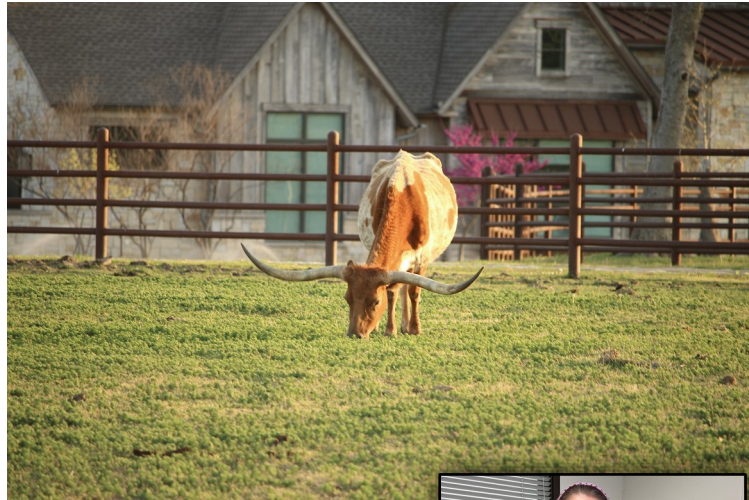


Celebrating the “Essence of Lucas” Photo Contest Winner

The City of Lucas is proud to announce **Delfina Gonzalez** as the winner of the *2025 Essence of Lucas Photo Contest*!



Delfina's winning submission (pictured above) beautifully captures the essence of life in Lucas, showcasing the city's rural charm, natural beauty, and hometown pride. Her photo was selected from a competitive pool of entries submitted by residents who shared meaningful snapshots of what makes Lucas feel like home.



We extend a sincere thank you to all participants who took the time to submit photos and share their unique perspectives of our community. Your creativity and engagement help highlight the spirit that makes Lucas such a special place to live.

Stay connected for future community contests and events by visiting our website and following the City of Lucas on social media.

Big News for Lucas Residents! Introducing MyGovernmentOnline

The City of Lucas is excited to announce the official launch of MyGovernmentOnline (MGO) - a powerful tool designed to make it easier than ever for residents to stay connected and manage city services online.

What Can You Do with MGO?

- ◆ Submit Public Information Requests
- ◆ Request Public Works Service Orders
- ◆ Coming Soon: Online Permitting!

With MGO, you can submit requests, report concerns, and soon apply for permits — it brings everything together in one convenient location— accessible anytime, anywhere from your computer or mobile device.



Simply scan the QR code (left) to create your free MGO account and start using our streamlined digital services right away! Have questions? We're here to help! Contact City Hall at (972) 727-8999.

Ole' Streaker Brick Fundraiser

The Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue invite you to be part of a meaningful effort to preserve and celebrate our city's heritage through the Ole' Streaker Historic Restoration Project. This special fundraiser supports the restoration of Lucas' first fire engine, affectionately known as Ole' Streaker.

Your support will help bring this historic vehicle back to life so it can once again serve as an active part of our community and stand as a lasting tribute to Lucas history.

As part of the campaign, personalized bricks are available for purchase at \$75 each. These bricks will be permanently displayed under the flagpole at Lucas Fire-Rescue — creating a legacy that honors the past while supporting our future. This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact and take pride in a visible and heartfelt contribution to our city.

For more information on how to purchase a brick, please contact the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue at friendsoflucasfire@gmail.com.

Let's bring Ole' Streaker back and preserve a piece of Lucas history — one brick at a time!

The vision of this fundraiser is to raise funds for the restoration of Lucas' first fire engine known as Ole' Streaker. The Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue would like to bring Ole' Streaker back to life so it can once again be an active part of the community and preserve a part of Lucas history.

The bricks will be displayed as a legacy under the flag pole at Lucas Fire-Rescue

PERSONALIZED BRICKS

\$75 EACH

Honor a child or grandchild, remember a loved one, or promote your business!

