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City makes presentations to Castle Hills Water District boards

This summer, the City of Lewisville is presenting a three-part series of updates to all Castle Hills Water District boards on the work the City is undertaking to prepare for possible annexation. Annexation may potentially occur in Summer 2021.

The first presentation briefed each board on the financial aspects of preparing for possible annexation. The 1996 development agreement between the City, Bright Farm Partnership, and Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A and 1-B anticipated annexation to occur when the City could take on existing debt with no impact to the tax rate. As a partner to the development, the City would facilitate bond issuances for the public infrastructure improvements (streets, utility, drainage) the developer constructed over the years. As the development neared completion, the City would annex to assume and provide full services and eventual maintenance and replacement of the aging infrastructure.

Annexation would bring the benefits of one of the lowest property tax rates in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The City of Lewisville's current rate is 43.6086 cents per \$100 taxable valuation that Castle Hills property owners could have instead of their District entity tax (current Castle Hills property tax rates range from 51.5 cents to \$1.00).

Lewisville also is a AAA bond-rated City, meaning when debt is issued for public improvements, the City can command the lowest interest rate in the bond market, thereby reducing interest costs being supported by residential and business owners via their property tax and utility rates.

With annexation, Castle Hills will become part of a larger entity with multiple dedicated revenue sources and a diversified economic base that provides stability and the cost efficiency advantages for service

delivery thus lessening the burden on individual property owners.

In 2018, Lewisville voters approved a City charter amendment to alter the governance structure upon annexation. Residential districting will go into effect in which the City, with Castle Hills, will be divided up into five districts. Each district will have a City Council seat decided from candidates living within that district, but voted at-large (by all citizens of all districts). Districts will be roughly equal in population, based on the 2020 Census. The Mayor position will remain an at-large position—candidates can live anywhere in the City and be voted by all citizens. This districting process will be detailed further in a later newsletter.

Next month's update will include information the district boards received on the City's second presentation, held in July, regarding issues related to parks and recreation, water and sewer lines, and other infrastructure issues.

Lewisville PD Open House Aug. 8



The public is invited to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Lewisville Police Department and visit with the police officers who serve our community at a Police Department Open House, Thursday, Aug. 8, 6-8:30 p.m., Jerry R. Galler Public Safety Training Center, 701 E. Valley Ridge Blvd.

The Lewisville Police Department was officially created on Aug. 9, 1939. Attendees at this event will be able to tour the facility, learn the history of the department, and learn about modern crime-fighting techniques and equipment. LPD's Armored Personnel Carrier and the new SWAT Faber Utility Vehicle will be on display, along with several other LPD vehicles. K9 officers Cziko and Stryker, and their handlers, will demonstrate their role in the crime-fighting process.

Guided tours of the police station begin at 6 p.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m.



LPD enhanced patrols June 2019

In February, the City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A 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 June, LPD worked 480 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 355 calls for service. Officers made 125 traffic stops, which resulted in 33 citations. June's average response time to Castle Hills was 8.32 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (66) was for residential alarms.

Progress being made on Corporate Drive Segment 6 extension

The City of Lewisville is making progress on the Corporate Drive Segment 6 extension that will connect FM544 and Josey Lane in Castle Hills.

The roughly \$15 million project consists of building an underpass allowing Windhaven Parkway to connect underneath the KCS Railroad bridge.

The utilities have already been lowered to allow for the roadway and railroad bridge construction. Plans for the bridge and roadway are 90 percent complete and being reviewed by KCS Railroad. The only other item requiring KCS Railroad approval is a license agreement allowing the City to operate and maintain a roadway, utilities and drainage systems across the KCS right of way. KCS is also reviewing the draft license agreement as well.

Depending on when KCS completes its review, its possible the City of Lewisville could send out construction bids before the end of 2019. Before the project is bid, KCS will need to approve the construction plans and the license agreement will need to be executed by both KCS and the City of Lewisville. The project timing is almost entirely dependent on the KCS Railroad approving both the plans and license agreement.

World-famous comedy troupe The Second City at MCL Grand Sept. 7



The world-famous improvisational comedy enterprise The Second City is coming to Lewisville as MCL Grand Presents: Second City's Greatest Hits, Vol. 59, Saturday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street.

There's a reason the biggest names in laughter all catapulted their careers at The Second City... it's been the funniest place on the planet since '59! Come witness the next generation of comedy superstars put their spin on the legendary comedy company's greatest hits, re-booted and re-imagined for today.

From sketch comedy to original songs to world-famous improv, The Second City will leave you rolling in the aisles! Fresh, fast and always spectacularly funny, The Second City is celebrating nearly 60 years of producing cutting-edge satirical revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest. Show may contain adult or mature content.

Tickets are available on MCLGrand.tix.com. Ticket prices are: \$40 Reserved Seating (Table Seating), \$30 (tier 1), \$20 (tier 2), and \$15 Lewisville and Castle Hills resident tickets are available in the tier 2 section and can be purchased in person at MCL Grand during normal business hours.

Must show valid driver's license or utility bill to validate residency. Subject to availability. Sales tax included in ticket price.

Lewisville Looks Back: Texas International Pop Festival



Labor Day weekend 1969, just two weeks after Woodstock, Lewisville was the location of one of the largest music events Texas had ever seen. The event drew more than 100,000 fans for three days of live music at the former Dallas International Motor Speedway and a smaller free stage on the shores of Lewisville Lake. The Texas International Pop Festival featured Led Zeppelin, Janis Joplin, Santana, Sly & the Family Stone, Canned Heat, Chicago Transit Authority, and more.

Join us for a special evening of "Lewisville Looks Back: Texas International Pop Festival," on Friday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m., at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street.

At this special event, historic footage from the original festival will be shown, as well as a new mini-documentary consisting of stories and interviews from attendees of the 1969 Texas International Pop Festival. Dallas concert promoter Angus Wynne III, who organized the 1969 festival, also will be in attendance to answer questions and share his memories.

Lewisville's Poet Laureate, J. Paul Holcomb, will debut a new original poem to commemorate the festival, and the evening will conclude with a sneak peek of the art and history exhibit in the Art Gallery in MCL Grand, which opens to the public the next day. The exhibit, which will include rare photographs, archival video footage, oral histories, and artifacts is being organized in partnership by the City of Lewisville and the Denton County Office of History & Culture.



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