

**SHUT-IN PROGRAM UPDATE**

In the May newsletter, a proposed new program to check on residents who may be shut-in, have limited mobility, or other difficulties was introduced. In this program, volunteers or city staff members would call residents to check on them periodically, and during events such as extended power or water outages or extreme weather periods. In cases of no response from the resident, proper authorities or family members would be notified.

If you, or a resident you know, might be interested in this program, please contact Councilmember Don Zriny at dzriny@lucastexas.us or at 972-727-8999 x404.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this program by calling participating residents, you may also contact Councilmember Zriny.



**RECYCLING PROGRAM CHANGES**

Instead of 2 levels of service (with bags or without bags) there will now be only one level of service available. Once their current supply of clear bags are used up, participating residents are asked to switch to the clear blue bags which may be purchased at Kroger, Albertsons, Brookshires, City Hall, or delivered to you on an as-needed basis by Barnes Waste Disposal with a bill to follow. You may also use paper grocery sacks or cardboard boxes (except in steady rain conditions.)

The monthly cost, beginning with June, will be \$3.35 per month billed in 6 month increments (\$20.10) each June and December (pro-rated if started mid-term. )

As a reminder, DO NOT put recycling bags or recyclables inside a refuse container. The recycling driver will not check inside the container, and all containers will be emptied by the regular refuse driver into the other trash. The recyclables should be put out by 7:00AM the day of pickup. Collection is on the first and third Friday of each month. For any questions, call Barnes Waste Disposal at 972-396-1139.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

Rebecca Russell, daughter of Mike and Neva Russell of Lucas, graduated from Baylor University in Waco on May 13 with a Masters in Social Work. Congratulations, Rebecca.

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- Bill Carmickle, Councilmember (bcarmickle@lucastexas.us)
- Debbie Fisher, Councilmember (dfisher@lucastexas.us)
- Tonda Frazier, Councilmember (tfrazier@lucastexas.us)
- Don Zriny, Councilmember (dzriny@lucastexas.us)

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**Meeting Schedule**

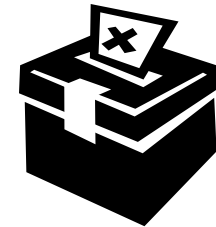
All meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the City Annex unless otherwise specified.

City Council Regular June 5
Planning & Zoning June 12
Special Council Workshop June 15
City Council Workshop June 19
Parks & Open Spaces June 26
Municipal Court June 28, 2:00 PM

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Following a record turn out of over 900 voters, the results of the May 13th general election are as follows:

- \*Kathleen Peele 528
- \*Tonda Frazier (I) 526
- \*Debbie Fisher (I) 501
- Mike Marafine 364
- Michael Hughes 335
- Charlie Gaines 323
- Steve Chapman 69



Our new and re-elected Council Members will sworn in during the regular Council meeting on June 5. Please join us in congratulating our three winners of this election, Council Members Peele, Frazier, and Fisher.

**LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE HELD MAY 20TH**

Pictured from left: Principal Mike Hubbard, Council Member Bill Carmickle, and Lovejoy ISD Superintendent Ted Moore



The Foundation for Lovejoy Schools sponsored an open house and facilities tour at the new Lovejoy High School that will be opening this August for students in the 6th through 9th grades. The first graduating class will be in 2010. A beautiful facility with a capacity of 1500 students, the campus is built around a central courtyard that will serve as a gathering place for the students. The courtyard leads to the sports facility which houses a football stadium, baseball, softball, and tennis courts as well as field tracks. In recognition of the school mascot, the competition gym features striking murals of crouched leopards on two walls.

The open house was a huge success, drawing a large crowd of future students and their families. Councilmember Bill Carmickle of Lucas was invited as a special guest of the school district. Lunch was available to those wishing to dine in the new cafeteria, compliments of Chick-Fil-A of McKinney. There were arts & crafts for the smaller children, and sports games for the older ones on the football field and in the gym. This state-of-the art school is an addition to our city to be proud of. Welcome, Lovejoy Leopards!

