



TREE CITY USA.



The

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.

Rickey C. Childers named City Manager

Rickey C. Childers is a native Texan, born and raised in Abilene. Childers chose to attend the University of Tulsa where he was an offensive line starter during his junior and senior season. He was crippled by a knee injury and surgery. Although he only played six games in his senior season, the NFL Kansas City Chiefs signed him as a free agent in 1975. Childers' desire was to play professional football; however, that dream was never fulfilled. He failed the physical exam because of the knee injury. Following the disappointment,



Childers realized another dream with the support of his mentor. After earning his degree in political science from the University of Tulsa in 1975, Rickey entered the public sector and began his career with the City of Abilene as a neighborhood coordinator. In 1977, he accepted the position of administrative assistant with the City of Lubbock. In 1982, he was promoted to assistant to the City Manager with the City of Lubbock. It was during his tenure in Lubbock that he earned a master's degree in public administration from Texas Tech University. In 1985, he became the first African American to be employed as an Assistant City Manager with the City of Abilene. In 1989, he moved to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex after accepting an offer from the City of Carrollton to become their Assistant City Manager. He joined the City of Arlington in 1994 as a Deputy City Manager and was in charge of convention and event services, and police and fire operations for a city of nearly 290,000. In 1999, Rickey became City Manager in Longview where he served until October 1, 2006.

Among his many awards are the Joy Sansom Mentor Award received from the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas, the Texas Young Lawyer's Award and Outstanding Alumni Award from Texas Tech University. He is a member of the International City Manager's Association, the Texas City Manager's Association Immediate Past President, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators and serves as a Vice Chair of the Texas Municipal League Risk Pool Board.

"Twenty years ago, I set my goal to become the chief administrative officer of a city," Childers said. "I realized the importance of a college education and realized that I had to work harder and establish priorities if I was to achieve that goal." Childers and his family are committed to leaving a lasting legacy on municipal government. His brother Larry is currently the Deputy City Manager for the City of College Station and his son is an employee of the City of Dallas. Childers is married to the former Sandra Caldwell of Tyler, Texas. He has four adult children and six grandchildren. His hobbies include weightlifting, singing, and spending quality time with his family and friends. Please join City Council and staff in welcoming Rickey to Lancaster.



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Election Day – Saturday, May 12, 2007

A general municipal election for the City of Lancaster will be held for the election of one councilmember for District 3. Only legally qualified voters of District 3 shall be entitled to vote for councilmember for District 3.

On Election Day -- voting will be conducted at 2 polling locations by precinct number from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as noted below:

Precinct Number

- 3800, 3801, 3802 Lancaster Recreation Center, 1700 S. Veterans Memorial Parkway
- 3803, 3804, 3805
- 3806, 3807, 3808 Lancaster Middle School, 822 W. Pleasant Run Road
- 3809, 3810

Early Voting

Will be conducted at the Lancaster Recreation Center at 1700 S. Veterans Memorial Parkway, the LISD Administration Building at 422 S. Centre Avenue

Monday, April 30, 2007 through Friday, May 4, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, 2007, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 7, 2007 through Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

During the early voting period, registered voters may vote at any Dallas County early voting location. A complete list of Dallas County early voting locations is available at www.dalcoelections.org

Convenience (mobile) early voting locations, dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Lancaster High School
200 E. Wintergreen Rd
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

Lancaster Middle School
822 W. Pleasant Run Rd.
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Rosa Parks/Millbrook Elementary School
630 Millbrook
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

West Main Elementary School
531 W. Main
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

Pleasant Run Elementary School
427 W. Pleasant Run Rd.
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

Lancaster Elementary School
1109 W. Main
Lancaster, Texas
5:00 pm-8:30 pm

For more information, please contact the City Secretary's office at (972) 218-1310.

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 (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 Precinct 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 972-227-1080
- 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
- AT&T (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



IT'S THE LAW!!!

