



Lucas City Newsletter

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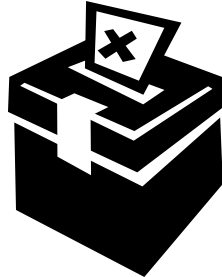
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City Council

- Bob Sanders, Mayor
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- Debbie Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem
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- Bill Carmickle, Councilmember
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- Don Zriny, Councilmember
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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! MAY 12 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Early voting began April 30, and will continue through May 8. During early voting, you may cast your vote at City Hall during normal business hours of 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

There will be two extended hour days for your convenience. These will be on Tues., May 1 and Tues., May 8. On these days, the polls will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm. On election day, May 12, the polls are open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm at the City Hall Annex building at 185 Country Club Road. Please be sure to bring your voter registration with you. If you are registered to vote but cannot locate your registration card, you must show an alternate form of ID, such as a drivers license.

The candidates are as follows:

General Election (two year terms)

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| Mayor: | Bill Carmickle |
| | Debbie Fisher (Write-In Candidate) |
| Council Member: | Don Zriny (unopposed) |
| | Mark H. Barrett (unopposed) |

Special Election (one year term, due to vacancy)

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| Councilmember: | Wayne Millsap |
| | Michael A. Hughes |

If you have any questions about the voting process, you may contact the City Secretary, Kathy Wingo, at 972-727-8999.

As a reminder, the only voting that will be done at the above locations will be for the City of Lucas City Council seats. Voting for the State Constitutional Amendment will be held at Lovejoy Elementary School.

The official canvassing of the election will take place during the May 17th City Council Workshop meeting .

Meeting Schedule

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

City Council Regular

Thurs., May 3

Planning & Zoning

Thurs., May 10

City Council Workshop

Thurs., May 17

Parks & Open Space

Thurs., May 24

Municipal Court

Wed., May 23, 5:30 PM

"Well done is better than well said."

Benjamin Franklin

WOULD YOU SPEND \$5.00 A WEEK TO SAVE 1000 DOGS A YEAR?

By Larry Essary

To get a dog out of a shelter, have it medically checked, spayed/neutered, given vaccines and possible dental care costs about \$250. Would you be willing to give up one McDonald's value meal a week to save 1,000 dogs a year? One day each week instead of having that value meal put that \$5.00 in a stamped envelope and take your own dog for a nice walk. I don't know about you but I could stand to skip a meal each week and go for a walk with my best friend.

At the end of 4 weeks mail your \$20 dollars to a local rescue group and start a new envelope. Do this 13 times each year, and you will have paid to have a dog medically checked and on its way to its forever home.

What did it really cost you ??? You lost about 50 pounds, probably extended your life and got to share 52 hours of great fun with your best friend.

Are you saying that is only one dog ? That's true but are you the only person involved in rescue ? Could your spouse afford to miss a meal and take a walk with you each week ? The time together could make your marriage last longer (hopefully that is a good thing).

Invite a different friend to walk with you each week and get them involved. I don't have any skinny friends so all of my friends could use the walk as well. Tell your friends that going on a walk with your dog will help prolong their life. They are a captive audience on your walk, and they can't just leave. Think of all the great rescue stories you could tell them in just one hour. Get that \$5.00 from them and get them involved in rescue as well.

The results??? The only thing getting fatter is that envelope filled with cash. Get your boss involved (I don't suggest that you tell him/her they could lose a few pounds!)

Tell them that for less than a can of soda each day they could save 1,000 dogs. Bosses typically would rather give you money than exercise any day (Just ask them for \$10 each week to lessen their guilt of not exercising). Just 13 envelopes saves 1,000 dogs each year.

For those of you that might want to say that I don't know what I'm talking about... how would you know if you have never tried ? It is possible, with your help.

If you would like to give your support to this effort in any way possible, please contact a local breed rescue group in our area.

You can obtain a list of Breed Rescue Groups from the American Kennel Club (AKC). That website address is:

<http://www.akc.org/breeds/rescue.cfm>

You can also contact our local veterinarian at Lucas Veterinary Hospital , 972-727-8446 for a list of local rescue groups.



"1000 Dogs in 2007"

CITY ROADS UPDATE

The City is currently preparing plans and bid documents for a maintenance project for Lynn Lane, McMillen Road, and Orr Road. An asphalt overlay will be designed for Lynn Lane and McMillen Rd., and either a chip seal or overlay will be done on Orr Rd, depending on the required design and contractor pricing. This work should be contracted out and constructed during this summer's paving season. The City also has an interlocal agreement with Collin County that will allow county employees to do asphalt level-up and chip seal on the following roads, also during the summer paving season:



- Winningkoff Road
- Snider Lane
- Shady Lane
- Blondy Jhune Road
- Forest Grove Road
- West Lucas Road (from FM1378 to FM2551)

Road Closure Reminder

Sections of Estates Parkway (west of LHS) and Rockridge Road will be partially closed for a short time beginning around 8:00am on Sat., May 12, due to the Lovejoy 5K Walk/Run Event. Law enforcement personnel will be present to direct and monitor traffic flow.

