



# Lucas City Newsletter

**August 2012**

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Over the past couple of years you have seen many articles in this newsletter about the necessity of conserving water. North Texas Municipal Water District has asked our help on numerous occasions to get the word out about the drought and its effect on our water supply.

The Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council Of Texas are now asking us to help get the word out about conserving electricity. They are launching a new ad campaign to seek our help in meeting a goal of reducing demand for electricity during the peak hours of the afternoon from 3PM to 7PM. We have two choices to avoid future blackouts in the state, either conserve electricity or build more power plants. Power plants are very expensive, and a simpler solution for the time being is to cut back. Simply setting the thermostat a few degrees higher can make a huge difference in aggregate usage. Turning off unneeded lights, powering down electronic devices such as televisions and computers when not in use are other ways to save on usage. You will see new ad campaigns over the next weeks giving you tips on how to save, and why it is so important.

There are a couple of small areas of Lucas where residents are served by Oncor, rather than Grayson-Collin Electric Coop. Those of you who live in those areas will soon have your electric meters replaced by the new "AMS" (or smart meters) meters. Metadigm Services, Inc. will be the contractor installing these meters. If you have any concerns about the personnel working in your area over the next few weeks, call City Hall. They have been provided with pictures of the contractor's logos, vehicle appearance, uniforms, etc. so you can confirm that they are legitimate contractors working in your area. You should also receive pre-installation and post-installation door hangers.

I want to make sure everyone understands that this meter replacement program only applies to Oncor customers. We have not received any notification from GCEC regarding a plan to replace meters.

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

City Council

Thursday, Aug 2

Board of Adjustment

Monday, Aug 6, 6:30 PM

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Aug 8, 3:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, Aug 9

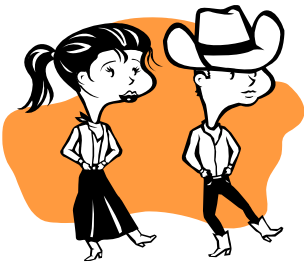
City Council

Thursday, Aug 16





On July 5, 2012, Cub Scout Pack 358 members helped the Parks Department with clean-up of trash and debris at Kenneth Lewis Park. Pack members who participated in the clean-up project included: Michael DesJardins, James Donnelly, Sam Donnelly, Jacob Walton, Sam Witken, and Will Witken. Thanks goes to the boys for all their hard work on behalf of the Lucas community.



### **Founder's Day Volunteers Needed**

Save the date, October 27, 2012, is the next City of Lucas Founder's Day Event.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Founder's Day Event; from chefs, to local musicians and bands, to bounce house attendants. Contact Councilmember Steve Duke for information at 469-235-7240 or email [sduke@lucastexas.us](mailto:sduke@lucastexas.us).

If you would like to have a float, ride your horse, march, drive your classic car, or any other fun participation, contact Councilmember Steve Duke.

Lots of fun for everyone, hope to see you there!

## **Chili Cook-Off (Benefiting Lucas Volunteer Fire Department) Hosted by Faith Fellowship**

Sunday, October 14th 4:30-7:00pm

Held at Lucas Fire Station, 165 Country Club Road

Tickets: \$5 adult \$3 child 10 & under at the door  
(PRE-SALE \$4 adult \$2 child!)

We want to thank our Volunteer Firefighters for all they do for us! All proceeds will go to the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department! This is a fun community event for the whole family with chili tasting, food & kids games!! If you are interested in entering the Cook-Off, please contact Luke Crain at [luke@faithfellowshiplucas.org](mailto:luke@faithfellowshiplucas.org) by Monday, Sept 17th.

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### **July Actions from City Council**

- \* Approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and North Texas Municipal Water District for the use of Forest Grove Road to allow for critical road repairs to Stacy Road.
- \* Appointed Philip Lawrence of City Council Liaison for the Designated Voting Representative for the North Central Texas Council of Governments for a period of one (1) year.

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### **Fire Department Open House Sunday, October 7, 2012 1 PM—4 PM**

You are invited to attend the Lucas Fire Department's 2nd Annual Open House on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Lucas Fire Station, located at 165 Country Club Rd. Lucas, Texas 75002. Do you know what to do when severe weather threatens Lucas? How to prepare yourself, your family and pets for a disaster? Who to call if you have a medical or fire emergency? We will have representatives from the National Weather Service, Careflite, East Texas, Collin County Sherriff, Lucas CERT and Fire Department to help you answer these and other questions you might have. There will be activities and fun for kids and adults.

## West Nile Virus Update

Confirmed West Nile virus cases in humans in North Texas are at a three-year high, So far Dallas County has confirmed 12 human cases of the virus, while none were reported a year ago. Last year's drought and a mild winter have led to a worse-than-normal mosquito problem. Thousands of mosquitoes can hatch out of a single stagnant puddle. That's why health officials recommend that people drain standing water in items such as flower pot saucers, bird baths and roof gutters, which may collect rain.

