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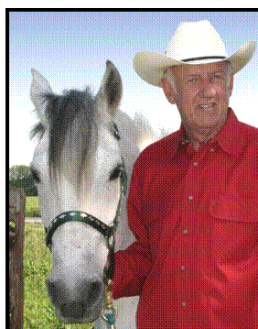
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Straight Talk from the Mayor



All of us who have been hard at work on the renovations at the new City Hall building at 665 Country Club Drive are excited to tell you that the project is progressing right on schedule. Due to the hard work of everyone involved, our target move date is September 28

The main building of the new facility is around 10,000 square feet, a significant improvement over our prior approx 3,000 square feet City Hall. The new City Hall will feature spacious and comfortable Council Chambers, with greatly expanded seating capacity for the public.

One benefit of our new facility is the ability to consolidate all our City services and employees into a single convenient location. This location also has a 6,000 square feet maintenance barn with a security fenced equipment yard. The previous maintenance facility was in very poor shape due to age, and the building was very inadequate at only around 1,000 square feet.

Exterior renovations to the building will be made at sometime in the future after all recommendations made by the Citizen's Advisory Group are studied and considered. Other future plans include establishing a park in the land adjacent to the City Hall.

We will be making plans for an official Open House later in the fall, most likely in conjunction with our annual Founder's Day event.

We think our residents will be proud of our new City Hall. All of us who have been involved in the renovations certainly are. Our dedicated city employees will finally have the comfortable and efficient workplace they deserve, and our residents will enjoy the benefits of the spacious meeting facilities.

MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 IN THE CITY ANNEX UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Crime Alert

Several of our surrounding neighborhoods have experienced a rash of burglaries during the overnight hours (midnight to 6 AM) during the past month. The Town of Fairview police department has reported thefts in Fairview Meadows, Montecito Estates and Thompson Springs.

In one case the culprit(s) went in through a garage door - one left open about a foot and a second case where the walk-thru door was left unlocked. The culprit(s), in the first case, went through the vehicles, removed the stereo from one, took wine coolers from the garage refrigerator then placed the wine coolers in a neighbor's mailbox.

Some of the items stolen from other vehicles include a Blackberry, several GPS/Navigation units, a wedding ring, a laptop computer, a computer bag with accessories, several car stereos, a wallet/purse and cash left in plain sight. Golf clubs were taken from the open garage theft, and long guns and hunting gear from a unlocked barn.

While these burglaries were reported in the Town of Fairview, the citizens of Lucas can get a false sense of security from our community. As long as we leave keys in the car, leave the car doors unlocked, and/or leave valuables in vehicles, these types of crimes are going to continue.

These easy pickings lead to more forceful and invasive crimes that take the thieves from the cars in the driveway...to the open garages...into the unlocked homes...then the locked homes.

Let's all do our part in protecting our property and our neighborhoods.

Just a Reminder

In order to have a home security monitoring system the homeowner must apply for a permit through the Collin County Sheriff's Office. For more information, call the Collin County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number, 972-547-5350.

Collin County requires that maintenance be performed on septic systems 3 times per year - every 120 - 130 days. Reports are due to Development Services within 14 days of the inspection/testing. For more information check out these links to the Collin County Development Services http://www.co.collin.tx.us/development_services/

[on_site_facilities.jsp](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/development_services/forms/Aerobic_Systems_Information_Sheet.pdf) and

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Friendly Reminder From Your Water Department

As we head into the warm summer months, water usage generally begins to increase and, with that, there is the potential of a higher water bill. In order to avoid possible service termination, it is very important that you pay your bill on a timely basis. Bills are sent out on the 25th of the month.

Payment is due on or before the 10th of the month. If the 10th falls on the weekend, payment is still due on the 10th. If payment is not received before the next working day, a \$10.00 late charge will be added. (There is a night drop at City Hall for your convenience.) If payment is not received on the first business day after the due date, a disconnect notice will be sent and if payment is not received within ten days after the original due date, service will be terminated. In order to reconnect your service you will need to pay the balance in full - plus a \$40.00 reconnection fee. If you have any questions or problems with your bill contact City Hall immediately.

Newsletter Submissions

The goal of this newsletter is to keep our citizens up to date on our city government, and also give information about events and issues in our community. Submissions for articles about residents of Lucas and their accomplishments are always welcomed as long as they are not commercial in nature. Ideas for articles may be submitted by emailing to newsletter@lucastexas.us or dropping off at City Hall. Monthly submission deadline is the 15th.

