

City of Lewisville Media Packet

Friday, August 24, 2018

Tickets for Lewisville Western Days available Aug. 27

Printed and electronic tickets for Lewisville Western Days, Sept. 28-29 in Old Town Lewisville, will be available starting Monday, Aug. 27. These tickets can be downloaded from LewisvilleWesternDays.com, or printed tickets can be picked up at city facilities and sponsor locations listed on the [festival website](#).

This year's Western Days event will include the 14th annual World Tamale Eating Championship sponsored by Market Street, an expanded Western Village, Tribal Traditions Dance Troupe, the Kid Kountry Playground presented by Castle Hills, a mechanical bull, a working blacksmith, Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville Cattle Drive Parade, Castle Hills Culinary Corner, an art exhibit at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, live entertainment on five stages, and many more exciting activities.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday. Attendees will need to present their ticket at the gate for free admission between the hours of 5-7 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday. However, beginning at 7 p.m. both nights, free tickets will no longer be redeemable, and a \$10 charge (cash only) will be assessed for admission for everyone except children under 10.

Festival-goers are encouraged to use the free shuttle service to access the festival grounds. Shuttle hubs will be set up at DCTA Old Town Station, 617 E. Main Street; DCTA Hebron Station, 952 Lakeside Circle; and the parking lot at the Lowe's/Kohl's/Staples shopping center at 1001 Valley Ridge Boulevard. Shuttle times are 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m.-12:30 a.m. Saturday. Shuttles will run every 10-15 minutes. While this is a pet-friendly event, pets and weapons will not be allowed on shuttle buses per bus company policy. Limited public parking will be available in various lots around Old Town.

Sponsors for Western Days 2018 include City of Lewisville, Lewisville Convention and Visitors Bureau, Waste Management, Republic Services, 99.5 The Wolf, Bud Light, Orthofix, Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville, Metro PCS, Market Street, Prime Controls, Southern Comfort Mechanical A/C and Heating, The Apparel Group, Castle Hills, Top Golf, Frost Bank, Hampton Inn and Suites Lewisville, CoServ, Denton County Transportation Authority, Texas New Mexico Power, Larue Vineyards, Gilley's, Johnson Feed Company, Kris T's tees, Cavalli Pizza, Prohibition Chicken, and Star Local Media.

For the latest information on Western Days 2018, please visit LewisvilleWesternDays.com.

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Labor Day weekend road construction planned for Main Street DCTA crossing

Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) plans to do railroad repair work on East Main Street, at the Old Town Station, on Sunday, Sept. 2, and Monday, Sept. 3. Crews will be removing and replacing concrete panels and railroad ties on Main Street.

Due to this construction, that portion of Main Street will be closed to through traffic. Drivers going east on Main Street trying to get to SH 121 Business will be rerouted north to College Street, then east on College Street and south at Valley Ridge Drive, to get around the construction. Drivers coming in to Old Town from SH 121 Business will not be affected by this closure as access to Church Street will remain open.

Weather permitting, DCTA hopes to have the construction work done in the two-day time period.

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Budget public hearings scheduled

Lewisville City Council will hold two public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

The first public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers at Lewisville City Hall, [151 W. Church Street](#).

The second public hearing is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Lewisville City Hall, [151 W. Church Street](#).

The proposed budget includes keeping the property tax rate of .436086 per \$100 valuation. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$3,547,513 (8.1381%), and of that amount \$694,045 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The increased revenue will be used to cover cost increases, fund new or expanded programs, and replenish the reserve fund as a savings account for future large projects. This includes adding 18 firefighters to staff the new Fire Station #8, and adding school resource officers so each middle school campus has its own officer.

The proposed budget document is available for review at the City Secretary's Office 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, or at the Lewisville Public Library during regular hours. The proposed budget also can be viewed on the Annual Budget page on cityoflewisville.com.

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Neighborhood Services Analyst receives Maurice Strickland Award

Lewisville Neighborhood Services Administrative Analyst Drew Christ has earned the 2018 Maurice Strickland Award. Employees are honored with the Maurice Strickland Award in recognition of “performance of an exceptional nature” and “actions that support the city’s vision and values.” He shares the honor this year with Environmental Control Supervisor Jordan Strickler.

Christ was hired in 2015 as Housing Rehabilitation Tech and was promoted to Administrative Analyst in 2017. Because of Drew’s high level of professionalism, his passion for learning, and his willingness to always help his coworkers, he soon became the department’s go-to for research, analysis, and program development.

He is the primary drafter and administrator of the Property Enhancement Program (PEP). This program incentivizes home owners to fix code problems and make improvements to their house. Drew spent months studying programs in other cities and picked the best aspects from each to create Lewisville’s model. The PEP program has quickly made Lewisville a leader in the region.