WATER METERS are SOLELY the Property of the City of Lancaster. Any Tampering or any other illegal usage such as Jumping, Cutting Locks, or any impairment to the water service provided by the City of Lancaster WILL RESULT in a fine up to \$4,000.

According to the Texas Penal Code, § 28.03. CRIMINAL MISHCHIEF, it is a Class A Misdemeanor for any person to cause, in whole or in part, **impairment or interruption of any public water supply**, or cause to be diverted in whole, in part, or in any manner; including **installation or removal of any device for any such purpose, any public water supply**, regardless of the amount of the pecuniary loss. For the purposes of this section, it shall be presumed that a person, who is receiving the economic benefit of public communications, public water, gas, or power supply, has knowingly tampered with the intangible property of the owner if the communication or supply has been:

- (1) **Diverted from passing through a metering device**; or
- (2) Prevented from being correctly registered by a metering device; or
- (3) **Activated by any device installed to obtain** public communications, **public water**, gas, or power supply without a metering device.

The terms "public communication, public transportation, public gas or power supply, or other public service" and "public water water supply" shall mean, refer to, and include any such services subject to regulation by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Railroad Commission of Texas, or the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or any such services enfranchised by the State of Texas or any political subdivision thereof.

§12.21 CLASS A MISDEMEANOR. **An individual adjudged guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor shall be punished by:**

- (1) A fine not to exceed **\$4,000**.
- (2) **Confinement in jail** for a term not to exceed one year;
- (3) Both such **fine and confinement**.

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

- | | |
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| <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.

**Lancaster Police and Fire Departments
Set Dates for Spring
CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY**



The Lancaster Police and Fire Departments have set Thursday, April 26 through Thursday, June 28, 2007 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 10 week Citizen's 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 10 weeks in length and meets on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., April 26 through June 28, 2007. There will also be two Saturday classes from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Academy meets at the Lancaster JAMES R. WILLIAMS Pump Station, 1999 North 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 North Dallas Avenue, Lancaster, TX 75134. Call 972.218.2705 for an application, or go on-line at www.lancaster-tx.com. **We accept applications year round.**

Lancaster Designated Tree City USA



The National Arbor Day Foundation officially designated the City of Lancaster a Tree City USA city. This designation recognizes the commitment of the City of Lancaster to preserve its existing trees and promote the planting of additional trees. The Lancaster City Council has worked several years to establish a strong tree preservation ordinance, provided funding for a comprehensive community forestry program and established a Tree Board through the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Last year, the Mayor and City Council celebrated Lancaster's first Arbor Day celebration with the planting of an official Arbor Day Tree in Community Park. Lancaster is very fortunate to have such a large number of mature trees, it is critical that our community recognizes the importance of trees to the environment and the value they add to property.

To celebrate this designation, the City of Lancaster is providing a free music concert. The event will be held Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m., in Heritage Park. The City has arranged for the band "King Creole" to perform. The evening will include free refreshments. The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Poster Contest for 5th Grade Students; the winner's classroom will be eligible for a large tree for planting at their school and a free pool party for their class. Homeowner's Associations that have the most participants at the concert will be eligible for free trees for their subdivision. Representatives from the Texas State Forestry Department will be on hand to present the official Tree City USA Flag and award. Everyone is invited to join the celebration. For more information, contact the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Department at (972)218-3706.



Red Light Cameras Activated!!!



On March 12, 2007, the City Council passed an Ordinance to install a red light enforcement system at the traffic light on N. Houston School Road and the I-20 service road. This camera will provide enhanced photos of people who run red lights. The City has contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems, who has worked with metroplex cities such as Duncanville, Frisco, and Richardson. The City of Lancaster has researched the options of using red light enforcement, and it has shown to reduce the running of red lights by as much as 25% in the first year. The following is the process in which the enforcement will take place:

- The violation is recorded by the camera;
- The Police Department reviews and approves the violation;
- The registered owner of the vehicle is notified by mail;
- The applicable civil penalty of \$75.00 for first and second violations, and \$150.00 for the third are imposed.

