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FREE CONCERT UNVEILS THE NEW HELEN GIDDINGS AMPHITHEATER

Lancaster, TX – The City of Lancaster is honored to introduce the Helen Giddings Amphitheater in Lancaster Community Park. The Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway. The event will include a free concert featuring Center Stage One after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Patrons will enjoy an evening of Motown Sounds, including hits from the Temptations, Supremes and Jackson 5.

In June 2009 The City of Lancaster was awarded a \$200,000 matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This non-competitive matching grant came as a result of State Representative Helen Giddings acting as a rider for these funds to be used to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Lancaster. The project elements include a total renovation and construction of a 2,000 sq. ft. covered amphitheater stage with lighting. Additional improvements include trail expansion with added amenities such as trail lighting, vendor pedestals with electrical outlets, park benches, trash receptacles and outdoor exercise equipment.

These improvements will enhance the environmental quality of Lancaster Community Park while expanding park usage. The amphitheater will encourage community and family celebrations such as 4th of July, Cinco de Mayo and concerts in the park that will enhance citizen enjoyment of local talent and provide opportunities to showcase visual, static and performing arts.

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The trail improvements will allow connections from the south end of the park to the existing trail head adjacent to the amphitheater. The trail lighting will expand evening usage along with vendor pedestals and outlets for fundraising opportunities.

Entertainment on October 5th will be provided by Center Stage One. Center Stage One is a not-for-profit organization that specializes in introducing and enhancing the arts through today's youth. Their goal is to engage youth ages 5 to 15 through arts instruction in the areas of classical dance, instrumentation, vocal training and more. In addition to the October 5th performance, Center Stage One will offer Lancaster youth an opportunity to create and nurture their love for the arts as a part of the S.A.F.E. After-School Program at the Lancaster Recreation Center.

We are indeed grateful to State Representative Helen Giddings, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Center Stage One for their support toward the realization of this new feature in the City of Lancaster parks system and additional quality of life opportunities for the citizens of Lancaster. Lancaster is proud to introduce this new amenity and looks forward to future community events at this location.

For more information about the Helen Giddings Amphitheater, please call 972-218-3700 or visit www.lancaster-tx.com.

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