



CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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Strategic Partnership Agreement extended

The City of Lewisville's Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) has been amended and approved by the City and all district boards.

The recent action taken by the boards and the City clarified the current commercial areas within the development, removing some areas that will become residential and adding other lands that are being developed as commercial. Additionally, the term of the SPA was extended to January 2022 to allow for annexation in 2021.

The SPA allows for the imposition of 1.25 percent sales tax on goods and services within certain defined commercial areas of Castle Hills.

One cent (1.00 percent) general sales tax is used to pay for police, fire and EMS services provided by the City to the Districts.

If any taxes remain after the payment of the public safety services, the amount is split between the City and the Castle Hills Districts. The Districts use any money they receive for paying down outstanding liabilities owed to the developer. The .25 percent levied for 4B sales tax purposes must be used for park/library purposes only as approved by the City's 4B election.

An election passed in Castle Hills on May 8, 2018, to impose the Fire Control Prevention District one-eighth cent sales tax, bringing the total sales tax for local purposes to 1.375 percent. Currently, the City also has another one-eighth tax for a Crime Control & Prevention District, but Castle Hills is not included in the Crime Control District boundaries.

The State of Texas imposes a 6.25 percent sales tax which brings a total sales tax rate of 7.625 percent within these commercial areas of Castle Hills. Local sales tax collected within the Districts' commercial tracts was \$1.498 million for fiscal year 2017-18.

Bill to allow Crime Control District in Castle Hills fails to get a vote

An attempt to hold an election in Castle Hills giving residents the opportunity to join Lewisville's Crime Control District ended last month when the Texas Legislature adjourned without passing a bill to grant that authority.

The city worked with Rep. Tan Parker to file House Bill 2445, which would have allowed a city with an existing Crime Control District to add its ETJ to the district boundaries if approved at an election held in the ETJ. State law currently gives no direction for adding an ETJ to an existing Crime Control District.

HB-2445 was reported favorably out of the House Urban Affairs Committee, but was never scheduled for debate on the floor of the House. Lewisville tried to get the language added as an amendment to a related bill that already had passed the House, but that bill never advanced out of committee in the Senate.

Lewisville successfully worked for a change to state law during the 2015 Legislature that allowed cities to add ETJ to an existing Fire Prevention District if approved in a public election. Lewisville held that election in May 2018, and the measure was approved by Castle Hills voters with more than 60 percent support.

The Crime Control District assesses an eighth-cent sales tax with all proceeds legally limited to use for police services, helping fund the Police Department budget without relying exclusively on property taxes. LPD accounts for about 19 percent of the city's annual operating budget.

State law does allow cities to hold an election to expand the boundaries of a Crime Control District into areas that have been annexed into the city. It is likely an election will be held in Castle Hills after annexation, which is expected as early as July 2021.



LPD enhanced patrols May 2019

In February, the City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District reached an agreement to expand Lewisville Police Department services in Castle Hills.

Each month, in this newsletter, we will include an update on those enhanced patrols.

During May, LPD worked 477 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 385 calls for service. Officers made 85 traffic stops, which resulted in 35 citations. April's average response time to Castle Hills was 7.57 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (46) was for residential alarms.

Castle Hills quarterly meeting set for June 27

The City of Lewisville is taking steps to actively engage Castle Hills residents. This will include quarterly open meetings during which residents can interact with city staff and receive updates on city projects and annexation plans.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, June 27, 6-8 p.m., at Queen Margaret Community Center, 2501 Queen Margaret Drive.

Topics include a presentation from the Lewisville Public Library, an update on LPD enhanced patrols, and a small meet-and-greet with firefighters from Fire Station #8, located at 3300 Lakewood Hills Drive.

Castle Hills residents appointed to Lewisville boards and commissions

Four Castle Hills residents have been appointed to City of Lewisville boards and commissions. Their appointment was made possible after Council approved an amended ordinance in March that allows Castle Hills residents to serve on designated City boards and committees prior to annexation.

Patrick Kelly will serve as the Place No. 3 representative on the Arts Advisory Board. Among its duties, this board serves in an advisory capacity to City Council on distribution of Hotel Occupancy Tax grants funds in support of the arts, and guides implementation of the Public Art Master Plan.

Jim Meyer will serve as Place No. 1 representative and Chris Crawford will serve as the Place No. 3 representative on the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee. Among its duties, this board serves in an advisory capacity to City Council on all matters pertaining to the HUD Community Development Block Grant funding for Lewisville. This committee also oversees a Community Needs Assessment and makes funding recommendations for social service agency grants and capital projects that benefit low-income families.

Vivek Gupta will serve as the Place No. 5 representative on the Library Board. Among its duties, this board focuses on issues related to the library and library services, and makes recommendations to City Council and the Library Director.

All four appointments begin July 1 for a two-year term.

The City of Lewisville received seven applications from Castle Hills residents. Those three remaining applications will be kept on file for one year and if any openings on boards they were interested in become available, the City will again consider those applications.

City Calendar

Tuesday, June 25

Sounds of Lewisville
Man in the Mirror - Michael Jackson
Tribute
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

Wednesday, June 26

Neighborhood Vitality Workshop
MCL Grand

Wednesday, June 26

Yoga in the Plaza with Blue Anjou
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

Thursday, June 27

Coffee With Cops
Dunkin' Donuts - 1510 W. Main St.

Thursday, June 27

Pilates in the Plaza with Audrey
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

Monday, July 1

City Council Meeting
Lewisville City Hall



Rock & Roll Hall of Famers ZZ Top and Chicago will be the headline acts for the special "Texas Pop Turns 50" two-day concert event, Saturday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 1, at Lewisville Lake Park Golf Club, 6 Lake Park Road.

Tickets for the festival are available on [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are \$30 for a single-day pass; \$50 for a two-day pass; \$125 for a VIP pass, which provides access to both days of the festival, covered seating, catered dinner both days, parking pass, and a commemorative t-shirt. Children 10 and under will get in to the event for free.

Other musical acts scheduled to perform include Grand Funk Railroad, Edgar Winter, The Box Tops, John Mayall, Glen Clark Band, and many more.

To learn more about this event, visit [cityoflewisville.com/texaspop50](https://www.cityoflewisville.com/texaspop50). Also, be sure to follow the Texas Pop Turns 50 Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram sites for updates and announcements as the festival draws closer.

Labor Day weekend 1969, just two weeks after Woodstock, more than 100,000 music fans came to Lewisville for the Texas International Pop Festival, at the former Dallas International Motor Speedway and a smaller free stage on the shores of Lewisville Lake. Performers at that three-day music festival included Led Zeppelin, Janis Joplin, Santana, Grand Funk Railroad, Chicago (then called Chicago Transit Authority), and more.

Also, in 1969, Billy F. Gibbons joined forces with Dusty Hill and Frank Beard to form ZZ Top. Fifteen studio albums, 30 million records, and five decades later, ZZ Top is still going strong, playing timeless hits on its 50th anniversary worldwide tour. "That Little Ol' Band from Texas" was inducted in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2004.

Chicago makes its return to Lewisville, as it was part of the original Texas International Pop Music Festival in 1969. Formed in 1967, this band has recorded 36 albums and sold over 100-million records. Chicago was inducted in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2016.

Sponsors for the 50th Pop Festival are: City of Lewisville, Budweiser, 100.3 JACK FM, and 98.7 KLUV.

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