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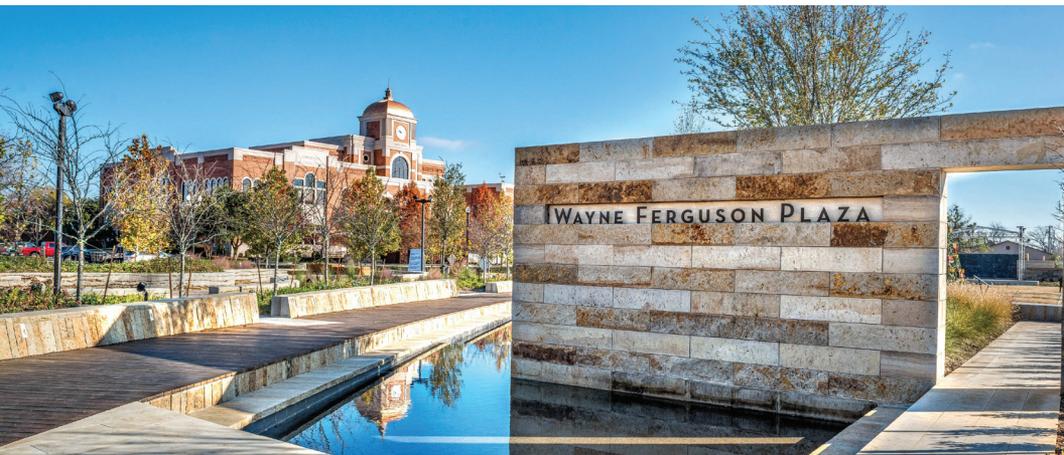


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INTRODUCTION

The Lewisville 2025 vision plan was unanimously adopted by City Council in 2014 and is an ambitious plan that sets the course for the City of Lewisville as it moves closer to its 100th birthday. It establishes a clear, shared vision for the kind of community Lewisville wants to be, and lays out dozens of action steps to make that vision a reality. Implementation of the Lewisville 2025 vision plan will be an ongoing process with a single goal - to make Lewisville a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

The City of Lewisville is a community that is expected to expand in both population and density by 2025. That means the city will be faced with new demands as demographics evolve. Lewisville 2025 is a measurable plan that anticipates changes and proactively addresses major issues.

The Lewisville 2025 vision plan captures a reflection of community values and aspirations. It represents an accumulation of public participation, stakeholder discussions, client work and city initiatives. Community engagement provided the foundation for all work, ideas, and recommendations. All ideas and suggestions were studied by the

all-volunteer Lewisville 2025 Committee, city staff and planning professionals. This plan should be considered a multi-year “to do” list for the city when making decisions that help shape this thriving community. By 2025, Lewisville will be a community characterized by diversity, connectivity, resource management and growth.

Nine “Big Moves” were created to serve as a guide for the management of growth and a reference point for future decision-making. Each Big Move represents major areas of focus that will likely have the greatest impact on the city. The Lewisville 2025 vision plan does not focus solely on the physical development of the city, but rather the overall goals of Lewisville as a livable and economically vibrant community.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on accomplishments from 2016 that support the nine Big Moves. It also outlines action steps that will be taken in 2017 to ensure the goals of the Big Moves are met.

**To view the full Lewisville 2025 vision plan online:
www.cityoflewisville.com/lewisville2025**

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Rudy Durham



2016 was a year of great progress for Lewisville. There were many successes and accomplishments during the year that are laying the foundation for even greater growth in the years to come.

Successes include several major businesses moving into our community, multiple new residential neighborhoods, expanded family-friendly activities at Wayne Ferguson Plaza, opening of new hike & bike trails, reopening of Lake Park, improved public safety, and key land purchases for future growth. Major components and accomplishments of the Lewisville 2025 plan are detailed in this booklet.

The nine Big Moves of the Lewisville 2025 vision plan set a bold direction for the City and are taken into consideration on just about every move being made. Community involvement will be key in 2017 as plans move forward with the Nature Center at LLELA, creation of the Garden Ridge Trail, and multiple neighborhood revitalization plans.

Just about any success Lewisville has is a credit to our residents who choose to become involved in the process. On behalf of the City Council, I want to thank all of them. We want you to get involved as well. If you want to volunteer to improve your city, call the City Secretary's office at 972.219.3413.

