



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

As we head into the summer, we have a number of important issues ahead of us. One of the most important issues is getting a handle on our City's boundaries. There are a number of tracts of land in and around our city that are actually not a part of Lucas, but rather are what is known as "extra-territorial jurisdiction" (or ETJ). Based upon our population, our ETJ areas, in most cases, extend a mile beyond our city limits. We have some powers of governance over our ETJ areas, but not the power to enforce what is perhaps the most important, the power to enforce our zoning rules and regulations. Many of you have likely seen the fireworks stands that have gone up on West Lucas Road just east of Angel Parkway. We have received inquiries as to why this has been allowed, since our City does not allow the possession or discharge of fireworks. The answer is that the tract of land upon which the stands sit are not inside our city limits, but rather in one of the "swiss cheese holes" of unincorporated land surrounded on all sides by our city limits. We don't currently have the power to prevent these stands from doing business in that location.

On June 30th, beginning at 6:30PM, a special Annexation workshop will be held for City Council to begin the process of identifying and prioritizing areas that the City would best be served by annexing into our City limits.

A second issue facing our City is long range planning for our future fire department facilities and staffing. To this end, we are putting together a Fire Department Advisory Committee. Council will be represented on this committee by Councilmembers Kathleen Peele and Wayne Millsap. Chief Jim Kitchens and another person from the LVFD will also serve, as well as two City staff members, City Manager Jeff Jenkins, and Building Official Joe Hilbourn. We will also be recruiting three volunteers from the community to serve on this very important committee.

While we are extremely fortunate to have an outstanding volunteer fire department serving us, we must make sure our facilities and personnel are adequate in the future as we continue to grow. The time to plan is now, rather than wait until we have outgrown our capabilities to serve the community.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Fourth of July celebration. Happy Birthday, America!

Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

City Offices Closed

Monday, Jul 4

City Council Regular

Thursday, Jul 7

Coffee with Council

Saturday, Jul 9, 9 AM–11 AM

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, Jul 14

Municipal Court

Wednesday, Jul 20, 3 PM

City Council Workshop

Thursday, Jul 21



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

There are a number of no or low cost ways that each of us can help cut down on water consumption. Some of these are as follows:

- Run your dishwasher only with a full load. Many dishwashers do not require pre-rinsing of dishes. Check your manufacturer's instructions.
- Adjust your washing machine's water level for the size of the load.
- After turning on your hot water faucet, run the cooler water that first comes out into watering containers for use on your potted plants.
- Don't leave the water running while brushing teeth.
- Take quick showers rather than long baths.
- Check all faucets, water line connections, and toilets for leaks. To check for toilet leaks, add a few drops of food coloring to the tank. If any of the color appears in the bowl, the toilet needs adjustments or repair.
- Set your lawnmower blade to cut grass at a height of 3 inches. This helps shade the soil, reduces water evaporation, and also allows the roots to grow deeper.
- Don't over water house or garden plants. Watering only to their individual needs will not only save water, you will also have healthier plants.
- For more information on ways to conserve water, check out www.WaterIQ.org. This is a public education and awareness campaign initiated by North Texas Municipal Water District.



Lake Lavon
(as of June 20, 2011)

Current Elevation
488.77

Normal Elevation
492.00

Consumer Confidence Report

To inform our water customers and to comply with State and Federal requirements about our drinking water quality, the City of Lucas sends its customers an annual report, which is included in this month's City Newsletter. The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a regulation, passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, that requires all community water systems to provide their customers with an annual water quality report. The CCR gives general information about the City's water and the source of our water. It also give some specific information on tests that are made on the water throughout the year and levels of constituents that are normally found in water supplies. If more information is needed, please call the Public Works Department at 972-727-8999.

Stage 1 if the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan is currently in effect.