**HERE'S TO YOU, DAD!**



Here's hoping all you fathers have a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday, June, 18th.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL WORKSHOP, JUNE 15**

City Council has scheduled a special workshop at 7:00PM on June 15th for the purpose of discussing goals and objectives for the remainder of the year as well as beginning the process for 2007.



**COUNCIL MEMBER  
KATHLEEN PEELE**

Our newest Council Member, Kathleen Peele, has a long history of service to her community, including stints as a

PTO president, Booster Club supporter, Girl Scout Leader, Den Mother, and Soccer Coach. She is an active volunteer with Meals On Wheels, The Senior Source, and Junior Achievement. She has served the City of Lucas as a member of both Home Rule Commissions, member of Parks & Open Spaces Board, and alternate to the Board of Adjustments.

She is the mother of four, as well as having a successful career with a major Global Financial Services company in a director position. Kathleen earned a B.B.A from UTA and an M.B.A from UTD. All of her community activities, education, and career have well prepared her to help lead the City of Lucas .

Kathleen is a proud horse owner who is dedicated to our unique country way of life. Welcome, Council Member Peele.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2006**

The 23rd Annual National Night Out Against Crime will be celebrated on August 1 from 7:00PM-9:00PM. Further details will follow next month, or you may contact your Neighborhood Crime Watch Coordinator, Block Captains or Collin County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Deputies.

You may also call Deputy D.L. Thomas at or 972-547-5167 or email him at [dthomas@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:dthomas@co.collin.tx.us).

**MAY CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

(Complete text of all resolutions and ordinances may be found on the City website.)

**May 1, 2006 Council Meeting**

- Approved the rezoning of the property described as +/- 32.80 acres situated at the northeast intersection of Shady Lane and Snider Lane from Agriculture (AO) to R-2 (2 acre residential lots).
- Approved the Development Agreement regarding 192 Stinson Road off-site 12" water line construction not to exceed \$15,000 from the applicant and date of construction to begin changed to August 1, 2006 and remainder of the agreement to be left intact.
- Approved the preliminary/final plat of the property described as +/- 2.94 acres situated in the James Lovelady Survey, Abstract number A0538, Tract 95 in Collin County, Texas. Generally located at 192 Stinson Road, south of FM 1378 on Stinson Road.
- Awarded the bid for the 2006 Lucas Chip Seal Project to JRJ Paving in the amount of \$ 289,007.50 and bring back to next Council meeting a list of the roads included in Option A.
- Approved an Ordinance # 2006-05-00565 amending Ordinance # 2006-02-00552 Section 12 of the said ordinance changing the names of the Deputy Early Voting Clerks for the May 13, 2006 General Election for the City of Lucas.
- Approved the contract between First Call Network, Inc. and the City of Lucas regarding the emergency notification system.
- Approved Resolution # 2006-05-00272 approving the real estate transaction requested by the Board of Directors of Central Appraisal District of Collin County, as passed by their resolution dated April 5, 2006.
- Approved Resolution # 2006-05-00273 of the City of Lucas, Texas, providing for the re-appointment of the Judge of the Municipal Court for a term of two (2) years.

**May 15, 2006 Council Meeting**

- Approved the zoning change from AO (agriculture) to R-2 (2 acre residential) for the property generally located at 360 Stinson.
- Approved the zoning change from AO (agriculture) to R-2 (2 acre residential) for the property hereinafter described as 8.875± acres situated in the Benjamin Sparks Survey, Abstract #813, being part of a 71.19 acre tract, described in Volume 549, Page 333, in the Deed Records of Collin County, Texas.
- Approved the cost estimate to blade patch/level-up and chip seal roads received from Collin County Public Works Department.
- Approved the Alternate A list of roads to the pavement maintenance contract between the City of Lucas and JRJ Paving, LP.

