



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Summer is here this week with a vengeance! With the extreme heat we are experiencing, it is a good time for all of us to be reminded of the importance of water conservation and fire conditions. While we have escaped the worst of the drought conditions that many other parts of the state have experienced, we are still subject to the perils that summer heat can bring. Many people like to celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, and since many of our residents live on large acreage lots, we have had issues with fireworks being set off within our city limits in the past. Now seems a good time to remind everyone that this is not only dangerous, it is also illegal!!!!

On another subject, summer is a busy time for both council and city staff. We begin the process of budget planning for our upcoming fiscal year that begins October 1. We will be holding a budget planning workshop on Tuesday, July 24 to begin this important process. If you have ever wondered how your tax dollars are spent, and how we determine what to spend, and where, then I highly encourage you to attend this meeting. I believe you will find it very informative. We have a number of challenges ahead of us, one of the most important being upgrading our current fire station. We have begun the work on this project by awarding a contract to an architect's firm to give us recommendations on how to proceed. There are other projects that will be discussed at this workshop meeting as we examine our future needs and revenue sources.

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

City Hall Closed
Wednesday, Jul 4

Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Jul 12

Municipal Court
Wednesday, Jul 18, 3:30 PM

City Council
Thursday, Jul 19

City Council Budget Workshop
Tuesday, Jul 24, 6:00 PM

BEAT THE HEAT AND SAVE SOME MONEY

- * Turn it up! About 50% of your electricity bill goes to cooling, so by increasing your home's temperature, you can lower your monthly bill.
- * Ditch the incandescents! Switch to compact fluorescent bulbs for some easy savings.
- * ENERGY STAR appliances use less energy and water, which means more money in your pocket.
- * Remember the double price tag! Beyond the appliance's price, think about how much you will spend each time you enjoy your purchase.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

There will be road construction activities on West Lucas Road at the new Lovejoy Middle School site, just west of Country Club road and at the Wal-Mart site at the intersection of Angel Parkway, during the summer months.

Currently, the City of Allen is widening Angel Parkway at the intersection of West Lucas Road/Bethany Drive, to add left turn lanes. This is part of a project to widen Bethany Drive from 4 to 6 lanes, west of Angel Parkway. That work is expected to be complete in September.

The Wal-Mart project will also add turn lanes into their site on West Lucas Road and on Angel Parkway. That work will be coordinated with the City of Allen, Angel Parkway road work.



The Lovejoy school project will add turn lanes into their site on West Lucas Road. That work is scheduled to take place in June.

Although the roads will remain open during these construction activities, some delays may occur. Allowance for de-

lays and alternate routes would be advisable.

GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR

Oct. 6th, 2012 - Why go to Canton when you can get it locally? Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 6th from 9-3 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 750 W. Lucas Rd. in Lucas, TX. We will have arts, crafts, a bake sale, hourly raffles, and more! If you are interested in selling your arts and crafts at our bazaar, booth rental is \$20 for an indoor 10x10 space and \$15.00 for outside. Email teri.tracey@sbcglobal.net for an entry form/additional info or call the church at 972-727-3639. We look forward to seeing you!



City of Lucas' Code of Ordinance, Chapter 5, Section 3301.1.3 The use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Lucas Fire department is looking for citizens that are interested in attending the next Lucas CERT training. The training will be held one evening a week from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and one Saturday morning for the disaster day exercise.

After a disaster 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. CERT training includes Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations, Part one and two, 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, some included, but is not limited to, helping the Lucas Fire Department with Disaster Preparedness events, Community Outreach and Events, 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 37 Lucas citizens to be prepared in the event of a disaster. Are you prepared?

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

June Actions from City Council

- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-05-00716** of the City of Lucas amending the budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.
- * Councilmember Kathleen Peele was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a period of one (1) year, term ending May 31, 2013.
- * Citizen Brian Blythe was appointed to serve as a full voting member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for the unexpired term of Steve Duke (who recently was elected to Councilmember, Seat 3) ending October 31, 2012.
- * Awarded a contract to Wright Construction for construction of the wastewater gravity main and lift station to serve the FM 2551 commercial area in the amount not to exceed \$1,085,059.
- * Approved a contract between the City of Lucas and Wiginton Hooker Jeffry Architects P.C. for architect services regarding the Fire Department Expansion Project in an amount not to exceed \$210,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement and authorizing an amendment to the budget to reflect such expenditures.
- * Approved a Development Agreement between the City of Lucas and Liberty Bank regarding water line improvement, annexation and zoning for an 87.115 acres ± tract of land located along Stinson Road.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-06-00717** of the City of Lucas, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 6 "Health and Sanitation" by adding Article 6.05 "Food Establishment Regulations" providing regulations for various food establishments; providing for food establishment permit fees; providing for food establishment permit fees; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; providing for a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense; and providing for an effective date.

