



CASTLE HILLS Horizon

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City cancels Western Days and Rocktober due to COVID-19

The City of Lewisville has cancelled all in-person events for its annual Western Days festival and Rocktober concert series, due in large part to COVID-19 concerns.

Lewisville City Council unanimously voted to cancel the events citing the safety and well-being of staff, vendors, entertainers, and visitors. Council was presented numerous safety precautions and money-saving options that might have preserved the events, but Council worried the gatherings might create health and safety risks even with these measures in place.

This decision to cancel these events was impacted by Gov. Greg Abbott's most recent executive order that prohibits outdoor gatherings in excess of 10 people, unless approved by the Mayor. Council also noted one big challenge is not knowing what will happen with the governor's order between now and Sept. 25, when Western Days was scheduled to begin.



Council has asked the special events team to bring back a proposal for a digital Western Days celebration this year. Western Days has roots dating back to 1965 and is considered Lewisville's signature event. The two-day festival regularly draws more than 25,000 visitors.

City staff recommended the cancellation of the Rocktober concert series, originally scheduled on Tuesday nights in October, if Western Days was cancelled because it's unlikely health conditions will have improved greatly between the two scheduled events.

City staff is now reviewing all possible options for Old Town Holiday Stroll, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 5, in Old Town Lewisville.

The special events team is expected to present a plan for a digital Western Days and Rocktober concert series to Council later this summer.

Once a decision is made, updates will be posted on the Western Days website (lewisvillewesterndays.com), as well as all the City social media sites.

License plates for golf carts now available

The Denton County Tax Assessor/Collector is now selling license plates for golf carts.

The plates cost \$10. In order to obtain a plate, an owner must bring the golf cart title and their driver's license to the office. No inspection or insurance is required.

The Denton County Tax Office in Lewisville is inside the Denton County Precinct 3 Government Center, located at 400 N. Valley Parkway. The Denton County Tax Office in Carrollton is located at 1029 W Rosemeade Pkwy.

For more information about golf cart license plates, go to txdmv.gov.



The Texas Legislature passed a law requiring license plates for golf carts in September 2019. Anyone operating a golf cart on a public street also must have a valid driver's license.

LPD began enforcement on illegal golf carts in Castle Hills streets last October. Castle Hills is covered by a provision in state law that allows the use of golf carts on public streets in a Planned Development. Castle Hills regulations do not allow any motorized vehicle to be operated on sidewalks or walking paths. LPD officers have the discretion to issue a citation for traffic violations at any time.



LPD enhanced patrols June 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 June, LPD worked 478 hours in Castle Hills, responding to 340 calls for service. Officers made 125 traffic stops, which resulted in 13 citations. June's average response time to Castle Hills was 6.92 minutes. Citywide response times averaged 5.89 minutes.

The highest number of service calls (57) was for Close Patrols. Close Patrols are requested by a homeowner during periods of absences.

Resident question of the month

QUESTION: When will Lewisville annex Castle Hills

City Council is actively looking for ways to facilitate responsible annexation of Castle Hills. Based on current conditions, that is expected to be possible as early as December 2021.

At annexation, the City must assume all liabilities of the districts, including any outstanding debt. City councils through the years have always planned for annexation to occur when adding the Castle Hills development does not increase the property tax rate for current Lewisville residents.