LEWISVILLE HISTORY



The land rush in the Republic of Texas began in 1844 when a prominent businessman from Kentucky named William Smalling Peters created Peters Colony. The first settlers arrived in the area that would become Lewisville later that year. Denton County was formed in 1846. In 1855, Basdeal Lewis came to the area, bought large tracts of land, laid out several town lots, and named the area Lewisville.



In the 1840s, the Republic of Texas gave a grant to the Texas Emigration and Land Company to bring 600 families to what is now Denton County. The Holford and King families were the first to settle the area of modern-day Lewisville, naming it the Holford Prairie Settlement.

1855

Basdeal Lewis buys the Holford land and lays out a town that he names Lewisville.

1877

The first public school in Lewisville, Lewisville School Community No. 14, is chartered. Five days later, Lewisville Colored School No. 50 is chartered.

1886

The building currently housing the Greater Lewisville Community Theatre is built on Main Street. This is the city's oldest structure.

1925

Lewisville residents vote, 109-92, to incorporate. The Lewisville Town Council holds its first official meeting on March 16.

1927

J. L. Huffines, a Denton car dealer, opens the first automobile dealership in Lewisville. Huffines Motor Company operated at the corner of Main and Mill streets.

1948

Construction begins on Lewisville Dam. It will be completed in 1954, expanding the Garza-Little Elm Reservoir into Lewisville Lake. In 1955, Congress passes a bill officially assigning the name as Lewisville Lake.

1969

About 120,000 people come to Lewisville to attend the Texas International Pop Festival, a three-day event featuring such stars as Janis Joplin, Led Zeppelin, and B.B. King.

1974

Construction begins on a hospital at corner of Main Street and I-35E, currently operating as Medical City Lewisville. The hospital opened in 1976.

1989

Vista Ridge Mall opens.

1993

Lewisville High School wins its first state football championship. They win their second state football championship in 1996.

2000

Gene Carey elected as mayor. His 9-plus years in office make him the longest-tenured mayor in Lewisville history. Mayor Carey passed away in April 2016 at the age of 73.

2003

Lewisville City Hall opens in Old Town.

2011

A city-owned arts center, named Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater through a naming rights agreement, opens in Old Town.

LEWISVILLE CITY LEADER



Chartered in 1925 as a Municipality by the state of Texas, Lewisville uses a Council/Manager form of government. The City Council, a 6-member body elected by the people of the City of Lewisville, sets laws and regulations governing the City of Lewisville. The City Council is responsible for developing policy and the City Manager is responsible for implementing those policies.



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The Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month in public meetings to debate and set local legislation. City Hall is located at 151 West Church Street and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, excluding holidays.

Councilman Leroy Vaughn died in January 2017. His public service is appreciated and remembered.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the City of Lewisville is to enhance the quality of life for our community and provide effective municipal service.

BIG MOVE GREEN CENTER



Parts of Lewisville Lake shoreline are in Lewisville, as are the floodplains and streams below the dam. This central green space is currently home to extraordinary views, recreational activities and the Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA). The goal of this Big Move is to create and educate the public about unique destinations within the areas of the floodway, public land and adjacent private lands.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Adoption of the Green Centerpiece Master Strategy. Participants are the City, Lewisville ISD, University of North Texas, and Corps of Engineers. The Green Centerpiece covers more than 4,000 acres in LLELA, Lake Park and the Trinity River Elm Fork basin. The strategy creates a shared vision of how the Green Centerpiece will be used over time, including private and public uses, natural asset enjoyment like trails and overlooks, environmental preservation, and development opportunities.
- ★ LLELA Master Strategy Team was recognized as a finalist for the Green Source DFW Sustainability Leadership Award. Our team was nominated for “non-profit professional group” for their work developing a long-term master strategy for maintaining LLELA.
- ★ LISD moved four portable classrooms to the nursery area at LLELA. They are being renovated by the City for use as office space, classrooms, and an information center staffed by the Friends of LLELA.
- ★ Library staff partnered with LLELA to provide expanded educational programs throughout the year, including Prime Explorations class for students K-2 and Trails and Tales.
- ★ City hired Bill Marquis to restore a corn crib that’s been housed at LLELA for several years. Marquis says the corn crib was originally built by the freed slaves of the Fox family sometime in the late 1800’s. The rehab process began in mid-September and was completed in mid-December. It’s now open for people to see at the LLELA Homestead site.