1. No watering between the hours of 10 AM to 6 PM
2. Recommend, no watering of impervious surfaces
3. Recommend, no watering during precipitation
4. Recommend, treated water may not be used to fill or refill ponds
5. Recommend, "at home" car washing to be done using a water hose with shut off nozzle
6. Recommend, of areas overseeded with cool season grass (rye, winter or other) is not allowed, except for golf courses.





Fireworks What is legal?

The City of Lucas has an ordinance against the use of fireworks within the city limits.

Some of the surrounding cities can enforce certain ordinances within their extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) and may include the possession and discharge of fireworks. If you reside within the ETJ of a city in Collin County, please check with that city prior to discharging fireworks in their ETJ.

Possession and or discharge of fireworks on US Corps of Engineer Property, is illegal. This includes most parks and property adjoining Lake Lavon and Lake Ray Hubbard.

Always seek permission from landowners prior to discharging fireworks on private property.

Safety Tips

- * Use fireworks outdoors, in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings
- * Follow the direction on the fireworks package carefully, with close adult supervision
- * Keep a bucket of water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby
- * Discard used fireworks into a bucket of water
- * Use common sense in your use of fireworks.

Actions from City Council

- * Approved **Resolution # R-2011-05-00362** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, deeming the Lovejoy 5k walk/run as a public event serving a public purpose by supporting the school district's extracurricular activities; approving the terms and conditions of an agreement by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of Lucas for the temporary closure of state right-of-way, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; authorizing the mayor to execute said agreement; and providing an effective date.

- * Approved traffic study proposals for W. Lucas Road at the site of the proposed K-12 private school and the proposed LISD middle school; and for Country Club Road adjacent to Hart Elementary to determine if road improvements will be needed to address the stacking problem that occurs during peak drop-off and pick-up times.
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00369** for the City of Lucas designating certain officials as being responsible for, acting for, and on behalf of the City in dealing with Collin County for the purpose of participating in the Collin County Parks and Open Space Project Funding Assistance Program for the Lucas Community Park next to City Hall.
- * Approved a budget adjustment for purchase of water meters in the amount of \$40,000.
- * Approved 2010-2011 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2011-05-00374** of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas canvassing the returns and certifying the results of the General Election for the City of Lucas, Texas held on May 14, 2011 for the purpose of electing City Councilmember(s) for Seat No. 1 and Seat No. 2 to serve three (3) year terms and providing an effective date.
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00370** of the City of Lucas, Texas changing authorized representatives for Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC).
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00371** of the City of Lucas, Texas changing authorized agents for American National Bank.
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00372** of the City of Lucas, Texas changing authorized agents for Lone Star Investment Pool.
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00373** of the City of Lucas, Texas changing authorized representatives' agents for TexPool.
- * **Ordinance # 2011-05-00680** of the City of Lucas, Texas amending the Fiscal Year Budget for 2010-2011.
- * **Resolution # R-2011-05-00375** of the City of Lucas, Texas adopting the Collin County Local Mitigation Strategy.
- * Approved placing securities measures in the outer buildings located at 665 Country Club.
- * Approved setting the date of October 29, 2011 for the 2011 City of Lucas' Founder's Day.

CITY OF LUCAS BURN CONTROL



Burn days for the City of Lucas correspond with Collin County burn days. Please call the Burn Day Information Hotline (972-548-4799) first to make sure that it is an authorized burn day. Before beginning the burn process you must also call Plano Dispatch (972-941-7900) requesting the fire dispatch to give them your name, location, and intended burn time.

All open burns have certain requirements to be permitted, specific locations, and attended in accordance with City of Lucas' Code of Ordinances:

§307.2 Permit required. A permit shall be obtained from the fire code official in accordance with section 105.6 prior to kindling a fire for recognized silvicultural or range or wildlife management practices, prevention or control of disease or pests, or open burning. Application for such approval shall only be presented by and permits issued to the owner of the land upon which the fire is to be kindled.

§307.3 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 300 feet (91,440 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 300 feet (91,440 mm) of any structure.

§307.4 Attendance. Open burning, trench burns, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is fully extinguished.

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