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## City Council Goals and Objectives

### FIVE YEAR GOALS

Financially Sound, Stable City  
Government

Enhanced City Infrastructure  
and Services

Higher Quality Development:  
Residential and Commercial

Greater Community Unity and Pride

Becoming the Preferred Place to Live:  
Professionals and Families

### Policy Agenda 2006-2007

#### TOP PRIORITY

I-20 Development Plan/  
Campus District

I-35 Development Plan & District

Storm Water Master Plan

Property Maintenance Code

Annexation Plan & Action

Charter Review

#### HIGH PRIORITY

Downtown Development Plan &  
Design Guidelines

Hotel/Motel Tax Evaluation &  
Direction

Airport Area Development Plan

Utility Rate Study & Direction

Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

#### MODERATE PRIORITY

ETJ Agreement

Medical District Development Plan

Cultural Arts Direction

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### MAJOR PROJECTS 2006-2007

Visitors Center Renovation

Wintergreen Road Phase 1 - (I-35 to  
Houston School Road)

Houston School Road - (Pleasant Run  
to Wheatland)

Airport runway extension, including property  
acquisition

Danieldale Road replacement (I-35 to HSR)

Renovate Fire Station 2

New Public Safety Building

Nokomis Road Bridge Stream Bank Protection

Community Park Improvement - Bond Program

Dallas Ave utility replacement (Beltline Rd-  
Pleasant Run Rd)

Airport water/sewer project for new hangars

Reindeer Road bridge replacement

Sewer lift station upgrades

I-20 frontage roads construction

Senior Center construction

Danieldale Road extension (HSR to I-20)

Renovate old library into Municipal Court

Wintergreen/Telephone/Dallas hike/bike trail

Pleasant Run hike/bike trail

## City holiday closings

**Nov**  
**23 & 24**

**Dec**  
**25**

**Jan**  
**1**

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## Tiger Time After School Program

**Lisa Bacon - After School Program Coordinator - 469-261-8910**

**Our Mission:** The Lancaster Independent School District After School Program exists to meet the needs of working parents of LISD. Our mission is to provide after school supervision and enrichment in a safe structured learning environment for children of working parents. It is designed to provide academic skills reinforcement and incorporate fun activities including games, art projects, music, and character development education.

### Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When does the program begin?** It will begin on the open date of each school year. It operates on the same calendar as your child's school.
- 2. Does my child have to enroll for all 5 days?** A child may enroll for less than 5 days if specified at the time of registration.
- 3. When and where do I register my child?** Go to the front office of your child's school and ask for a Tiger Time application. They will provide you with the necessary forms and information.
- 4. Who will be supervising my child?** Certified teachers who are employees of LISD and teacher assistants are assigned to each program.
- 5. How much time will be devoted to academics?** A ninety minute block is allocated for enrichment activities. This could include the following: homework completion in all subject areas; tutorials; TAKS preparation; and computer lab. Tiger Time instruction will include a LISD developed curriculum.



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

Animal Control	972-218-1222
Atmos Energy (Gas)	800-621-1867
Building Inspections	972-218-1203
Cable (Comcast/Time Warner)	972-445-5555
Chamber of Commerce	972-227-2579
City Hall	972-218-1300
Neighborhood Svcs. (Code Compliance)	972-218-1200
Community Development	972-218-1203
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
Lancaster Municipal Airport	972-227-5721
Lancaster Today (Newspaper)	972-298-4211
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
Trinity Waste	972-225-8151
TXU (Customer Service)	800-460-3030
Utility Billing	972-218-1328
Voter Registration (Co. Elections Dept.)	214-637-7937
Water/Sewer	972-218-2324

- 6. Will children be given time to relax and play?** There will be time allotted for free play as well as structured game times.
- 7. Will a snack be provided?** Yes, a nutritious snack will be provided.

### General Program Information

#### After School Care Elementary

LISD will offer an after school program called **Tiger Time**, on all elementary campuses. Beginning **Monday August 21, 2006**, the hours are from 2:45 until 6:00 pm. Snacks will be provided for the students and Certified Teachers will facilitate the program.

#### Cost for Elementary Care

Tuition will be \$25 per week for each child in a family who qualifies for free and reduced lunches thru the Texas Workforce. Special discounts are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. A special application must be completed to receive a discount. Tuition for non-qualifying students is \$45 per week; **note no family will pay over a \$100 maximum per week.**

#### After School Care-6th Grade thru 8th

For the Sixth Grade students attending Lancaster Elsie Robertson Middle School Beginning **Monday August 21, 2006**, the hours are from 4:00pm. until 6:00 pm. Snacks will be provided for the students and Certified Teachers will facilitate the program.

