

**CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN
STUBBLEFIELD CITY COUNCIL SEAT 2**



The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Board of Adjustment Vice-Chairman Brian Stubblefield, who will be sworn in on May 16, 2024 for City Council Seat 2.

Councilmember Stubblefield moved to Lucas for its small town feel, two lane roads, opportunity for livestock, farmers markets, and other activities. He hopes to bring resolve and experience from his law enforcement career that will help strengthen public safety for Lucas residents.

During his term, Councilmember Stubblefield wants to encourage growth and development that adds value while not detracting from the unique qualities of Lucas. Additionally, he wants to work with the Collin County Sheriff's Office and Lucas Fire-Rescue to provide strategic planning for public safety while additionally providing home safety and security education for Lucas citizens.

Outside of his community service, Councilmember Stubblefield serves as the Team Leader for the Allen Heights Baptist Church Security Team, leads a successful career in law enforcement, and has worked as a youth sports coach for over 14 years. Welcome to the City Council, Councilmember Stubblefield!

**CONGRATULATIONS PHILIP LAWRENCE
CITY COUNCIL SEAT 4**



The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Councilmember Philip Lawrence on his reelection for City Council Seat 4.

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Councilmember Lawrence moved to the City of Lucas for its open spaces, country living lifestyle, and top rated school district! Councilmember Lawrence and his wife felt that it was the "best place on earth" to bring and raise their two children, who have now been successful graduates of Lovejoy ISD.

During his new term, Councilmember Lawrence wants to stay committed to promoting the high quality of life that is enjoyed in Lucas, while remaining a strong supporter of low-density housing, large lot sizes, Lucas Fire-Rescue, Collin County Sheriff's Office, and all school districts that are a part of the City of Lucas. Councilmember Lawrence is excited to continue his voting record for "highest and best use" businesses in commercial areas and ensuring residents have continued easy access to City staff.

Councilmember Lawrence looks forward to continuing to be a vital part of Lucas' future by helping to ensure the City continues to "Keep it Country!"

**CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS BIERMAN
CITY COUNCIL SEAT 3**



The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Planning and Zoning Commissioner Chris Bierman, who will be sworn in on May 16, 2024 for City Council Seat 3.

Councilmember Bierman moved to Lucas in 2010 in order to experience the dream of seeing his horses in his own backyard. He has since volunteered with the City on both the Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Commission. He hopes to use this experience and care during his term on the City Council.

During his term, Councilmember Bierman wants to support community events like Founders Day and the Lucas Farmers Market while working with staff to ensure that necessary public resources and utilities remain available and development is carefully managed.

Outside of his service on City Council, Councilmember Bierman operates a youth sports and apparel customization business in Allen. He and his wife are active members of the Lone Star 4-H Horse Club and have spent the last four years before their daughter's graduation watching her perform as a Lovejoy Majestic at Friday night football games. Welcome to the City Council, Councilmember Bierman!

**CONGRATULATIONS NEIL PETERSON
CITY COUNCIL SEAT 6**



The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Neil Peterson, who will be sworn in on May 16, 2024 for City Council Seat 6.

Councilmember Peterson moved to Lucas nine years ago after an over 40 year career with Raytheon. He hopes to leverage his experience, hard work, accountability, and high ethical standards to benefit the lives of Lucas residents and make Lucas the best place to live.

During his term, Councilmember Peterson's goals include maintaining the Lucas lifestyle and its large lot sizes, rural feel, and animal ownership. Further, he is committed to maintaining and improving infrastructure while retaining one of the lowest tax rates in the North Texas area. He is also looking to maintain transparency in city operations, fiscal discipline, and hopes to foster positive relationships with local school districts.

When not working on his consulting business or serving on the City Council, Councilmember Peterson enjoys spending time with his family at Lake Cypress Springs and volunteering at Citizens Church! Welcome to the City Council, Councilmember Peterson!



