



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Early voting for our Special Election for two sales tax options began April 30. By then most of you hopefully will have received your new voter registration card to replace the one that expired last December. The issuance and mailing of the new cards was delayed due to the uncertainties surrounding re-districting, but your new card should have been mailed on or before April 25. The new card is yellow, and will contain the current precinct and district assigned to your address. The expiration date of the new card will be 12/13/2013. If you are unsure of your voter registration status, you can go to www.co.collin.tx.us/elections and click on the menu item "voter registration". Once on that site, you can fill in your first and last name and date of birth to confirm that you have been registered to vote. You may also print out a copy of your voter registration card from that site.

It is important that you take the time to vote in this election. If our citizens feel that it is important to adopt the two proposed sales tax additions, the time to do so is now, prior to the build-out in our future commercial areas.

There is information about the election elsewhere in this newsletter, and you may also call City Hall if you have any questions not addressed here.

This is an important election year on the county, state, and national level, and I sincerely hope each of you will participate in this vital process.

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

Early Voting

See page 2 for dates & times

City Council Regular

Thursday, May 3

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, May 10

Election Day

Saturday, May 12, 7 AM to 7 PM

Municipal Court

Wednesday, May 16, 3:30 PM

City Council Workshop

Thursday, May 17

Information on the proposed Sales Tax Special Election can be found on page 2

Wal-Mart Update

By now many of you have probably noticed that site preparation has begun at the site of the new Wal-Mart store at the corner of W. Lucas Rd. and Angel Parkway. The project is estimated to be completed within the first quarter of next year.

Artist renderings of the building and site plans showing the layout of the development are available at City Hall. Check our website for a link that will take you to a FAQ that may answer some of your questions about the project. Paper copies of this FAQ are also available at City Hall.

Proposed Additional Sales Tax Ballot Language

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.

_____ For _____ 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.

_____ For _____ Against

May 12, 2012 Special Election Early Voting

The Early Voting location will be in the Conference Room in City Hall, 665 Country Club (enter through the front door of City Hall):

Monday	April 30th	8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	May 1st	7 AM to 7 PM
Wednesday	May 2nd	8 AM to 5 PM
Thursday	May 3rd	8 AM to 5 PM
Friday	May 4th	8 AM to 5 PM
Monday	May 7th	8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	May 8th	7 AM to 7 PM

Election Day

On Election Day you may cast your ballot in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 665 Country Club (enter through the south entrance of City Hall):

Saturday May 12th 7 AM to 7 PM

Sales Tax Proposals for May 12, 2012 Special Election

At the council meeting on February 16, 2012, the City Council voted to pass an ordinance that will place two sales tax changes on the May 12, 2012 ballot. Earlier that week you should have received a mailer that explained the proposed additional tax rates. The information sent to you provided answers to a number of questions you may have about this proposal.

The same information is now posted on the City website at www.lucastexas.us. Additionally, copies of the information may be picked up at City hall.

Briefly described, the two additional sales taxes being proposed are as follows:

Sales Tax to Reduce Property Tax Rate

This additional tax would be used to reduce property taxes for Lucas property owners. The amount of property tax revenue used in calculating the property tax rate would be lowered by an amount equal to the revenue produced by the additional sales tax, resulting in lower property tax rates.

Municipal Sales Tax for Street Maintenance

This additional tax would generate additional revenue to the city to be used for maintenance and repair of existing City streets that are our responsibility (not county or state roads.)

Each of these two proposed additional sales taxes would add 1/4 of 1 percent to the current Lucas sales tax rate of 7.25%, resulting in a combined total sales tax of 7.75% if both are approved. Most surrounding communities have a combined tax rate of 8.25%.

To the left of this page you will find the proposed ballot wording. You may vote for one and against the other, in favor of both, or against both.

Please take the time to read the complete information you previously received very carefully as it may address additional questions you may have.

For any further questions, call City Manager Jeff Jenkins at 972-727-8999 or email him at jjenkins@lucastexas.us.

April Actions from City Council

- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-04-00383** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, deeming the Lovejoy 5K Walk/Run as a public event serving a public purpose by supporting the school district's extracurricular activities; approving the terms and conditions of an agreement by and between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation, and the City of Lucas for the temporary closure of state right-of-way
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-04-00384** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, appointing the election officials for the May 12, 2012, Special Election
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-04-00385** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, adopting the Master Fee Schedule
- * Approved a Facilities Agreement between the City of Lucas and Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust concerning roadway and water line improvements
- * Approved **Resolution # R-2012-04-00386** approving an agreement between the City of Lucas and Bureau Veritas for health inspection services

Compliance Deadline Extension For Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule

Posted/Delivered via the website on April 13, 2012

The City of Lucas has been granted a two-year extension by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBP2) in accordance with 30 TAC §290.115(a)(2) because it buys some or all of its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). This extension is warranted because the NTMWD is making extensive and complex capital improvements to the Wyle Water Treatment Plant to facilitate compliance with the rule; the NTMWD and its customers, and have demonstrated a need for the extension by having one or more locations where high DBP results were evident or possible during drought conditions.

