



CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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City cancels all public events through late September

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 disease outbreak, the uncertainty of when restrictions will be lifted on large-scale gatherings, and major budgetary concerns, the City of Lewisville is cancelling all city-sponsored public events through late September.

"This is a very difficult decision to make," said City Manager Donna Barron. "From a budget standpoint, we're at a point where we have to choose between cutting programs or cutting people, and we felt it best to cut programs in order to retain our employees. In the future, these employees will be needed to continue our successful programs."

The City is facing an almost \$1 million shortfall in revenue into the Hotel Occupancy Tax fund because of COVID-19. That revenue is what pays for these special events. If new or modified guidelines for large-scale gatherings are enacted, the City's next public event will be Western Days, Sept. 25-26.

"I feel bad for residents who enjoy coming out to these events," said Mayor Rudy Durham. "These events allow people to enjoy the moment. They're a chance to bring the family out for some fun and games and good music and forget about the outside world for a little while."

Events that are cancelled include: KTA Jam Session (May 8), St. Paddy's Texas Style (May 23), Fiesta Charra (May 30), the entire Sounds of Lewisville Concert Series (June and July), and the Sounds of Red, White and Lewisville concert and Old Town fireworks show (July 3).

The City will announce updates on cityoflewisville.com as well as through its Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.

THRIVE DELAY

The grand opening of Thrive, the city's new 87,000-square-foot multigenerational recreation center, originally scheduled for May 30, is now delayed until early October.

Budgetary concerns are preventing the City from hiring the employees needed to open and operate the center. Thrive is being built with money approved by voters in a November 2015 bond election. However, operations will primarily be paid with a combination of user fees and tax revenue. Herring Recreation Center will remain closed indefinitely so staff and operating budget can be reallocated to support Thrive when it opens.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS

On May 1, the Lewisville Public Library re-opened its drive-up window to allow patrons to return library items.

The drive-up window will re-open on May 8 at 11 a.m., for patrons to pick up items they have placed on hold. The drive-up window will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and closed Sunday through Tuesday. The library building will remain closed, so patrons will need to place items on hold and pay their account balances online.

City earns national award for Lewisville 2025 vision plan

The City of Lewisville has earned the American Planning Association's Gold Level Achievement Award for its implementation of the Lewisville 2025 vision plan. The city competed with a number of cities on a national level.

The APA recognizes outstanding efforts nationwide in planning achievement and planning leadership. In October 2019, this plan earned the Gold Level Achievement from the APA Texas Chapter.

Lewisville City Council unanimously adopted the Lewisville 2025 vision plan in 2014. It was developed during more than a year of public input and discussion. The resulting Lewisville 2025 plan sets a clear shared vision for the kind of community Lewisville wants to be when it turns 100 years old in 2025, and sets out dozens of action steps that can be taken to make that vision a reality.

The planned annexation of Castle Hills is a major component of the New Neighborhood Choices Big Move.

Implementation of the Lewisville 2025 vision plan is an ongoing process to make Lewisville a place people choose to live, work and visit. To learn more about the plan, and to read the annual report updates, please visit cityoflewisville.com/Lewisville2025.

Resident question of the month

QUESTION: Who is responsible to repair a sunken sidewalk with possible sewer line damage?

After annexation, the City of Lewisville's sidewalk program would address any failures in the public sidewalk located in the city right-of-way or easement.

In all situations, the City responds to a complaint to determine what action to take. If there is an immediate cause for concern, the City will temporarily fix the problem. Once the temporary repair is done, that area is added to the city's repair list in order of priority. Upon annexation, the City will apply the same process in Castle Hills.

As for the sewer system, upon annexation the City will be responsible for maintenance and operation for all main lines (those that are located in the public right-of-way). The sewer line that connects a house to the main line is the responsibility of the property owner.



LPD enhanced patrols April 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, we will update those enhanced patrols.

During April, LPD worked 480 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 294 calls for service. Officers made 19 traffic stops, which resulted in 3 citations. April's average response time to Castle Hills was 4.87 minutes. Citywide response times averaged 4.30 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (59) was for Close Patrols. Close Patrols are requested by a homeowner during periods of absences.

