



# Lucas City Newsletter

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In these trying economic times it is often easy to forget the things for which we all should be truly thankful. It is my New Years wish that all of you have the good things in your lives continue to bring you joy, and the challenging times to be few.

The City of Lucas saw many changes in 2009. A new City Hall, roadway improvements, waterline improvements to name just a few. A new year always brings changes and 2010 will be no exception. I hope that we can continue to work together and bring forth positive changes that will be beneficial for all citizens of Lucas.

The City Council and City Staff wish you and yours a very Happy New Year!

### MEETING SCHEDULE

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 IN THE NEW CITY HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

**CITY HALL CLOSED  
DECEMBER 24 & 25**

**CITY HALL CLOSED  
JANUARY 1, 2010**

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**



# Community Corner

## City of Lucas' Holiday Open House



*Mr and Mrs Bob Rutledge*



*Santa, CM Mark, CM Fisher, Mayor Carmickle, MPT Peele w Lovejoy Students*



*The Hilbourn Family*



*The Pruett Family*



*Lovejoy Choir Students*





# Development Corporations Under Consideration

The City Council of the City of Lucas is exploring the idea of the creation of a Community Development Corporation, and an Economic Development Corporation utilizing the adoption of a 1% sales tax on taxable sales in Lucas. Many people ask about the difference between Community and Economic development, in basic terms, Community Development is the development of Parks, Infrastructure, and other amenities that make a community a nice place to live, while Economic Development is broadly defined as an effort that spurs economic growth in an area. Generally, the goal of economic development is to create more economic activity so that ultimately sales tax revenue will increase, reducing the reliance on the property taxes of a City. While Community Development focuses on adding to quality of life issues such as parks, fine arts, and community improvements that make a City attractive to future residents and businesses. If these two corporations are approved, there will be appointed volunteer boards to oversee the expenditures of the corporations to ensure

that these funds are spent in a manner pleasing to Lucas residents and in accordance with State law. Using current sales tax revenue it is estimated that these two corporations would collect approximately \$160,000 collectively on an annual basis. This amount would rise dramatically if retail development were to build on the outskirts of the community. If you have more questions regarding this issue please attend one of the public meetings scheduled on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., and Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All of these meetings will be located at the Lucas City Hall Council Chambers, 665 Country Club Drive Lucas, Texas 75002. Also, there are excellent resources online regarding the Texas Economic Development Sales Tax including the Texas Attorney Generals website:

[http://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG\\_Publications/pdfs/econdevhb2008.pdf](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/AG_Publications/pdfs/econdevhb2008.pdf)

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