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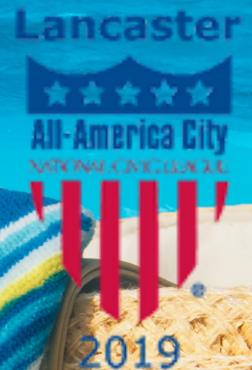
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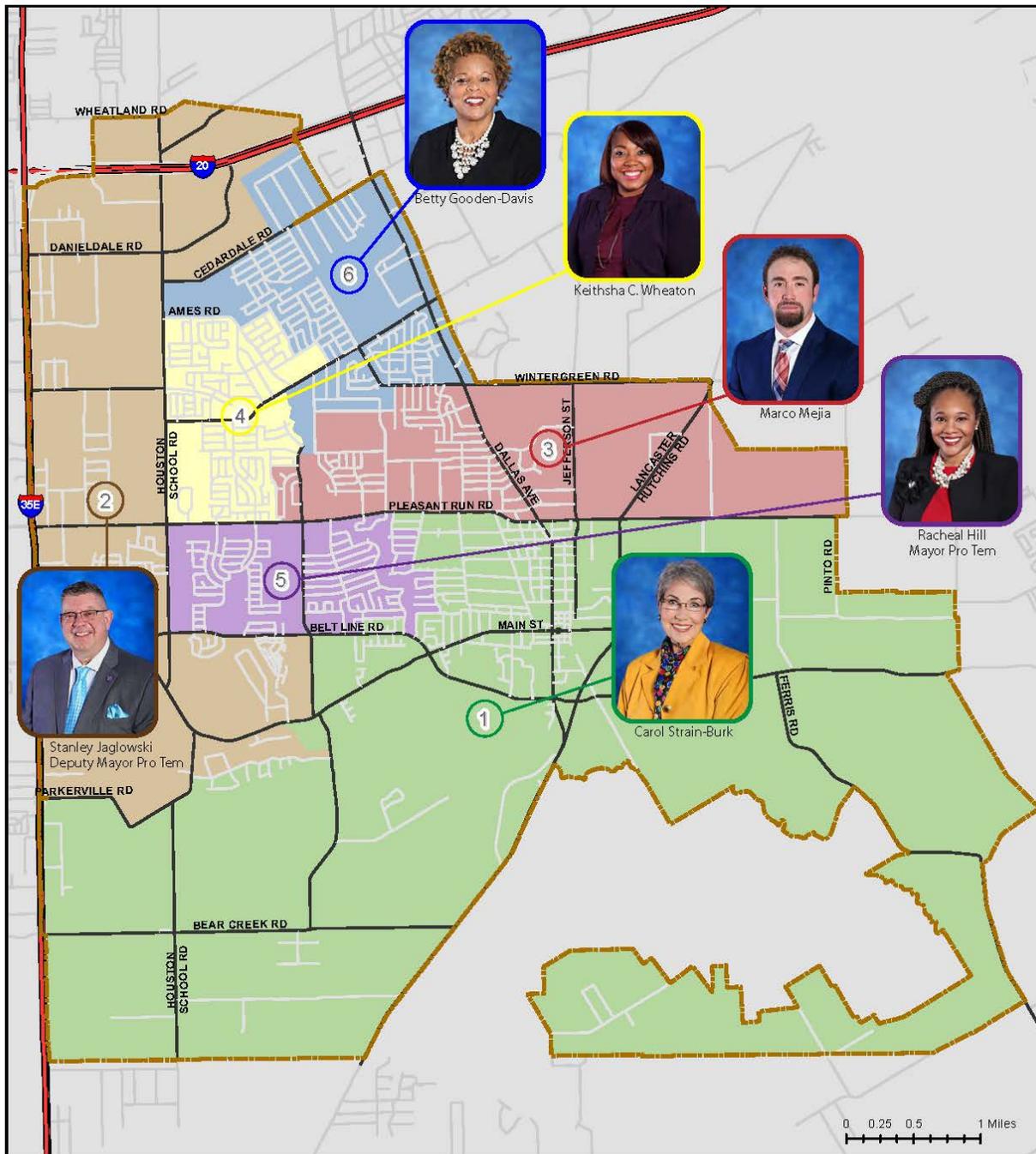
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Civic Leadership Academy



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Clyde C. Hairston
Mayor

City of Lancaster Council Districts



You can quickly find out who your City Council Member is by going to the city website at www.Lancaster-TX.com, click on LIVE, City Maps, Interactive Maps, City Council Maps, insert your address and hit enter.

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ABOUT THE LANCASTER CONNECTION:

The Lancaster Connection is distributed throughout the City of Lancaster four times a year. This free newsletter is available for you to be aware of the latest events in your city, plan for free events for you and your family or friends, find the nearest park and its amenities, and even register for affordable and rewarding classes and groups. Should you have any questions or recommendations for future newsletters, feel free to contact us at communityrelations@lancaster-tx.com or 972-218-1300.

Upcoming City Events

Trash Off.....July 17, 2021

National Night Out..... August 03, 2021

Civic Leadership Academy....September 2, 2021



Civic Leadership Academy

About the Academy

Have you ever wondered how potholes are repaired or how the fire department is able to respond so quickly to emergencies? How does the City of Lancaster prepare its budget or decide where a park should be located?

Citizens are welcome to learn the answers to these questions and more during our annual Civic Leadership Academy. Civic Leadership Academy is a 9-week program that teaches Lancaster residents about City of Lancaster operations.



Apply Online:

<http://www.lancaster-tx.com/585/Civic-Leadership-Academy>

Mission

- To improve citizens' understanding of city government
- To develop citizen understanding of their role in city government
- To provide an opportunity for citizens to become more involved in civic democracy
- To see how tax dollars work to improve quality of life for all residents
- To provide an inside look at the operations of the City of Lancaster

Eligibility

- Not running or currently serving in a political office
- Must be willing to commit to attendance of sessions
- Must be a Lancaster resident or City employee
- 18 years of age or older

Structure

- Nine week (including graduation) class begins September 2, 2021
- Weekly 2 hour classes (Thursdays from 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.)
- Participants will hear presentations from representatives of City departments and elected representatives
- Light meal provided at each class for participants only from 6:10 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
- Free to participants
- Graduation Ceremony at designated City Council Meeting



Town Hall Meetings

SAVE THE DATE!

