



## AGENDA

# PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING

July 23, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

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*Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Lucas City Hall, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002-7651, at which time the following agenda will be discussed.*

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### **Call to Order**

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- Roll Call
- Determination of Quorum
- Reminder to turn off or silence cell phones
- Pledge of Allegiance

### **Regular Agenda**

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1. Discuss the creation of an action plan using the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey. (City Manager John Whitsell, Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett)
2. Consider approval of the special events planning calendar for fiscal year 2024/25. (Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett)
3. Consider approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting. (Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett)
4. Adjournment.

## **Certification**

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*Joshua Menhennett, Communications Specialist*

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# City of Lucas

## Parks and Open Space Board Request

### July 23, 2024

Requester: City Manager John Whitsell  
Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett

#### **Agenda Item Request**

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Discuss the creation of an action plan using the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey.

#### **Background Information**

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The City of Lucas concluded its Parks Survey on December 31, 2023. There were 430 total residents who responded to the survey. City staff has created posters with survey information and how it is being applied to projects such as the East Winningkoff Trail and Forest Creek Park. These posters were displayed at Founders Day.

City staff recommends that the Parks and Open Space Board develop an action plan using the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey.

#### **Attachments/Supporting Documentation**

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A. Final City of Lucas Parks Survey Results

#### **Budget/Financial Impact**

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NA

#### **Recommendation**

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NA

#### **Motion**

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There is no motion required.

# City of Lucas Parks Survey

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Responses

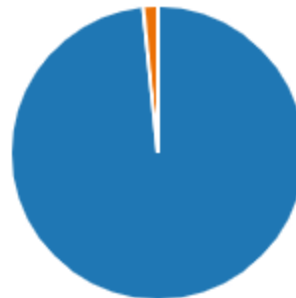
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Average time to complete

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Status

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1. Are you currently a Lucas resident?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	430
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	7



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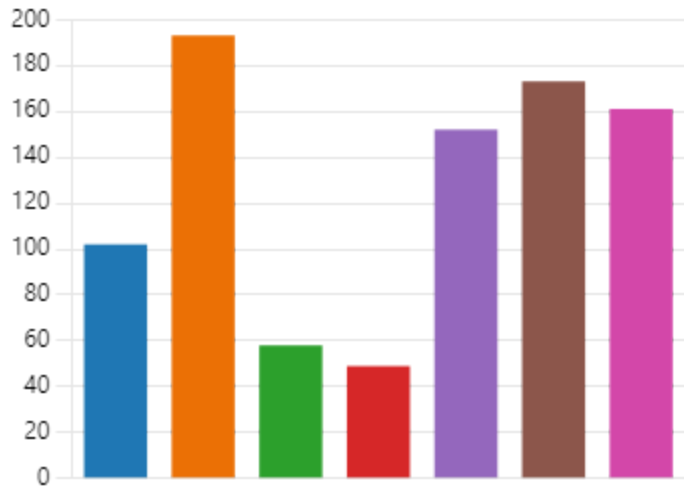
2. What is your home address in Lucas?

**430**  
Responses

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3. What age groups are in your household? (Select all that apply)

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> 0 to 9 years old	102
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> 10 to 19 years old	193
<span style="color: green;">●</span> 20 to 29 years old	58
<span style="color: red;">●</span> 30 to 39 years old	49
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> 40 to 49 years old	152
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> 50 to 59 years old	173
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> 60 years old and over	161



4. Which public parks in Lucas do you use most often? (Select all that apply)

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Forest Creek Park (985 Orchard ...	50
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Kenneth R. Lewis Park (820 Sout...	26
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Lucas Community Park (665 Cou...	280
<span style="color: red;">●</span> None	122



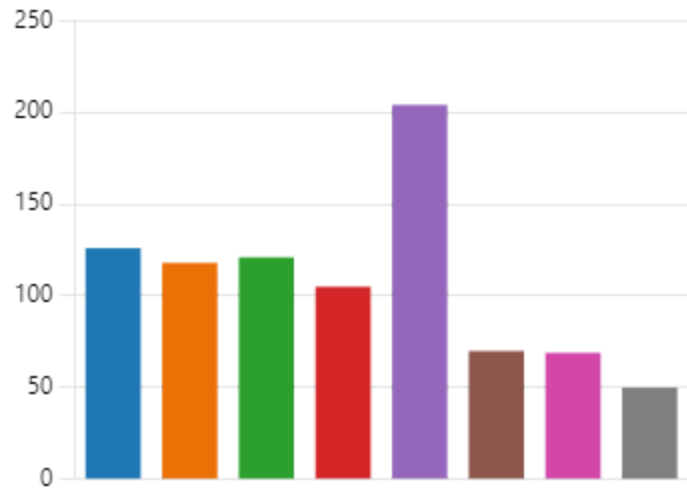
5. How often do you or your household use a public park in Lucas?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Daily	8
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Weekly	49
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Monthly	157
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Yearly	123
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Never	93



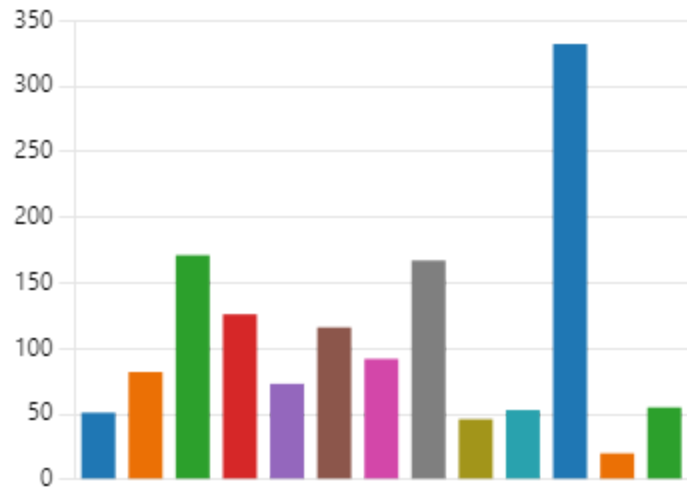
6. What are the reasons that you or your household use a public park in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

● Exercise	126
● Family Activities	118
● Playground Facilities	121
● Social	105
● Special Events	204
● Sports/Recreation	70
● None	69
● Other	50



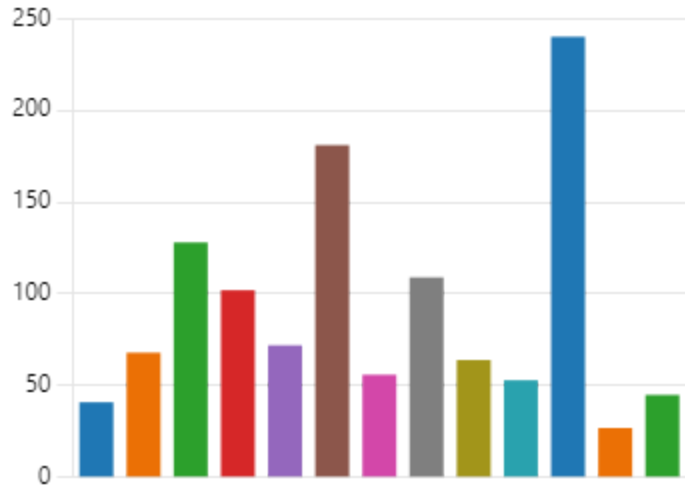
7. What activities do you or your household participate in? (Select all that apply)