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**MAYOR'S MESSAGE
WELCOME NEW CITY MAYOR
DUSTY KUYKENDALL**

In 2016, my wife Beatrice and I decided to leave Dallas in search of more space and better schools for our growing family. With friends in the Lucas area, we began our search and in 2017 we moved to Lucas and have never looked back! On any given day we will find our two boys, Benjamin (three) and Maximilian (eight) outside with the chickens, fishing in the creek or collecting whatever insect wasn't quick enough to get away. When we do get away for vacation, we are normally headed to Colorado for a ski trip or out into the Rocky Mountains camping and fly fishing. No matter where we go, we are always anxious to get back home.

Stepping into the role of Mayor, I have big shoes to fill. Mayor Jim Olk served Lucas for nine wonderful years, working to preserve all the aspects of what makes Lucas so special. Lucas remains a true gem because of the hard work Mayor Olk and the City Council have done, and I along with the City Council will be working even harder to ensure we keep it that way. As Mayor, my goal is to continue this legacy of preserving Lucas while planning for our future. As growth is happening both in and around Lucas, we feel the impacts daily. Working alongside City Staff and City Council we will be focusing how best to address those areas, such as traffic, increased roadway maintenance, water infrastructure, and our taxes so that we can preserve what makes Lucas such a special place to call home. I look forward to getting to work!

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to serve you and I am looking forward to the years to come.



**FAREWELL TO MAYOR
JIM OLK**

Well, this is my last time to write in the Lucas Leader. I have to say that it is bittersweet. On one side we are looking forward to moving into our lake home, but on the other, we keep looking at the things we are moving away from. After 22 years in Lucas, we really feel engrained in the fabric of the community. When we started looking at houses in the area, we were drawn to the feel of Lucas. It felt like home and after so many years, it is home. Although it has changed, as all communities do, it is still that unique little pocket of tranquility that changes you as you drive into it.

When we first moved out here, we used to tell people to drive east through Allen and when you think you have gone too far, keep going. Eventually you will come to a tee intersection and turn left. It was that "when you think you have gone too far" part that makes the difference. There was and still is a change as you drive out of the "city" and into Lucas. It is a palpable difference. It is also what we work so hard to try and maintain.

Although there are new members on City Council, I feel that they are all committed to maintaining Lucas as an oasis that people want to call home. I urge you to support them as they make decisions that keep Lucas the way we love it to be, but also as they look toward the future and have to decide how to minimize the impact of neighboring development that can certainly affect our quality of life.

I will close my time as your Mayor by saying THANK YOU to each of you for allowing me to serve in all the capacities that you have allowed me to serve. It has fulfilled me as a person, given me a passion to serve, and compassion for my Lucas neighbors.

Thank you!
Mayor Jim Olk



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/>.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- June 8** Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park
- June 22** Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park

THANK YOU TO ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER KENT SOURIYASAK

On May 31, 2024, Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak will be leaving the City of Lucas team. While with the City, Kent has played an instrumental role in many administrative processes, including implementing I.T. solutions to expedite community services, managing and executing a conservative budget, and helping manage many of our special events, including Founders Day, Country Christmas, and the Lucas Car Show.

Kent’s service to the Lucas community has been impactful in many aspects of service delivery and quality of life for the community. The City of Lucas staff wish him the best in his future endeavors.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES

The Lucas Farmers Market is here and is in full swing! It is hard to believe that May has almost come and gone! Remember—the Lucas Farmers Market is held every second and fourth Saturday of each month at Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road). Stop by for a fun special event, artisan vendors, and to restock on all of your favorite local produce. Looking to have your kitchen knives professionally sharpened? Each fourth Saturday of the Lucas Farmers Market will feature Blade Runner Knife Sharpening to put an edge back on your knives!



June 8, 2024 - Fourth Annual Ice Cream Crank Off
Summer is here and temperatures are heating up! Nothing beats the incoming summer heat like ice cream and the Lucas Farmers Market! Get your homemade ice cream recipes out and dust off those ice cream machines. This contest is free to enter. All proceeds of this event support our local All Community Outreach (ACO). To register for a spot in the competition, send an email to farmersmarket@lucastexas.us.

