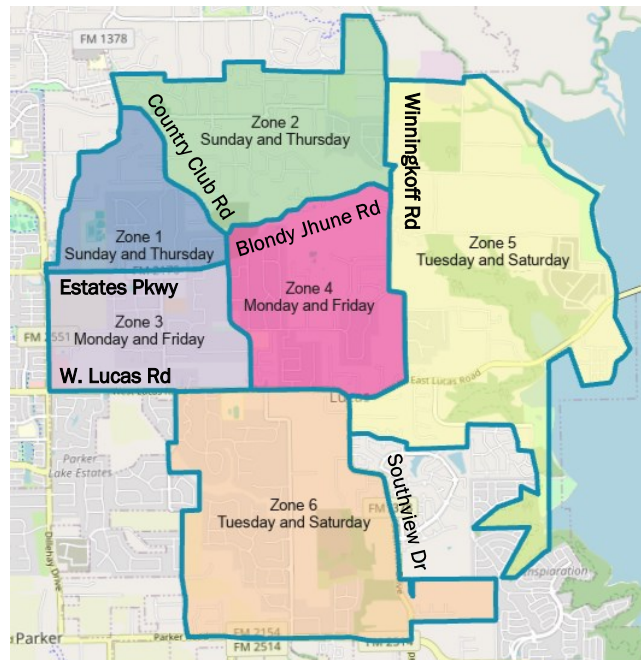


COMMUNITY FOCUSED WATERING AND CONSERVATION

While the beginning of February may not feel like it, we are slowly getting closer to warm weather days. This seasonal change comes with a renewed focus on water conversation. Maintaining efficient water usage is not only important to yard maintenance, but also to maintaining safe water supply in city storage tanks. Luckily, the North Texas Municipal Water Utility District (NTMWD) provides resources to help residents maintain water use while also considering the stress placed on water levels during high usage months. Here are some tips on how to have a community focused watering perspective.

- **Follow City of Lucas watering day schedule** - The City of Lucas has revised its watering 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 and ends October 31. The watering day schedule can be downloaded online at: www.lucastexas.us/watering-days.



- **Water before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm** - Did you know that 50% of water is lost to evaporation when used during peak times of sun exposure? When watering on your designated watering day, be sure to water before 10:00 am and after 6:00 pm. This will help community conversation and monthly water costs.
- **Learn about conversation tools and tricks** - For more information on how to maintain your yard, visit the Water is Awesome website at (www.waterisawesome.com/articles/texas-yardmakeover). Tricks like planting native plants and installing timed watering mechanisms will help maintain City of Lucas water supplies.

As we move in to warmer weather days, be weary of water consumption. If you have questions about water, water usage, or watering days, please contact Utility Billing Coordinator Delta Moody at 972-912-1205.

Beginning Monday, March 4, 2024, the City of Lucas Utility Billing Office will be staffed from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Friday to assist any customers who want in person utility services. City Hall continues to be open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

TRASH, RECYCLING & BULK/BRUSH REMINDERS

Community Waste Disposal (CWD) picks up all trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and brush weekly on your regular service day. Please follow the below guidelines for trash and recycling:

- Place all trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and brush out no later than 7:00 am on your service day. CWD picks up all items between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on your service day.
- All household trash must be placed inside the CWD gray trash cart. Only use CWD carts as other carts will not be picked up.
- All recyclables must be empty, clean, dry, and placed loosely inside the CWD blue recycle cart.
- DO NOT leave household trash bags next to the carts as they will not be picked up.
- DO NOT bag recyclables.
- DO NOT tie down or place an object on top of your trash and recycle cart lids.

Please keep in mind that the City does have regulations regarding trash and recycling cart placement, and when these carts can be put out and when they should be brought back to the residence. The carts should be placed at the street no earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the day of scheduled collection. **Carts should be removed from the street location and out of view from the street no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of scheduled collection.**

For more information on CWD guidelines for trash, recycling, bulk, brush, household hazardous waste, used electronics, and to view your scheduled service day, please go to: www.communitywastedisposal.com/find-my-city/lucas.