● Baseball/Softball	51
● Bird/Animal Watching	82
● Bicycling	171
● Fishing	126
● Horseback Riding	73
● Pickleball	116
● Soccer	92
● Special Events	167
● Tennis	46
● Volleyball	53
● Walking/Running	332
● None	20
● Other	55



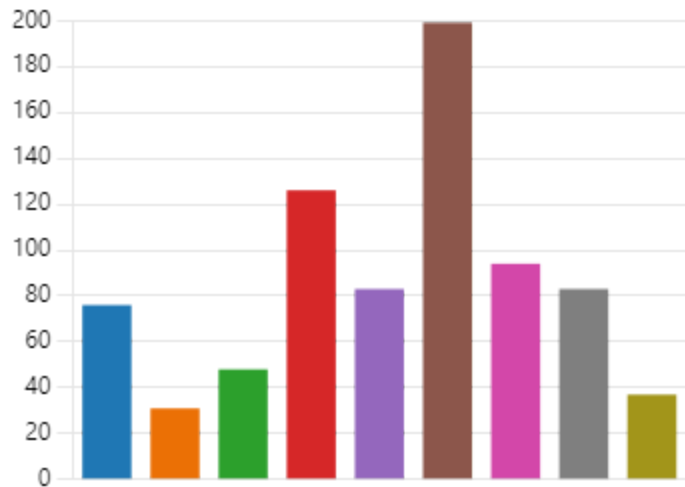
8. What activities would you or your household like to see more in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

● Baseball/Softball	41
● Bird/Animal Watching	68
● Bicycling	128
● Fishing	102
● Horseback Riding	72
● Pickleball	181
● Soccer	56
● Special Events	109
● Tennis	64
● Volleyball	53
● Walking/Running	240
● None	27
● Other	45

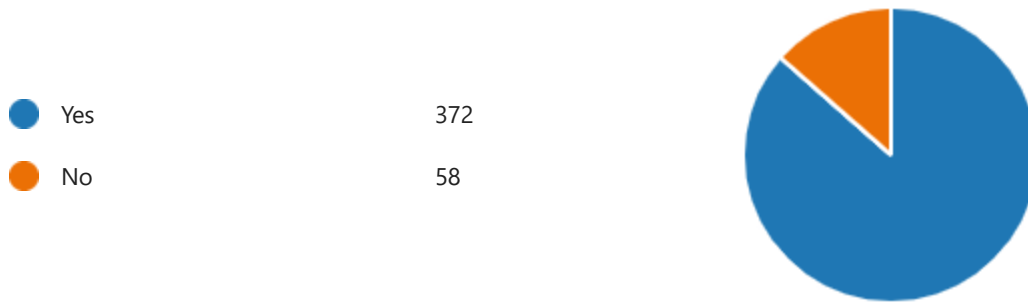


9. What reasons prevent you or your household from using a public park in Lucas? (Select all that apply)

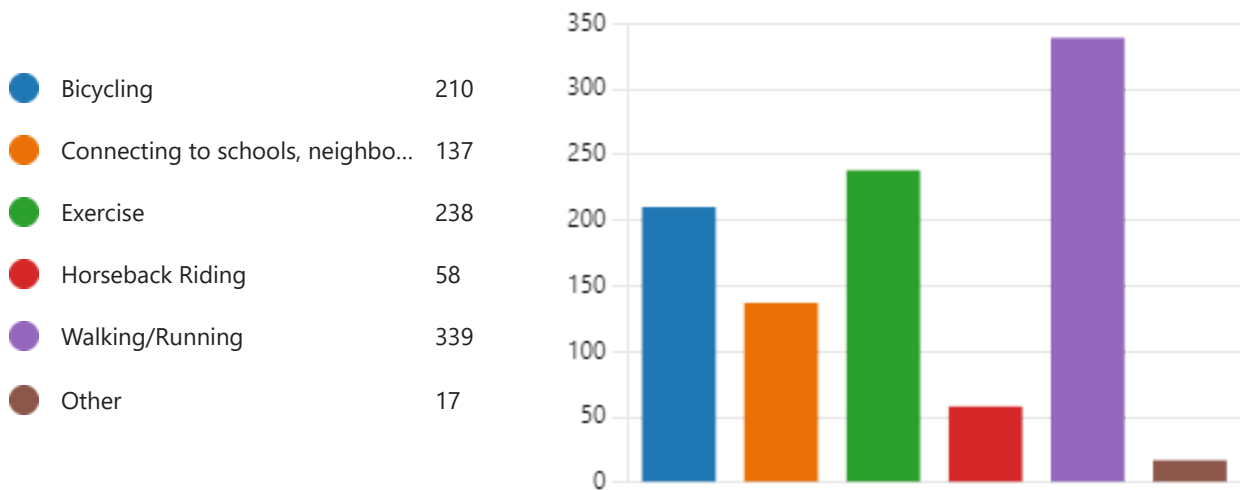
● Accessibility and/or proximity	76
● Lack of parking	31
● Lack of playground equipment	48
● Lack of sports/recreation facilities	126
● Lack of time	83
● Lack of trails and/or connectivity	199
● Unaware of location	94
● None	83
● Other	37



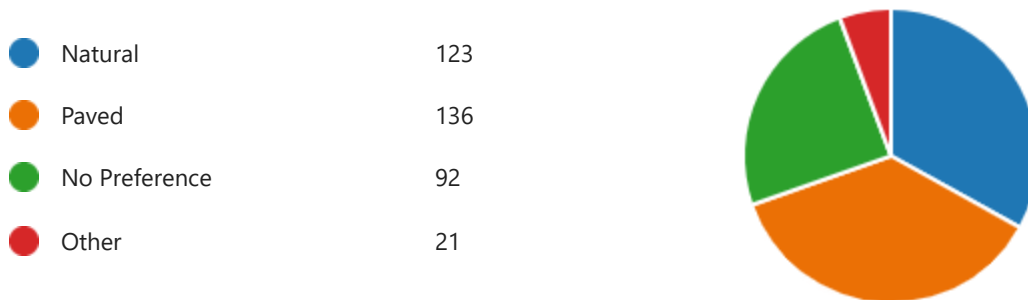
10. Would you or your household use a trail system in Lucas?



11. How would you or your household use a trail system in Lucas? (Select all that apply)



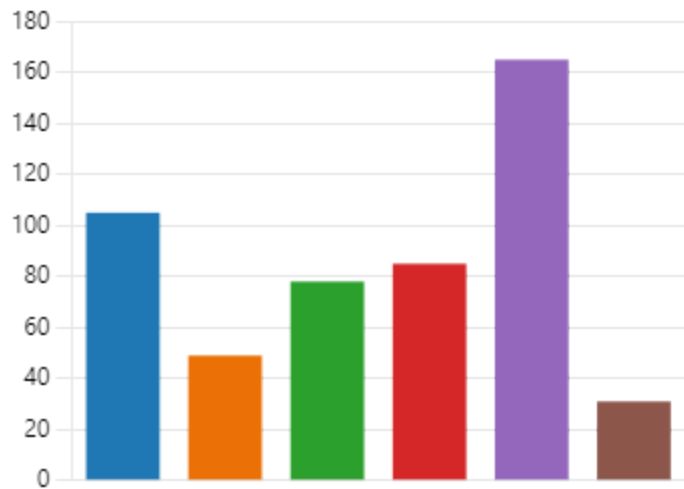
12. What choice best describes you or your household's preference for a trail system in Lucas?