District 1

Council Member
Carol Strain-Burk

Tuesday, September 14
6:30 P.M.

District 2

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Stanley Jaglowski

Wednesday, September 29
6:30 P.M.

District 3

Council Member
Marco Mejia

Tuesday, October 12
6:30 P.M.

District 4

Council Member
Keithsha C. Wheaton

Wednesday, September 15
6:30 P.M.

District 5

Mayor Pro Tem
Racheal Hill

Wednesday, September 22
6:30 P.M.

District 6

Council Member
Betty Gooden-Davis

Tuesday, October 19
6:30 P.M.

PAINT REUSE PROGRAM

Community Waste Disposal (CWD) is offering free recycled paint at this Trash Off event for residents! To request your recycled paint, please call 972-218-1300 or email CommunityRelations@Lancaster-TX.com

1501 N DALLAS AVE

8AM - 2PM



TRASH OFF



July 17, 2021

- BRUSH
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- BULK TRASH
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- RECYCLABLES
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- ELECTRONICS
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- DOCUMENT SHREDDING
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- SCRAP METAL
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- PRESCRIPTION
MEDICINE DROP OFF
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- TIRES (10 FREE)
\$5 PER ADDITIONAL TIRE



Volunteer Opportunities Available - Need More Info? Call (972) 218-1300
Proof of Lancaster Residency Required

Permit FAQ



Why do I need a permit?

There are many important reasons to obtain building permits and to have inspections performed for your construction projects.

Protects Property Values

Your home is typically your largest investment. If your construction project does not comply with the building codes, your investment could lose value. If others in your neighborhood make unsafe or substandard changes to their homes, it could lower the resale values for the entire community.

Makes Selling Property Easier

Listing associations require owners to disclose any home improvements or repairs and whether permits were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to tear down the addition, leave it unoccupied or do costly repairs.

Saves Money

Homeowners insurance policies may not pay for damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.



Improves Safety

Your permit allows the building department to inspect for potential hazards and unsafe construction. By ensuring your project meets the minimum building code standards of safety, the building department can reduce the risk of fire, structural collapse and other issues that might result in costly repairs, injuries and even death. Inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances that can result in a safer project.

It's the Law

Permits are required by ordinance. Work without a permit may be subject to removal or other costly remedies.

Permit FAQ

When is a Permit Required?

The following is a list of projects for which a permit is required:

- Construction of a building:
 - Main building
 - Accessory building (including permanent and portable storage sheds, gazebos, carports, patio covers).
- Foundation repairs
- Additions to a building
- Remodeling of a building requiring the addition or replacement of walls or windows
- Building or replacing a deck or concrete drives, patios or walkways
- Plumbing work (except for repair or replacement of lines less than one foot in length)
- Water heaters (replacing or adding)
- Water softeners
- Replacing water or sewer lines (repair work such as exchange of washers and faucets is exempt. Also, repair or replacement of lines less than one foot in length do not require a permit)
- Irrigation systems (lawn sprinklers)
- Installing or replacing a furnace
- Installing or replacing an air conditioning system
- Building or replacing a retaining wall over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall
- Building a swimming pool, repairing or filling in a swimming pool
- Building a spa (self contained portable plug-in type spas require an electrical permit)
- Demolition of a building
- Security bars
- Replacing brick on the outside of a building
- Any modification to the exterior of a building in the Historic District requires a Certificate of Appropriateness. Please see a City Planner for more information.



Parks & Recreation



1700 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Lancaster, TX 75134
972-218-3700

Aquatic Programs

Fitness Swim (18+) Resident: \$20/Month
Non-Resident: \$30/Month

Adults 18+ can enjoy dedicated time specifically to aquatic exercise. Swim laps or engage in self-guided water aerobics.

Monday - Friday: 8:00 A.M. - 8:50 A.M.
10:00 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 A.M. - 11:50 A.M.

Aqua Babies (6 months - 3 years) \$40/Session
(4 Classes)

(6 months - 3 years) a parent is required to be in the water with the child. Parents will receive information and techniques to help them orient their child to the water. Water adjustment is the goal. Swim skills covered include: holding positions, bubble blowing, supported front & back movement, underwater explorations and rolling over

Monday & Wednesday: 11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Water Aerobics (18+) Resident: \$40/Month
Non-Resident: \$40/Month

Adults 18+ can enjoy this great form of fitness. Water Aerobics is staff led and great for those who require less joint impact, seniors and those who love the water.

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.

Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Sumer Programs are here!

You may visit the Lancaster Recreation Center every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. to participate in various youth and adult programs!

Youth may enjoy programs like DIY arts and crafts, Wag N Walk and more. Adults may enjoy programs like Wednesday Walks and line Dancing.

Recreation ID required. Youth ages 9 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Stop by the Lancaster Recreation Center today to pick up your program schedules!

**The Lancaster Recreation
Center is Now Accepting
Indoor/Outdoor Facility
Reservations!**

Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library



Hours

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: Closed

1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, Lancaster, TX 75146

972-227-1080

Drive-Thru

Stop by the library and use the Drive-Thru option for quick and convenient service! The Drive-Thru is available Monday - Friday between 10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.



Library Card

The library has rolled out a brand new Best Southwest Partnership Library card with DeSoto, Cedar Hill, and Duncanville Public Libraries. For more information, please call 972-227-1080.



STEAM Kids Kits

Kids entering K-6th grade can now practice their STEAM skills at home! 11 kits featuring educational games related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math are now available to checkout at the library!

Junior Volunteers

Free Registration Required | Mandatory Orientation | Must be 16+

What YOUth can do!

- Earn volunteer hours safely
- Improve your work ethic
- Learn more about libraries
- Work with your friends



For more information

CALL: 972-2727-1080

VISIT: 1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy

Country View Golf Course

www.CountryViewGolfCourse.com



240 West Beltline Rd, Lancaster, TX 75146
Countryviewgolfshop@gmail.com

972-227-0995

- All Reservations can be made online through the website: www.CountryViewGolfCourse.com
- Tee Time intervals are 10 minutes apart

Early - 6:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Mid - 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Late - 3:00 P.M. - 7 00P.M.

