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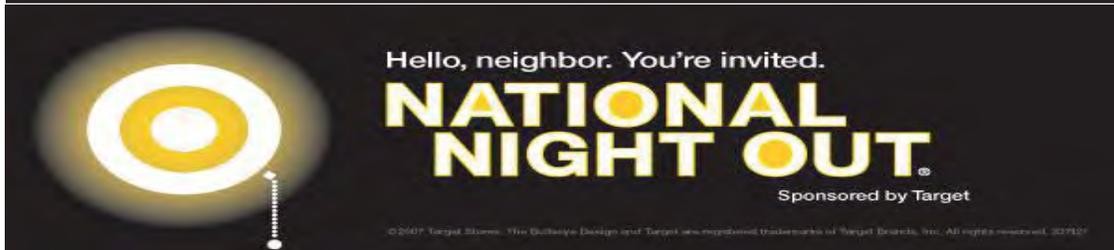
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Lancaster Connection

Vision 2022: 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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The City of Lancaster would like to invite everyone out to the 24th annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event on August 7, 2007. The City will kick off the festivities at 6:00 p.m. at Lancaster Community Park's East Pavillion. Members of City Council, City Administration and Police officials will be on hand to provide information and resources to all who attend. There will be FREE food, bounce houses, fingerprinting, and door prizes for all citizens.

This event commemorates our commitment to providing safety and crime prevention throughout our communities. It is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness, encourage support for local crime prevention programs, and alert criminals to know the citizens are taking back their neighborhoods. This program is also committed to strengthening police and community partnerships.

Lancaster will be one of many communities participating in this nation wide event. Sponsored by Target, who has partnered with the National Association of Town Watch, they have recognized the need to establish partnerships and create safer and healthier neighborhoods. Millions of dollars have been contributed to various organizations including the National Night Out event to support and promote safe communities and families.

After the city sponsored event, we invite all citizens to go back into their neighborhoods, turn on their exterior lights, and spend the evening outside getting to know their neighbors. This not only promotes unity within the neighborhoods, it also allows people to discuss effective ways of establishing crime and drug prevention programs in their communities.

We are also encouraging all Homeowner Associations to sponsor a National Night Out event. If any Association is interested in having a police officer present at their event, please contact the City of Lancaster Community Relations department at (972)218-1300. You may also download a special event application from our website at www.lancaster-tx.com and return it to P.O. Box 940, Lancaster, TX. 75146.

This event will not only enhance our unity as a city, but it will also allow us to proactively help each other to fight crime in our neighborhoods. Come out and join us as we "give crimes and drugs a going away party."

City offices will be closed
September 3 in observance of
the Labor Day Holiday



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CRIME ALERT



Increase in burglaries prompts police to act.

An increase in home burglaries this year has prompted Lancaster Police to target burglary hot spots and urge residents to exercise greater vigilance in home security. There has been a steady increase in reported break-ins and thieves are targeting residential areas, as well as, apartment complexes. Break-ins are occurring during daylight hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and thieves are making their entry into the locations by kicking in the front or rear door and sometimes breaking windows on the homes that are concealed by foliage. A majority of the break-ins occur while the victim is away at work or running errands. Typical burglaries only take between one-(1) to five-(5) minutes and usually consist of two-(2) to four-(4) suspects. Residents are urged to follow these procedures to help to ensure the safety of their property.

- Call police if they see anyone acting suspiciously around their homes, their neighbor's home or in the neighborhood.
- If someone comes to your door and asks for an unfamiliar person, get a good description of that person, and anyone with that person and also a description of their vehicle
- If there is only one person, get their direction of travel after they leave your location and contact police.
- Don't let anyone, children included, walk freely through your home. They may be "scoping" the layout of your home and taking inventory of your household items.
- It is advised that homeowners should avoid using cheap locks and should install security systems, engrave their property with ID numbers and record all serial numbers so stolen items can be traced.

