



# Lucas City Newsletter

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## STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE MAYOR

We have begun planning for our biggest and best Founder's Day event ever. This year we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary of being incorporated as a city. The celebration will be held in conjunction with Lovejoy ISD's annual homecoming events, which will begin with a football game on Friday, October 24. The Founder's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, October 25th on the campus of Lovejoy HS on Estates Parkway. There are great parking areas for all attendees at this location.

We plan on having a variety of fun activities for the entire family. We will once again be having a Stick Horse Rodeo for the younger kids. This event was first held at last year's event, and was so popular that we decided to repeat it this year. There will be bounce houses, face painting, and other fun things for the kids. Various organizations and local churches will be setting up booths.

There will be a parade, and all are invited to participate. A special email address has been set up for this event, [50@lucastexas.us](mailto:50@lucastexas.us) or call Kathy Wingo, City Secretary, 972-727-8999. If you would like more information about setting up a booth, or participating in the parade, please email us at this special address, preferably no later than 10/1.

As in the past, free lunch will be provided to all attendees.

## Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7:00 in the City Annex unless otherwise specified.

City Council Regular

Thurs., Sept 4

Planning & Zoning

Thurs., Sept 11

City Council Workshop

Thurs., Sept 18

Parks & Open Space

TBD

Municipal Court

Wed., Sept 24, 4.00 PM

## 2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET PLANNING

City Council and staff have been going through the process of drafting the fiscal year 2008/2009 budget to be effective October 1.

The first public hearing regarding the proposed ad valorem tax rate was held on August 21. The proposed rate of .374177 is a slight decrease from the 2007/2008 rate of .375. A second public hearing will be held on Sept. 4.

The first public hearing on the proposed Budget for the new fiscal year was also held on August 21, and the second public hearing will be on Sept. 4.

Copies of the proposed budget are available to residents at City Hall upon request.



## NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL HIRED

We are very pleased to announce that we have hired a new Building Official to head up our Building Inspection department. Joe Hilbourn has a background in construction project management, and his educational background shows an emphasis on building inspection certifications.

He most recently was the Building Official for the City of Collegedale, TN.

Joe and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Allen and have two sons and a daughter.

The Building Inspection department also includes Code Enforcement, and is a division of the Public Works department, which is under the leadership of Stacy Caudell.



## PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES HONORED AS EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

For the past few months, the City of Lucas has honored an outstanding employee each month. For the month of July, several members of the Public Works department were honored as a group. The employees honored were Jeremy Bogle, Jesse Corpus, Tony Fritz, Ronnie Lorenz, and Shane Sorrells.

As reported in last month's newsletter, 6 of 8 Public Works employees, including Public Works Director Stacy Caudell, have their Class C Water System Operators licenses. This is an outstanding achievement, and our city has the highest ratio of certified employees of any cities in our area.

These employees work diligently to keep our water systems up and running, and our entire community appreciates their efforts. Congratulations to all of these honorees for this well deserved recognition.

### LUCAS FLOODING



On Wed., Aug. 20th Lucas received around 8 inches of rain in a fairly short period of time. Many of you may have seen the news coverage on most local TV stations reporting extensive flooding along Rockridge Road, on the western edge of Lucas. Although some stations reported possible evacuations of residents in this area, the Fire Department said it was not necessary to evacuate anyone due to flooding. Due to the extremely dry conditions prior to the rains, the water receded fairly quickly.

### LUCAS RESIDENT ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT AWARD



Zachary Alan Paxton, son of Mark and Barbara Paxton of Lucas, recently was awarded his Eagle Scout designation.

Zachary organized and directed scouts in painting metal fencing at Creekwood United Methodist Church in Fairview. He is a member of Troop 358 and is a senior at the Shelton School in Dallas. Congratulations, Zachary. This is an outstanding achievement, and our community is proud of you!

### BURN BAN LIFTED

Due to last week's heavy rains, Collin County has lifted the outdoor burn ban that was previously imposed on July 22 due to the extremely dry conditions this summer. While the official ban applied to unincorporated areas in Collin County, the City of Lucas follows the County's lead in outdoor burn bans.

Although the danger of grass fires has been reduced by the rains, residents should still use caution when doing any outdoor burning. As a reminder, if you plan any outdoor burns, you must follow the burn notification procedures as outlined in the City website at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us). On the home page, choose "City Services", then click on "Public Safety". You will then have an option to click on "Controlled Burn Info."

You may also call City Hall for more information.

