



# Lucas City Newsletter

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## City Council

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## Meeting Schedule

**All meetings begin at 7:00 in the City Annex unless otherwise specified.**

**City Council Regular**

**Thurs., Jan. 4**

**Planning & Zoning**

**Thurs., Jan. 11**

**City Council Workshop**

**Thurs., Jan. 18**

**Parks & Open Space**

**Thurs, Jan. 25**

**Board of Adjustments**

**Mon., Jan. 8, 7:30 PM**

*"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."*

*Benjamin Franklin*

## COUNCILMEMBER FRAZIER RESIGNS

Citing family health challenges, Councilmember Tonda Frazier has submitted her resignation from City Council effective 1/31/07. Councilmember Frazier was elected for her second term this past May. Per Mayor Bob Sanders, the process for filling her vacant seat is currently under consideration. Our thoughts are with Councilmember Frazier and her family, and we wish to express our best wishes and thanks for her service to our community over the past years.

## TOWN HALL MEETING JANUARY 22

A Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for Monday January 22nd at 7:00PM to allow our residents to receive information and express their opinions on a proposed Master Wastewater Plan. The proposed Wastewater Master Plan limits sewer to the areas that are zoned Commercial and/or areas designated Commercial by the City of Lucas' Comprehensive Plan.

As you all know, the North Texas Municipal Water District, (NTMWD), has faced some difficult challenges over the past year due to the ongoing drought. One source of additional water supply is treated wastewater, which currently provides about 13% of their total water supply. In order to plan for the future, NTMWD needs to know how much wastewater flow to expect from all the cities they serve.

As part of the planning process, NTMD asks all municipalities to develop a Master Wastewater Plan. The purpose of this plan is to identify improvements required to accommodate the projected growth of any commercial areas.

There are a limited number of options available to the City, from no sewer at all, limited sewer to commercial areas only, or possible inter-local agreements with neighboring cities. These options, as well as the legal ramifications of each, will be discussed at this important Town Hall Meeting.

As we grow, our city is facing a number of challenges. Please attend this meeting so that you may hear about the proposed plan, participate in the discussion, and make your opinions known. The meeting will be in the City annex, with the possibility of moving to the fire station depending upon the number of attendees.

Councilmember Kathleen Peele has prepared a flyer giving more background information on the Master Wastewater Plan. You can pick up a copy at City Hall, or it will also be available at the Town Hall Meeting.

# IF I'M SICK, WHY DO I GET A FIRE ENGINE?



By David Leonard, Capt.  
EMT-B, Lucas VFD



Each time a citizen of Lucas calls for an ambulance, a Lucas Fire engine is assigned to the call. Due to the length of time it may take for an ambulance to respond, the Lucas engine may arrive first. In larger cities, an ambulance crew and a fire engine will handle any emergency medical calls. Since our city does not have its own ambulance, the staffing and some supplies a person would find on an ambulance are carried on the engine. The Lucas FD has basic life support equipment including the AEDs (automated external defibrillators), oxygen, and trauma supplies.

The present ambulance service is East Texas Medical Service (ETMC), which is based out of Wylie FD Station #2. The length of time for an ambulance to arrive will vary depending on the location of the call and weather conditions. The ambulance is normally staffed with a Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and a Paramedic. If the ETMC ambulance is busy with another call, Wylie FD will dispatch another unit staffed by Firefighter/EMTs or Paramedics.

Because there is not a dedicated ambulance assigned to the Lucas Fire District, the Lucas VFD is able to respond to every medical emergency with our own members who are trained to the same state & national levels as surrounding departments.

The EMS level of responders from the Lucas VFD are Emergency Care Attendants (ECA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) or Paramedic (EMT-P). The required training to acquire a certification ranges from 40 classroom hours + labs (ECA), 140 classroom hours + transports & labs (EMT) to 624 classroom hours + transports & labs for Paramedics. All of the Lucas VFD members who attend EMS training do so on their own time and with only partial monetary support from the department.

Once the EMS crew has arrived, the patient, their family or the EMS crew will determine the destination hospital. If there is a life threatening situation, the closest facility is often the determining factor. In some cases, a patient will request one facility but will be advised to choose a different hospital based on the capabilities of that unit.

In the most severe of situations, the Lucas FD may request a helicopter flight. "The Golden Hour" dictates the factors

that determine this choice. This term is made up of time of incident, severity of situation and overall patient well-being. Lucas FD is trained to establish a Landing Zone (LZ) and how to communicate with the helicopter crew. The flight time to an advanced trauma facility is measured in minutes from our locale.

If there is ever a call for medical assistance, rest assured that the needed level of care and expertise may arrive in a red fire engine. If a citizen needs more information or just wants to learn more about the EMS system, drop by the fire station and visit with Lucas VFD personnel.

## 2007 COMMISSION AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

During their regular City Council meeting on December 7, Council voted to approve the following appointments for the 2007 term:

Planning and Zoning: Jim Olk, Larry Essary, Karen Hurtt, Brian Blythe, and Wayne Millsap (regular members), and Rich Buickerood and Betty Van Houten (alternate members)

Parks and Open Spaces: Donna Bradshaw, Rebecca Mark, Kelly McGinnis, Richie Wolfe, and Jay Calloway (regular members)

The city wishes to express it's appreciation for the service of all board and commission members, including the outgoing members who served us so well in 2006.

A reception honoring all those who have served on boards and commissions over the past year was held on December 14.