Typical items targeted by the thieves are electronic items such as: DVD players, DVD movies, laptop computers, jewelry, TV's, Play Station 2 and 3 consoles, games, digital cameras and guns that are left in the homes. Thieves are ransacking the entire house and looking in all the "hiding places" of the homeowner to find these concealed items. Lancaster Police

Department offers a free "Home Security Check" for homeowners in Lancaster and residents are encouraged to contact Investigator Logan or Thompson for information concerning security check at (972) 218-2700. Lancaster Police Department also offers a "Crime Tip" hotline at (972) 218-2720. Citizens can call and give information anonymously regarding suspicious activity or persons in their neighborhood. If it's an emergency, call 911 as soon as possible.

NEED ASSISTANCE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?



Airport	972-227-5721
Animal Control	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
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)	972-223-9175
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	972-218-3702
Planning & Zoning	972-218-1200
Post Office	800-275-8777
Public Works	972-218-2300
AT&T (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
TXU (Customer Service)	800-242-9113
Utility Billing	972-218-1328
Voter Registration (Co. Elections Dept.)	214-637-7937
Water/Sewer	972-218-2324

**IF YOU NOTICE ANYONE
OR ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS, PLEASE
DON'T HESITATE TO
CALL THE POLICE!
DIAL 9-1-1!**

**Notice from the
City of Lancaster**





YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

The City of Lancaster needs people who have a real interest in the community to serve on one of the many boards and commissions. The City Council appoints volunteers to numerous boards and commissions to serve the City Council and their fellow citizens in an advisory capacity and/or in carrying out the functions reserve to them by City Code and State Statute.

Airport Advisory Board

This Board of six members and one alternate serves two-year terms in an advisory capacity and makes proposals to Council regarding the operation, expansion, improvement, and maintenance of the Airport.

The following boards have five members and serve two-year terms:

Property Standards and Appeals Board

Members of this board hear appeals of persons directly affected by a decision of the code official or a notice or order issued under the Property Maintenance Code. The board's decisions are authoritative in nature.

Historic Landmark Preservation Committee

Serves in an advisory capacity to Planning & Zoning Commission.

Lancaster Economic (4A) Development Corporation

The 4A Board is commissioned to research and develop a plan for economic development for the City, with such plan to be submitted to the City Council for approval; to prepare an annual budget for approval by the Council; and to authorize deposits and investment of public funds within the scope of its stewardship.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission is a statutory board created pursuant to State Law and Lancaster City Code. Members review, hold public hearings, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding requests for change in zoning district classifications; text changes to the City's zoning ordinance; and permanent zoning to be given newly annexed areas.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

This Board is a statutory board created pursuant to State Law. It hears appeals based on determinations made in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance and hears and decides special exceptions to the terms of the zoning ordinance in certain cases. This Board renders authoritative decisions. Any appeals from the decisions of ZBA are made to District Court.

For consideration during the annual appointment process in July, please submit your application by July 20, 2007. Applications are always welcome as vacancies may occur throughout the year. Please return your completed application to the City Secretary's office at 211 N. Henry, Lancaster, TX 75146 or fax the application to 972-218-1399. You may also obtain an application on the City's website at www.lancaster-tx.com. Need more information? Call the City Secretary's office at 972-218-1310.



The following boards have seven members who serve two-year terms:

Lancaster Recreational (4B) Development Corporation

The Board is commissioned to prepare a development plan with the objective of developing and diversifying the recreational, educational, and cultural aspects of the City.

Library Advisory Board

This board, which serves in an advisory capacity, promotes public interest in the Library, coordinates projects and services for the Library, and recommends Library policies to the City Council.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

This board studies and makes inspections of the parks and recreational programs of the City and advises the City Council on present and future planning, acquisition, development, enlargement, and use policy of the parks and recreation system. The board serves in an advisory capacity to City Council.

City of Lancaster Boards and Commissions Application form with fields for Name, Date, Address, City, Zip, Phone, Email, Residency, Profession, and a list of preferred boards.

For consideration during the annual appointment process in July, please submit your application by July 20, 2007. To be an effective member of a board or Commission, you must be willing to attend and participate at scheduled meetings.

