

### Five Reasons to Avoid Fireworks in Lucas

As summer celebrations approach, the City of Lucas reminds residents that fireworks are illegal and strongly discouraged—for good reason:

- 1) **They're Against the Law** – Fireworks are prohibited under the City's fire code.
- 2) **Injury Risk** – Fireworks often cause serious, unexpected injuries.
- 3) **Fire Danger** – They spark thousands of fires nationwide each year, especially on July 4.
- 4) **Health Hazards** – Fireworks release pollutants harmful to people and the environment.
- 5) **They Disturb Others** – Pets, veterans, children, and neighbors can be frightened or harmed.

Want to enjoy fireworks safely? Attend a professional display instead—safer, legal, and far more spectacular. The City of Lucas wishes everyone a safe and joyful summer!

### Lovejoy Students Experience Local Government

The City of Lucas was proud to partner with the Lovejoy High School Student-Superintendent Connection Council for an immersive City Council Meeting simulation designed to bring local government to life.

Students stepped into key roles—including Mayor, Council Members, City Secretary, City Manager, Fire Chief, and Traffic Study Consultants—demonstrating impressive professionalism, preparation, and a genuine interest in public service. From following public meeting protocols to facilitating discussions and analyzing traffic impacts, the students engaged with every aspect of municipal government with maturity and insight.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Lovejoy ISD leadership and the participating students for their enthusiasm and commitment. At the City of Lucas, we believe in the power of education and the importance of fostering a sense of civic responsibility. It was a privilege to support this initiative and help inspire the next generation of community leaders.



### Car Seat Technicians at the City of Lucas

The City of Lucas congratulates Fire Administrative Assistant Devanie Stevens and Captain Ian Evans for becoming certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians through the national certification program.

With this certification, the City can now offer scheduled car seat checks, helping parents ensure their children are safely secured on every ride.

Thank you, Devanie and Ian, for your dedication to community safety!

For more information on car seat safety or to request a car seat inspection, residents can visit [lucastexas.us/carseat](http://lucastexas.us/carseat) or email [dstevens@lucastexas.us](mailto:dstevens@lucastexas.us).



# Car Seat inspections



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**U.S. Service Academy  
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September 27th, 2025  
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**Congressional Youth Advisory Council**

**Applications for the 2025-2026 Council are now open!**  
Scan the QR code to register  
Application Essays are due 9/19/25 by 5pm



Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!



**CONGRESSIONAL  
VETERAN  
COMMENDATION**



Award ceremony recognizing exceptional Veterans from Texas' 3rd Congressional District.

**Nominate a local hero to be recognized at our Veteran Commendation Ceremony on November 8**

Applications due 8/29  
Scan the QR for more info or email [natalie.steinsholt1@mail.house.gov](mailto:natalie.steinsholt1@mail.house.gov)



### Water Conservation & Outdoor Watering Schedules

As summer temperatures rise, so does the demand on our water supply. That's why the City of Lucas is committed to enforcing its Outdoor Watering Schedule to protect this essential resource for current and future generations.

On April 1, 2025, the City's outdoor watering schedule went into effect. All water customers—residential and non-residential—must follow the assigned watering days and times to remain in compliance.

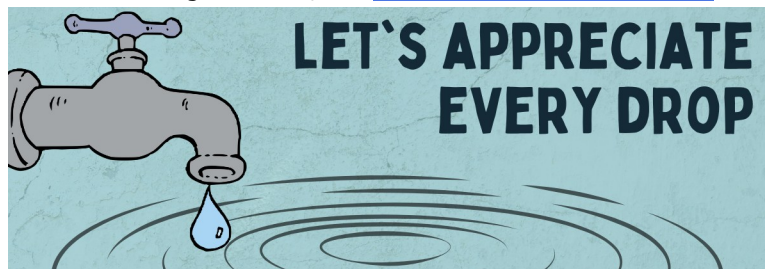
Watering is **prohibited** between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., when evaporation is at its peak.

#### Violations & Penalties

To ensure fair and effective water use, enforcement measures are in place:

- 1st Violation:** Certified letter warning  
**2nd Violation:** \$500 administrative fee  
**3rd & Subsequent Violations:** \$2,000 administrative fee

Water is a finite resource, and compliance is not just encouraged—it's required. By working together and following the schedule, we can reduce waste, protect our infrastructure, and ensure there's enough water for all. For more information on water conservation & outdoor watering schedules, visit [lucastexas.us/waterconservation](http://lucastexas.us/waterconservation).