#### Cost for 6th Grade Care thru 8th

Tuition will be \$20 per week for each child in a family who qualifies for free and reduced lunches thru the Texas Workforce. Special discounts are available for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. A special application must be completed to receive a discount. Tuition for non-qualifying students is \$30 per week; **note no family will pay over a \$100 maximum per week.**



## ProLogis breaks ground in Lancaster on 650,000 sq.ft. facility

ProLogis Managing Director Gary Anderson and Argent Property Company Chairman & CEO C.E. "Doc" Cornutt were joined by Lancaster Mayor Joe Tillotson, dozens of local dignitaries and a crowd of well-wishers as they ceremonially broke ground on their first building in the new ProLogis Park 20/35. Located in Lancaster near the SE corner of I-20 & Houston School Road, ProLogis Park 20/35 is a \$100+million, 200 acre distribution campus that will eventually add 3.3 million square feet of institutional grade showroom, warehouse and light industrial/distribution space. Concurrent with the building construction, development continues on infrastructure improvements and extension of Daniieldale Road to the I-20 Service Road. Both the 650,000 square foot building and the other park

improvements should be completed before the start of the new year. This initial 650,000 square foot building – when completed – will be the largest single building in Lancaster to date, although there is discussion of a future 1 million square foot facility that could also be constructed in ProLogis Park 20/35.

The City of Lancaster and Lancaster Economic Development Corporation are providing an incentive package that includes \$1.5 million of "4A" funds and a Chapter 380 tax rebate to reimburse infrastructure costs that ProLogis and their development partner Argent Property Company are initially bearing. It is expected that between 700-1200 new jobs will be created within the park, depending on the specific needs and activities of future tenants.

## The Grocery Store Question

**"We, at XYZ Company, would like to inquire as to why there has been no activity to entice another grocery chain to occupy the old Minyards building."**

Good Afternoon XYZ, thank you for your question and for this opportunity to dispel the impression that Lancaster isn't doing anything to attract additional grocers to our community.

Since Winn-Dixie announced the closing of their Texas stores back in mid-2002 we have worked to market our community to more grocery, retail and restaurant opportunities. These priorities are in direct response to the expressed concerns and wishes of our citizenry.

There are several factors that make this effort particularly challenging for us. Grocery experts say that the *DFW-market* (of which we are a part) is among the most competitive if not the most competitive grocery store market in the nation. Wal-Mart's ceaseless expansions and growth in market share have pushed other grocers out of the market (i.e. Winn-Dixie, Albertsons recent sale and closing announcements, the sale of family-owned Minyard to another regional chain, and Food Lion some years back). Despite this trend we have continued to approach the marquee chains (Tom Thumb, Kroger, Albertson and yes even HEB) as well as the secondary chains (Sav U Mor, Grocer Supply, D&D Farms, Brookshires, Brookshire Brothers, Affiliated Foods, Jerry's Supermarket, and others).

LEDC has worked closely with the Lee family's (owners of the vacant building to which you referred) representatives to ensure they have current demographic and housing growth data to aid their own recruitment efforts. You should also be aware that most new grocery stores are now building or seeking 60-80,000 s.f. facilities. The old Minyard is slightly over 30,000 s.f. Likewise in the decades since the old Lee's IGA/Minyard was built, Lancaster's population center has shifted away from Dallas Avenue and more toward the Bluegrove, Houston School Road area. Perhaps with the opening of the new Lancaster High School this fall we may see additional traffic in the Dallas Avenue-Pleasant Run area to help revitalize retail prospects in that area.

As a "4A" economic development corporation, LEDC is precluded under current state law from offering a cash "enticement" or incentive to a commercial entity that does not create primary jobs. As defined by the state and its list of NAICS job codes, primary jobs are generally manufacturing-related, or research & development type careers. LEDC is restricted to only participating in infrastructure assistance for new or expanding commercial enterprises. Unfortunately older facilities like the old Minyard, or old Safeway, or old-old Winn-Dixie have the infrastructure (water, sewer, street, etc.) already in-place and LEDC can do little in the way of direct financial assistance to entice another grocer. What we have done and continue to do is attempt to provide timely and accurate community growth and development information to developers who have relationships with grocers who we hope to educate about the genuinely profitable opportunities within our market area.

It gives me no pleasure to acknowledge that these efforts have not yet been successful. I am open to suggestions. Feel free to offer any specific suggestions you'd like to see us try and (assuming it is legal) we will actively consider it. But we must all be aware that this is an uphill struggle with an old, dated facility in a small market area.

Regards,  
Stephen J. Filipowicz  
Executive Director,  
Lancaster Economic Development Corp.

*Shop, dine, and buy services in Lancaster – you'll help reap a rewarding harvest for our community!*



## Charter Review

Lancaster City Council voted to include a revision to the City Charter on the ballot for the November 7, 2006 election. The City Charter was first adopted in the 1950's and amended in 1974 and 1995. However, since that time, state laws and requirements have changed and caused the charter to be out of date with current regulations. Lancaster as a community has developed and continues to be on the move. In an effort to have our local "constitution" charter compatible with the community, it became apparent that revisions were required. A charter committee made up of 15 individuals was selected and several meetings were held to address revisions to the document. The process was completed in a timely fashion due to the work of a Charter Review Committee established in 2003 that met and recommended several changes. The Committee did a comparison of the recommended changes and the existing charter and made suggestions for the upcoming ballot measure. A separate mailer highlighting the Charter Review Committee Recommendations will be available in the very near future. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the recommended changes, please visit our website at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com).



## LANCASTER 53RD "LIGHTED" CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2005

### Benefiting the Lancaster Outreach Center

The entry fee is a donation of non-perishable food items or new unwrapped toys to be brought at the time of the parade. The parade route will be announced soon. Please check the city's website at [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com) for details.