Signature _____ Date: _____



Fire Prevention: Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates more than 94 percent of North American homes have at least one smoke alarm. But consider this fact: **There are more homes with smoke alarms that don't work, than homes without any alarms.** These poorly maintained units create a false sense of security for residents. By properly selecting, placing, testing, and maintaining your smoke alarm, you will greatly increase your chances of surviving a home fire.



Alarm Selections

When you go to the store, you'll find there are many different types of alarms on the market. There are standard battery-operated alarms, 10-year battery-operated alarms, and others that are operated on the home's electrical systems. Building codes often dictate the type of power that will be required to operate smoke alarms. There are also special alarms for people with hearing impairments. These have both an audible alarm and intense flashing lights. No matter what type of alarm you purchase, make sure it is listed or approved by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or the Canadian Standards Associations (CSA).

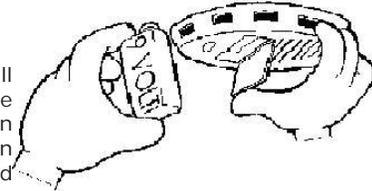
One? Two? Three? More?

Beyond the type of smoke detector, where it is placed is just as important as the type of smoke detector and how it is powered. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code 101 should be followed. Most codes require a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level and within 15 ft of each sleeping area in an existing home. If the door to the sleeping area is kept closed, it is also recommended that a smoke detector be placed inside the bedroom.

In new construction, the code requires hard-wired smoke alarms to be interconnected. This means that if one smoke alarm is activated, all alarms will sound. New construction also requires a smoke alarm be installed in each bedroom and at all hallways adjacent to all bedrooms and on every floor level in a multi level home.

Put 'em Up

Installing a smoke alarm is simple! A screwdriver and drill are all you need to install a battery-operated alarm. Other alarms can also be hardwired directly into your home's electrical system. Hardwire installation should be done by a qualified electrician. Be sure to never connect an alarm to a circuit that can be turned off by a wall switch. Hard-wired systems should also be provided with a battery back up. Only properly functioning smoke alarms can protect you. Make regular maintenance a priority.



Always follow the manufacturer's installation instruction.

- Wall-mounted alarms should be installed so the top is 6 to 12 inches (15-30cm) from the ceiling.
- Ceiling-mounted units should be installed at least 6 inches (15cm) from any wall.
- If a room has a vaulted ceiling, mount the alarm at or near the ceiling's highest point,
- In stairways with no doors at the top or bottom, position alarms in the path smoke would follow up the stairwell.
- Mount alarms at the bottom of closed stairways, such as those leading to a basement. Dead air trapped near the door at the top of a stairway could prevent smoke from reaching an alarm located at the top.
- Don't install an alarm too close to windows, doors, forced-air registers, or ceiling fans where drafts could interfere with the detector's operation.
- If you have questions about the best places to install alarms, contact you the Lancaster Fire Department at (972) 218-2600.

Cooking Fires

According to the NFPA, cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States and Canada. Most of these fires can be prevented by following these simple safety tips.

- Never leave cooking unattended
- Keep cooking area clean
- Do not store combustible objects near the stove
- Always turn pot holders toward the center of the stove and away from other burners.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking
- Do not overheat cooking oils
- Teach children safe cooking





Help Reduce Your Trash: Recycle!!!

The City of Lancaster is encouraging you to reduce your waste and trash by recycling. Blue recycling bins are available at the Utility Billing Department for free!!

Each citizen is allowed up to 4 blue recycling bins and these bins are picked up the same day as your trash. All recyclable items can be included in the bins and no separation of these items are necessary.



Do Recycle

- Cardboard boxes- e.g. cereal, corrugated cardboard
- Paper-e.g. magazines, newspapers, catalogs
- Aluminum & Metal cans- e.g. Drink cans, metal food cans
- Plastic bottles-e.g. detergent bottles, juice, milk, soda bottles
- Glass-e.g. beverage containers and food containers



Poly-cart Usage

- Household waste must be placed in the blue poly-cart provided by the City of Lancaster Waste Provider.
- 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. An additional charge for overfilled carts will be added to residents' utility bill.
- Bags of leaves can be placed in the trash carts and/or they can be sat out with 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 pick-up.
- Poly-carts not removed will be issued a notice requesting compliance to City codes.