WHAT’S NEXT

- ★ *Begin implementation of Green Centerpiece Master Strategy*
- ★ *A public input activity will be held as early as March to clearly define potential uses of a LLELA nature center*
- ★ *Begin using portable classrooms for educational programs in conjunction with LISD*
- ★ *Pro Watercross Tour scheduled for June 9-11 at Lewisville Lake*

BIG MOVE EXTENDING TH



This Big Move will expand the Green Centerpiece both physically and visually. It will link pedestrian and bike trails throughout the city. It aims to connect neighborhoods and areas of employment to retail, recreation and education facilities, and to other major destinations. The goal is to give residents access to these systems within a reasonable walking distance of their neighborhoods.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Lake Park reopened after being closed for repairs and renovations for a year. Crews repaved 1.65 miles of internal roadways, created sidewalks, fixed drainage problems, and cleared 2.25 miles of hike and bike trails within the park. More than \$3.3 million came from the Federal Land Access Program grant, with a City match of \$818,250.
- ★ Copperas Branch Park hike and bike trail opened. The two-mile trail loops around a wooded peninsula along the east side of I-35E, and was built by AGL Constructors as part of the 35Express project at no cost to the city.
- ★ A Bike Fixit Station, including tools and an air pump, was installed at the Library to encourage bike transportation within the City and on the future bike trail planned to the Municipal Annex.
- ★ Garden Ridge Trail is in design and moving through state approval process. The trail will consist of 4.2 miles of 8' and 12' concrete trails and 3.6 miles of shared-use bike lanes. The trail will close the gap between Highland Village and Flower Mound to the DCTA Transit Station and provide connectivity to the city's Civic Center. More than \$1.5 million came from a state grant, with a City match of \$784,468.
- ★ Completed design for two kayak/canoe launch/takeout areas along the Elm Fork of the Trinity River. Plans presented to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for final approval.
- ★ LLELA held the first Bringing Nature Home public seminar at MCL Grand to discuss the importance of landscaping at home with native plants. Author Dr. Doug Tallamy and entomologist Mike Merchant were the guest speakers.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ Present Garden Ridge Trail plans to public for comment; bid for construction in late summer
- ★ Bid for construction of kayak/canoe launch/takeout areas this spring
- ★ Complete design and start construction of Main & Mill Streetscape project
- ★ Develop Master Smartscape strategy to extend green connectivity throughout community in medians, rights-of-way, and park system
- ★ Work with state to beautify medians on FM 407 and eastern SH 121 Business

BIG MOVE THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS



Thriving neighborhoods increase quality of life and support excellence in the education system. It is critically important to maintain the relevance and property values of existing neighborhoods. The goal of this Big Move is to create neighborhood-specific reinvestment strategies and to work with neighborhood groups to evaluate, identify, and fund needed improvements.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ City began the Property Enhancement Program, offering financial assistance to qualified homeowners to make essential exterior home repairs. The City has approved more than \$64,000 in grant funding since the program began in July.
- ★ Voters overwhelmingly approved the extension of the Crime Control District and Fire Prevention District for the next 20 years. Funds from each district could potentially be used to hire more personnel, buy more emergency equipment, build new fire stations, and repair older stations, which results in improved neighborhood safety.
- ★ LPD continued its Premier Neighborhood Police Services. In fiscal year 2015-16, in addition to regular duties, officers patrolled 60 neighborhoods, initiated 470 Calls for Service, traveled 2,437 miles, worked 359 hours, patrolled 12 school zones and 13 athletic tournaments.
- ★ Launched the Rock the Block program in October. Residents can check out a trailer (at no charge) loaded with chairs, tables, coolers, and other amenities needed for a neighborhood block party.
- ★ Neighborhood Leaders program expanded from 58 Neighborhood Leaders in 2015 to 70 in 2016. 28 sponsors/donors are helping the NLN program along with 15 volunteer groups.
- ★ The appearance of local neighborhoods was improved by completing more than 32,568 square yards of asphalt street maintenance, 24,680 square yards of concrete street maintenance, 11,869 square yards of sidewalk maintenance, and 1,082 square yards of concrete alley maintenance.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *Designs of Fire Stations #3 and #8 to be completed in early 2017; opening in late 2018*
- ★ *Budget for street and sidewalk repair increased for 2016-17; residents will see an increase in sidewalk repair projects*
- ★ *Establish Together Lewisville Coalition - a network of faith-based leaders, non-profits, and community organizations working together to facilitate a social connection to keep residents informed and make the community a better place*

