



# CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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## Bill filed to allow a Crime Control District vote in Castle Hills

A bill that would change state law and allow Castle Hills residents to vote on joining the existing Lewisville Crime Control and Prevention District is making its way through the Texas House.

State Representative Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound) authored HB2445 and filed it in late February. It would create a method for a city, such as Lewisville, to expand the boundaries of an existing Crime Control and Prevention District within its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ), such as Castle Hills, and to collect within the ETJ the voter-approved sales tax to support the district. Expanding the boundaries would require the city to hold an election in Castle Hills to approve the measure.

The bill was sent to the House Urban Affairs committee in early March. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bob Troyer and Lewisville Police Chief Kevin Deaver testified at an April 4 public hearing before the committee to provide their support for the bill. There was no opposition voiced at this public hearing and now the bill is pending in the House Urban Affairs committee.

The statements read by Councilman Troyer and Chief Deaver are available on the Legislative Agenda/Legislative Letters page on [cityoflewisville.com](http://cityoflewisville.com).

The Crime Control and Prevention District was created by Lewisville voters in November 2011 and reauthorized in May 2016 for an additional 20 years. All proceeds from the eighth-cent sales tax are dedicated to law enforcement and other crime control and prevention services.

The original district boundaries did not include Castle Hills. Lewisville explored the possibility of adding Castle Hills in 2014 but found out state law did not contain a provision for that to happen.

Legislation enacted in 2015 created a process to call an election to add Castle Hills to the boundaries of the Fire Control and Prevention District. An election was held in May 2018 and the measure was approved by Castle Hills voters with 62 percent support. HB2445 seeks to make this same change to allow for a vote on the Crime Control and Prevention District.

Castle Hills residents are not currently residents of Lewisville, but will be upon annexation as early as July 2021. They do not pay property tax to Lewisville and they do not receive city services except by contract.

Lewisville currently provides contracted police and fire service in Castle Hills, paid for through collection of the city's general-use 1 percent sales tax in specified commercial areas within the ETJ.

This fiscal year, that sales tax is expected to generate about \$1.2 million.

Castle Hills residents have requested additional police services. However, the 1 percent general sales tax does not provide enough money for those expanded services in addition to current police and fire services. Expanding the city's Crime Control and

Prevention District to include Castle Hills would generate another eighth-cent sales tax to help pay for those services.

If the bill is signed into law by Governor Gregg Abbott, an election for Castle Hills residents would likely take place in either November 2019 or May 2020.



## Update on LPD enhanced patrols in Castle Hills

In February, the City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District reached an agreement to expand LPD services in Castle Hills. In late March, during the Castle Hills quarterly meeting, Lewisville Police Chief Kevin Deaver briefed residents on the enhanced patrols.

During February and March, LPD worked over 930 hours in Castle Hills, responding to more than 1,580 calls for service. Officers made more than 750 traffic stops with violators being cited in 28 percent of those stops. Response time has dropped from 11.16 minutes to 8.03 minutes since implementation. The largest number of calls remains residential burglary alarms.

Residents asked about using golf carts in their community, and LPD is still trying to determine whether the status of golf carts will change after annexation.

The additional neighborhood patrols 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.



**KEEPING TRADITION ALIVE**

*Bagpipes & Drums Event*

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6 p.m.**

**WAYNE FERGUSON PLAZA**

*Free concert by Maylee Thomas Band*

# Residents invited to help with *Valor & Sacrifice* public art display on April 17



Castle Hills residents are invited to help assemble some of the 750 red ceramic poppies that will be installed at Lewisville Lake Park in connection with *The Wall That Heals* exhibition May 2-5.

Assembly of the finished poppies onto their metal stems will happen Wednesday, April 17, 4 -7 p.m., at MCL Grand, 100 N. Charles Street.

*Valor and Sacrifice* is a public art project designed by artist Jen Rose. The red poppy originated after World War I as a universal symbol for veterans and has since been adopted for veterans of any war. The power of this art installation lies in the clustering of individual poppies to form a strong visual impact where installed, and the community involvement of making the poppies.

Following the conclusion of *The Wall That Heals*, the poppies will be collected and re-installed at another City of Lewisville location.

*The Wall That Heals* is a three-quarter scale Wall replica made up of 140 numbered panels and standing 375 feet long and 7.5 feet tall. Like the original memorial, it is erected in a chevron shape and visitors can do name rubbings of individual service member's names. It bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. Lewisville is one of three Texas tour stops in 2019 for *The Wall That Heals*, but it is the only North Texas tour stop.

## City Calendar

### Saturday, April 20

Saturday at the Cabin  
LLELA

### Wednesday, April 24

Yoga in the Plaza with Blue Anjou  
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

### Thursday, April 25

Garden Secrets Class  
Hummingbird Gardening  
MCL Grand

### Thursday, April 25

Pilates in the Plaza with Audrey  
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

### Saturday, April 27

Stamp Making Demo  
The HIVE  
Lewisville Public Library



## Proudly Served, Proudly Serving luncheon April 26

In conjunction with the arrival of *The Wall That Heals*, the City of Lewisville is holding a special luncheon for Lewisville and Castle Hills military veterans and reservists on Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Valley Creek Church Next Steps Center, 1305 TX-121 Business.

The "Proudly Served, Proudly Serving" luncheon is sponsored by Loves Residential Realty and First National Bank Southlake. It will include the presentation of colors by Lewisville High School NJROTC, a dance piece by A Time To Dance, and music to honor our military heroes.

Please RSVP for the lunch using this link: <http://bit.ly/2uvH0iB>. The RSVP deadline is Friday, April 19.

## Coffee with Cops to visit Castle Hills April 30

Lewisville Police Chief Kevin Deaver and Greg Nicholson Farmers Insurance Agency will hold Coffee with Cops on Tuesday, April 30, 7-9 a.m., at the Castle Hills Community Center, 2501 Queen Margaret Drive.

The purpose of Coffee with Cops is for police and community members to come together in a neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink free coffee. The conversation is informal and informative. No agenda, no speeches. Everyone in the Castle Hills community, whether they live here, work here, or just spend time here, is invited to attend.

## Education visionary Tom Luce featured in *Lewisville Talks - City Speaker Series*



The City of Lewisville welcomes Tom Luce, founder and chairman of Texas 2036, for an engaging talk on Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m., as part of the Lewisville Talks - City Speaker Series at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street.

Informed by decades of public policy experience at the local, state, and national level, in 2016 Luce founded Texas 2036 amid growing concern that without careful consideration, planning, and decision-making regarding the future, the tremendous opportunities Texas offers may not exist for future generations. Texas 2036 uses data, research, and leading expertise to enable Texans to make informed decisions with the goal of ensuring Texas continues to be the best place to live and do business through its bicentennial in 2036 and beyond.

Lewisville Talks – City Speaker Series tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for Lewisville and Castle Hills residents, and \$5 student tickets. General admission tickets and student tickets can be purchased online at [MCLGrand.tix.com](http://MCLGrand.tix.com). Students ticket holders should be prepared to show a valid student I.D. when arriving to the event.

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