



Lucas City Newsletter

August 2013

newsletter@lucastexas.us

665 Country Club Road, Lucas TX 75002 • 972/727-8999 • www.lucastexas.us

City Council

- Rebecca Mark, Mayor
(rmark@lucastexas.us)
- Kathleen Peele, Mayor Pro Tem (6)
(kpeeel@lucastexas.us)
- Wayne Millsap, Councilmember (1)
(wmillsap@lucastexas.us)
- Jim Olk, Councilmember (2)
(jolk@lucastexas.us)
- Steve Duke, Councilmember (3)
(sduke@lucastexas.us)
- Philip Lawrence, Councilmember (4)
(plawrence@lucastexas.us)
- Debbie Fisher, Councilmember (5)
(dfisher@lucastexas.us)

City Manager

Jeff Jenkins
(jjenkins@lucastexas.us)



THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

This is the time of year when your Council and staff begin to look at the City budget for the coming year. As our fiscal year begins October 1st of each year, we start the planning process generally in July. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have had our annual workshop meeting

during which staff and Council will have taken a preliminary look at our projected revenues and expenditures for the coming year.

This is a very important process and a great deal of thought and data go into the crafting of the budget. It begins with each department within the City taking an in-depth look at their needs for the coming year. This includes their best estimates of improvement projects that are critical for the coming year, such as road or water line improvements, as well as projecting maintenance and operational costs for existing facilities and equipment, including the fire department. (I am also including roads, bridges, water lines, etc. under the "facilities" category).

Once the proposed expenditures portion of the budget is thoroughly evaluated, it is then matched up with the revenues projected for the coming year. Revenues come in the form of property taxes, sales taxes, available unused bond or certificate of obligation money, water revenues, various fees paid by developers who are building in our city, and other miscellaneous fees required by the City.

The goal is always to balance the revenues and expenditures in such a way that helps us achieve our goals of improved services, facilities, and amenities without raising the tax burden on our residents. For the coming year, our revenues will be positively impacted by the addition of our new Wal-Mart, which generates a very positive stream of sales tax income.

Please be assured that Council and staff takes our responsibility of being wise stewards of our taxpayer's money very seriously. If you would like to see first hand how this process works, I would urge you to watch our website for the agenda information for upcoming meetings in August and September, and to attend the meetings during which the budget is being discussed.

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

City Council Regular

Thursday, Aug 1

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, Aug 8

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Aug 28, 3:30 p.m.

City Council

Thursday, Aug 15



City Council Actions for July

- * A budget of \$2.8M for the construction, design, and owner's cost for the Fire Department Expansion Project was established.
- * Approved a request by Murphy Oil for a site plan for the operation of a Refueling Station and convenience store. The property to be considered is located in Collin County, Texas, and described as follows: ABS A0821 William Snider Survey, Tract 32, 6.47 acres, more commonly known as the Sterling property adjacent to Angel Parkway, just north of the existing Wal-Mart.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-07-00760** of the City of Lucas, Texas, concerning an amendment to the City of Lucas' Code of Ordinance Chapter 14 "Definition" by adding definitions for a drive-through, drive-thrus, drive-in, and drive-up with a correction to add "product or service".
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2013-07-00761** of the City of Lucas, Texas, concerning an amendment to the City of Lucas' Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 "Zoning"; Article 14.03 "Districts"; Division 7 regarding the Commercial Business District (CB) by amending Section 14.03.353, Development Regulations subsection (9) to read as follows: Impervious Coverage, the maximum impervious coverage shall not exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of the total lot area.
- * Approved the landscape plan for Murphy Oil to operate a Refueling Station and convenience store. The property to be considered is located in Collin County, Texas, and described as follows: ABS A0821 William Snider Survey, Tract 32, 6.47 acres, more commonly known as the Sterling property adjacent to Angel Parkway, just north of the existing Wal-Mart.
- * Approved an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Lucas and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) for the widening from a two-lane street to a three/four lane divided street to include traffic signal modifications at FM 2551 and FM 1378 on West Lucas Road from FM 2551 to FM 1378.
- * Approved an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County concerning law enforcement services.
- * Approved Amendment No. Eight (8) of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County concerning jail services.