Lineup: 3:00 p.m.  
Entry Deadline: December 5, 2006

Judging: 4:00 p.m.  
Parade Start Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Parade Theme: **"Lancaster Lights"**

**Judging categories will be divided into:**

- Automobiles/Antique Cars
- Business Entry (Floats/Auto)
- Floats/Auto (Churches, Clubs, organizations)
- Equestrian
- Marching Group
- Youth Groups (float, marching, walking)

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

Awards will be given out at end of parade.

*Please, no Live Santa's on floats; it confuses the children—thank you.  
Pursuant to City ordinance, and for the safety of spectators and participants, entrants ARE NOT ALLOWED TO THROW CANDY.*

For more information, call Mary Kinnard at 972-227-2579.



## ENTRY FORM 2006 LANCASTER CHRISTMAS PARADE



Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City—State—Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of People (if marching): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Fats, oil and grease

■ All too often FOG (fats, oil and grease) are improperly disposed of by washing these messy, greasy residues down the plumbing system or by dumping it down the storm drain system. Improperly disposing of leftover FOG may cause property damage, health hazards and environmental problems.

■ Pipes may be blocked by oils poured directly into the sink, even if diluted with hot water. As sewer pipes back up, sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects and other vermin and may create a potential health hazard.

■ Property damage can also result from sewage backups resulting in expensive clean up and plumbing repairs. Clogged sewers can also lead to overflows, which can runoff into the street and straight into the storm drain system, and eventually into our creeks and streams without being treated.

### How you can help:

■ Filter and freeze used cooking oil and reuse it for another meal.

■ Small amounts of cooking oil, such as meat drippings, can be soaked up with a paper towel and thrown into the trash.

■ Pour the used cooking oil into a sturdy closed-lid container, like a coffee can, and dispose of it in the trash. Another option is to slowly mix in kitty litter until all the oil is absorbed and can be placed in a garbage bag.

For more information on FOG visit [www.nctcog.org](http://www.nctcog.org)

### Texas Recycles Day

November 15th.



“Growing Recycling in Texas” is the theme for Texas Recycles Day for 2005, with an emphasis on composting and using compost. Composting is nature’s way of recycling.

In Texas, more than 20 million tons of compostable organic materials like yard trimmings, wood chips, food waste, and paper go into landfills every year. When these materials decompose, methane (a powerful greenhouse gas) is released.

In urban areas of Texas, as much as half of the water supply is used for landscape and garden watering. Using compost and mulch helps the soil absorb and retain moisture, which can reduce watering requirements by fifty percent and reduce runoff into lakes and streams. Mulch and compost also insulate grasses and other plants against extreme heat and cold, and slowly release nutrients that promote plant growth and resistance to pests and diseases.

For ideas on how to start your compost project, visit: [www.texasrecyclesday.org](http://www.texasrecyclesday.org)

## Water Utility Billing

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

**B**ank 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 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 anytime 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 simply 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 our 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.

### 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.

### Authorization for Bank

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

Bank  Savings & Loan

Credit Union  Other

Checking Account  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.)*

**New Trash Program Reminders**

The City of Lancaster's new trash program is off to a great start! 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.** Refer to the map located below to determine your pickup week.



- 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 AM on the Monday of your pickup week.
- **No hazardous wastes** (such as paint, batteries or chemicals) will be collected.
- **No tires** will be collected.

In addition, please remember that household waste is collected once per week and **trash must be contained to the carts only**. Lids must be closed and any other trash set beside or on top of the cart **will be removed at an additional charge of \$7.50 per cart load**. **Additional carts** are available for and **additional \$1.50 per month**.



Effective October 1, 2006 the City of Lancaster will step up enforcement efforts to maintain a clean community.

