



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

Beginning June 1, we will be going to Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency Plan. North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) voted to approve this change at their meeting on May 24. This means that water customers with sprinkler and irrigation systems may now water lawns and landscapes no more than two days a week, as needed, rather than the previous maximum of one day a week under Stage 3. The Stage 2 provisions will continue through September. A map showing the days various areas may water is shown on page 4.

There are still restrictions on operating hours for sprinklers or irrigation systems as they may not be operated between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm. You may use soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems for up to two hours any day of the week, or time of day. However, due to evaporation during the hottest part of the day, it is more efficient to only use these two methods during the late evening and early morning hours as well.

We are still mandated by contract to reduce our overall water consumption by 10%. The hottest months of the year are June, July, and August, and we have had an unusually dry May, with higher than usual water consumption. We will need to all work hard to make sure we are most efficiently using our water supply in order to continue to meet this goal.

I want to thank everyone who turned out to vote in the recent special election to adopt two new sales and use taxes (results on Page 2). I believe this is a positive step for the City, and the time to have voted this in is now, prior to the opening of our new retail development early next year.

I also want to congratulate Kent Eubanks and Shane Kraymer, employees in our Water Department, for their recent achievement in receiving their Water Distribution Operator licenses. I appreciate their time and commitment to studying and passing the exams necessary to achieve this designation.

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

City Council Regular
Thursday, Jun 7

Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Jun 14

Municipal Court
Wednesday, Jun 20, 3:30 PM

City Council Workshop
Thursday, Jun 21

Board of Adjustments
Monday, Jun 25, 6:30 PM



MAY 12TH SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS: Sales and Use Tax Passes

Proposition 1

The adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City of Lucas, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate.

362 For 52 Against

Proposition 2

The adoption of a local sales and use tax in the City of Lucas, Texas, at the rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

353 For 62 Against

PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES' HARD WORK PAYS OFF!



Pictured left to right: Ken Eubanks and Shane Kreymer

The City Public Works Department operates the City's water distribution system. Treated water that is received from North Texas Municipal Water District's supply lines is piped to ground storage tanks. It is then pumped to the City's two elevated water towers for distribution to the City's customers.

The maintenance and operation of the City's water system, which is only part of the duties of the staff of the 9 Public Works employees, is regulated by the State. The City is required by the State to have water system operators that are licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, who keep the water safe for City customers.

The City is fortunate to have 7 of its 9 Public Works employees that have taken the required training, passed the exams and have the mandatory years of appropriate work experience to become licensed Water Distribution Operators.

Kent Eubanks and Shane Kreymer are the most recent Public Works employees to receive their Water Distribution Operator's license.



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 delays and alternate routes would be advisable.

May Actions from City Council

- * Approved **Ordinance # 2012-05-00714** 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 AO to R-2 Single Family Residential for the land described as being 49.5 Acres, more or less, in the John W. Kirby Survey, Tract 36, located West of Stonegate on Forest Grove Road
- * Approved a preliminary plat for a parcel of land being 49.5 Acres from Agricultural District (AO) to R-2 Single Family Residential District, ABS A0506 John W Kirby Survey, Tract 36. This parcel is generally located West of Stonegate on Forest Grove Road
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-05-00387** of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas canvassing and declaring results of the Special Election of the City Of Luca held on May 12, 2012, for the purpose of submitting propositions to the qualified voters of the City
- * Approved Amendment No. Seven (7) of the Jail Services Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County extending the contract for a period of one (1) year ending September 30, 2013
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-05-00388** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, approving the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal agreement between the City of Lucas and Barnes Waste Disposal Service
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-05-00389** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, approving the Communications Facilities License Agreement between the City of Lucas and Jab Broadband D/B/A Skybeam Texas
- * **Ordinance # 2012-05-00715** of the City Council of the City Of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, amending the Lucas Code Of Ordinances by amending Chapter 10 Titled "Subdivisions" by amending Article 10.03 titled "Subdivision and Development Ordinance" by amending Division 1 titled "General" by amending and restating Section 10.03.005 titled "Definitions" by amending the existing definitions and providing for new definitions; by amending Chapter 14 titled "Zoning" by amending Section 14.01 titled "General Provisions" By Amending Division 1 Titled "Generally" by amending and restating Section 14.01.004 titled "Definitions" by amending the existing definitions and providing for new definitions; amending Article 14.03 titled "Districts" by repealing in their entirety and, reserving for future use, Division 11 "LD Lakeside Development District" and Division 14 "MX Mixed Use District"; amending Article 14.03 titled "Districts" by amending Division 15 titled "Schedule Of Uses" by amending Sub-Section 14.03.801(D)(2) by

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replacing Director Of Planning with Development Services Director and by amending and restating Sub-Section 14.03.801(E) "Schedule Of Uses Chart" by removing LD Lakeside Development District And MX Mixed Use District from the chart, providing for new uses that are permitted and prohibited in certain zoning districts and designating certain uses that are permitted by a Specific Use Permit



**Lucas Volunteer Fire
Department
CERT seeking donations
Kathleen Peele, Mayor Pro-Tem
Councilmember Seat 6**

The local Lucas CERT team is seeking donations to enable them to support our volunteer fire fighters with rehabilitation services during their emergency services calls.

