



Lucas City Newsletter

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

City Council

Thursday, Dec 6

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Dec 19, 3:30 p.m.

CITY HALL CLOSED

Dec 24 & Dec 25



THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Every time we think our Founders Day Celebration can't possibly get any better, it does! Once again our Parks and Open Space Board, working with Councilmember Steve Duke, their Council liaison, put together an outstanding event that was attended by huge numbers of residents, friends and neighbors.

Numerous volunteers from local organizations, churches, and businesses, as well as individual and family volunteers worked hard to make this once again a great, family-friendly day of celebration. A special thanks goes to Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn and his staff for taking the plans for the day and making it happen. Without their hard work and enthusiastic participation that goes far beyond just doing their jobs, this event could not take place.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteer to serve on our various boards and commissions. We just finished the process of filling the positions on the various boards occupied by members whose terms expired 10/31. We had an outstanding group of volunteers from which to choose, and want to thank both our current members and those who previously served for their thoughtful participation and dedication to serving our community.

As this article is being written, several members of Council, as well as key City Staff are anticipating attending the 100th anniversary Texas Municipal League Conference in Grapevine. We will attend a number of educational seminars that will enhance our ability to serve you well.

As a final note, I would like to give you an update on the progress made on the Wal-Mart store located on the corner of West Lucas Road and Angel Parkway (FM 2551). The latest estimate for an opening date is mid-February. This is a little ahead of the previous estimate of mid-March. The road and intersection improvements are essentially complete at this time, with only a little "tweaking" left to complete the project. We should have a firm opening date by the time we publish the next newsletter.

May all of you and your families have a safe and joyous holiday season.





THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US!

The City of Lucas is collecting food and unwrapped toys to be given to a number of families in the community in need of assistance. A collection box is

at City Hall, and will remain there through December 15th. If you wish to donate non-perishable food items or an unwrapped toy please drop by City Hall between the hours of 8AM and 5 PM.

During this season of thankfulness, please consider helping those less fortunate by donating.

November Actions from City Council

- * The following individuals were appointed to serve on the Parks & Open Space Board: Lisa O'Leary, Member, unexpired term ending October 31, 2013; Scott Sperling, Member, term expiring October 31, 2014; Brenda Rizos, Member, term expiring October 31, 2014; and leaving the Alternate Member, term expiring October 31, 2014 vacant.
- * The following individuals were appointed to serve a two (2) year term, expiring October 31, 2014, on the Board of Adjustments: Stuart Fink as a full Member; Randy Barnes as a full member; and Janean McLaughlin as an Alternate Member.
- * The following individuals were appointed to serve a two (2) year term, expiring October 31, 2014, on the Planning & Zoning Commission: Brian Blythe as a full Commissioner; Andre Guillemaud as an Alternate Commissioner; and Joe Williams as an Alternate Commissioner.

What is Storm Water Run-Off?

Storm water run-off occurs when precipitation flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces, such as driveways, sidewalks and streets, prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is storm water run-off a problem?

Storm water run-off can pick up trash, decaying matter, chemicals, soil and other pollutants before it flows into a storm sewer system or directly into a stream or lake. Any pollutant that enters a storm sewer system, such as a pipe or a curb inlet, is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and drinking water pollution? Keeping pollutants out of storm water run-off is less expensive than installing storm water treatment facilities. There are several ways you can prevent pollution from entering storm water:

- * Leave grass clippings on your lawn
- * Sweep driveways, sidewalks and gutters to keep debris out of storm sewers
- * Use fertilizers and pesticides in recommended amounts; consider organic alternatives
- * Direct downspouts to lawns or gardens; don't over water your lawn
- * Wash vehicles on your lawn or at a car wash
- * Clean up pet waste
- * Dispose of hazardous materials properly; clean up spills immediately--prevent contact with storm water.

