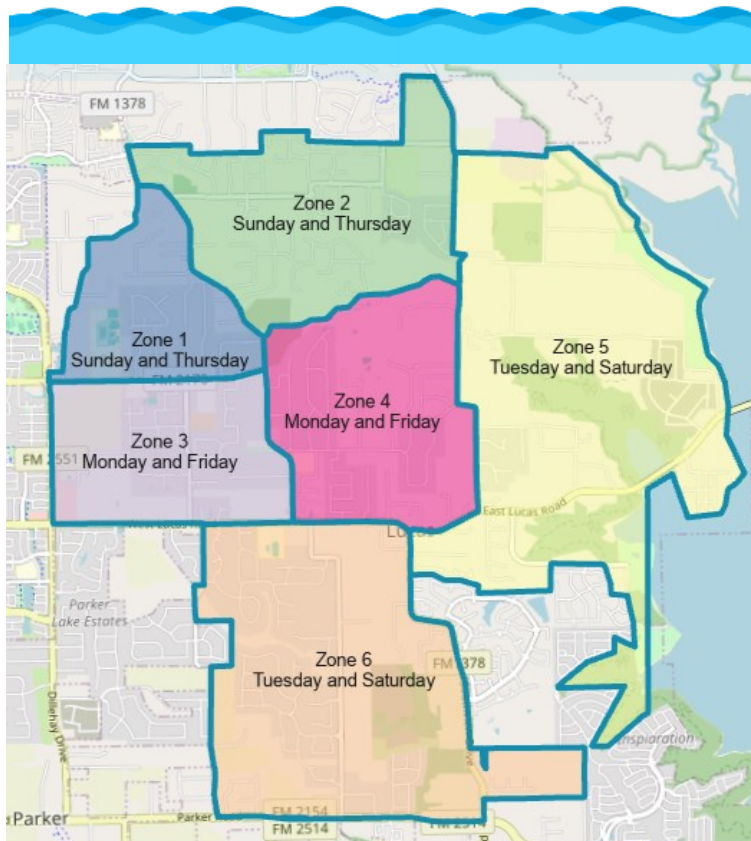


COMMUNITY FOCUSED WATERING AND CONSERVATION

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 at 972-912-1205.



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 a.m. on your service day. CWD picks up all items between 7:00 am and 7:00 p.m. 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.**

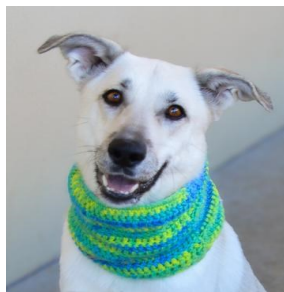
For more information on CWD guidelines for trash, recycling, bulk, brush, household hazardous waste, used electronics, and to view your scheduled service day, please go to: www.communitywastedisposal.com/find-my-city/lucas.

For questions related to trash/recycling service, please call 972-912-1205.



THE COLLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER IS LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR ODESSA

Odesa is a female Shepherd mix. She is located at the Collin County Animal Services at 4750 Community Boulevard in the Collin County Justice Complex in McKinney. For more information on how to bring Odesa home, call Collin County Animal Services at 972-547-7292 or visit their website at: collincountytx.animalshelternet.com.



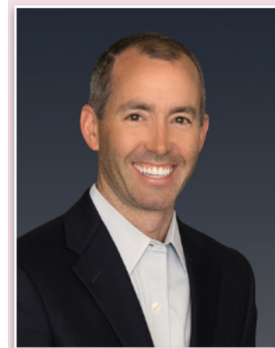
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE By Dusty Kuykendall

Dear Citizens of Lucas,

I hope this message finds you well and energized as we embrace another exciting season in our community. As your Mayor, I want to take a moment to emphasize the importance of staying connected and fostering open communication between our residents and city staff.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional city staff, always ready to assist with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. They are dedicated to serving you and ensuring that Lucas continues to be an outstanding place to live, work, and play. If you ever need support or have inquiries about city services, ongoing projects, or upcoming events, please don't hesitate to reach out.

For the most up-to-date news, announcements, and event details, I encourage you to visit the Lucas website and follow our Official Facebook page. These platforms are reliable, convenient resources to stay informed about city meetings, programs, and public notices.

As your Mayor, I am always available. Whether you have a specific concern that needs attention or simply want to share your ideas for our city's future, I am here to listen and assist. Your input is vital to the ongoing growth and success of Lucas. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community. Together, we can ensure Lucas remains a welcoming home for all.

Dusty Kuykendall
City of Lucas Mayor

CITY OF LUCAS 2025 GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Lucas general election will be held on May 3, 2025. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot, City Council Seat 5, and City Council Seat 6. Each City Council seat serves a three-year term. Applications for a place on the ballot will be available from the City Secretary's office beginning January 2, 2025. Candidates may file an application with the City Secretary beginning Wednesday, January 15, 2025, through Friday, February 14, 2025. 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.

2025 GENERAL ELECTION & EARLY VOTING DAYS

Early Voting Dates (General Election)		
Tuesday - Saturday	April 22 - 26, 2025	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday & Tuesday	April 28 - 29, 2025	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Election Day (General Election)		
Saturday	May 3, 2025	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- February 6** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 13** Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 20** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- February 26** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 14** Election Candidate Filing Closes
- February 14** Valentines Day



Save the Date
**Saturday
April 5, 2025**

LUCAS HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK WITH RECYCLING

Over the past twelve months, households in Lucas have recycled an impressive average of **684** pounds of material—equivalent to **57** pounds per month. To put this into perspective, the national average is just under 21 pounds per month. This remarkable achievement highlights the strong commitment of Lucas residents to our recycling program and environmental stewardship. Your efforts make a significant difference, and we are incredibly proud of our community's dedication to sustainability.

