



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

The coming year of 2013 will be one of change to our community. We will see the opening of the first major commercial enterprise in Lucas when the new Wal-Mart opens on February 13. The new Lovejoy ISD middle school will be opening in time for the fall start of the 2013-14 school year.

New subdivisions are continually being built in our community, and our population continues to grow. With this growth comes the challenge of increased traffic on the major roads in our city, as well as strains on our fire department.

Providing quality and timely emergency service, including ambulance response, is one of the challenges we face in the future. In the coming year, we will be working on laying the groundwork for future options to deal with this important issue. We are working with our State Representative, Jodie Laubenberg, to ask our Legislature to amend the current Local Government Code dealing with the creation of a "Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Services District". Creation of such a "District" would give us the flexibility to partially fund our emergency services needs with designated sales taxes. The current code requires that a city have a population of over 25,000 in order to create such a "District". Rep. Laubenberg's proposed bill would lower the population threshold to 5,000.

There are, of course, many other steps required in the creation of such a "District", including taking it to the voters, but getting the code changed is the first one. To this end, we have hired former State Rep. Fred Hill to guide us through this process, and be our advocate in Austin during the upcoming Legislative session.

The membership of the Texas Municipal League recently passed a resolution at their annual state conference supporting our efforts.

There will be more about this issue in future newsletters. In the meantime, I hope we can all work together to make 2013 a safe and tragedy-free year for all our residents.

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

CITY HALL CLOSED

Jan 1

City Council Regular

Thursday, Jan 3

Board of Adjustments

Monday, Jan 7, 6:30 p.m.

Parks & Open Space Board

Tuesday, Jan 8

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, Jan 10

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Jan 16, 3:30 p.m.

City Council

Thursday, Jan 17

City Council Actions for December

- * Approved Amendment No. 5 of the Interlocal Agreement for the Facility Construction and Use of an Animal Shelter in Collin County between the City of Lucas and Collin County extending the contract for a period of one (1) year ending September 30, 2013, all terms and conditions of the said contract remain in full force and effect.
- * Approved Amendment No. 5 of the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control Services between the City of Lucas and Collin County extending the contract for a period of one (1) year ending September 30, 2013, all terms and conditions of the said contract remain in full force and effect.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-12-00743** of the City of Lucas, Texas, annexing the hereinafter described territory into the City of Lucas, Texas, extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include said hereinafter described territory within the city's limits, granting to all inhabitants and owners of territory all of the rights and privileges of other citizens, and binding the inhabitants by all the acts, ordinances and regulations of the city; adopting a service plan for the described territory; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. **[KRBE]**
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-12-00744** of the City of Lucas, Texas, annexing the hereinafter described territory into the City of Lucas, Texas, extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include said hereinafter described territory within the city's limits, granting to all inhabitants and owners of territory all of the rights and privileges of other citizens, and binding the inhabitants by all the acts, ordinances and regulations of the city; adopting a service plan for the described territory; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. **[Morales Annexation]**
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-12-00745** of the City of Lucas, Texas, annexing the hereinafter described territory into the City of Lucas, Texas, extending the boundary limits of the city so as to include said hereinafter described territory within the city's limits, granting to all inhabitants and owners of territory all of the rights and privileges of other citizens, and binding the inhabitants by all the acts, ordinances and regulations of the city; adopting a service plan for the described territory; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. **[NTMWD Annexation]**
- * Approved the contract between the City of Lucas and CivicPlus for website services.
- * Approved the amended site plans for Phase II and Phase III of the Village Center.

- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-12-00746** of the City of Lucas, Texas, amending the comprehensive zoning ordinance and map of the City of Lucas, as heretofore amended, so as to grant a change in zoning classification from Agriculture ("AO") to Residential 1.5 ("R-1.5") for the ±46.14 acres in the John Gray Survey, Abstract 349, Lucas, Collin County, Texas **[Stinson Estates]**
- * Approved the Communications Facilities Lease Agreement between the City of Lucas and Friendship Cable of Texas, Inc. dba Suddenlink Communications.
- * Denied the architectural plan for Phase II of the Village Center.
- * Called for Public Hearings to be held on January 3rd and January 17th concerning water and wastewater rates.
- * Approved the Professional Services Agreement and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute the agreement between the City of Lucas and Solutions for Local Control, LLC to assist the City with legislative changes concerning the Emergency Service District Law.