The payment process will be listed on the notice of violation. Violators will have access to pay fines on-line and at the payment drop box in the city. With the installation of this red light camera enforcement, the City will be able to enhance the safety of our community's intersections.



DON'T CLOG YOUR SYSTEM!!

Please dispose of the FOG's properly. Fats, Oils, and Grease can be found in many household items such as:

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

Costs to you include attracting insects and other vermin that 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. Increased sewer stoppages and over flows lead to excessive and costly maintenance that could result in severe fines from state and federal government, and this could result in an increase to the customer's sewer bill.

Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease include:

- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, and 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 them down pipes and clog them up.

What is Backflow all about?



When water is delivered to customers through the water meters, the utility companies do not want this same water to return back to homeowners. Customers sometimes manage to contaminate this water and it has the potential to return back to the public water supply.

Back-flow occurs when the water reverses its' direction back through the water meter. Back-siphonage is the most common type of back flow and is caused by a sudden loss of pressure in the public water mains. Loss of pressure may be caused by a water main break, a fire engine pulling water from a fire hydrant, or just opening a hydrant can cause back-siphonage backflow. Cross-connections may also attribute to the contamination of your water. A cross-connection is a connection between your drinking water pipes and things not meant for consumption.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has outlined mandates that require all Public Water systems to:

- Not allow any water connection to the public drinking water system where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists; unless the public water systems are protected from contamination.
- Implement an adequate internal cross-connection control program that should include an annual inspection and test by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester.
- Keep a file of all copies of inspections and test reports.

The Lancaster Water Dept. as the purveyor is responsible for the public water system and the health of its customers. For further information concerning back flow devices or testing please contact Phillip Curtis, Utility Superintendent at (972)218-2324.

CAUTION!!! Irrigation Systems

Currently citizens are installing irrigation systems that require higher flows than what the originally installed meters are designed for. This creates an over running of an existing meter and can lead to wear and potential over/under registration of the meter. Both have a negative impact to you the customer. If you are considering installing an irrigation system at your residence, please contact permits at the Community Development Building, 700 E. Main, (972)218-1200 for additional details and permitting requirements.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) affect the water quality to receiving streams; they can be detrimental to public health and the ecological system. The cause of SSO's can be attributed to a variety of reasons. We just as others are doing our part and have entered into an agreement with the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to eliminate SSO's. To report a Sewer Sanitary Overflow, please contact Public Works at 972-218-1200 or 972-218-2711 after hours.

Check your Cleanout

Studies attribute 40% of Inflow and Infiltration into the Sanitary Sewer System. I & I is rainwater that has an adverse effect on the system that can lead to overloaded sewer lines and SSO's. In an effort to reduce I & I, please ensure that your cleanout caps near the house or the sidewalk have a water tight cap on them.



Lancaster Recreation Department presents
Musicfest Concert Series 2007
 Free Concerts in the Park

Musicfest is family oriented entertainment in an unbelievably fun environment.
 Bring the entire family out and enjoy Lancaster's beautiful parks and music.



Arbor Day Celebration

King Creole

April 26th

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Heritage Park (250 N. Dallas Ave)

Activities: Tree Dedication Ceremony,
Poster Awards, HOA attendance contest

Crawfish

May 10th

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Heritage Park
(250 N. Dallas Ave)