13. Which trailheads or trail system do you use most often? (Select all that apply)

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Brockdale Park Trailhead (1625 ...	105
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> East Winningkoff Trailhead (745 ...	49
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Highland Park Trailhead (1955 S...	78
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Trinity Trail	85
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> None	165
<span style="color: brown;">●</span> Other	31



14. How often do you or your household use any of the trailheads (Brockdale Park, East Winningkoff, or Highland Park) and/or the Trinity Trail?

<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Daily	10
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Weekly	43
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Monthly	95
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Yearly	63
<span style="color: purple;">●</span> Never	161



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Seems all concerns lead to crossing or close contact to vehicles moving too fast. (Entering or exit to destinations) aka- slow down the traffic!
Parks are a tremendous asset for the community...the more the better for all.
Would love to see a trail system for walking so we don't have to battle walking on the roads with speeding traffic.
It would be great to have a trail all along Lucas Road and one up Winningkoff.
I would be super excited to see dog friendly nature trails without bicycles or horses
We aren't aware of trails and many parks in Lucas. We use Allen parks because they are advertised much better. We would love to know about more parks and trails in Lucas
Lack of safe walking trails near my home
I'm part of TTPA council. Our trails are wonderful. We just need to educate the hikers to know the proper way to greet horses on the trail. Also would like to add we miss the founders day parade. It was such a Great family day when it was in October Great fall festivities and wonderful time to dress both yourself and the horses up for Halloween.
We did not know that these trailheads existed but will be using them now! And would love more in the city of Lucas.
Safety, lighting and trashcans along the path are a must for trails for my family. It would be great to incorporate donated benches and/or trees with plaques along the route too.
I thought the existing trails were for horses only. Did not know that anyone else was allowed to use them
Please build up a bigger park with more trails and bigger playground. Thank you
Nice survey. Good luck.
I would love to be able to ride my bike around Lucas but right now taking my life in my hands .. dangerous. When I want to do a 3-4 mile walk, I drive into Allen to walk the celebration park trails. Would love to see safe passages/connections around Lucas to make more bike/walker/runner friendly.
I would really love to see a pickle ball court put in by City Hall/pavilion area
We moved here to enjoy these amenities. Like to keep them beautiful.
We are way behind other cities such as Allen that have an extensive trail system. You can park in celebration park and hike / bike the entire city. As a city with allegedly more nature friendly appeal, we are pretty close to a 0/10 on this scale.
We would love for the Trinity Trail to remain accessible for horses and walkers but I understand it's not being maintained except where local residents are able to clear weeds. This makes it harder to use.
I regularly walk or ride my horse on Trinity Trail. It was the reason I moved to Lucas and the reason I stay here. It is a wonderful trail system. As a side note, I think it is important that we keep bikes OFF Trinity Trail. The trail winds through the woods so there are lots of blind corners that make a combined trail dangerous.
Kids really want swings and a spray ground.
First of all I appreciate you including pickleball in the list of potential sports. That's a start. I'm still pulling arrows out of my back suggesting we bring pickleball to Lucas last year. I was attacked in several forums by people I don't even know. But because I believe so passionately in what the sport has to offer I'll state my case again. . It's a game that all ages can enjoy. We can actually interact with our neighbors and get exercise at the same time. There are many reasons why pickleball is the fastest growing sport in ALL ages in America and why it's being embraced by big cities and small cities alike.

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We have plenty of room for four courts and parking and I can see even more down the road. Fairview doesn't have the land, we do.
Trinity trail should be open to mountain bikes
I believe that a network of paved hike and bike trails would dramatically enhance the quality of life in Lucas.
I would not want to see people's property given up for these trails. Parks need to have some lights at night.
We already hav many public areas for citizens, many rarely used. It is an expensive upkeep that takes tax dollars away from more pressing issues like maintaining roads in our estates. Our estates had a waterline put dwn our road. Now the city wont repave it from the heavy equipment that was used for pipeline installation. If u cant repair our roads after damaging, why would we need more open spaces when the ones we hav are rarely used? Spend tax dollars wisely. Children can play at their schoolyards, bkyards, friends yards. There is a huge park at angelpkwy for walking, riding bikes, picnicking. If we hav money to throw away on open spaces we dont need, i suggest we lower Lucas city taxes!
We would love to have a Fall celebration back with a costume parade and costume contests for the pets and kids. People are tired of the heat and looking forward to doing something outside when it cools off - about middle of October. The old Founder's Day was a big hit and the entire community turned out and helped cook burgers and hotdogs and churches and local businesses came and supported the town and the event. Very much missed.
With the demographics of Lucas and the popularity of the growing sport of pickle ball, I would like to see investment in this type of facilities. I believe the expense to build and maintain would be much less than other options.
I am thankful for the walking track near the City of Lucas offices. It would be nice if the public had access to a school track (4x around for a mile) that also is well lit.
I would love to have playground equipment installed at the trailhead on East Winningkoff. This is close to our house and my daughter would enjoy having a playground nearby. Furthermore, with the development happening surrounding our neighborhood, I'm sure other families with children would agree!
Trail network could be improved
The Trinity Trail provides a nice natural trail option for our neighbors but can't be used when wet. Having a paved trail to link various destinations sites would be nice if financially feasible and won't disrupt our city's country feel.
Please connect a paved walking/biking system to Lucas
The trail heads are fantastic. They are like little nature preserves. They are essential to the identity of Lucas and are relatively low cost. Many pivotal and beautiful life moments and decisions happen in these open spaces. Parks are similar but fewer in number and harder to access from the Eastern part of town.
It would be great to have at least one trail that allowed for biking and one that does not allow horses- we have family members who are severely allergic to horses so that limits our ability to use some of the current area trails.
I love the Trinity Trail for hiking and riding my horse, but I would love to have a paved trail to ride my bike on. Right now I ride my bike on our busy country roads and have had close calls with cars. The Trinity Trail should remain for horses and hikers only, and paved sidewalks added around town for bikers.
Trinity Trail needs to remain for equestrian and foot traffic only. No wheeled vehicles