Christ was one of two employees managing the Timbercreek Buy-Out Project. For this project, the city received grant funding to tear down houses located within the Timbercreek floodplain. These houses frequently flooded during rain events, putting the lives of the residents in danger. Grant money would allow the city to demolish those homes if it could negotiate their purchase under strict federal guidelines.

Christ negotiated the purchases by navigating difficult political terrain with distressed homeowners. In December, he negotiated the purchase of the last of the houses. As of March, the residents had purchased new homes out of the floodplain and the flood-prone houses had been demolished. The vacant property now can be used as floodplain storage and open space for the neighborhood.

Maurice Strickland was hired by the City of Lewisville in 1986 and retired in 2011 as Operations Supervisor over Utility Line Maintenance. His tenure with the City was exemplified by quality service and a customer-first attitude that set the finest example for his peers and employees. Shortly after his retirement, Maurice succumbed in his battle with cancer. As a tribute to his service and a reminder of the high standards he set for the organization, the City Manager’s Award given to exemplary employees was renamed in his honor in 2012.

Media Note: Digital images available on request

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LLELA presents first event of 4th Saturday Lecture Series

A team of researchers studying the Painted Bunting will present their findings in the first installment of the 4th Saturday Lecture Series at Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA), 201 E. Jones Street, Saturday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-noon.

The researchers from the University of North Texas (UNT) are working with LLELA to learn more about the breeding behavior, demographics, and movements of Painted Buntings. With this presentation, the researchers will discuss topics such as: why second-year males look more like green females instead of developing colorful adult plumage; how they capture wild birds and release them safely; and techniques such as nanotags. They also will discuss the difficulties of conducting field research in the North Texas summer and the challenges of observing nesting buntings.

This event is open to the public and free with paid entry to the park. This lecture series is presented by Friends of LLELA. The second lecture in this series will be "The Ecology of North Texas" by Susan Pohlen on Saturday, Oct. 20.

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Labor Day Rodeo kicks off 54th year on Aug. 31

Lewisville Saddle Club, with support from the City of Lewisville, will hold its 54th annual Labor Day Rodeo, Aug. 31- Sept 2, beginning at 8 p.m. each day at the Lewisville Rodeo Arena, 101 Parkway Drive.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, free for active-duty military and children age 4 and younger.

The rodeo will feature Bareback Bronc Riding, Breakaway Roping, Tie Down Calf Roping, a clown act, Saddle Bronc Riding, Team Roping, Children's Calf Scramble, UPRA Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding.

For more information, visit lewisvillesaddleclub.com

Media contact: Lewisville Saddle Club President Dwaine Rowe, 972.539.1952

Registration open for Doggie Dive-In at Sun Valley Aquatic Park on Sept. 8

People are not the only ones who like to take a refreshing dip in the pool. Dog-lovers are invited to bring their darling canines to Sun Valley Aquatic Center, 801 S. Valley Parkway, for a morning full of four-legged fun during Doggie Dive-In on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Contests include Best Costume, Best Trick, Longest Jump, and Fastest Ball Retrieval. Written proof of current Bordetella, DHLP and Rabies vaccinations must be presented upon check-in on the day of the event. Only dogs will be permitted in the water.

Cost is \$4 per dog (free for humans) and space is limited to the first 200 dogs registered. Avoid the entry lines by pre-registering at Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center. Deadline for pre-registration is Friday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m.

For information, call the Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center at 972.219.3560.

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Yoga in the Plaza with Blue Anjou Studio

Wayne Ferguson Plaza is the site for free community yoga classes with Blue Anjou Yoga Studio. Classes are held every Wednesday evenings through December, starting at 6 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Attendees need to bring their own mat.

Wayne Ferguson Plaza is also home to Pilates in the Plaza with Audrey. These free classes are held each Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and on Saturday at 8 a.m.

The plaza is located at 150 W. Church Street. Parking is available at Lewisville City Hall, which is across the street from the plaza. Those attending should bring a yoga mat or towel/blanket, water, family and friends.

For more information, visit MCLGrand.com or blueanjou.com.

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GLCT opens 2018-2019 season tonight with *Welcome to Arroyo's*

The Greater Lewisville Community Theatre opens its 2018-2019 season with multiple performances of the heartwarming, hilarious, and hip-hop driven *Welcome to Arroyo's*. Run dates are Aug. 24 – Sept. 9, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m., and a Saturday matinee on Sept. 8 at 3 p.m.

Alejandro Arroyo owns the newest (and cleanest) lounge on the Lower East Side. His sister, Molly, expresses her talent by painting graffiti on the back wall of the local police precinct. Officer Derek is a recent NYC transplant with something to prove. College student Lilly Santiago may have discovered that the Arroyo siblings' late mother was a founder of hip-hop music. Two DJs/narrators/Greek chorus spin the story in this hip-hop theater coming-of-age tale.

