call 1-800-453-SMOG or visit www.nctcog.org/trans/air/smoking/form.asp and complete the form.

Combine trips to minimize cold starts - Most vehicle emissions occur when the engine and catalytic converter are cold.

Drive at fuel-saving, moderate speeds - Jack-rabbit acceleration uses more fuel than your engine can efficiently run.

Avoid excessive idling - Drive during off peak hours to avoid congested traffic. Avoid highway construction projects and lines at drive-through windows.

Refuel your vehicle carefully and in the evening when it's cooler

- Avoid spilling gasoline, don't top off the tank and check to make sure your gas cap seals properly.

NEED ASSISTANCE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?

Airport	972-227-5721
Animal Control	972-218-1222
Atmos Energy (Gas)	800-621-1867
Building Inspections	972-218-1200
Cable (Comcast/Time Warner)	972-445-5555
Chamber of Commerce	972-227-2579
City Hall	972-218-1300
Neighborhood Services (Code Compliance)	972-218-1200
Community Development	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 Princinct 1	972-228-2272
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)	972-223-2998
Police (Non-emergency)	972-218-2700
Housing	972-218-1230
Library	972-218-1080
LISD Administration	972-218-1400
Medical Center at Lancaster	972-223-9600
Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
Municipal Court	972-218-1334
Outreach Center	972-227-0138
Parks & Recreation Center	972-218-3701
Planning & Zoning	972-218-1200
Post Office	800-275-8777
Public Works	972-218-1200
SBC (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
TXU (Customer Service)	800-460-3030
Utility Billing	972-218-1328
Voter Registration (Co. Elections Dept.)	214-637-7937
Water/Sewer	972-218-2324

Drive Less

Since 48% of the precursors to ozone pollution in the Metroplex are caused by emissions from vehicles such as cars and trucks, the most important thing Lancaster residents can do to improve air quality in North Texas is to drive less by Ride Sharing.

Listed below is information about carpool, vanpool, and mass transit options.

Dallas area - contact DART:
214-747-RIDE
www.dart.org

Fort Worth area - contact The T:
817-336-RIDE
www.the-t.com

Denton area - contact DCTA
972-434-9922
www.dcta.net

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972-218-1300



Road Construction Update

SH 342 – (Dallas Avenue)

The first construction phase for the improvement of SH 342, between Beltline Road and Main Street, began on 5/23/06, and it has been completed. The contractor began working on Phase 2 on Thursday, 11/16/2006, with the removal of the existing pavement. The construction limits for Phase 2 are from Main Street northward to just south of Fourth Street. This phase is estimated to last until the first week of February. The contractor completed paving the intersection of SH 342 and Main Street on Monday, 12/22/06 and it is now open to traffic.

I-20 Service Roads – (I35 to SH 342)

TxDOT awarded the project on 7/08/05. Construction began November 8, 2005 and the project is approximately 65% complete. TxDOT stated the contractor is ahead of schedule at this time and a projected partial opening of the service road lanes could be as early as February 2007, with a final completion date of December, 2007.

CPR classes

Adult/infant and child Recreation Center
\$45 per person - Max 12 people
January 27th, February 24th, March 31st
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Police Academy

The Lancaster Police Department will be hosting two Citizen Police Academies in 2007, dates and times TBD. The Citizens Police Academy is a program for people who either live or work in Lancaster that want to find out how their Police Department operates. The CPA will meet one night a week and will introduce participants to a variety of policing philosophies and practical exercises. Trained officers will instruct courses such as; Criminal Investigations, S.W.A.T., Crime Scene Search, Crime Prevention, Ethics, Hiring and Training, Firearms, Patrol and Traffic Enforcement. The program is designed to run over 6 to 9 weeks with the possibility of one 4 to 6 hour Saturday class.

Those interested in attending the Citizens Police Academy should contact Assistant Chief Pat Stallings at 972-218-2707.

Water Utility Billing

Bank Drafting!
It's EASY, CONVENIENT and Free!

Bank Drafting is a service that we offer to our water utility customers. This service is provided to allow you to have your payment transferred each month directly from your bank account. The information listed below will help you understand more about this type of payment method and how you can sign up for bank drafting.

