

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, a 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 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!



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MAYORS MESSAGE

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

By *Jim Olk*

You may have noticed that this newsletter came out early and as a special mailer. We thought that it was important to get some information out to you about the upcoming election because of the way it has all come about.

As I mentioned last month, I will not be seeking reelection and my term as Mayor is up along with two other council seats. (Seat 3 and Seat 4). This means that the regular general election will have three positions on the ballot.

To make it more complicated, two sitting Councilmembers have filed to run for Mayor (Seat 2 and Seat 6). This means we need to call a special election to fill those unexpired terms in those seats. This is because those sitting Councilmembers are required to resign from their existing seats to seek the Mayor's seat. Luckily, those sitting Councilmembers get to serve until the election, so we aren't shorthanded. Thankfully, those Councilmembers also filed early enough that we can conduct both the general election and the special election as a combined election.

To be eligible to any elected office in the City of Lucas you must meet the following criteria:

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

Applications can be picked up from the City Secretary's office located at City Hall. Candidate applications for Mayor, Seat 3 and Seat 4 must be filed and accepted with the City Secretary by **February 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm**. Special election packets for Seat 2 and Seat 6 must be filed and accepted by **March 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm**.

For the general election, you will see the Mayor, Seat 3, and Seat 4 on the ballot. For the special election, you will see Seat 2 and Seat 6. If you are elected to either special election seat (Seat 2 or Seat 6), you will begin serving on the Council for the remainder of the term that you assume. For Seat 2 that is until May 2026, and Seat 6 is until May 2025.

Proposition A is also on the special election, and reauthorizes the dedication of one half of one percent (.50%) of sales and use tax to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of our municipal streets. To ensure that the citizens of Lucas want to continue to use that portion of the sales tax for those dedicated reasons, we are required to get your approval every four years through a proposition on the ballot.

The Lucas Community Center, located at 665 Country Club Road, will be available as a polling location. Dates and times for early and election day voting can be found in the table below. Election information can be found on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/elections. For election questions, contact City Secretary Toshia Kimball by emailing tkimball@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1211. You may direct specific legal questions to the office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683), by going to www.sos.state.tx.us, or by calling the Texas Ethics Commission at 512-463-5800 or www.ethics.state.tx.us.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve.

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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HAVE A PRIVATE GATE OR GARAGE? CONTACT LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE

Does your home have a garage or entry door with a passcode to enter? Does your neighborhood or property have a gate that requires a passcode? In an emergency situation, Lucas Fire-Rescue will be unable to quickly reach your home or lot without access to these doors or gates. If you have not provided this information, please call Lucas Fire-Rescue at 972-727-1242 or send an email to speterson@lucastexas.us to provide those passcodes. Thank you for helping Lucas Fire-Rescue serve you!

RIISING STAR OF LUCAS WINS FIRST PLACE AT 2024 COLLIN COUNTY YOUNG ARTIST PIANO COMPETITION

On January 13, 2024, 11 year old musician and Lucas resident Jenna Tran won the 2024 Collin County Young Artist Competition, successfully competing and winning against 120 other incredibly talented young musicians across Collin County. The Young Artist Competition is arguably the most prestigious in the DFW area and the winner gets a soloist opportunity in the Plano Symphony Orchestra. Jenna will make her orchestra debut on March 16, 2024. Congratulations Jenna!



Jenna Tran, pictured middle

ATTENTION PET OWNERS NEW REGULATIONS

The City of Lucas now requires all pet owners to remove and dispose of any pet waste the animal produces from property that is not owned, leased, or controlled by the animal's owner. Pet owners are now required to visibly have in their possession materials that can be used to immediately remove and dispose of any pet waste the animal produces. In addition, any dog in the corporate limits of the city, shall be restrained by at least one of the following means:

- On a leash that is held in the hands of the owner or keeper. Said leash shall be of sufficient strength to control and restrain the particular dog and shall not be longer than ten feet (10').
- Held in the hands of the owner or keeper.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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/>.

- March 7** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- March 14** Planning and Zoning
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- March 21** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- March 26** Parks and Open Space Board
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- March 27** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- February 16** City of Lucas
General Election Filing Deadline
City Hall | 5:00 pm
- March 4** City of Lucas
Special Election Filing Deadline
City Hall | 5:00 pm
- April 22** General and Special Election
Early Voting Begins
Lucas Community Center
- May 4** General and Special Election Day
Lucas Community Center

ANNUAL WATER SYSTEM PLANNED MAINTENANCE

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 4 through April 1, 2024. The annual routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year-round water quality. For more information, visit www.NTMWD.com/safewater.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES



Mark your calendar! The Lucas Farmers Market season is less than 3 months away! Preparations for another fantastic market season are underway and we need your help! 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!