Unlike many jobs, firefighters do not pick the time or conditions under which the emergency occurs. With the combined stresses of handling emergency incidents and the dangers of extreme heat, humidity or cold firefighters suffer more than 80,000 injuries and nearly 100 line-of-duty deaths each year and most of those injuries occur during fire suppression at single family homes! Firefighters who are not provided adequate rest and rehydration during emergency operations or training exercises are at increased risk for illness or injury, and may jeopardize the safety of others on the incident scene. Your local CERT team wants to offer our volunteer fire fighters relief and rehabilitation during such events by providing them opportunity for shelter, rest, rehydration and nutrition.

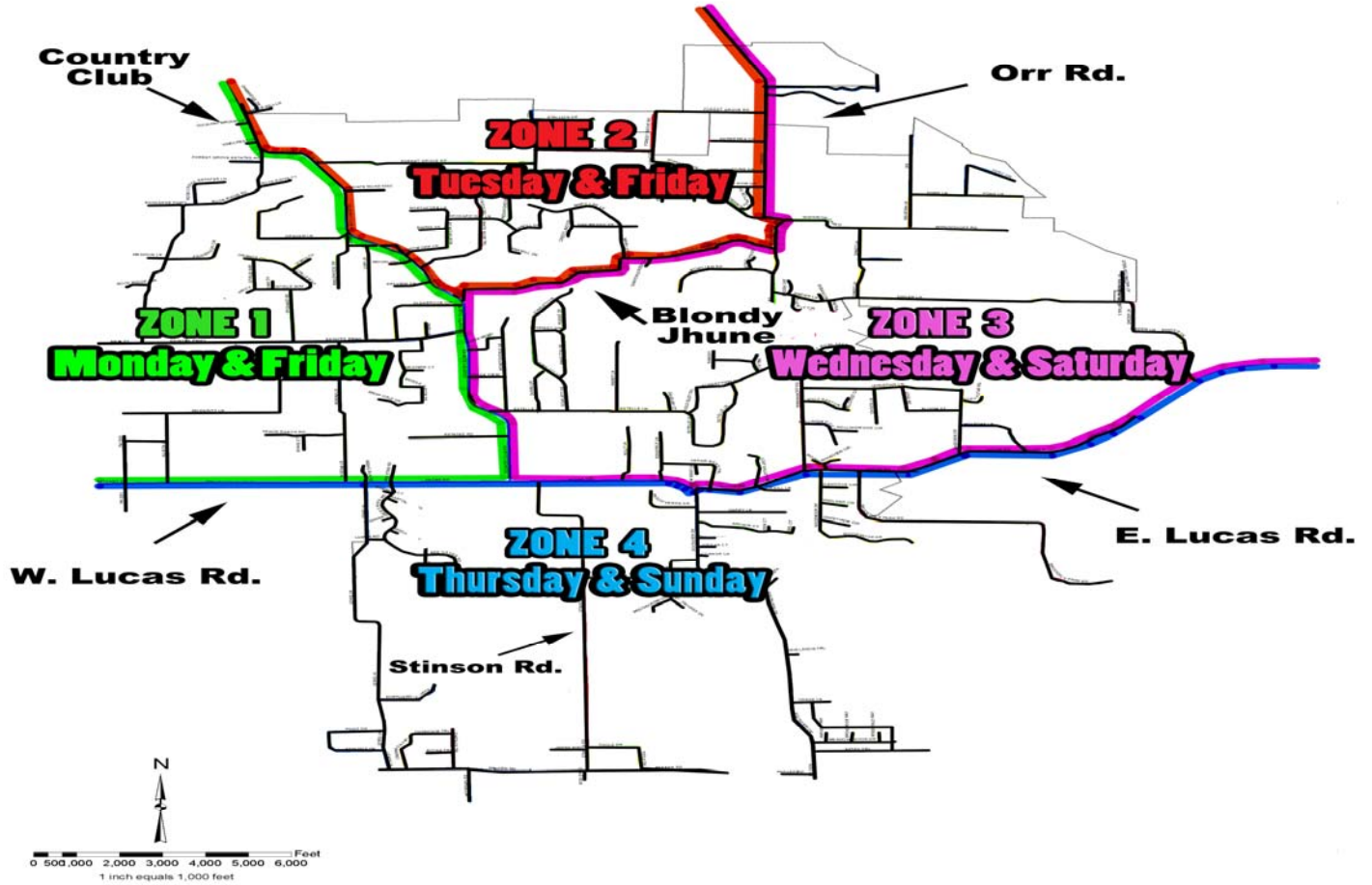
Donations for the following would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to help us protect our volunteers who work so hard to protect you and your property. A small box type truck (like a UPS or FedEx delivery truck); small refrigerator (2) ; portable generator; bench – workshop type or counter; large coffee pots; microwave; canopy – quick set up to provide shade; chairs – folding; coolers – with wheels; towels; misting fans or misting sprayers; blankets; portable heaters; portable lights; and cash.

The Lucas Volunteer Fire Department is also set up to accept your donations as a 501 C organization – meaning your donations are tax deductible!

Please contact Chief Jim Kitchens at jkitchens@lucastexas.us or Bobette Mauck at bmauck@lucasfire.com or 214-578-6248.

Thank you for supporting our Lucas Volunteer Fire Department!

Stage 2 ~ Water Restrictions Effective June 1, 2012



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