## CANDIDATE PACKETS TO BE AVAILABLE JANUARY 22

The terms of two council seats and the Mayor will be ending this May. The election, which will take place in May, will be officially called by the Council at it's regular meeting in February, as proscribed by the State election code. Persons who are interested in filing as candidates for any of these seats may pick up packets at City Hall as early as January 22. Options for filling the seat of Councilmember Tonda Frazier, who has submitted her resignation effective 1/31/07, are still under consideration and will be announced at a later date. Please contact City Secretary Kathy Wingo for any questions regarding the candidate packets.

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 9, was a busy day at the City Hall annex. The second in a series of Coffee With Council events was held in the morning. Citizens were given an opportunity to meet with Councilmembers Bill Carmickle and Kathleen Peele, representing our City government, on an informal basis. Collin County Judge-elect Keith Self was a special guest.

Later in the day the Annual Holiday Open House was held. The special guests at this event were Santa Claus and one of his elves! Children and grown-ups alike were invited to give their wish lists to Santa, and Santa's elf entertained the children with his creative balloon figures.

We would like to give a big thank you to Amy Fenner, wife of our City Administrator Charles Fenner, for her efforts in making this event especially nice for everyone. The refreshments were great, and were enjoyed by all.

A number of great pictures were taken during the open house. Unfortunately, we encountered print problems that prevented us from including pictures in this issue of the newsletter. Copies of all the pictures will be on display at City Hall.

### BITS AND PIECES

- It appears that Lucas may finally be getting a traffic light at the intersection of FM2170 (Estates Parkway) and Country Club Rd. This is under State jurisdiction, and they have indicated that one will be installed, possibly as early as this month.
- Our website continues to be under review for revamping. You may notice that certain items previously shown are not currently available. Hopefully, this is a temporary situation until the review is complete. The web page design project is still in progress, and there should be a proposal to review in the near future.
- Our Municipal Court Judge, Elizabeth Frizell has resigned as she was recently elected to a post in Dallas County. Municipal Court proceedings will resume once a new judge has been hired.

### DECEMBER CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

#### December 7, 2006 Meeting

- Approved an amendment to Chapter 7 "Water System Regulations", Article 10 Drought Contingency Plan, Section 10-2, Item 7 (i) permits for construction of private pools and Item 7 (j) prohibition of new landscaping to be moved from Stage 3 Severe to Stage 4, Emergency Conditions. Ordinance # 2006-11-00579 2nd Amendment to the Drought Contingency Plan.
- Approved application for zoning change of 31.917 acres located on Snider Lane approx. 900' east of Shady Lane. Property described as Tracts 51 and 60 of Abstract number 477 and Tracts 27 and 44 of Abstract number 893, Collin County, TX. Applicant, Louis Gigliotti, requested zoning change from current zoning of Agriculture (AO) to Residential 2 acre (R2). (Monte Carlo Estates)
- Awarded bid for construction of 70' of a 12" waterline along Stinson Road to Wilson Contractor Services in amount of \$88,013.
- Approved resolution in support of concept of local option funding of public transit in the region by exempting an amount equal to the locally authorized transit sales tax from the 2% sales tax cap.
- Approved Wolf Creek Investors LP Final Plat to subdivide property described as 39.67 acres situated in the Gabriel Fitzhugh Survey, Abstract 0318, Tract 15, in Collin County, TX. Generally located east of FM1378 (Country Club Road) on Forest Grove Road. (Wolf Creek, Phase II)
- Approved preliminary plat for 47.7 acres situated in the Gabe Fitzhugh Survey Abstract No. 318, and John Kirby Survey Abstract number 506, Collin County, TX. Applicant is Byron McCollum of McCollum and Assoc. Property generally located at 1295 W. Forest Grove Rd. (The Creeks of Forest Grove)
- Approved an ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, Restricted Prior Service Credit to employees who are members of the system for service previously performed for various other public entities for which they have not received credited service; and establishing an effective date for the ordinance.
- Approved appointment of five (5) regular commissioners and two (2) alternate commissioners to the Planning & Zoning Commission, and five (5) regular members to the Parks and Open Spaces Board for the 2007 term.

**YOUR CITY ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF WISHES ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS YEAR IN 2007.**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**



If you have not already disposed of your natural Christmas tree, you may drop it off at the Community Park parking lot (the ball fields and pavilion on FM 1378) through January 15th. Barnes Waste Disposal will provide the pickup for the trees.

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

We hope you have enjoyed the City Works column in the past few issues. As the column is intended to give our residents a closer look at how their city operates, suggestions for future topics would be greatly appreciated. Email your ideas to: [newsletter@lucastexas.us](mailto:newsletter@lucastexas.us).



### **PLASTIC RECYCLING INFORMATION**



There have been a number of questions from citizens who wish to participate in the recycling program, either through home pickup or the new recycling bin at Hart Elementary. Most of these questions revolve around the types of plastics that can be recycled and how to identify them. All plastics marked with symbols #1 through #5, and #7 may be recycled. Items marked with a #6 within the symbol are not accepted for recycling. How do you know what falls into each category? There should be a symbol on each item, similar to the ones shown above. A number should be shown within the center of the symbol. This number typically indicates the type of plastic resin from which the item was made. Often the symbol will be found on the bottom of the item, such as a plastic bottle, and will be molded into the item itself as a raised impression. If you are unable to determine which category of plastics into which a specific item falls, please do not include it in your recyclables. If you have any questions, call Barnes Waste Disposal at 972-396-1139.

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