



# Lucas City Newsletter

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## STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE MAYOR

As we go into October we are preparing for our annual Founder's Day celebration. The insert in this newsletter contains all the information about the schedule of events, times, and location. We are very pleased this year to hold this event in conjunction with Lovejoy ISD. Together, we hope to make this year's celebration the best ever. It is a very special celebration as we are commemorating our 50th year as an incorporated city. I hope you will all come and bring the entire family to enjoy this fun filled day. As in the past, free food will be served. There will be several food concessions, with one of them manned by members of the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department. Desserts are being furnished by members of several local churches.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, October 25. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m., and the day long festivities will end at 4:00 p.m.

All festivities will be held on the campus of Lovejoy High School on Estates Parkway. There will be a parade, booths sponsored by various churches and other non-profit organizations, bounce houses and pony rides for the kids, and the very popular event from last year, the Stick Horse Rodeo.

Please take the time to read the insert, and mark your calendars. I look forward to seeing you there!

## Meeting Schedule

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

City Council Regular Thurs., Oct. 2
Planning & Zoning Thurs., Oct. 9
City Council Workshop Thurs., Oct 16
Parks & Open Space TBD
Municipal Court Wed., Oct. 22, 4:00 p.m.

## CITIZENS ON PATROL PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED IN LUCAS



Mayor Bill Carmickle is working with the Collin County Sheriff's Department to implement a Citizens on Patrol Program in Lucas. We currently have a dedicated Sheriff's Deputy assigned to Lucas on a full time basis. Our agreement with the County requires us to provide the patrol car and replace it once a certain mileage has been reached. As it is now approaching the time when a new patrol car will be required, consideration is being given to using the older vehicle for the Citizens on Patrol Program. While the plan for implementing this program is still in the initial stages, the Mayor will be glad to speak with anyone who may be interested in participating in the program. He may be reached by email at [bcarmickle@lucastexas.us](mailto:bcarmickle@lucastexas.us), or by phone at 214-693-9408.



City Secretary Kathy Wingo (third from left) and her family visit the Breast Cancer Awareness Pink Ribbon fire truck that is touring the U.S to raise breast cancer awareness

### **October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**By:**  
**Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Fisher & Kathy Wingo, City Secretary**

Breast cancer is a description that refers to a family of cancers that can occur in any part of the breast tissue. The disease is caused when malignant cells have formed in the tissues of the breast. When the DNA of these cells has become damaged the cells divide and grow in an uncontrollable way and form a lump called a tumor.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer, and is the most common cancer in women. The United States has the highest incidence rate of women’s breast cancer in the world. Breast cancer can also occur in males as the breast tissue is composed of identical tissue but is 100 times less common. Survival rates in men are the same as in women suffering from breast cancer. One in nine women will develop breast cancer during their life.

Surprisingly, breast cancer has been known for over 3,500 years. In some forms, it has been treatable for around 130 years, mainly through mastectomies and removal of lymph nodes. Today’s surgical advances have reduced the need for such radical surgeries in many cases.

Current tests include mammogram, ultrasound, needle aspiration, needle biopsy and excision biopsy. The rate of survival is very high with today’s early detection methods.

On October 25, 2008 Susan G. Komen for the Cure celebrates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Komen Race for the Cure, the largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks in the world, with well over 1 million participants since 2005. Komen Race for the Cure events are scheduled in cities across the country.

Please encourage your loved ones to have a check-up. Believe us, there is nothing more devastating than to hear your doctor say, “You have breast cancer”. However, with the support of our doctors, family, and friends, we are “BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS”.

### **ONCE AN EAGLE, ALWAYS AN EAGLE**



Lovejoy High School Junior Charles Susong achieved something generally accomplished by only a small number of Boy Scouts. On May 31 of this year Charles was awarded the highest rank in Scouting – Eagle Scout. As part of the path to Eagle, each scout must organize and complete a community service project. After coordinating the project with the Allen Parks & Recreation department, Charles organized his scout Troop #1224, and they planted 421 seedlings as part of the Keep Allen Beautiful program.

During a ceremony at the LHS Lecture hall, Charles participated in a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Court of Honor where he received his Eagle medal from Scoutmaster Dave Tanner of Troop 1224. During the ceremony, LHS principal Dr Mike Goddard spoke to Charles and all the young men present, encouraging them to be role models for younger men and to always pursue their dreams. Also, Charles received a letter of congratulations from Major General John Mulholland, commander of all US Special Operations Forces (SOF) in Iraq and Afghanistan. In the North Texas Circle Ten Council, Mr. Ross Perot, Sr. of Perot Systems provides each Eagle Scout with their award package.

Charles is the son of Jane and Mike Susong of Lucas.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY , OCTOBER. 7**

Normally nationally observed in Aug., National Night Out, the nationwide initiative against crime, is being observed in Texas on Tuesday, Oct. 7. The LVFD will be available to visit any neighborhoods holding events that evening. Call City Hall at 972-727-8999 and give the address and the time you would like a fire truck to come by your gathering.

