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ELECTION SEATS TWO NEWCOMERS

The results of the May 15, 2004 City election brought new faces to the City Council table. Seats for Districts 2, 4 and 6 were on the ballot along with the Mayor's seat. Incumbent Mayor, Joe Tillotson, was overwhelmingly reelected to serve another term. In District 2, C.R. "Dick" Headen prevailed over his opponent for that seat, while James Daniels was elected to represent District 4. District 6 Councilmember, Kimberly Lankford, ran unopposed.



From left to right, Susan Anderson, James Daniels, Kimberly Lankford, Joe Tillotson, Carol Strain-Burk, Clyde Hairston, C.R. "Dick" Headen

The new city council was seated on May 24, 2004 and elected Carol Strain-Burk to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Members of the city council are elected for two-year terms on a nonpartisan basis. The city council is made up of seven members: one from each of the City's six districts and the mayor who is elected at large. Once seated, council members select the mayor pro tem from among the members of the council. The mayor pro tem serves in the absence of the mayor.

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National Night Out
*America's Night Out
Against Crime*
Tuesday, August 3, 2004
**Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs
A Going Away Party!**

Holiday closings
City offices will be closed
for the following holiday
observances: **Monday,
September 6, 2004**
Labor Day

The City of Lancaster in cooperation with the Lancaster Police Department will officially participate in the 21st Annual National Night Out (NNO) Celebration on **Tuesday, August 3, 2004**. From **6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** the city will kick-off the celebration with an opening ceremony at **Dewberry Park**, with representatives from all city departments along with the city council. City officials are encouraging residents to come out for the event to learn of ways to protect your neighborhood and children.

NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate and support participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships, offer an opportunity for neighbors to get out, meet and greet one another and send a message letting criminals know that your neighborhood is organized and crime is not welcome.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, far too many children are abducted each year by non-family members. In such instances, parents need to have identification information readily available to share with law enforcement officials. There will be inkless finger printing kits available for parents that include space for a photo, DNA hair sample and other pertinent identification information.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact (972) 218-1134.

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Back-to-school parade set for August 14th

Please join us at the back-to-school parade and fair on August 14. All civic, community and school organizations are encouraged to join the LISD Board of Trustees and administrative staff as they celebrate the beginning of the school year.

The parade will begin at Lancaster High School at 9:30 a.m. (lineup at 9:00 a.m.) and follow the regular parade route to Heritage Park.

In addition to the regular Second Saturday events, there will also be a variety of other activities including:

- Child Find of America, Inc. an organization that locates missing children through active investigation, resolves incidents of abduction through mediation, and prevents child abduction through education.
- Low cost back-to-school shots provided by Dallas County Health Department.
- Pre-packaged school supplies available for purchase.
- Health screening for both children and adults.
- Lancaster Police giving information to both children and adults on bicycle safety.

See page 3 for parade entry form.

For more information call the LISD Administration office at 972-227-4141.

Animal Shelter Hours

Monday - Friday 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

For additional information you may call 972-227-1342

Lancaster School District - 2004 Dress Code...SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Shirts, blouses, turtlenecks	PK-6th: red, white, blue (any shade) 7th-8th: white, yellow, gray (any shade) 9th-12th: white, orange, black	Solid color collared knit polo shirts and turtlenecks. White only dress shirts and blouses (long or short sleeved). All shirts, blouses and turtlenecks for PreK – 12th must be tucked in at all times. Note: No colored piping is allowed on the shirts. Emblems and logos may not exceed 2 X 2 inches.
Slacks	PK-6th: khaki, navy blue 7th-12th: khaki, navy blue, black (No capri-type pants for 7th-12th)	Slacks will be worn at the waist and properly hemmed or cuffed. Belts are required. No sweatpants, jogging pants, wind suits, warm-ups, or coveralls. Slacks may have pockets, but they must be sized in proportion to the pant leg.
Shorts, skorts (not allowed at 7-12th)	PreK-6th: khaki, navy blue	Shorts or skorts length will be no more than three inches above the knee.
Sweatshirts, vests, sweaters	PK-6th: red, white, blue (any shade) 7th-8th: white, yellow, gray (any shade) 9th-12th: white, orange, black	Worn over the standard shirts. The sweatshirts, vests and sweaters must be appropriately sized in the shoulders, sleeves and length.
Skirts, jumpers	PK-6th: khaki, navy blue 7th-12th: khaki, navy blue, black	Hemline will be no more than two inches above the knee.
Jackets, windbreakers	Any solid color	Any solid color, made of any type of fabric will be acceptable and may be worn as an outer garment as weather dictates. Lancaster I.S.D. school affiliated jackets and sweaters (athletic/academic letters, FFA, band, etc.) are acceptable.
Shoes		Appropriate for school (no stiletto heels, house slippers/ bedroom slippers, thongs or flip-flops, open back sneakers)
Hats, caps, shower caps,		These items are not to be worn inside any building.