Join the Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab Group



Are you looking for a rewarding service opportunity which helps you serve and give back to your community? Are you interested in challenging yourself to learn new skills while supporting Lucas Fire-Rescue first responders? Come join the Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab team! As part of this volunteer group, you will provide a critical service

for City of Lucas first responders, including establishing a place on the fire scene for rest, rehydration, nourishment, and recovery during emergency and training events. You will receive the training and opportunity to support Lucas Fire-Rescue and our community. For more information on how to apply, please email Devanie Stevens at dstevens@lucastexas.us or call at (972) 727-1242.

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Mayor's Message

By Dusty Kuykendall

Dear Lucas Residents,

As we enter the final stretch of summer, I hope you're finding ways to stay cool and savor the season. August brings a blend of community events, important city updates, and opportunities to prepare for the months ahead.

Back to School Celebration at the Farmers Market

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for our Back to School Celebration at the Lucas Farmers Market. This event is a wonderful opportunity to support local vendors and enjoy family-friendly activities such as participating in the "Dunk Your Favorite Lovejoy Administrator, Coach, & Teacher" event. It's a great way to gear up for the new school year and connect with your Lucas community.

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Your participation in local governance is vital. We invite you to attend our upcoming City Council meetings on August 7 and August 21, both starting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to stay informed about city projects and decisions that impact our community.

Progress on the 42-Acre Mixed-Use Development

We're excited to share that the planned 42-acre mixed-use development at the northwest corner of Parker Road and Southview Drive is progressing. This development will feature a 130,000-square-foot grocery-anchored shopping center, a 25,000-square-foot restaurant village with (15) adjacent pad sites, and a community park. Construction is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2025, with completion anticipated in 2026. This project aims to enhance our local economy and provide new amenities for residents.

Stay Connected with MyGovernmentOnline

To streamline city services, we've transitioned to (MGO) or

MyGovernmentOnline. This platform allows you to submit public information requests, public works service orders, and, coming soon, apply for permits—all from the comfort of your home. We encourage you to utilize MGO to stay connected and engaged with city operations.

As always, I'm honored 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 don't hesitate to reach out to me at dkuykendall@lucastexas.us.

Warm regards,

Dusty Kuykendall
Mayor, City of Lucas

HAM Radio ARRL Field Day

Lucas Amateur (HAM) Radio Club members recently took part in the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Summer Field Day at Lucas Fire-Rescue joining amateur radio operators nationwide and across Canada for a 24-hour emergency communications exercise. Club members set up portable stations to simulate disaster scenarios where traditional communication might fail.

Almost 900 contacts were made to most states (missing only Alaska) as well as several provinces of Canada, demonstrating the robustness of the effort and highlighting the vital role that amateur radio can play in emergency preparedness and public safety.

The Lucas Amateur Radio Club meets regularly on the 4th Thursday of each month. To learn more or get involved with the Lucas Amateur Radio Club, please contact City Councilmember Tim Johnson k5tcj@hotmail.com, or Stan Starks at stan@nw5q.net.



August 7	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
August 14	Planning and Zoning City Hall 6:30 pm
August 21	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
August 27	Board of Adjustment City Hall 6:30 pm
September 1	Labor Day City Hall Closed

The Lucas Farmers Market season is halfway over and all of our markets have been a blast. We have learned about backyard chickens, built bird houses, sampled ice-cream, adopted new furry friends, and learned how to make homemade jelly. Each market is a wonderful reminder of our community and how lucky we are to share it together. We have (5) more markets to go this season and we are beyond excited! We hope to see you there!

THIS MONTH AT THE Farmers Market

Get ready for a **SPLASHING** good time! All local students returning to school in August—join us on August 23th at 9:00 am at the Jim Olk Pavilion for a Dunk Your Favorite Lovejoy Administrator, Coach, and Teacher event! Make a donation to participate, and get your chance to dunk your favorite campus leaders into some cold water! Don't miss out! The Lucas Farmers Market kicks off at 8:00 am and runs until 12:00 pm (noon) at Lucas Community Park. Come for the fun, stay for the market! See you there!

