



Lucas City Newsletter

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THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

At the City Council meeting of April 18, a proposal to move forward with a plan to buy our own ambulances and staff them with certified paramedics was unanimously approved. This is a significant step forward for our community and our fire department.

Training will begin shortly for our medics to be able to provide Advance Life Support response, even prior to us having an ambulance. ALS certification means that trained paramedics will be able to administer certain medications immediately as necessary rather than the patient having to wait until the ambulance arrives.

It generally takes 8 to 9 months from order to delivery on new ambulances, and our target date to begin transports is early spring of 2014.

With the time necessary to train and certify paramedics in ALS, our target date for that goal is December of this year.

As I write this article, the events of the past week during which we saw the horrific events unfold in Boston, and, much closer to home, in West, TX emphasize the necessity and value of a highly trained emergency services department. We are so very fortunate to have one of the State of Texas's best volunteer fire departments.

We need to support them in every way possible, and give them the tools with which to serve our community at the highest possible level.

We have seen ambulance response times gradually going up over the past few years, and this is unacceptable to us as a community. Our residents deserve the best possible emergency services responses, and the decision to run our own ambulance service is a tremendous step forward. Plans to expand and upgrade our fire station are still in progress, with our staff and the fire department working with the architect to finalize the design.

At this point, our sales tax revenue from the new Walmart store is exceeding our expectations, and this new source of revenue will certainly help significantly in funding this upgrade to emergency services, as well as other future needs in our City that may arise.

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

City Council Regular

Thursday, May 2

Planning & Zoning Commission

Thursday, May 9

Municipal Court

Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 p.m.

City Council

Thursday, May 16

City Hall Closed – Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

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City Council Actions for April

- * Approved **Resolution # R-2013-04-00398** 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 a preliminary plat for the property known as Lucas Corner, located at the intersection of East and West Lucas Road.
 - * Approved an agreement between the City of Lucas and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) concerning the release of driver records.
 - * Approved an upgrade to the visual/audio systems in the Council Chambers and authorize a budget amendment.
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7th Annual Lovejoy Country Run

By Michelle Huddleston

Join us May 18th, at 8am for the start of the 7th Annual Lovejoy Country Run. Race day registration will begin at 7am. The 5K race and the 1K Fun Run will begin at the back of Lovejoy High School, 2350 Estates Pkwy in Lucas. The 5K is a flat and fast course. Awards will go to the overall male and female winners and male and female master winners in the 5K as well as age group awards up to 70+. The 5K will be chip timed by Race Chip Timing. All 1K participants will receive ribbons. Take the McDermott exit east. McDermott becomes Main and then turns into Estates Pkwy in Lucas. No turns until you see Lovejoy High School!

The Lovejoy Country Run was established 7 years ago to support all athletic booster clubs at Lovejoy. It is a fun and healthy community event for all ages! The event will also be offering many other activities such as a pancake breakfast (free for runners with entry), or non-race participants may buy tickets at the door (5 and younger eat free). There will also be vendors, a health fair, and face painting!

Online registration is available on GetMeRegistered.com but you can also register at Luke's Locker in Allen prior to the race at packet pick up. Entry forms are also available at all Lovejoy ISD schools. Early registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. An additional \$5 will be added to the prices one week before the race and race day so register early! All pre-registered runners will be guaranteed a custom race shirt. Please visit our website at www.lovejoycountryrun.org for additional information, course map and sponsorship opportunities.



City of Lucas' General

Election Cancelled

Councilmember Debbie Fisher and Councilmember Kathleen Peele ran unopposed for the May 11, 2013 Lucas General Election. The election has been cancelled and both candidates are deemed elected to serve another three (3) year term. Join us in saying congratulations Councilmember(s) Fisher and Peele.

Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP)

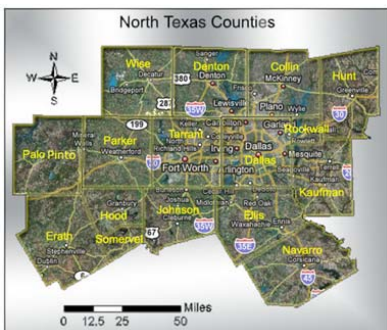
The Lucas Fire Department is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP). SNAP is a database that enables the Lucas Office of Emergency Management to register residents with special needs so we can better plan for disasters.

Who's considered a special needs resident? – Anyone who has a special condition that might require assistance in the event of an emergency or disaster is considered special needs.

What data is collected? – The information collected includes the name, gender, age, weight, address, primary language and specific special need of the registrant. Examples of other information can be provided include the use of aids such as a walker/cane, crutches, a wheel-chair, a guide dog, oxygen, or a life support system.

Why should I register? – By having this information, the Lucas Office of Emergency Management can better prepare to respond to an emergency or disaster. Registrants' data is kept confidential and can only be accessed by the Office of Emergency Management.

Registering for SNAP – To register for SNAP visit www.snapforyou.org if you do not have internet access you can have a family member, friend, or a caretaker register for you. Or you contact Bobette Mauck at the Lucas Fire Department 972-727-1242. You only need to register once, however the information must be verified and updated annually or when there is a change in any personal information.



1. Choose Collin County
2. Choose City of Lucas
3. Register for SNAP – create a login
4. Register

For assistance please contact Bobette Mauck at the Lucas Fire Department 972-727-1242 or bmauck@lucasfire.com

Code Enforcement High Grass and Weeds

Spring is upon us and summer is almost here. Everything is “greening up and blooming up” and this is one of the most beautiful times of year in Lucas Texas. The question is, are you ready for that first season lawn mowing? During this time of year the City of Lucas receives many phone calls in regard to our High Grass and Weed Ordinance. Below is a copy of that ordinance so that all citizens can take a look at their yards to determine if they are in compliance. Enjoy the summer and keep Lucas beautiful!

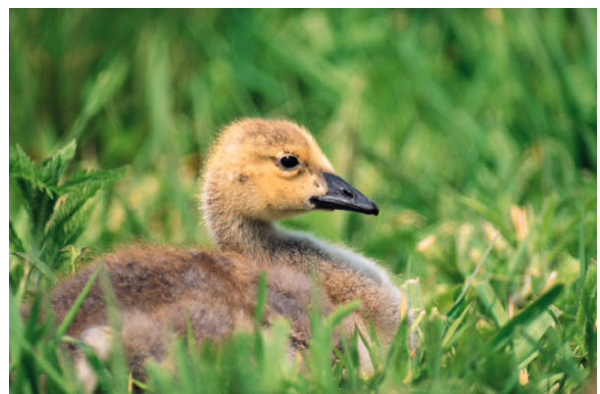
ARTICLE 6.03 HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS*

Sec. 6.03.001 Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the city, to permit weeds or grass, save and except crops that are regularly cultivated, to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches upon any such real property within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any property line which abuts street rights-of-way, developed property or any buildings or other structures. (1995 Code, sec. 13-8)

Sec. 6.03.002 Duty to cut and remove

It shall be the duty of any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property to cut and remove all such grass or weeds as often as may be necessary to comply with section 6.03.001; provided that the removing and cutting of same at least once in every thirty (30) days shall be deemed in compliance with this article. (1995 Code, sec. 13-9)



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Athletic Fields at Kenneth R. Lewis Community Park Closed for Maintenance

June 1—July 15



The City of Lucas will close all athletic fields at the Kenneth R. Lewis Community Park beginning June 1st through July 15th for scheduled maintenance.

No reservations will be made during this period due to the possible use of heavy machinery and chemicals. During this time it will be unsafe for the fields to be used by teams so we ask for your cooperation by staying off the fields.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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