## AUGUST CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

### August 7, 2008 City Council Meeting

- Approved minutes from July 3, July 5, and July 17 Council meetings.
- Approved amendment to agreement between Lucas and Collin Co. for on-site sewage facility extending contract for one year up through and including 9/30/2009.
- Approved amendment to agreement between Lucas and Collin Co. for law enforcement services extending contract for one year up through and including 9/20/2009.
- Approved terminating prior interlocal agreement with Collin Co. and approving new agreement for design and construction of intersection improvements of Country Club Rd at West Lucas Rd., and Country Club Rd at Estates Pkwy.
- Approved termination of design contract for FM1378/FM3286 intersection improvements and awarding of design contract for intersection improvements at Country Club Rd at West Lucas Road, and Country Club Rd. and Estates Pkwy.: both contracts with Freese & Nichols.
- Adopted effective tax rate of .37418 (later corrected to .374177) for 2008/09 fiscal year.

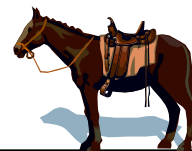
### August 21, 2008 City Council Workshop Meeting

- Approved Ordinance #2009-09-00623 amending zoning on newly annexed tract of land at 1805 DeSoto Court, Lucas, to Residential One Acre (R1)
- Approved Ordinance #2008-08-00625 amending zoning on newly annexed tract of land at 1809 DeSoto Court, Lucas, to Residential One Acre (R1).
- Approved Ordinance #2008-08-0624 amending zoning on newly annexed tract of land at 1806 Marchmont, Lucas, to Residential One Acre (R1).
- Approved Ordinance #2008-08-00627 to grant an amendment to the current Specific Use Permit for Agape Care Home at 19 Graham Lane, increasing the maximum number of residents from eleven (11) to thirteen (13).
- Recognized Jesse Corpus, Tony Fritz, Shane Sorrells, Ronnie Lorenz, and Jeremy Bogle as City of Lucas Employees of the Month for July.
- Approved agreement between City of Lucas and the Southeast Collin County EMS Coalition concerning paramedic ambulance services.

## LOVE YOUR PETS?



In case of prolonged power outage, flood, tornado, or other types of disasters, know what to do for your family and pets. We know your pets are special to you, so stop by the Lucas Fire Department at 151 Country Club Rd on **Sat., Sept 27 from 9:00AM until noon** to create a pet id card for your pets. There will be information on how to make, and what to include in your pet's disaster kit so you can prepare in advance for any contingency. There will be information on all types of pets, both large and small, including horses. This event is jointly sponsored by Lucas Volunteer Fire Department and Collin County Animal Services.



## HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION

By Captain David Leonard, EMT-B, LVFD

In July the following members of the Lucas VFD used their summer vacations to attend weeklong classes at the 79th Annual Municipal Fire School at Texas A&M. This is the perhaps the largest school in the Southwest and is usually attended by approximately 5000 firefighters from all reaches of the globe.

- Assistant Chief Ed Fleming - Officer Development V
  - Captain Mike Cox - Officer Development V
  - Firefighter Gary Johnson - Officer Development II
  - Firefighter Ben Hardy - Rescue VI - Technical Rope Rescue
  - Firefighter David Palmer - Rescue VI - Technical Rope Rescue
  - Firefighter Ted Stevens - Firefighting Phase II
  - Fire Marshall Ron Grotti - Pump Operations Instructor
- Funding was provided by grants from the Texas Forest Service and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. The grants saved the City Of Lucas \$2700 in tuition but the city also received a great deal more in knowledge and experience for the members.
- Congratulations to each of the Lucas VFD members for all of the hard work and dedication to the department and citizens of the city. Residents of the area are welcome to join the department and experience the most current and exciting training available in the fire service. Applications to join the department can be found at City Hall or [www.lucasfire.com](http://www.lucasfire.com).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

City Council will be seating the 2009 Advisory Committee soon. Volunteers to serve on this important committee are needed, and all interested citizens are invited to apply. Potential issues to be explored by the Committee will include a possible re-vamping of the City web site. City Council will have an item on the agenda of the Sept. 4th meeting to discuss the seating of the new committee, and subjects to be referred to the new committee for consideration. Interested persons are encouraged to attend this Council meeting to hear more. For information on how to volunteer, call City Hall or email the city secretary at [kwingo@lucastexas.us](mailto:kwingo@lucastexas.us)

## **SEARCH FOR NEW CITY MANAGER CONTINUES**

City Council is continuing to review applications from candidates for the open City Manager position. The goal is to choose the best qualified applicant who will be a good match for our City long term. In the meantime, Public Works Director Stacy Caudell continues to serve as the Interim City Manager.

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## **ADDRESS DISPLAY REMINDER**

Please make sure your address numbers are clearly displayed at your home so they can be seen at night by any emergency personnel. Always display your numbers horizontally, both on your house and at your driveway entrance. Reflective numbers are very helpful if they are large enough to be seen from a distance.

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