2025 Farmers Market Schedule	
Date	Special Events
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

The 5th Annual Ice Cream Crank-Off event took place at the Lucas Farmers Market on June 28th. Several delicious ice cream flavors were made, and generous donations were made to All Community Outreach totaling over \$715! Thank you to all participants and community members that make this sweet annual tradition so special! This years Crank-Off winners were:



1st Place:
The Fisher Family
Chocolate Mint



2nd Place:
The Bierman Family
Salted Caramel Cheesecake



3rd Place:
Lucas Fire-Rescue
Blackberry Cobbler



4th Place:
Niki Milam
Raspberry Fudge
Cheesecake

The City is encouraging all Lucas residents and businesses to sign up for city emergency alerts with Nixle. You will receive important alerts such as road closures, traffic accidents, flooding issues, water service disruptions and much more. The City partners with Nixle to implement a community notification system to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. Sign up for Nixle with your email address to receive detailed alerts and mobile phone number to receive text alerts at: www.lucastexas.us/nixle/.

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 Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. 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. For any questions regarding the event, contact Communications & Event Specialist Donna Bradshaw by email at dbradshaw@lucastexas.us or by phone at 972-912-1208. We hope to see you at this amazing event this year!

During the first week of June, Public Works Director Jeremy Bogle was busy giving behind-the-scenes tours to City Council, City Staff, and members of Lucas Fire-Rescue — offering a close-up look at the infrastructure that helps keep our water flowing smoothly every day.

From our water towers and pumps to the latest upgrades, attendees got to see firsthand how it all works — including the newest addition to our system: a 750,000-gallon elevated storage tank installed in 2024 on West Lucas Road. This tank is a major step forward in increasing our water capacity and preparing for future growth in our city.

A big thank you to Jeremy and the Public Works team for their hard work and commitment to keeping our city running strong — and for sharing that dedication with the community!



City of Lucas, Texas
4K likes • 5K followers



 **Lucas Fire Department**
2.6K followers • 0 following



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

If you are planning on being outdoors on a hot summer day you can take simple precautions to keep you and your family members safe from the summer heat. Stay cool and make simple changes in your fluid intake, activities and clothing during hot weather to help reduce the risk of hyperthermia and heat stroke.

- Hydration is key to staying safe in the Texas heat. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Dress for the heat in loose, light colored clothing, wear a hat and use sunscreen.
- Don't over-exercise, take breaks and seek the shade or air conditioning to cool yourself down.
- Keep an eye on children, pets and the elderly for signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Never leave children unattended near water, even if it's a shallow pool or bathtub. Drowning can happen quickly and silently, so designate a responsible adult to actively watch children while they are swimming or playing in or around water.

Learn to recognize the symptoms, such as excessive sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea and confusion. If you or someone around you experiences these signs, move to a cooler environment, hydrate, and seek medical assistance if necessary. Remember, heat stroke is a medical emergency that requires immediate attention. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

Does your home or business have a garage or entry door with a passcode to enter? Does your neighborhood or property have a gate that requires a passcode? In an emergency situation, Lucas Fire-Rescue will be unable to quickly reach your home or business without access to these doors or gates. Other important details about your home or business might include having a storm shelter, basement, pets, or an AED, and just about any other pertinent information you might want to share with us. Providing this information to us will help Lucas Fire-Rescue serve you! Please consider completing the questionnaire and provide this information to Lucas Fire-Rescue to better assist you in the case of an emergency. The online form can be found at lucastexas.us/propertyregistration. Or if you prefer, please give us a call at 972-727-1242.

The City of Lucas is excited to invite all residents to our Movie in the Park event — a perfect way to kick off a summer evening with family, friends, and neighbors!

Date: Friday, October 3, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Lucas Community Park
665 Country Club Road, Lucas, TX

Come early to enjoy a FREE hot dog courtesy of the City of Lucas! Plus, we'll have a selection of local beverage and snack trucks on site offering treats for purchase — from refreshing drinks to sweet and savory bites.

Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and your favorite people to share the experience. Whether you're there for the film, the food, or just some great community fun, there's something for everyone.

Admission is free, and all ages are welcome. Stay tuned for the movie title announcement and more details on our website and social media pages!