



Lucas City Newsletter

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STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE MAYOR

If you have not already voted in the Special Election for the proposed Home Rule Charter, be sure to do so. This election is an important step in deciding the future of our City.

We are beginning to make plans for this year's Founder's Day Celebration. It may well be the biggest and best one we have ever had, as we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary as an incorporated city. We are joining with Lovejoy Schools to put together the celebration during their homecoming weekend. Tentative plans include a parade, and we will be repeating last year's popular stick-horse rodeo for the kids. We have already received offers of participation from several local churches, and anticipate that we will have even more offers as we get closer to the date, Saturday, October 25th.

We plan to have the event on the grounds of Lovejoy High School, with the help and support of the Lovejoy Schools. If you would like to be involved in the planning of this event, send me an email or leave a voice mail for me at City Hall. Although October is several months away, we will begin planning for this great family event in the next few months.

Meeting Schedule

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

City Council Regular Thurs., May 1
Planning & Zoning Thurs., May 8
City Council Workshop Thurs., May 15
Parks & Open Space TBD
Municipal Court Wed., May 28 , 4:00 PM
Home Rule Charter Election Sat, May 10, 7AM-7PM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FAIR

The Lucas Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting an Emergency Medical Service Fair on Sunday, May 18 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM at the Lucas Fire Station by City Hall on Country Club Road. This will be a great opportunity for the residents of Lucas to learn about the medical capabilities of the department. Demonstrations of automobile extraction, a visit from the Careflite helicopter, and a display of some of the department's newest vehicles will be featured.



Collin County Health Care will be offering various immunizations for a small fee, and other medical providers in the area will be present. Lucas VFD EMTs and paramedics will be conducting free blood pressure checks.

There will be a bounce house for the kids, as well as fire stations tours. There will also be information on how to become a member of the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department. The department is ahead of last year's runs by about 30 incidents. Thankfully, LVFD has been able to respond to all calls with full crews, but new members are always invited. The next recruit classes will start at Collin County Community College, McKinney campus, in August.

LOVEJOY COUNTRY RUN TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 10



Last year's highly successful 5k run benefiting the Lovejoy School's

booster clubs governing body, Lovejoy Leopards, Inc., will be repeated again on May 10. This year's event will be even bigger, and will also include a 1k Fun Run. The morning's events will feature a pancake breakfast, bounce house for the kids, and music provided by a live band. The course will begin behind the courtyard of Lovejoy High School, head west briefly on Estates Parkway (FM2170), then turning north on Rock Ridge Road up to Exchange Parkway where it will turn back down Rock Ridge Road along the same route back to the high school.

The 5K race will begin 8:30AM, and there may be brief lane closures along the course. Please drive carefully.

For more information about the event, call 972-398-8660.

NOISE ORDINANCE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL

City Council is currently considering a noise ordinance for the City of Lucas. The provisions of the proposed ordinance take the rural nature of our community into consideration, and are designed to protect our residents from unreasonably loud and offensive noises. Among other things, it does not contain any provision limiting the times during which any resident may mow or use other power equipment to maintain their properties. It also exempts noises from livestock, farm animals, and fowls. The ordinance is not designed to impose undue restrictions on our residents, but is intended to provide a means for controlling the most egregious of offenders.

The proposed ordinance is on the May 1st City Council Meeting agenda. You may review the proposed ordinance in its entirety on the City web site at www.lucastexas.us.

ROADS UPDATE

Asphalt paving work is scheduled for May on Winningkoff Road and Christian Lane. There will be asphalt leveling, followed by an asphalt surface course, similar to the work completed on Orr Road last fall.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOE JAYNES PRESENTS CHECK TO MAYOR CARMICKLE



County Commissioner Joe Jaynes,(right), presents check to Mayor Bill Carmickle (center), as Collin County Parks Board member Charlie Gaines (left) looks on.

A symbolic check for \$82,587.50 was presented during the April 3 City Council meeting. This is the matching funds amount awarded to Lucas from the Collin County 2003 Parks and Open Space Bond program.

Work on the improvements at City Park began the week of April 14th. The contractor started the concrete work on the new walking trail around the perimeter of the ball field. Sod and irrigation work on a portion of the field, and new fencing and bleachers will also be included in the improvements. The project is 50% funded by this matching funds grant, with the other 50% funded by parkland dedications fees from new residential developments. As the work progresses, some parts of the park may be briefly closed while undergoing renovations.

CITY AGREES TO DELAY CESSATION OF FIRE SERVICES TO ETJ

The City previously announced that effective May 1, 2008 it would no longer provide city services to anyone but City of Lucas residents. These services to be discontinued included fire protection services. In a letter sent to the affected residents on Feb. 11, the ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) residents were told that they must look to the County to see what services could be afforded them.