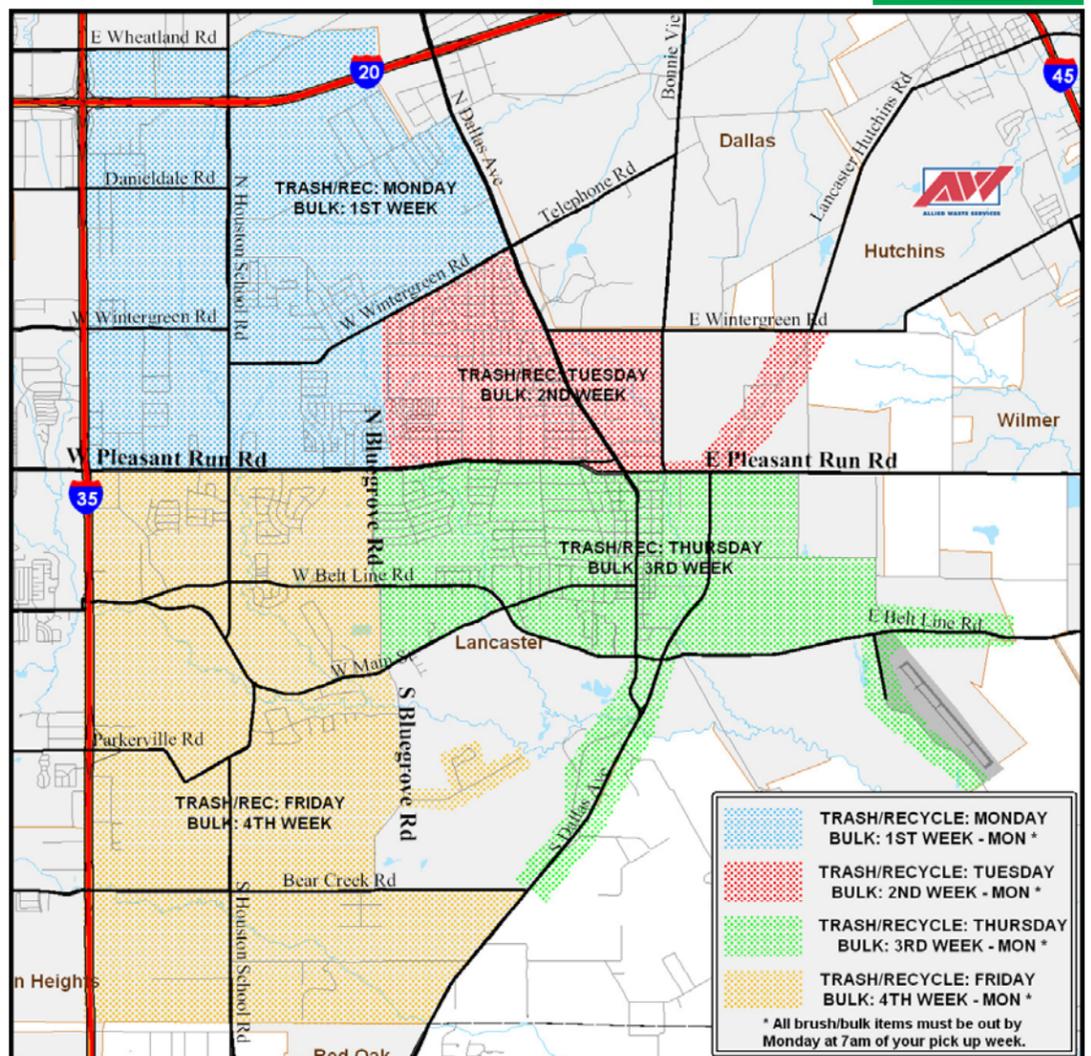


Residents not in compliance with the brush/bulk and/or trash rules will be subject to the following actions:

**Household waste**

- Overloaded carts and trash around the cart will be removed by Allied Waste at an additional charge of \$7.50 per cart load and the charge will automatically

be added to the utility bill. A tag will be placed on the cart with the number of extra cart loads so the resident will know the additional billing amount. **No other notice will be provided.** If the trash is present, it will be removed for a fee.



**Brush/Bulk**

Please remember the brush/bulk pickup is every other month. **There is no brush/bulk pick-up** during the months of September, November, January, March, May and July.



**If brush/bulk is present at any time other than your designated pickup week, the waste will be tagged for removal. If not removed within 3 days, Allied Waste will pick up the waste and a charge will appear on your utility bill.**



Please be aware that this information serves as official notice to all our residents. An owner who fails to comply with the rules outlined above may be subject to having a lien placed against his/her property. Should a lien be placed on the property, the owner has the right to appeal. It is the City's intent to encourage residents to become familiar with the trash program in order to help keep our city clean. Should you have questions regarding the City's trash program, please call 972-218-1301.



Pets age more rapidly than people and can develop disease conditions that can go unnoticed, even to the most attentive pet owner. Veterinarians are skilled in detecting conditions that have gradual onset and subtle signs. Early detection allows problems to be treated most easily and affordably. Help foster early detection and treatment by scheduling regular examinations with your veterinarian.

### Need a furry friend?

The Lancaster Animal Shelter has the perfect companion for you! Located at 690 E. Main St. across from Rocky Crest Park, the Lancaster Animal Shelter works to place as many pets as possible into quality homes with responsible owners. The shelter is owned by the City of Lancaster and operated through the Neighborhood Services Division. Services provided include:

- Placing "homeless" animals in loving homes through adoptions.
- Providing food, water, shelter and daily care to stray and unwanted animals.
- Controlling the pet population by impounding strays.
- Re-uniting owners with lost pets through lost and found reports.
- Protecting the public from dangerous or vicious animals.
- Conducting rabies, bite and cruelty investigations.
- Acting as the local rabies control authority
- Responding to livestock and wildlife service requests.
- Providing dead animal removal.
- Promoting programs on responsible pet ownership, animal behavior and bite prevention.

If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit the shelter during its regular business hours. The Lancaster Animal Shelter is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday – 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you adopt from our shelter State law requires that you have the animal neutered within 30 days from the date of the adoption. You will also be required to bring in a pre-paid rabies vaccination invoice from a veterinarian prior to taking the animal home.

### General Good Pet Health

A healthy pet is a happy companion. Your pet's daily well-being requires regular care and close attention to any hint of ill health. The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests that you consult your veterinarian if your pet shows any of the following signs:

- Lumps or swelling
- Reduced or excessive appetite or water intake
- Marked weight loss or gain
- Limping, stiffness or difficulty getting up or down
- Difficult, discolored, excessive or uncontrolled waste elimination (urine and feces)
- Abnormal discharges from any body opening
- Head shaking, scratching, licking or coat irregularities
- Changes in behavior or fatigue
- Foul breath or excessive tartar deposits on teeth



Our adoption fees are very competitive. Small dogs, puppies and cats are \$10 and large dogs and other animals over 35 pounds are \$20. All adoptions are final.