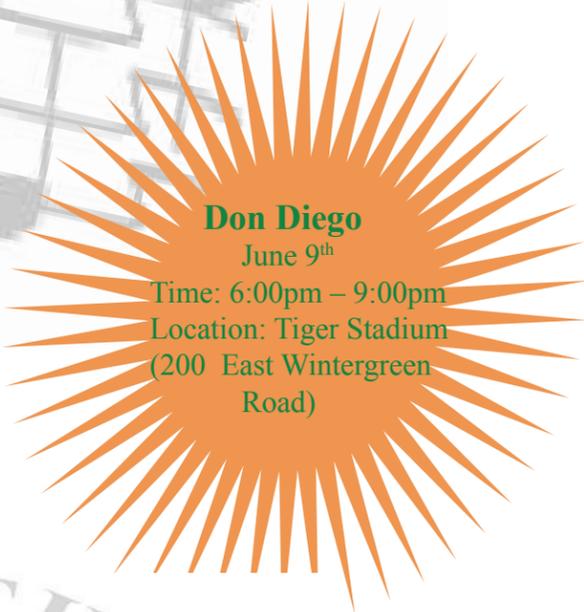


Nu Breed

May 24th

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location: Heritage Park
(250 N. Dallas Ave)

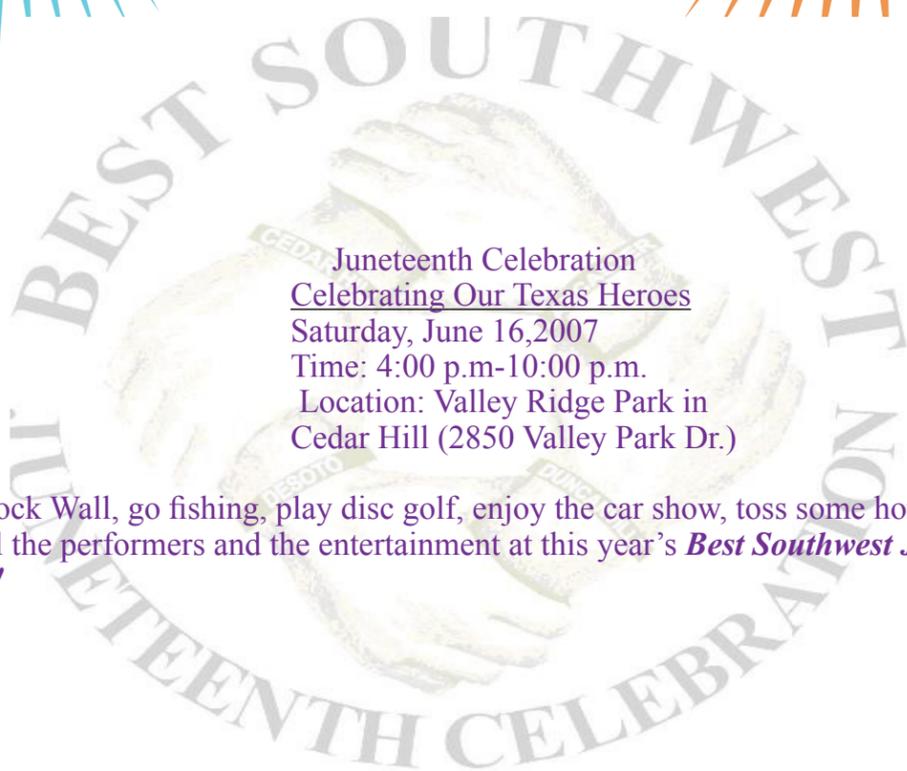


Don Diego

June 9th

Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Tiger Stadium
(200 East Wintergreen
Road)



Juneteenth Celebration

Celebrating Our Texas Heroes

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Time: 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Location: Valley Ridge Park in
Cedar Hill (2850 Valley Park Dr.)

Climb the Rock Wall, go fishing, play disc golf, enjoy the car show, toss some horseshoes,
and enjoy all the performers and the entertainment at this year's **Best Southwest Juneteenth
Celebration!**

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE
BUILDING A SENSE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY



Planning 101



What are district development standards? The

Lancaster Development Code provides a District Development Standards chart. Regulations are based on the specific zoning classification of a property. Issues regulated include Maximum Density, Dwellings Per Lot, Minimum Square Footage of Building, Maximum Height, Front, Rear and Side Yard Setbacks. Our chart is available at www.lancaster-tx.com.