- ◆ With bank drafting, you will receive your regular utility bill each month. Printed on the bill will be the short message "BANK DRAFT 00/00/00". There will be a date after the words bank draft that will indicate the date when the money will be transferred out of your account.
- ◆ On this bank draft date, the money for the payment of your utility bill will be automatically transferred from your bank account. You may cancel the bank draft service at anytime you desire. In order to have no monies deducted from your bank account after a utility bill has been mailed, you can stop the bank draft any time up to seven (7) days after the billing date by calling the Utility Billing Department at 972-218-1328.
- ◆ You can apply for this service by completing the attached authorization form and returning it to the Utility Billing Department along with a voided check.
- ◆ You are reminded that inadequate funds or any other problems with your bank account that result in no transfer of funds from your account will be processed by the City of Lancaster as a returned check. Also a returned check fee will be assessed for this business transaction.
- ◆ If you have any questions regarding this service, please call the Utility Billing Department at 972-218-1328 or stop by the Municipal Center at 211 N. Henry Street.

I authorize the City of Lancaster, Utility Billing Department to debit my account each month for the amount of services billed to my water utility account. I also authorize my financial institution identified below to debit same amounts from my account.

Please Print

Name of Financial Institution

City State Zip

Please check the appropriate boxes

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank | <input type="checkbox"/> Savings & Loan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Union | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account | <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account |

Customer Name

Address

Water Utility Account Number

Signature Date

A copy of my voided check is attached.

(RETURN THIS PART WITH A VOIDED CHECK TO 211 N. HENRY STREET.)

For Your Records

Date: _____

I authorize the City of Lancaster to debit my account each month for the amount of services billed to my water utility account. I authorize my financial institution to debit same amounts from my account. This authority is to remain in effect until I have notified the City of Lancaster Utility Billing Department in writing or in person to terminate this bank drafting agreement.



Planning 101



- ? What is zoning?** The division of a city into areas which specify allowable uses for real property. Please see the City's current zoning map below.
- ? What is a zoning district?** An area within the limits of a city for which the regulations governing the use of lot and building size and premises are uniform.
- ? What are plats?** A map prepared by a registered surveyor or engineer depicting land divided or to be divided showing boundaries and location of individual properties and streets.
- ? What are setbacks?** The minimum distance by which any building or structure must be separated from a street right-of-way or lot line.
- ? What are easements?** Authorization by a property owner for the use by another of a designated part of his or her property for a specified purpose. ie, an access easement or drainage easement.

City of Lancaster's Zoning Map

The City of Lancaster zoning map is available on the city's website, www.lancaster-tx.com. If assistance is needed in finding zoning for a specific property, contact the Planning Division at 972.218.1218.

