



The City of Lucas Newsletter

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Mayor's Message By Rebecca Mark

On April 1, 2014, the City of Lucas Fire Department (LFD) began Advanced Life Support or "ALS" Ambulance Transport services for the City of Lucas. As April 2015 approaches, we reflect back on a great first year.

The planning began in 2012 with many meetings and discussions regarding the total project and our expectations to be a fully functional EMS provider. The first EMS Lieutenant was hired in 2013 to facilitate licensing, and in early October 2013, six emergency medical certified personnel were hired. We purchased a used ambulance in November of 2013, and placed an order for a new ambulance. Upgrades were made to the used ambulance in preparation for our first call. By January 2014 we had upgraded our first responder license from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support. After a final inspection by Texas Department of State Health Services in late March 2014, Lucas Fire Rescue (LFR) became a licensed EMS provider. Our new ambulance arrived and was placed into service in late April 2014. Since service began on April 1, 2014, more than 400 service calls have been made to LFR. Of those, 242 were EMS related calls reflecting all types of medical emergencies, including the delivery of one baby!

Dr. Scott Corcoran, our medical director and a resident of Lucas, has instituted a rigorous continuing education program where each month personnel are trained on current and new emergency medical treatments. Over the last 18 months training has been conducted by cardiologists, trauma surgeons, emergency room physicians, pediatric nurses, trauma nurses, emergency room nurses, respiratory therapists, and seasoned licensed paramedics. And over 100 CPR cards have been issued to a large number of City staff and others in the community due to the teaching of CPR classes by our very qualified LFR staff.

Lucas Fire Rescue now has 1 emergency room physician, 3 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Licensed Paramedics, 12 EMT Paramedics, 14 EMT Basics, 5 Emergency Care Attendants, and 12 first responders. One of our paramedics is also a registered nurse. These include both our paid employees and volunteer staff.

We are grateful to be able to provide our residents with first rate emergency services, and are all very proud of our outstanding fire department. We are looking forward to the completion of the fire department addition in late spring or early summer that will give our personnel the expanded accommodations they need, including modern sleeping quarters. Please join us in congratulating Lucas Fire Rescue on an outstanding first year!



Election Updates

On **May 9, 2015** the City of Lucas will hold a General and Special Election. The positions on the ballot for the General Election are Mayor, Councilmember Seat 3, and Councilmember Seat 4, all with terms expiring in May 2018. A Special Election is also being held to fill the unexpired term for Councilmember Seat 2 as a result of the current Councilmember resigning to run for the position of Mayor. The candidate elected to Seat 2 will serve for the unexpired term of May 2017.

Candidates for the General Election:

Mayor

Jim Olk - *running unopposed*

Councilmember Seat 3

Steve Duke - *running unopposed*

Councilmember Seat 4

Mike Bevins

Philip Lawrence

Candidates for the Special Election:

Councilmember Seat 2

Tim Baney - *running unopposed*

Below is the Early Voting and Election Day Schedule

Check out the City's website for polling locations:

<http://www.lucastexas.us/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1	May 2
	Early Voting 8am-5pm	Early Voting 8am-5pm	Early Voting 8am-5pm	Early Voting 8am-7pm	Early Voting 8am-5pm	Early Voting 8am-5pm
May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
	Early Voting 7am-7pm	Early Voting 7am-7pm				7am-7pm Election Day!

Meter Register Replacement Updates

RG3 has modified the schedule for the replacement of all 2250 water meter registers from March, to April and May. RG3 will be installing Tesla 4 registers on the existing water meters. This action will be transparent to our residents.

Meeting Reminders for April

Date	Time	Description	Notes
Apr 2	6:00 pm	City Council	City Hall
Apr 9	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning	City Hall
Apr 16	6:00 pm	Community Center Ribbon Cutting	Community Center
Apr 16	7:00 pm	City Council	City Hall
Apr 25	8:00 am to noon	Keep Lucas Beautiful Clean Up Event	Meet at Lucas Community Park Pavilion
Apr 28	7:00 pm	Parks & Open Space Board	City Hall

City Council Action Highlights

- * Authorized the City Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Metropolitan Infrastructure, PLLC for the design of a roadway and two bridges on Blondy Jhune Road.
- * Approved an offsite parking agreement with Lovejoy ISD.
- * Authorized the Fire Chief to apply for the Firefighter SAFER Grant for the Lucas Fire Department.
- * Approved request by Seis Lagos to contractually provide Fire and EMS support.