BIG MOVE NEW NEIGHBO



Residents want to shop and eat close to where they live and the City of Lewisville is changing with the times. The goal of this Big Move is to create and encourage new residential choices such as upscale single-family homes, mixed-use complexes and high-density housing close to three DCTA stations. Another goal is to develop a plan for the future annexation of Castle Hills.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Issued more than 6,800 building permits; more than 1,500 were for new single-family home construction.
- ★ Completion of 915 new single-family homes (detached and town home) in 2016, and just under 2,200 multi-family units.
- ★ First three phases of Hebron 121 Station have been completed and consist of 1,210 transit-oriented multi-family units within 4-story structures. The total number of upscale residential units expected for the project at completion will be 1,875.
- ★ Enhanced the Development Activity Report, available on the city website under “Doing Business.” This online service details all residential and commercial projects currently in the development process. An interactive map allows residents to check progress of projects and pinpoint building locations.
- ★ Water, wastewater, and drainage infrastructure was designed and contracted to support more than 500 high-end homes planned along Josey Lane, north of FM 544.
- ★ Old Town continues to see new housing choices. Additional town homes were built and sold in Uptown Village on Kealy Avenue; and site work started for South Village, a new single-family housing development bordered by Elm and Mill streets.
- ★ Plans have been submitted and approved for Tower Bay high rise. Private developer will build a resort-style, four-story multi-family complex with more than 300 units.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *First houses in South Village will be built and occupied during 2017*
- ★ *City receiving development proposals for transit-oriented housing near DCTA Old Town Station*
- ★ *Council to finalizes plans for the high-rise multi-family development at the site of Tower Bay Mobile Home Park*
- ★ *Continue working with Denton County Fresh Water District on framework for future annexation of Castle Hills*

BIG MOVE OLD TOWN



A continued focus on Old Town will strengthen the city's regional profile. A redeveloped Old Town will provide the larger community with a destination for walking, entertainment, and transit-oriented development. The goal of this Big Move is to identify new and renovated residential, retail, and commercial opportunities and to raise Old Town's profile by increasing activities and quality events.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ City purchased Sonic and K&W properties at the intersection of Main and Mill streets. All structures have been removed and the property has been rezoned for mixed-use development.
- ★ Consultants worked with business operators and residents to develop short-term and long-term plans for the former bank building at 191 W. Main Street. Eventual plans for the property call for a mixture of retail and office space.
- ★ After multiple public meetings, the City completed schematics for redesign of portions of Mill and Main Streets. The project will make the area more pedestrian friendly with enhanced sidewalks, decorative features and street parking.
- ★ City purchased LISD Annex building at 247 W. Main Street behind MCL Grand; the building will be converted into an Old Town Visitors Center housing tourism and events staff.
- ★ City and community partners put on special events and concerts that drew more than 37,000 people to Old Town Lewisville. Some of those events were ColorPalooza, KTA Jam Session, Sounds of Lewisville Concert Series, Best Little Brewfest in Texas, Western Days, and Old Town Holiday Stroll. Several new events were added in 2016, including the Rocktober Concert Series.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *Six new restaurants will open in Old Town in 2017 - Twisted Root Burger Co., Cavalli Pizza, Prohibition Chicken, J2 Steakhouse, Domino's Pizza, and a casual BBQ restaurant*
- ★ *New CVB building expected to open this Spring, including display space for historic items and artifacts*
- ★ *Several new events planned for Wayne Ferguson Plaza, starting with St. Paddy's in the Plaza on March 17*
- ★ *City has requested and will review proposals from private developers for both the Sonic/K&W and bank building sites*

