



# Lucas City Newsletter

August 2005

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## CITY COUNCIL

**Bob Sanders, Mayor**

**Mike Marafine, Mayor Pro Tem**

**Bill Carmickle, Councilmember**

**Debbie Fisher, Councilmember**

**Tonda Frazier, Councilmember**

**Don Zriny, Councilmember**

## INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**Tom Fleps**

## Meeting Schedule

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

**City Council Regular**  
August 1

**Planning & Zoning**  
August 8

**City Council Workshop**  
August 15

**Parks & Open Spaces**  
August 22

**Town Hall Meeting**  
August 29

**Municipal Court**  
August 30, 2:00 PM

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## THE HEARD BLOCK PARTY RECAP



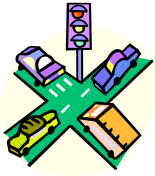
Mayor Bob Sanders, right, presented to John Ernst of The Heard Natural Science Museum, the City's proclamation supporting that organization's fundraising efforts to purchase the McKinney Country Club.

At the block party held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, attendees learned about The Heard, its nature preserve, and plans for the future. In addition, Barnes Waste Disposal Service was on hand to discuss recycling and sign up customers in that program. CJ Fisher spoke about research projects involving solar-powered vehicles; and Mike Correale with Solar Wind Technologies gave a presentation focused on solar power. Also attending the event were Councilmembers Tonda Frazier and Bill Carmickle.

## BURN BAN in EFFECT

The burn ban prohibiting outdoor burning in all areas in our ETJ and city limits is still in effect. The ban was issued on June 24<sup>th</sup> for a period of 90 days or until conditions change such that the ban can be lifted. For current status, contact the Collin County Burn Info Line at 972-424-1460 x4799 for a recorded message.

## NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS COMING



TxDOT will be installing two new traffic signals in Lucas during the next year, one at FM 2170 and FM 1378, the other at the northern intersection of FM 1378 and FM 2514 (Parker Rd). At 2170 and 1378, there currently is a stop sign on 2170. At 1378 and 2514, there is currently a set of flashing lights with yellow on 1378 and red on 2514. The southern intersection of 1378 and 2514 will also get a light, but that area is not part of Lucas. Thanks to former Lucas Mayor Tom Fleps for initiating the request for the 2170/1378 intersection.

## LUCAS T-SHIRTS



White, 100% cotton t-shirts with the Lucas logo (blue and red) on the left chest are available for purchase at City Hall for \$10. Size XL only.

## THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to the City Staff, Councilmembers, and citizen volunteers who helped out during the water emergency July 13 and 14. Thanks also to the LVFD firefighters who spent the night at the fire station July 13 and to the Town of Flower Mound for sending a fire tanker for use by Allen and Lucas. And a big thank you to our residents for your patience, understanding, and cooperation during such a difficult time.

## ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

PDF versions of resolutions and ordinances may be found on our website.

- Resolution 2005-07-00255  
Changing authorized representatives for LOGIC.
- Resolution 2005-07-00256  
Changing authorized signatories for ANB.
- Resolution 2005-07-00257  
Changing authorized agents for Lone Star Investments.
- Resolution 2005-07-00258  
Designating Bruce Hopewell to administer and enforce Chapter 3 "Building Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances.
- Resolution 2005-07-00259  
Approving water tower lease agreement with Houston Cellular/New Cingular Wireless.

## CITY SECRETARY KATHY WINGO

Our new City Secretary, Kathy Wingo, started with the City of Lucas on Monday, July 25th. Kathy lives in Little Elm along with her husband Everett. The Wingos have two daughters, two sons-in-law and six grandchildren, 5 boys and 1 girl.



Kathy comes to us from the City of Frisco. She is enrolled in the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. After completing the required 200 hours of coursework and passing 4 tests, Kathy is scheduled to graduate in January 2006 with the Texas Register Municipal Clerk certification.

Some of Kathy's hobbies include cruising around on the back of her husband's Harley, spending time with her grandchildren and family, genealogy research, reading, and scrapbooking.

"I look forward to meeting the citizens of Lucas. I want them to know that I am here to serve them and am willing to help with whatever I can. Please know that my door is always open."

## DEPUTY CHRIS MEEHAN



Deputy Meehan has been a police officer for 15 years, 6 of those as a detective working mainly Robbery / Homicide cases. He transferred over to the Collin County Sheriff's Office a year ago, after working as a criminal investigator with the District Attorney's Office. At the District Attorney's Office, he helped develop and work on the Cold Case Unit in which they successfully solved 5 homicides from the 1980's. Deputy Meehan holds an Advanced Peace Officer Certification along with numerous other certifications. With the Sheriff's Department, he currently serves as an Advisor for the Law Enforcement Explorer Post, a member of the Honor Guard and a Crime Scene Officer for evening patrol shift. He is married and has two children, ages 4 and 8.