Pricing

Monday - Friday		Weekends	
18 Riding	18 Walking	18 Riding	18 Walking
Early - \$37	Early - \$25	Early - \$43	Early - \$35
Mid - \$30	Mid - \$20	Mid - \$33	Mid - \$25
Late \$25	Late \$15	Late \$25	Late \$15



Lancaster Regional Airport



950 Ferris Rd, Lancaster, TX 75146
972-218-1273



Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday - Sunday
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Full Range Fixed-Based Operator Services

- Hangar Spaces for Lease:**
- Corporate Hangar Space
 - T-Hangar

Services Offered

- Flight-planning room
- Meeting room available for *pilots*
- Complimentary high speed internet
- Contract fuel accepted via Colt international, Mercury Air Group (MercFuel), UVair, & World Fuel Services

Animal Services

690 E. Main St, Lancaster, TX 75146
972-218-1210

Adoption



Pet Surrender

ADOPT-A-PET Lancaster Animal Shelter

Low-Cost Sterilization

Low-Cost Vaccinations



Adoption Fees:

- Cats - \$15
- Small Dogs & Puppies - \$15
- Large Dogs - \$25

Microchip

Pet microchips are available at the Lancaster Animal Shelter for a one-time fee of \$15. Microchips last a lifetime and help identify your pet.

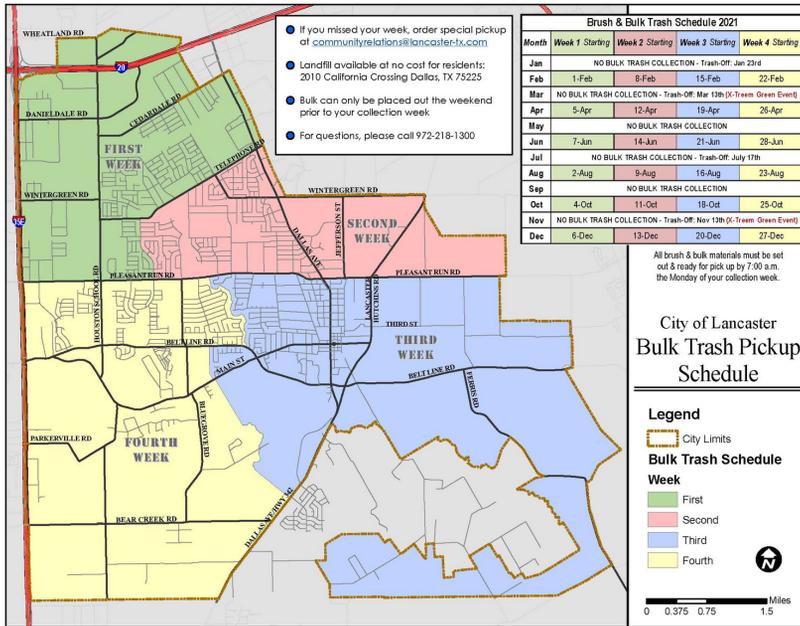
Pet Summer Safety Tips

- Don't leave your pets in a vehicle
- Hydration - make sure there is fresh water available at all times
- Frozen toys can be used to help keep them cool and entertained at the same time
- It is better to walk your dog in the morning or evening hours when it is cooler
- Dogs and cats can get sunburned, so make sure they have plenty of shade

Help control the pet population by spaying/neutering your pet!

Bulk Trash & Recycling

Brush/Bulk trash is collected every other month, on even months. Residents may place up to 12 cubic yards of brush/bulk waste out. Please reference the interactive map on the city website to find your service area and collection week.



How Much is 12 Cubic Yards?



12 cubic yards is about the size of a Volkswagen Beetle

All brush/bulk materials can be set out as early as 7:00 A.M. on the Saturday prior to your bulk/brush pickup week and must be set out and ready for pickup by 7:00 A.M. the Monday of your collection week (full week).



View and download a personalized collection schedule pertaining to your address! Download the FREE **Recycle Coach App** or access the site by visiting: <http://www.lancaster-tx.com/1210/Recycle-Coach>



If the lid of your trash or recycling cart cannot be closed, there is too much material inside it. Please do not overfill the cart and make sure the lid is closed completely before setting it out to be serviced. Trash must be bagged and overstuffed carts will no be serviced.

Common Code Violations

Bulk Brush - Ord. 2006-05-16 Section 13.1208

Brush and bulk collection is provided 6 times per year to all residential properties. All brush should be placed between the curb line and the sidewalk. The maximum amount of bulk brush should be 12 cubic yards. 12 cubic yards is similar to the size of a Volkswagen Beetle. If the amount of bulk brush is more than 12 cubic yards or is blocked by any objects (vehicles, mailboxes, etc.) it will be the owners responsibility to remove the bulk brush from the property for an additional fee.



High Weeds and Grass - Ord. 2006-07-24 Section 8.1015 (e)



All premises and exterior property shall be maintained from weeds and grasses in excess of 12 inches, including rights-of-way areas between property lines and the paved street. Where alleys are not paved, it shall be the responsibility to maintain to the centerline of the grass alley easement. Any weeds in excess of 48 inches in height will be abated by a City Contractor without notice of violation being sent. If you receive a notice of violation for grass under 48 inches in height, you are allowed 10 days to resolve the violation.

Overhanging Trees and Shrubs - Ord. 2006-07-24 Section 8.1015 (f)

It shall be unlawful for any person in control of property to allow trees and shrubs to hang below 14 feet on roadways or below 7 feet on sidewalks. Failure of the owner to comply with City Ord. shall allow the City of Lancaster to abate the violation at the owner's expense.



Common Code Violations

Parking on Unapproved Surfaces - Ord. 2006-07-24 Section 8.1015 (b) (19)



Parking of vehicles in residential zoned areas shall be on approved surfaces of concrete or asphalt. If your particular subdivision parking pads are primarily gravel surfaces and historically have been used in your subdivision, then gravel is an approved surface if approved by the City of Lancaster Development Code.

Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs - Ord. 2006-07-24 Section 8.1016 (a) (b)

Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. All must be drained into a sewer clean-out at the house. All properties containing a swimming pool, spa, or hot tub must be enclosed behind a fence or walls designed to prevent children from wandering into the pool or spa/hot tub area. Fences shall be a minimum height of 72 inches and no openings, holes or gaps larger than four inches in any direction. All gates or doors to enclosure shall be self closing and self latching.