What is a subdivision? The division of land into lots, tracts, parcels, sites or divisions for the purpose of sale, lease, development or transfer of ownership. The subdivision of land includes consideration of new streets, number of lots, street layout, drainage and grading, easements, etc. Subdivisions are subject to the requirements set in the Lancaster Subdivision Regulations Ordinance.



What are right-of-ways? A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, prescription, or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a street, trail, water line, sanitary sewer, and/or other public utilities or facilities. Right-of-ways may be public or private and may include waterlines, sewer lines, streets, bike paths, alleys and walkways.



What is a variance? Permission to depart from set development standards in the Lancaster Development Code, due to special circumstances with the property. Variances may be requested for setback requirements, uses, density, size of buildings, etc. These requests are reviewed by a quasi-judicial board, Board of Adjustment. More information is available on the City's website, www.lancaster-tx.com.



What is the Historic District? The City of Lancaster established a Historic Overlay District to protect and enhance Lancaster's historic, architectural and cultural heritage. The City encourages stabilization, restoration and improvements of historic properties located in and out of this overlay district. The Historic Overlay District map is available on the City's website.

Lancaster Campus District

It is a well known fact that the University of North Texas has located its campus just north of the Lancaster's city limits. But what may not be as well known is that the City of Lancaster has completed a master plan of the area closest to the University that is within the city. This master plan illustrates the city's vision of development for this area and provides the design regulations needed to ensure what is envisioned becomes a reality.

The Lancaster Campus District Plan was prepared with public input and the recognition that this area has the potential to support a higher residential density and greater mix of uses than is currently feasible in other parts of the City. This district is envisioned to be a vibrant District with active pedestrian circulation between the DART Station, the UNT Campus and associated Southern Dallas County development, and the residential, retail and business uses of the Lancaster Campus District. The entire Campus District Plan can be found on the City's website, www.lancaster-tx.com.





Code Corner

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.

High Weeds and Grass

With the upcoming Spring season also comes the growth of unwanted weeds and grass. The City of Lancaster has City Ordinances in place to regulate the height of grasses on both vacant tracts and occupied lots within the City. Keeping your property maintained by mowing regularly will preserve property values while being in compliance with local codes. The following will explain the High Weed and Grass Ordinance.



Section 8.1015 (e) Weeds

1. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds and non-ornamental grasses in **excess of 12 inches**, including rights of way (between property lines and a defined paved surface i.e. street and/or alley pavement).
2. When an alley right-of-way exists that has not been paved, maintenance responsibility shall be considered to the centerline of the alley for each property.
3. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited.
4. Weeds in excess of 48 inches are a danger to health, life or safety of any person and may be immediately abated without notice.
5. If the property receiving a violation notice for high weeds or grass is not resolved to notice standards within 10 days after receipt of the violation notice, the City may cause the work to be completed by a City contractor at owners expense or be issued a citation to appear before the Municipal Court
6. A contractor will be hired by the City of Lancaster if the violations are not abated by the homeowner. The Contractor will have authorization to enter the property in violation to abate said violation with the cost placed against the property.
7. If the property or tract becomes in violation again within the same calendar year after previously receiving a notice for the same violation, the City may abate the violation, without a second notification, and all costs incurred is the responsibility of the property owner of record.

Trees, Shrubs, Vegetation Guidelines



Section 8.1015 (f) Trees, Shrubs, Vegetation

With Spring fast approaching the growth of trees, shrubs and other vegetation becomes a concern for the Neighborhood Service Division. The City has an Ordinance regulating the growth of trees, shrubs and other vegetation within City rights-of-way. **All trees and other vegetation shall be a height of fourteen (14) feet above all streets and alleyways. Sidewalks shall have a clearance of seven (7) feet above any sidewalk.**

When growth exceeds these minimum standards they become a nuisance and a danger to the public safety. It shall be the duty of any person, firm or corporation owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the City of Lancaster to abate said violations as discussed above. If however after violation notices are sent and expired and compliance still has not been achieved, the City has the authority to abate said nuisance at property owner's expense and/or issue a citation to appear before the Municipal Court.