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<p>I wish there was a safe sidewalk down Estates (first choice) or Bethany (second choice). If we could just safely get down those, we could access the trails already in Allen. We often go north on Winningkoff and then Orr and then go across forest grove or through Thompson springs to gain access to the trail systems in Allen. It would also enable high school kids to ride a bike to or from schools because the schedules expected of a pre-driving age high school athlete are nearly impossible in a dual working household.</p> <p>We can also safely ride down Estelle and across to the Lucas City Hall park area but from there can't go anywhere. It's be awesome to have a trail from Lucas city hall down estates and then to connect with celebration park!</p>
<p>Availability of trail map either online or in print at the Community Center.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. volleyball court (paved or sand),</li><li>2. Pickleball courts</li><li>3. and trails connecting neighborhoods would be amazing! Thank you for considering these additions and for all you do!</li></ol>
<p>Would like a couple Pickleball courts with lights</p>
<p>A trail connecting neighborhoods or parks would be great. Not having sidewalks is part of our chosen lifestyle living in Lucas but being able to go for a walk or run without having to drive somewhere or walk/run on the road would be great.</p>
<p>Instead of spending money on parks how about saving that money are is it to fix the roads.</p>
<p>Horse back riding and trail access is one of the top reasons we moved to Lucas. Great equine community and balance for quality of life. Too many communities expand the tax base at the sacrifice of what defines the right balance of growth and quality of life. Outdoor activity is a great element of Lucas culture. I'm happy to help support trail maintenance.</p>
<p>No bikes please in horse trails</p>
<p>Trinity trail horse access makes it dangers and physically impossible to share trail between humans and horses. There needs to be two separate trails in order to accommodate walkers and hikers</p>
<p>I would love a walking/jogging trail!</p> <p>Also, I do believe a pickleball court would be great for our community! It would encourage us to know each other and enjoy the outdoors. Thank you for asking our preferences. I know there are citizens that are against any expenditures, but we all need to be healthy.</p>
<p>We are fairly new to Lucas and are looking for walking/running trails close to our home. We are pickleball players and would love to have a court closer to our home.</p>
<p>Honestly we think what we currently have to offer in our city is great. If anything was to be done, we prefer natural type projects like trails, community garden, horse/livestock/ag related stuff, education driven things not pickelball/sports courts. Most Lucas residents are affluent and can go to other facilities or build these amenities on their private property.</p>
<p>If we were younger we would be more interested in parks and other activities.</p>
<p>This is the first we have heard about the parks and/or trail system. we recently moved from Allen. It would be great if we could connect to the trail systems of other municipalities, such as those associated with Allen's Celebration park. We live close to Celebration Park, but would need to load up our bikes and drive there. Even a bike lane on McDermott would allow us to connect to a subdivision that would allow us to get to Celebration Park.</p> <p>Also, we would love to play more tennis and/or pickle ball locally. If we were aware of the facilities that are open to us.</p> <p>We would be interested in learning more about Lucas' parks, recreation, and/or trail system</p>

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<p>We don't have to mess with every piece and patch of green grass we see and turn it into something. We can just let nature be nature.</p>
<p>Don't spend money.</p>
<p>A trail system would be excellent to get to schools, parks and even the shopping / restaurants in West Lucas off Angel Parkway. Plus if there was a way to get to Celebration Park. We have a few good parks and our schools have good tennis courts and green space but you always have to drive. the trail system Allen is building is amazing.</p>
<p>Please make sure we talk. I sit on the Collin County Parks and Open Space Board and a voting member for bond money for these exact type of projects. I can help guide Lucas to getting bond money. Our number one priority is land acquisition for open space, parks etc. Second is trails. I would highly suggest we look for land and there is a very good chance our board will approve a 50% match.</p>
<p>Chris Catullo. 4692477322. Chris.catullo@gmail.com</p>
<p>Better clearing of debris and overgrowth of trails would promote more use. Too much overgrowth, mud, or other trail disturbances preclude their use</p>
<p>We would use pickle ball courts. It seems there is a lot of interest for this and could be a good way to encourage people getting together and getting to know each other better. We would also use tennis courts, but there are options at the school. There is a general lack of green spaces in Lucas with the exception of the trail system at Lavon Lake, which is really under army corp of engineering control. In addition to trails in green spaces, it seems trails could also be put to good use getting kids to/from school and also access to shops now that we have them. This would lighten traffic somewhat and make for a more livable and healthy town. Thank you for putting out this survey. This is important.</p>
<p>Should have some days set aside for bikes on trail. Maybe once or twice a month bike day.</p>
<p>I think it would be great to have a couple different trail systems- bicycling/walking and horseback riding. The riding trails need help- clearing, clean up and better pathways that don't get into the lake mud. It would also be fun to have an off road trail to use our side by sides.</p>
<p>I used to ride a horse on the trails but I don't own a horse currently. Playground equipment for toddlers would be nice in our area.</p>
<p>No tennis or paved courts please. I would like more natural parks. We can travel to Allen for court based sports.</p>
<p>People with horses have made it too intimidating to use the trails. I get that they are protecting their animals but there are plenty of non horse people that don't know and it seems the only way to get info is to read the negative comments on facebook and not everybody is a member of those groups either so it may not be hitting the target.</p>
<p>I'd love for kids to be able to get around safely.</p>
<p>A local rec center or a municipal golf course would be great additions</p>
<p>Use of the trail system(s) also depends on the weather! When outside temps in the mid 90's to over 100 it is just too hot to ride horses or walk trails. Likewise if there is a lot of rain and trails are too soggy, muddy or flooded. Therefore, I may like to use the trails every week or month but may not be able to do so. Please keep that in mind when compiling these results. Thank you!</p>
<p>We really enjoy using the Trinity trails whenever possible, however, they are often unusable for walking due to deep mud and weeds</p>
<p>We don't use trail system because it seems it's only available for the few people who ride horses. Would be used a lot if trails were open and groomed for everyone to use.</p>
<p>Lucas is a beautiful place with underdeveloped road system and recreation system. We should take full advantage of the Lavon Lake and make the Highland Park a jewel for family fun when preserving</p>

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its natural health and beauty. The Trinity Trail is not pedestrian and cycling-friendly at all and lack of basic safety features such as paved path and lighting, etc..
Just be convenient to build more closer to lovejoy high school and nearby the walmart
A trail system would need to be sprayed for mosquitoes because most of the times I would use it are at dusk or dawn
We need more parks!! We sometimes go to Plano for variety.
Due to danger no bikes on trails. Also would like Founders Day Parade held in October again
Was not aware of trail systems in Lucas. But it would be amazing to have running/walking trails in Lucas so we don't have to drive to other cities.
A refresh of the Forest Creek Park is due. The neighborhood is flipping back to younger families and this park could get more use if updated. A trail system would be something we used if it was connected to our neighborhood.
Love the horse trails, let's keep those up!! It would be great to have some bike trails that are not on busy roadways. I would also love to see a few pickleball courts around for Lucas residents.
We would probably use trail system if closer to house. But would LOVE pickleball courts
I live in an area without sidewalks and it can be dangerous to walk on the roads. I would enjoy some sort of walking/running path or trail to get exercise.
Would love a safe place to walk a few miles in Lucas. Good level sidewalk or trail.
Senior citizens need to walk.
We would REALLY love to have pickleball courts at the Forest Creek (Orchard Gap) park. We would use it several times a week.
More events like the recent Arbor day and recycling event would be nice to see.
Please build a pickle Ball court
need to keep the Trinity trails horse friends with the only addition being walkers/hikers. No bicycles or motorized vehicles.. Would be nice to have horses included in the other activities since we are keeping it rural. Perhaps night parade for the country Christmas.
Would like to see a dog park
Keep wheeled vehicles off Trinity Trail and maintain for hikers and equestrian
While we do not make use of the parks, we feel that they are important to the overall quality of life in our community.
Many horse people outside of Lucas area enjoy our trails and have recommended to other riding organizations. I love our trails - I ride my horse at every opportunity and love seeing other riders on the trails. A real jewel for tge City of Lucas. Thanks to the TTPA and the Park Rangers.
We have such a wonderful community here. I love the farmers market addition. Pickleball courts or volleyball/basketball courts would be a great addition for the community to come together. Clean, active fun for all ages.
Please keep doing trees and paper donation
We need to keep bicycles/motorized vehicles off any trails. It is dangerous to walkers and horseback riders.
With the lack of sidewalks and speed of drivers, trails would be great for walking. I have friends with young children and strollers who go outside of Lucas to walk because they can't walk toddlers on our streets. And although trails would be great even if unpaved, paving would help with accessibility for some.