June 22, 2024 - 1st Annual Sidewalk Art Contest
Want to leave your artistic mark on the Community Park? Grab your team and chalk to decorate the best six-foot plot of sidewalk at the Lucas Farmers Market! Competitions will be divided by age group, and chalk will be provided for teams to use. Stop by and enjoy this amazing display of art!

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

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER ALANA COHEN RECEIVES TMHRA RISING STAR AWARD



On May 7, 2024, at the TMHRA Annual Conference, Human Resources Manager Alana Cohen received the Rising Star Award for the many accomplishments she has had in her less than four years with the City, including the streamlining of various onboarding processes and development of employee retention and training. Alana has been a champion for taking Lucas into the future. She is a loyal leader to the employees of Lucas and thus has a lasting and important impact on the community we serve. Thank you to Alana for being an amazing member of the City of Lucas team!

WELCOME NEW CITY MANAGER JOHN WHITSELL



Please join City of Lucas staff in welcoming our new City Manager John Whitsell. John Whitsell is a native Texan and has been involved in municipal government for nearly 30 years. He has most recently served the City of Chandler for five years as their City Administrator. John has held other municipal positions including serving as the City Manager for the City of Clarksville and Mayor and City Councilman for the City of Troup. He is a Certified Public Manager and obtained an MBA from LeTourneau University in Longview. He has held positions with the Chandler Volunteer Fire Department, Troup Volunteer Fire Department, former Trustee of Troup ISD, President of Troup Economic Development Corporation, Interim Director of the Chandler Area Economic Development Corporation, board member of Keep Chandler Beautiful, past president of Texas City Management Association (TCMA) Region 5 and member of TCMA. John is married to his wife, Amanda, and together they have five grown children and one grandchild. Welcome to Lucas, John!

APPLY NOW FOR A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

The City of Lucas is accepting applications from residents who are wanting to serve the community on a board or commission. Specifically, the recent City Council election has created openings in the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment. If you are interested in volunteering for a board or commission, visit our website to apply at www.lucastexas.us/boards-commissions-volunteer-application, or email City Secretary Toshia Kimball at tkimball@lucastexas.us to learn how to apply.

MEET YOUR NEWEST LUCAS FIREFIGHTER - GARRETT COKER

Lucas Fire-Rescue would like to introduce its newest team member, Firefighter Garrett Coker! Garrett comes to the City of Lucas from Caddo Mills, bringing with him three and a half years of experience as a firefighter and EMT. Garrett attended and completed his EMT at RC Health Services Academy and Fire Academy at the Kilgore College Fire Academy. When he is not working with the Lucas Fire-Rescue team, he loves to spend time traveling, fishing, and going to church with friends. Welcome to Lucas, Garrett!



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

Tiger is a male two-year old German Sheppard mix. He 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 Tiger home, visit the Collin County Animal Services webpage at: collincountytx.animalshelter.net.com.



VIOLATIONS OF CITY WATER SCHEDULE

As the summer approaches, so to does the need to conserve water. On April 1, 2024, the City of Lucas’ watering schedule went into effect. The schedule imposes specific watering days and times that all water customers must follow for watering in order to remain in compliance with the City’s Water Conservation Plan. **No watering should occur after 10:00 am or before 6:00 pm.** Water customers found violating the outdoor watering schedule will receive one warning and subsequent violations will be subject to administrative fees. The first offense will result in a certified letter notifying of violation. The second offense will result in a \$500 fee. The third and subsequent offenses will result in a \$2,000 fee. **All residential and non-residential water customers are subject to these administrative fees in the circumstance they are found in violation of watering days or times.** This includes businesses and professional parks, homeowners’ associations, home builders, land developers, and any other entities.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

CELEBRATING YOUTH ARTISTS

On April 25, 2024, the City of Lucas hosted the fifth annual reception for Arts in Public Places at City Hall. This exhibit features the work of local art students ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade. The artwork will be featured in City Hall for a year and highlights just how creative and talented the young minds of Lucas are. The exhibit features stills from sculptures, oil based paintings, photographs, drawings, and more. Be sure to stop by City Hall to check out these amazing works of art!