- * Appointed Lacey Bradshaw to serve on the Parks & Open Space Board, term ending October 31, 2013.
- * Appointed Tracey Snyder to serve on the Parks & Open Space Board, term ending October 31, 2012.
- * Approved an amendment to the City of Lucas Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Zoning, Section 14.01.004 to provide for the definition of an Equestrian Facility. Amending the area regulations for R-1, R-1.5, R-2 and Estates Development to require a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the exterior walls be constructed from masonry, or heartwood of a natural decay resistance wood, cementitious siding, stucco, cultured stone or a combination of these materials. Requiring a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of all building exteriors in Village Center, Commercial Business and Light Industrial to be constructed with masonry.

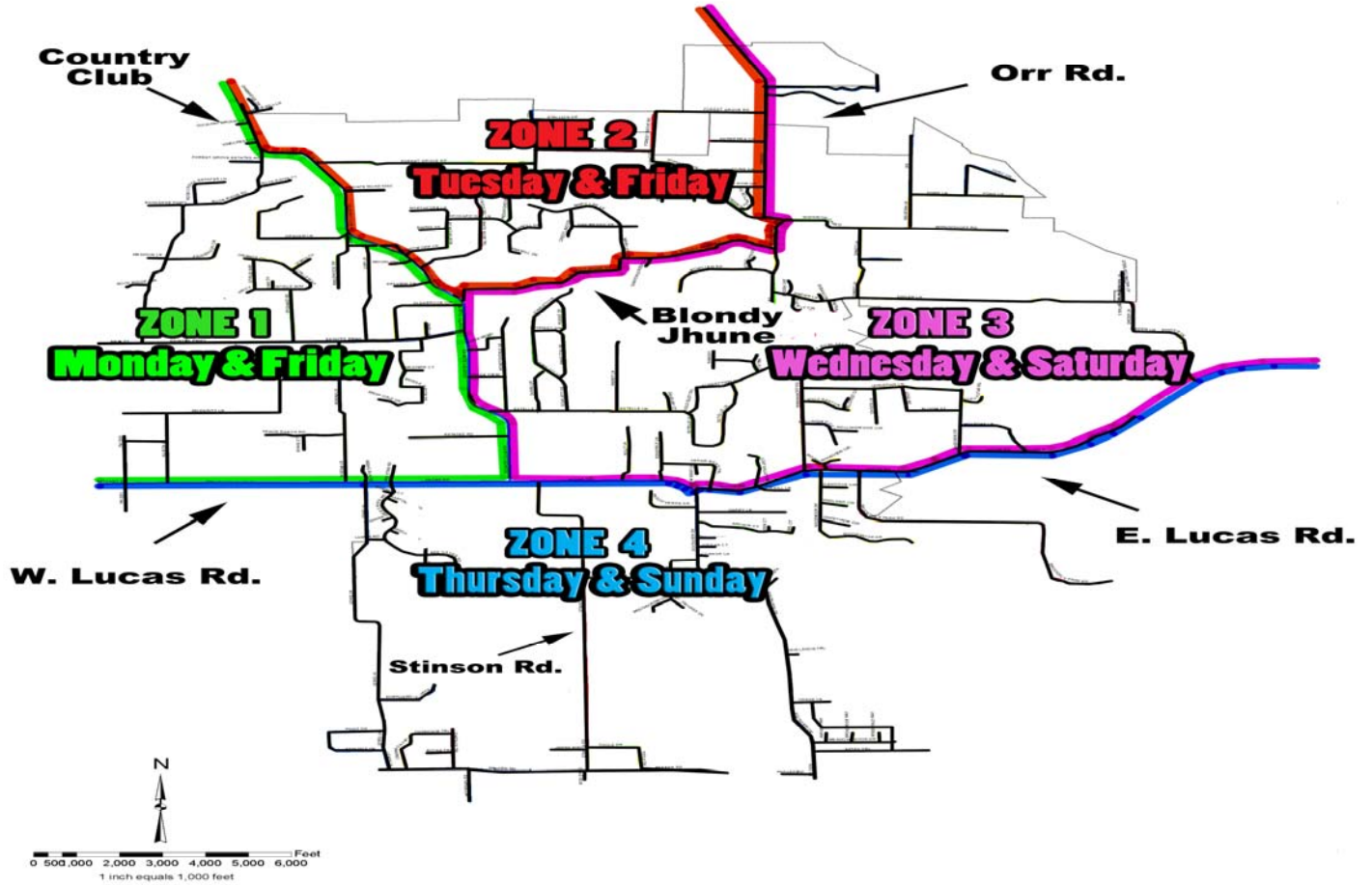


WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

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, check out www.WaterIQ.org. This is a public education and awareness campaign initiated by North Texas Municipal Water District.

Stage 2 ~ Water Restrictions Effective June 1, 2012



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