Adoption Program Update

With the recent pet adoption voucher program between the City of Lancaster and SPCA of Texas-Village Fair the shelter has recorded a **30%** increase in pet adoptions. The new voucher program went into effect in January 2007. A voucher of \$25.00 is received by each person adopting a pet from the Lancaster Shelter. This reduces the overall spay and neutering cost at the SPCA of Texas - Village Fair, which is located at 4830 Village Fair Dr., Dallas, TX 75224. For more details, or to volunteer at the shelter call 972-218-1222.



Spring Trash-Off Update

The Eighth Annual Lancaster Trash-Off will be held on April 20th & 21st. Dumpsters will be located on 200 S. Dallas (Town Square Parking Lot and 1901 S. Cedardale at Cedardale Softball Park).

Trash-off participants will be able to deposit bulk trash in these dumpsters. **FREE TIRE AND BATTERY RECYCLING**
NO PAINT, OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED! A registration booth and refreshments will be located at 200 S. Dallas Ave. (Town Square Parking Lot).

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

We need your group, organization, church, or business to help clean the City's right-of-ways. Interested groups may come to 200 S. Dallas Ave. to the information booth to register your group. By registering your group, you receive a t-shirt, gloves and trash bags to help clean up. Become a sponsor of Trash-Off with a donation of \$100.00 or more and your company's name will appear on the shirt!! Send your donation to Niki Atherton in Neighborhood Services.

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 residents' 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.
- Bags of leave can be placed in the trash carts and they can be sat out the other bulk trash.
- To eliminate theft of carts, use a permanent marker or paint to write your address on your cart.



- 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 a notice 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: February, April, June, August, October, December

- * Place your brush/bulk items on the curb (not the alley)
- * Brush/bulk cannot exceed 12 cy max (6'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 972-218-1328 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.



SUMMERTIME ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

These tips are designed to help you choose effective ways to reduce your energy bills. Some measures may not be relevant depending on climate, the age of your home and appliances, and past improvements made to your home.



Turn up your thermostat

Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees or off when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room. Always take into account health considerations and be sure to drink plenty of fluids in warm weather.



Use your appliances wisely

To help prevent electricity outages, avoid running your appliances during peak hours, -- from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. -- or anytime an electricity emergency is declared.

- Do your laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold water setting for washing your clothes. Always use cold water to rinse clothes.
- Line dry clothes whenever you can.
- When you need to use the dryer, run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting, and clean the clothes dryer lint trap after each use.
- Conserve energy by running your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded, and turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead.



Eliminate wasted energy

- Turn off appliances, lights and equipment when not in use.
- Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they aren't in use. Most new electronics use electricity even when switched "off." Turn computers and printers off at the power strip.
- Unplug or recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't really need it. This will save you up to \$150 per year!



Replace air conditioner filters

Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, increasing energy use. Replace filters monthly for maximum benefit.



Plug your home's leaks

Weather-strip, seal, and caulk leaky doors and windows and install foam gaskets behind outlet covers.



GOOD ENERGY SAVING INVESTMENTS

Planning to do some remodeling soon? Time to replace old appliances? Consider these energy efficiency suggestions when you make purchases. Please remember to contact Community Development at 972-218-1200 for permit requirements.

Install a whole house fan

A whole house fan is permanently installed in your attic and draws cool air into your home through the windows while forcing hot air out through your attic vents. Use after sundown when the outside temperature drops below 80 degrees, and in the early morning to cool your house and help reduce your air conditioning use.

Install window shading

Install patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun. For additional future savings, use strategically planted trees, shrubs and vines to shade your home.

Invest in a new air-conditioning unit

If your air conditioner is on the way out, buy an ENERGY STAR® air conditioner.

Seal your ducts

Leaking ductwork accounts for 25% of cooling costs in an average home, so have your ducts tested and have any leaks or restrictions repaired by a qualified contractor. Note: duct cleaning is not the same as duct sealing. As of October 1, 2005, if you install a new central air conditioner or furnace, your ducts will have to be inspected.