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<p>As you probably can tell, I think it would be great to have a dog park. Yes, most Lucas residents have large properties but a dog park will be a place for dogs to socialize, and even people. There is a park area off E. Winningkoff by a water tower, would make a great dog park. I have a year and half Golden Retriever that would love to play with other dogs. I think a dog park will be a great addition to Lucas.</p>
<p>I have no idea what you mean by a trail system. if for horseback riding, maybe, but you cannot combine that with bicycles or other things, so if you mean for bicycles, rollerblading, scooters, then no, I have no use for any of that. I moved here 30+ years ago to have land and horses. Only city people who have no place to go outdoors need parks.</p>
<p>I use the Beaver Run Parkside Trail in Fairview (off of Old Stacy Road) weekly/daily to walk. It has both paved and natural walkways and is very shaded. They have wildflower area, picnic areas, a pond, and a covered area. I would love to have something like this in Lucas too. We usually do from between 3-5 miles daily.</p>
<p>It would be great to have a trail head that we could walk too. That was horse and walker friendly. Connecting the city through trails...</p>
<p>Horse trails should also b open to mountain biking</p>
<p>We travel to McKinney to play pickleball at Finch Park</p>
<p>Speeding cars and cars running the stop sign at Orchard Gap (at high speed) make the entrance to Forest Creek dangerous. This is an issue for pedestrians and cyclists trying to access the park.</p>
<p>Thank you,</p>
<p>We would love to have connecting trails in Lucas. Right now we walk/run/bike quite a bit and trying to get from Lucas to Allen or Plano trail systems without a car is difficult given the high traffic and narrow roads in Lucas. But we love the ability to bike/run/walk around Lucas, and have them connect to Allen/Plano/Mckinney trail systems. But there's not even sidewalks we can use.</p>
<p>Animal friendly walking trails would be a nice option.</p>
<p>It would be nice to see any options for kiddos of different ability levels. Nothing seems to be inclusive or adapted for a disabled individual, other than the paved ramp leading to the play area. I have yet to find a local fully enclosed, fenced public play space that is appropriate for my son.</p>
<p>We need trails like erwin park</p>
<p>We do NOT want a trail behind our house!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>I think it would be wonderful if Lucas developed trails that could provide access and opportunities for hiking and biking. Connecting to Allen trails would open up a whole new world of recreational possibilities, enhancing our quality of life and adding value to our community! Thanks for taking the time to collect our ideas. Good luck and God bless!</p>
<p>Would be really nice to have a pickleball facility. Would love walking trails as well. Thank you.</p>
<p>Coming from McKinney that is connected through sidewalks, we would love a way to safely walk/run/bike as a family and with our animals. There are many reasons to love Lucas, and having a way to see them safely encourages us to preserve the natural beauty of this area. It also would be a way to better connect the community. Thank you for the opportunity to share our feedback!</p>
<p>Trails need to be away from streets. It looks like a lot of the trails on the city map are on streets. Walking on Winningkoff road is not safe. Trails like the one in Fairview that runs from Old Stacy road, along the creek to Thompson Springs is what Lucas needs.</p>
<p>Lived in va and they had awesome paved trails that went miles through woods and was amazing for walking and jogging. Great for pet owners as well to walk pets.</p>
<p>Stop wasting tax dollors.... allen , and collin county already have parks</p>

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<p>I'm not aware of any parks in Lucas. A bike trail would be wonderful, but it would have to connect near where I live or I probably wouldn't use it.</p>
<p>We need to be sure and leave links for wildlife to move through the area. Possibly leave more open or undisturbed spaces.</p>
<p>Recently went to a park in Ohio that had a great walking train that was cushioned...it was really nice to walk on and lessened the impact. Appreciate the neighborhood park on Orchard Gap for those without playground equipment and grandchildren.</p>
<p>I fully support Lucas being and continuing to be a horse community, however, horse ownership appears to be dropping in our community which is what our trail systems are focused on. By altering the trail system to allow biking it would be much more inclusive. Also a path/trail/sidewalk system connecting city hall, schools, parks and communities would greatly increase participation in events. An example of this would be McCreary Rd in Wylie and Exchange Rd in Allen.</p>
<p>We would love to see paved bicycle/walking paths in our city so we could exercise or get to the schools or parks safely on foot or bike!!!! It is definitely needed for safety in our community!!</p>
<p>Build wide sidewalks inside the easement next to country club and estates.</p>
<p>The Trinity Trail needs to be kept to horses and pedestrians only! If people have dogs they MUST be on a leash!!! No bikes or motorized vehicles allowed! The Winningkoff entrance needs to be protected from that! As far as other walking trails fine and dandy. I use the little park by the city hall to walk my dog because it is quiet during the week. When that place gets used people need to keep their dogs on a leash!! I like the quiet so I don't mind if it stays that way! I don't go there unless it's empty. My dog is young and gets very excited! I do not agree that we need pickle ball courts!! What a joke and a waste of my tax dollars!! I can't use it people can put one on their own properties!!!</p>
<p>The baseball field needs to be graded and re-surfaced with new field conditioner. Also need to have places for all levels of base/tee/soft ball bases.</p>
<p>While we may not use the parks often, mostly due to our age and current family dynamics, parks are an important aspect of a community. We were involved in sports w/ our kids as they grew up and taking them to the park, etc. With the location of Lucas, it's nice to have more natural settings to use to walk, jog, parks, etc. We love that we have the trails here w/ multiple trailheads and have used them.</p>
<p>When we have taken our grandchildren to parks in McKinney, Plano, and Allen, we have been very impressed with the playground equipment. The equipment includes towers, bridges between activity equipment, climbing rocks, etc. We need better playground equipment in Lucas!</p>
<p>Bikes on Trinity trails are dangerous-please keep them off; Also Founders Day in Mid Oct was much better.</p>
<p>Would like to see Lucas add pickleball courts.</p>
<p>If we have parks in Lucas other than the one at City Hall, they are not very well marked or encouraged to use.</p>
<p>Would prefer new facilities be located near existing sites including the schools. Small locations located in neighborhoods cause vandalism and extra costs.</p>
<p>We would love to see more activity at the parks. We have three girls and feel as though the current facilities do not encourage family use.</p>
<p>Would like a place to ride bicycles, top of list!</p>
<p>I wasn't aware of the Winningkoff, Highland or Trinity trails and assume that they are more for horseback riding and are not paved. I would really love a paved trail system that is easily accessible from Brockdale that I could run on. More playgrounds that my kids could play at would also be great! Thanks!</p>