Fences - Ord. 2006-07-24 Section 8-1015 (e) (i)



All fences shall be maintained in good repair and structurally sound condition. Repair of fences requires a building permit and inspection by the City of Lancaster. Permit for fences are only approved for standard fence materials. Metal panels, barb wire, or electric fences are not allowed in a residential zoned neighborhood.

CodeRED Weather Warning

<http://www.lancaster-tx.com/194/CodeRED-Emergency-Notifications>

CodeRED Severe Weather Warning Notification



Download the CodeRED app from your Apple app store or Google Play store

Stay Safe

CodeRED Weather Warning will alert citizens in the direct path of severe weather

Alert Types

Notifications will be sent out moments after a severe thunderstorm warning, tornado warning or flash flood warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Only citizens in the immediate impact area will be alerted.

Caller ID

You will know the call is from CodeRED Weather Warning when you see the telephone number 888-566-9780. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

Privacy

Your contact information will remain private and will only be used for severe weather alerts. You may also receive alerts in other areas that use CodeRED for community notifications.

<http://www.lancaster-tx.com/194/CodeRED-Emergency-Notifications>



SCAN ME



CodeRED Weather Warning delivers advanced warning of severe weather as soon as a bulletin is issued by the National Weather Service. The automatic system delivers voice calls, text messages, and emails to subscribed users. The weather system is geographically targeted so only residents in the direct path of severe weather receive the alert.

Residential Programs

Sidewalk Replacement Program

The City of Lancaster partners with residents to share the cost of sidewalk repairs. The city splits the cost 50/50 with an additional 10% discount to seniors ages 62 and older. A sidewalk replacement will cost \$8.50 per square foot with a minimum cost to the property owner of \$272. To learn more about this program and to fill out an application, visit

www.lancaster-tx.com/1119/sidewalk-replacement-program

Residential Security Check Program

The Lancaster Police Department offers a residential security check program to residents who are away from their home for extended periods of time. If you plan to be out on a weekend trip or month-long vacation, a Lancaster officer will periodically stop by and check on your home to ensure it is safe and secure from any unauthorized visitors. To learn more about this program and to sign up, visit:

www.lancaster-tx.com/229/residential-security-check

Traffic/Safety Concerns

You can report a concern directly to the Lancaster Police Department by submitting a form online! Simply visit the website

tx-lancaster2.civicplus.com/838/report-a-concern

General Concerns & Questions

You can report general concerns and questions directly to the city. From missed trash to questions about upcoming city events, this offers you a convenient way to make a request and quickly receive an answer. To access the site, visit:

tx-lancaster2.civicplus.com/733/report-a-concernask-a-question

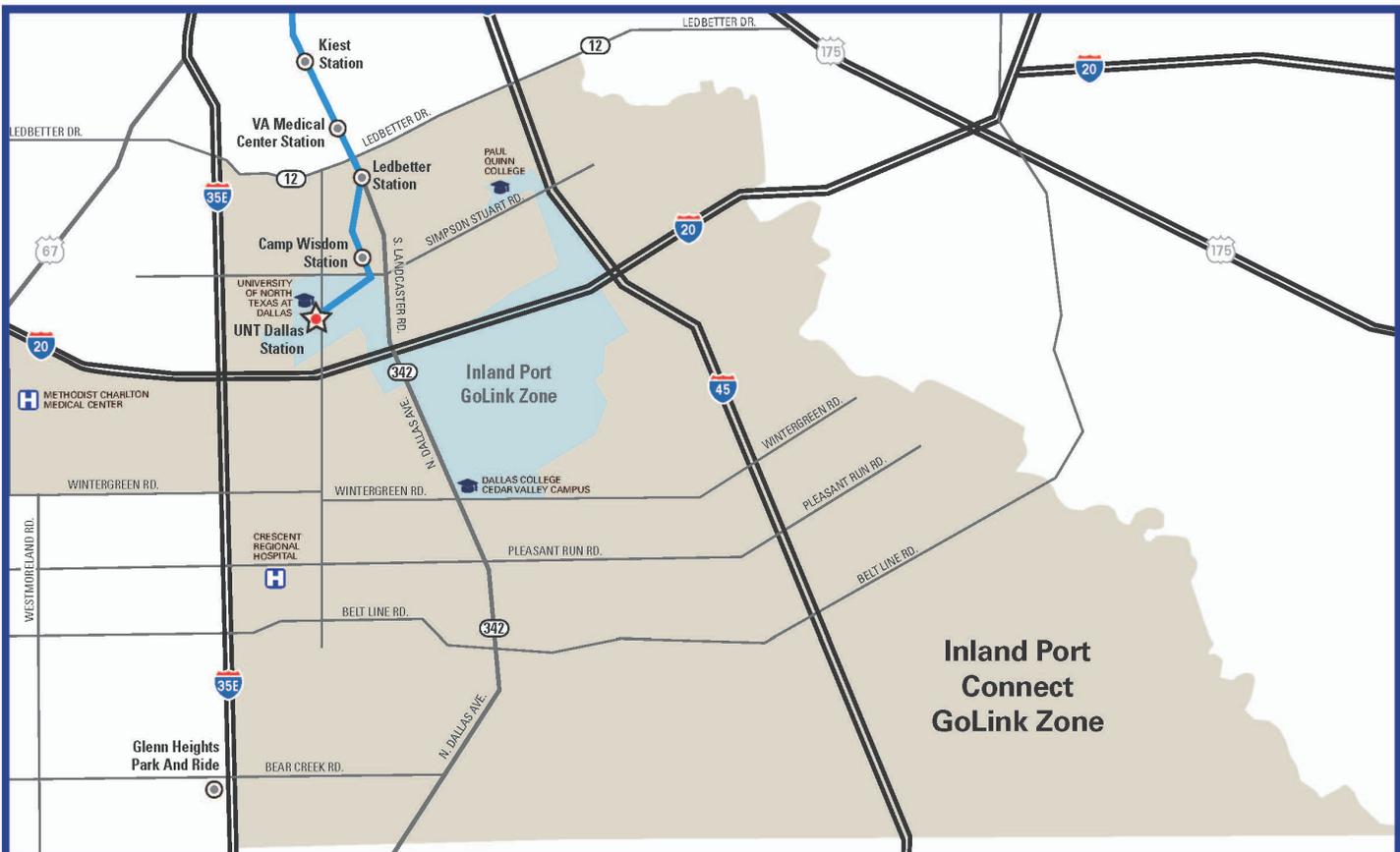
Introducing

GoLinkSM

Inland Port Connect Zone

A new **on-demand**, curb-to-curb service for Lancaster residents. Ride GoLink to and from your Inland Port employer, get a ride home or connect to other DART services.