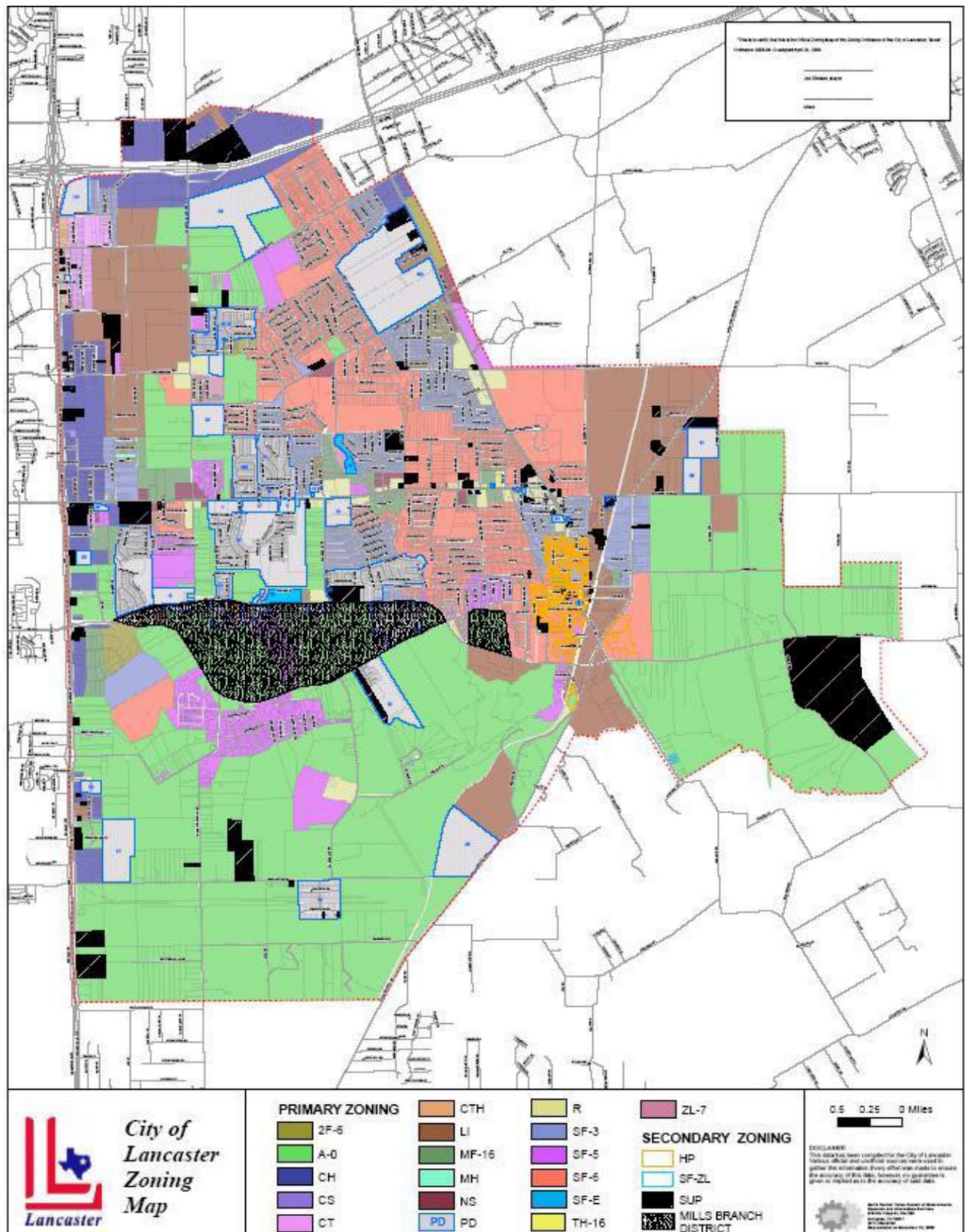


ARE YOU HUNGRY? LET'S EAT!!!

There will be two additions to the Lancaster dining scene. For all of the pancake lovers in the city, the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) will be located on our I-35 frontage road south of the Bienvenidos Restaurant very soon.



Want to eat great late? If your answer is yes, please stay tuned for the addition of a Taco Bell to be located just south of the Chili's Restaurant on the I-35 frontage road.





EMP Lift

Let's get lifted with this highly efficient, full body strength workout that involves strengthening and toning, uses barbells and hand weights. Participants will sculpt their muscles and gain new-found inner strength. (All skill levels) Sat 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fee is \$45/15 classes or \$5/class.

Zumba - Latin Hip-Hop

Enjoy this workout infused with Latin dance moves implemented into high and low impact choreography at a vigorous pace to get your heart pumping, then cool down with an Urban Strip Tease. (All skill levels) Tues./Thur. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$45/15 classes or \$5/class.

The "Biggest Winner" Contest

Are you stuck in a rut? Have you made a resolution to get in shape? If so, the "Biggest Winner" is for you. All fees include a 3 month individual membership. Mon./Wed. or Tues./Thur. 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$250.

Cardio Tease

We're bringing sexy back with this hi/low workout that incorporates dance moves that will have you teasing your way into shape. The dance resistance moves will sculpt long, lean muscles and build healthy, happy hearts. (All skill levels) Mon./Wed. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Fee is \$45/15 classes or \$5/class.

Batter up - youth baseball & softball

Boys & girls, Ages 5-12
Registration is January 16 - April 2 at the Recreation Center member services desk. Fee is \$45.00.

Men's & women's softball league

Sign up your teams for spring softball leagues at the Recreation Center. Team fees are \$370/team.

Men's basketball league

Ages 18 & older
Registration is January 16 - February 26
Game nights are Mondays at 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \$370/team.

Pool Hours Effective

6:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Monday-Friday	Lap Swim
9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Tues/Wed/Thur/Sat	Water Aerobics
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Saturdays	Open Swim/Lap Swim
5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Tues/Wed/Thurs	Water Aerobics
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Mon/Tues/Thurs	Open Swim/Lap Swim
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	March 12-16	Open Swim/Lap Swim (spring break)

Youth soccer league

Lancaster Soccer Association (LSA)
Youth Soccer League for boys and girls ages 4-17
Mondays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration takes place during the Month of February at the recreation center lobby.

