



The City of Lucas Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

I want to take a little time to say THANK YOU to our outgoing Mayor, Rebecca Mark. She has done an outstanding job as a councilmember and as the Mayor of Lucas for the past 6 years.

As citizens we can see physical improvements to several of our City facilities that have occurred during her term like the new Fire Department administrative wing currently being constructed at the Fire Station. We can all avail ourselves to the new Community Center just adjacent to City Hall for any number of functions both personal and civic. We can also enjoy the walking track and other new amenities at the park.

On the side of public safety, we now have a full time paid EMS staff with two ambulances that just celebrated its first anniversary. Mayor Mark was instrumental in the hiring of our City Manager, Joni Clarke and our City Secretary, Stacy Henderson, which are more additions to a great City Staff that impacts our quality of life on a daily basis.

Under Mayor Mark's guidance over the past 6 years we have expanded our commercial tax base with a portion of the sales tax dollars being earmarked for street maintenance, property taxes reduction and to aid with the funding the Fire and Emergency Services District, which Mayor Mark fought for our ability to establish at the State Legislature.

We can all see that our intergovernmental relations have improved with the State, County, surrounding Cities and surrounding school districts due to Mayor Mark's calm and steady demeanor. The City has been acknowledged by professional organizations for its transparency in government. The Friends of Trinity Trails has recognized the City of Lucas for its dedication to our rural lifestyle and we are now listed as one of the top ten places to live in the metroplex.

I truly believe that this vast list of accomplishments would not have been possible without Mayor Mark's gentle guiding hand and her demonstrated love for the City of Lucas. I know that as the incoming Mayor I have some very large boots to fill and only hope I can leave a Mark on the City of Lucas like Rebecca has left. **Thank You, Mayor Rebecca Mark!**

Town Hall Meeting

What does the future hold for Lucas?

When: Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm

Where: City Hall

Public input is being sought for updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

The Dallas Morning News names

Lucas one of the Best

Neighborhoods!

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/best-neighborhoods/>

Congratulations Lucas! You have been named one of the best neighborhoods in North Texas. *The Dallas Morning News* uses many factors in creating its top ten list of the best neighborhoods in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Safety, aesthetic appeal and excellent schools are just a few of the elements that are considered. We all know why we love Lucas and now others know it as well.

City Council Members

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Kathleen Peele, Mayor Pro Tem, Seat 6	kpeelee@lucastexas.us

Congratulations to Charlie Gaines who was selected by the Lucas City Council to serve as the Grand Marshal for the 2015 Founders Day Parade.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2015 Founders Day Event to be held on **Saturday, October 24th** at the Lucas Community Park next to City Hall. Planning is underway and this is a true community event that is fun and family-friendly. More information to come....

Meeting Reminders for June

Date	Time	Description	Notes
June 4th	7:00 pm	City Council	City Hall
June 11th	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning	City Hall
June 18th	7:00 am	City Council	City Hall
June 23rd	7:00 pm	Parks & Open Space Board	City Hall

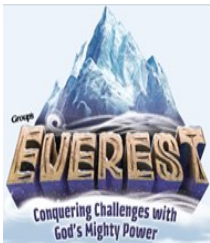
City Council Action Highlights

- Approved Resolution R-2015-05-00428 authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue Certificates of Obligation up to two million dollars for safety related street and bridge projects.
- Approved mid-year budget adjustments.
- Approved Ordinance 2015-05-00813 amending the Master Fee Schedule .
- Appointment of Kathleen Peele as Mayor Pro Tem

Fiscal Year 15/16 Budget Work Begins

Staff will begin preliminary work on the next fiscal year's budget in June. On Tuesday, July 21st at 6:00 pm at City Hall, the City Council will conduct its budget workshop.

For information on the fiscal year 15/16 budget process, you may contact the City's Finance Director Liz Exum at telephone number 972-912-1201 or email at lexum@lucastexas.us.



Vacation Bible School Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Come to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church beginning June 22nd as we embark on a week-long icy expedition to Everest.

We will learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power through unforgettable games, activities and snacks!

All are welcome, and a light supper will be served at 5:30pm for children and their families. VBS will start at 6:00pm and closing is at 8:15pm. Best of all it's all FREE!!! Watch our website gsumclucas.org for online registration coming soon.

Date: June 22nd — 26th

Time: 6:00pm — 8:15pm

Place: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
750 W Lucas Road, Lucas, Texas

Call: 972-429-0295

Email: kids.gsumclucas@gmail.com

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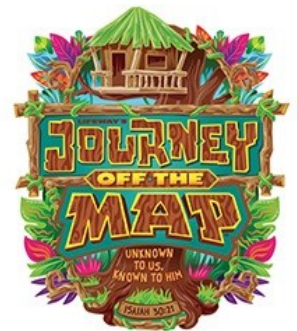


Our Public Works Department is working hard to improve your safety by repairing roadways, maintaining our water system to ensure you have quality drinking water, and responding to emergency situations such as debris removal. When you see those Public Works trucks and orange cones, please be respectful and follow these safety tips:

- ◆ Dedicate your full attention to the roadway
- ◆ Avoid changing the radio station, using a mobile phone, eating, or other distractions that can remove your concentration from the road
- ◆ “Expect the unexpected” as workers, work vehicles, or equipment may enter your lane without warning
- ◆ SLOW DOWN as workers may be present just feet away
- ◆ Watch traffic around you and be prepared to react
- ◆ Merge into the proper lane
- ◆ Follow instructions from “Flaggers”

Our Public Works Department crews are doing a great job of keeping the roads and us safe. Let's do our part to help keep them just as safe.