Brush/Bulk Trash

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.

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, the waste will be removed and a charge will appear on your utility bill.



Did You Know??



- ❖ Lancaster’s population growth over the next 10 years is projected to exceed 25%, which is well above national and state averages.
- ❖ Lancaster’s household growth is projected at 40% over the next ten years.
- ❖ In 2005, the Average Household Income in Lancaster was 35% higher than the Texas state average.
- ❖ In the next ten years, Lancaster’s Average Household Income is expected to grow by over 31%.
- ❖ In 2005, Lancaster was in the top 10% of all communities in the nation where income for African American households is measured.
- ❖ In 2005, Lancaster was in the top 20% of the nation in every economic category for African American economic statistics.

This exciting information was compiled by 5G Collaborative in their due diligence portion of the Downtown District Study. This Market Analysis, in its entirety, is available for viewing on the City’s website, www.lancaster-tx.com, under the Planning Division homepage.

Planning 101



? What is a Comprehensive Plan? A Comprehensive Plan is an adopted official statement of a legislative body that sets forth overall goals, policies and guidelines intended to direct the present and future physical, social, and economic development within the City’s jurisdiction. The City of Lancaster’s Comprehensive Plan is intended to help manage community changes to maximize future benefits for residential neighborhoods, while maintaining a viable business and economic environment. The Comprehensive Plan is found under the Planning webpage at www.lancaster-tx.com.



? What is a Master Plan? A Master Plan is a land-use plan focused on one or more sites within an area that identifies site access and general improvements and is intended to guide growth and development over a number of years, or in several phases. Master Plans are created through a series of phases. After public and stakeholder input has been gathered, the planning process begins. Typically, focus is placed on analysis of existing physical conditions, demographics and economic status of the subject area, followed by goals and objectives of the City. Master Plans define land use opportunities and include design requirements.

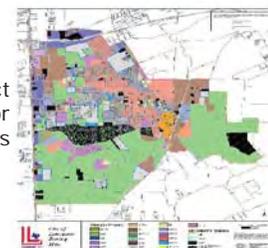


? What are The City of Lancaster’s upcoming and current Master Plans? Currently, The City of Lancaster has The Campus District Master Plan, generally located at I-20 and Houston School Road, which was adopted in 2006. The Master Plans in progress are LanPort, Medical District, Downtown District and the I-35E Corridor.



? What is an Overlay Zoning District? An Overlay Zoning District provides for the possibility of superimposing certain additional requirements upon a base zoning district where the requirements of the base or underlying district requirements also apply. The City of Lancaster has two Overlay districts in place. Information about the Historic District Overlay and the Mills Branch Overlay are found in the Lancaster Development Code.

? What is the Base Zoning District? A base zoning district is a standard zoning district classification of all land within a City’s jurisdiction, in accordance with the zoning map for purposes of development regulation specificity. The base (underlying) district regulations shall apply unless superseded by overlay district provisions.





Summer Pool Hours

Effective June 11, 2007

Pool Hours

6:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Monday-Friday	Lap Swim
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat	Water Aerobic
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	<u>** Day Care Swim</u>
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Monday-Friday	<u>**Day Care Swim</u>
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Monday-Saturday	Open Swim/Lap Swim
5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.	Tues/Wed/Thurs	Water Aerobics /Lap Swim
6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Monday-Thursday	Swim Lessons <u>ONLY</u>
7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	Monday-Thursday	Swim Lessons <u>ONLY</u>

**** Must have an Aquatic Agreement signed by the Aquatics Department**

Private Parties

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

Saturdays 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.

Semi-Private Parties

Saturdays- 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

This is the only time we offer semi private parties.

POOL PARTIES CAN BE BOOKED UP TO 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.

The Lancaster Aquatic Center is available year round for birthday parties, family reunions, company parties and other special events. Our indoor pool, with **two** waterslides and a lazy river can be enjoyed all year long. You have the option of Private, or Semi Private Parties. Come in and schedule your parties today.