Since that time, Collin County has been working with the City of Lucas to come to an agreement where Lucas would continue to provide these services, with the County footing the bill. Since the County is making a good faith effort to come to an agreement with Lucas on the cost of these services, City Council has agreed to delay the cessation of fire services outside the City until Sept. 30th of this year.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 26 FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

APRIL CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

April 3, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting

- Approved rezoning of 16.30 acres of land currently zoned as AO/Residential 2 acres to Residential 1.5 acres, at area commonly know as The Ranch at Pecan Grove.
- Approved supplemental item to Item 3(b) Ordinance 2008-04-00610 which served to annex area commonly known as Claremont Springs Phase II.
- Approved minutes from the March 6th Regular Meeting, and March 20th Workshop Meeting.
- Approved a sidewalk waiver on 20 one acre lots with a 32' wide street in residential development known as The Reserve at Forest Grove subject to additional park dedication fees.
- Approved Resolution #R-2008-04-00312 canceling the May 10, 2008 General Election for City officers, and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office.
- Approved Resolution #R-2008-04-00313 appointing Election Judge, Alternate Election Judge, and Election Workers for the May 10 Special Election.
- Approved appointment of an Alternate Municipal Judge subject to candidate Christopher Castro interviewing with City Attorney Joe Gorfida.

April 8, 2008 Special City Council Meeting

- Denied a petition by the Lavon 593 Land Investment Partners, L.P. requesting the consent of the City for the creation of a water control and improvement district within the ETJ of the City of Lucas.
- Approved a 1st amendment to the development agreement between the City and Willow Park Developments, Inc regarding The Ranch at Pecan Grove.

April 17, 2008 City Council Workshop Meeting

- Approved preliminary plat for development The Ranch at Pecan Grove, located at NW corner of Forest Grove Road and Stonegate Blvd.
- Approved authorization of Assistant City Secretary Jennifer Faircloth to act as needed in the absence of the City Secretary, by the direction of the mayor or mayor-pro-tem after being advised by the City Administrator and/or City Secretary.
- Approved goals set for City Administrator.
- Authorized city to dispose of old street signs for \$5.00 each,

and to offer free to residents, any asphalt millings or dirt that might have no real salvage value.

- Agreed to delay cessation of fire services outside of city until Sept. 30.

HAZARDOUS FUEL SPILL IN CITY

Around 6:30 am on Wed., April 23, a large truck/tractor's front bumper fell off and was run over by the vehicle on West Lucas Road and Ingram Lane, resulting in the rupture of the vehicle's fuel tank. Around 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into a ditch on the north side of the intersection.

Lucas VFD immediately responded to the scene to evaluate the damages and direct traffic around the area.

The trucker's insurance company dispatched a hazmat cleanup team to the site in order to mitigate damages from the spill. The hazmat contractor removed all fuel from the site and replaced the removed dirt with new fill materials and top sod. The contractor estimated the cost of the process to be around \$5000, which will be paid by the trucker's liability insurance carrier, with no resulting cost to the City.

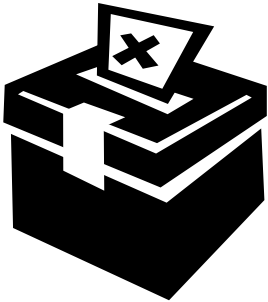
USPS RECOGNIZES LUCAS AS A CITY!

Thanks to the persistence of our City water clerk, Delta Moody, the US Postal Service has finally updated their records to show Lucas as a mailing address independent of Allen. You may have noticed in the past that even though you showed your address as being in Lucas, when you received your mail the city had been changed to Allen. This was even true on your City water bill. The complete changeover will take a while to accomplish as senders of mail must periodically download updated mailing and zip code information from the USPS. Until all senders update their records, you may continue to receive mail showing Allen as your mailing address.

STREET SIGNS FOR SALE

If you have ever wanted an old City street sign, here is your chance. You may purchase old, removed signs for \$5.00 each. Contact scaudell@lucastexas.us for details or call City Hall.

There may also be excess asphalt millings and dirt available to residents for free, must show proof of residency.



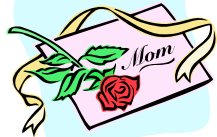
HOME RULE CHARTER ELECTION

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN SPECIAL ELECTION, MAY 10

If you have not already done so, don't forget to vote in the May 10th Special Election. This important election will determine whether or not Lucas becomes a Home Rule City. The proposed Home Rule Charter is the only item on the ballot. The General Election that normally would be held on the same date was cancelled as all three incumbents for seats on the City Council were unopposed. Early election voting will be available 8:00AM to 5:00PM each business day thru Tuesday, May 6. On April 29th and May 6th, the hours will be extended from 7:00AM until 7:00PM. Don't forget to bring your voter registration card, or alternate form of ID, such as a drivers license. Early voting is at City Hall.

On Election Day, May 10, voting will be at the City Hall Annex, just north of the Fire Station. The polls will be open from 7:00AM until 7:00PM.

The Lovejoy ISD School Board Trustee election will be held the same date. Voting in that election will be at Lovejoy Elementary School (little red school house) at 259 Country Club Rd. Contact the Collin County Elections Department at 972-424-1460 for additional information on this election, such as early voting locations.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
SUNDAY, MAY 11

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