City of Lucas' Website Gets New Look

After months in development, we are ecstatic to finally announce the launch of our new website at www.lucastexas.us. The new website's go live date is **Thursday, August 1st**. We have completely revamped the city's website to make it simpler to navigate, more visually appealing, and more engaging. More than anything, we hope the new website enables you to really to get to know your city and the extraordinary people involved.

We truly hope that you enjoy the new website. Please check it out and feel free to send us comments or any feedback.

Sales Tax Holiday Tax-Free Weekend Aug. 9 - 11, 2013



[Senate Bill 485](#) (83rd Regular Legislative Session, 2013) sets Aug. 9-11 as the dates of this year's annual Sales Tax Holiday. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Subject to specific criteria, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, or by telephone or mail. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The dates for the sales tax holiday are set by the Legislature.





CERT

After disasters such as the recent tornados in E I R e n o , Shawnee and Moore, Oklahoma citizens

may be on their own for up to 72 hours until first responders can reach them. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training teaches citizens the skills they need to help themselves, families and neighbors until help can arrive. Over 50 Lucas residents have attended the CERT training and are better prepared if a disaster should happen in Lucas. They could live next door to you!

Many of the Lucas residents are continuing to assist the Fire Department in non-disaster roles such as; Community Outreach Disaster Preparedness, Fire Prevention/Safety, Firewise, Fire Rehabilitation Team, and Ham Radio Communications during storms or disasters. The CERT training is free to Lucas residents.



Lucas will be partnering with Allen to conduct the next CERT training. The training will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM and one Saturday from 8:00 am - 12:00. Please note the schedule below is subject to change.



09/26 (Thur) Unit 1 - Disaster Preparedness
10/03 (Thur) Units 7/6 - Disaster Psychology/CERT Organization
10/10 (Thur) Unit 8 - Terrorism and CERT
10/17 (Thur) Unit 3 - Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1
10/24 (Thur) Unit 4 - Disaster Medical Operations - Part 2
10/31 (Thur) Unit 2 - Fire Safety
11/07 (Thur) Unit 5a - Light Search and Rescue Ops - Part 1
11/14 (Thur) Unit 5b - Light Search and Rescue Ops - Part 2
11/16 (Sat) Unit 9 - Course Review & Disaster Simulation

from 8:00 am - 12:00. Please note the schedule below is subject to change.

- 09/26 (Thur) Unit 1 - Disaster Preparedness
- 10/03 (Thur) Units 7/6 - Disaster Psychology/CERT Organization
- 10/10 (Thur) Unit 8 - Terrorism and CERT
- 10/17 (Thur) Unit 3 - Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1
- 10/24 (Thur) Unit 4 - Disaster Medical Operations - Part 2
- 10/31 (Thur) Unit 2 - Fire Safety
- 11/07 (Thur) Unit 5a - Light Search and Rescue Ops - Part 1
- 11/14 (Thur) Unit 5b - Light Search and Rescue Ops - Part 2
- 11/16 (Sat) Unit 9 - Course Review & Disaster Simulation

If you are interested in joining this elite group of prepared Lucas residents contact Bobette Mauck - bmauck@lucasfire.com. You can download a CERT application at www.lucasfire.com, please fill it out completely and return to Bobette Mauck.

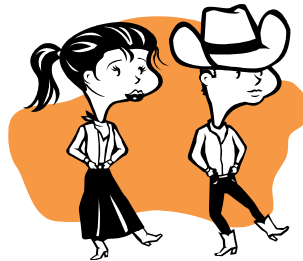


Firewise Landscaping Seminar

Monday, August 19, 2013 - 6:30 pm

Lucas City Hall Council Chambers
665 Country Club Road

The idea of a Firewise landscape is to have fire-resistant plant materials placed in such a manner as to lessen the chances of wildfire reaching and burning your home. Come learn all about it from Jim Ewoldsen, Certified Firewise Landscape Collin County Master Gardener.