All parties must be booked at least 14 days in advance.

Swim Lessons

Please put the level of your child in the session you choose.

6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. _____

7:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. _____

Session 4 July 2/3 1 hr class _____

Session 5 July 9-12 _____

Session 6 July 16-19 _____

Session 7 July 23-26 _____

Session 8 Aug. 6-9 _____

Session 9 Aug. 13-16 _____

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.

**Swim Lessons \$30
1 WEEK SESSIONS**

30 min. of class time (each day)

Monday -Thursday
15 minute overview after each class.



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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.





Wasting Water Costs You

Water is our most valuable resource that is sometimes taken for granted. It's plentiful and affordable and there when you turn on the tap. What may not be understood is that the more water that is used requires improvements to the water system being in; larger lines, pumps and storage facilities. These Capital Improvements can cost millions of dollars which are in turn paid for by the water customer in the form of higher water rates. The City of Lancaster asks that you practice water conservation, and use water wisely, making sure that the water system is being run efficiently and to keep the cost of this valuable asset, water, affordable and available to you the customer. Provided below are some indoor and outdoor water conservation tips to help use water wisely.

Indoor

- ✓ Use your excess water for other functions such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home.
- ✓ Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.
- ✓ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. This adds to the cost of water and sewer utilities and adds to your water bill.
- ✓ Retrofit all household faucets by installing aerators which slow the flow of water.
- ✓ Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed. **(Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.)**
- ✓ If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.
- ✓ Install a toilet dam or displacement device such as a bag or bottle to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. When purchasing new or replacement toilets, consider low-volume units which use less than half the water of older models.
- ✓ Take shorter showers. Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version.
- ✓ Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded. Set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- ✓ When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from the faucet.
- ✓ Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for cool water to flow.
- ✓ Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.
- ✓ Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Scrape scraps into the garbage for disposal.
- ✓ Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce water heating costs for your household.
- ✓ Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.
- ✓ Install water softening systems only when necessary. Turn softeners off while on vacation.
- ✓ Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other similar waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

Outdoor

- ✓ When washing the car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.
- ✓ Use a broom or blower when cleaning your driveway and sidewalks.
- ✓ Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Do not water on windy days. Check and maintain your sprinkler system regularly.
- ✓ Water your lawn every third day. Always water during the cool time of the day to minimize evaporation. Early morning is best. Peak water consumption hours (6a.m.-6 p.m.) should be avoided.
- ✓ Minimize grass areas in your yard because less grass means less water demand. Replace with low-water use plants and shrubbery for landscaping .
- ✓ When mowing, raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches high, or to its highest level. Closely-cut grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water.
- ✓ Using a layer of mulch around plants reduces evaporation and promotes plant growth. Water retaining basins also allow water to be concentrated around the plants.



Water Restrictions

The City of Lancaster is still in Stage 1 of the Drought Contingency Plan. As a Dallas Water Utilities customer, we are to follow the water restrictions of the Dallas residents. Violations of these guidelines may result in fines up to \$250.00. **No lawn watering is allowed between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from April 1 through October 31.** For more information on these water guidelines, please visit Dallas Water Utilities at www.savedallaswater.com

Drought Contingency Plan Stage 1

All Water Customers are Encouraged to:

- Reduce the frequency of watering new and first year landscaping and foundations.
- Only fill ornamental fountains when they first purchase them
- Reduce the frequency of washing or rinsing of vehicles and use of bucket/container, hand-held hose with positive shut-off valve or commercial car-wash.
- Reduce the draining and refilling of swimming pools.
- Reduce the frequency of the use of faucets, hoses, or hydrants.
- Reduce the frequency of water use through voluntary day of week watering schedule. Watering of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems should be limited to:

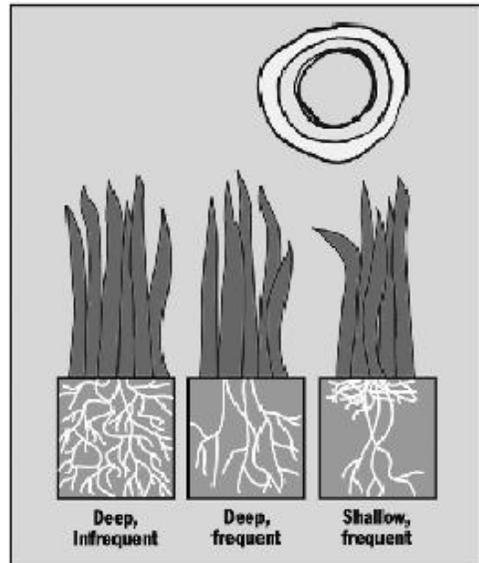
Last Digit of Address	Allowed Watering Days
0,2,4,6,or 8 (even numbers)	Sundays and Thursdays
1,3,5,7,or 9 (odd numbers)	Saturdays and Wednesdays
No address	Sundays and Thursdays

*Apartments, office building complexes or other properties containing multiple addresses may be identified by the lowest address number.

*Irrigation is permitted anytime using a hand-bucket or drip irrigation system.

Yard Tip!

Soil and exposure determine how much water your lawn needs. A common misconception shared by many is that watering your lawn every-day will give it a healthy green turf. This actually weakens your lawn. It is recommended that you water your lawn deeply and infrequently to establish healthy, strong roots.





Are You Ready?!?!



Do you have the creative spirit to build a beautiful float? Would you like your drill team, dance team, or band to showcase their talent? The Lancaster Independent School District and the City of Lancaster are inviting you to join us in our Annual Back to School Parade! This event will be held, Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at Elsie Robertson Middle School and ending at the Lancaster Town Square. For more information on the parade, please call Angela Cartwright at (972) 218-1400 or via email at AngelaCartwright@lancasterisd.org.



BACK TO SCHOOL PARADE

Saturday, August 11, 2007 10:00 a.m.



Line-up: Line-up will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the Lancaster Middle School parking lot.

Route: The parade will leave Lancaster Middle School at 10:00 a.m. and travel east on Pleasant Run to Dallas Avenue and travel south to Town Square.

Participant will not be allowed to throw candy during the parade. This is a safety hazard for parade participants and viewers.

Deadline for entry: August 4, 2007

Group Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alternate Phone:** _____

Please check the category that most closely applies to your entry.

_____ Float _____ Marching Band _____ Motor Vehicle

_____ Choir _____ Marching Unit

Please provide a brief explanation of your entry including an approximate number of individuals participating.

Return entry form via mail or fax to:

Lancaster-ISD-Attention Angela Cartwright: 422 S. Centre, Lancaster, Texas 75134 or Fax (972)218-1401

For additional information contact: Angela Cartwright (972) 218-1400 or AngelaCartwright@lancasterisd.org



L.I.S.D. Summer Reading Project

The Lancaster Independent School District is committed to providing a quality education and in doing so, the Summer Reading Project has been assigned currently to all enrolled students in grades PreK-11th grade. Students are responsible for the project corresponding to their grade and these assignments are due the first day of school August 27, 2007. This project will count as a major test grade in their nine week average. By completing this project, students will not only maintain and enhance their learning abilities, but they will also be in compliance with the L.I.S.D. Code of Conduct. Reading assignments are available at the L.I.S.D Administration Building or the website www.lancasterisd.org



2007-2008 School Calendar

Lancaster Independent School District

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2007-2008 School Calendar grid showing months from July to May with specific dates and holidays marked.



LISD Standardized Code of Dress for the 2006-07 School Year Pre-K - 12th Grade



Know the Code

Table detailing dress code rules for various clothing items like shirts, slacks, shorts, and shoes, including color and length specifications.

Lancaster Independent School District students from Pre-K through the 12th grade are required to adhere to the above uniform standard mode of dress.

The following clothing is not considered "appropriate attire" pursuant to this dress code policy: revealing/provocative shirts and tops, t-shirts, spandex, or similar tight outfits. Clothing items cannot be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation, conceals contraband or creates a distraction. No leather, suede, vinyl or denim fabric can be used except for jackets and windbreakers. On some days, designated by the school principal, students may wear campus and school spirit shirts. Students must comply with district dress and grooming policies as stated in the Student Handbook.



