



CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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Lewisville and Castle Hills reach agreement on LPD services

The City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District have reached an agreement to expand police services in Castle Hills starting in February, another precursor to annexation that could come as early as 2021.

Expanded services will include up to 16 hours of neighborhood patrol per day, with additional patrol hours and other special services available at the discretion of the Police Chief. Patrol hours will be scheduled to coincide with the periods during which calls for service are at their highest.

Previously, the water district has contracted with the city for basic police services, which is response to all calls for service in Castle Hills. The contract price is based on the number of calls and a per-call cost calculated by a third-party study every three years. For the 2018-19 budget year, the total cost is \$567,663 paid out of sale tax collected at businesses in Castle Hills. The price per call includes costs for the responding officer, dispatch, supervisor and administration, jail, and equipment.

The contract also allows the general manager of the district to request expanded services, including selective enforcement strategies such as additional patrol, directed traffic enforcement, and burglary and theft surveillance. These expanded services are paid for by the district at an hourly rate set in the contract.

The additional neighborhood patrol now being provided are considered expanded police services under the contract and are projected to cost up to \$640,000 for a full year. The cost will be paid first out of sales tax collections in Castle Hills.

This will replace the private security patrol previously employed by the water district, which has been at a cost of \$400,000 per year paid through district budgets. The private security company has been using off-duty law enforcement officers, although all non-felony incidents required them to call for a Lewisville Police Department officer if a citation or arrest were needed.

Police Chief Kevin Deaver said officers assigned to this expanded patrol will be dedicated exclusively to Castle Hills during those shifts and will not be dispatched to calls outside Castle Hills unless there is an exceptional situation that requires immediate response from multiple districts.

While authorized to make traffic stops if needed, they will not conduct directed traffic enforcement. That service remains available upon a request from the general manager of the water district, or at the discretion of the police chief to address a safety need, but would be performed by other officers.

"Having patrol officers in Castle Hills neighborhoods means a quicker response time when a call for service is received," Deaver said. "We still will dispatch a second officer as backup for alarms and similar calls, as we do now, but the first officer will arrive at the scene a lot faster."

Deaver also was given authority, by a Jan. 28 vote of the Lewisville City Council, to use any other police department resources in Castle Hills at his discretion, and at no additional cost to the district. This could include the traffic unit, gang and narcotics units, and Neighborhood Resource Officers.

"In addition to providing a higher level of service, this will give us a chance to start building relationships with Castle Hills residents before they become Lewisville residents in a couple of years," Deaver said. "Our department prides itself in providing a high level of customer service. Our officers need to become familiar with Castle Hills, and hopefully Castle Hills residents will become familiar with us."



Lewisville City Council retreat opens in Castle Hills Feb. 14



Lewisville City Council will hold its annual planning retreat Thursday, Feb. 14-Saturday, Feb. 16, in both Castle Hills and Lewisville.

The first day of meetings will be held at The Lakes at Castle Hills. It will focus on various topics related to Castle Hills, such as: the timeline and next steps for annexation; infrastructure evaluation; public versus HOA maintained parks; update on the Strategic Partnership Agreement and TIF; water rate issues; and participation of Castle Hills residents on City of Lewisville boards.

This event begins at noon with lunch and a special historical perspectives discussion led by Chris Bright. Council members

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will adjourn to Executive Session at 1 p.m., then come back for Castle Hills reports. Once all the reports are complete, Council members and other Lewisville representatives will take a tour of Castle Hills.

Most sessions are open to the public, although the format does not include opportunity for formal public comment. City Council will hold some discussions in closed session, in accordance with state law, but any Council votes will be conducted in open session.

The second and third days of meetings will be held at the Lewisville Convention Center.

The purpose of the annual retreat is for Council to discuss future issues facing the city and to make long-range plans for addressing those issues.

LFD moves into Fire Station #8



The Lewisville Fire Department officially moved into Fire Station #8, 3300 Lakewood Hills Drive, on Monday, Feb. 4. A dedication ceremony is being planned for a later date. This fire station serves East Lewisville and Castle Hills.

The 11,500-square-foot facility is staffed with 12 firefighters who will make calls out of Engine 8 and Brush 8. The engine is a paramedic crew and will be able to perform all EMS functions if they arrive ahead of a medic.

Castle Hills sophomore designs new ColorPalooza logo



A sophomore from Castle Hills, Susi Bechinger, has created this year's winning logo for ColorPalooza: A Celebration of Spring festival.

Bechinger attends Hebron High School and loves to draw, paint, dance, and sing.

She drew a palette to show this festival is about art. She included a paint brush to better show the painter's palette and made the words colorful, as though they were the paint on the palette.

Bechinger's logo will be used on all ColorPalooza marketing and event merchandise.

ColorPalooza will be held Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., in and around Wayne Ferguson Plaza, 150 W. Church Street.

Admission is free, although some activities will carry a nominal charge. This festival features a wide variety of exhibits and interactive events with a "spring feel" for the whole family.

Lewisville Library adds new arts and crafts machines at The Hive

The Lewisville Public Library has added three new arts and crafts machines at The Hive makerspace.

The Hive features specialized equipment for creation, exploration, and collaboration such as 3D printers, laser cutter, Carvey CNC milling machine, sewing machines, and more.

Anyone with a current Lewisville library card can use these machines. Users can buy materials at the Library, or bring their own for these machines.

The newly added machines include: a Silhouette CAMEO, which is a desktop cutting machine that uses an AutoBlade to cut paper, card stock, vinyl, and more; a Silhouette Mint, which is a desktop thermal printing stamping system that makes it quick and easy to make personalized stamps; and a button making machine that allows users to create personalized buttons.

To learn more about classes for these machines and training classes, visit the "Hive Happenings" page on library.cityoflewisville.com/thehive.

The Hive is open 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and closed on Sunday and Monday.

City Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 14
Noon

City Council Retreat
The Lakes at Castle Hills

Tuesday, Feb. 15
7 p.m.

"Annie, Jr"
MCL Grand.

Sunday, Feb. 17
6:30 p.m.

Black Box Songwriter Concert
Gretchen Peters
MCL Grand

Saturday, Feb. 23
6 p.m.

Stars on the Prairie
LLELA

Thursday, Feb. 28
6 p.m.

Garden Secrets Class
Composting
MCL Grand

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