Vacation Bible School First Baptist Church Journey off the Map



Vacation Bible School will take your kids to uncharted territory where they begin to understand that obedience to God can lead them beyond the expected. So toss the map, stick close to the guide, and prepare to listen for God's direction in this journey that is unknown to us, but known by Him.

Date: June 14th — 18th

Time: 6:30 pm — 8:45 pm

Place: First Baptist Church
100 Stinson Road
Lucas, Texas

Call: 214-538-2208 or 214-538-2197

Email: Sharonafof@verizon.net

Employee Spotlight

Cheryl Meehan, Human Resources Manager



Cheryl was hired as a part-time Finance Assistant in March 2007. Her present position is Human Resource Manager/Court Administrator. Cheryl has a background in accounting and IT, and was trained in computer programming by IBM. Her responsibilities include the areas of Human Resource, Payroll, and Finance.

Cheryl has been instrumental in the updated records retention of the Finance department including payroll, accounts payable and receivable, as well as municipal court. She is very familiar with the Incode software that drives many of the daily functions of the City's departments. Her versatility and understanding of human resources and employment law made her the perfect candidate when the City of Lucas created the full time position of Human Resource Manager in 2009. Cheryl is always looking to increase her knowledge and help others.

Cheryl and her husband Jim live in Allen. She has two adult children, Bill and Caitlyn, and is the proud grandma to Jameison (5) and Victoria Rose (5 months). In her free time when she is not working, Cheryl enjoys a good "Hold 'em Tournament" where she continually works on her poker face.

City Hires Engineering Intern



Each summer the City of Lucas hires high school and college students to help with mowing, park maintenance, and other outdoor activities. This summer the city expanded the student-type opportunity to include an Engineering Intern. Ms. Reese Jackson started her internship with the Public Works Department and the City Engineer on May 20th. Her focus will be on the engineering, planning, and budgeting of the roadway and water projects currently underway: Collector Street Project, Blondy Jhune Road roadway and bridge design, Osage Lane six-inch waterline construction, Parker Road 12-inch design, Winningkoff Road Reverse Curve Alternative Assessment, Rock Ridge Road 12-Inch Waterline Phase II design, and various elements of the Comprehensive Plan, just to name a few.

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Outdoor Watering Updates

Starting May 1, 2015, Lucas Waterworks customers are allowed to water their outdoor landscape, grass, sod, etc. twice per week.

First Watering Day Per Week – The first watering day is the same day as the customer's trash collection day.

Second Watering Day Per Week The second watering day is determined by the customer. If possible, avoid watering on the weekends due to the physical limits of the waterworks system, and only water when needed.



NO WATERING IS ALLOWED BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM ON ANY DAY

The North Texas Municipal Water District recommends keeping sprinkler systems OFF through spring. Wait until summer to program sprinklers for watering as needed. Twice per week is not needed until the heat of summer. Watering wisely saves water and money!

If you have any questions, contact Stanton Foerster, Public Works Director/City Engineer at 972.912.1208 or by email at sfoerster@lucastexas.us.

Managing Your Septic System

By Kathleen Peele, City of Lucas, Mayor Pro-Tem

In the state of Texas, approximately one in three newly constructed homes have a septic system, especially in housing developments in suburban areas and what were previously rural regions. Statistics show that close to fifty thousand new septic systems are granted approval yearly. Every residence in Lucas (new and older) has a septic system.

The TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) is the agency that regulates the installation and maintenance requirements of septic systems. Texas law permits homeowners to maintain their own system but, only after meeting specific, stringent requirements. Most septic owners prefer to have their system's maintenance under contract with a certified septic provider. Reports on the effectiveness and condition of septic systems must be filed with the Authorized Agent for TCEQ every 4 months, or every 6 months if the system uses an electronic monitor. For Lucas residents, the Authorized Agent is Collin County. Non-compliance with TCEQ requirements, including reporting, can result in court appearances and fines.

If you have questions, concerns or want to submit a complaint, please contact Collin County at 972-548-5585.

Eagle Scout Helps Improve Safety at Trinity Trails



Lovejoy High School senior Max Gresham recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. This is the highest rank in scouting with only around 4% of scouts achieving this level. He was honored at the Troop 358 Eagle Recognition Ceremony, and also at the Circle Ten Council Banquet where he received a commendation from Rick Perry, and was personally congratulated by Nancy Ann and Ray Hunt.

To complete his Eagle Scout rank, Max took on a project for the Trinity Trails Preservation Association (TTPA) to improve safety on the trails around Lake Lavon. TTPA needed emergency mile marker signs linked to GPS coordinates installed along the trails that allows emergency responders to better locate those requesting assistance. The work was done over a period of 4 days, beginning with preparation of the mile marker signs. Each marker has a unique number that can be reported to the 9-1-1 operator, which in turn will let emergency responders know your exact location. Max pulled three teams of volunteers together and they installed the markers approximately every ½ mile along the 25.5 mile trail all the way from East Fork Trail Head in Wylie on the south end, to the Giant Sycamore Loop on the North end. Max and his team did a great job, and this will be a major safety feature on the trail.

Max is the son of Diane Gresham of Lucas, and Jamie Gresham. Max would like to thank Charlie Gaines and Duke Monson of the TTPA for entrusting him with this project, all the volunteers who helped, Walmart for providing the water, and Chick-fil-A who provided breakfast each morning.

On June 21st we celebrate Father's Day and it provides us with an opportunity to thank all our father figures for the contributions they have made in our lives.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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