Thank you for your continued participation and support. Keep up the fantastic work, Lucas!

It's important to RECYCLE RIGHT

- Plastic Containers #1-5 & #7**
- Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes**
- Aluminum, Steel, & Tin Containers**
- Glass Bottles & Containers**
- Corrugated Cardboard & Boxboard**
- Mixed Paper, Newspaper, etc.**

DO NOT RECYCLE

Always **EMPTY, CLEAN, & DRY** and **LOOSE IN THE CART**
972.392.9300/Option 2

CWD

- Plastic Bags**
They tangle recycling equipment.
- Packaging Materials**
- Styrofoam**
- Food or Wet Waste**
These belong in the trash.
- Paper Towels/Toilet Tissue**
- Bagged Leaves, Grass Clippings, and Branches**
- Lightbulbs/Window Panes**
Items constructed of multiple materials are not accepted.
- Shredded Paper**
The small pieces get caught in recycling equipment.
- Paper & Plastic Food Serving Items**
These items are not recyclable for many reasons, including probable food contamination and cutlery size.

CRACK SEALING LUCAS ROADS: SAFETY & LONGEVITY

The City of Lucas is committed to ensuring its roadways remain safe, smooth, and well-maintained for all residents and visitors. As part of this commitment, the city has initiated a comprehensive crack sealing program aimed at preserving the quality of its roads and extending their lifespan.

Drivers may have noticed some new black markings on some of Lucas' streets. These black marks are crack sealant. The City of Lucas recently completed a round of crack sealing as part of our commitment to ensuring that roadways remain in good condition.

Crack sealing is a cost-effective pavement maintenance technique that involves filling cracks in the asphalt sealant. This process prevents water, debris, and other damaging elements from penetrating the road's surface, which can lead to potholes, further cracking, and costly repairs. Crack sealing helps to improve safety and extend the life of existing road infrastructure. This is typically prioritized on newer pavement sections as first line maintenance since it is most effective early in the pavement Lifecycle.

For questions about crack sealing or other road maintenance please email phubbard@lucastexas.us or call 972-912-1209. You are also encouraged to submit any requests for service through the Lucas Service Request Center available at lucastexas.us home page under "How Do I."



DRONE AS A FIRST RESPONDER

After almost a year of research and collaboration, the City of Lucas and the Lovejoy Independent School District (LISD) have jointly purchased a drone. This exciting collaboration between the City of Lucas and LISD is a major step forward in enhancing community safety and security. This first-of-its-kind partnership will equip both agencies with a powerful drone equipped with advanced sensors, thermal imaging, autonomous deployment, remote piloting, live feed monitoring, and automated reporting. The DJI-M30 drone along with the Internet based software "Watchtower" can be remotely flown by our trained pilots with an on-scene "visual observer".

Special recognition to Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Fulton for bringing the research and collaboration idea to Fire Chief Ted Stephens. After multiple meetings with the LISD personnel, specifically Casey Littlefield-Director of Safety and Security, Kyle Pursifull-Executive Director of District Support Services, and Katie Kordel-School Superintendent, City officials and School officials decided to pursue the interlocal agreement to secure the purchase. A huge thank you to the LISD School Board and the City of Lucas City Council for unanimously approving the agreement and the purchase of the drone.

Firefighter/Paramedic Andrew Fulton has been named LFR's lead pilot and is currently training additional pilots for the City. School Marshals Jorge Jacquez and Shaun Tomlinson are lead pilots for the school district.

All paperwork and compliance documents have been submitted and approved by the FAA and the drone is ready for its first mission. The City's primary use of the drone will be for structure fires and missing persons, but additional responses may include horse accidents on the trail, motor vehicle collisions, water line breaks, and survey flights for the city's engineering department.

The drone system, tailored specifically for governmental use, will significantly elevate safety and security measures for both the school district and the community. The City of Lucas Fire-Rescue will house the drone, with personnel from both the Fire Department and Lovejoy ISD trained as operators - providing critical redundancy to support rapid response during emergencies.



LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES



The new year is here, and with it comes the 2025 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 2025 season, along with a highlight of Lucas history from our Councilmember and City Historian Debbie Fisher. The 2025 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 26, 2025. 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 2025 Lucas Farmers Market, contact Communications & Event Specialist, Donna Bradshaw by phone at 972-912-1208 or by email at dbradshaw@lucastexas.us.

2025 Lucas Farmers Market Season		
Saturday, April 26		Saturday, June 28
Saturday, May 3	Mini Market	Saturday, July 12
Saturday, May 10		Saturday, August 23
Saturday, May 17	Mini Market	Saturday, September 13
Saturday, May 24		Saturday, September 27
Saturday, June 7	Mini Market	Saturday, October 11
Saturday, June 14		Saturday, October 25
Saturday, June 21	Mini Market	Friday, December 5 Holiday Market

Want detailed notifications for the City of Lucas?

Text LUCAS to 888777

Stay Informed Stay Safe!

SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE LOCAL ALERTS

RECEIVE CITY OF LUCAS ALERTS - SIGN UP TODAY! TEXT LUCAS TO 888777

STAY INFORMED & STAY SAFE: The City of Lucas is committed to keeping our residents informed and safe. That's why we've partnered with Nixle, a trusted Community Notification System, to provide real-time alerts for localized emergencies and important community updates.

SIGN UP IS QUICK & EASY: Text LUCAS to 888777 from your mobile phone to receive text alerts. Want detailed notifications? Submit your mobile phone number and email address using the form at www.lucastexas.us/nixle to receive both text and email alerts.

Don't miss out on critical updates. Be the first to know about road closures, severe weather, public safety notifications, and more! Sign up today and stay connected!