Founder's Day Volunteers Needed

Save the date, October 26, 2013, is the next City of Lucas Founder's Day Event.

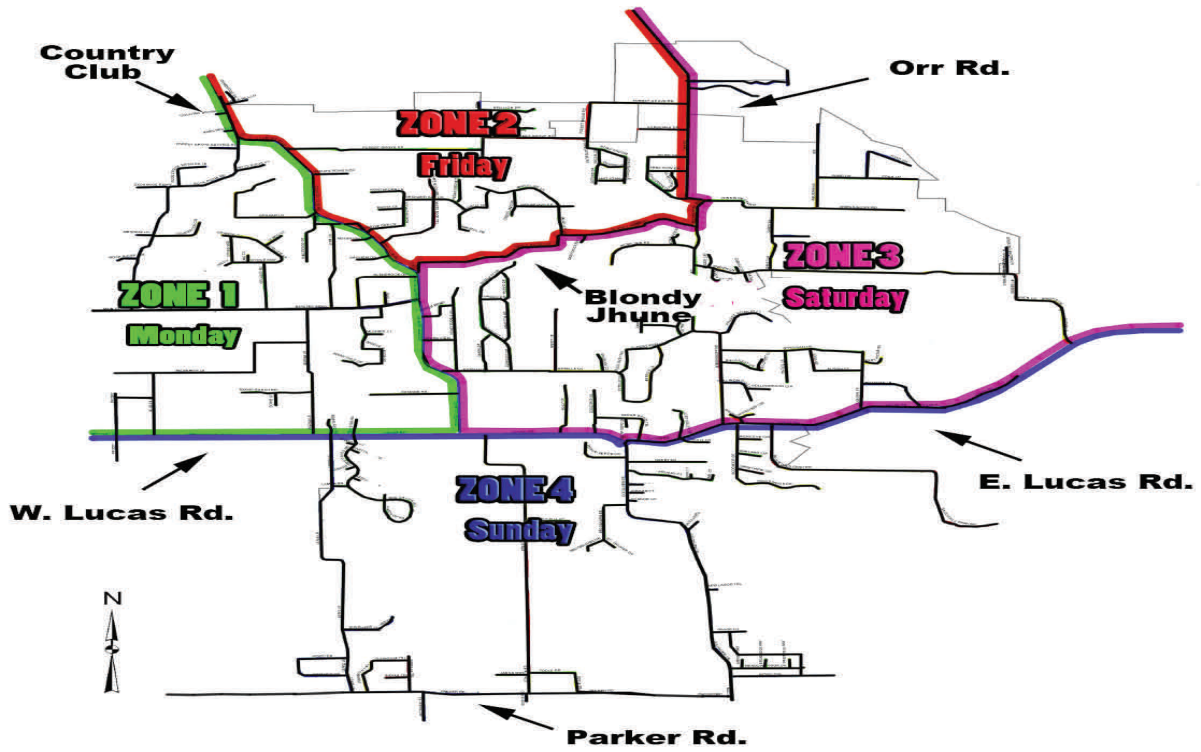
We are looking for volunteers to help with the Founder's Day Event; from chefs, to local musicians and bands, to bounce house attendants. Contact Councilmember Steve Duke for information at 469-235-7240 or email sduke@lucastexas.us.

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!



Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions Effective 6/1/2013



Customers are permitted to water the lawn once per week, beginning June 1, 2013. The approved days for each zone are shown above.

Updated 5/7/12

CITY OF LUCAS
665 COUNTRY CLUB
LUCAS, TEXAS 75002

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ALLEN TX 75002

POSTAL PATRON