APRIL CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

April 5, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting

- Accepted annexation plan from David A. Scott regarding a 6.47 acre tract of land situated in the William Snider Survey, Abstract No. 821.
- Approved Special Use Permit (SUP) for First Methodist Church for operation of a non-profit Christian day school between the hours of 8:30am and 2:30pm, Mondays-Fridays, and approved temporary signage for 10 day period per event.
- Approved application by Mark Hickman of Hickman Consulting Engineers, Inc, to change current zoning of agricultural (AO) to residential 1.5 acre (R 1.5) of the property generally located on Stinson Rd. approx. 5400 feet north of FM 2514.
- Approved minutes from March 1, 2007 City Council Regular Meeting and March 15, 2007 City Council Workshop Meeting.
- Approved Interlocal Agreement between City of Lucas and Seis Lagos Utility District regarding Fire Protection Services.

April 19, 2007 Workshop Meeting

- Authorized acceptance of Letter of Agreement between City of Lucas and BW2 Engineers, Inc. regarding engineering services for 2007 Overlay Project (road maintenance for Orr Rd., McMillan Rd. and Lynn Lane).
- Appointed Rebecca Mark, Election Judge, Gene Hair, Deputy Election Judge, and Election Clerks Karen Hurtt, Kathy Webb, Suzanne Franklin, Deborah Bleiler, Kelly Grissom, and Dorothy May, for May 12 General and Special Elections.

AMENDED WASTE WATER MASTER PLAN DENIED

The second public hearing on a proposed amended Wastewater (Sewer) Master plan was held on Thursday, April 5. At issue was whether or not an ordinance should be passed to amend the existing City Comprehensive Plan to include a Wastewater Master Plan that would provide for sewer service to designated commercial areas.

After much discussion and comments from citizens, City Council voted to deny the amendment.

STAGE 3 DROUGHT PLAN WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

Our recent rains might lead us to believe there is an end to the drought in site. In fact, as of Wed. April 25, our primary water source, Lake Lavon is still around 6 feet under the level that is considered full. As we go into summer and the water demands increase, we are still not out of the woods on the drought situation.

Lucas is still under Stage 3 restrictions. These restrictions mean that you may only operate your sprinkler systems once a week on your normal residential trash day, except no watering between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. Additionally, the hosing of paved areas, buildings, and windows is prohibited.

You also may not wash or rinse your vehicle by use of a hose.

Complete information on the watering restrictions may be seen on the City website, or obtained by calling City Hall.

Please remember that violation of the above restrictions may result in your being issued a citation. Fines can be expensive, ranging up to \$2000 for each offense. Additionally, repeated offenses could result in termination of

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS OF COLLIN COUNTY

Each year many families in our community are affected by mental illness. The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collin County invites you to their monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 at the Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Rd, Plano. For more info, visit their website at www.namicco.org or call 972-922-5095.

BIDS BEING ACCEPTED

Sealed bids will continue to be accepted at City Hall until May 14,2007 for the sale of 1.674 acres of land located at the Northeast corner of FM1378 and White Rock Trail. Bids must be at least \$100,000. For more information on this parcel, check the City of Lucas website or call City Hall at 972-727-8999

BARNES WASTE DISPOSAL ANNOUNCES NEW RECYCLING OPTION



Barnes Waste Disposal is now making it even easier for you to recycle. Rather than having to purchase the special recycling bags, you may now put your unbagged recyclables into a self-purchased container for collection. You may use any type of container as long as the weight does not exceed 50 lbs., including contents. Barnes will bring labels to mark your own container, or you may purchase from Barnes a 95 gallon pre-labeled polycart similar to the one provided by Barnes for trash. The cost for a pre-labeled polycart is \$75.00 (tax and delivery included). Please call Barnes Waste to notify them of your intent to use a container instead of bags.

Barnes will not collect recyclables from a container that is not marked "recycling only". In addition, the regular trash collector will not pick up trash out of a container marked "recycle only". If you would like an email reminder sent to you automatically during recycling week, contact **Stacie Barnes** at **972-396-1139** or at **wasteddpl@swbell.net**. She will also be glad to send you the recycling calendar and copy of guidelines.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City wants to thank all the residents who have recently submitted volunteer applications. As we have mentioned many times in the past, there are continually volunteer opportunities within our city. Our non-elected boards and commissions are comprised of citizens such as yourself who care about our community and are willing to give their time and expertise to make our City the best place to live in Collin County! The need for additional volunteers is still there. As a reminder, all you have to do is complete a volunteer application, either on line, or by having our City Secretary mail or fax one to you.

A special thanks goes out to all the citizens who volunteered to be election workers for the May 12 elections.


Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

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