Remember, beginning on April 27, 2024, the Lucas Farmers Market is held every second and fourth Saturday of the month at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon). As always, the Lucas Farmers Market will feature fun and engaging special events! The calendar for the season, along with a schedule of special events is attached below!

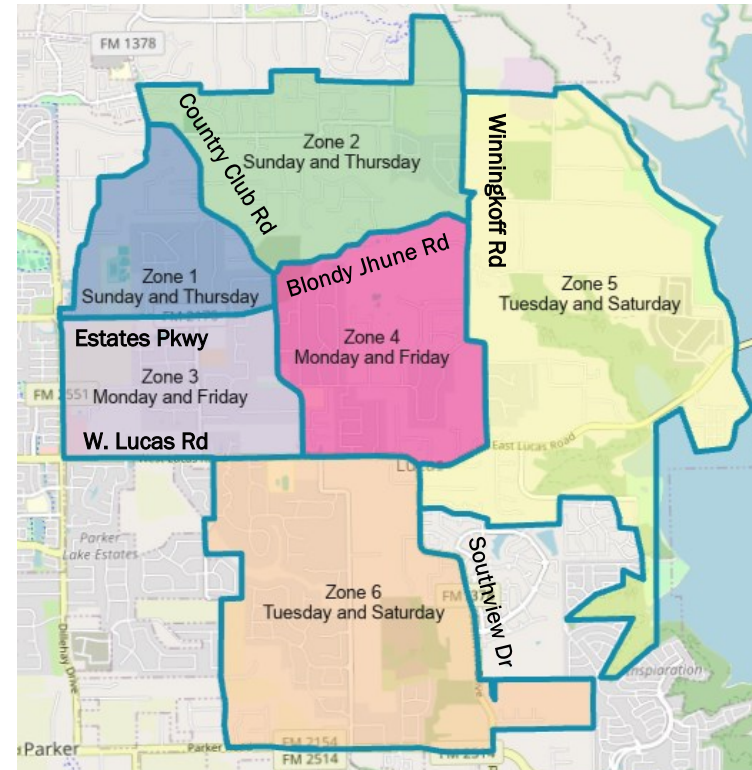
For more information on the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market, contact Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett by phone at 972-912-1214 or by email at jmenhennett@lucastexas.us. We are excited to see our community out for another fantastic year of events and vendors!



2024 Lucas Farmers Market Dates	Market Special Events
Saturday, April 27	Spring Plant Sale and Backyard Chicken Event
Saturday, May 11	Mushroom Education and Foraging Event
Saturday, May 25	Animal Shelter Adoption Event
Saturday, June 8	Fourth Annual Ice Cream Crank Off
Saturday, June 22	Sidewalk Art Contest
Saturday, July 13	Picnic in the Park, Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest and Water Conservation Event
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 and Public Safety Event
Saturday, September 28	Second Annual 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

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 and ends October 31. The new watering day schedule can be downloaded online at: www.lucastexas.us/watering-days.



If you have questions related to your 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.

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING DATES

The City of Lucas will be offering the Lucas Community Center as an early voting and election day polling location for the upcoming March 5, 2024, primary election (below).

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 1, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Election Day (Primary Election)	
March 5, 2024	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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 <https://www.lucastexas.us/event/klb-spring-cleanup/>. Indicate what area within Lucas you would like to cleanup, 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.



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE GRANT UPDATE

On January 25, 2024, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced that the City of Lucas has been selected as a recipient of a \$118,163 small community grant to renovate the playground equipment at Forest Creek Park (985 Orchard Gap Lane). This is a 50/50 reimbursement match program. Texas Parks & Wildlife will be setting up a meeting and site visit with staff to review all grant requirements. We are excited to renovate Forest Creek Park!

EAST WINNINGKOFF TRAIL UPDATE

In January 2024 the City of Lucas received confirmation from the Collin County Parks Foundation Advisory Board that the proposed revised project location for the East Winningkoff Trail Project has been approved. Collin County awarded the City of Lucas \$179,000 for this trail and the City will provide a 50% cost share of \$179,000. This new project will be a 12-foot wide, 3-inch deep decomposed granite trail covering approximately 8,000 linear feet to form a loop. The Winningkoff Trail will begin and end at the East Winningkoff Trailhead located at 745 East Winningkoff Road. More information regarding City of Lucas trails, parks, and public facilities can be found online at www.lucastexas.us/departments/parks-and-facilities/.