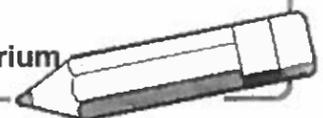


Lancaster Independent School District students from Pre-K through the 12th grade are required to adhere to the above uniform standard mode of dress.

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.

School Hours 2004-2005	
All Elementary Schools	7:45-2:45 pm
Lancaster Intermediate	7:45-2:45 pm
Lancaster Junior High	9:00-4:00 pm
Lancaster High School	9:00-4:00 pm
J.D. Hall Learning Center	9:00-4:00 pm

Join Dr. Lewis for a
“Conversation about Education in Lancaster”
 August 12, 2004
 7:00 pm
 Lancaster Auditorium



Campus Directory

Houston Elementary 3100 N. Houston School Rd Lancaster, TX 75134 972-228-6350 Helena Mosely, Principal	West Main Elementary 531 W. Main St Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-4880 Priscilla Maxfield, Principal
Pleasant Run Elementary 427 W. Pleasant Run Road Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-4806 Cindy Lynch, Principal	Lancaster Intermediate School 1355 W. Beltline Road Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-2844 Patty Cunningham, Principal
Rosa Parks-Millbrook Elem. 630 Millbrook Drive Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-0215 Santley Wooden, Principal	Lancaster Junior High 1109 W. Main Street Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-4804 Stephaney Norman, Principal
Rolling Hills Elementary 450 Rolling Hills Place Lancaster, TX 75146 972-230-1150 Yvonne Johnson, Principal	Lancaster Elsie Robertson High West Campus 822 W. Pleasant Run Road Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-2418
J.D. Hall Learning Center at Rocky Crest (Alternate Education) 602 E. 2nd Street Lancaster, TX 75146 972-227-3667 Charles Neal, Principal	East Campus 1005 Westridge Ave Lancaster, TX 75146 972-218-8314 Barbara Day/Phillip Randall Co-Principals

BACK TO *Class* August 16

Lancaster Connection | LISD

After school programs slated to begin...

Beginning this fall there will be after-school care provided for students in our elementary through intermediate grades.

The programs will be available on the campuses of Houston, Pleasant Run, Rolling Hills, Rosa Parks-Millbrook, and Lancaster Intermediate. After-school care for West Main will be held at First United Methodist Church of Lancaster. For the program to make on each campus, there must be at least 15 students enrolled. Deadline for enrollment is August 1, 2004.

Cost for the program is \$180/month with advance payment due the last Monday of each month (exception: January enrollment due December 16). There will be a 10% discount for the second child and any additional child living in the same household. The months of August and December will have a prorated fee.

Quality of care: Nutritious snack, tutoring, homework assistance, games, crafts, sports, art and more!

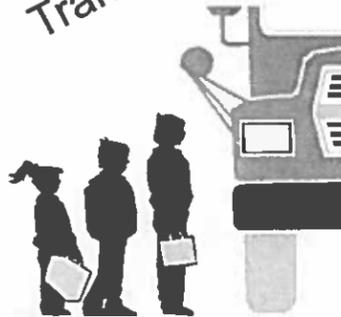
Registration forms may be picked up this summer at the LISD Administration offices, 1201 N. Dallas Ave.