The extension is valid from April 1, 2012 to March 30, 2014. During this period, compliance monitoring will continue under the Stage 1 Disinfection Byproduct Rule. Compliance monitoring will for DBP2 will begin on April 1, 2014.

Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact Stacy Caudell at (972) 727-8999.

Newly Elected City Council Members

The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 12, 2012, General Election, are hereby declared elected and will take office on May 17, 2012:

Rebecca Mark, Mayor (2015)

Steve Duke, Councilmember, Seat 3 (2015)

Philip Lawrence, Councilmember, Seat 4 (2015)



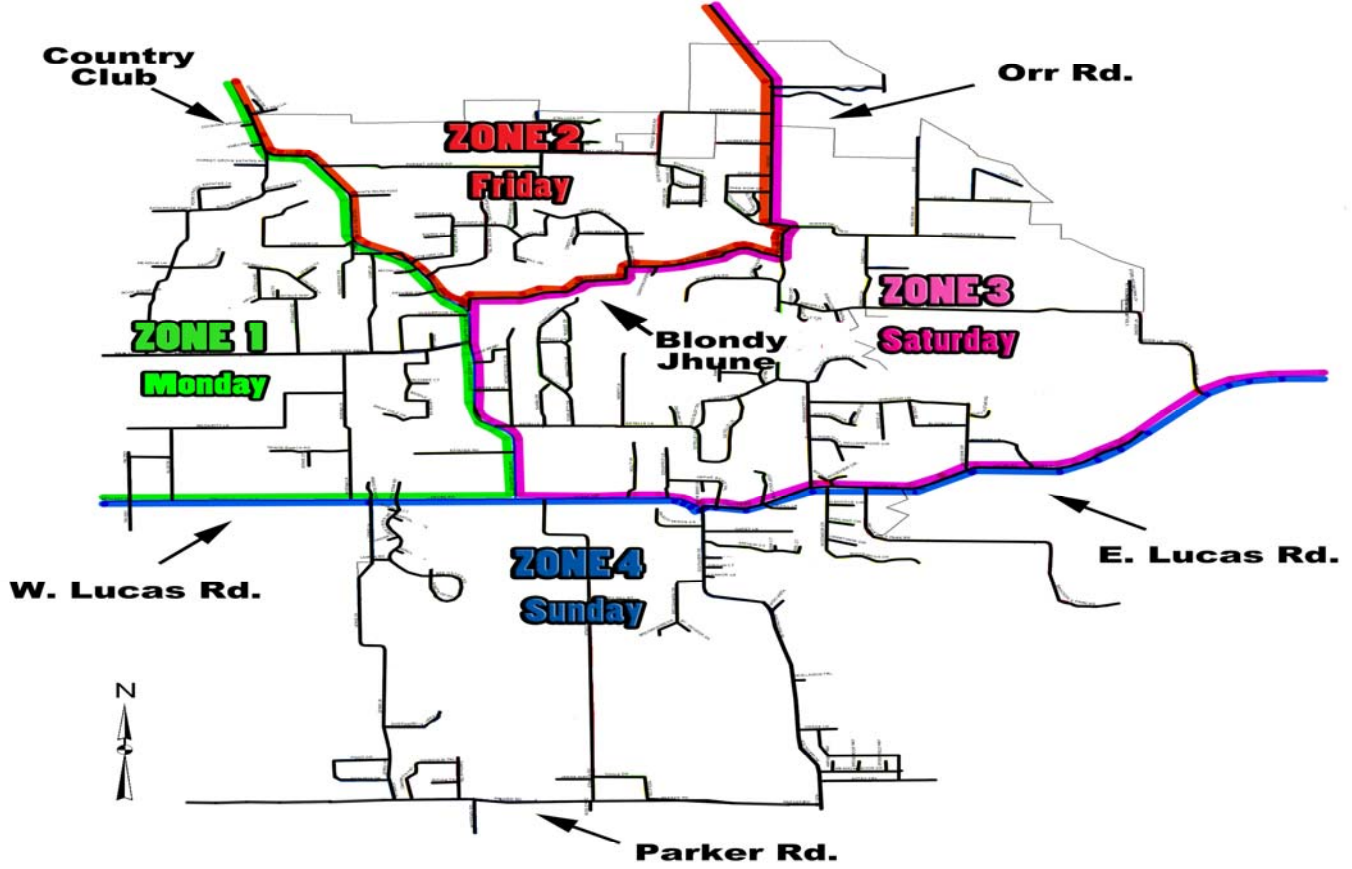
Storm Water Runoff

The City of Lucas is required by federal and state guidelines to develop, establish, and advertise a storm water reporting line to solicit information related to illicit discharges and illegal dumping; complaints, and general comments regarding Lucas storm water management program. The storm water run-off hot line number is 214-644-0779.





Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions Effective 4/1/2012



Customers are permitted to water the lawn once per week, beginning April 1, 2012. The approved days for each zone are shown above.

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