



# CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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## Lewisville Police to begin golf cart enforcement Oct. 1

Lewisville PD is starting enforcement on illegal use of golf carts on streets in Castle Hills, and will begin issuing citations on Oct. 1.

This move is in response to resident complaints about children driving carts in an unsafe manner, and safety concerns from patrol officers about the use of golf carts in general on public roads. This move was not requested by any of the Castle Hills Water District boards and is not related to the possible annexation of Castle Hills.

Leading up to the Oct. 1 date, officers will attempt to educate residents on state laws pertaining to legal golf cart use. However, LPD officers have the discretion to issue a citation for traffic violations at any time.

Castle Hills is covered by a provision in state law that allows the use of golf carts on public streets in a Planned Development, but that use is subject to other provisions of the Texas Transportation Code.

Golf carts are considered motor vehicles under Texas traffic laws, and as such, anyone driving a golf cart on a public street must have a valid driver's license. State law also requires that a golf cart driven on a public street have a state-issued license plate. This license plate requirement was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2019 and went into effect on Sept. 1.

The driver of a golf cart must obey all traffic laws including stop or yield signs, speed limits, and other posted warnings. They also must signal turns either with a blinker or hand signals. A person with a learner's permit is legally allowed to drive a golf cart as long as a licensed driver who is at least 18 years old is with them and sitting in the front seat.

Castle Hills regulations do not allow any motorized vehicle to

be operated on sidewalks or walking paths. LPD officers cannot enforce Castle Hills rules, which are set by the Master Association and are not codified in municipal ordinances or state law.

Golf carts are not designed to withstand collisions with cars and do not provide adequate protection for the driver and passenger.

These laws have not been enforced in the past because the former private security patrols in Castle Hills did not have jurisdiction to enforce state traffic laws, and Lewisville PD only responded to calls for service and did not provide regular traffic patrols. That changed in February when up to 16 hours per day of LPD patrol was added, which includes traffic enforcement as needed.

A citation for operating a golf cart on a public street without a valid driver's license can result in a fine set by Texas law as an amount of not more than \$200 for the first and second offense, and not more than \$500 for a third offense within one year of the second offense. If a child takes a golf cart without their parent's knowledge, the child and/or parents are subject to receiving a citation.

For additional information on golf cart enforcement, please visit [CityofLewisville.com/CastleHills](http://CityofLewisville.com/CastleHills).



## LPD enhanced patrols August 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 August, LPD worked 474.5 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 405 calls for service. Officers made 146 traffic stops, which resulted in 27 citations. August's average response time to Castle Hills was 7.1 minutes. Citywide response times averaged 9.89 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (55) was for residential alarms.

## Castle Hills quarterly meeting set for Sept. 26

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

The next quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m., at Queen Margaret Community Center, 2501 Queen Margaret Drive.

Tentative agenda topics include golf cart enforcement, a Lewisville 2025 update process, which includes plans for a January workshop in Castle Hills, a presentation from Health Inspection Services, and details on Western Days.

# Multiple Castle Hills items included in Lewisville's proposed 2019-20 budget

The Lewisville City Council has received the proposed 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget, which contains multiple Castle Hills related items. Those items are:

- \* \$46,000 to update the stormwater utility data to include impervious surface area calculations;
- \* \$200,000 to video inspect the stormwater infrastructure in Castle Hills to determine condition of the infrastructure;
- \* \$45,000 to conduct water/sewer rate study for Lewisville to look towards moving to an inclining block structure that will better align with Castle Hills rate structure;
- \* \$25,000 to develop a Planned Development ordinance to address zoning and development issues related to annexing Castle Hills, which may occur in Summer 2021.

The proposed budget is available for public viewing on the Annual Budget page on [CityofLewisville.com](http://CityofLewisville.com). Printed copies are available for review at the City Secretary's office inside Lewisville City Hall, 151 W. Church Street, or the Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main Street.

Lewisville City Council will vote on the proposed budget during the Sept. 16 council meeting.

## Western Days Sept. 27-28 in Old Town Lewisville



The 2019 Lewisville Western Days festival will be held Sept. 27-28, in Old Town Lewisville. The award-winning festival features live entertainment on five stages, the 15th annual World Tamale Eating Championship sponsored by Market Street, Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville Cattle Drive Parade, Castle Hills Culinary Corner, and many more exciting activities.

### MUSIC HEADLINERS

Rising Country music superstar Brett Young will be the featured act on Friday night, taking the Republic Services Main Stage at 10 p.m. Saturday's headliner will be Josh Abbott Band, closing out the weekend festival at 10 p.m. on the Republic Services Main Stage.

### TICKETS & HOURS

Festival hours are Friday, 5-11:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Electronic tickets can be downloaded from [LewisvilleWesternDays.com](http://LewisvilleWesternDays.com), or printed tickets may be picked up at city facilities and sponsor locations listed on the festival website.

Present tickets at the gate for free admission between 5-7 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday. However, beginning at 7 p.m. both nights, attendees will need to pay \$10 (cash or credit) for admission for everyone except children under 12.

### SPONSORS

City of Lewisville, Lewisville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Waste Management, Republic Services, 99.5 The Wolf, Bud Light, Coca-Cola, Orthofix, Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville, Metro PCS, Market Street, BioLife Plasma Center, Care Now, Southern Comfort Mechanical A/C and Heating, The Apparel Group, Castle Hills, Frost Bank, Hampton Inn and Suites Lewisville, CoServ, Lorentz Automotive, Denton County Transportation Authority, Texas New Mexico Power, Larue Vineyards, Living Magazine, Gilley's, Johnson Feed Company, Chick-Fil-A, and Star Local Media.

## City Calendar

### Monday, Sept. 9

City Council Meeting  
Lewisville City Hall

### Wednesday, Sept. 11 & 18

Yoga in the Plaza with Blue Anjou  
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

### Thursday, Sept. 12 & 19

Pilates in the Plaza with Audrey  
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

### Saturday, Sept. 14 & 21

Tai Chi Ch'uan with Lowell  
Wayne Ferguson Plaza

### Saturday, Sept. 14

Ballet Folklorico  
Lewisville Public Library

### Thursday, Sept. 19

Garden Secrets  
Texan Plants  
MCL Grand

### Saturday, Sept. 21 & Sunday, Sept. 22

Friends of the Library Book Sale  
Lewisville Public Library



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