For more information contact Lisa Bacon at 972-227-4141.

To register for the West Main after school care contact Jan Chapman at FUMC, 972-227-5570.

For a calendar of the 2004/2005 school year or school supply list, go to www.lancasterisd.org

Transportation



Students who live two miles or more from the school they attend are eligible for bus service. School transportation is not permitted for those students who have received transfers from one campus zone to another. Information on bus routes can be obtained by calling the school the child attends or the LISD Service Center at 972-218-3033 after August 2.

Questions about back-to-school information, attendance, and enrollment? 972-227-4141

Administration Hours: Closed July 1-16, beginning July 19, Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:00 pm

NEED ASSISTANCE? DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO CALL?

Animal Control	972-227-1342
Birth Certificates	972-227-8125
Building Inspections	972-218-1101
Cable (Comcast)	972-445-5555
Chamber of Commerce	972-227-2579
City Hall	972-227-2111
City Swimming Pool	972-227-7320
Neighborhood Services (Code Compliance)	972-218-1101
Community House (Seniors)	972-227-2650
Constable Derick Evans	972-227-6015
Country View Golf Course	972-227-0995
County Health Department (Immunizations)	214-819-2100
County Tax	214-653-7811
Driver's License	469-272-9301
Economic Development Corporation	972-218-7036
Employment - City Job Line	972-218-1140
Fire (Non-emergency)	972-227-1813
Police (Non-emergency)	972-227-4006
Housing	972-227-4991
Lancaster Municipal Airport	972-227-5721
Lancaster Today (Newspaper)	972-298-4211
Library	972-227-1080
LISD Administration	972-227-4141
Medical Center at Lancaster	972-223-9600
Motor Vehicle Registration	214-653-7811
Municipal Court	972-227-4900
Outreach Center	972-227-0138
Parks & Recreation Center	972-227-1112
Planning & Zoning	972-218-1101
Post Office	972-227-6089
Public Works	972-227-6075
SBC (Telephone Service)	800-464-7928
Trinity Waste	972-225-8151
TXU (Customer Service)	800-460-3030
Utility Billing	972-227-7941
Voter Registration (County Elections Dept)	214-637-7937
Water/Sewer	972-218-5927



BACK 2 SCHOOL PARADE Saturday, August 14, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Line-up: Line-up will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in the Lancaster High School parking lot. Your line-up number will be provided to you by parade officials the week of August, 2004.

Route: The parade will leave Lancaster High School at 10:00 a.m. and travel east on Pleasant Run to Dallas Avenue and travel south to 2nd Street.

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

Deadline for entry: July 23, 2004

Group Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Please check category that most closely applies to your entry.

Float Marching Band Motor Vehicle
 Choir Marching Unit

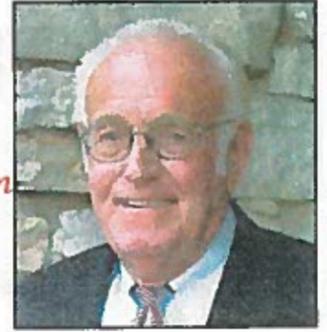
Please provide a brief explanation of your entry including an approximate number of individuals participating.

Return entry form via mail or fax to:
City of Lancaster-attention Community Relations: 211 North Henry, P.O. Box 940, Lancaster, Texas 75146 or fax: 972-227-4032
For additional information contact: 972-218-1134

Lancaster Connection | City Council

YOUR CITY COUNCIL

*Mayor
Joe
Tillotson*



The City of Lancaster was incorporated in 1853 and operates under a home rule charter with a council/manager form of government. The city council is comprised of the mayor and six members who are elected from six districts. All city council members, including the mayor, are elected to serve two-year staggered terms.