The City of Lucas has to apply for and maintains an MS4 general permit, with a list of BMP'S that we are required to adopt, apply, inspect, and review plans for. This is an unfunded state mandated requirement. Some of the requirements are listed below:

- * Training of Municipal staff in the importance of storm water run off controls
- * Training of Municipal staff in storm water run-off inspections
- * Training of Municipal staff in storm water Maintenance and BMP'S

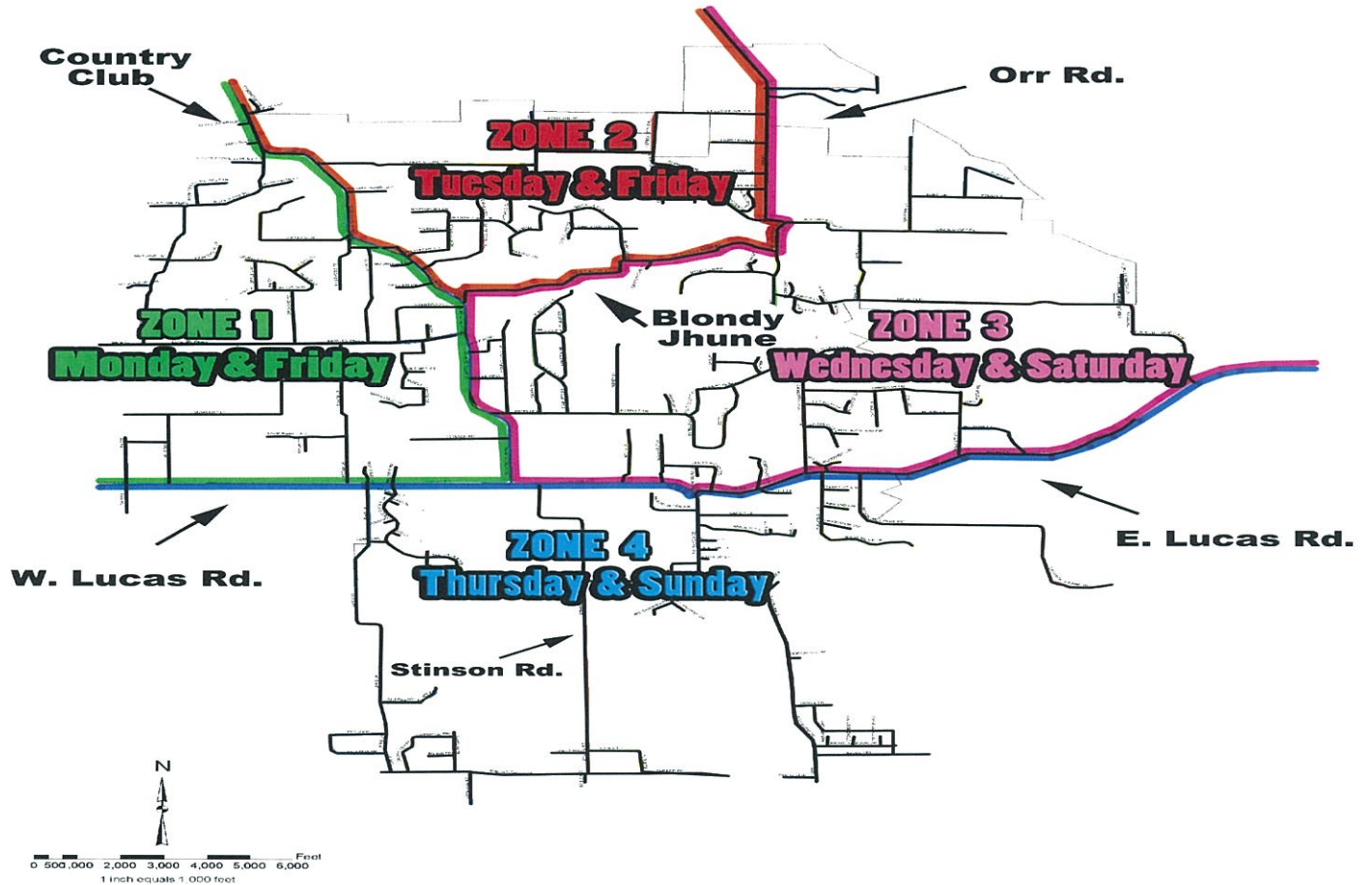
What is it the City is hoping to accomplish?

- * Through the use of BMP'S the goal is to reduce the amount of pollutants reaching our drinking water.
- * Reduce the amount of pollutants to wild life.
- * Reduce the amount of pollutants effecting plant life.

Pictures from Lucas' Annual Founder's Day



Stage 2 ~ Water Restrictions Effective June 1, 2012



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