For questions related to trash/recycling service, please contact Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at kent@lucastexas.us or call 972-912-1213.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

JOSHUA MENHENNETT



Beginning January 2024, Joshua Menhennett will be serving as the Communications Specialist. Joshua will be able to use his knowledge and skills to strengthen current communication channels for the City, facilitate community engagement, and construct new ways of communicating with citizens.

If you have questions about the City of Lucas website, social media, Lucas Leader newsletter, public information requests, special events, or other inquiries about communications, please contact Joshua by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1214. Joshua is very excited to serve the City in this new role!



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

First with the onset of the colder temperatures I thought I would provide a little reminder. If y'all remember "Snowmageddon" 3 years ago, we can get some nasty weather. As we continue to move through the winter, please remember to take the proper precautions to ensure you and your home (and maybe the barn) remain warm during the winter season. City staff has created a dedicated webpage for winter weather resources to reference during the season at this website: www.lucastexas.us/winterresources. Keeping window coverings closed can reduce heat loss in your home and reducing thermostats to 68 degrees or lower can reduce the burden on the power grid. Sharp drops in temperature can impact our property, our animals, and our families. Don't forget your pets, if you are cold, they are cold. Make sure to bring them inside.

Any water emergencies, water leaks, or obstructed roads can be reported to the City of Lucas by calling 972-727-8999 (Option 2). As always, dial 9-1-1 for all medical emergencies, fires, gas odors, or electrical hazards. Please keep everyone warm during the winter.

Second thing is I wanted to let y'all know is that since local elections will be coming up in May, I have decided not to run for another term as Mayor. It is time for Joy and I to downsize and move to our lake property. I plan to serve out my term through May. I will spend the next couple of articles going over why I have loved my time as Mayor and why I love Lucas. Remember, the Lucas Community Center is available as a polling location for both the primary and general elections.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

CITY OF LUCAS 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Lucas general election will be held on May 4, 2024. There will be three City Council seats on the ballot, City Council Seat 3, and City Council Seat 4, as well as the seat for Mayor. Each City Council seat serves a three-year term. Applications for a place on the ballot are available from the City Secretary's office. Candidates may file an application with the City Secretary through Friday, February 16, 2024. Please note that electronic application submittals will not be accepted.

To be eligible for office, the City Charter states the following criteria must be met:

- Resident of the City for 12 continuous months
- Qualified voter of the City
- Have never been convicted or not currently charged with a felony or crime involving moral turpitude
- 18 years of age
- Not delinquent on ad valorem taxes due to the City

More election dates and information can be found on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/elections. For election questions, contact City Secretary Toshia Kimball by email at tkimball@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1211.

2024 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION EARLY VOTING DAYS

Early Voting Dates (Primary Election)	
February 20 - 23, 2024	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
February 24, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
February 25, 2024	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
February 26 - March 31, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Election Day (Primary Election)	
March 5, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Early Voting Dates (General 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 Election)	
May 4, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm



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: www.lucastexas.us/departments/public-meetings.

- February 1** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 8** Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 15** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 28** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 16** Election Candidate Filing Closes

- 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. If you have any questions regarding the KLB Spring Cleanup, please contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1214.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES

The new year is here, and with it comes the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market season! Remember, applications are open now, and the market is always looking for new vendors! The Lucas Farmers Market hosts both Adult and Youth vendors. If you are looking to apply, visit www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market. When applying, be sure to carefully review our Farmers Market Rules and Regulations and provide all important information in the Vendor Application Form. Once completed, email your application and other documentation to farmersmarket@lucastexas.us for review.

The Lucas Farmers Market will host family friendly special events throughout the 2024 season, along with a highlight of Lucas history from our Councilmember and City Historian Debbie Fisher. The 2024 market season will continue to be held at Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road) on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, beginning on April 27, 2024. Each day, the market will begin at 8:00 am and continue until 12:00 pm (Noon). The calendar for this season is to the right.