GLCT is located at 160 W. Main St. in Old Town Lewisville. The entrance and parking are in the rear off Elm Street. Tickets are \$25 for Adults and \$20 for 65 and over and 18 and under. Season tickets on sale now. Information and online ticketing is available at glct.org or call the box office at 972.221.7469.

Greater Lewisville Community Theatre is one of seven local groups receiving funding from the City of Lewisville through a grant program designed to foster cultural and fine arts in the community.

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World-famous dancer makes DFW debut at MCL Grand

World-famous Bharatanatyam dancer, Rukmini Vijayakumar, makes her DFW debut at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street, at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25.

Vijayakumar will present one of her newest programs that shares a window into her world of dance creation and brings to life this beautiful art form through her breathtaking approach.

Tickets are \$30 pre-sale, \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased on the [Eventbrite](#) website.

A dancer, choreographer, artistic director, yogi and actress, Vijayakumar is versatile and trained in both Bharatanatyam and contemporary dance. With several productions under her dance company Raadha Kalpa, she has received the title of Arsha Kala Bhushan from Swami Dayananda Saraswati, and the Big FM award for dancer of the year from Jaya TV.

To reach MCL Grand from Interstate 35E, take exit 452 and proceed east on Main Street to Charles Street. MCL Grand will be on the left. Free public parking is available along Main and Church streets, or at Lewisville City Hall.

Media Contact: Arts Center Manager Denise Helbing, 972.219.8478

LuLaRoe shopping event set for Aug. 26

Shop for LuLaRoe clothing at a multi-consultant shopping event on Sunday, August 26, 1–4 p.m., at Medical City Lewisville Grand Theater, 100 N. Charles Street. The event is free to attend.

LuLaRoe is a woman's and children's clothing line that creates unique prints and styles in limited quantities. LuLaRoe is fashionable, modest, and comfortable. Sizes range from XXS-3XL to accommodate women of every age and walk of life. Bright colors and fun prints are found in leggings, skirts, dresses, tops and more.

Join 10 amazing local consultants in the MCL Grand's Recital Hall. There will be tons of inventory to shop and try on; shirts, skirts, and leggings.

To reach MCL Grand from Interstate 35E, take exit 452 and proceed east on Main Street to Charles Street. MCL Grand will be on the left. Free public parking is available along Main and Church streets, or at Lewisville City Hall.

For details about upcoming events, or rental information for the facility, please visit [MCLGrand.com](#) or call 972.219.8446.

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LLELA Activities

There's no better place than Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area to hike, fish, ponder the starry sky, enjoy a bird walk, visit a historic home site, or just find a quiet place to relax. LLELA is open daily for fishing, hiking, camping, bird-watching, kayaking/canoeing, picnicking and other outdoor activities.

The gate entrance is at 201 E. Jones Street. Admission is \$5 per vehicle (cash or check). For more information or to register for special events, call 972.219.3550.

Night Hike

Saturday, Aug. 25, 8-10 p.m.

Join our trail guides as they lead a twilight stroll down one of LLELA's nature trails. We may hear some bumps in the night, but have no fear...it's probably just an armadillo. Howling coyotes, hooting owls, and other nocturnal sounds will provide an out-of-the-ordinary hiking experience.

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Public Library Activities

Grab a book and share new experiences with friends and family at the Lewisville Public Library, 1197 W. Main Street. The Library is open Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Free Vision Screenings for all Ages

Sunday, Aug. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The Lewisville LIONS Club offers free vision screenings at the Library on the last Sunday of the month. Screenings are quick, non-invasive, and available for all. Screenings will determine if there is a need to follow up with an eye doctor. No registration required.

Stay Crafty: Adult Craft Night

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7-8 p.m.

Make it and take it home at Stay Crafty, Lewisville Public Library's monthly craft event for adults. This month we're making Bubble Bars. All supplies are provided. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Tickets will be handed out at The Hive service desk 15 minutes prior to the class start time. Attendees must have a ticket to attend. Teens age 13 and up may attend with an adult.

Hive 101: Sewing

Wednesday, Aug. 29, 5-6 p.m.

Learn the basics for using the Library's sewing machine available in The Hive. Each Hive 101 session is focused on a specific machine and includes safety guidelines, tips for use, and a brief Q&A. Hive 101 training is required before patrons are cleared for independent use of the equipment. Space in each Hive 101 class is limited to six attendees. No registration required. Attendance is first come, first serve. Classes designed for Teens & Adults. Visit library.cityoflewisville.com/TheHive for more Hive Happenings.

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