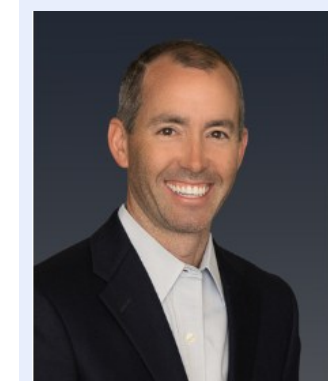
# LUCAS LEADER



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### Mayor's Message

*Dusty Kuykendall*

As we step into the warmth of June, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to making Lucas a safe, neighborly, and thriving community. The longer days bring more opportunities for family walks, outdoor fun, and time to enjoy the natural beauty that makes our city so special.

### Respect for Property and Farmland

As we spend more time outside, it's important to remember that much of the open land and scenic areas around us are privately owned, including, ponds, creeks, and working farms. While it can be tempting to explore these spaces, entering private property without permission, no matter how peaceful the intent, can cause unintentional harm, raise safety concerns, disrupt landowners and in some cases, may result in a fine.

We ask everyone to be mindful of property boundaries and respectful of the landowners who care for these spaces. Many farmers and ranchers are stewards of the land, and their work supports not just their families, but the rural character of Lucas we all value. Please help us protect that by staying on public areas and seeking permission before entering any private land.

The City continues to explore ways to raise awareness through signage and public outreach. If you have questions about access to trails, creeks, or open space, feel free to reach out to City staff or consult our public resources. Together, we can protect our land, preserve neighborly trust, and enjoy a safe summer in Lucas.

Regards,

Dusty Kuykendall, Mayor City of Lucas



**We'd love to see what you've created using ingredients from the Lucas Farmers Market!**

*Your dish could be featured in our July Newsletter*

**SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS BY JUNE 9TH**  
to [tkimball@lucastexas.us](mailto:tkimball@lucastexas.us) or via FB messenger

### Get Ready for a Safe & Enjoyable Summer in Lucas!

As summer approaches, the City of Lucas encourages residents to take a few simple steps to prepare for the warmer months ahead. With longer days and rising temperatures, now is the perfect time to plan ahead for a season of fun, safety, and community connection.

#### Stay Hydrated and Beat the Heat

Texas summers can be intense, so make sure your family—and pets—stay cool. Keep hydrated, wear light clothing, and avoid strenuous activities during peak heat hours. Never leave children or pets in parked cars, even for a moment.

#### Practice Smart Outdoor Safety

Whether you're grilling in the backyard, or hiking local trails, always prioritize safety. Follow fire safety guidelines, especially during dry conditions, and ensure any outdoor equipment is in good working order.

#### Conserve Water Where You Can

Warmer months often mean increased outdoor water use. Help conserve this vital resource by watering your lawn during early morning or evening hours, checking irrigation systems for leaks, and following city watering guidelines.

need to pay your water bill?



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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

- June 5 City Council Meeting City Hall | 6:30 pm
- June 12 Planning and Zoning City Hall | 6:30 pm
- June 19 City Council Meeting City Hall | 6:30 pm
- June 25 Board of Adjustment City Hall | 6:30 pm

Important Dates

- June 7 Farm to Table Market Community Park
- June 14 Lucas Farmers Market Community Park
- June 21 Farm to Table Market Community Park
- June 28 Lucas Farmers Market Community Park



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 will be held every Saturday in June. Stop by for a fun special event, artisan vendors, and to restock on all of your favorite local produce.



June 7 & 21, 2025 - Farm to Table Market (Perishables Only)

Join us this summer for the City of Lucas Farm to Table Markets! Enjoy fresh, locally grown produce and farm fresh meats while supporting our local farmers and small businesses.

June 14, 2025 - Cooking Demonstration "Jelly Making"

Join us at the Lucas Farmers Market for a live cooking demo showcasing how to make homemade jelly using fresh, seasonal fruits. Watch step-by-step as a local expert shares tips, techniques, & tasty samples perfect for preserving summer's sweetness.

June 28, 2025 - Annual Ice Cream Crank Off

Think you have the best homemade ice cream in town? Enter the Annual Ice Cream Crank Off at the Lucas Farmer's Market to show off your skills while supporting a great cause!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Register online: [www.lucastexas.us/ice-cream-crank-off-signup/](http://www.lucastexas.us/ice-cream-crank-off-signup/)
- Bring at least 1.5 gallons of your homemade ice cream in a cooler with dry ice, a plastic table cloth, & a scoop.
- We provide picnic tables, tasting spoons, serving cups, & voting jars.

Set up starts at 9:30 AM & People's Choice Judging kicks off at 10:00 AM. Winners will be announced at 11:30 AM—votes are cast with dollars or tickets, & ALL proceeds go to All Community Outreach (ACO)! Have questions? Contact Communication & Event Specialist Donna Bradshaw at [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us).