Employee Spotlight Marco Ramirez , Public Works Specialist I

Marco has been working for the City of Lucas for seven years. His initial focus after starting with the city was in the maintenance of the parks. During his time with the city, he has become a valued team member in the Public Works Department. Today most of Marco's responsibilities reside on the water side of the department activities.

Marco's talents are not limited to the Public Works Department. Marco enjoys working with his son on remodeling projects at his own home, and at his son's house. His knowledge of home construction (laying tile, sheetrock, taping and bedding, painting, etc.) has proven to be an asset while assisting with small improvement projects in various city facilities.

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Marco has been married for 33 years and has two sons. He and his family live in Rowlett, Texas. The City is fortunate to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic employee such as Marco as part of our team.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Fun Day



Fun... Fun... Fun Day! Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Lucas will be hosting a Community Fun Day on May 2, 2015 from 3pm-7pm.

Bring a lawn chair and sit back and listen to live music from area bands including Cross Timbers Blue Grass Band. A variety of inside and outside games and activities planned for seniors, adults, and children.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church invites you to come spend a lazy Saturday afternoon with them, munch on hamburgers and hot dogs, and have some fun! Best of all, it's Free...Free...Free! They are located at 750 West Lucas Road, Lucas, TX 75002. You can find out more on their Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdUnitedMethodistChurchLucasTx

Buyer Beware

Several Lucas residents have reported receiving a flyer or letter in the mail titled ****Important Information Regarding Your Waterline Service****. While it is true that all leaks on the homeowners' side of the meter are the homeowners' responsibility to fix, not all waterline leaks are expensive to repair. Before entering into any contract, please read all documentation to be sure you understand what is and is not covered with these types of plans. The City of Lucas is NOT involved with the flyer that you might have received, and the City does NOT endorse the sender.

If you have any questions about Lucas Waterworks, please contact the city Public Works Director/City Engineer Stanton Foerster, PE, at 972-912-1208 or sfoerster@lucastexas.us.

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions Continue

Stage 3 seasonal watering restrictions continue through the month of April. This means that residential and business customers will be limited to landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to once every two weeks, when needed. Thanks to the recent rains, Lake Lavon is now approximately 5 feet below normal elevation. The NTMWD Board continues to monitor the lake levels and will advise of changes as appropriate.

IF WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

~ PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY, ODE TO THE WEST WIND

City of Lucas Community Center Grand Opening

The City of Lucas is proud to announce the opening of our new Community Center! The facility is located behind City Hall and can be reserved by Lucas residents for events such as birthday parties, family reunions, meetings, and more.

The facility will have a large open space with tables and chairs, a small food prep area with refrigerator, microwave, sink, and dishwasher, a conference room for smaller meetings, and restrooms. From the Community Center, you will also have a view of and access to the adjoining Lucas Community Park.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Jennifer Clark during normal business hours (M-F, 8am-5pm) at 972-727-8999, or emailing her at jennifer@lucastexas.us. A \$100 refundable deposit is required to reserve the Community Center, however there are no hourly fees.

Please join us at the Lucas Community Center for a festive celebration event!

April 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

- Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Lucas Community Center!
- First year anniversary of the City of Lucas Fire Rescue *Advanced Life Support Ambulance Transport Services!*

Lavon Lake Master Plan

By: Stanton Foerster, Public Works Director

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Fort Worth District, is revising the Lavon Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the management of the government lands around the edge of the lake. The Master Plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Lavon Lake. Lavon Lake was constructed in 1953 as a flood mitigation project. In the 1960's, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) recognized a need for increased water supplies to support the growing population. As a result of the study, the NTMWD partnered with USACE to raise the dam and structure roughly twenty feet to its current elevation. The current Master Plan is dated May 13, 1972 and was completed as part of the planned enlargement of Lavon Lake, which was completed in December 1975. Collin County and adjacent Rockwall and Denton counties each experienced population growths of more than 50 percent during the 2000-2010 census periods.