There are four (4) types of mosquitoes in the North Texas area that are predominately responsible for transmitting the West Nile Virus (WNV). While most residents are unable to tell the difference between the different types of mosquitoes, it is critical to understand that only the female of each species is responsible for transmitting the disease and through proliferation of the species, produce future generations of female carriers. The Northern house mosquito is a common household mosquito and the primary vector of WNV. The virus is contained in the saliva of the mosquito and every time they bite, they are capable of transmitting the virus. Ten to Fourteen (10-14) days after feeding on an infected bird, the bites become infectious. Mosquitoes also transmit St. Louis Encephalitis and Equine WNV. Equine WNV can be controlled through a vaccination from your veterinarian. To reduce the risk of being bitten by a mosquito carrying West Nile, there are several steps residents can take:

- \* Use repellents containing DEET.
- \* Stay indoors during critical feeding periods; temperature above 70 degrees, high humidity, early morning and early evening of each day.
- \* Wear long sleeve shirts during critical periods.
- \* Clean gutters and remove any artificial water containers like jars, cans, bird baths, plant saucers, tires, and/or place mosquito dunks in standing water containers.
- \* Fog or spray garages, sheds, shrubs and grassy areas with an approved adulticide to help eliminate adult mosquito resting areas.
- \* Inspect window screens and screen doors for gaps and areas in need of repair.

- \* Be aware of unconventional containers such as hoof prints, tractor depressions and low lying areas as mosquitoes can breed in a very small amount of water.

Bug Zappers are ineffective in eliminating mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are drawn to light, but once they discover a food source, they will focus on that rather than the light. Martins and Chimney sweeps will consume a small quantity of mosquitoes, but their diet consists primarily of other insects. Residents must be proactive in helping reduce the number of mosquitoes in their area by following all or most of the suggestions listed.

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## Community Park has Playground Equipment!

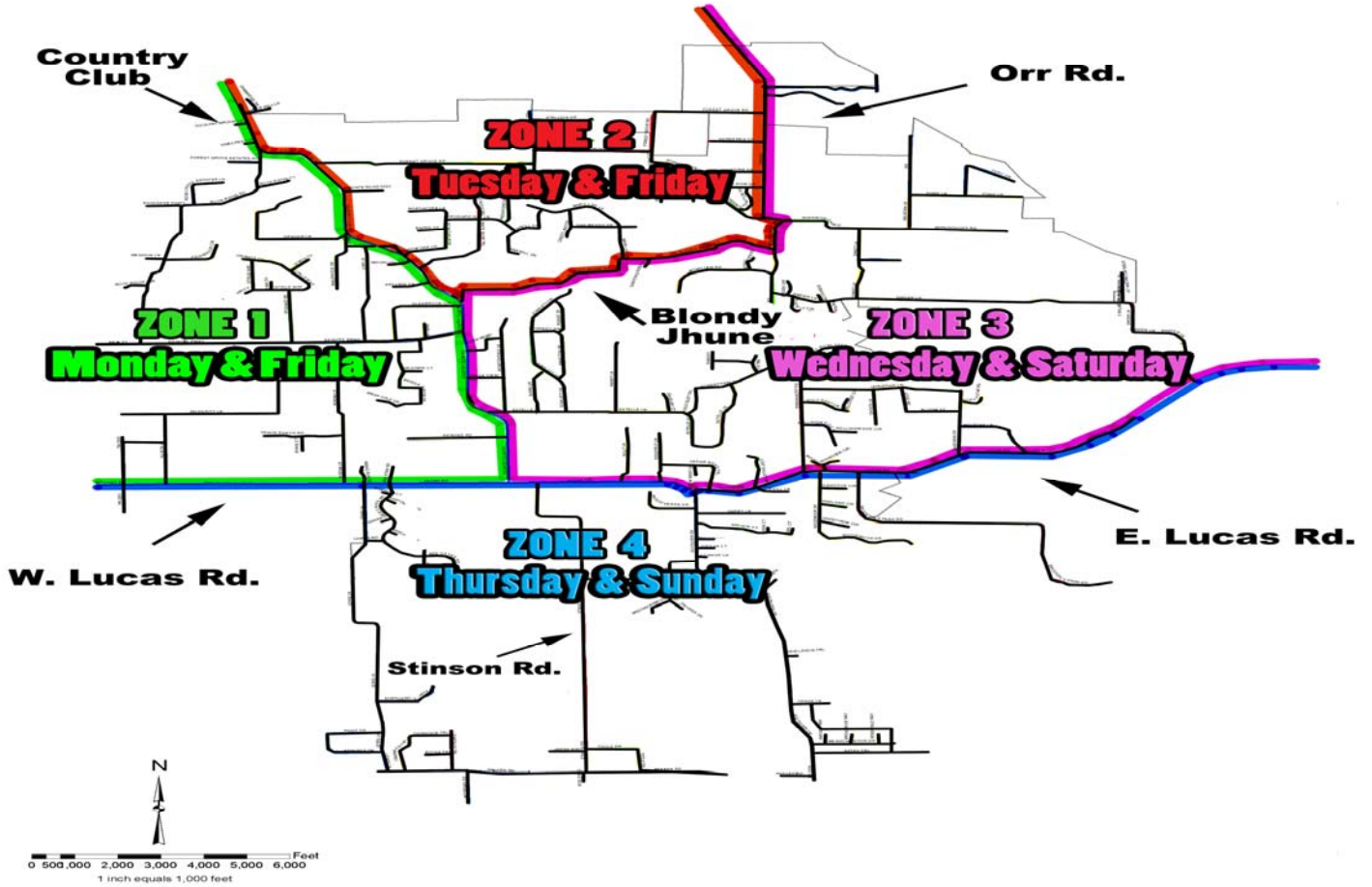


The new playground is officially open! Everyone is free to use and enjoy the new equipment and walking trail. The park located next to City Hall at 665 Country Club includes a playground, benches, a walking trail. The 1/3 mile walking trail is equipped with lighting to make walking in the cool of the evening more enjoyable.

We thank you for your patience while we completed this much anticipated project and we sincerely hope that everyone enjoys the new space!



# Stage 2 ~ Water Restrictions Effective June 1, 2012



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