

**This 4th of July, Let the Pros Light the Sky**

The City of Lucas wants everyone to have a safe Fourth of July, but please do not include discharging fireworks as part of your festivities. We want to remind everyone that the use of fireworks is prohibited. More importantly, the City of Lucas prides itself on being animal friendly and fireworks can be very dangerous to our pets and livestock. Discharging fireworks can also cause problems for our veterans and families with young children as well. Using fireworks is prohibited by City ordinance in the city limits of Lucas. Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement Officers will be patrolling throughout the Fourth of July holiday weekend and any person found in violation will have their fireworks confiscated and may also receive a citation. Here are some helpful tips about the use of fireworks.

**Q What should I do if my neighbor is setting off fireworks?**

**A** Call 972-547-5100 and press option "2" to reach the non-emergency dispatch operator.

**Q Can I shoot fireworks from land that I own in the City of Lucas?**

**A** No. This is a violation of City ordinance.

**Q I have lived in Lucas for years and discharged fireworks, is this a new regulation?**

**A** No. Fireworks have been prohibited since November 1979.

If a fire is found to be started accidentally and damages the property of another, you may be subject to a fine. In either case, you may be held civilly liable for damages.

Residents are encouraged to celebrate the Fourth of July without the use of fireworks. There are many Independence Day celebrations that include a professional fireworks display nearby. Should you have any questions regarding fireworks within the City, contact the City's Code Enforcement Officer Jonny Lang at 972-912-1215 or by email at [jlang@lucastexas.us](mailto:jlang@lucastexas.us).



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**Welcome Firefighter/Paramedic Clayton Bass**



Please join us in welcoming **Clayton Bass**, who joined the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue as a Firefighter/Paramedic on June 2, 2025. A native of McKinney, Texas, Clayton discovered his passion for the fire service while working at TEEX Disaster City while attending college at Texas A&M University. It was there that he witnessed the strong bonds and camaraderie among firefighters—an experience that inspired him to pursue this meaningful career.

Clayton is excited to serve the Lucas community, connect with residents, and provide help wherever it's needed. He shared, *"Serving the community means making sure the needs and interests of the community are met and helping those who need it."*

In his free time, Clayton enjoys sports and family time and is looking forward to marrying his fiancée, Destiny, in June 2026. We're thrilled to have him on the team!

**POSSESSION & USE OF FIREWORKS IS ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF LUCAS**



**Outdoor Burning Regulations & Fire Prevention Tips**

As wildfire season approaches in Texas, Lucas Fire-Rescue wants to remind residents to follow outdoor burning regulations to help prevent fires. If you plan to burn outdoors, you must meet these safety requirements:

- ◆ No county burn ban in effect
- ◆ Fire must be constantly attended
- ◆ Burn pile must be 3 feet or smaller in diameter and 2 feet or less in height
- ◆ Only firewood and natural tree branches from your property may be burned
- ◆ Fires in approved containers must be at least 15 feet from structures
- ◆ Open burns must be 25 feet from property lines
- ◆ Keep a fire extinguisher, water hose, or shovel with dirt nearby
- ◆ Ensure fires do not create smoke nuisances or traffic hazards
- ◆ Fires must be in open areas with a clear sky view (not under trees or canopies)



For full regulations and safety tips, scan the QR code or visit [lucastexas.us/documents/outdoorburning/](http://lucastexas.us/documents/outdoorburning/).

**Chewy is Looking for His Forever Home**



Say hello to **Chewy**, a lovable pup looking for his forever home! Chewy is a one year old, medium-sized dog with a gentle heart and a playful spirit. Whether you're looking for a loyal companion or a new family member, Chewy could be the perfect fit.

If you're interested in adopting Chewy or learning more, please contact Collin County Animal Services at (972) 547-7292 or visit [collincountytx.gov/Services/Animal-Services/adoptable-pets](http://collincountytx.gov/Services/Animal-Services/adoptable-pets). Let's help Chewy find the loving home he deserves!

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**Mayor's Message**

*Dusty Kuykendall*

Dear Lucas Residents,

I hope you're enjoying all the warmth and energy July brings to our great city. This month, we celebrate Independence Day, a time to honor our nation's history and the freedoms we hold dear. I encourage everyone to join in the local festivities and enjoy a safe, fun celebration with family and friends.