Brought to you by the Southern Dallas County Inland Port Transportation Management Association (IPTMA)



Book your trip with the GoPass[®] app or call 877-631-5278.

For information about GoLink – including fares, maps, hours of operation and more – visit

InlandPort.org

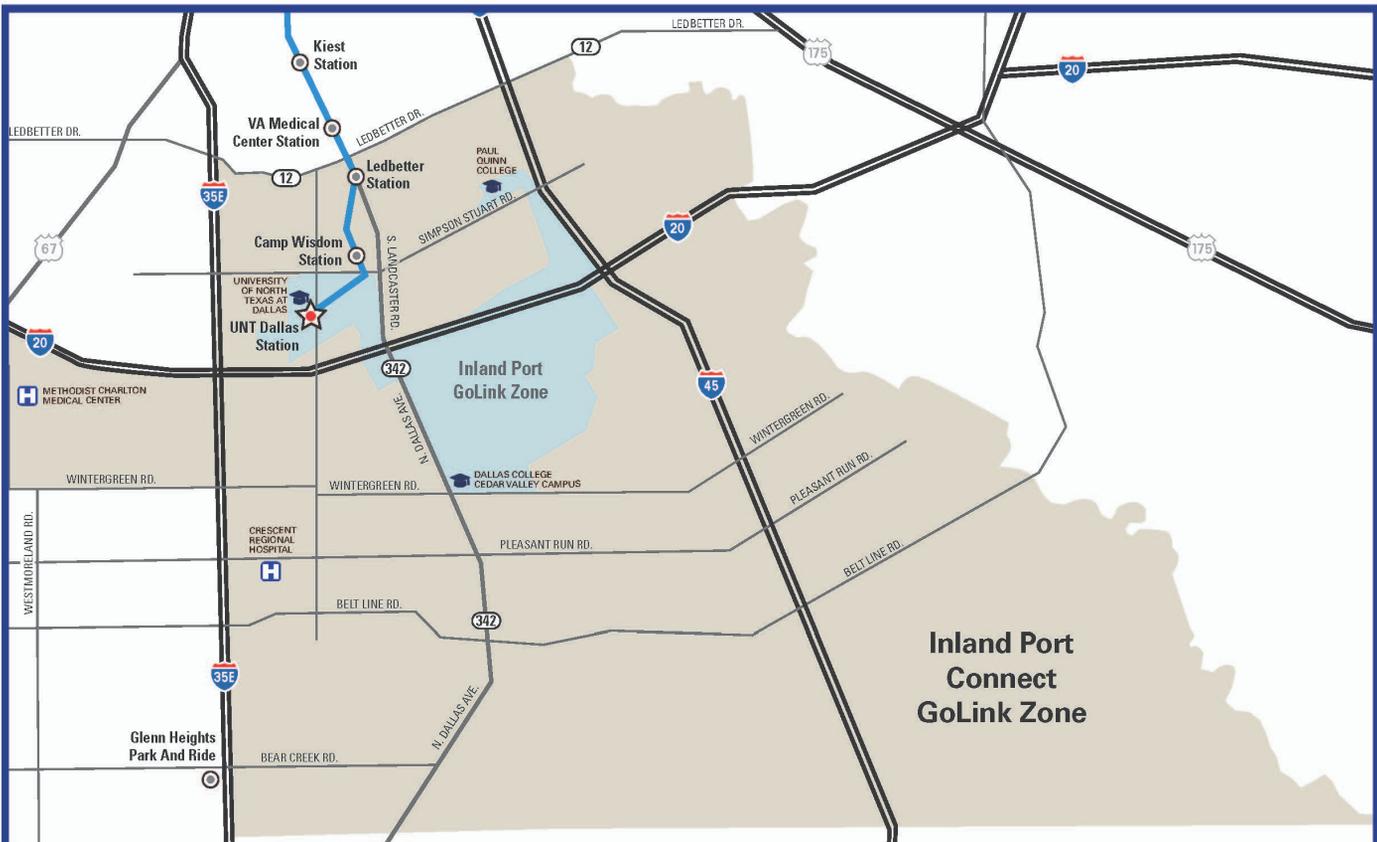
Introduciendo

GoLinkSM

Zona Inland Port Connect

Un nuevo servicio de acera a acera **a pedido** para los residentes de Lancaster. Use GoLink desde y hacia su empleador de Inland Port, obtenga un viaje a casa o conéctese a otros servicios de DART.

Proporcionado por la Asociación de Administración de Transporte de Inland Port del Sur del Condado de Dallas (Southern Dallas County Inland Port Transportation Management Association, IPTMA).



Reserve su viaje con la aplicación GoPass[®] o llame al 877-631-5278. Para obtener información sobre GoLink, incluidas tarifas, mapas, horarios de atención y más, visite

InlandPort.org



DISTRICT CALENDAR

2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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School Start Times

Elementary 8:00 AM - 3:50 PM

Secondary 7:30 AM - 3:20 PM

August 2-4 New Teacher Academy

August 5-11 Staff Development/No School for Students

August 12-13 Teacher Work Day/No School For Students

August 16/May 26 First/Last Day of School

September 6 Labor Day/District Holiday

October 4 Parent-Teacher Conference (4pm-7pm)

October 11 District Holiday

October 25 Staff Development/No School for Students

November 22-26 Thanksgiving Break

December 17 Early Release

December 20-31 Winter Break

January 3 Staff Development/No School for Students

January 14 Staff Development/No School for Students

January 17 MLK Holiday

February 21 District Holiday

February 28 Staff Development/No School for Students

March 14-18 Spring Break/No School

April 15 District Holiday

May 26 Early Release

May 27 Staff Development/No School

May 30 Memorial Day/District Holiday

First Day of School August 16

Last Day of School May 26

GRADING PERIODS	
1 st six weeks	August 16 - September 24
2 nd six weeks	September 27 - November 5
3 rd six weeks	November 8 - January 13
4 th six weeks	January 18 - February 25
5 th six weeks	March 1 - April 14
6 th six weeks	April 18 - May 26