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.

FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, April 13, 2024



This year, the City of Lucas is holding its annual Founders 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 feature carnival games, stick horse rodeo, petting zoo, face painting, 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 vendors. For more event information, visit www.lucastexas.us/event/2024-foundersday.

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 Stick Horse Rodeo. Interested students can fill out a form online at www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form. We hope to see you there!

KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 6, 2024

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 this year's event:

- Sign up online at 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).

FOLLOW THE CITY OF LUCAS

FACEBOOK PAGE

On February 1, 2024, the City of Lucas is rolling out its new Facebook page. This new page will be converted from the previous Lucas Farmers Market Facebook page. This means that if you are already following the Lucas Farmers Market Facebook account, then you will receive City of Lucas posts! City staff will be routinely publishing announcements for citywide news and events on this page, including the same content and updates that were previously posted for the Lucas Farmers Market!

If you have any questions about the City of Lucas Facebook page, contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1214.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS - LEGACY 4-H FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

In January, the local Legacy 4-H chapter competed in the National 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Quiz Bowl. The 4 contestants, Audrey Rathgeb, Olivia Callagher, Lucie Rathgeb, and Elizabeth Esposito (pictured left to right) placed first in the tournament. Congratulations to the team!



INTRODUCING OUR NEW CITY OF LUCAS

NIGHT TIME DEPUTIES

Deputy Clopton



Our first deputy introduction is Deputy Clopton. Deputy Clopton is a Collin County native, a current U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Reservist, and 5 year U.S. Army veteran. Deputy Clopton joined the Collin County Sheriff's Office in 2006, where he has served in varying roles. In 2022, he made the decision to move to the Patrol Operations section. When not at work, Deputy Clopton enjoys spending time with his wife, two sons and his dogs, watching Oklahoma Sooner football, or watching his children's school band! We are excited to have him on the team!

Deputy Sartor

The City of Lucas would like to introduce Deputy Sartor as the second night time deputy! Deputy Sartor has been with the Collin County Sheriff's Office since 2019 and became a Patrol Deputy in 2022. Deputy Sartor is also a North Texas native and current Texas Army National Guardsmen. Deputy Sartor completed his bachelor's degree at Austin College in 2022 and hopes to continue his academic journey in public administration. Outside of work, Deputy Sartor and his wife enjoy going on adventures with their German shepherd, Freya. Deputy Sartor is grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lucas community.



CITY OF LUCAS PARKS SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2023 City of Lucas Parks Survey. We are so thankful for everyone who took the time to share their experience in our public spaces and shine light on their hopes for the future. Over 420 Lucas residents responded to the Parks Survey. The results can be found online at this link: www.lucastexas.us/2023-city-of-lucas-parks-survey. The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will meet and discuss the results and develop recommendations for City Council to consider.

LUCAS COMMUNITY PARK HIGHLIGHTS



This month, the Lucas Leader is highlighting the amenities of the Lucas Community Park. This park is located at 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas.

Lucas Community Park is a prominent fixture in the City. Located adjacent to Lucas City Hall, the Community Park is the primary location for many city events, including the Founders Day Country Fair, Country Christmas, and every Lucas Farmers Market. The park features a concrete walking trail, a pavilion (pictured left) along with playground equipment, bathroom facilities, dog waste stations, and a dog watering fountain. When Santa isn't greeting you at Country Christmas and there isn't a farmers market, the park is a perfect place for a picnic with your family or a game of catch in the park!

In addition to the green spaces and playground equipment, the park also features the Lucas Community Center. The Community Center was opened in 2015 as a service for community gathering in Lucas (pictured right). This 1,800 square foot building is used for various city events. The Community Center is also an official polling location for local, regional, and national polling. The Community Center can be reserved and used free of charge by any City of Lucas resident.

If you would like to reserve the Community Center or Community Park Pavilion, visit the City of Lucas website at www.lucastexas.us/departments/parks-and-facilities and select the Lucas Parks Reservation Form.

