

FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday, April 12, 2025 10 AM - 2 PM



Join us for Founders Day on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at **Lucas Community Park**, located next to City Hall. This beloved annual tradition celebrates the people & history that make Lucas such a special place. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Lucas, Founders day is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled day of community spirit, activities, entertainment, and great food! Admission is completely **FREE**, so bring your family & friends for an unforgettable day of fun! We hope to see you at the fair!

Fun At the Fair This year's event is packed with activities for all ages, including: CARNIVAL RIDES • MECHANICAL BULL • PETTING ZOO • FACE PAINTING • OBSTACLE COURSE & BOUNCE HOUSE • PONY RACES • STICK HORSE RODEO • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT including "One Man Band" & a Dolly Parton Tribute • LUCAS, TX HISTORICAL EXHIBIT • LEGACY 4H SILENT AUCTION • PHOTO BOOTH • CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY • and a variety of food & beverage vendors on-site, offering delicious options to keep you fueled for all the fun!

Event Parking & Shuttle Information There will be **NO PUBLIC PARKING** at **Lucas Community Park** on the day of the event. Instead, shuttle services will be available from the following locations:



Hart Elementary School
450 Country Club Road



Lovejoy High School
2350 Estates Parkway

Shuttle services begin at 9:30 AM & will run through out the event. The last shuttle will leave City Hall at 2:30 PM, so plan accordingly! Handicap parking will be available at the schools & the shuttle buses are ADA friendly with lifts.

For event updates & details, visit lucastexas.us/foundersday & the City of Lucas, TX Facebook page. We look forward to celebrating with you! *To participate in the Stick Horse Rodeo, participants must wear closed toe shoes.*



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Art in Public Places Reception

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 5 PM - 7 PM

The City of Lucas proudly presents Art in Public Places, a special event celebrating the incredible talent of Lovejoy ISD students! Join us at Lucas City Hall as we showcase the creative works of these young artists. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, appreciate local student art, and support the next generation of creatives.

Bring your family and friends for an inspiring evening of art and community! We can't wait to see you there! Light refreshments will be served.



2025 Service Tree Award Recipients

Congratulations to **Kathleen Peele** & **Ron Grotti**, 2025 recipients of the City of Lucas Service Tree Award. The Service Tree Award program was established in 2015 to recognize individuals or groups who have contributed a significant and useful service to the community.

Kathleen Peele was honored for her dedication & service to the Lucas community as Councilmember & May Pro Tem, the Parks & Open Spaces Board, the Board of Adjustment, (2) Home Rule Charter Committees, as the originator and leader of the annual Stick Horse Rodeo, providing exemplary leadership, ensuring transparency of city finances while maintaining the quality-of-life Lucas residents enjoy today.

Ron Grotti was honored for serving as one of the pioneering volunteer firefighters for Lucas, leading as Fire Chief for multiple years, his vision shaped the department with major equipment purchases & dedication to training, emphasizing safety that saved lives & leaves a legacy of safety, service, courage, & integrity.

Lucas Car Show

Saturday, May 17, 2025 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Excitement for the Lucas Car Show is beginning to rev up! This year's Lucas Car Show will be held at Lovejoy High School (2340 Estates Parkway, Lucas, TX 75002) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 17, 2025. All classic, custom, lifted, or exotic cars are welcome to participate in the event. General admission for viewers is free.

Parking for vehicles entering the show will open at 7:00 am. Trophies will be awarded at 11:30 am. Stay tuned for more specifics in the next newsletter about the Lucas Car Show!

For more information and to learn how to enter the car show, please contact Communications & Event Specialist Donna Bradshaw via email at dbradshaw@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1208.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Dusty Kuykendall

Dear Lucas Residents,

As April begins, our community is full of energy with events that bring us together. I'm excited to share key updates and activities that reflect our dedication to the environment, our heritage, and civic engagement.

Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup – April 5, 2025

Join us on Saturday, April 5, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the annual Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup. This event is a wonderful opportunity for residents of all ages to come together and enhance the natural beauty of our city. Volunteers will choose a location within Lucas that could use a little TLC! Whether it's your neighborhood, a public park, or another safe area. Your participation not only fosters community pride but also contributes to a cleaner and greener Lucas. Students can earn community service hours for volunteering. To sign up or learn more, please visit the city's official website.

Founders Day Celebration – April 12, 2025

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, as we gather at the Lucas Community Park to commemorate our city's rich history during the Founders Day Country Fair. This beloved tradition offers a day filled with family-friendly activities, local vendors, live entertainment, and a showcase of Lucas's heritage. It's an excellent opportunity to connect with neighbors, support local artisans, and celebrate the unique character of our community.

Art in Public Places Opening Reception – April 22, 2025

Art enthusiasts are invited to the Art in Public Places Opening Reception on Thursday, April 22, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall. This event celebrates the creativity of local artists and the integration of art into our public spaces. Come and enjoy an evening of artistic expression and community engagement.