REPORT CARD DATES

Oct. 1 • Nov. 12 • Jan. 21 • Mar. 4 • Apr. 22 • May 26 (K-8) • June 7 (9-12)

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| <p>CALENDAR LEGEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [] Beginning/Ending of Grading Period ○ Staff Workday/Student Holiday ◇ Parent Conferences/Student Holiday △ Student Early Release ■ Holiday/Campuses & District Offices Closed ○ New Teacher Academy ★ State Testing Day | <p>STAAR TESTING DATES</p> <p>STAAR EOC - December 7th - 10th
(Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History, English I, English II)</p> <p>STAAR Testing April 5th - April 8th
(Grades 4/7 Writing, English I, Grades 5/8 Reading, Mathematics, English II)</p> <p>STAAR EOC May 3rd - 6th
(Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History)</p> <p>STAAR Testing May 10th - 13th
(Mathematics and Reading Retests: Grades 5/8) (Mathematics, Reading: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7) (Grades 5/8 Science), (Grade 8 Social Studies) English III, Algebra II</p> <p>STAAR Testing June 21st - June 24th
(Algebra I, English I, Biology, U.S. History, Mathematics and Reading Retests: Grades 5/8) English II</p> |
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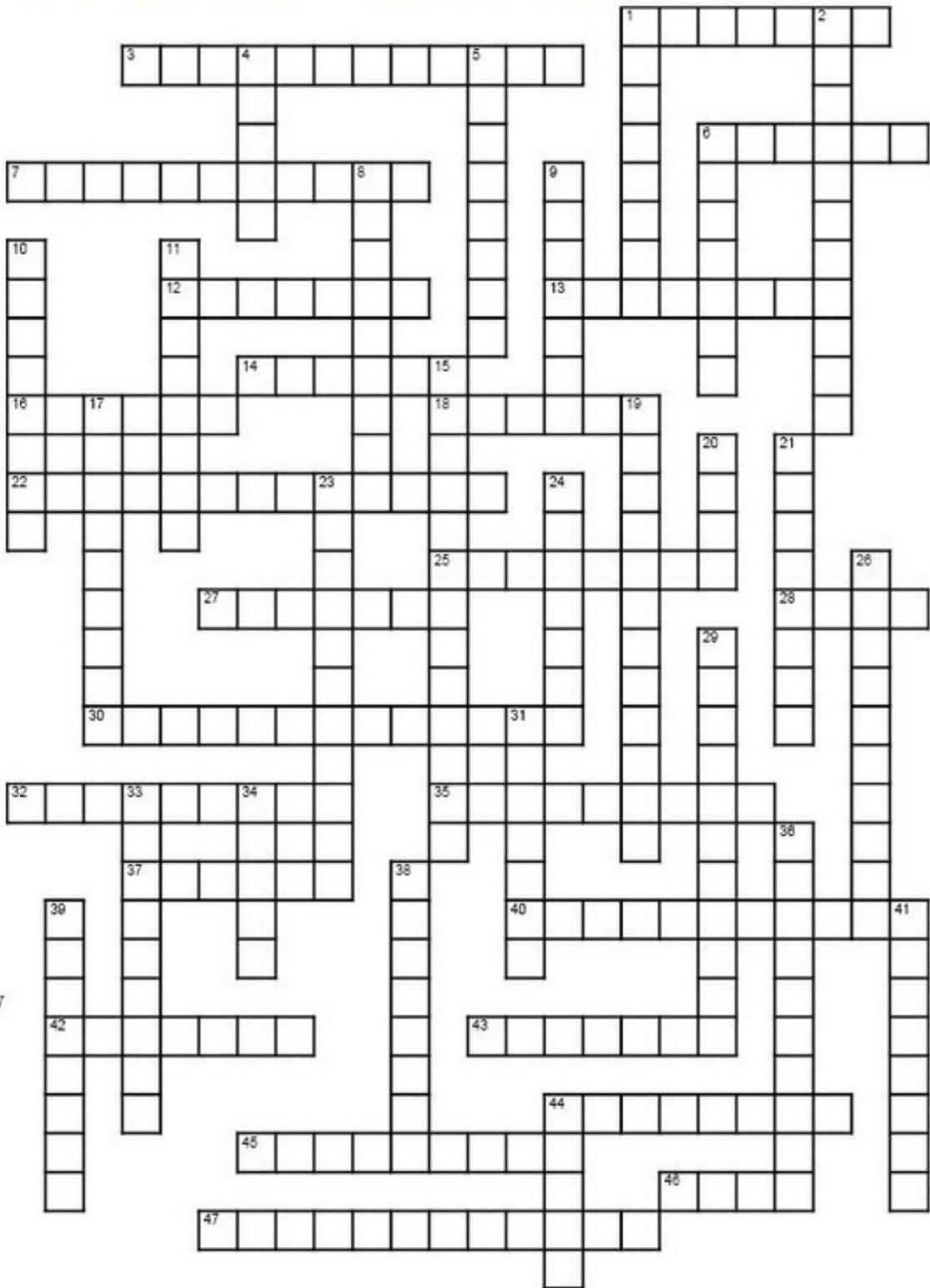
STATE CAPITALS

Across

- 1. Montgomery
- 3. Charleston
- 6. Juneau
- 7. Bismark
- 12. Indianapolis
- 13. Jefferson City
- 14. Topeka
- 16. Honolulu
- 18. Salem
- 22. Boston
- 25. Denver
- 27. Helena
- 28. Salt Lake City
- 30. Raleigh
- 32. Santa Fe
- 35. Trenton
- 37. Carson City
- 40. Providence
- 42. Atlanta
- 43. Montpelier
- 44. Annapolis
- 45. Baton Rouge
- 46. Des Moines
- 47. Harrisburg

