



The City of Lucas Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

As the year starts coming to a close, the City will need some residents to volunteer to sit on some of our Boards and Commissions. The City has three committees - the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustments, and the Parks and Open Space Board. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends zoning changes, reviews plats, and makes sure that development is in concert with the Comprehensive Plan. The Board of Adjustment is a quasi judicial board that hears and decides on requests for variances to provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or appeals of decisions made by the Building Official. The Parks and Open Space Board advises the City Council on ways to improve our open spaces around the City, as well as our Founders Day event.

If you are interested in participating in local government and making an impact in your community, I would whole heartily encourage you to fill out an application and send it to us. You can stop by City Hall to pick up an application, or you can submit it online - just go to the home page of the City's website, mouse over Government and click on Boards and Commissions from the dropdown menu (www.lucastexas.us/index.aspx?NID=95). The link to the application is at the bottom of the page. Please be sure to get it back to us by the deadline of October 23, 2015 so we can consider you for any potential open position that we have. Interviews will be scheduled for November 5, 2015. Thanks for making Lucas the best City.

Voting to be Held at Lucas Community Center

The City of Lucas does not have any items on the ballot for the upcoming November election, however as a convenience for our residents, the Collin County Elections office will be utilizing the Lucas Community Center as a voting location for Collin County. Early voting will be Monday, October 26 through Friday, October 30 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day. Election Day is November 3 with voting also at the Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City of Lucas 2015 Founders Day

When: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 12:00–5:00

Where: Lucas Community Park
(next to City Hall)



General Parking: We are anticipating a large turn out this year and parking is limited. Carpooling to the event is strongly encouraged.

Parade participants parking will park at Hart Elementary from 10:00–1:00.

Vendors and volunteer parking will park at City Hall.

Updated Schedule of Events and Activities

Stage Events

Time	Event
12:00	National Anthem
12:05 – 12:30	Andy Peele & Company
12:30 – 1:00	Piper Byers
1:00 – 1:30	Sunni & Buddy Band
1:30 – 2:00	Paris & Arden from the Youth Priest Band Creekwood Methodist Church
2:00 – 2:30	Lovejoy Elementary School 3 rd -4 th Grade Choir
2:30 – 2:45	Chili Cook-off Winners Announced
2:45 – 3:15	Service Tree Winners Announced
3:15 – 4:10	Costume Contest
4:10 – 4:15	Raffle Ticket Winners/Scarecrow Contest/Parade Winners Announced

Games and Other Activities

Time	Event	Location
12:05	Parade Begins	Hart Elementary
12:00 – 4:00	Raffle Ticket Sales	Welcome Booth
12:00 – 2:00	Chili Cook-off Taste Testing	Booth Area
12:00 – 4:00	Face Painting/Balloon Maker	Booth Area
12:00 – 4:00	Costume Characters	Throughout The Park
12:00 – 4:00	Founders Day Historical Display	Community Building
12:00 – 5:00	Craft Booths	Booth Area
12:00 – 5:00	Bounce Houses	Park Area
12:00 – 5:00	Conk The Crow Game	Park Area
12:30	Lunch Begins	Pavilion
12:30 – 2:30	Dunk Booth	Park Area
1:00 – 3:00	Fire Hose Demo	Park Area
1:30 – 3:00	Stick Horse Rodeo	Park Area
4:15 – 5:00	Trick or Treat Trail	Booth Area

Meeting Reminders for October

Date	Time	Description	Notes
Oct 1	7:00 pm	City Council	City Hall
Oct 8	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning	City Hall
Oct 15	7:00 pm	City Council	City Hall
Oct 20	7:00 pm	Parks & Open Space Board	City Hall

City Council Action Highlights

- Approved the zoning change request from Agricultural to Residential, 2 acre for a parcel of land being part of the Tokalaun Equestrian Addition, containing 6.942 acres of land.
- Approved the preliminary plat for Cleve Adamson Custom Homes for a parcel of land being part of Tract 1 and Tract 2 of Tokalaun Equestrian Addition, containing 25.492 acres.
- Adopted Ordinance 2015-09-00817 approving the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, and adopted the current tax rate of \$0.320661.

Blondy Jhune Bridge Update

By Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

Staff is working towards a November bid opening. The western bridge is being raised three feet to accommodate the flood level of the creek. The project will be 500 to 600 feet long to accommodate the banking/super elevation of the horizontal curve just west of the bridge. The eastern bridge will be raised eight feet to accommodate the 100-year storm. The eastern project is estimated to be 600 to 700 feet long. Because of the geometry, both projects are being designed as concrete pavement and 28 feet wide. The extra width will aid in separating traffic on the bridges, and through the curves. Construction is estimated to begin in January or February 2016.

Protecting Your Right To Privacy

Your utility bill account information is considered public record under the Texas Public Information Act; however, a state law (Texas Utilities Code, Subchapter 182.052) allows residential customers to request that their personal information and any information relating to water usage, billing amounts, and payment records be kept confidential. To keep your information private, please complete the Confidentiality Authorization Form that will be included in your next water bill and return it to City Hall.

Register Replacement - the New Technology

By Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster

Between October of last year and the start of the register replacement by contractor RG3 in June, 675+/- registers failed, and the customers with these registers had their water bills estimated by the City. In early September, all 2300 registers had been upgraded to the new Tesla 4 model. During the months of June through September, City staff worked with RG3 and various customers to correct billing issues. Approximately 70 registers were programed incorrectly and read too high or too low, but these registers were fixed in late September.