Lucas Farmers Market – April 26, 2025

On Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, the Lucas Farmers Market will host its Spring Plant Sale at the Community Park. Vendors will offer a variety of plants and vegetables suitable for our North Texas region, including heirloom and hard-to-find varieties. Additionally, there will be a presentation on "Backyard Chickens," providing insights into starting and maintaining your own coop. This event is perfect for gardening enthusiasts and those interested in sustainable living.

City of Lucas Car Show – May 17, 2025

Calling all classic car enthusiasts! Join us for the City of Lucas Car Show on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at LoveJoy High School. This exciting event will feature a stunning lineup of classic cars, muscle cars, and unique vehicles from across the region. Whether you're a car owner, enthusiast, or just looking for a fun family outing, this event promises something for everyone. Trophies will be awarded in multiple categories!

City Council Meetings

Your involvement in local governance is vital. The City Council will convene on April 3 and April 17 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and provide a platform for residents to voice their opinions and stay informed about city initiatives. Agendas and live streaming options are available on the city's website.

May 3, 2025, General Election

Looking ahead, please be reminded that the General Election was scheduled for May 3, 2025. However, both candidates for City Council Seats 5 and 6 are unopposed, so the City is cancelling the election. As a result, the Lucas Community Center will not be open for voting. Thank you for your continued civic engagement.

April promises to be a month rich with opportunities to engage, volunteer, and celebrate all that makes Lucas special. I look forward to seeing you at these events and working together to continue building a vibrant and connected community.

Warm regards,

Dusty Kuykendall

May 3, 2025 - Joint General & Special Election

Early Voting Schedule	
Tues, April 22 - Sat, April 26, 2025	8 AM - 5 PM
Mon, April 28 - Tues, April 29, 2025	7 AM - 7 PM
Election Day	
Sat, May 3, 2025	7 AM - 7 PM

Polling Location:
VOTE!

Lovejoy ISD Admin Building
259 Country Club Road
Lucas, Texas 75002



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

MEETINGS

- April 3** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 10** Planning and Zoning
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 17** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- April 22** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 5** Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup
Various Locations | 9:00 am
- April 12** Founders Day Country Fair
Community Park | 10:00 am
- April 18** Good Friday
City Hall is Closed
- April 22** Early Voting Begins
Lovejoy ISD Admin Building
259 Country Club Road
- April 22** Art in Public Places Reception
Lucas City Hall | 5:00 pm
- April 26** Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park | 8:00 am
- May 3** General Election Day
Lovejoy ISD Admin Building
259 Country Club Road



Lucas Farmers Market Updates

Spring is here, and with it comes the Lucas Farmers Market! Mark your calendar! The Lucas Farmers Market season is beginning this month! We are beyond excited to welcome another amazing year and see all of our produce and artisan vendors for another season.

Interested in volunteering to help at one of the Saturday markets? The volunteer registration form can be found online at this link: lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form. Any assistance is appreciated and we love to see our residents at the market!

Are you a local farmer, baker, artisan, or small business owner looking for a great way to connect with the community? The Lucas Farmers Market is looking for vendors for the upcoming season! Don't miss out—apply today! For more details & vendor applications visit lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market!

THIS MONTH AT THE Farmers Market

April 26, 2025 - Spring Plant Sale & Backyard Chickens

On April 26, the Lucas Farmers Market will host a "Spring Plant Sale". Vendors will bring a variety of plants and vegetables that do great in our North Texas region. Many heirloom and hard to get varieties will be offered! Additionally, there will be a presentation on "Backyard Chickens," providing insights into starting and maintaining your own coop. This event is perfect for gardening enthusiasts and those interested in sustainable living.

Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 5, 2025 9 AM - 1 PM

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. KLB is committed to ensuring the Lucas community remains a clean and beautiful place to live. Here are the specifics for this year's event:

Sign-Up Online: lucastexas.us/event/klb-spring-cleanup & choose an area within Lucas you would like to cleanup, for example neighborhoods, public parks, and other safe areas.

Pick Up Supplies: Available at City Hall between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from Monday, March 31 to Friday, April 4, 2025 or at 9:00 am on the day of the event.

Trash Collection: At the conclusion of your cleanup, choose a central location on the side of the roadway to leave trash bags. You may keep your cleanup supplies or leave them with the trash bags for pickup.

The City encourages residents to support the KLB Spring Cleanup by participating as a cleanup volunteer at the event. Students can also receive community service hours for volunteering. If you have any questions, please contact Communications & Event Specialist Donna Bradshaw at dbradshaw@lucastexas.us or 972-912-1208.



Prevent & Report Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is more than just an eyesore—it's a serious threat to our water quality. When trash, chemicals, or yard waste are improperly discarded in ditches, storm drains, or waterways, they can contaminate the very water we rely on. Stormwater from drainage ditches works its way into our creeks and eventually into Lake Lavon and Lake Ray Hubbard. That means any dumped waste can introduce harmful bacteria, toxic chemicals, and debris into our water system, endangering aquatic life and possibly contaminating drinking water supply. Clean stormwater is also essential for safe and enjoyable lake recreation and dumped materials threaten swimming, fishing, and boating in our local lakes.

