

Happy 93rd Birthday, Lewisville!

As you celebrate your ninety-third year since incorporation,
Population of over one hundred thousand persons
Provides prestige in numbers, validation by habitation.
You have reached a milestone, grown from town to city.

But what about the roads, the buildings? Have they kept up?
Infrastructure proves a city's fathers are paying attention.
Railroad tracks came in 1881, caused a settlement relocation
To the current area usually referred to as Old Town.
Highway U.S. 77 didn't come until fifty years later.
Dallas now connects transportation-wise through Lewisville
And north to Denton on Interstate Highway 35, once U.S. 77.
Yes, roads are evolving, bonding the city to the Metroplex.

Lewisville Lake took shape in the early fifties when the Lewisville Dam
Enlarged the existing lake formed by the replaced Garza Dam.
When, in 1969, Janis Joplin and other stars were featured at the Texas
International Pop Festival hosted by this town of less than 9,000 people,
Sleepy Lewisville was waking up and beginning to expand beyond a town.
Visioning city fathers updated Old Town with a new City Hall in 2004;
In 2011 the arts scene received a modern home with the MCL Grand;
Large growth in cities near the D/FW Airport included Lewisville.
Lewisville 2025 lays out a plan for the city as it reaches one hundred years,
Envisioning a green place that honors its past, anticipates wisely its future.

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