2025 Farmers Market Schedule	
Date	Special Events
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

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 **Lucas Farmers Market**  
444 likes • 525 followers  
**facebook page**



Trash/Recycling Pickup Time Begin at 6:00 AM Starting June 2

Beginning Monday, June 2, 2025 through the end of August, CWD will begin servicing the City of Lucas at 6:00 AM. Please have your trash & recyclables out by 6:00 AM on your service day(s).



Public Health Notice: Measles Case Confirmed in Collin County

Collin County Health Care Services notified the City of Lucas regarding a confirmed case of measles involving a middle school student. This marks the first reported pediatric case in the Dallas-Fort Worth area this year.

Collin County has issued an official press release with details and guidance. For any questions or concerns, please contact Collin County Health Care Services directly:

**Phone:** (972) 548-5500  
**Email:** [hc@collincountytexas.gov](mailto:hc@collincountytexas.gov)  
**Website:** [collincountytexas.gov/Services/Health-Care-Services](http://collincountytexas.gov/Services/Health-Care-Services)



Congratulations Debbie Fisher City Council Seat 5

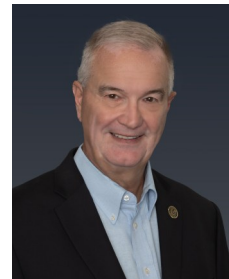


The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Debbie Fisher, who was sworn in on May 15, 2025 for City Council Seat 5.

Councilmember Fisher and her husband Craig are longtime residents of Lucas and Collin County. Having grown up on a family farm and helping operate a business provides her a broad perspective in making important decisions for our city. Her mathematics background enables her to quickly research, analyze and incorporate common sense solutions for both financial and other policy needs. Her knowledge of municipal law and deep interest in Lucas history enable her to make decisions that enhance the unique character our city possesses.

Councilmember Fisher is an active volunteer for the city, serving where needed. You will find her at city events, often sharing her knowledge of Lucas history. Debbie enjoys spending time with family, sewing (including making many of the original horses for the Stick Horse Rodeo), reading and researching, especially when it pertains to ideas that benefit the Lucas community.

Congratulations Neil Peterson City Council Seat 6



The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Neil Peterson, who was sworn in on May 15, 2025 for City Council Seat 6.

Councilmember Peterson moved to Lucas ten years ago after an over 40 year career with Raytheon. He hopes to leverage his leadership 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.



Art in Public Places: Celebrating Youth Artists

The City of Lucas is proud to celebrate the sixth year of our Art in Public Places partnership with the talented art students of Lovejoy ISD. This inspiring collaboration showcases the creativity and dedication of young artists from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

This year's event took place on April 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, where the students' incredible artwork was unveiled and celebrated by the community.

Each year, the work of these gifted students transforms our public spaces into a vibrant gallery filled with imagination and skill. A special group of outstanding students serves as Gallery Managers, helping to curate and manage the art displays. Their leadership ensures that each piece is thoughtfully presented and that the experience is enriching for everyone.

Be sure to stop by City Hall to check out these amazing works of art! You won't want to miss the opportunity to experience the incredible talent and creativity of our local youth firsthand.



City of Lucas Public Works Welcomes Omar & Nathan

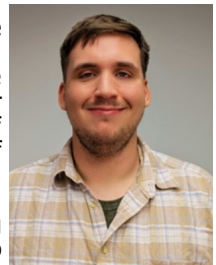


We're excited to welcome **Omar Vasquez** to the City of Lucas Public Works Department! Since joining the team, Omar has already shown a strong commitment to doing quality work and supporting our city's day-to-day operations. "I'm really grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Lucas Public Works team," Omar shared. "I take my job seriously and always do my best."

Outside of work, Omar is a big soccer fan—especially when it comes to his favorite club, FC Barcelona. He also enjoys spending time outdoors. One of his favorite summer pastimes is fishing, which he tries to do at least twice a month for some well-earned relaxation. Please join us in giving Omar a warm Lucas welcome!

Please join us in welcoming **Nathan Spagnoli**, one of the newest members of our City of Lucas team! Nathan brings a positive attitude and a strong sense of purpose to his new role. "I'm very grateful for this opportunity to pursue a career with the City of Lucas," Nathan shared. "It means a lot to be part of a community-focused team."

When he's not at work, Nathan enjoys staying active by exercising and spending time outside to stay energized. He also values spending quality time with his family, which is an important part of his life outside the office. We're excited to have Nathan on board and look forward to the contributions he'll make in serving our community!



ART in Public Places