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<p>Pickle ball courts will bring adults to the parks. Gaga ball pits will draw the elementary kids. There needs to be enforcement of the no golf cart on roads rule. Several times teenagers drive their carts on the roads to the park and drive all through the park lawn (Forest creek park. ). A dog park would be nice too. Dog poo stations with bags need to be placed at every park. People are lazy and don't pick up their dog poop anywhere in our neighborhood.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have a trail that connects to the trails at celebration park.</p>
<p>Would like to preserve the current Trinity Trail horse trails for horse back riding. Would be nice to have some paved walking/jogging trails, or at least some sidewalks, to promote safe walking/jogging in the area.</p>
<p>I would like to see more music events (country, bluegrass, high school choir and band, etc.) at the Community Park.</p>
<p>They should be advertised more often. I don't think to use them and end up going to farther places.</p>
<p>Need more information about facilities including a map with parking, entrances, restrooms, types of activities at each location.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, I currently work too much right now to enjoy the parks and trails in Lucas. However, I grew up riding horses and running trails around Little Elm, and loved those outdoor spaces. I am happy Lucas does have trails and parks for residents to enjoy. My husband has used the Southview field many times for his baseball team practices. Maybe the City and Corps of Engineers could partner to offer more trails around the lake, for hiking/biking/horseback riding.</p>
<p>I would love to see better, updated playground equipment at parks and parks with running trails. A park where kids could come play basketball would be great.</p>
<p>Need something for bikes and people, not horses. Also, need pickleball courts.</p>
<p>We're avid runners so we'd like to see an accessible trail system with connectivity within Lucas and other nearby cities</p>
<p>Please add pickleball courts. Many residents love playing.</p>
<p>I would love love love to have a trail system in Lucas! What a great feature for the community! Thanks for the survey.</p>
<p>Would use trails if bikes are allowed. Tired of missing out on leagues because I'm not a Plano resident and driving to McKinney for Pickleball. The high school has tennis courts but not Pickleball. Pickleball is growing rapidly by over 100%. It is great for community of all ages. Love that we can use the Lucas facilities as residents, but we need to be more updated.</p>
<p>I would just like to see them more appealing to the eye and then more people would come. In other nearby cities, the parks are full &amp; used often. I think more trees &amp; picnic tables. Look at the parks in McKinney. More plants:trees</p>
<p>Would love a system of trails that connect. Would also love pickleball courts at city hall.</p>
<p>enjoy nature walks</p>
<p>I believe a trail system would invite non residents to our neighborhood creating unnecessary traffic into our neighborhoods. The roads are already in bad enough condition and also a question of security.</p>
<p>Recreation planning is great - just please do not get industrial and keep the quaintness of Lucas and feel of the country.</p>
<p>Electric bikes are becoming popular amongst the kids so it would be nice for them to have access to a trail so they don't have to ride them so close to the road. They like to take their bikes to go fishing at the ponds around Lucas but it's pretty dangerous with the way the traffic is. Especially by Lewis park neighborhood.</p>
<p>We love all of the special events that the city puts on at the Community Park!</p>

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<p>When we moved here 30 years ago we could ride our horses freely from our home. Now that 1378 has become a minor highway, our one dead end street has been cut off from accessing any safe and comfortable places to walk and bike. We literally have to load up our bicycles and drive to Allen. We no longer ride horses and our kids have grown therefore the sports practices at parks have ceased. However, it would be wonderful if Lucas had a comprehensive trail system within close proximity that we could pop over to for a walk or bike ride. We have not learned Pickleball yet but it sounds really fun and would be a good draw for people to gather and meet. Thanks for working on this!!</p>
<p>I wish they wouldn't add anything! Lucas is not even Lucas anymore!</p>
<p>We prefer natural trails but they get very muddy. The Brockdale trail is too muddy even in the summer due to the water/sewage run-off from the new development nearby. Last time we tried the Highland Park trail, there was too much brush and we could not get through. We don't know where to find the Winngkoff park as it looks like someone's land.</p>
<p>We seem to be missing safe trails for neighborhood students to walk/bike to school. If we have those, it will reduce traffic near schools.</p> <p>Also, Play equipment in Texas are not usable due to the heat in summer. Would it be possible to cover them with fabric awnings or other structures?</p>
<p>My daughter is in a wheelchair and the parks are rarely handicap accessible even when they say they are. You can't push a wheelchair in bark!</p>
<p>Pickleball courts would be AWESOME!!!!</p>
<p>We wish there were more Western riding facilities and trails in Lucas</p>
<p>This is the country, so let's preserve as much as possible. There should be trails to do all activities, hike, bike, horse and some off roading (atv)</p>
<p>The trailheads are very limited in use for horses and make them almost unusable to the majority of citizens for hiking and cycling</p>
<p>Thanks for putting up a pet disposal station at south view park. We pick up but we see so many who don't. Love seeing people take advantage of facilities there for sports or family gatherings.</p>
<p>Well planned upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities give residents ample opportunity to access outdoor facilities and activities. Do not need to expend money to waste on items that will be under utilized. Most have "parks" in their backyards or neighborhoods.</p>
<p>I wish there were more walking paths and basketball courts available.</p>
<p>I encourage the city to consider pursuing the construction of a dedicated bike path connecting Lavon Lake to Oak Point Nature Preserve. This would greatly expand acces for a variety of healthy/family-friendly activities. Neighborhoods such as White Rock, Grapevine, and Lewisville have capitalized on their natural bodies of water by constructing such trails and their property values have benefited greatly. Lucas has similar potential of which we should take advantage.</p>
<p>It would be great if the space under the powerlines could be converted into a trail system like Plano offers, especially if Lucas could somehow connect to the Plano trail system. With this wide space, a combination of paved trails for cyclists and natural trails for horses would be an amazing enhancement to Lucas.</p>
<p>Need more information about parks. Did not know we had trails. I go to Plano and Allen to trail walk. Will be trying to find the trials in Lucas now.</p>
<p>I honestly didn't know the Lucas trailheads were allowed to be used for pedestrians. I see so much commentary on Facebook about keeping off and you'll scare the horses that we haven't even tried.</p>
<p>The most common trail we use is Beaver Run Park</p>

