



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

As noted on page 2, the General Election to elect the Mayor and two councilmember seats has been cancelled as all three candidates ran unopposed. The three elected officials will be sworn into office at our first council meeting in June. I look forward to working with our newest Councilmember Steve Duke, and returning Councilmember Phil Lawrence.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor for another three years.

However, it is very important to note that **there will still be a Special Election** for you to consider two sales tax proposals as outlined on page 2. I strongly urge all of you to vote in this important election. Once again, information about the propositions are in this newsletter, and you are invited to call our City Manager, Jeff Jenkins, with any questions.

Considering the recent heavy rainfall, some of you may be wondering why we are still under Stage 3 water restrictions. North Texas Municipal Water District is continually monitoring the situation, and will keep us up to date on the status of our lake levels. However, they are still unable to get water from one of our suppliers, Lake Texoma, due to the unresolved zebra mussel infestation. In the meantime, beginning April 1, 2012, the Stage 3 restrictions will allow for once a week watering of lawns. Please see the map on page 4 for which day watering is allowed in your neighborhood.

**All meetings begin at 7:00 PM
unless otherwise specified.**

City Council Regular
Thursday, Apr. 5

City Hall Closed
Friday, Apr. 6

Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Apr. 12

Municipal Court
Wednesday, Apr. 18, 3:30 PM

City Council Workshop
Thursday, Apr. 19

Early Voting
Apr. 30, 8 AM to 5 PM

*Information on the proposed
Sales Tax Special Election can
be found on page 2*

Wal-Mart Update

The construction contract has been awarded, it is anticipated that work will begin in the next couple of weeks. The timeline for finishing the project shows early next year, with a goal of opening in March of 2013.

Artist renderings of the building and site plans showing the layout of the development are available at City Hall. Check our website for a link that will take you to a FAQ that may answer some of your questions about the project. Paper copies of this FAQ are also available at City Hall.



Are you Registered to Vote?

To be eligible to register in the City of Lucas' General & Special Elections, you must:

- * Be a U.S. citizen;
- * Be a resident of the city;
- * Be 18 years old (you may register at 17 years and 10 months);
- * Not a convicted felon (unless a person's sentence is completed, including any probation or parole);
- * Not declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law
- * Registered by April 12, 2012.

Voter Registration Information can be found at:
http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/voter_registration/index.jsp

New voter registration certificates will be issued and mailed to all "active" status registered voters in Collin County in late April.

Proposed Additional Sales Tax Ballot Language

Proposition 1

The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City of Lucas, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate.

_____ For _____ Against

Proposition 2

The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Lucas, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

_____ For _____ Against

See page 3 for voting dates and times

Sales Tax Proposals for May 12, 2012 Special Election

At the council meeting on February 16, 2012, the City Council voted to pass an ordinance that will place two sales tax changes on the May 12, 2012 ballot. Earlier that week you should have received a mailer that explained the proposed additional tax rates. The information sent to you provided answers to a number of questions you may have about this proposal.

The same information is now posted on the City website at www.lucastexas.us. Additionally, copies of the information may be picked up at City hall.

Briefly described, the two additional sales taxes being proposed are as follows:

Sales Tax to Reduce Property Tax Rate

This additional tax would be used to reduce property taxes for Lucas property owners. The amount of property tax revenue used in calculating the property tax rate would be lowered by an amount equal to the revenue produced by the additional sales tax, resulting in lower property tax rates.

Municipal Sales Tax for Street Maintenance

This additional tax would generate additional revenue to the city to be used for maintenance and repair of existing City streets that are our responsibility (not county or state roads.)

Each of these two proposed additional sales taxes would add 1/4 of 1 percent to the current Lucas sales tax rate of 7.25%, resulting in a combined total sales tax of 7.75% if both are approved. Most surrounding communities have a combined tax rate of 8.25%.

To the left of this page you will find the proposed ballot wording. You may vote for one and against the other, in favor of both, or against both.

Please take the time to read the complete information you previously received very carefully as it may address additional questions you may have.

For any further questions, call City Manager Jeff Jenkins at 972-727-8999 or email him at jjenkins@lucastexas.us.

March Actions from City Council

- * Accepted and approved the City of Lucas' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) FY 2010–2011 Audit
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-03-00382** canceling the May 12, 2012 General Election and declare each candidate unopposed: Mayor, Rebecca Mark; Councilmember Seat 3, Steve Duke; and Councilmember Seat 4, Philip Lawrence
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-03-00713** amending Chapter 6 "Health and Sanitation" by amending Article 6.04 "Smoking" by repealing Division 2 "Smoking in Municipal Buildings" and by adding Sections 6.04.001 through 6.04.006 to provide for smoking in public places located within the City
- * Approved an agreement with BW2 Engineers for the Stinson Road Water line design services
- * Approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and the Lovejoy Independent School District to allow usage of the City of Lucas' public right-of-way along the south side of West Lucas Road for the installation of a force main that will connect to the City of Parker's existing facilities. The force main will be used for the future Willow Springs Middle School
- * Approved pavement maintenance for various City roads
- * Approved an \$80,000 budget adjustment with the funds coming from the Capital Improvement Project fund balance and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate contract for design services for the Fire Department Expansion Project with Wiginton Hooker Jeffrey Architects



Cub Scout Pack 358 at Hart Elementary completed their service project with the City of Lucas Parks Department on Saturday, February 25th at Forest Creek Park. The boys did litter patrol throughout the park and spread new sand at the two playground structures.