Down

- 1. Little Rock
- 2. Jackson
- 4. Austin
- 5. Lincoln
- 6. Phoenix
- 8. Nashville
- 9. Cheyenne
- 10. Oklahoma City
- 11. Lansing
- 15. Columbia
- 17. Madison
- 19. Concord
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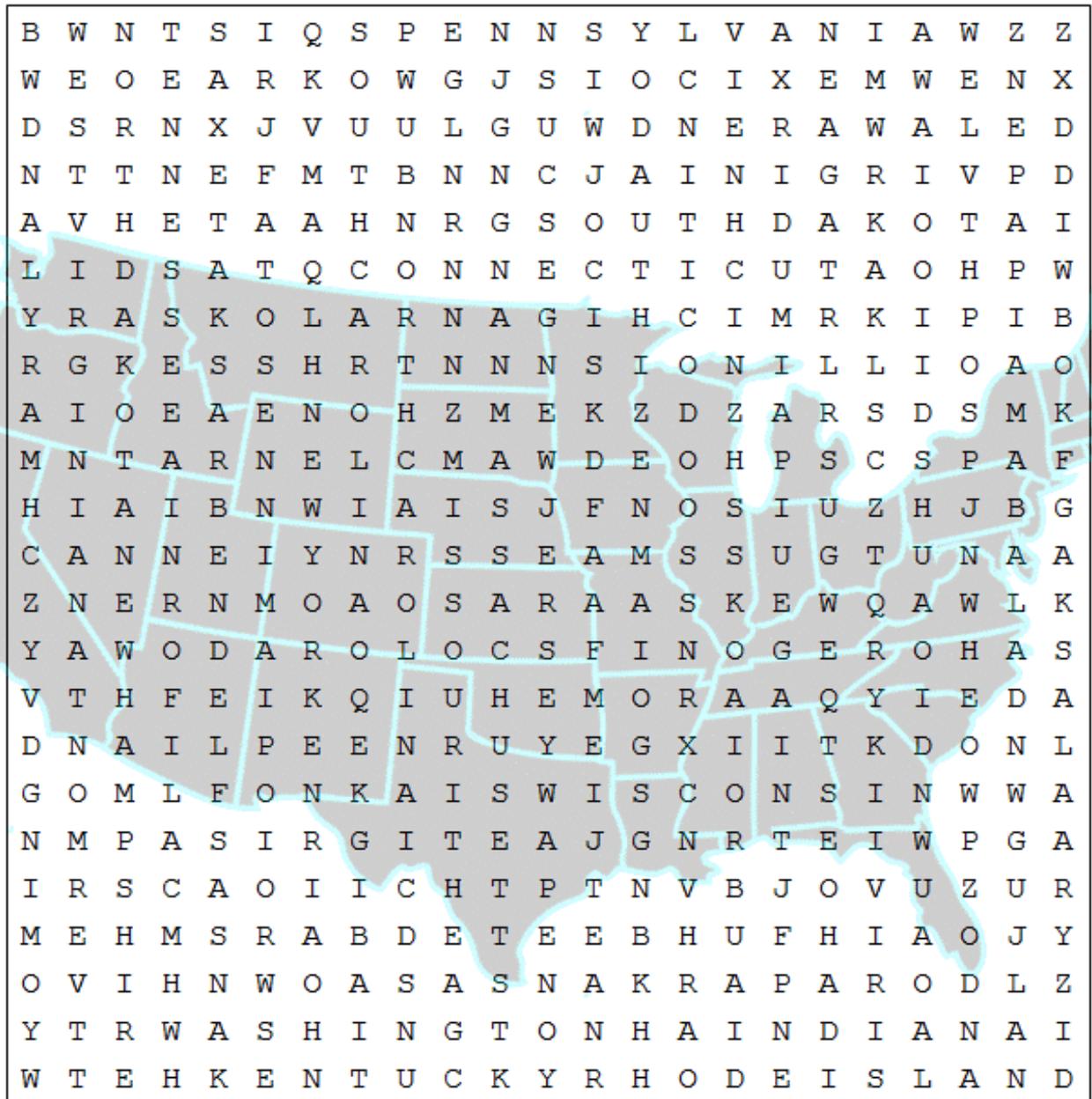
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Summer Lawn

Care Tips

Fertilize & Feed Your Lawn

Fertilizers and Lawn Foods help green your lawn and feed the soil. They aid in moisture retention helping your lawn use less water while maintaining consistent growth and develop strong roots.

Water Properly

The typical lawn needs 1 inch of water per week. The healthiest grass prefers deep and infrequent watering. This promotes stronger root development, reduces chance for disease, and improves air movement around the root.

Mow Correctly

When cutting the lawn, no more than 1/3 of your grass leaf surface should be removed. Taller grass shades the soil and helps eliminate evaporation.

Pest Control

It is always important to treat for pests to keep your lawn safe from infestations and diseases, and to protect you and your family.

Pruning

Some plants will need to be pruned in the summer to keep them more compact and not overgrown. Be careful, since some plants can sunburn easily when removing the upper leaves which have been shading the rest of the plant.