Council members are responsible for hiring the city manager and city secretary, and appointing the city attorney, municipal court Judges and citizens to the City's boards and commissions. The council is also responsible for passing City ordinances, planning for capital improvements, issuing and selling municipal bonds, purchasing and selling property, determining City services, approving the annual budget, and setting the City's tax rate.

The city council holds meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Municipal Center at 211 N. Henry St. Work sessions are held the first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the James R. Williams Pump Station on the south-west corner of Wintergreen Road and Jefferson Street. Citizens are welcome to attend city council meetings and may speak during citizens' comments. Citizens may also attend work sessions.

The map shows six districts, each with a color and a number. District 1 is pink, District 2 is light blue, District 3 is olive green, District 4 is dark green, District 5 is light blue, and District 6 is light blue. Each district is associated with a council member's portrait and name:

- District 1:** Mayor Pro-Tem *Carol Strain-Burk*
- District 2:** Councilman *C.R. "Dick" Headen*
- District 3:** Councilwoman *Susan Anderson*
- District 4:** Councilman *James Daniels*
- District 5:** Councilman *Clyde Hairston*
- District 6:** Councilwoman *Kimberly Lankford*

GOVERNMENT

Voters approved a home rule charter establishing a council/manager form of government in 1956. The council/manager form of government is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a council, with the managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. A representative system of government is established where all power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

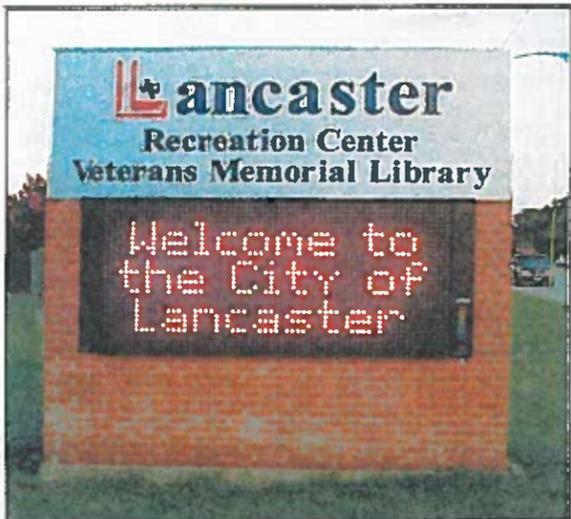
The city manager is responsible for the City's daily operations, hiring department heads, supervising the City personnel, directing and coordinating all municipal programs, enforcing all municipal laws and ordinances, and recommending an annual budget.



Juneteenth celebration...a big success



BEST SOUTHWEST JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
Mayors & Councils
 DeSoto, Lancaster, Cedar Hill



CITY INSTALLS ELECTRONIC SIGNS

In an audit of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, it was discovered that the citizens of Lancaster do not rely upon newspapers, radio or television for information about local events, programs and activities. Based upon this information, the City purchased two electronic message centers to place at the Community Park on Dallas Ave. and on Pleasant Run Rd. (west of Houston School Rd.). These major streets have a traffic volume over 20,000 vehicles per day, which is the ideal situation for these types of signs.

The message centers will be used to advertise citywide events that are open to the general public. Primary use of the signs is intended for the City of Lancaster's events. Space as available will be provided to the Lancaster Independent School District and local non-profit organizations to promote citywide events.



Trash schedule

Garbage collection

- Collection is twice a week for each residential dwelling
- Garbage must be placed in a plastic or metal container with a lid or in a plastic bag of sufficient strength (2 mil or greater).
- Garbage is limited to 50 lbs.
- Garbage bags/cans must be placed at curb/alley by 7 am on collection day, but not earlier than 4 pm, the day before collection.
- Upcoming holiday collection schedule: Labor Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day are scheduled for your regular pickup days. If your scheduled pickup day falls on Thanksgiving Day, your garbage will be collected on Friday and Friday pickups will be collected on Saturday.