## FREE GUN LOCKS

If you or a friend own a gun and want to utilize a gun lock, they are available free of charge at Lucas City Hall.

## PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES

Public Hearings scheduled for the August 8th Planning and Zoning Commission and/or the September 6th City Council meetings:

- Zoning change to R-2 for McCamy/Anderton tracts
- Zoning change to R-1 for V. Spurgin property

## RECYCLING NOTES



There are 1,363 households eligible to participate in the voluntary recycling program. Since inception, 2 have dropped out, and 2 are located in our ETJ.

### June 2005 Summary

06/03/05 - 106 households participating with 2,370 lbs collected (average 22.36 lbs. per household)

06/17/05 - 147 households participating with 3,930 lbs collected (average 26.73 lbs. per household)

### July 2005 Summary

07/01/05 - 157 households participating with 4,480 lbs collected (average 28.54 lbs. per household)

07/15/05 - 156 households participating with 4,830 lbs collected (average 30.57 lbs. per household)

For the first two months of the program, 7.81 tons of recyclable material was diverted from the landfill. On average, in Lucas we send 206 tons of trash per month to the landfill.

If you are interested in participating in the recycling program, please contact Barnes Waste Disposal Service at (972) 396-1139.

### Recycling Bags Available at City Hall

You may purchase a roll of blue recycling bags at City Hall for \$4 per roll plus tax (\$4.33). The City forwards the monies received to Barnes Waste Disposal Service.

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

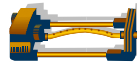
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Submissions must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue.

## CODE CORNER

Did you know that a permit is required before tearing down a structure or building a fence? Please check with City Hall for more information.

## OUTDOOR WATER RESTRICTIONS



On August 1, City Council approved an updated Emergency Water Management Plan which is available on our website and at City Hall.

We are currently implementing a *Stage 1 Water Warning*. The outdoor water use schedule is the same as the one implemented in early July; however, watering is not allowed between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are exempt from these restrictions. Washing down sidewalks, patios, driveways, etc. is prohibited, as is draining and refilling pools, spas, and ornamental ponds. Filling newly constructed pools and spas is allowed one time. Washing vehicles is allowed on scheduled watering days.

Address	Outdoor Watering Days
Even Numbered Address	Wednesday, Friday, Sunday
Odd Number Address	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
No outdoor watering: Monday	

## AEROBIC SEPTIC MAINTENANCE

Collin County requires maintenance to be performed on aerobic septic systems at least three times per year. The company performing the maintenance is required to submit a report to the County within 14 days of inspection or maintenance. To see if maintenance on your system is being properly reported, please visit [http://co.collin.tx.us/development\\_services/reports/aerobic\\_system\\_list.html](http://co.collin.tx.us/development_services/reports/aerobic_system_list.html).

## JOB OPENINGS

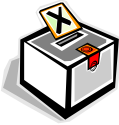


The City currently has openings for the positions of **Public Works Director** and **City Administrator**. Please call City Hall or visit the City website for more information.

## LABOR DAY TRASH REMINDER

During the week of September 4th, trash will be picked up one day later than usual due to Labor Day observance. Friday trash will be picked up on Saturday.

## HOME RULE CHARTER ELECTION



A special election on the adoption of the proposed Home Rule Charter will be held on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the City Annex at 185 Country Club Road.

The proposed Home Rule Charter itself is available for review online and at City Hall at 151 Country Club Road. In addition, it will be mailed to all registered voters in the City on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>. A Town Hall meeting will be held on at the City Annex on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Early Voting

Early voting at City Hall will take place August 24-26 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); **Saturday, August 27** (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.); August 29 to September 2 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); and September 6 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

## TIDBITS

- The average high temperature for Lucas in July is 93.2 degrees Fahrenheit, with an average low of 70.8 and average precipitation of 2.1 inches.
- In August: Caesar Augustus died, A.D. 14; George Washington created the Purple Heart, 1782; First overland mail coach left San Antonio for San Diego, 1857; First federal income tax levied, 1861; "Wild Bill" Hickok shot and killed, 1876; U.S. dropped atomic bomb on Nagasaki, 1945; World War II ended, 1945; Los Angeles riots began in Watts, 1965; President Nixon resigned, 1970; Elvis Presley died, 1977; Persian Gulf War began, 1990; Princess Di died. 1997.

## BY the NUMBERS

### Citywide Water Usage (gallons)

June 2005	37,892,000
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### June 2005 Sheriff's Office Calls for Service in Lucas

Traffic Stops	47
Building Checks	75
Alarms	14
Vandalism	4
Theft, Burglary	6
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Circumstances	13
Assistance	4
Disturbances	2
Other	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>

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