



LUCAS LEADER



August 2016

Meetings and Events

August 4

City Council
7:00 pm - City Hall

August 9

Neighborhood Meeting -
Winningkoff Reverse Curve
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - City Hall

August 11

Planning and Zoning
7:00 pm - City Hall

August 18

City Council
7:00 pm - City Hall

August 23

Parks and Open Space
7:00 pm - City Hall

City Council Highlights

- The City Council authorized the submission of a grant to the Collin County Parks and Open Space Funding Assistance Program for a proposed Trailhead on East Winningkoff Road. Matching funds in the amount of \$129,000 have been allocated towards this project should the grant be approved.
- The City Council authorized \$97,000 from the Street Maintenance 2015-2016 fiscal year budget for the milling and repair of Moonlight Trail and Estelle Lane.

Mayor's Message *by Jim Olek*



I was at one of the Allen parks last week to watch a church league kickball game and ran into a Lucas resident in the stands watching an all Lucas coed softball team playing. As we chatted he told me that there were actually two all Lucas resident coed softball teams that were playing in the Allen league. After we parted company, I had a chance to think about that and the more I thought about Lucas residents getting together to form teams the more impressed I was and the more proud I was that the community is coming together in many ways.

I know for a lot of us, we build relationships with other people that have children at the same school or in the same grade. Some of us find friends by being with people that have common interests, such as horses, chickens, dogs, old cars, tractors, quilting, or a myriad of other interests. (Sorry if I missed yours!) I just think that it is great that any of us can pursue whatever interests us and find commonality with other Lucas residents.

It is inevitable that we will continue to grow (which you can see as you drive down any of the major thoroughfares), with that growth, I think we will have more opportunities to find new friends or to find others with similar hobbies or interests. It is, however, very important that we plan out how we want our community to grow and how we would like to see it developed. The City accomplishes this by developing a comprehensive plan for the community. Right now the City is in the middle of revising our comprehensive plan and I would encourage you to keep an eye on this newsletter, the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda as well as the City Council agenda to see when parts of the Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. (See page 3 for the proposed Comprehensive Plan schedule). It is of utmost importance that the community be part of process. The City Council wants nothing more than to establish a plan that fits our desired quality of life and will promote that as we continue to see development.

If you have any questions on the Comprehensive Plan or any other City related issue please do not hesitate to contact City Hall, a City Councilmember or the Mayor. Thank you and enjoy Lucas, Texas!



Neighborhood Meeting

Just a reminder that a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss the reconstruction of the reverse curve on Winningkoff Road will be held on August 9, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

Adopt a Pet

Collin County Animal Services



This handsome boy is a one-year old male American Staffordshire Terrier. He has been neutered and is available for adoption. Help him find his forever home by stopping by the Collin County Animal Shelter located at 4750 Community Boulevard in McKinney or visit their website at http://www.collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx.

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How's Our Drinking Water

The City of Lucas is required to meet all standards set by the EPA and TCEQ for safe drinking water. Lucas drinking water is safe and complies with all water quality standards. The City's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is posted on the City's website at <http://lucastexas.us/pdf/2016%20Annual%20CCR%20City%20of%20Lucas%20063016.pdf>. The report covers water quality testing from January 1 to December 31, 2015. This report is a requirement of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). If you have any questions about the report contact Stanton Foerster at Stanton@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1208. This report will provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

Apply to the City of Lucas Boards and Commissions

Would you like to serve your community and get involved? One way to do that is to serve on a City of Lucas Board or Commission. The Lucas City Council is always looking for dedicated individuals that are interested in preserving the quality of life in Lucas. To serve on the City's Boards and Commissions, all candidates must:

- Be a citizen of the city for twelve (12) continuous months prior to the date of appointment
- Be eighteen (18) years old prior to the date of appointment
- Have not been convicted of, and are not currently charged with a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude
- Have no indebtedness to the city, such as delinquent taxes
- Be a qualified voter of the city

Log on to <http://www.lucastexas.us/city-of-lucas-board-commission-volunteer-application.html> to complete the on-line application. If you would like an application mailed to you, contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211 or shenderson@lucastexas.us. Deadline to have your applications submitted is **September 9, 2016**. The following information gives you more detail about the Boards and Commissions at the City of Lucas:

Board of Adjustment:

7 Members - 2 year terms - Meetings held as needed

The Board of Adjustment reviews variance requests by businesses/citizens that do not meet the Code of Ordinances minimum code requirements to determine if there is a hardship that qualifies for a variance.

Parks and Open Space Board:

7 Members - 2 year terms - Meetings held 4th Tuesday of each month

The Parks and Open Space Board serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council relating to the parks and open space of the City. The Board makes recommendations to the City Council on the implementation of beautification programs and projects to enhance the natural beauty of Lucas.

Planning and Zoning Commission

7 Members - 2 year terms - Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month

The Planning and Zoning Commission is a recommending body to the City Council regarding the review of rezoning applications, subdivision plats, site plans, re-plats, and development applications.