## SEPT. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

### Sept. 4 Regular City Council Meeting

- Approved minutes from July 23rd, July 24th, August 7th, August 15th, and August 21st meetings.
- Approved ordinance annexing 803 Amblewood (located in Claremont Springs subdivision.)
- Agreed to new fiscal year tax rate of .34177.
- Agreed to adopt Budget for Fiscal Year beginning 10-1-2008.
- Received presentation by Weather Service official and certificate and road signs that Lucas meets or exceeds "Storm Ready City" requirements.
- LVFD presented with \$1250. check from Huntwick HOA in appreciation for services to the neighborhood.

### Sept.16 Special City Council Meeting

- Approved Resolution **#R-2008-09-00318** reconfirming decision to deny petition for creation of the water control and improvement district #3 consisting of approx. 592.744 acres of land within City of Lucas extraterritorial jurisdiction.

### Sept. 18 City Council Workshop Meeting

- Final approval of **Ordinance #2008-09-00629** adopting Budget for Fiscal Year of 10/1/08-09.
- Final approval of **Ordinance # 2008-09-00628** adopting tax rate of .374177 per \$100 valuation of property for fiscal tax year of 10/1/08-09.
- Approved **Ordinance # 2008-09-00626** annexing area commonly known as Ranch at Pecan Grove.
- Approved final plat of residential development known as Ranch at Pecan Grove, consisting of approx. 26 acres located at NW corner of Forest Grove Rd. and Stonegate Blvd.
- Approved amendments to Animal Shelter agreements between City of Lucas and Collin County (Original Court Orders No. 2008-010-01-08 and No. 2008-007-01-08) regarding FY 2009 annual fees for animal shelter in amounts of \$14,715. and \$16,580. respectively.
- Approved Interlocal Agreement by and among Collin County, City of Lavon, City of Lucas, City of Parker, Town of St. Paul, and City of Wylie regarding the creation of the Coalition to provide for regional emergency medical services.



## HELP...HOW DO I GET OUT OF TOWN!

Interim City Manager Stacy Caudell recently contacted the Engineering Department of the City of Allen for an update on the status of the roadwork being done on Stacy Road. As Stacy Road is one of the three major access roads to Lucas, the construction has had an impact on our residents, particularly those who live in the northern area of town. Per a representative of Allen, extensive work at the Stacy and US 75 intersection has caused inevitable delays to the construction on Stacy Road. It was necessary to connect the new pavement section to the hwy. frontage road, replace the old signal with a temporary span-wire signal, and construct two northbound right-turn only lanes.

Even though lane closures are restricted to off-peak hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) delays are unavoidable. Unfortunately, it is not anticipated that the congestion will be alleviated any time soon on Stacy. It will likely continue until traffic can be switched to utilize the new lanes. As of Sept. 25th, this was anticipated to take an additional two to four weeks. At that time, two lanes will then be open in each direction until the median improvements are completed. When construction is finished, there will be three lanes in each direction.

In the next few months ahead, there will be more work on the US 75 frontage road, which will impact the frontage road fluidity as well. This work will include a ramp reversal project for northbound US 75 at Stacy, switching the locations of the on and off ramps. It will also involve intersection improvements at Stacy and US 75, as a lane will be added under the bridge as well as added lanes to the southbound approach to the intersection.

Work at the SH 5 (Greenville Ave.) intersection will continue for the foreseeable future, as TxDOT continues their work of

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED**

After almost 3 years as editor of this newsletter, this issue is the last one for our current volunteer editor, Rebecca Mark. If you are interesting in volunteering for this position, please contact Mayor Bill Carmickle at [bcarmickle@lucastexas.us](mailto:bcarmickle@lucastexas.us) or call him at 214-693-9408.



## **ANNUAL FOREST GROVE/FITZHUGH CEMETERY CHILI SUPPER AND AUCTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY OCT. 11**

The annual Chili Supper and Auction will be held at the historic Forest Grove/Fitzhugh Cemetery beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. The cemetery dates to before the Civil War, and this event is held annually to raise money to benefit the non-profit organization responsible for it's maintenance.

The menu includes homemade chili or beef stew, ice tea, soft drinks, and delicious desserts. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. After dinner you will be entertained with an old-fashioned country auction where you will have the opportunity to bid on a variety of crafts, quilts, and homemade desserts.

The supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Forest Grove Christian Church, located at the intersection of Country Club Road (FM1378), and Forest Grove Road (about 1/2 mile south of Lovejoy School.)

This is a great way to meet your fellow Lucas area residents, and have a family-oriented fun-filled evening, while supporting a great cause. This cemetery is truly a historical treasure, and we all owe a big thanks to those who are so diligent about maintaining it.

For further information, contact Jack Covington at 214-793-4371.

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