Recycling

- Collection is once a month for each residential dwelling. While the Wednesdays in the month determine whether it is first, second, third or fourth week pickup, the actual collection is done Monday through Friday of that week. If you are unsure what your pickup week is, please contact Utility Billing at 972-227-7941.
- Items must be placed in blue recycle bin. Bins are available at 211 N. Henry St (Utility Billing).
- Blue recycle bins must be placed at the curb/alley by 7 am on collection day, but not earlier than 4 pm the day before collection.

Brush/bulky items

- Collection is once a month for each residential dwelling.
- Brush may not exceed 4 feet in height, 4 feet in width and 16 feet in length.
- Items may be placed out on the curb/alley no later than 7am Monday, the week of pickup, but not earlier than the Saturday before.
- Items that cannot be accepted include: tires, hazardous materials (oil, paint, batteries) and construction debris (drywall, concrete, bricks, wood shingles, siding).

Questions? If you not sure of your pickup days, please contact the City at 972-227-7941 or Trinity Waste Services at 972-225-4207.

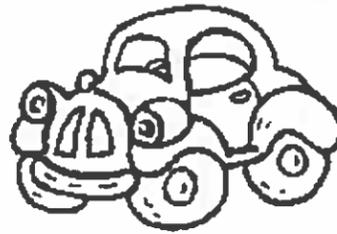
Environmental public education

Air pollution is a threat to our health and our economy.

Ozone season is May-October. Four groups of people are particularly sensitive to ozone...children, adults who are active outdoors, people with respiratory diseases such as asthma, and people with unusual susceptibility to ozone.

The way you drive affects the way you breathe. Some of the things you can do to help are:

- Maintain your vehicle...replace oil and filters at recommended times, check for dirty carburetors, clogged air filters, dirty fuel injectors, and worn points and plugs.
- Carpool.
- Report vehicles with dirty smoke coming from exhaust for more than 10 consecutive seconds to 1-800-453-SMOG (7664).
- Don't idle. Park & go inside rather than drive-thru or shut off your engine while in the drive-thru.
- Keep yours tires properly inflated.



Neighborhood services code compliance information

PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACE:

The City of Lancaster Code of Ordinances requires that all vehicles be parked on an improved surface. Vehicles may not be parked on grass or dirt in the front or rear yards. A notice may be sent by Neighborhood Services if your vehicle is parked on the grass. Penalty for parking on an unimproved surface is a municipal court citation. If you wish to increase your parking area on your property, you must first obtain a building permit through the Building Inspection Department at 700 E Main Street. For additional information you may call (972) 218-1101.

Yard of the Month Program

Keep Lancaster Beautiful has implemented a Yard of the Month Program. Each month at their regular meeting (2nd Thursday of each month at James R Williams Pump Station), pictures of residential yards that are well manicured, have lovely landscaping and that show pride in their community, will be brought in and judged by the members of Keep Lancaster Beautiful. The yard that is selected will be notified by mail and a sign designating that this property is the Yard of the Month will be placed in front.

A photo of the property will be submitted to the Lancaster Today paper to recognize the property owners and thank them for keeping Lancaster beautiful. The photos of the winning properties will also be placed in the quarterly Lancaster Connection published by the City of Lancaster.

The community will be able to participate by nominating properties that they feel are clean and beautiful by e-mailing KeepLancasterBeautiful@hotmail.com. Submissions need to be e-mailed by the first of each month. The address of the property is the only information needed on the e-mail, however if a picture is available, that may be sent as well.

Adopt-A-Spot

Purpose

The Adopt-A-Spot Program is a joint effort between our city government and residents to keep our rights-of-way and neighborhoods clean and beautiful. This program allows our residents, businesses, clubs and organizations to express their pride and commitment to the community, while providing them with signage recognition for their time and efforts spent beautifying the City of Lancaster.

Agreement conditions for adopted area:

- Adopters will adopt a section within the city limits to be determined by agreement of the adopters and the City of Lancaster, according to the age of the group members and area to be adopted.
- The adopters will appoint or select a member to serve as spokesperson/contact person for the group if there is more than one individual adopting the area.

Adoption time period

- The Adopters will agree to a minimum of a one year agreement, renewable upon approval.