More information can be found on their website at:

<http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/LakesandRecreationInformation/MasterPlanUpdates/LavonLake.aspx>

Outdoor Burning is Prohibited

The City of Lucas will no longer be issuing burn permits. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the state agency that strives to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. TCEQ's goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste. Recently, the City of Lucas became aware that outdoor burning is generally prohibited with a few exceptions.

The Texas Administrative Code (Title 30, TAC Sections 111.201-221) generally prohibits outdoor burning. Because Collin County is designated as a nonattainment area, and because the City of Lucas provides waste collection services to the residents of the City, the burning of "domestic waste" and plant growth is prohibited. Domestic waste is defined as waste that normally results from the function of life within a residence. This waste includes kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes and packaging, provided such waste is generated on the property. Plant growth consisting of trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth is prohibited with a few exceptions. Currently, Barnes Waste Disposal accepts brush that has been cut into 4 foot lengths, and is bundled into packages no heavier than 35 lbs.

The City has discontinued issuing permits for the outdoor burning because such a permit would not be valid because the City's authority is superseded by state law. Residents that hold a valid permit and paid a permit fee to the City could be cited for outdoor burning by the TCEQ.

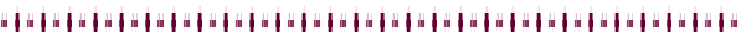
For more information on outdoor burning regulations, go to <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/publications/rg/rg-049.html> and review Outdoor Burning in Texas Field Operations published the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).




Did you know... that Lucas has a drive up drop box located in front of City Hall by the large sign out front? It is there for the convenience of our residents and can be used to drop off water bill payments or other documents intended for City staff.



As an additional convenience to our residents, there is a USPS Mailbox just up from the drop box that can be used to mail stamped correspondence being sent via the US Postal Service.



Important Dates to Remember

- April 3 — Good Friday (City Hall Closed)
- April 5 — Easter Sunday 
- April 15 — Tax returns due
- April 24 — Arbor Day
- April 25 — Keep Lucas Beautiful Clean Up

Keep Lucas Beautiful Participates in Great American Cleanup Event

By Valerie Turnbow, Parks and Open Space Board Member

The City of Lucas has embarked on becoming an affiliate of *Keep Texas Beautiful*, and with that the “*Keep Lucas Beautiful*” organization has been established. Currently our Parks and Open Space Board is overseeing the formation of the affiliate according to the requirements set forth by *Keep Texas Beautiful*.

As an affiliate member, *Keep Lucas Beautiful* (KLB) will offer our residents a variety of resources and opportunities to get involved in ensuring our community is the best it can be by participation in litter clean up events, beautification projects, environmental education workshops, and by recognizing the efforts of those who actively participate.

Keep Lucas Beautiful is excited to host our very first “**Keep Lucas Beautiful**” event on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**. The focus will be on cleaning up litter in our city. Volunteer groups, school groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops, sports teams, families, and individuals are invited to register to participate by contacting Jennifer Clark at 972-727-8999, or at jennifer@lucastexas.us.

The event will kick off at 8:00 am at the Lucas Community Park Pavilion next to City Hall where volunteers will pick up their safety vests and trash bags, be provided safety instructions and guidelines, and will break into teams to cover a given route. Our route this year will be determined on a date closer to the actual event.

Everyone will return to the Lucas Community Park Pavilion at 11:30 for a special recognition event. Mayor Mark will recognize the efforts of those participating, and City representatives will be grilling up and serving hot dogs and drinks for all volunteers.

So come on out, roll up your sleeves, take part in the fun, and show your support in keeping our city a beautiful place to live!

***** Trash bags will be provided. Participants are asked to bring their own gloves *****



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