Replace your refrigerator with an ENERGY STAR® model

Refrigerators with a top or bottom freezer design can save you an additional 2-3% on your bill compared to a side-by-side design.

Increase attic insulation

If existing insulation level is R-19 or less, consider insulating your attic to at least R-30.

Install ENERGY STAR® windows

If your windows are due for replacement, ENERGY STAR® windows can make your house more comfortable year-round.



LISD BOND PROPOSTIONS FOR 2007

Lancaster Independent School District's Board of Trustees voted to place the \$142 million bond propositions on the May 12 ballot. There have been significant changes to the package since the previous bond proposal and LISD is looking forward to this year's vote. This bond proposal includes:

Proposition 1:

- Provide 3 replacement elementary schools; Lancaster Elementary will become 2nd middle school and Lancaster Elementary will move to the Cedardale school site.

\$37.2 million

- High School Addition- **\$7.6 million**
- Beltline, Rosa Parks/Millbrook, and Rolling Hills Elementaries and the conversion of Lancaster Elementary to 2nd Middle School will receive additions, renovations and technology upgrades-

\$25.05 million

- The addition of 2 elementary sites- **\$450,000**

Proposition 2:

- 2 new elementary schools- **\$28 million**
- Lancaster Elsie Robertson Middle School, Band Hall, and Auditorium, East Campus, East Campus Gym and Print Shop will receive additions, renovations, and technology upgrades-

\$32.6 million

- The acquiring of 2 elementary sites (4 total)-**\$500,000**
- The acquisition of a middle school site- **\$600,000**
- The acquisition of a new high school site- **\$1.3 million**

Proposition 3:

- The acquisition of a Service Center site and construction- **\$5 million**

Proposition 4:

- Technology Laptop Program @ LHS for juniors and seniors- **\$2 million**

Proposition 5:

- Old Tiger Stadium Renovations, Field-House, Press Box, ADA, Accomodations, Concessions for Middle School- **\$665,000**

Proposition 6:

- Buses/Vehicles **\$1 million**

Total: \$142 million

LISD is proposing a tax reduction with the acceptance of this bond package. According to the bond proposal, citizens will incur a two year tax savings of \$.31 decreasing the tax from \$1.85 to \$1.54.

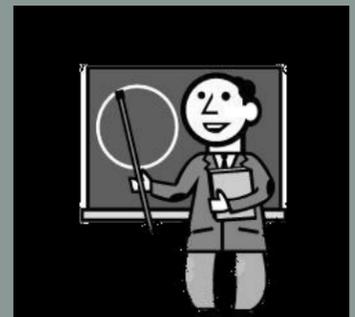
With the acceptance of this bond proposal, LISD will increase the capacity of our schools by providing 10,896 more seats. Election Day: May 12,2007.



EDUCATOR'S JOB FAIR



Saturday, April 14,2007
9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
Lancaster High School
200 E. Wintergreen Rd.
Lancaster, TX. 75134



TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, LIBRARIANS

MUST BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED PER NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB)

Fill out an on-line application @ www.lancasterisd.org

THERE WILL BE ONSITE INTERVIEWS

Please bring your resumes, certificates, transcriptrs, letters of reference, last evaluation, etc.

Lancaster Independent School District
(972)218-1403 Fax (972)218-1401
www.lancasterisd.org



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
- 9 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 10 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 10 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Society @ Library
- 12 11:30 a.m. Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 14 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 14 7:00 a.m. Greater Dallas Bicycle Assoc. Bike Race
- 17 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 19 7:00 p.m. (TLC) "Designing book covers" @ Library
- 20 11:00 a.m. Spring Trash-Off
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- 21 10:00 a.m. Krafty Kids @ Recreation Center
- 21 10:00 a.m. Princess Charming (grades 1-3) @ Rec. Center
- 23 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 24 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 24 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 26 5:00 p.m. Reception for LISD artists @ Library
- 28 5:30 p.m. (Teens 12-15) Gameworks Arcade-Grapevine Mills meet @ Rec. Center