May 12, 2012 Special Election

Early Voting

The Early Voting location will be in the Conference Room in City Hall, 665 Country Club (enter through the front door of City Hall):

Monday	April 30th	8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	May 1st	7 AM to 7 PM
Wednesday	May 2nd	8 AM to 5 PM
Thursday	May 3rd	8 AM to 5 PM
Friday	May 4th	8 AM to 5 PM
Monday	May 7th	8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	May 8th	7 AM to 7 PM

Newly Elected City Council Members

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 12, 2012, General Election, are hereby declared elected and will take office on June 7, 2012:

Rebecca Mark, Mayor (2015)

Steve Duke, Councilmember, Seat 3 (2015)

Philip Lawrence, Councilmember, Seat 4 (2015)

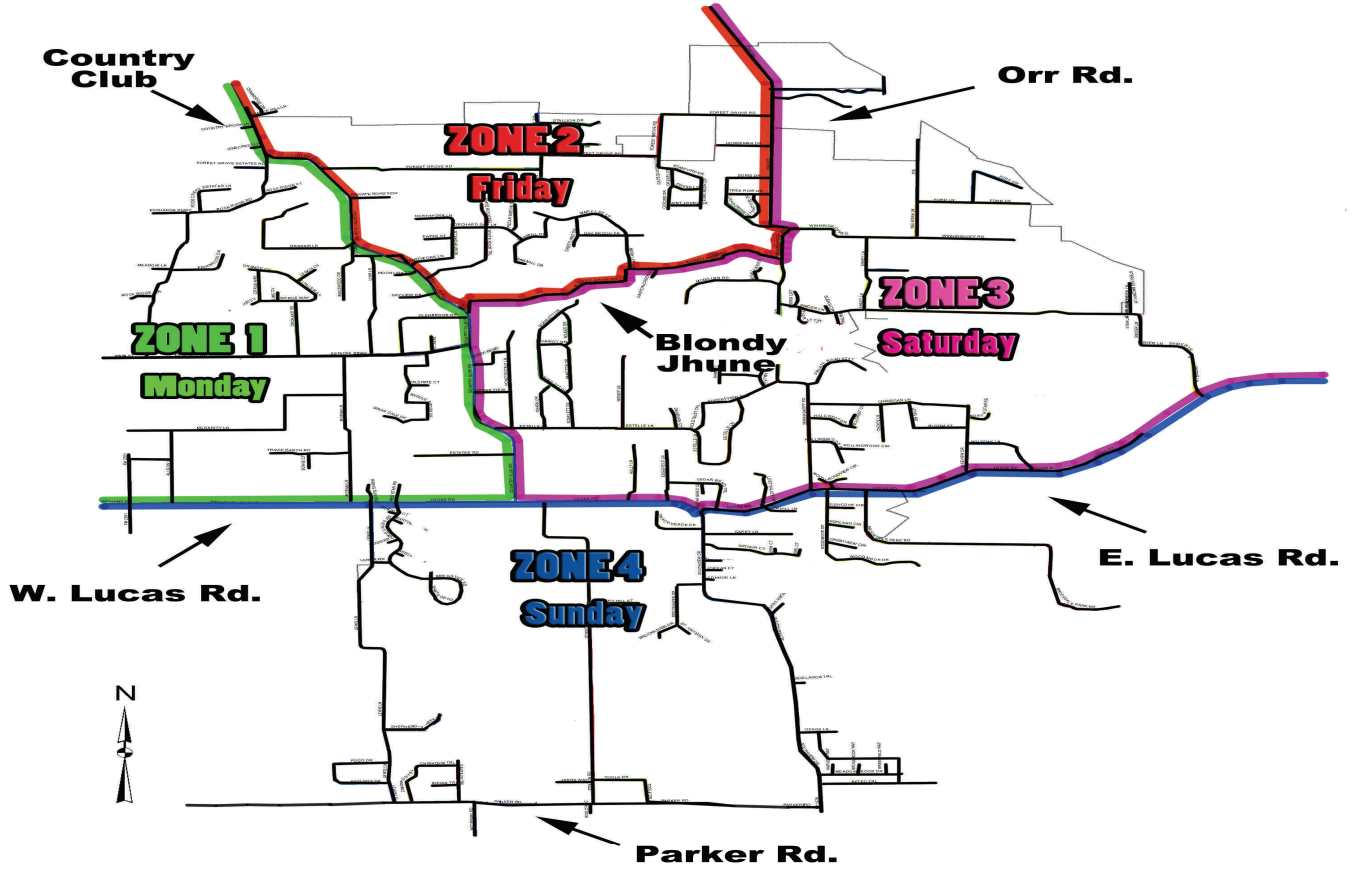
Election Day

On Election Day you may cast your ballot in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 665 Country Club (enter through the south entrance of City Hall):

Saturday	May 12th	7 AM to 7 PM
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Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions Effective 4/1/2012



Customers are permitted to water the lawn once per week, beginning April 1, 2012. The approved days for each zone are shown above.

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