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I think the trails and parks provided are great. We typically use Celebration Park in Allen for running/XC training and club soccer practice and game facilitates soccer. For school sports, we typically use the school facilities.
Would love a paved trail system. I was not even aware there were any trails in Lucas.
Would love to see more sidewalks
Horseback riding and walking access is what makes Lucas unique. We are an oasis in a sea of concrete bike trails and sports courts
We recently moved to Lucas in May, but lived on the trails in Allen and that is the one thing missed. I would like to see more trails for walking and exercise. We are located on/near the trail off Snider Road, but it is designated as equestrian and is not ideal for walking or running as it now stands. Thanks for taking time to gather community input.
Fiscal responsibility needs to be the primary focus right now. If there is extra money to be spent, reducing water prices (a necessity) would be a better choice. In todays economy discretionary spending should be put on HOLD
We'd love to have more parks and trails but also want to "keep it country".
The kids need some place to ride bikes or even ride some e-bikes or dirtbikes. We also could use some pickle ball or tennis courts if you ask me. Better use than just playgrounds which are hot and barely ever used by toddlers. The teens needs some outlets.
It would be great to have a lighted pick all/tennis courts!!
would be good to get more information of trails. Also, the road by the Snider lane to the lake is in very bad shape and needs repair.
It would be nice to see recreation that draws older teen and young adults together. There is nothing to capture there attention and they are draw away from the community.
Have you thought about adding vending machines, with drinks or even a farm cart with fresh food/flowers/etc from locals?
The playground needs to be updated to have areas for ALL ages of elementary youth, with some type of shade covering so it can be enjoyed in the summer. There aren't any places for kids to bike so we go to celebration park to play since it has areas for ALL types of sports, exercise, playground for all ages and a water park. We should have fields that don't need to be reserved for kids to just go kick a ball in or shoot hoops at. Lucas lacks this type of involvement to get kids outdoors more.
We love the parks. We take grandchildren to forest grove park on a weekly basis. We walk Winningkoff road, Synder road and many back roads. Most are fine to walk but a trail along Winningkoff would be WONDERFUL!!!!
Would. LOVE to have safe trails to walk and bike vs. being on the roads which can be very busy.
Accessibility for Country Christmas was awful and awfully limited. One had to be able to climb into a bus, or had to be in wheelchair or electric scooter to get on bus. Walking, but unable to climb big steps? Due to bus rules, one was out of luck; no other way to get on bus. And only some busses were handicap accessible. I suggest a city employee actually act out different handicap scenarios next time busses are required use to experience what works and what is against the rules. This was very difficult, stressful, embarrassing and exhausting. As a tax paying resident, I should be treated better.
A trail system would also bring residents together. It could help increase a sense of community.
The Trinity Trail system is an invaluable and irreplaceable resource that can be a huge amenity for Lucas and our neighboring communities. We need to develop a responsible plan to develop as a natural space and promote carefully.
I think that it would be great to see part of the Trinity trail dedicated to mountain biking

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<p>This summer it was too hot to use the trails for the sake of the horse's and human's health. Then we had rains. The trails get too wet even to hike.</p>
<p>Since Rockdale south trail has been ruined by the encroachment of Inspiration, that portion of the trail could be paved for bikes and rollerbladers. The rest of the trail system should remain for only horseback riding and hiking.</p>
<p>I am 100% against using tax dollars to create any kind of court, trail system, dance hall, skating rink, etc. Especially against, in the strongest terms possible, a Pickle-ball court. And honestly, I am a little disappointed in the way this survey is slanted. People will read this and think, "oh yes, that's a great idea," without thinking about how that is funded. A more honest question would be, "Would you or your household use a TAX PAYER FUNDED trail system in Lucas?"</p>
<p>Please keep Lucas Country. Don't spend tax dollars to create walking trails. If those citizens want those kind of amenities they can go to Allen, Plano, McKinney, Wylie, etc.</p>
<p>Need to make sure dogs are leashed at all facilities, need to give fines to encourage people to follow the rules. A space that is a dog park for those folks that want their dogs to run free woods be good as well</p>
<p>Trinity Trail is valuable asset for the city. It needs much better care and maintenance. Mowing once or twice a year is not good enough.</p>
<p>Probably never going to happen, but I'd love to shoot skeet locally instead of having to drive all the way to Lewisville.</p>
<p>Fill in holes. Kids roll their ankles</p>
<p>We need pickleball courts!</p>
<p>Please add pickleball courts. A court at forest creek Park would be awesome</p>
<p>I know I would use sand or grass volleyball courts and pickleball courts. Forrest Creek Park could be so much better and usable if the grass area was walkable without possibly twisting an ankle. That is the park I know the best. Probably 1/2 is unusable.</p>
<p>A connected trail system would be a wonderful investment in the city of Lucas. It would also be wonderful to have this system connected to a town square to help build community.</p>
<p>Before Walmart and other growth, it was easy to ride our bikes from Lucas to the Allen bike trails. Now the roads are too busy and dangerous. It would be worthwhile to load up the bikes and drive to nice bike trail in Lucas. Right now, we load up our bikes and drive to an Allen bike trail.</p>
<p>Lucas rd is not useable for walking or bike riding. Ability to connect parts of the city to schools or city hall and special events would be a great improvement to the city.</p>
<p>We have no problem with parks, but this all seems to be a move towards making Lucas a BIG city, something we tried to get away from. Miss the town we came here for!</p>
<p>Great to have all this available, but am definitely NOT for continuing to expand this nice quiet corner of the State is turning into a BIG CITY. For the neighbors that WANT to live in a big city, Plano, McKinney, and Allen are nearby. We miss the small town feel and look.</p>
<p>No pickle ball ... we are fine they way we are please don't add anything that taxpayers have to pay for</p>
<p>I would love to have a paved trail for all residents to use, not just the ones that own horses. People could walk, skate, bike, hike all around the area. Local scouts have many requirements involving hiking, biking, fishing and even skating certain miles in order to get badges. This would be an excellent place for them to obtain this. All residents pay taxes and should all be represented with their tax dollars in the park system.</p>
<p>Limiting trails to horses is such a waste of natural resources. The trails can coexist with other kinds of traffic. Community improves when connectors are trails and not roads.</p>

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<p>We need pickleball courts and trails for mountain bike riding. Right now bikes aren't allowed yet there is rarely a horse on the trails. It would be great to have more balance</p>
<p>It would be wonderful to have pickleball courts in Lucas. I play several times a week and have to go to Plano or McKinney and it would be lovely to stay here and build relationships with other Lucas residents versus creating relationships outside of the city. Thanks for asking !!!</p>
<p>A safe pretty trail to walk run would be nice. It feels like we should have more options and connected trails.</p>
<p>The existing trails in Lucas are poorly maintained and too remote for walking by yourself.</p>
<p>Love this City! I would love to help in any way with Republican political activities, school board. Also with Conservative and Christian value promotional events</p>
<p>Please don't build another park or trail. I'd much rather a decrease in taxes than an increase.</p>
<p>Stop adding things just to increase taxes, fix what we have already. If you need more tax dollars you might as well add high density housing.</p>



# City of Lucas

## Parks and Open Space Board Request

### July 23, 2024

Requester: Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett

#### Agenda Item Request

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Consider approval of the special events planning calendar for fiscal year 2024/25.

#### Background Information

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Staff has prepared the special events planning calendar for fiscal year 2024/25. Special events include the Lucas Farmers Market, Movie in the Park, Arbor Day/Recycle Event, Country Christmas, Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup, Founders Day, Lucas Car Show, Art in Public Places, and Public Lands Trail Cleanup. The planning calendar has tentative dates for the 2025 Lucas Farmers Market season as placeholders for planning purposes.