**NOT THE USUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**By Fred Horak, St. Jude's Farm, Lucas, TX**

Twenty years ago candidates for Council ran on the slogan "Keep Lucas country". The City budget was \$260,000 with 5 primarily "part-time" employees. Mr. Rand and Mr. McNally didn't have a dot on their road atlas for Lucas. How could developers find Lucas with only five paved roads through town?

In 1980 12% of American families still lived on farms, raised crops, tended animals; today it is 2%. Six corporations now provide over 90% of our diet with gradations of preparation convenience. Farmland is converted to home sites at a rate of over 2 million acres per month. Crop and animal gene pools have become gene puddles. We follow supermarket sales, watch ads, clip coupons for the cheapest price.

**Meat and potatoes?**

Meat? The supermarket meat counter contains a variety of cuts; but it's virtually all the same. Angus and Hereford account for 60%, and 40% comes from 40 other breeds. Eighty percent of our ham and bacon come from three breeds of pigs, 7 breeds account for the remaining 20%. Only 2 varieties of chicken (out of 75 varieties) account for 97% of sales; their 23 week life span is a corporate secret.

Potatoes? Eight species of potatoes can grow edible tubers; nearly 100 varieties from these eight species can be grown in the US. But, over 80% of our potatoes come from 6 of the 100 varieties. One variety (Russet Burbank) produces 60% of our harvest (McDonalds uses only Russet Burbank's).

What we think is coming from the farm is, of course, coming from corporations that control the process from seed stock to stove. Variety in meat and potatoes harvested on the family farm is advertising and packaging. Under the date stamped cellophane wrap of an apparent endless variety of meat and potatoes is food for thought.

**What does this have to do with a rural community?**

The slogan "Keep Lucas country", verse two, sounds like "developments with a two acre minimum, room for a horse and a variety of exteriors". Over the past year we have been converting about 50 acres per month from agriculture to residential development; about \$31 million was added last year. Ten years ago our tax base was \$200 million, today it is \$400 million. It is still a rural community and, like the family farm, can disappear. A rural at-

mosphere is not simply a barn for the horse. There are more horses in the US today, 9.2 million, than there were in 1900 before the invention of the auto.

We can lose the remaining vestiges of a rural community through lack of awareness, looking only at the cheapest deal, not getting involved, losing a sense of neighbor and community. There is a desire to be close to our agricultural roots, a place of relative calm and quiet. Appreciation for agriculture's real diversity, variety in rural land use, care of the land, interest in the community, and diversity of opinion is the essence of "rural community". It is not the "same meat and potatoes" with a variety of ads, coupons and packaging sold at the supermarket. Rural community celebrates diversity, variety and unity. It has a price dearer than chanting a slogan; ask the remaining 2% of family farmers.

**YOUR CITY NEEDS YOU!**

In recognition of the direction presented in the approved 2004 City of Lucas Comprehensive Plan regarding the support and development of some commercial business to obtain a desired ad valorem tax, City Council has determined the need to form an Economic Development Committee. This committee will be charged with the task of putting together a proposed plan to specifically identify and be proactive in attracting those types of commercial/retail businesses that are consistent with our Comprehensive Plan and the needs of our citizens. They will operate under guidance from Council to develop a marketing strategy to recruit businesses that will preserve the integrity of our country vision and constraints, while potentially relieving the tax burden of homeowners in the long term. Council is asking for citizen volunteers to serve on this important committee.

If you are interested in serving our community in this capacity, please complete a volunteer application form that may be obtained either online at the City web site or picked up at City Hall and returned to our City Secretary.

We are currently also looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Adjustments, as well as the Parks and Open Spaces Board. For complete details on these openings, you may contact the City Secretary. Completed applications for these positions should also be returned to her. Please consider serving your community by volunteering for these important positions. Make a difference in our future.