**** All times and dates are subject to change.**

Private parties

(2 Hour rental)	
(# in Group)	Cost:
0-50	\$150
100-100	\$195
150-150	\$235
200-200	\$275
201-250	\$305

Recreation Center
972-218-3700

Lancaster Athletics
972-218-3712

Lancaster Aquatics
972-218-3711

Day care swim

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Minimum of 10 children - \$2 per child
Call now! Space is limited! 972-218-3711
or email mjames@lancaster-tx.com

Semi-private parties

Fridays- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.	Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All pool parties can be booked up to 3 months in advance. Cost: (2 hour rental) up to 30 people MAX - \$95 Call 972.218.3700 for more information on swim lessons or to book a party.
Saturdays- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.	
Sundays- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.	

SWIM LESSONS ARE OFFERED YEAR ROUND

Parent/child lessons

(6-35months)- For children who can control the head and sit with support from the hands and children who can stand without support and walk with or without aid.

Preschool lessons (ages 3-5yrs.)

Tadpole - For new swimmers, this class helps children adjust to the water and develop independent movement in the pool. Children will learn to swim on their back and front with and without the use of flotation devices.

Frog - For children who are able to swim 5 feet on their front and back without assistance.

Saturday swim lessons

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Level of Child
Session 1 January 6 & 13	_____
Session 2 January 20 & 27	_____
Session 3 February 3 & 10	_____
Session 4 February 17 & 24	_____
Session 5 March 3 & 10	_____
Session 6 March 17 & 24	_____
Session 7 March 31 & April 7	_____
Session 8 April 14 & 21	_____
Session 9 April 28 & May 5	_____

Saturday Lessons \$28 (2) Saturdays for 1 hour 45 minute class time and 15 minutes overview
972-218-3711 or mjames@lancaster-tx.com

Youth lessons (age 6-17)

Guppy - Beginning level. Teaches the basic front crawl and swimming on the back and side.

Minnow - Children must be able to swim on their back and front 15-20 feet. Builds endurance to include 20 yards of front crawl, backstroke, and sidestroke.

Goldfish - Children must be able to swim 20 yards of front crawl, backstroke, and sidestroke. Teaches rotary breathing. Improves strokes.

Shark- Must be able to swim 40 yards front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and 20 yards of butterfly. Class teaches flip turns and improves strokes.



Animal Shelter

The Lancaster Animal Shelter is a wonderful place to adopt your next pet. But not just the pets of the cat and dog variety; the shelter occasionally offers others animals such as pot belly pigs, rabbits and birds for adoption.

The Lancaster Animal Shelter has recently completed several renovations.

- The interior has a new face lift. Several murals were drawn by local artist Jer Giles.
- A textured epoxy floor surface was installed.
- New exhaust system to provide better ventilation.
- New adoption area



Adoption Program

In addition to all of the physical changes taking place, the Lancaster Animal Shelter has also taken steps to increase pet adoptions. Each pet adopter will be given a voucher to help defray the cost of spaying or neutering each adopted pet. For more details, or to volunteer at the shelter call 972-218-1210.



Do you know how to Winterize your home?

Old Man Winter is settling in for a chilly season. Before the temperatures dip too far south, follow these simple guidelines to winterize your home and save money on utilities.

Inside Your Home

- Have your furnace system serviced to ensure it's working efficiently and not emitting carbon monoxide.
- Clean/replace furnace filters.
- Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- If you have a wood stove or fireplace, have your chimney swept thoroughly. It should be cleaned before the soot build up reaches one-fourth inch thickness inside the chimney flue.
- Check your hot water heater for leaks and maintain proper temperature setting (120 degrees recommended by Department of Energy). On older water heaters with less insulation, for every 10 degrees fahrenheit you lower the temperature, you save 6 percent of your water heating energy.
- Check the attic to see if insulation needs to be added or replaced. This is the most significant area of heat loss in many homes, so it is also important to see that it has proper ventilation. Inadequate ventilation could lead to premature deterioration of the insulation materials. You may also need to check insulation in exterior walls.
- Check all windows and doors for air leaks. Install storm windows and putty, caulk or add weather stripping as needed.
- Make sure all vents are clean and operating properly.
- Clean and vacuum baseboard heaters, heating ducts and vents.