Litter pick-up

Litter pick-up will occur a minimum of one time per month during the one year adoption period. More information regarding pick up procedures and the Adopt-a-Spot program are available at 211 N. Henry Street.

Veterans on display at Lancaster
Veterans Memorial Library

Photographs of Lancaster Veterans are on display at the Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library for the Independence Day holiday through the end of July. Many local citizens have contributed photographs to be scanned for the historical collection at the library. At times when the photographs are not on display, they are available in an album located at the reference desk. The library would like to expand the collection and encourage citizens to bring in a Lancaster veteran's photograph to be scanned.

Memorial bricks honoring veterans are on display in the library's contemplative garden. Anyone wishing to commemorate a veteran or loved one is welcome to purchase a brick for the garden from the Friends of the Library.

The Library is located at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, Texas (next to our recreation center). For more details contact Cami Loucks, Director, at 972-227-1080 x19 or camil@lancasterxlib.org. For more information on library displays and programs of the Friends of the Library, visit our website at www.lancasterxlib.org.

Community

Parks & Recreation

Fun in the sun!...SUMMER DAY CAMP (4 - 12 years)

The Summer Day Camp program allows your children to be active and entertained during the summer months. A wide variety of fun and exciting recreational activities will promote fitness, creativity and social interaction among the campers. Lancaster Parks and Recreation is offering 11 one-week camp sessions for this summer. Day Camp meets Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. Campers will be provided with a camp shirt and a special event each Friday.

Remaining Sessions:

Session 7	7/12 - 7/16	Session 10	8/2 - 8/6
Session 8	7/19 - 7/23	Session 11	8/9 - 8/13
Session 9	7/26 - 7/30		

Site Location: Lancaster Recreation Center

Registration for all Summer Day Camp sessions is continuous. Registration for each session is \$70 for Lancaster residents and \$100 for non-residents. Additional fees will be required to cover the cost of Friday Fun Days. Do you have more than one (1) little camper? Inquire about our "multi-child" discount. This applies to brothers and sisters only. In order to register, a copy of the participant's birth certificate is required along with proof of residency.

New service!!
Breakfast & lunch provided FREE!!

Housing choice vouchers fact sheet

What are housing choice vouchers?

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

The participant is free to choose any housing that meets the requirements of the program and is not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

Housing choice vouchers are administered locally by public housing agencies (PHAs). The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program.

A family that is issued a housing voucher is responsible for finding a suitable housing unit of the family's choice where the owner agrees to rent under the program. This unit may include the family's present residence. Rental units must meet minimum standards of health and safety, as determined by the PHA.

A housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA on behalf of the participating family. The family then pays the difference between the actual rent charged by the landlord and the amount subsidized by the program. Under certain circumstances, if authorized by the PHA, a family may use its voucher to purchase a modest home.

A message from the Lancaster Human Relations Commission

We live in a country with many different ethnic groups, and with each ethnic group come one's own unique culture. Because of this, a whole new world of ideas and viewpoints come into play. We have been blessed to have in this country people from all over the world.

Each day new immigrants come to the United States to be a part of the American Dream. A past president once said on the topic of immigrants and culture, "They are energizing our culture and broadening our vision of the world." Culture is more than where someone was born or someone's upbringing, it is a belief system, it is a way of life.

It is awesome to see in one nation so many different cultures; that we can all co-exist together is of even greater importance. It shows the awesomeness of this great nation we live in that can have so many cultures and ethnicities and still be able to make room for more.

When it comes to cultures and ethnicities, we have learned that we are not going to be able to stop who comes to live in the United States. No matter who we put in office, the Senate, or the Congress. So we unite under the banner of "all men are created equal" because no matter what country, ethnicity, culture, we represent, we all still eat, breathe, and bleed like the rest of humanity.

Emergency management siren system is tested the 1st. Wednesday of every month at 2:00 pm.



