



Neighborhood Tour Descriptions

Tour 1



The Canyon Lakes in Lubbock are a hidden gem within the city, offering scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. These lakes are a series of narrow bodies of water formed by small dams constructed by Lubbock. They lie within Mackenzie Park and are part of the Yellow House Canyon system. Approximately 55% of the city's public parkland is along the Canyon Lakes System, including Mackenzie Park. Lubbock aims to tap into this potential by connecting all the Canyon Lakes with pedestrian and bike trails. The city envisions creating one of Texas's larger linear trail systems, stretching from the top of the lake system down to Buffalo Springs Lake. Lubbock's vision includes enhancing existing areas like Mackenzie Park, the Buddy Holly Recreation Area, and spots around the Dunbar Historical Lake Park.



Tour 2

Guadalupe Neighborhood

Guadalupe is a suburban neighborhood located in Lubbock, TX. Most of the real estate is primarily made up of small to medium sized single-family homes. The residences in the Guadalupe Neighborhood were built between 1940 and 1969 and again between 1970 and 1999.

In 1970, an F-5 tornado passed through Lubbock, affecting the Guadalupe Neighborhood. The neighborhood suffered tragic loss of life and hundreds of homes were leveled due to the destruction of the storm. The Guadalupe Neighborhood was comprised mostly of farmworkers and their extended families. The defining moment came when Founder; Richard Lopez merged with neighborhood residents and spearheaded the reconstruction efforts. Together they began the arduous task of reconstructing hundreds of homes one at a time. The reconstruction was organized to ensure that neighborhood growth would improve to meet future efforts to stabilize families and small business entrepreneurs. The reconstruction efforts were catapulted in 1987 when Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation received its nonprofit status and became eligible to apply for federal funding.

By 1998 the City of Lubbock declared the neighborhood a success and discontinued CDBG funding for distressed communities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development would later adopt the reconstruction model as a best practice for the United States. The Guadalupe Neighborhood has more Mexican ancestry people living in it than nearly any neighborhood in America; 55% of the residents have Mexican ancestry.



Tour 3

Estacado High School



Estacado High School, located at 1504 E. Itasca Avenue, opened in the fall of 1967. It was named for the early South Plains community of Estacado, which was located east of Lubbock on the Lubbock-Crosby county line.

Estacado was composed primarily of Quaker settlers. These farmers traveled from Indiana and began arriving in the area in 1879. The community was credited with the first school, first church, first hotel, and first post office in the county. The name, Estacado, is derived from the Spaniards' designation of the area as the Llano Estacado, or Land of the Staked Plains.

The high school was designed for 1,600 students and total cost for the facility was \$3.8 million. In addition to the traditional classrooms, the school originally contained a vocational wing with labs and shops for agriculture business, business practice, electronic trades, sheet metal and metal working trades, cabinetry and millwork trades, and automobile body works. The vocational classes were eventually relocated to the ATC facility for access by students from all LISD high school campuses. The medical magnet program was added in the early 1990s. An engineering magnet was piloted at Estacado, and the criminal justice magnet was added in 2007. Lubbock Independent School District, Estacado High School and Texas Tech University partnered in 2016 to form Estacado Early College High School.



King's Dominion

The King's Dominion subdivision, across from Estacado High School, is the only new subdivision in East Lubbock since 1954. Kings Dominion is a single-family, 1-story 1300 square foot minimum home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a car garage. To date, the subdivision has successfully constructed over 50 and counting affordable homes for families.

The housing counseling and referral partners programs, along with down payment and closing cost assistance, are designed to facilitate housing development in North & East Lubbock.