One of those festivities is our upcoming Picnic in the Park, taking place on Saturday, July 12, 2025, during the Lucas Farmers Market. This special event is a fun and flavorful way to celebrate the season and our community spirit. The City of Lucas will be serving free hot dogs and fixings, so bring your family & friends for a festive morning filled with good food, local vendors, and patriotic cheer. It's a great opportunity to connect with neighbors and enjoy the charm of our town.

I also want to invite all residents to the upcoming City of Lucas Public Budget Workshop, which will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. This workshop is a key part of our annual planning process, where the City Council will discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026). We welcome your presence, input, and questions as we work together to ensure that city resources are allocated effectively and transparently. The workshop will take place at City Hall, located at 665 Country Club Road in the Lucas City Council Chambers.

Additionally, our Parks and Open Space Board has been working diligently to improve our recreational areas. Upgrades to Forest Creek Park are underway, including the installation of new playground equipment and enhanced walking trails. These improvements are part of our commitment to providing quality outdoor spaces for all residents to enjoy.

As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your mayor. Together, we continue to build a community that

reflects our shared values and aspirations. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [dkuykendall@lucastexas.us](mailto:dkuykendall@lucastexas.us). Wishing you a joyful and safe July.

Warm regards,

Dusty Kuykendall, Mayor City of Lucas

**Forest Creek Park Playground Improvements**



Construction on the new playground at Forest Creek Park will commence during the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>. This work includes replacing the twenty-year-old playground equipment with new equipment, improving the playground area surface, and adding seating. The City of Lucas received funding for this project from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Parks Grant program, which is funded through a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods. The state has agreed to provide 50% of the funding for this project, up to a maximum state cost share of \$118,163. The actual cost of the planned improvements for this phase is estimated at \$144,176.

**City of Lucas Public Budget Workshop**

The City Council will hold a budget workshop on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm to discuss the budget for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

The City Council would like to encourage interested citizens to attend this important meeting. The workshop will be held at City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road in the Lucas City Council Chambers.

**July 4th Trash Collection Days**

The City of Lucas trash service provider, Community Waste Disposal (CWD) will have a revised schedule for the dates of July 4 to July 5, 2025. The updated trash service for these days are depicted below:

Normal Date of Service	Updated Date of Service
Friday, July 4, 2025	Saturday, July 5, 2025





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/](http://lucastexas.us/departments/public-meetings/).

Meetings

- July 3** City Council Meeting — Cancelled  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 10** Planning and Zoning  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 17** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:00 pm
- July 22** Parks and Open Space Board  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 23** Board of Adjustment  
City Hall | 6:30 pm

Important Dates

- July 4** Independence Day  
City Hall Closed
- July 5** Farm to Table Market  
Community Park
- July 12** Lucas Farmers Market  
Community Park



Lucas Farmers Market Updates

Summer is in full swing, and so is the Lucas Farmers Market! July brings even more sunshine, fresh produce, and community fun to the market. Join us the first (2) Saturdays this month to enjoy unique artisan vendors, festive special events, and a vibrant selection of your favorite locally grown goods. It’s the perfect way to celebrate the season and support local!

THIS MONTH AT THE Farmers Market

**July 5, 2025 - Farm to Table Market (Perishables Only)**  
Savor the season with fresh, locally grown produce and high-quality farm-raised meats—all while supporting our local farmers and small businesses. It’s a delicious way to shop local and enjoy the best of what our community has to offer.

**July 12, 2025 - Picnic in the Park**  
Join us at the Lucas Farmers Market for a special Picnic in the Park as we continue the Independence Day spirit with our community! Keep the celebration going with free hot dogs and a fantastic selection of local vendors. It’s a fun and flavorful way to wrap up the holiday week—don’t miss it!

2025 Farmers Market Schedule	
Date	Special Events
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

Farm to Table: Dishes Made Using Ingredients From the Lucas Farmers Market

Fresh from the Lucas Farmers Market, these vibrant dishes showcase the best of local produce—ripe tomatoes, crisp greens, & cool, refreshing cucumbers.

