



CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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City Council receives update on annexation planning

Lewisville City Council received a detailed three-hour presentation about Castle Hills from city staff during the annual planning retreat held Feb. 20 at the Lewisville Convention Center. Multiple topics were addressed related to the potential annexation of Castle Hills, which could occur as early as July 2021.

Video of the entire City Council presentation will be available online this month at cityoflewisville.com/CastleHills. The City Council made several significant decisions related to the annexation process.

City Council decided to appoint a Castle Hills Annexation Advisory Committee to offer resident perspectives related to the annexation process. The committee will be selected in March by the Lewisville city manager and the Castle Hills general manager. It will consist of two representatives from each water district board, two members of the Lewisville 2025 Steering Committee, and an undetermined number of Castle Hills residents at large. A third-party facilitator will lead the discussions.

The Director of Public Services reported on several issues related to a study of Castle Hills infrastructure. All street and alley survey data has been collected and is being evaluated, with a draft report expected this spring. A large percentage of the 752 street signs in Castle Hills will need to be replaced to meet current reflectivity standards. The style and design will remain the same, including the Castle Hills name. About 90 percent of the water and wastewater system data has been collected and a first draft of the assessment report is expected this spring.

City Council decided to keep the current Castle Hills trash and recycling contract in place at least through the current extension, which ends in January 2022.

The city is working on binding language to preserve the status of current playgrounds and open spaces within Castle Hills. City

Council has a high standard of no more than a 10-minute walk to a park, which must be maintained in Castle Hills. City council stated that all park spaces must be maintained at or above current levels. Some immediate improvements are needed to meet current ADA and safety standards.

A lengthy review of costs related to offering full municipal services in Castle Hills after annexation touched on personnel, equipment, and other needs. The total projected cost in the first full fiscal year is about \$7.2 million in non-utility funds, with some infrastructure maintenance costs still being calculated (creeks, drainage, retaining walls, screening walls, and parks). This will be offset by an estimated \$9 million in new tax revenue. The remaining dollars likely will be needed for infrastructure investment. The City has an annual infrastructure investment program that would be put in place for Castle Hills. Full costs of this investment will be finalized once the assessment is complete.

City Council also directed Public Services staff to continue its research into possibly adopting an inclining rate block structure for citywide water customers that will match the Castle Hills rate structure upon annexation. The new structure would be implemented in October 2020 for existing Lewisville water customers.

A summary of presentation highlights will be given during the upcoming quarterly public meeting.

Quarterly meeting set for March 26

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

Topics of discussion will include an annexation update; a Windhaven Parkway/Corporate Drive project update; a Lewisville Parks report; discussion about public engagement opportunities; and an Enhanced Patrol update from Lewisville P.D.



LPD enhanced patrols February 2020

The City of Lewisville and the Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 1-A have 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 February, LPD worked 464 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 399 calls for service. Officers made 128 traffic stops, which resulted in 23 citations. February's average response time to Castle Hills was 8.15 minutes. Citywide response times averaged 5.67 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (42) was for Close Patrols. Close Patrols are requested by the homeowner during periods of absences.

2020 Census count begins

Castle Hills residents will begin receiving Census 2020 mailers this week as the federal government begins the once-every-10-years count of all people living in the United States.

This population count helps the federal government decide how to distribute money to our community for numerous services. It also helps government entities decide where to build schools, hospitals, and roads. Each year, the federal government distributes more than \$675 billion to states and communities based on Census Bureau data.

New this year, residents will be able to respond to the Census 2020 questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

2020 Census (cont)

When Castle Hills residents receive the 2020 Census mailers they can respond immediately using the provided ID or their home address. If residents prefer to answer the questionnaire online, they can do so at my2020census.gov. Households will receive reminder postcards through April 27. If a household still has not completed their form, a census taker will visit their home at some point between May 13 and July 31.

In October 2019, the City of Lewisville created the Census Complete Count Committee to help educate Lewisville and Castle Hills residents on the 2020 Census process. Lewisville Public Library staff will be available on a daily basis to answer any questions a resident may have. Residents are able to use computers at the library to fill out their questionnaire. Members of the Census Complete Count Committee will be at several upcoming city-sponsored events to distribute census educational material and to answer questions.

Grand Opening of Thrive set for May 30



Castle Hills residents are invited to attend the grand opening of Thrive, Lewisville's new 87,000-square-foot multigenerational recreation center, Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m., 1950 S. Valley Parkway.

Attendees will get to enjoy a day of activities, exploration, and fun as they tour the facility and learn about all the amenities and classes that will be offered there. Festivities will run throughout the day of the grand opening, and specific details on the day's events will be released in coming weeks.

Annual memberships are now available for purchase. Prices range from \$25 to \$210 a year for an individual. Memberships can be purchased on the new Thrive website, lewisvillethrive.com.

Thrive will feature a natatorium, gymnasiums, an indoor walking track, expanded fitness area, community rooms, indoor playground, and more than 14,000 square feet of space dedicated to activities for senior adults. It also will feature a permanent public art component that flows naturally through the building.

Thrive was a top priority of the Lewisville 2025 vision plan. In 2015, voters approved Thrive's construction as part of the largest bond package in Lewisville's history. Once complete, Thrive will offer more than 100 hours of play and exercise a week.

Residents invited to pick up recycle bins for reCOLORcycle



Castle Hills residents interested in sharing their creativity at ColorPalooza: A Celebration of Spring, can pick up their complimentary 55-gallon reCOLORcycle bins at the Visitor Information Center, 247 W. Main Street, during regular business hours.

ColorPalooza: A Celebration of Spring will be held Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in and around Wayne Ferguson Plaza in Old Town Lewisville.

ReCOLORcycle is an art project where residents take a bland 55-gallon recycle bin and turn it into art. The City of Lewisville provides the bins, but all expenses related to decoration are the responsibility of the designer. Decorated recycle bins must be family friendly and free of profanity and political or religious affiliation. The City of Lewisville reserves the right to remove or not display any submitted art.

To participate, come by the Visitor Information Center to pick up a bin or go to the reCOLORcycle page on LewisvilleColorPalooza.com and fill out the interest form. Decorated recycle bins must be returned no later than Tuesday, March 31, to be displayed at ColorPalooza.

Resident question of the month

Castle Hills residents have a lot of questions related to planned annexation. Each month, this newsletter will include a featured question and answer raised during the quarterly public meetings, city website, or email.

QUESTION: Will any Castle Hills residents be involved in the annexation process?

ANSWER: Yes. Lewisville City Council decided at its annual retreat in February to appoint a Castle Hills Annexation Advisory Committee. This group will include two representatives from each water district board, some members of the Lewisville 2025 Steering Committee, and some Castle Hills residents at large. The group will meet regularly to advise the City and the Water District on public education needs, resident concerns, and related matters within the community.

City Calendar

Thursday, March 12

KLB Garden Secrets Class
Herb Gardening
MCL Grand

March 16 - 19

Unplug @ Camp LLELA
LLELA

Saturday, March 21

Daddy Daughter Dance
Herring Recreation Center

Saturday, March 21

Texas Tunes
Sunny Sweeney
MCL Grand

March 27-29

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Lewisville Public Library

March 28

Paws in the Park
Carey Animal Shelter