BIG MOVE EMPLOYMENT



Lewisville's proximity to DFW Airport, I-35E and SH 121 Sam Rayburn Tollway is a major factor in attracting national and international business. Existing employment centers are home to some major companies and Lewisville offers sites for new corporate locations. The goal of this Big Move is to support the long-term success of these centers and promote a sense of pride between business and community services.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Mary Kay Inc. broke ground on its new research and development and manufacturing facility in September. The 480,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to open in early 2018 with about 600 employees. Mary Kay will invest more than \$100 million in the project.
- ★ FedEx opened its 130,000-square-foot Freight Distribution Facility off Bennet Lane in May 2016, bringing about 700 jobs.
- ★ Norman Window Fashions moved into its new facility along I-35E in late 2016, bringing in about 300 employees
- ★ Bed Bath & Beyond opened its new 800,000-square-foot distribution facility at Majestic Airport Center in December, bringing about 500 employees. The project includes a minimum \$42 million in capital and business investment. The company's first internet fulfillment center will eventually become the largest source of sales tax collections in Lewisville.
- ★ Mortgage Contracting Services moved its office from Plano bringing more than 600 jobs.
- ★ The Library improved services to job seekers by purchasing wifi hot-spots using a grant from Point Bank Lewisville, and by offering classes and a job fair through Goodwill Job Connection.
- ★ Current major employers Hoya Optical and TIAA both expanded their operations in Lewisville, adding new jobs at both sites.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *Economic Development agreements signed in 2016 will bring about 1,200 jobs to Lewisville over the next few years*
- ★ *Majestic Airport Center plans to add three warehouse buildings totaling 450,000 square feet*
- ★ *City will continue working with LISD and NCTC to locate a workforce training and education center in Lewisville*

BIG MOVE IDENTITY FOCAL



This Big Move will help establish regional gateways into the city and create focal areas in which new investments can be directed. The targeted locations include a mix of new development and redevelopment offering retail, employment, and residential uses. The goal of this Big Move is to create a strong graphic presence at the major gateways so Lewisville stands apart from other cities along I-35E.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ FM 407 and Garden Ridge Interchanges construction and aesthetic improvements are nearing completion. FM 407 now goes under I-35E. The bridge embankments now feature stone aesthetics visible from the access road. At the Garden Ridge overpass the aesthetics are visible from the main lanes of I-35E. (pictured below)



- ★ Staff began work with consultant on I-35 Overlay District Ordinance. The I-35 Corridor Overlay District will provide for standards and guidelines for all new and redevelopment projects along I-35E and at Focal Points.
- ★ Two design options for new gateway monument signs have been approved, and the first three locations have been identified (FM 3040 near Railroad, Denton Tap at Highland, FM 407 median).
- ★ Lewisville was selected as one of six cities to present a development project to the City Manager's Design Academy in Washington, D.C. Lewisville submitted the Vista Ridge shopping district as a case for experts around the country to study and receive feedback on best strategies moving forward.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *35Express project is scheduled for completion in late 2017. Second phase is currently unfunded and unscheduled. City is working with local legislators to secure funding*
- ★ *New entryway monument signs will be installed in early 2017*
- ★ *I-35E Overlay District Ordinance will be taken to City Council for final approval and adoption later this year*

BIG MOVE MARKETING &



Branding and marketing play a key role in expanding Lewisville's image within the city and the DFW area. A stable consistent message can clearly communicate Lewisville's values and offerings to future residents, visitors and investors. The goal of this Big Move is to strengthen the communications program within the city, enhance the message to residents, and better promote the people and businesses in the city.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ Staged the inaugural ColorPaloosa: A Celebration of Spring outdoor arts festival. Chalk This Way! was incorporated into this larger event.
- ★ First Citizen's University Class consisted of 15 Lewisville residents of which 12 successfully graduated. Seven graduates were selected to serve on a board/commission and one is now a City Council member.
- ★ Horizon printed newsletter (eliminated in 2007) was restarted with first quarterly issue mailed to all residential addresses in Lewisville and Castle Hills in June.
- ★ MARTY - The Lewisville Mobile City Hall - launched in December. MARTY stands for Mobilizing Area Resources to Your Neighborhood. Intent of this new program is to bring City services directly to residents as a public engagement and public education tool. Schedule is posted at cityoflewisville.com/MARTY.
- ★ Five city websites were redesigned and re-launched in November/December. The City also expanded its social media presence in 2016 by adding the Police Department on Facebook, Library on Twitter and Instagram, and Parks and Recreation on Facebook.
- ★ Police Department began Coffee with Cops community events. Four meetings were held from August to November; officers interacted with more than 80 citizens.
- ★ City Council approved a Public Art policy and funding to draft a Public Art Master Plan.