It is very important that any requests for articles include the name of the person submitting the request as well as a contact phone number or email address. Due to privacy concerns I may want to verify the information before including in our newsletter. If I am unable to reach the person requesting the article I may be unable to accept the submission. This is particularly true when the article will be about children. If you have a photo that you believe will enhance the article you may send it to me digitally or drop off at city hall (if you would like returned, please include a SASE). I will make every effort to include all acceptable articles in the newsletter as soon as practicable. It may be necessary for me to edit for length in some cases.

Articles about non-profit community group events may be accepted as space permits. Please send an email or call me at 972- 727-8999 if you have any questions.

Kathy Wingo, City Secretary

City Council Actions for July 2009

- Approved **Ordinance # 2009-07-00649** amending the Comprehensive Zoning Map for the zoning of the annexed parcels of land situated in the James M. Snider Survey, Abstract No. 824, Block C Lot 1, Block A Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25, and Block B Lots 1 through 17, described in a deed filed in the Collin Deed Records (Commonly known as Claremont Springs I, Lucas, Texas to Residential one and a half acre (R-1.5).
- Approved the Contract Amendment #2 between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas regarding Animal Shelter Services for FY 2010 in the amount of \$14,570.
- Approved the Contract Amendment # 2 between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas regarding Animal Control Services for FY 2010 in the amount of \$19,000.
- Approved the Contract Amendment # 2 between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas regarding an Interlocal Agreement for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) up through and including September 30, 2010, with no cost increase at this time.
- Approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Law Enforcement Services between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas effective October 1, 2009 and will continue for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for three (3) annual periods in the amount of \$77,250.
- Approved the Contract Amendment # 4 between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas regarding Jail Services for FY 2010, with no cost increase at this time.
- Approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Lucas, Texas and Collin County, Texas for the placement of a roll off recycling container.
- Awarded the contract to APAC – Texas, Inc. for the 2009 Asphalt Overlay Paving Project, in the amount of \$328,304.46, to include Lakeview, Long, Holyoak, Holly, Estates Road, and portions of Ingram, Blondy Jhune and Graham.
- Awarded the contract for Audit Services to Conway Company CPAs, PC for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$13,500, with an option to renew for four years.

It's raining money!

By Fred Horak

Just when it appears that the natural forces of the economy are conspiring to drive us to the poor house, Mother Nature sends us money from heaven in the form of rain. How much money? An inch of rain covering one acre of land is the equivalent of 27,154 gallons of free water for pasture, yard and garden. If you had to purchase that 27,154 gallons of water from the City at their base rate of \$4.40 per thousand gallons, that inch of rain per acre is worth about \$120. The musical lyrics "pennies from heaven" should be adjusted for inflation.

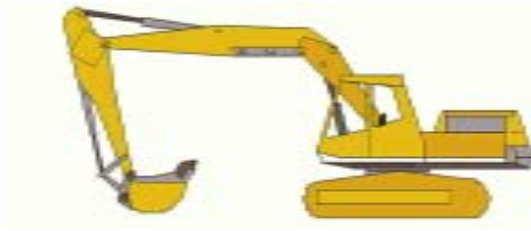
Sales Tax Holiday - August 21-23 School Supplies - New in 2009!

The 81st Texas Legislature recently passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. Effective this year, in addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

1. Binders
2. Book bags
3. Calculators
4. Cellophane tape
5. Blackboard chalk
6. Compasses
7. Composition books
8. Crayons
9. Erasers
10. Folders; expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila
11. Glue, paste and paste sticks
12. Highlighters
13. Index cards
14. Index card boxes
15. Legal pads
16. Lunch boxes
17. Markers
18. Notebooks
19. Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper
20. Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
21. Pencil sharpeners
22. Pencils
23. Pens
24. Protractors
25. Rulers
26. Scissors
27. Writing tablets

2009 ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT



Asphalt overlay paving is scheduled later this summer for the following City roads: Lakeview Drive, Holyoak Lane, Long Road, Holly Lane, Estates Road, and portions of Blondy Jhune Road, Ingram Lane and Graham Lane. This is approximately 3 miles of roadway maintenance. These sections of roads were listed as poor and very poor on the City's Pavement Condition Index Map.

The City will award a contract to an asphalt paving contractor, after the bidding process. The contractor will maintain access for all residents during the paving operations; however some minor delays are possible. After the hot mix asphalt is placed, the contractor will be required to remove any material or construction debris on the shoulders of the roads, before the project is accepted by the City.

If anyone has questions, please call Stacy Caudell, Public Works Director at 972-727-8999.

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