A clean environment starts at home, with responsible waste disposal. In partnership with CWD, the City of Lucas offers convenient options for bulk and hazardous waste disposal. To explore disposal options, please visit lucastexas.us/cwd or call 972-392-9300, Option 2.

You can report illegal dumping or other stormwater violations through the City of Lucas Service Request Center available at lucastexas.us or contact Code Enforcement at 972-912-1215. For more general information and resources on stormwater please visit lucastexas.us/stormwater-information or call 972-912-1209.

City of Lucas Watering Schedule

Following your watering day is a crucial part of water conservation and ensures that an adequate supply of water can be pumped and supplied to Lucas families throughout the year. The Summer watering schedule takes effect from April 1 to October 31. This allows for twice per week watering on set days in defined areas of the city. The current schedule is available online at: lucastexas.us/watering-days.



2025 Farmers Market Schedule	
Date	Special Events
Saturday, April 26	Spring Plant Sale & Backyard Chickens
Saturday, May 10	Build a Bird House
Saturday, May 17	Farm to Table Market (perishables only)
Saturday, May 24	Animal Shelter Adoption Event
Saturday, May 31	Farm to Table Market (perishables only)
Saturday, June 7	Farm to Table Market (perishables only)
Saturday, June 14	Cooking Demonstration
Saturday, June 21	Farm to Table Market (perishables only)
Saturday, June 28	Annual Ice Cream Crank Off
Saturday, July 5	Farm to Table Market (perishables only)
Saturday, July 12	Picnic in the Park
Saturday, August 23	Back to School Celebration
Saturday, September 13	9/11 Memorial and Public Safety Event
Saturday, September 27	Third Annual Robotics Exhibition
Saturday, October 11	Pumpkin Painting & Lovejoy Art Sale
Saturday, October 25	Trick or Treat
Friday, December 5	Country Christmas and Holiday Market

Explore the Trinity Trail with TTPA

The Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) is inviting Lucas residents to its inaugural, hikers-only "Explore the Trinity Trail" event on April 19, 2025 at 9:00 am. Each month, TTPA will explore a different segment of the Trinity Trail within Lucas. A TTPA member will lead hikers on a family-friendly hiking experience on the trail. Bring comfortable hiking boots or shoes, insect repellent, water, and a love for nature. The first three dates for the trail event and the starting locations are attached below. For more information, go to the TTPA website at www.trinitytrailriders.org.

Saturday, April 19	Brockdale Park Trailhead
Saturday, May 24	Highland Park Trailhead
Saturday, June 7	East Winningkoff Trailhead

Firewise in Lucas: Keeping Our Community Safe

Since 2013, Lucas has been a Firewise community, working to reduce wildfire risks in areas where homes meet wildland. Firewise is a collaborative effort that helps homeowners make their properties more resistant to fires, particularly within the first 5 feet around their homes.

Firewise Principles for Homeowners To help reduce the risk of wildfire damage, consider these important Firewise principles:

- Clear debris from roofs and gutters
- Maintain your roof
- Secure vents & attic openings
- Inspect windows and screens
- Move flammable materials away from your home

For additional information, visit nfpa.org/firewise-usa

Maintaining Our Firewise Community Status

Lucas must invest at least \$2.00 per capita annually in Firewise projects. The estimated cost per household is \$25.43, but homeowners can offset this by documenting fire-prevention efforts, such as clearing debris and maintaining defensible space. Submit your 2025 Firewise documentation at lucastexas.us/fire-prevention. For questions, contact Fire Chief Ted Stephens at (972) 727-1242 or tstephens@lucastexas.us.



Open to all High School ages students residing in Texas' Third Congressional District

Now through April 12, 2025 by 5 PM: Enter with Google Form (Scan QR Below)

Now through April 17, 2025 by 5 PM: All Artwork Due in Office

Collin County Office
4500 Eldorado Parkway, Suite 3500
McKinney, Texas 75070
Open
Monday - Friday (9 AM - 5 PM)
(972) 202-4150

Hunt County Office
2410 Lee Street, Suite 202
Greenville, Texas 75401
Open
Monday & Wednesday (9 AM - 2 PM)
(903) 458-7037

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Gallery Open to the Public
Blue House Too, 970 Watters Creek Blvd, Allen, TX 75013
Tuesday, April 21 - April 25 (1 PM - 7 PM)
Saturday, April 26, 2025 (11 AM - 5 PM)

Reception & Winner's Announcement
Saturday, April 26, 2025 (6 PM—7:30 PM)

1st Place: Winning artwork will be displayed in Cannon Tunnel in the Capitol for 1 year. Winner & (1) guest are invited to the winner's reception in Washington D.C. in June/July (Date TBD)

2nd Place: Displayed in Representative Keith Self's D.C. office for 1 year

3rd & 4th Place: Displayed in Representative Keith Self's McKinney & Greenville offices for 1 year

For questions email: heather.garrett@mail.house.gov

IMMEDIATE ZONE
0 - 5 FEET

INTERMEDIATE ZONE
5 - 30 FEET

EXTENDED ZONE
30 - 100 FEET

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