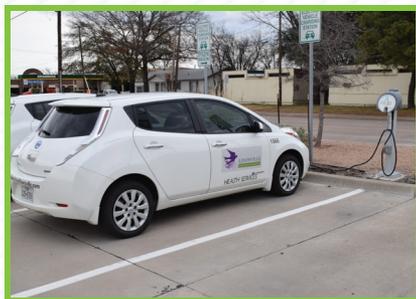
WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *City will receive and implement an Old Town Visitors Marketing plan by mid 2017. This plan will help continue building Old Town as a viable visitor destination*
- ★ *Final adoption of a Public Art Master Plan is expected in late 2017. This plan will identify opportunities for public art citywide*
- ★ *A new Lewisville Live micro-website will launch in mid 2017, dedicated to live music events and venues in Lewisville*
- ★ *A series of real-time performance dashboards measuring a wide range of municipal services will be added to the City website*

BIG MOVE SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainability can change the perception of a community's character. This Big Move provides a framework for all areas of municipal operations. It places emphasis on green initiatives to help differentiate Lewisville from other communities and reduces demands on limited resources. It also searches for ways to engage the community to take advantage of their ideas and interest in sustainability.



2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ★ City fleet added 19 green vehicles, including five all-electric Nissan Leafs and two charging stations.
- ★ Recognized by DFW Clean Cities Coalition for Clean Fleet initiatives.
- ★ As of 2016, energy efficiency initiatives have resulted in a reduction of more than 2.6 million kWh from baseline year of 2014, resulting in more than \$211,000 in savings.
- ★ Planning begun with TxDOT for Green Ribbon expansion and utilization of \$290,000 award for Governor’s Community Achievement Award received by Keep Lewisville Beautiful. Green Ribbon is a state-funded program to transform concrete-dominated roadways into green landscapes.
- ★ A full-time position was added to increase awareness of and participation in recycling, especially in apartment complexes, and to support other sustainability efforts.
- ★ Created Eco Alley for inaugural ColorPalooza event to promote recycling, energy efficiency, water conservation, native planting.
- ★ Hosted 13 Garden Secrets classes in partnership with Keep Lewisville Beautiful and reached 375 residents.
- ★ Sustainability office and LLELA participated in Earth Day Dallas with a booth seen by more than 50,000 visitors.

WHAT’S NEXT

- ★ *The state will begin work on the FM 407 and SH 121 Business median beautification projects*
- ★ *Installation of motion sensor switches in additional city facilities; installation of low flow water faucets in all city facilities*
- ★ *Continue to develop a renewable energy strategy for city facilities*
- ★ *Launch city’s Internal Green Team to engage employees in developing and implementing sustainable initiatives related to City operations and practices*

2015 BONDS IN ACTION

In November 2015, voters passed the largest municipal bond package in the history of Lewisville. They approved the use of \$135 million for projects to be built over a projected 10-year period. The bond package was made up of four propositions that focused on streets, parks, and public safety projects. What follows is a status check on some of those major projects.

MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER

\$38 million was approved to build a new, 72,000-square-foot Multigenerational Center. Originally the plan was to combine the existing Memorial Park Recreation Center and the Senior Activity Center, but now the plan is to build a new facility on the same property at 1950 S. Valley Parkway.



The MGC is in the design process right now. A conceptual design was presented to City Council in January 2017. These images are artist renderings, but some minor design changes are possible. The architect received input from residents during three public meetings and from an online survey. The City is in the process of hiring the artist to create the public art component. This is the first time public art has been included in the initial phase of a capital budget project. The Multigenerational Center is scheduled to open in December 2019.

TIMBERBROOK STREET REPAIRS

\$10 million is being used on a major street project in the Timberbrook neighborhood (bordered by Bellaire Boulevard, Fox Creek, Blue Oak Drive, and Timberbrook Drive). This is the largest street repair project in Lewisville history. A consultant is preparing the preliminary plans and a storm and sanitary sewer study to determine alternate alignments to relocate mains out of easements between houses into street rights-of-way for future maintenance access and potential enlargement of facilities for better drainage to Fox Creek.





The entire project consists of replacing existing concrete street paving and sidewalks, replacing existing sanitary sewer and water lines, and making storm sewer improvements on all 12 neighborhood streets. Project is expected to be complete in Spring 2020.

BUILDING FIRE STATIONS 3 & 8



The Council has hired Brown Reynolds Watford Architects to design two fire stations. Fire Station No. 3 is being built with 2015 bond money. Fire Station No. 8 is being built through the Fire Prevention District eighth-cent sales tax.



Fire Station No. 3 is being relocated from 195 Corporate Drive to land near FM 3040 and Meadowglen Drive to improve response times to the growing southwestern part of the city. Targeted completion date for Fire Station No. 3 is Fall 2018.