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<http://lancaster.city-crm.com>
972-218-1134

Calendar

- LIBRARY July 15th- Ken-N-Jim (Comedy),Elementary-aged Performances 2:00-3:00pm
- LIBRARY July 20th- Mobile Dairy Classroom Program, Preschool-aged Performances 10:00-11:00am
- LIBRARY July 22nd- Reading- Magic Show with Todd McKinney, Elementary-aged Performances 2:00-3:00pm
- LIBRARY July 27th- Lunch Bunch w/Ms. Latonya, bring a sack lunch, Preschool-aged Performances 10:00-11:00am
- LIBRARY July 29th- Rob Holladay's Magic Show, Elementary-aged Performances 2:00-3:00pm
- LIBRARY August 3rd- Wrap-up Party, Library Wrap-up Party 10:00-12:00
- August 3rd-National Night Out, Dewberry Park
- August 14th-Back to School Parade, Health Fair, Bicycle Safety Rodeo 10:00am-5:00pm, Town Sq.
- August 16th-First Day of 2004/2005 school year
- September 25th-5k/1mile Run-Parks & Recreation
- September 18th-Prostate Cancer Awareness Tournament-50 Hoops
- October 9th-Freedom Is Not Free
- October 31st-Halloween Festival-Parks & Recreation



Library

****We welcome teenage and adult volunteers! ****

All programs are free and open to the public. The library is located at 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, Texas (next to our recreation center). For more information about our Summer Reading Club performances, please contact Latonya S. Pegues, Youth Service Librarian, at 972 227-1080 ext. 17, or latonyp@lancastertxlib.org for more information. You can also visit our website at www.lancastertxlib.org for more programming information.



Citizens Relationship Management

<http://lancaster.city-crm.com>

Citizen requests may be entered at the above website.

Instructions: (also found online)

1. Click on Submit a Request.
2. First, select the department for your request.
3. Enter information in all fields if possible.
4. Select a category that is related to your request.
5. Description/Details: Please provide a complete description of your request or concern.

When finished, click enter at bottom of form. A summary of your request will appear with a Tracking ID and Password needed for future reference in checking status of your request.

Minority Vendor Exposition

On Wednesday, June 23, 2004, the City of Lancaster partnered with the Lancaster Independent School District, Gallagher Construction and the DFW Minority Business Council to hold the first Women and Minority Business Enterprise Conference at the Lancaster Recreation Center. Over 25 vendors and 140 businesses attended the conference to learn about business opportunities with the City and the school district.

The conference allowed business owners an opportunity to meet City and school district staff and obtain information regarding the requirements for doing business with each organization. It also allowed an opportunity for women and minority owned businesses to get on the City's vendor list.



COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED ON COMCAST CABLE SERVICE

The current franchise agreement between the City of Lancaster and Comcast will expire at the end of this year. Under federal law, Comcast has exercised its right to request a renewal of this agreement. The law also provides that the City can determine whether a renewal should be granted based on an evaluation of Comcast's past performance as well as the extent to which the company will meet community needs and interests during any future franchise term. It is critical that the community provide input to the City concerning future interests in various types of cable/telecommunications services in order to convey these needs to Comcast.

The City will be conducting a cable service public hearing on Monday, August 23, 2004 at City Hall (211 N. Henry St.) at 7:30 p.m. We will discuss the federal cable law and its restrictions, advances in cable technology, customer service concerns and potential future requirements concerning programming developed by the City and/or school district. We invite you to attend and provide your input into the City's assessment of future community needs and interests.

If you are unable to attend or would like to provide your comments to us now, please complete the following survey and return by mail to the City of Lancaster, City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 940, Lancaster, TX 75146 or email to cable_survey@ci.lancaster.tx.us.

1. Are you a subscriber to Comcast Cable services? Yes No
If not, why? _____



2. Are you a subscriber to satellite services? Yes No



3. Would you be interested in viewing programming developed by the City or the local schools? Yes No

4. With respect to Comcast Cable service, are there any specific problems that you have experienced in the last five years? Yes No
If yes, please provide a brief description. _____

5. Other comments? _____