The City of Lancaster requires every dog to be licensed and registered. There is not a fee for registering your dog. Upon compliance with the requirements for the license, an identification tag will be issued and must be worn by the dog. Each owner is required to provide their dog with a collar to

which the city license tag and rabies tag must be affixed and insure that the collar and tags are worn at all times.

Cats, dogs, and other animals come to the Lancaster Animal Shelter from a wide variety of backgrounds. Frequently their health and vaccination history is unknown to us. Your first responsibility as an adopter is to take your new furry friend to a veterinarian as soon as possible (by this we mean a day or two later – not longer). Because we do not know the pet's history we make no guarantees as to the health of the animals that are adopted from us.

Not ready for pet ownership but still want to help? The Lancaster Animal Shelter is always in need of donations of animal food, cat litter, pet carriers, collars and leads. If you wish to donate any items to the shelter you may bring them by during operating hours or drop them off at the Community Development Building at 700 E. Main Street (across the parking lot from the Animal Shelter Building) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Marley

My name is Marley and I am a male black Labrador. I was found as a stray in which my owners never came back to look for me. I'm very rambunctious and I love to take long walks. I need a good home and a loving family. Upon adoption I am required to be neutered.



## Vaccinating Your Pet



Vaccines are health products that trigger protective immune responses in pets and prepare them to fight future infections from disease-causing agents. Vaccines can lessen the severity of future diseases and certain vaccines can prevent infection altogether. Pets should be vaccinated to protect them from many highly contagious and deadly diseases. Very young puppies and

kittens are highly susceptible to infectious diseases. This is especially true as the natural immunity provided in their mothers' milk gradually wears off. To keep gaps in protection as narrow as possible and to provide optimal protection against disease for the first few months of life, a series of vaccinations are scheduled, usually 3-4 weeks apart. For most puppies and kittens, the final vaccination in the series is administered when they are 12 to 16 weeks old. Taking the time to keep your pet's vaccinations up-to-date will keep your pet healthy and you happy.



## Responsible Pet Ownership: Spaying or Neutering Your Pet

Every year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats, including puppies and kittens, are needlessly destroyed. The good news is that every pet owner can make a difference. By having your dog or cat surgically sterilized, you will do your part to prevent the birth of unwanted puppies and kittens and will enhance your pet's health and quality of life.

Unless you are prepared for the work involved in monitoring your pet's pregnancy, caring for the newborns and locating good homes for all the offspring, spaying or neutering your pet is the best choice.

While both spaying and neutering are major surgical procedures, they are also the most common surgeries performed by veterinarians on cats and dogs. Before the operation, your pet will be given a thorough physical examination ensuring that your pet is in good health. General anesthesia administered before the surgery makes the procedure non-painful. You will be asked to keep your pet calm and quiet for a few days afterwards until the incision begins to heal.

Here are a few of the benefits of having your pet spayed or neutered:

- Improves the long-term health of your pet and reduce the risk of serious infections and diseases such as cancer.
- Prevents unwanted litters.
- Eliminates many behavior problems associated with the mating instinct.
- Eliminates female pets' heat cycles and the work associated with it.
- Prevents pets from running away from home to find a mate.

A dog or cat can be spayed or neutered at almost any age. Your veterinarian can advise you on the most appropriate time for your particular pet based upon its breed, age and physical condition.

The procedure has no effect on a pet's intelligence or ability to learn, play, work or hunt. Most pets tend to be better behaved following the operation, making them more desirable companions. Contrary to popular belief, the surgery will not make your pet fat. A balanced diet and exercise will keep your pet from experiencing the health risks associated with obesity.

This procedure is probably one of the higher costs of your pet's medical expenses. But a one-time expense that can dramatically improve your pet's quality of life is worth it.

## Operation Vaccination Low Cost Pet Vaccinations

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lancaster Animal Shelter, 690 E. Main St., Lancaster, TX 75146

Free Dog Dip  
Low Cost Rabies Vaccinations  
Savings on rabies and all other vaccinations for dogs and cats.  
Free engraving...(owner's phone number on back of Rabies tag)

- Heartworm testing for dogs
- Heartworm prevention for dogs
- Frontline Plus Flea and Tick Control

All dogs must be contained in a carrier or on a leash. Cats are to be in carriers.

For more information on Operation Vaccination, please call the Neighborhood Services Division at 972-218-1200 or email [chayward@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:chayward@lancaster-tx.com).

Operation Vaccination  
Dr. Kevin Gibbs - Veterinarian  
817-625-1283, [www.vaccinateme.org](http://www.vaccinateme.org)

- **Rabies Vaccination \$9**
- **Dog Combo \$32** (Rabies-DHP-Parvo-Corona-Bordetella)
- **Dog Works \$47** (Rabies-DHP-Parvo-Corona-Bordetella-Heartworm test)
- **Super Dog \$57** (Rabies-DHP-Parvo-Corona-Bordetella-Heartworm test-Lyme Disease)
- **Cat Combo \$29** (Rabies-FVRCP-C-Feline Leukemia)
- **Cat Works \$44** (Rabies-FVRCP-C-Feline Leukemia-FIP-Heartworm test)

If you are still uncertain whether or not to proceed with the surgery, consider the expense to society of collecting and caring for all the unwanted, abused, or abandoned animals being housed in shelters — most with little chance of finding permanent homes.