Fire Station No. 8 will be built off North Josey Lane in the eastern section of the city. The picture above is an artist rendering, but minor design changes are possible. As is the case with the Multigenerational Center, rising construction costs have pushed these projects over budget for now. Targeted completion date for Fire Station No. 8 is Fall 2018.



WHAT'S NEXT

- ★ *Design of Holford's Prairie street project went to City Council in February. Construction expected to begin in Fall 2017*
- ★ *Design of Main and Mill streetscape project is expected to be complete in early 2017. Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2017*
- ★ *Design of South Kealy Avenue project is expected to begin this Spring. Construction tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2018.*

MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 was a very successful year for the City of Lewisville. In addition to the many noted successes toward the Lewisville 2025 plan, the City also received numerous recognitions and met many milestones.

A Resident Satisfaction Survey found that 91% of residents are happy with life in Lewisville. They feel the City is listening to their concerns and addressing major issues. 82% of residents would recommend living in Lewisville to friends and family. The survey provides a road map for improvements and provides insight on which City services can be improved.

Below is a list of other notable achievements from 2016.

CITY HALL

- ★ The City passed a balanced 2016-17 budget and continues to have one of the lowest tax rates in the DFW region at .436086 per \$100 assessed valuation.
- ★ Fitch and Standards & Poors affirmed the City of Lewisville's "AAA" ratings on both general obligation debt and water and sewer revenue bond debt.
- ★ The City was awarded the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting," the highest recognition in governmental accounting, for the 27th consecutive year.
- ★ The City received the "Achievement of Excellence in Purchasing" award. It recognizes organizational excellence in procurement measures. This is the 17th consecutive year Lewisville has received this award.
- ★ The City earned the "Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation" award. It recognizes budget documents of the very highest quality. This is the 25th consecutive year Lewisville has won this award.
- ★ First Citizen's University class graduated in May.



Front Row: Gail Robison, Kathy Duke, Audra Smolinski, R Neil Ferguson, Rudy Durham, Greg Tierney ★ *Second Row:* Leroy Vaughn, Russell Tyson, William Meridith, Deniese Sheppard, Douglas Hicks ★ *Third Row:* TJ Gilmore, John Lyng, Brent Daniels, Kent More, Tona Svoboda



The City teamed up with Yelp! for online restaurant reviews. Users can see current health inspection scores. Lewisville is the second city in Texas and the 12th in the country to offer this service.

- ★ The City received a Top 5 score in the first Texas Water Conservation Scorecard, created by the Texas Living Waters Project. Lewisville received a score of 80 out of a possible 100 points. Lewisville scored maximum points in seven of the 10 categories, and scored the second-highest possible total in two other categories.



The City earned the Gold Fit-Friendly Workplace award from the American Heart Association. The award recognizes employers who champion the health of their employees and work to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ★ The 2016 Uniform Crime Report shows the City's overall crime rate went down slightly. There was a 3.5% increase in Part I offenses over 2015 and a 4.4% decrease in Part II crimes, for an overall crime decrease of 1.6%. Decreases were noted for crimes against persons such as Murder (-100% – there were two murders in 2015 and none in 2016), Rape (-4.5%), Robbery (-16.9%), and Aggravated Assault (-16.8%). Burglary of Buildings increased (34.2%) while Burglary of a Habitation decreased (-7.1%). Motor Vehicle Thefts increased in 2016 (17.3%).
- ★ In May, LPD will install a P-25 digital radio system to replace its analog system. Council authorized the purchase of a \$7.625 million radio system in 2014-15. The new system increases tower sites in Lewisville from one to three dedicated exclusively to first responders. The new system will be paired with an existing system owned by Denton County to better serve public safety communications for the foreseeable future.
- ★ Officer response time continues to improve thanks in large part to staff increases. 10 officers were hired in 2016; three are still in the academy. In 2016, response time for Priority 1 calls was about 6 minutes, an 18% improvement over times in the 2010-11 fiscal year when the first Crime Control & Prevention District sales tax was approved. Response times to Priority 2 and 3 calls also were down, once again attributed, in part, to the addition of patrol officers.
- ★ For the first time, the City began accepting lateral transfers. A lateral transfer is when a certified peace officer moves from one Texas police department to another and maintains pay equal to their experience. This contributed to the department fully staffing 157 officer positions for one of the first times in the past 20 years.
- ★ LPD launched the "SafeCam" program. Residents who register their home surveillance systems can voluntarily share their security video with officers during the course of an investigation in their neighborhood.