- 6 • Remove or winterize air conditioning units.

Outside Your Home

- Store or cover outdoor furniture, toys and grill.
- Caulk joints and minor cracks on exterior walls and siding.
- Look for deteriorating finishes. Minor problems can be patched to preserve the wood. Put bigger jobs, such as scraping and refinishing painted or stained areas, on the calendar for next spring or early summer.
- Drain and shut off sprinkler systems and other exterior water lines to avoid frozen and broken pipes. Leave all taps slightly open.
- Insulate exterior spigots and other pipes that are subject to freezing, but can't be drained or shut off.
- Clean storm drains, gutters and other drain pipes.
- Check the foundation for proper drainage. To do this, spray yard with a hose to see if water runs away from the house. A little shoveling to reshape the earth next to the house may make the water run away from the foundation.
- Make sure dirt or piles of wood don't come into contact with or touch siding, inviting termites and carpenter ants into the house.
- Seal driveway and walkway cracks, if needed, before ground freezes regularly.
- Inspect the roof for loose, damaged or missing pieces.
- Check attic vent openings for nests or other blockages.





Spring Trash-off

April 6th 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 7th 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Code Corner

For more information please contact Neighborhood Services at 972-218-1200.



The following information has been compiled to familiarize our citizens with particular City Ordinances that were adopted to protect your property values, and established to make the City of Lancaster a better place to live and work.

Poly-cart Usage

- Household and business trash must be placed in the blue poly-cart provided by Allied Waste.
- Poly-carts are to be placed out no earlier than the scheduled day of pick-up in your particular area.
- Poly-carts filled so the lids cannot close will not be serviced by Allied Waste. Additional charge for overfilled carts will be added to resident's water bill.
- All poly-carts out after trash is removed by Allied, must be moved by the property owner back to the residence or business when pick-up is on the required street side.
- All poly-carts picked up in the rear alley must be moved back against your house or business after Allied pick-up.
- Poly-carts not removed or overfilled will be issued an orange sticker requesting compliance to City codes within three (3) days.



Brush/Bulk

In an effort to maintain voluntary compliance with keeping our community clean, we would like to remind residents of the brush/bulk collection rules:

Brush/bulk will be collected during the following months only: October, December, February, April, June and August.

- * Place your brush/bulk items on the curb (not the alley)
- * Brush/bulk cannot exceed 12 cy max (4'x4'x16')
- * Waste must be placed at the curb or roadway by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your pick-up week. If you are unsure of your pick-up week, you may call 972-218-2813 for your schedule.
- * No hazardous wastes (such as paint, batteries or chemicals) will be collected.
- * No tires will be collected. (Tires are collected bi-annually at the spring and fall trash-off events)

If brush/bulk is present at any time other than your designated pick-up week, the waste will be tagged for removal. If not removed within three days, Allied Waste will pick up the waste and a charge will appear on your utility bill.



Fence Regulations

The City of Lancaster has regulations that cover both newly constructed fences as well as existing fences.

- All fences shall be maintained in a sound, vertical position.
- Repairs to existing fences or the installation of new fences requires a building permit application be submitted to the Building Inspection Division, located at 700 E. Main St., Lancaster Texas. If the permit application is approved the required permit fee shall be paid prior to fence erection or repair.
- Newly installed fences and repairs to existing fences require metal posts. No wood posts are allowed.
- Fences beyond repair due to dilapidation or lack of maintenance are to be removed at the property owner's expense.
- The maximum height fence within the rear yard is eight (8) feet in height from grade level.
- The maximum height fence within the front yard shall be four (4) feet in height. Fences in front yards are required to have 50% visibility through the fence, i.e. split cedar rail, chain link etc.

If you have further questions or comments, you may call the Neighborhood Services Division at (972)-218-1200 to discuss in depth the particular code requirements.