#### Attachments/Supporting Documentation

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A. Special Events Planning Calendar (Fiscal Year 2024/25)

#### Budget/Financial Impact

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The following special events were included in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2024/25:

Special Event	Event Date	Account	Budget
Movie in the Park	10/18/2024	11-6211-448 (Parks Events)	\$2,500
Arbor Day & Recycle Event	11/2/2024	11-6211-446 (Keep Lucas Beautiful)	\$1,500
Country Christmas	12/6/2024	11-6211-447 (Country Christmas)	\$15,000
KLB Spring Cleanup	4/5/2025	11-6212-452 (Storm Water Mgmt.)	Varies
Founders Day	4/12/2025	11-6211-444 (Founders Day)	\$25,000
Lucas Car Show	5/17/2025	11-6211-450 (Lucas Car Show)	\$5,000
Public Lands Trail Cleanup	9/20/2025	11-6212-452 (Storm Water Mgmt.)	\$6,500
Art in Public Places	Pending	11-6211-448 (Parks Events)	\$2,500
Lucas Farmers Market	Varies	11-6211-449 (Lucas Farmers Market)	\$8,500

#### Recommendation

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Staff recommends approving the special events planning calendar for fiscal year 2024/25.

#### Motion

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I make a motion to approve/deny the special events planning calendar for fiscal year 2024/25 as presented.

**2025 City of Lucas Special Events Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Classification</b>
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	National Night Out	Varies	TBD	LFR
Friday, October 4, 2024	Fiscal Year End Celebration	Council Chambers	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	EE
Sunday, October 6, 2024	Fire Station Open House	Fire Station	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	LFR
Saturday, October 12, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Friday, October 18, 2024	Movie in the Park	Community Park	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	SE
Monday, October 21, 2024	Early Voting Begins	Community Center		Voting
Saturday, October 26, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Friday, November 1, 2024	Early Voting Ends	Community Center		Voting
Saturday, November 2, 2024	Arbor Day & Recycle Event	Community Park	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	SE
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	Election Day	Community Center		Voting
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Friday, November 29, 2024	Day After Thanksgiving (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Friday, December 6, 2024	Country Christmas	Community Park	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	SE
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Monday, January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Friday, January 24, 2025	Boards/Commission Appreciation Dinner	Heritage Ranch	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	EE
Thursday, January 30, 2025	Lucas Fire-Rescue Awards Banquet	Heritage Ranch	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	LFR
Saturday, April 5, 2025	Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup	Varies	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	SE
Saturday, April 12, 2025	Founders Day	Community Park	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	SE
Friday, April 18, 2025	Good Friday (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Sunday, April 20, 2025	Easter Day	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Monday, April 21, 2025	Early Voting Begins	Community Center	TBD	Voting
Thursday, April 24, 2025	Art in Public Places Opening Reception	City Hall	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	SE
Saturday, April 26, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Early Voting Ends	Community Center	TBD	Voting
Saturday, May 3, 2025	Election Day	Community Center	TBD	Voting
Saturday, May 10, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, May 17, 2025	Lucas Car Show	Creekwood UMC	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	SE
Saturday, May 24, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Saturday, June 14, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, June 28, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Thursday, July 3, 2025	Employee Picnic	To Be Determined	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	EE
Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Saturday, July 12, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, July 26, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, August 9, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, August 23, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed		City Holiday
Saturday, September 13, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM
Saturday, September 20, 2025	Public Lands Trail Cleanup	To Be Determined	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	SE
Saturday, September 27, 2025	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	LFM



# City of Lucas

## Parks and Open Space Board Request

### July 23, 2024

Requester: Parks and Open Space Board

#### **Agenda Item Request**

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Consider approval of the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting

#### **Background Information**

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NA

#### **Attachments/Supporting Documentation**

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A. May 28, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting Minutes

#### **Budget/Financial Impact**

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NA

#### **Recommendation**

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Staff recommends approval of the minutes as presented.

#### **Motion**

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I make a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board meeting as presented.





# MINUTES PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2024 | 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Hall | 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas

## Call to Order

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was determined to be present.

### **Parks Board Members Present:**

Chairman Bill Esposito  
Vice-Chairman John Elliott  
Member Joan Phillips (*arrived at 6:52 pm*)  
Member Christel Parish  
Alternate Member Lynne Dodson

### **Staff Present:**

Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett

### **Parks Board Members Absent:**

Member Laura Giles  
Alternate Member Bryan Bellows

## Regular Agenda

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### **1. Discuss budget recommendations in preparation of the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Parks Budget.**

Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024/25 that was created by staff. Vice-Chairman Elliott advised adding more neighborhood signs for Lucas Farmers Market advertising. Alternate Member Dodson asked what the possibility of implementing yard signs could be. Chairman Esposito advised that yard signs were explored in the past but denied for legality reasons. Chairman Esposito asked about allocations in the budget for social media marketing and advised to do social media boosting.

### **2. Consider supporting and recommending a resolution to the City Council to approve the submission of a grant application for a new drainage system at Kenneth R. Lewis Park to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program.**

Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett presented the proposal for a resolution to the City Council for the upcoming grant program, advising the Board that the application window would close in August and providing details on the proposed grant project at Kenneth R. Lewis Park. Chairman Esposito asked if the grant program is ongoing. Mr. Menhennett advised that it is not ongoing, but that it is open for the new year. Chairman Esposito advised that the park has always had drainage issues.

Alternate Member Dodson asked if the cost is comparable to concerns expressed in the recent Parks Survey. Mr. Menhennett advised that without a project estimate from the excavation company, it would be hard to determine the cost at the time. Chairman Esposito asked what the cost of an engineering proposal would be for this project. Mr. Menhennett advised that Public Works Supervisor Jeremy Bogle is working on a quote.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Elliott, seconded by Member Parish to support and recommend a resolution to the City Council to approve the submission of a grant application for an updated drainage system at Kenneth R. Lewis Park to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Local Park Grant Program. The motion passed unanimously with a 4 to 0 vote.

3. **Provide updates on city-maintained parks and recreational facilities including the Lucas Community Park, Kenneth R. Lewis Park, Forest Creek Park, and East Winningkoff Trailhead.**

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

4. **Provide updates on grant projects for parks and trails including:**
  - A. **Forest Creek Park**
  - B. **East Winningkoff Trail**

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

5. **Discuss the creation of an action plan using the results of the City of Lucas Parks Survey.**

The Board discussed priorities on walking, trail connectivity, on-going projects, and pickleball. Chairman Esposito advised the Board that a priority of the plan should focus on trails and general connectivity around the City.

The Board determined that a separate workshop meeting should be scheduled to discuss and create the Parks Survey action plan. The Board elected to host the workshop meeting at 1:00 pm on June 28, 2024 at Lucas City Hall.

6. **Consider the creation of a storybook trail along City of Lucas trails.**

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA.

7. **Provide updates on special events including:**
  - A. **Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup**
  - B. **Founders Day Country Fair**
  - C. **Lucas Car Show**

Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett presented on past and upcoming special events.

8. **Consider approval of the minutes of the:**
  - A. **January 23, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting**
  - B. **February 2, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Workshop**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Elliott, seconded by Member Parish to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Meeting and the February 2, 2024 Parks and Open Space Board Workshop. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

**9. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Phillips, seconded by Alternate Member Dodson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. The motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Chairman Bill Esposito

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Communications Specialist Joshua Menhennett