MORE ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT



- ★ LFD took delivery of two new fire engines. They are painted in the new color scheme as Engine 164 and Engine 165. They are housed at Fire Stations No. 4 and No. 5.
 - ★ Completed remodel of Fire Station No. 2 which was built in 1997.
 - ★ Completed remodel of Fire Station No. 6, which will provide expanded services to our east side residents.
- ★ Division Chief Rickey Reeves was recognized as “EMS Administrator of the Year” by the State of Texas for his outstanding work locally and statewide in the field of Emergency Medicine.

TOURISM



- ★ City hosted the Intercontinental Water Polo Tournament in February at the Westside Aquatic Center. The six-day event featured Team USA, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China and Japan. Team USA won the gold medal at this event which garnered TV news coverage from several local stations. The tournament also led to the use of 553 room nights for Lewisville hotels and generated \$300,000 of economic impact in Lewisville.

ANIMAL SERVICES

- ★ Lewisville Animal Shelter and Adoption Center went 12 consecutive months without a single animal being euthanized due to space. This is the second consecutive year Lewisville has completed a full year with no space-related euthanizations.
- ★ Held the inaugural “Fur Ball” fundraiser. The goal of the Roaring 20’s themed event was to raise \$10,000 to purchase medical equipment to begin in-house medical care at the shelter. Adding sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction, and general donations, the event raised more than \$14,000.

KEEP LEWISVILLE BEAUTIFUL

- ★ Received a “Keep America Beautiful Affiliate” award for distinguishing itself as an exemplary affiliate organization. The award recognizes KLB’s outstanding community improvement programs. At various events in 2016, KLB had a record 779 volunteers remove more than 6.75 tons of trash from the community, and another 506 volunteers remove 6.6 tons of illegal dumping and litter from local creeks, streams, shorelines, and waterways.
- ★ Keep America Beautiful presented KLB with its “President’s Circle Award.” It recognizes the exemplary performance of KLB in creating clean, green, and beautiful communities. Altogether, KLB helped to engage 4,603 volunteers who have given 8,964 volunteer hours valued at \$225,086.

GENERAL

- ★ The City's "Seniors to Seniors" program earned the 2016 TOMA Award for Innovative Programs from the Southwest Parks and Recreation Training Institute. The program involves local high school seniors working with senior citizens to teach them how to use an iPad. Associates of the Lewisville Senior Activity Center was instrumental in the development of this iPad program.
- ★ The PERC Coffeehouse opened in September 2016 in Old Town. The new coffeehouse backs up to Wayne Ferguson Plaza and includes a balcony overlooking the plaza.
- ★ Coyote Drive-In Movie Theater opened in October 2016. It is located at Midway and Holford's Prairie Roads. It includes five outdoor screens that are centered on a 10,000-square-foot climate-controlled cantina with a shaded outdoor plaza.
- ★ Lewisville Public Library now has BookMyne. The app allows users to log into their account from their mobile device with their library card number and PIN. Users can search the entire library catalog, place items on hold, review fees or fines, and renew items.

WHAT'S NEXT

2017 will be an exciting time in Lewisville. It will be a time of great change with new developments taking shape and the completion of some major projects.

- ★ Complete design and begin construction of Midway Road; complete design and begin construction of Main and Mill Streetscape project; complete construction of Valley Ridge.
- ★ Two gateway monument signs (pictured left) will be installed in three locations around town. Those locations are FM 3040 near Railroad Street, Denton Tap Road at Highland Drive, and FM 407 median.
- ★ The Pro Watercross Tour "Liberty Cup" event is coming to Lewisville Lake on June 10-11. It features athletes on personal watercrafts, reaching speeds of 85 mph, competing in closed course, freestyle, freeride, and hydrodrag events.
- ★ Lewisville Fire Department will purchase a Sea Legs boat that will enhance rescue capabilities on the Trinity River and during flooding conditions.
- ★ In order to address more than \$33 million worth of high-priority drainage projects needed citywide, a stormwater utility district will be established this Fall.
- ★ Implement findings of Culture Committee. After several months of workshops and collaborations, this group of selected employees developed a new set of values to guide all City employees. These values are designed to ensure sustainability in our work culture over an extended period of time. The Culture Committee members will roll out the new program to other employees later this year.





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