Tomato & Cucumber Salad



Submitted by: Toshia Kimball

Garden Salad



Submitted by: Joe Hilbourn

Sauteed Collard Greens & Bacon



Submitted by: Jeremy Boone

Public Lands Trail Cleanup Event

In 2018, the Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) President Duke Monson proposed a trail cleanup event with the City of Lucas in order to help preserve the Trinity Trail at Lavon Lake. This event was established in observation of National Public Lands Day. In 2019, the City of Lucas partnered with TTPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to hold the first Public Lands Trail Cleanup event. In previous years, there has been over 190 volunteers who have collected more than 5,400 pounds of trash and debris from the Trinity Trail.

The Public Lands Trail Cleanup event is a true community partnership. All of our partner organizations who participate in the event are a wonderful part of the community we share in Lucas, and provide extra educational opportunities to participating volunteers during the provided lunch at the Public Lands Trail Cleanup.

This year, the Public Lands Trail Cleanup will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025. The event will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Brockdale Park Trailhead. All volunteers will be provided free cleanup supplies including safety vests, gloves, trash grabbers and trash bags. For more information and volunteer registration, go to the City of Lucas website by following this link: [lucastexas.us/event/pltc-2025](http://lucastexas.us/event/pltc-2025). For any questions regarding the event, contact Communications & Event Specialist Donna Bradshaw by email at [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us) or by phone at 972-912-1208.

4th Annual Lucas Car Show

The 4th Annual Lucas Car Show was held on the morning of Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Lovejoy High School—and it was a great success! With around 115 exotic and classic cars and motorcycles on display, the event drew car enthusiasts from across the area.

Attendees enjoyed a pleasant morning filled with incredible vehicles, tasty food truck offerings, and friendly conversations. It was a fun, family-friendly event that brought neighbors together and highlighted the strong sense of community we enjoy here in Lucas.



Stay “Water Safe” This Summer with Lucas Fire-Rescue

As summer approaches and outdoor activities increase, Lucas Fire-Rescue is proud to offer “Water Safe” courses, a public education program designed to help residents stay safe around water—whether at pools, lakes, or even at home during severe weather.

About the Water Safe Program

This free, 2-hour class will be held at the Lucas Fire Station and is open to all citizens, with a special recommendation for teens and adults. The course covers a wide range of water safety topics, equipping participants with the knowledge and tools to prevent accidents and respond effectively in emergencies.

At the conclusion of the class, each participant will receive a Water Watcher lanyard—a symbol of their commitment to water safety and a reminder to stay vigilant when supervising others near water.

**Location:** Lucas Fire-Rescue, 165 Country Club Rd., Lucas, TX  
**Register at:** [lucastexas.us/water-safety](http://lucastexas.us/water-safety)

Upcoming “Water Safe” Classes

Date	Time
Thursday, June 26, 2025	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, August 2, 2025	9:00 am - 11:00 am

2024 Annual Drinking Water Report

Each year the City of Lucas and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) produce a report to inform our water customers about the quality and safety of our drinking water. The 2024 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) can be found on the City’s website at the following link: [www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/](http://www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/). The source of drinking water used by the City of Lucas is purchased surface water from the NTMWD. The City of Lucas estimated that 16,390,000 gallons of water were unaccounted for during the 2024 calendar year. Unaccounted water use is attributed to leaks, hydrant flushing, water works maintenance and fire-rescue operations. For more information contact Public Works Director Jeremy Bogle at 972-912-1210 or by email at [jbogle@lucastexas.us](mailto:jbogle@lucastexas.us).

McKinney Airport Update

The McKinney National Airport, situated approximately 8.7 miles from Lucas City Hall, is accessible via multiple routes that traverse the heart of our community. The City of McKinney has proposed a substantial expansion of the airport to support anticipated growth in both passenger and commercial air traffic. This initiative is backed by approximately \$52 million in committed funding. In January, the City of Lucas formally submitted public comments expressing significant concerns about the proposed expansion. City staff highlighted the potential negative impacts on the quality of life and the distinctive character of the Lucas community. More recently, the North Texas Conservation Association filed a federal lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the environmental review conducted by the City of McKinney. While the outcome of the lawsuit remains uncertain, it could potentially delay the introduction of passenger services at the airport for an indefinite period.