Having your pet spayed or neutered is a part of responsible pet ownership and an important investment in your pet's long-term good health.

The Lancaster Animal Shelter helps residents understand the benefits of caring for their pets. If you are interested in owning a pet, consider adopting a dog from our shelter. The adoption fee of \$10 for small dogs, puppies or cats or \$20 for dogs over 35 pounds includes a \$25 sterilization voucher and a free city registration. Persons adopting animals must sign an agreement to have the animal spayed/neutered and vaccinated. For more information, please call 972-218-1200.



### What's happening at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library

The Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library has programs and events for people of all ages. Beginning September 21st, the new Teen Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., the third Thursday of each month. The pre-school story hour continues at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday. Special programs include a speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Halloween party Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Pre-school Story Hour

10:00 a.m. every Tuesday unless noted otherwise.

##### September 2006

- 9/19/06- Leaves
- 9/26/06- Blue's Clues

##### October 2006

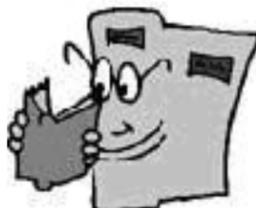
- 10/3/06- Exercise
- 10/17/06- Lions, Tigers, and Bears...Oh My!
- 10/24/06- Arthur
- 10/31/06- Moon

##### November 2006

- 11/7/06- Fall Harvest
- 11/14/06- Reading is Fun!
- 11/21/06- It's Turkey Time!
- 11/28/06 - no story hour

##### December 2006

- 12/5/06- Winter Wonderland
- 12/12/06- A Multicultural Christmas
- 12/19/06- T'was the Night Before Christmas
- 12/26/06 - no story hour



#### Teen Club

The new Teen Club will kick off Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. with a Teen Fun Feud. Similar to television's "Family Feud," it will feature categories for top teen activities. Future Teen Club events include:

##### October 19 - "The Body in the Billard Room"

This murder mystery allows the audience to actively participate in figuring out who done it. The "victim" will be selected from the audience!

**November 16** - Write notes and sign holiday greeting cards to be sent to residents of area nursing homes.

**December 21** - Holiday party for teens.

#### Special Events

Hispanic Heritage Month - Learn about the ancient Mexican calendar in this special program Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Safe Scary Movie Night - Put on your costume and join us for a movie and popcorn on Halloween night, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m.

#### Lancaster Genealogy Society

The Lancaster Genealogy Society meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's meeting room. The programs for fall 2006 are:

October 10 - Salads or Sandwiches; installation of officers; celebrating 30 years

November 14 - The Invisible Internet with Dreanna Belden

#### Lancaster Art Club

The Lancaster Art Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. September 5 - View a video on how to paint portraits in watercolor.

For more information about any of these activities, please visit our website [www.lancastertxlib.org](http://www.lancastertxlib.org) or call the Library at 972-227-1080. The Library is located at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Lancaster.

#### Friends of the Lancaster Library

The Friends meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy these free programs.

September 26 - Dr. Gary Sisson portrays Patrick Henry

October 24 - Ghost Stories by the Lake with Dan Gibson

November 28 - Decorate the Library's holiday tree, along with the annual business meeting.

#### November

- 1 EMS Siren Testing, 2:00 p.m.
- 4 Bear Creek Nature Park Opening Celebration
- 6 LISD Staff Development - Student Holiday
- 7 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 9 Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- 11 2nd Saturday on the Square, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Senior Citizen's Dinner (Recreation Center)
- 13 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 15 Texas Recycles Day
- 20-24 LISD Thanksgiving Holidays
- 21 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holidays (City offices CLOSED)
- 27 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)



#### December

- 2 Lancaster Heritage Park Foundation Tour of Homes, 7:00-8:30p.m.
- 6 EMS Siren Testing, 2:00 p.m.
- 5 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 9 Lion's Club Christmas Parade Holiday Festival, 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday on the Square, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 19 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 22-1/1/2007 LISD Christmas Holidays
- 25 Christmas Holiday (City offices CLOSED)



#### September

- 28 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (by invitation only), 6:00 p.m. (Recreation Center)

#### October

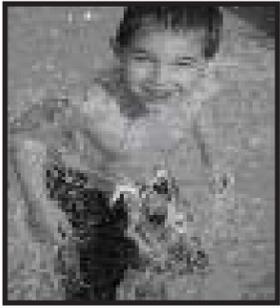
- 3 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 4 EMS Siren Testing, 2:00 p.m.
- 6 LISD Staff Development - Student Holiday
- 9 Columbus Day LISD Fair Day City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 12 Chamber Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- 14 2nd. Saturday on the Square, 10:00 a.m.
- 17 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 23 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)
- 23-28 Haunted Hayride, 7:30-11:00 p.m. (Bear Creek Nature Park)
- 29 Daylight savings time ends
- 31 Halloween Pumpkin Fest, 6:30 p.m. (Lancaster munity Park)



#### January

- 1 New Year Holiday (City offices CLOSED)
- 13 MLK Day Parade/Celebration, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.