Engineering Technician Position Available at City

The City of Lucas is seeking a highly qualified individual to fill the position of Engineering Technician. This position provides engineering support to the Public Works Director/City Engineer by performing technical work regarding the City's water and transportation systems. This position will also assist in managing public works projects and provide administrative assistance with a variety of City programs. Qualified candidates must demonstrate an understanding of civil engineering principles, methods, and techniques. For further information on this opportunity, please visit the City's website at <http://lucastexas.us/need-info/job-openings.html> to review the job descriptions and get instructions on how to apply.

Annual Scarecrow Contest



The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will be hosting the annual Scarecrow Contest.

Registration begins September 16 and runs through October 5 with judging taking place October 6 through October 11. You must have your display completed by October 5. To register your scarecrow go to www.lucastexas.us and click on the Founders Day link at the top of the homepage.

Lucas residents, businesses, youth groups and church groups are encouraged to register and create a scarecrow display at their home or other location and prizes will be awarded during Founders Day festivities.

There are two scarecrow maker categories individual/family and business/organization. Organizations may be comprised of businesses, Lucas schools, sports teams, churches or various clubs. Use your imagination to select a theme for you scarecrow display. Whether you chose a traditional, contemporary or a humorous approach it's up to you.

Please note that by registering for the Scarecrow contest, contestants agree to have the name of their display and location of the display published on the City of Lucas website so that all scarecrow enthusiasts may "take the tour" and drive around and enjoy the displays. Look for more information to come in next month's Lucas Leader.



According to the National Weather Service (NWS), lightning strikes occur in the United States about 25 million times each year. While lightning mostly occurs during the summer months, it can happen at any time of the year.

Talk with your family about staying safe during thunderstorms. Here are just a few lightning safety tips that the NWS offers if you are indoors:

- Stay off corded phones. You can use cellular or cordless phones;
- Don't touch electrical equipment such as computers, TVs, or cords. You can use the remote control safely; and
- Stay away from windows and doors that might have small leaks around the sides to let in lightning, and stay off porches.

According to the NWS, if you are outside during a storm it is important to get inside a safe building or vehicle. You are not safe outdoors, but if you absolutely cannot get to safety, follow these tips to lessen the threat of being struck by lightning:

- Avoid open fields, the top of a hill, or a ridge top;
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects. If you're in a forest, stay near a lower stand of trees; and
- If you're in a group, spread out to avoid the current traveling between group members.

Comprehensive Plan Schedule



To learn more about the City's Comprehensive Plan update or to share your views regarding updates to the Plan, The following schedule will be used to facilitate review of the Comprehensive Plan with the City's

Boards and Commissions and City Council:

Chapter 5 – Economic Development

P&Z Commission	July 14
City Council	August 4

Chapter 6 – Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Parks Board	June 28
P&Z Commission	August 11
City Council	September 1

Chapter 7 – Streets, Drainage & Master Thoroughfare Plan

P&Z Commission	September 8
City Council	October 6

Chapter 8 – Water System

P&Z Commission	October 13
City Council	November 3

Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 were reviewed by the City Council on July 21, 2016. All meetings will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Be sure to check the Events Calendar on the homepage of the City's website at www.lucastexas.us to verify start times for the meeting you are interested in attending.

Public Hearings Set for Budget and Tax Rate

The proposed budget and tax rate will be brought to the City Council for discussion on Thursday, August 4, 2016. Projected dates for public hearings will be Thursday, August 18, 2016 and Thursday, September 1, 2016 and the final budget and tax rate will be presented to the City Council for approval on September 15, 2016.



City of Lucas Service Tree Award Nomination Form

The City of Lucas has established a Service Tree Award Program that allows for appropriate annual recognition of an individual, business, youth or civic group who has contributed a significant and useful service to the community. The award will consist of the planting of a living tree on City property and presentation of an award plaque by the Mayor that will be placed by the Tree. The presentation will take place during the annual City of Lucas Founders Day event on October 22, 2016. The recipients will have their picture taken and the photo, along with an article of recognition, will be in the City's monthly newsletter, the Lucas Leader.

To recommend an individual, business, or group for recognition please fill out the Service Tree Award Nominating Form below. Forms can also be found on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us or at Lucas City Hall. Nominations must be submitted no later than **September 9, 2016** to City Secretary Stacy Henderson at shenderson@lucastexas.us or 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002. Any questions, please contact Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211.

Nominees to be selected for recognition should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized should benefit the City of Lucas or its residents in a significant manner.
- Nominee may be individual, youth, Church group, Civic or neighborhood group (ex: HOA, garden club), youth group (ex: Boy or Girl Scout troop, 4-H Club), local business, local charity or other organization.
- The Individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the City of Lucas corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.
- All nominees will be reviewed and finalists selected by the Lucas City Council at the September 15, 2016 City Council meeting. The City of Lucas Service Tree Awards will be presented to the recipients during the annual Lucas Founders Day event scheduled for October 22, 2016. The recipients will be notified in advance to allow family and friends to attend.

Name of individual/group being nominated:	
Address:	Phone Number:
Description of accomplishment/action that benefited the City of Lucas:	
Why do you believe this award is merited by this individual/or group:	

Additional pages can be used if needed and attached to this application.

Submitted by: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

The nominator confirms that to the best of their knowledge, the nominee has not received remuneration for any professional services rendered in performing the community services described above nor was the service performed as part of court ordered community service program. Further, nominee knows and approved of this nomination.