

FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

This year, the City of Lucas is holding its annual Founder's Day Country Fair on Saturday, April 13, 2024! The event will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road).

While there will be no Founders Day Parade, the Country Fair will still feature carnival games, mini golf, a stick horse rodeo, petting zoo, face painting, 4-H Silent Auction, balloon artists and the presentation of the annual Service Tree awards! The Country Fair is free to the public. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase from various food truck vendors.

ALL PUBLIC PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICES WILL BE AT HART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (450 Country Club Road) AND LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL (2350 Estates Parkway). Shuttle buses will pick visitors up at those locations and transport them to the event. Shuttles will begin at 8:30 am. Last call for shuttles at City Hall will be at 2:30 pm.

There will also be volunteer opportunities for students at the annual Stick Horse Rodeo. Interested students can fill out a volunteer form online at <https://www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form/>. We hope to see you there!



Founders Day COUNTRY FAIR
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LUCAS COMMUNITY PARK

PLEASE JOIN THE LUCAS COMMUNITY FOR AN AMAZING TIME AT THE FAIR FREE ENTRY!

FREE ACTIVITIES: CARNIVAL GAMES, CAROUSEL RIDES, MINI GOLF, PETTING ZOO, STICK HORSE RODEO & MORE!

SPECIAL FEATURES: LUCAS HISTORICAL EXHIBIT, LEGACY 4-H SILENT AUCTION, MINI CAR DISPLAY & MORE!

FOOD FOR PURCHASE: BARBECUE, BURGERS, FRIED FOODS & MORE

FREE PUBLIC PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICES: HART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

For more information, go to www.lucastexas.us/event/2024foundersday/

CITY OF LUCAS CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

As the summer months approach, city staff wanted to prepare an outline of code enforcement practices and expectations to best prepare you for staying in compliance with city law.

Remember, when reporting a code issue, it is important to provide an address and as much detail as possible. This allows the Code Enforcement Officer to begin an investigation quickly. An investigation of the reported issue will begin within 48 hours.

If a violation of a city ordinance is found, the Code Enforcement Officer will first try to obtain voluntary compliance. This will be done through efforts ranging from door-tags to personal contact, telephone calls, and letters. The Code Enforcement Officer will make every effort to utilize diplomacy to gain compliance with city ordinances and will seek a remedy to the violation within 30 days. If there is substantial progress being made, the officer may extend the time.

If voluntary compliance is not reached within the designated compliance timeframe, the Code Enforcement Officer will:

- Issue a Notice of Violation with a specific date to come into compliance sent via first class mail and certified mail.
- After the required compliance date has passed, the Code Enforcement Officer will re-inspect the property for compliance. If significant progress has been made, the officer may extend the compliance date. If the violation is resolved, the case will be closed.

Failure to resolve a violation may result in a formal filing under either the Building and Standards Commission (violations related

to dilapidated buildings or property) or the Municipal Court (zoning violations, property use and permit violations).

All records related to an investigation, citation, or summons are filed according to the date as well as a reference number. These records are kept for the required timeframe given by the state. Citations and summons are processed by Municipal Court, and records are retained under the same requirements.

The name of a person reporting a violation is considered confidential. If a violation is reported and the reporting party would like to be informed regarding the investigation, they must provide their contact information. If the City receives a public information request for the reporting party's name, the City will only release the information when directed to do so by the Attorney General. It is important to note that in order to take a violation to Municipal Court, the Code Enforcement Officer must personally witness the violation. However, if the Code Enforcement Officer has not been successful in witnessing the violation in person, the complainant may complete a written complaint and testify before the Judge at Municipal Court to find a potential remedy to the violation.

The previously-referenced information is not inclusive of all steps and or actions that can be taken by the City. Do not assume that the City is aware of a potential violation. All code infractions should be reported on the GovQA service request center found on the city website. If you have questions regarding code enforcement, please call the Code Enforcement Officer Jonny Lang at 972-912-1215 or by emailing at jiang@lucastexas.us. Issues can also be reported online at www.lucastexas.us/departments/code-en/.

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MAYORS MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



As I described last month, we have a unique opportunity in Lucas coming up in the May election. We will have four City Council seats and the Mayor's seat up for election. This has never happened before, mostly because when

creating the Home Rule Charter in 2008, we elected to have seven City Council positions, but to have this many seats open and to have choices for each seat is amazing. When we adopted the Home Rule Charter, we attempted to keep continuity on the City Council by setting up three year terms so that each year we would have either two or three seats coming up for election/re-election not five. That considered, it makes this years election an exceptional event.

We are lucky here in Lucas, because you will get to cast your vote for each of the five seats at the election. Having said that, I would encourage each of you to do your research before coming to the poles and find those candidates that will represent you and your desires for the City of Lucas.

This will be my 14th and final year on Council, and when we moved to Lucas over 20 years ago the city limit signs displayed 3,500 as the population which has since grown to 9,000 residents. We have seen growth, even so, I feel that we have been able to manage the growth with the actions that Council has taken over those years. We constantly watched how things were happening around us and modified our Comprehensive Plan attempting to maintain the character of Lucas and the quality of life we desire.