Since April, many water users have noticed a jump in their water bills. If they were complying with the drought schedule of watering once every two weeks, they may not have known how much water they were saving until they switched to the current twice per week schedule. This switch could result in a 400% increase in water use.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn believes there are only 10 to 20 malfunctioning registers that need to be revisited by RG3 and staff. A small number of issues might continue through the October/November billing cycle. By the beginning of the November/December cycle, all issues should be resolved.

Employee Spotlight

Linda West, Administrative Assistant



Linda began working for the City of Lucas in August of this year. She is the Administrative Assistant for the Lucas Fire Rescue and City Services. Linda has worked in city government for over 20 years, and has extensive knowledge of the various city departments. She has received certifications for ICC Permit Technician, and Municipal Court Clerk I & II, and is currently enrolled in the Collin College Continuing Education Program.

Linda was raised in Farmersville, Texas where she currently resides with her husband whom she just married in July of this year. In addition to the joys of being a newlywed, Linda loves spending time with family and friends, including her best friend Harley (her dog). Linda's hobbies include reading true crime books, and doing anything outdoors including yard work, walking, riding bikes, fishing, sports, and more.

The City of Lucas is pleased to have Linda as part of our team.

Keep Lucas Beautiful is Official!

The City of Lucas recently completed the steps required to become an official affiliate member of the Keep Texas Beautiful campaign! **Keep Lucas Beautiful** (KLB) is now a vital member of a statewide network of communities dedicated to the shared vision of making Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. As such, KLB will be addressing things such as litter prevention, community beautification, and waste reduction. KLB will also be providing our citizens with educational and volunteer opportunities geared to helping make Lucas an even more attractive place to live.

You can learn more about **Keep Lucas Beautiful** and what you can do to participate in this wonderful program by visiting their booth at Founders Day on October 24, 2015. For additional information about KLB, please contact Parks and Open Space Board member, Valerie Turnbow at vturnbow@lucastexas.us.

Save the date! KLB will be sponsoring a clean up event on April 2, 2016. Watch for more information about this exciting and fun volunteer opportunity in future newsletters.

Keep Lucas Beautiful Offers Water Conservation Class

When: Saturday, November 14, 2015

Where: Lucas Community Center

Time: 2:00—4:00

Please join us on Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 to learn what you can do to help conserve water, and stop water loss in your home and yard. Carrie Brazeal, Lucas resident and Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Educator, will be speaking on residential water conservation. She will be offering tips and suggestions on a variety of ways in which we can all do our part to conserve this precious resource. You will also be provided information on residential irrigation including a DIY approach to converting pop-up style irrigation to drip irrigation, and drip irrigation for homes with no irrigation.

National Night Out – October 6, 2015

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes camaraderie between citizens and local first responders to make our neighborhoods a safer, better places to live. Participating neighborhoods will be hosting block parties and events that will include visits from the Lucas Fire-Rescue and Collin County Sheriff's Department. If your neighborhood would like a visit from our local first responders on National Night Out, please contact the Lucas Fire-Rescue at 972-727-1242.



Frank H. Hamlin Fire Station Grand Opening

Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 1:00-4:00

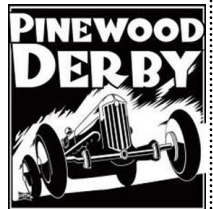
Please join the City of Lucas as we proudly celebrate the Grand Opening of the Frank H. Hamlin Fire Station Addition on Sunday, October 4, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The fire station is located at 165 Country Club Road. The public is invited to attend the Grand Opening Ceremony in conjunction with the annual Open House. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the station, meet fire-rescue personnel, and learn safety tips and techniques that they can use every day. Refreshments will be provided.



For more information, please contact the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue at 972-727-1242.

Get Ready, Race Fans!!!

North Texas District Royal Rangers Outpost 577 at Faith Fellowship Church in Lucas is hosting its third annual Pine Wood Derby Race on November 7, 2015 at the Lucas City Hall pavilion from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



The race is for boys and girls of all ages, and is open to everyone in the community. Car kits are available for just \$4. Entry fee is \$5 per derby car, and .50 cents per Matchbox car (max of two). Free hotdogs, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided! For more information, contact Gary Bierschwale at gary.bierschwale@gmail.com, or by calling 972-814-9763.

Preferred Business Survey

By Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn and City Secretary Stacy Henderson

As part of the update to the Comprehensive Plan, the City is interested in what the citizens want and expect their city to be in the future. Part of the Comprehensive Planning process includes identifying preferences for future commercial development. The survey on the back page of this newsletter outlines examples of businesses that could locate within the City of Lucas. Please let us know your thoughts on the types of businesses you would like to see in Lucas by filling out the survey and mailing to City Hall, Attention City Secretary, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas Texas 75002. You may also drop the survey by City Hall during business hours, or in the drop box out front after business hours. The survey can also be submitted online by going to our website.

(<http://www.lucastexas.us/FormCenter/Commercial-Business-Survey-17/Commercial-Businesses-in-Lucas-68>)



Survey

Commercial Businesses in Lucas

Utility Billing Account Number(required) :

Name:

Address:

What business from the list below would you like to see located in the City of Lucas *(check all that apply)* :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery store/farmers market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit down family restaurant | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Donut shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barber | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden/Nursery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gym | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical office | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional office (insurance, tax) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upscale consignment store | |

Other/Comments:

The above listed items are preferences only, the City must allow businesses that meet zoning requirements.

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