



# Lucas City Newsletter

**December 2013**

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Recently I was privileged to be invited to participate in an event sponsored by Allen Community Outreach taking place in late November. It was an opportunity to raise funds for their many programs, as well as highlighting the varied and fun merchandise donated to them and sold at the ACO resale shops. I know most of you have passed by the ACO center on Main St. in Allen and have seen their retail storefront.

What I don't know is if you all know the scope of their services and mission. If you go to their website, [www.acocares.org](http://www.acocares.org), you will notice the banner at the top that says, "Rebuilding Lives in Allen, Fairview, and Lucas...One Family at a Time"

As I did in the past, you may have thought that there is likely little need for their services in Lucas. You would be wrong. Their services go far beyond just assisting families in financial distress. They provide services such as Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors over the age of 60 regardless of financial need. Additionally, thru the "More" program they also offer meal delivery to individuals younger than 60 who may be homebound either for a short period while recovering from an illness or have long term needs due to a disability.

On their website there is a long list of the various types of services they provide to area residents. They have an information and referral service that links people to health and human services, serving as a facilitator, broker, and advocate.

During this holiday season, I urge you to consider participating in their holiday giving programs. You can find out more information on their website or you may call 972-727-9131 for more information. I hope you will also consider supporting this wonderful organization by looking at their volunteer opportunities and lending a helping hand when you can.

On behalf of your City Council, I want to wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

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

City Council Regular  
Thursday, Dec 5

Planning & Zoning Commission  
Thursday, Dec 12

Municipal Court  
Wednesday, Dec 18, 3:30 p.m.

City Council  
Thursday, Dec 19

City Hall Closed for  
Christmas Holiday  
Dec 24 & Dec 25



## City Council Actions for November

- \* Approved Amendment One of the Owner/Architect Agreement between the City of Lucas and Wiginton Hooker Jeffry, P.C. revising the total estimated cost for Basic Services for the Lucas Fire Station Expansion Project in the amount of \$310,000.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2013-11-00405** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas approving a financing contract with Government Capital Corporation in the amount of \$345,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance; medical equipment for new and used ambulances; and this finance contract as a qualified tax exempt obligation for the purpose of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- \* Ratified the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant awarded to the City of Lucas' Fire Department from the Department of Homeland Security FEMA Grants Program Directorate in the amount of \$3,498.57 to be used for training and the method of payment is primarily reimbursement.
- \* Approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Lucas and the City of Cedar Hill authorizing the participation in a Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of goods and services.
- \* Approved an agreement between the City of Lucas and BW2 Engineers for design services for W. Lucas Road between Country Club and Angel Parkway and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute said agreement.
- \* Appointed Andre Guillemaud, Joe Williams as full voting members of the Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending October 31, 2014.
- \* Appointed Scott Sperling as an Alternate Commissioner to the Planning & Zoning Commission, term ending October 31, 2015.
- \* Appointed Lacey Bradshaw, Christopher Vanhorn, Lisa O'Leary, David Rhoads to serve as full voting members and Jerry Straka and Kenneth Patterson to serve as alternate members of the Parks & Open Space Board, terms ending October 31, 2015.
- \* Appointed Craig Williams and Chris Bierman to full voting members of the Board of Adjustments, term ending October 31, 2015.

## 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 8 AM and 5 PM.

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



## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS



Each year the National Safety Council offers suggestions to make your holiday season merry and safe. Some of the tips are especially good as they involve things you may not have considered.

For example, they remind us that certain plants may look good enough to eat to small children, but can actually cause severe stomach problems. Plants to watch out for include mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis. These same plants may also be harmful to pets.

They also recommend that you not burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or wood stove to dispose of them. They are likely to flare out of control and send flames and smoke into the room. Also, do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because it often contains metallic materials which can be toxic if burned.

**The Lucas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Rehab team is now supporting the Lucas Fire Department, along with departments responding as mutual aid with rehabilitation service during their emergency services calls.**

Unlike many jobs, firefighters do not pick the time or conditions under which emergencies occur. Under the combined stresses of handling emergency incidents and the dangers of extreme heat, humidity or cold, firefighters suffer more than 80,000 injuries and nearly 100 line-of-duty deaths each year. Most of those injuries occur during fire suppression at single family homes. Firefighters who are not provided adequate rest and rehydration during emergency operations, or training exercises are at increased risk for illness or injury, and may jeopardize the safety of others on the incident scene. The Lucas CERT Rehab team is now providing rehabilitation to the Lucas firefighters, along with other departments responding as mutual aid by providing rest from overexertion, rehydration and nutrition during emergency and training events. On Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 10 members of the Lucas CERT Rehab team joined Lucas firefighters during their live fire training in Wylie, Texas. With items purchased with funds received from a grant, the CERT Rehab team set up the rehab canopy, chairs, and heater to provide shelter from the cold and wind. Along with water, Gatorade and health snacks, we offered hot chocolate and coffee to the crews. Other local fire departments are starting to notice the work of the Lucas CERT Rehab team and wanting our team to set up rehab during their fires!

To support our rehabilitation efforts the Lucas Fire Department is accepting donations of bottled water and/or Gatorade. Donations can be dropped off at the Lucas Fire Department between the hours of 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or call 972-727-1242. If we are out on call donations can be dropped off by the back door.

Members of the Lucas CERT team could be your neighbor(s)! If you are interested in attending CERT training please contact Bobette Mauck at the Lucas Fire Department 972-727-1242 ext. 223 or email: [bmauck@lucasfire.com](mailto:bmauck@lucasfire.com). You can download a CERT application from the Lucas Fire Department website [www.lucasfire.com](http://www.lucasfire.com) There is no cost to attend the CERT training.