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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Lucas Fire Department is looking for citizens that are interested in attending the next Lucas CERT training. The training are usually held on Wednesdays, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and one Saturday morning for the disaster day exercise.

After disasters such as the April 3, 2012 tornado outbreak in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and storms like *Super Storm Sandy*, citizens may be on their own for up to 72 hours until the first responders can reach them. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training teaches citizens the skills they need to help themselves, families and neighbors until help can arrive. The CERT training includes Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue Operations, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT, and course review and Disaster Simulation.

In order to be eligible to attend CERT Training, you must be eighteen (18) years old, (exceptions can be made if you have a responsible teen who is interested in attending the class, but they must have a parent attending the class with them), hold a valid Texas drivers license, pass a background check and attend all 9 units and disaster day exercise.

After completing the CERT training additional non-disaster opportunities and trainings will be available, included, but is not limited to, helping the Lucas Fire Department with Disaster Preparedness events, Community Outreach, Disaster Drills, Fire Rehabilitation training to help staff fire rehabilitation unit to help the firefighters recuperate during

large fires, ham radio communications, and fire safety/prevention.

Since starting the Lucas CERT program the Lucas Fire Department has trained over 40 Lucas citizens to be prepared in the event of a disaster. Are you prepared?

If you or your organization would like more information or would like to attend the CERT training, Please contact Bobette Mauck – bmauck@lucasfire.com

We are considering starting the training in February 2013, based on response from the community will determine when the training will begin. We need a minimum of ten participants in order to hold a class.

NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Free Chlorine Maintenance

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) would like the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers to be aware that a free chlorine maintenance will be conducted on the NTMWD water transmission system and customers' distribution systems for a 28 day period from January 14, 2013, to February 11, 2013.

Why does the NTMWD perform free chlorine maintenance?

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform a free chlorine maintenance. Free chlorine maintenance helps reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residual (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.

How does this process affect drinking water quality?

Free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality and remains safe for use. During this period, consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a change during this period. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water provided to consumers.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

If you have any questions regarding this maintenance, please contact:

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Winningkoff Community

Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Road and street signs give valuable information. Not only do they help us find where we are going, they also show us “where we have been” by reminding us of names of people and communities that are part of this area’s past. One such sign points the way to the Winningkoff community and an important part of our Lucas history.

Winningkoff was located near the city water tower on East Winningkoff Road. In 1884, A. J. Winningkoff and his wife Elizabeth (Rolf) donated 2 acres “in consideration of the imperative public want of school and church building” and a combination school-church building was constructed. This was a thriving farming community with fields of corn, wheat and cotton. In

describing the area, people speak of Dr. Morrow’s two story white house, Taylor’s grocery (operated by BA ‘Curley’ and Bessie Taylor) with a pharmacy and barbershop inside, Ed Knight’s grocery and the blacksmith shop of Aaron Norman. Dr. Ellsworth Blythe donated land adjoining the school property to build Blythe Chapel Methodist Church which started in 1895. Winningkoff School operated until 1949. The school building was moved to Melissa for use as a residence. Blythe Chapel was moved to Lucas and continued to be used as a church for many years.

Anthony and Elizabeth Winningkoff had three daughters who grew to adulthood, but none remained in the area. Elizabeth’s brother, George Rolf, also lived in the Winningkoff community and some of his descendents are still part of our community. Anthony Winningkoff died in 1910 and is buried in the Pecan Grove Historical Cemetery in McKinney.

In 1953 the dam forming Lake Lavon was completed. While the purpose of the dam was in part to control flooding and prevent further erosion of farmland, ultimately Lake Lavon covered much of the former farming community of Winningkoff/Blythe Chapel. There is little visual evidence of the farming community remaining, but the Collin County Historical commission has placed a commemorative marker on East Winngingkoff Road near the water tower to remind people of the role Winningkoff played in the development of Collin County and Lucas. The marker gives greater detail about the community. More names you see on our street signs are listed. Please take the time to visit the Winningkoff marker and learn more about our community.

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