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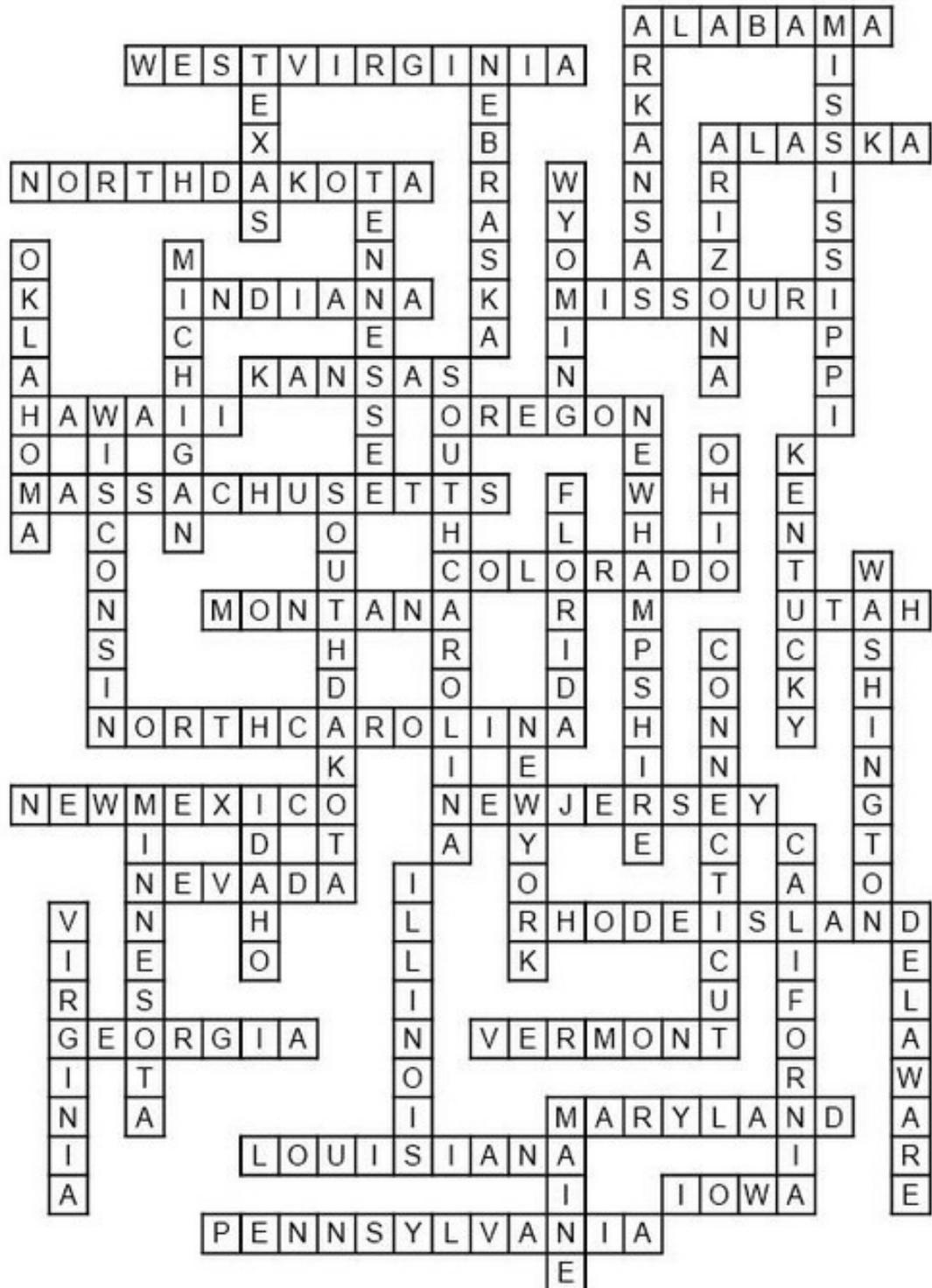
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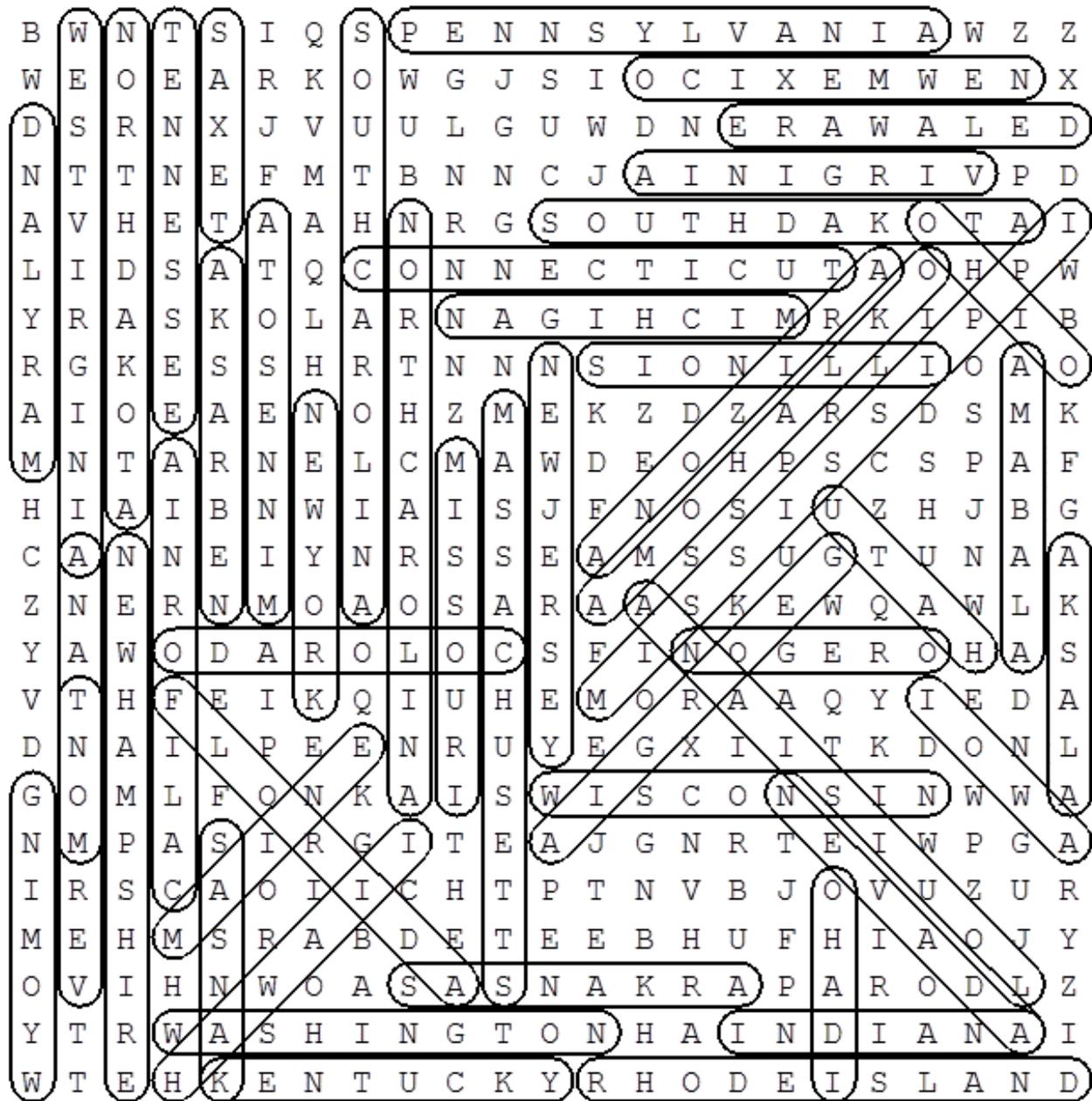
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