In January 2013, the City of Lucas became one of 57 Firewise Communities in the State of Texas. To continue being a Firewise Community we need your support. To maintain Firewise Community status each year, we must invest at least \$2.00 per capita in Firewise projects per year. What makes up the \$2.00 per capita cost? Any time residents or business owners spend making their property Firewise is worth \$21.79 an hour, also any cost associated with making their property Firewise counts. The information you provide will be used by the Lucas Fire Department only to determine the amount of hours and cost that residents have contributed to the Firewise projects. To submit your hours/cost please visit <http://www.lucastexas.us/FormCenter/Firewise-10/Firewise-Hours-55>

If you would like to be on the Firewise board, have any questions regarding the Firewise program or other programs the Lucas Fire Department offers, please contact Bobette Mauck at 972-727-1242 ext. 223 or [bmauck@lucasfire.com](mailto:bmauck@lucasfire.com)

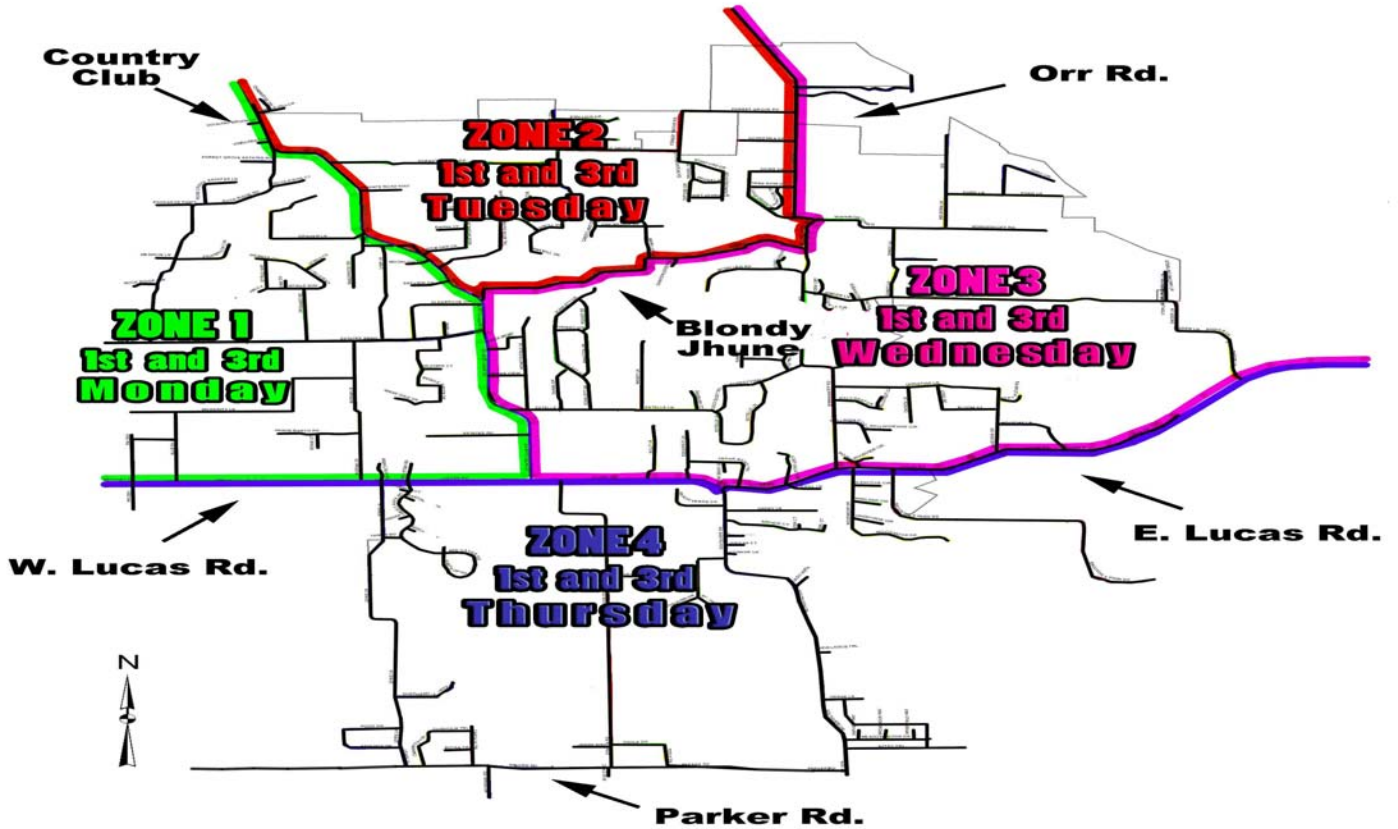
### **Are you planning an outdoor event???**

Are you or your organization planning an outdoor or sporting event in the City of Lucas? If so, please help the Lucas Fire Department keep you informed in the event of severe weather or should an emergency situation occur. How can you help us? Please visit <http://www.lucastexas.us/FormCenter/Outdoor-Activity-Emergency-Contacts-11/Outdoor-Activity-Emergency-Contact-Infor-57> to fill out the form, so we will know who to contact should an emergency situation arise. Please note that this information will only be used in the event of an emergency. Please contact Bobette Mauck at 972-727-1242 ext. 223 or [bmauck@lucasfire.com](mailto:bmauck@lucasfire.com) if you have any questions.



# Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions

Effective 11/1/2013 thru 3/31/2014



Customers are permitted to water the lawn twice per month, beginning November 1, 2013 and ending March 31, 2014. The approved days for each zone are shown above.

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