### Lancaster Recreation Center

### Fall - Pool Hours

Effective - September 1, 2006



6:30am-11:30am  
 9:00am-9:45am  
 2:00pm-5:00pm  
 5:00pm-5:45pm  
 6:00pm-6:45pm  
 7:00pm-8:30pm

Monday-Friday  
 Tues/Wed/Thur/Sat  
 Saturdays  
 Mon/Wed  
 Monday-Thursday  
 Monday-Thursday

Lap Swim  
 Water Aerobics  
 Open Swim  
 Water Aerobics /Private Swim Lessons  
 Swim Lessons  
 Open Swim

#### Private Parties

Fridays 6:00pm-8:00pm  
 8:15pm-10:15pm  
Saturdays 11:00am-1:00pm  
 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 7:45pm-9:45pm  
Sundays 10:00am-12:00pm  
 12:15pm-2:15pm  
 2:30pm-4:30pm  
 5:30pm-7:30pm  
 7:45pm-9:45pm

#### Cost: (2 Hour rental)

50-50 \$150  
 100-100 \$195  
 150-150 \$235  
 200-200 \$275  
 201-250 \$305

#### Semi-Private Parties

Saturdays 2:30pm-4:30pm

**POOL PARTIES CAN ONLY BE BOOKED 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE.**

Cost: (2 hour rental)  
 Up to 30 people MAX \$95

**Call 972.218.3711 for more information on swim lessons or to book a party.**

**SWIM LESSONS ARE OFFERED YEAR ROUND**  
See page 11 for session dates.

**Beginner Gymnastics** 6-12 years \$28  
 A basic skills class stressing proper stretching exercises, floor tumbling, balance beam and vault for your little gymnast.  
 Wednesday 5:00 – 5:45 pm

**Intermediate Gymnastics** 6-12 years \$28  
 A development class to progress gymnastic skills to intermediate level on balance beam and vault. NOTE: Beginner Gymnastics must be taken before registering in this level.  
 Wednesday 6:00 – 6:45 pm

**Karate** \$40  
 Class to learn karate and self defense designed to help individuals become more confident both mentally and physically.  
**Beginning Youth Karate & Self Defense** 7 - 17 years  
 Monday & Wednesday 6:30 - 7:15 pm  
**Beginning Adults Karate & Self Defense** 18 years and up  
 Monday & Wednesday 6:30 - 7:15 pm  
**Intermediate / Advanced Youth** 7 – 17 years  
 Monday & Wednesday 7:15 - 8:00 pm

**Lil' Hoops Basketball** 3-5 years \$28  
 Hoop It! A four-week instructional basketball development class for your little player to learn the basics of passing, shooting and team play.  
 Monday 6:00 – 6:45 pm

**First kick Soccer** 3-5 years \$28  
 Pass, Shoot and Score! A four-week instructional development class for your little player to learn the basics of soccer and team play.  
 Thursday 6:00 – 6:45 pm

**Little Blockers Flag Football** 3-5 years \$28  
 This instructional program is for kids that would like to learn the basics of flag football.  
 Thursday 6:00 - 6:45 pm

**Lil Dragons Karate** 4 – 6 years \$40  
 This exciting program for 4 to 6 years of age offers a dynamic mixture of exercise, self defense, stranger danger awareness and basic karate in a fun and positive environment  
 Monday & Wednesday 6:00 – 6:30 pm

### Youth/Adult Sports

**LSA Soccer**  
 Boys & Girls ages 4-16



Registration Dates: Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Location: Lancaster Rec. Center  
 Time: 9am-1pm

Late Registration: Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Fees: 4-6yrs \$50.00, 7-16yrs \$60.00  
 Contact: 972-218-3759

**Lancaster Youth Basketball League (LYBL)**  
 Boys & Girls ages 5-12

Registration Dates: Sep 11 – Dec 11  
 Season begins: Jan 2007  
 Location: Lancaster Rec. Center  
 Contact: 972-218-3700

**COED-VOLLEYBALL**

Registration Dates: Sep 11-29  
 Season begins: Oct 2006  
 Fee: \$125 per team  
 8 players on each team  
 Lancaster Rec. Center  
 Contact: 972-218-3700

**Swim lessons are offered year round**

**Parent/Child Classes**

**(6-35 months)** - 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.

**Pre-K (age 3-5) \* Pre-school Lessons**

**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.

**Starfish** - Children must be able to swim 10-15 feet on their front and back. This level builds endurance, teaches underwater swimming, treading water and reviews and refines stroke skills on front and back. Starfish will learn sidestroke, backstroke, and the beginning of breaststroke

**Weekday Sessions**

Sessions are Monday through Thursday for 30 minutes and Fridays are scheduled for make up days due to inclement weather.