May

- 1 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 1 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 3 7:00 p.m. Cinco De Mayo Concert @ LISD
- 8 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 8 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Society @ Library
- 10 7:00 p.m. LISD District Wide All Band and Choir-LHS
- 10 11:30 a.m. Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 13 10:00 a.m. LISD Senior Baccalaurete
- 14 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 15 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 17 7:00 p.m. (TLC) Pop Culture Quiz Show @ Library
- 19 10:00 a.m. LISD Graduation
- 22 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 22 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 23 7:00 p.m. LISD @ the Meyerson
- 28 Memorial Day (City Offices Closed)

June

- 1 Last Day of School
- 4 Summer Camp Starts @ Rec Center
- 5 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 5 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 7 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library
- 9 6:00 p.m. MusicFest @ Tiger Stadium
- 12 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 12 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Society @ Library
- 14 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library
- 16 4:00 p.m. Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration (Cedar Hill)
- 18 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 19 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 20 11:30 a.m. Best Southwest Quarterly Luncheon
- 21 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library
- 21 7:00 p.m. Teen Club Meeting @ Library
- 25 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 26 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 26 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 28 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library

Spring Trash-Off

April 20 & 21st
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 200 S. Dallas Ave. @Town Square Parking Lot
 1901 Cedardale @ Cedardale Softball Complex
 Registration: @ 200 S. Dallas Ave
 Cost: Free

Participants will be able to deposit bulk trash into these dumpsters. NO PAINT, OIL, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

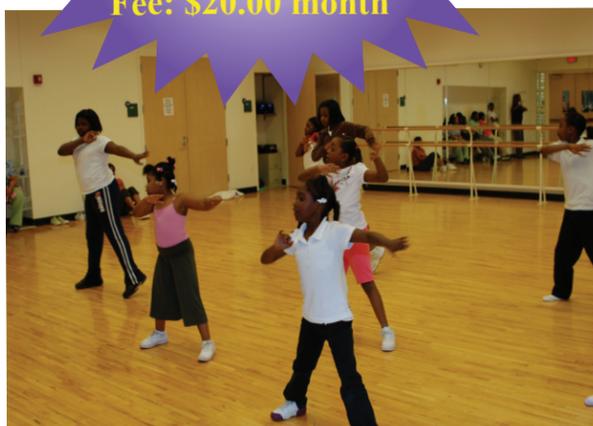
Counselors in Training

This program is for teens ages 14 and 15 to develop practical job skills needed to obtain employment in a Recreation Summer Camp Setting. Teens will assist Summer Camp Leaders with daily camp activities for younger children as well as participating in Teen only outings. CIT is limited to 10 participants. Each participant must fill out an application and go through the interview process to be selected as a CTI.

Dates: June 4-Aug. 10
 Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m-4:30 p.m.

Hip Hop Dance

Who: Girls ages 6-12
 When: Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$20.00 month



Summer Camp

The Lancaster Recreation Center is having a 10-week summer camp for children ages 6-12. The camp includes field trips, swimming, computer camp, Jr. Player acting camps, sports, and much more!

When: June 4- August 10 (Mon.-Fri.)
 Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m with extended hours from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at no extra charge
 Fee: \$65.00 per week; if you pay for the entire summer, you get the last week free!!
 Registration Deadline: May 25th

An Easier Way to Pay!!

Lancaster Recreation Center now offers a more convenient way for its members to pay. You can now make automatic monthly payments with a debit or credit card to purchase annual recreation memberships. With all new Cybex fitness equipment and tons of new recreation classes, members have a wealth of programs to choose from. With the new monthly payment plan, individual members only pay about \$13 a month. No other recreation center or health club in the area is offering such a low price, top quality facilities and programming. So, duck into the Recreation Center and Live...Learn...Laugh!