Early on when we moved to Lucas, Joy and I found it easy to get involved with volunteering with special events and committees with the city and schools. We each found our niches and tried to make an impact on our community. This has really helped us build a love for the Lucas community. I would encourage everyone to find their niche and find out what Lucas is all about. You too, will find that community.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you.

Jim Olk - Mayor

THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8, 2024 - 1:40 pm

Are you and your family ready for the solar eclipse on April 8th! Totality begins for many areas in the region around 1:40 pm CDT, ending around 1:44 pm CDT. Most will be able to view two and a half to four minutes of this spectacular event. If you are viewing the eclipse or just passing through, please be aware of the expected influx of viewers from outside of the area. Don't miss the chance to witness this extraordinary event! If you have questions, reference the KnowWhat2Do website at www.knowwhat2do.com.

CITY OF LUCAS 2024 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Lucas general and special elections will be held on May 4, 2024. There will be three City Council seats on the general election ballot (Mayor, Seat 3, and Seat 4). There will be two City Council seats on the special election ballot (Seat 2 and Seat 6), along with Proposition A, which would reauthorize the dedication of one half of one percent (.50%) of sales and use tax to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

The Lucas Community Center will be available as a polling location for the general and special election. Dates and times are attached in the table below. For election questions, contact City Secretary Toshia Kimball by email at tkimball@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1211.

Early Voting Dates (General & Special Election)

April 22 - 26, 2024	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
April 27, 2024	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
April 29 - 30, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Election Day (General & Special Election)

May 4, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
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All meetings are held at Lucas City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road in Lucas. To watch City of Lucas public meetings via livestream, go to: <https://www.lucastexas.us/departments/public-meetings/>.

- April 4** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 11** Planning and Zoning
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 18** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 24** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 6** Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup
Various Locations | 9:00 am
- April 13** Founders Day Country Fair
Community Park | 9:00 am
- April 22** General and Special Election Early Voting Begins
Lucas Community Center
- April 25** Art in Public Places Reception
Lucas City Hall | 5:00 pm
- April 27** Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park | 8:00 am
- May 4** General and Special Election Day
Lucas Community Center

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES

Spring is here, and with it comes the Lucas Farmers Market! Mark your calendar! The Lucas Farmers Market season is beginning this month! We are beyond excited to welcome another amazing year and see all of our produce and artisan vendors for another season. This year, Blade Runner Knife Sharpening will be at the Lucas Farmers Market on the fourth Saturday of the month beginning April 27. Prices are dependent on blade size and can be sharpened while you shop!

April 27, 2024 - Spring Plant Sale and Backyard Chicken Event

On April 27, the Lucas Farmers Market will host a “Spring Starts Sale”. Vendors will bring a variety of plants and vegetables that do great in our North Texas region. Many heirloom and hard to get varieties will be offered! Additionally, Cathy Gleason will present about “Backyard Chickens” discussing what it takes to start your own coop and which are common breeds, along with information about coop care and maintenance. For interested participants, there will be an additional “Coop Tour” held on a later date. Use the attached link to sign up for this tour and receive details from Cathy: www.lucastexas.us/lfm-coop-tour/.

Are you or someone you know passionate about locally grown produce or artisan made products? If so, consider signing up to volunteer at one of the Saturday markets! The volunteer registration form can be found online at this link: www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form/. Any assistance is appreciated and we love to see our residents at the market! For more information on the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market, contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett by phone at 972-912-1214 or by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us. We are excited to see our community out for another fantastic year of events and vendors!

2024 Lucas Farmers Market Dates	Market Special Events
Saturday, May 11	Mushroom Education / Foraging
Saturday, May 25	Animal Shelter Adoption Event
Saturday, June 8	Ice Cream Crank Off
Saturday, June 22	Sidewalk Art Contest
Saturday, July 13	Picnic in the Park / Water Use Education
Saturday, July 27	Back to School Celebration
Saturday, August 10	Build a Birdhouse Event
Saturday, August 24	Lovejoy Art Sale
Saturday, September 14	9/11 Memorial / Public Safety Event
Saturday, September 28	Robotics Exhibition
Saturday, October 12	Pumpkin Painting and Fall Garden Preparation
Saturday, October 26	Trick or Treat and Costume Contest
Friday, December 6	Country Christmas and Holiday Market

LUCAS AND FAIRVIEW - ANSWERING THE CALL

In response to the Texas Panhandle wildfires, City of Lucas Fire Captain Ian Evans and a Fairview firefighter dispatched with a Town of Fairview brush truck on February 27, 2024 to help assist in extinguishing the wildfires. Thank you to Ian Evans and Town of Fairview Fire-Rescue for answering the call for help. For citizens interested in donating to recovery efforts, visit the City of Lucas website www.lucastexas.us/donations-panhandle-wildfires/.



KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 6, 2024 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. KLB is committed to ensuring the Lucas community remains a clean and beautiful place to live. Here are the specifics for the event:

- Sign up online at <https://www.lucastexas.us/event/klb-spring-cleanup/>. Indicate what area within Lucas you would like to clean up, such as your neighborhoods, public parks, and other safe areas.
- Cleanup supplies can be picked up early at City Hall during business hours between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5, 2024. Cleanup supplies can also be picked up beginning at 9:00 am on the day of the event in front of Lucas City Hall (665 Country Club Road).
- During the cleanup event in your chosen area, place all trash bags centrally located on the side of the road. You may keep your cleanup supplies or leave them with the trash bags for pickup.

The City encourages residents to support the KLB Spring Cleanup by participating as a cleanup volunteer at the event. Students can also receive community service hours for volunteering at the cleanup event. If you have any questions regarding the KLB Spring Cleanup, please contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us.

LUCAS CAR SHOW

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Excitement for the Lucas Car Show is beginning to rev up! This year’s Lucas Car Show will be held at Creekwood United Methodist Church (261 Country Club Road, Fairview, Texas 75002) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 18, 2024. All classic, custom, lifted, or exotic cars are welcome to participate in the event. General admission for viewers is free.

Parking for vehicles entering the show will open at 7:00 am. Trophies will be awarded at 11:30 am. Public parking will be available next to the church at the Lovejoy ISD Administration Building (259 Country Club Road, Allen, Texas 75002). Stay tuned for more specifics in the next newsletter about the Lucas Car Show!

For more information and to learn how to enter the car show, please contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett via email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us or by phone at 912-972-1214.



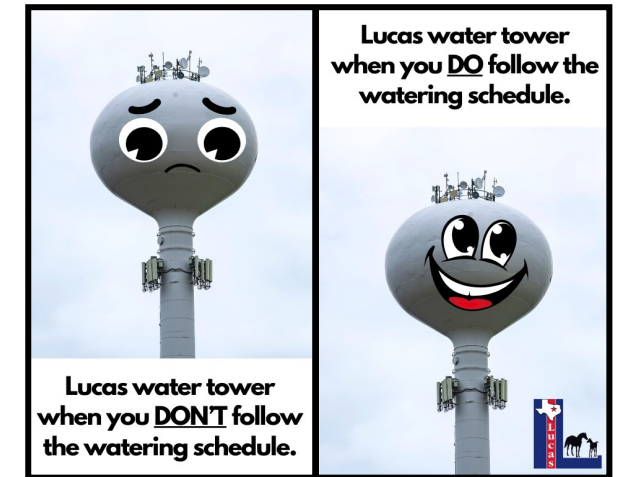
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RECEPTION

Thursday, April 25, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Join the City of Lucas and Lovejoy ISD Visual Art students as we celebrate the creativity of our local youth artists. The reception will feature art pieces created and displayed by Lovejoy ISD students, ranging from oil paintings, photos, drawings, and still images. The reception will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Lucas City Hall.

CITY OF LUCAS WATERING SCHEDULE

Remember, the City of Lucas has revised its watering day schedule. Following your watering day is a crucial part of water conservation and community focused watering. The schedule takes effect every year on April 1, 2024 and ends October 31, 2024. The new watering day schedule can be downloaded online at: www.lucastexas.us/watering-days. Failure to follow your assigned watering day and times may result in an administrative fee placed on your utility billing account.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: KEEPING LUCAS CLEAN

Effective stormwater management is an important part of keeping Lucas clean, safe and healthy. If left unmanaged, stormwater can cause home flooding, stagnant water and downstream pollution. Lucas relies on open channels and ditches to carry the vast majority of stormwater. It is vitally important that residents keep the stormwater clean and flowing as it enters and leaves their property. This includes cleaning out and performing maintenance of driveway culverts, cleaning up debris and repairing any damage to bar ditches. Anything other than rainwater entering the drainage system is a stormwater pollutant. This includes yard waste, loose dirt, trash, chemicals, animal waste or anything else that may clog culvert pipes or pollute downstream water bodies. Should you notice any storm water pollution, please report it by email to CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard at phubbard@lucastexas.us or call 972-912-1209.

EXPLORE THE TRINITY TRAIL WITH TTPA

The Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) is inviting Lucas residents to its inaugural, hikers-only “Explore the Trinity Trail” event on April 20, 2023 at 9:00 am. Each month, TTPA will explore a different segment of the Trinity Trail within Lucas. A TTPA member will lead hikers on a family-friendly hiking experience on the trail. Bring comfortable hiking boots or shoes, insect repellent, water, and a love for nature. The first three dates for the trail event and the starting locations are attached below. For more information, go to the TTPA website at www.trinitytrailriders.org.

- Saturday, April 20** - Brockdale Park Trailhead
- Saturday, May 4** - Highland Park Trailhead
- Saturday, June 1** - East Winningkoff Trailhead