January

- 6 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
- 13 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
- 13 12:00 p.m. "Magic the Gathering" tournament @ Library
- 15 MLK Holiday (City offices closed)
- 16 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 18 7:00 p.m. Teen Library Club (TLC) "Library Quest" @ Library
- 20 10:00 a.m. Krafty Kids @ Rec. Center
- 20 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
- 23 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 25 7:00 p.m. 1st class of a 3 part basic computer class @ Library
- 26 5:30 p.m. (Teens 12-15) Roller Skating meet @ Rec. Center
- 27 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center

February - Black History Month

- 1 7:00 p.m. 2nd class of a 3 part basic computer class @ Library
- 1 7:00 p.m. Black History Month-Baba Kwasi, drums and folklore @ Library
- 5 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 6 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 7 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance (ages 7-12) @ Rec. Center
- 8 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Friends of the Library members only) book sale
- 8 7:00 p.m. 3rd class of a 3 part basic computer class @ Library
- 9 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friends of the Library book sale (public)
- 10 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friends of the Library book sale (public)
- 10 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 13 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 13 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society @ Library
- 14 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance (ages 7-12) @ Rec. Center
- 15 7:00 p.m. (TLC) "How will I pay for college?" @ Library
- 17 10:00 a.m. Krafty Kids @ Recreation Center
- 17 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 20 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 21 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance (ages 7-12) @ Rec. Center
- 24 7:00 p.m. Black History Month-African-American Bluegrass Band @ Library
- 26 5:30 p.m. (Teens 12-15) Dallas Mavericks Game meet @ Rec. Center
- 27 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 23 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 28 6:00 p.m. Hip Hop Dance (ages 7-12) @ Rec. Center

March

- 3 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
- 5 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 6 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 10 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
- 12-16 LISD Spring Break
- 13 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 13 7:00 p.m. Genealogical Society @ Library
- 15 7:00 p.m. (TLC) "Can you name that graphic novel" @ Library
- 17 10:00 a.m. Krafty Kids @ Recreation Center
- 17 10:00 a.m. Charm-A-Quette (grades 3-6) @ Rec. Center
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- 23 6:00 p.m. (Teens 12-15) AMC 30 meet at Rec. Center
- 23 BSW Bookfest @ DeSoto Town Center go to www.bestsouthwestbookfest.org for more info.
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- 27 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library

April

- 3 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 3 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 6 Good Friday (City offices closed)
- 8 Easter
- 10 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 10 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Society @ Library
- 14 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 17 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 19 7:00 p.m. (TLC) "Designing book covers" @ Library
- 21 10:00 a.m. Krafty Kids @ Recreation Center
- 21 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 24 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 24 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 28 5:30 p.m. (Teens 12-15) Gameworks Arcade-Grapevine Mills meet @ Rec. Center
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Super Bowl XLI Watch Party

Lancaster Recreation Center
The Grand Hall
Sunday, February 4, 2007
Registration: Jan 8th - Feb 4th
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Age: Adults
\$20 per person
Childcare available

BIG SCREENS, MUSIC, FOOD, & DRINKS!

Come early to watch all the pre-game shows while listening to one the area's best DJ's. We will have plenty of door prizes, food and beverages on hand for this event that will also include two big projection screens to watch your favorite team take the National Football Championship. Tickets go on sale January 8th! Call (972) 218-3700 to reserve a table.

Parents **Child care** will be available for **\$5** per child. Your child will be supervised by Recreation staff members. Pizza, games, contests, and door prizes will ensure that your child has just as much fun as you on Superbowl Sunday.

Carousel of Dreams (Valentines Dinner & Dance)

Saturday, February 10, 2007
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Ages 13 and Under
Recreation Center Gym

Registration: Jan 2nd to Feb 10th

Cost:

Dinner + Dance - \$35 per couple, \$5 each additional person

Dance Only - \$25 per couple, \$5 each additional person

Celebrate Valentines Day with your son or daughter at the Lancaster Recreation Center. You are invited to our fourth annual Valentines' Dinner & Dance. Daddies, bring your special little lady and Mothers let your best young man escort you to our Carousel of Dreams Valentines Ball. You will enjoy a sit down buffet style dinner and a night of dancing with the stars. A professional DJ will be playing the latest music keeping your feet on the dance floor. Remember, dress to impress! See you at the Dance!!!!

The Golden Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 31st
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Recreation Gym & Pool
Ages 12 and under

Registration: Jan 2nd to April 31st Cost: Free

You will have a splashing good time hunting for The Golden Egg at the Lancaster Recreation Center Indoor Swimming Pool. Bring a towel and your swimming attire. Thousands of toy filled eggs will be spread throughout the pool area for every child to enjoy this non-traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Other activities include: Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Coloring Contest, Group Games, Food and Music. This promises to be a Great Family Event!!