

Upon the Dedication of Wayne Ferguson Plaza

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Cities tell their histories in different ways—
on the printed page, on the screen, in televised
biographies; some stories are repeated
by city leaders in speeches. Today, the dedication
of Wayne Ferguson Plaza adds to Lewisville's
story-telling repertoire. As you consider
future events that you will enjoy here—
maybe bare-footed so you can wiggle your toes
in the grass and feel an even closer kinship
with the city while listening to a concert—
take time to stroll around the plaza and gaze
at the words imbedded in the tiles you walk
by, maybe on. Think of the events described
with those words. Read about the beginnings
of the town; feel a breeze coming off the water
in the plaza and read about the development
of Lewisville Lake. Follow the plaza perimeter
and learn when the city was incorporated.
Look across at an oak, then allow your eyes
to glance down at the plants and wonder what
events might share space with the yarrow.

Look back toward Main Street and see
Medical Center of Lewisville Grand Theater,
the new and magnificent home for Lewisville arts,
then gaze over your shoulder and realize
you are looking across Church Street
at the beautiful City Hall. The city impresses
with its new facilities. Today we come to dedicate
the newest landmark, the plaza that pays homage
to our past while showcasing our present.
Named for city visionary Wayne Ferguson,
this plaza connects City Hall to the MCL Grand,
and to the businesses of Lewisville Old Town.
It gives citizens of Lewisville the opportunity
to relax and visit, to reflect with pride among the trees
and the fountains on what our city was and what
our city has become. Facilities and buildings
will house our future; our green spaces guarantee
that future. Watch in coming years as our progress
is written on the perimeter of Wayne Ferguson Plaza.