**Group Lessons**

6:00 pm-6:30 pm

- Session 6** Sept. 18-21
- Session 7** Sept. 25-28
- Session 8** Oct. 2-5
- Session 9** Oct. 10-13
- Session 10** Oct. 16-19

**Private Lessons**

5:00 pm-5:40 pm

- Session 6** Sept. 18-21
- Session 7** Sept. 25-28
- Session 8** Oct. 2-5
- Session 9** Oct. 10-13
- Session 10** Oct. 16-19

Email questions to:  
[mjames@lancaster-tx.com](mailto:mjames@lancaster-tx.com)  
 or call 972-218-3700

**Youth (age 6-17) \* Youth Lessons**

**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.

**Perch** - Must be able to swim 20 yards front crawl with rotary breathing, backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke. Swimmers increase endurance, improve form, and learn butterfly.

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

**4th. ANNUAL  
 DR. MARTIN  
 LUTHER KING JR.  
 DAY PARADE**

The City of Lancaster, Lancaster Independent School District and the MLK Day Citizen Committee cordially invites you to join us for the 4th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade on January 13, 2007.

Parade applications will be available in December. For more information please call 972-218-1300.



**Securing the Dream**

Registration form for  
**Memorial Donations**

**Memorial Opportunities**

Included on page 12, are some memorial opportunities for individuals wishing to donate a tribute or remembrance to a family member or others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (optional)

**NAMED PROJECT**

**GIVING LEVEL**

**Phase I**

**Phase II**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:**

\_\_\_\_\_



# Bear Creek Nature Park . . . Securing the Dream

In the last two years, citizens input, professional guidance and significant planning have helped the City forge a comprehensive master plan for the Park. The community's vision includes preserved wildlife areas, wetlands, ponds, fishing pier, outdoor classroom, pavilion, and a learning center, as well as hiking trails, equestrian trails, campgrounds, and a butterfly garden – with interpretive signage throughout the Nature Park.

**In this era of explosive development, we are quickly losing what little remains of our native habitat, especially in Dallas County. Lancaster is one of the few communities which seems to have the vision and foresight to recognize the value of preserving such land for the benefit of both current and future generations.**

Louis Verner, Ph.D., Urban Wildlife Biologist  
Former staff – Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

We are asking for your help in *sharing the vision* for our city. **Bear Creek Nature Park**, located in the southern sector of Lancaster, consist of 200 acres of rolling, wooded terrain graced with ponds and creeks. In 2001, Lancaster was awarded a \$500,000 grant from Texas Park & Wildlife Department. This was the first step of a five year plan to develop the Park as an educational, recreational, and conservation refuge for our citizens and visitors from surrounding areas.

**Phase 1 of Bear Creek Nature Park will officially be dedicated November 4, 2006, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Planned activities will include a scavenger hunt, naturalist tour, buffalo soldiers, basket weaving demonstration, and many more fun activities. These activities will be scheduled throughout the event. Lancaster and its leaders have exhibited great foresight and vision to fulfill the highest priority of our citizens for the preservation of green spaces and natural areas with the public access to use these spaces for education, spiritual renewal, health/stress management and recreation.

**Your personal donation**, will assure future plans for this visionary park and help preserve openspace which is disappearing through our city. Through your donation you will join other citizens and local groups toward *Securing the Dream* for Bear Creek Nature Park.

(Memorial opportunities are listed to the left.)

**BEAR CREEK NATURE PARK**  
LANCASTER TEXAS

*Yes!* I want to be a part of Securing the Dream for the Bear Creek Nature Park in Lancaster, Texas. I understand that my tax-deductible donation will help preserve our beautiful open space for current citizens and for future generations.

Payment  check  credit card (check one)  Visa  MC

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ V-code: \_\_\_\_\_ (3-digit number on back signature panel)

If paying by check, please make check payable to Texas Parks and Recreation Foundation (501(c)(3)), and Lancaster Parks and Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 940, Lancaster TX 75146

Sapling \$2.00 - \$50.00  
 Red Bud \$50.01 - \$200.00  
 Cedar Elm \$200.01 - \$999.00  
 Pecan \$999.01 - \$10,000  
 Burr Oak \$10,000.01 and more

## Memorial Opportunities

Please fill out the form on page 11 and mail to:  
City of Lancaster, PO Box 940, Lancaster, TX 75146.

For the most generous gifts to the campaign, several recognition opportunities exist. Please see list below.

NAMED PROJECT	GIVING LEVEL	
	Phase I	Phase II
1. Brick walk/paving stones		\$50 to \$500 each
2. Picnic Grill	\$300	
3. Equestrian area native trees	\$300	\$300
4. Nature Interpretative signs	\$400 to \$3000	\$400 to \$3000
5. Wildflower Beds		\$500
6. Picnic Tables	\$600	\$600
7. Picnic Table (recycled material)	\$ 1000	\$1000
8. Campground Fire Ring		\$1000
9. Picnic Station	\$2500	\$2500
10. Drinking Fountain	\$4000	\$4000
11. Campsite	\$5000	\$5000
12. Outdoor Classroom	\$10,000	
13. Wildlife Observation Blind		\$15,000
14. Entry Gates		\$35,000
15. Predestrian Bridge on Trail	\$20,000	
16. Trail Loop	\$25,000 to 50,000	\$25,000 to 50,000
17. Entry Feature/Structure	\$35,000	
18. Park Road	\$60,000	
19. Pond and Fishing Pier	\$60,000	
Fishing Pier only		
20. Children's Playground	\$80,000	
21. Hike/Bike/Equestrian Trails		\$100,000
22. Covered Pavillion	\$100,000	