July

- 4 Independence Day (City Offices Closed)
- 4 6:00 p.m. July 4th Celebration at Grimes Park in Desoto
- 9 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 10 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 10 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Program
- 12 11:30 a.m. Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 12 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library
- 13 7:00 p.m. Teen Club @ Library
- 14 10:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday on the Square
- 17 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 19 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @ Library
- 21 2:00 p.m. Story hour @ Library
- 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
- 31 10:00 a.m. Summer Reading Club Wrap-up @ Library
- 31 2:00 p.m. J. K Rowlings Birthday party @ Library

August

- 7 6:00 p.m. National Night Out
- 9 11:30 a.m. Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 11 10:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday on the Square
- 13 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 14 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Program
- 16 7:00 p.m. Teen Club @ Library
- 18 2:00 p.m. Summer Reading Club @Library
- 21 2:00 p.m. Story hour @ Library
- 27 7:30 a.m. 1st Day of School
- 27 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 28 10:00 a.m. Children's Storytime hour @ Library
- 28 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library

September

- 3 Labor Day Holiday (City Offices Closed)
- 4 10:00 a.m. Preschool story hour @ Library
- 4 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 8 10:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday on the Square

Sept.(cont.)

- 10 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 10 7:00 p.m. LISD School Board Meeting
- 11 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour @ Library
- 11 7:00 p.m. Genealogy Program @ Library
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- 18 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour @ Library
- 20 7:00 p.m. Teen Club Meeting @ Library
- 24 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 25 10:00 a.m. Preschool Hour @ Library
- 25 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 27 6:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

October

- 1 7:00 p.m. LISD School Board Meeting
- 2 10:00 a.m. Preschool hour @ Library
- 2 7:00 p.m. Lancaster Art Club @ Library
- 8 Chamber Golf Tournament
- 8 LISD Fair Day
- 8 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 9 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour @ the Library
- 11 11:00 a.m. Chamber Luncheon
- 13 10:00 a.m. 2nd Saturday on the Square
- 13 LISD Education Foundation Gala
- 16 10:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour @ Library
- 18 7:00 p.m. Teen Club Meeting @ Library
- 22 7:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
- 23 10:00 a.m. Preschool hour @ Library
- 23 7:00 p.m. Friends of the Library @ Library
- 27-30 Halloween Hayride @ Bear Creek
- 30 11:00 a.m. Fall Festivities @ Library
- 30 7:00 p.m. Pumpkin & Haunted Hayride

Waterproof your Kids

Lancaster Parks and Recreation offers a wide array of swimming lessons to "Water-proof" children and get them ready to safely enjoy swimming and other aquatic activities for the summer. Programs are available for children of all ages including toddlers. Parent's anxieties are substantially reduced knowing that they have prepared their children to tread water, swim to safety, and float in various situations that might otherwise have tragic consequences. Last year there were reported approximately 3,847 unintentional drownings in recreational water sites in the United States. We caution parents that children are especially at risk; drowning remains the second-leading cause of injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14 years. Parents are encouraged to be trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) which is vital in helping to save lives. Classes in CPR and First Aid are available at the center for nominal fees. Parents are also encouraged to ask a certified staff member their recommendation on appropriate swimming skill classes for their children. All classes are taught by friendly and skilled instructors and classes are limited in size to provide maximum attention in a fun atmosphere. For more information about these valuable programs or to find out more about the Lancaster Aquatics Program, call (972) 218-3701 or you can visit our web site at www.lancaster-tx.com.

2nd Saturday on the Square
City Wide Garage Sale
and Flea Market

Saturday, July 14, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Historic Town Square

Vendors will be on hand for the 2nd Saturday on the Square and Flea Market festivities. Members from the Chamber of Commerce will be under the Clock at Historic Town Square passing out listings of maps and garage sales in Lancaster. To register your garage sale or to become a vendor for the Flea Market, please contact the Lancaster Chamber at (972) 227-2579 or via email at Chamber@lancaster-tx.org.