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Lucas City Newsletter

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CITY COUNCIL

Tom Fleps, Mayor
Kristy Hall, Mayor Pro Tem
Debbie Fisher, Councilmember
Tonda Frazier, Councilmember
David Harvey, Councilmember
Mike Marafine, Councilmember

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Joe Gambill



THE LUCAS FAMILY
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MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR

FEBRUARY 7, 7:00 PM
City Annex

PLANNING & ZONING

FEBRUARY 14, 7:30 PM
City Annex

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 21, 7:00 PM
City Annex

PARKS & OPEN SPACE BOARD

FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 PM
City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

FEBRUARY 24, 2:00 PM
City Annex

Newsletter Submissions:

newsletter@lucastexas.us

Deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue.

MAYOR'S CORNER By Tom Fleps

The Blondy Jhune bridge has been repaired and is now open for traffic. The bridge had been closed due to public safety concerns. Once engineering studies were conducted and repairs made, the bridge was re-opened. We realize the inconvenience that the closing created and we appreciate your patience during this time.

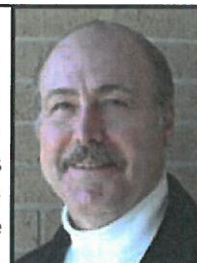
I would like to welcome two new employees to our City team. Mike Major joins our Public Works Department from a similar position with the City of Allen. Mike has considerable experience in water and wastewater operation and will be a valuable asset to the City. Bruce Hopewell joins us as our new Building Inspector. Bruce fills the vacancy created by the departure of Stacy Burns. Bruce is a Lucas resident and has varied experience in home construction and inspection. Welcome Mike and Bruce!!

Welcome also to our new Planning and Zoning members. The incoming Commissioners are Randy Brooks, Bill Carmickle and Jim Olk. Wayne Millsap and Buddy Thomas are the new Alternate Commissioners. John Nicol and Bob Sanders will return as Commissioners for another term. Thank you to the outgoing Commissioners for volunteering their time and for their hard work in the past.

The 2005 City Election Day is set for Saturday May 7. This year there are two City Council positions and the Mayor's office up for election. If you are interested in running for any of these positions you can pick up an election packet at City Hall beginning February 5. More election information is included in this newsletter.

With the presidential inauguration behind us it serves us well to remember our past presidents on President's Day February 28th.

If you would like to discuss any issue facing the city, please feel free to contact me at 972-390-1917 or send me an e-mail at either tfj@swbell.net or tfleps@lucastexas.us.



WATER RATES

(Per 1000 gallons or portions thereof)



GALLONS	IN CITY RATE	OVER 65 RATE	OUT OF CITY	OVER 65 RATE
	<u>R1</u>	<u>S1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>S2</u>
0-2,000	\$29.26	\$23.41	\$33.65	\$29.26
2,001-8,000	3.48		4.02	
8,001-20,000	3.90		4.39	
20,001-above	4.37		5.03	



GABRIEL HENRY
LUCAS
(OUR FOUNDER)

**FOUNDER'S DAY FAIR
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2004
2:00 to 6:00 PM
at HART ELEMENTARY**

Planning is underway for this year's Founder's Day Fair. We'll have **great food, history presentations, a bounce house, face painting, fire engine tours, door prizes and more!**

The **bake contest** is back.



Entries will be for Best Cake, Best Pie and Best Cookies.

Meal tickets will be free of charge to Lucas residents, but non-residents may purchase a ticket if they would like to attend. Drop by City Hall, show proof of residency with a driver's license or water bill stub, and obtain a ticket for up to 5 people in your household. Non-residents may purchase tickets for \$10.00 each.

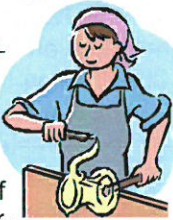
We need **door prizes** and will appreciate any goods or services you would like to **donate** to the community.

Crafters — do you have items you would like to sell? We'll have a limited amount of space available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no charge for space, but you will need to provide your own table no larger than 72" long by 30" wide. Call Tonda Frazier at 214/495-0245 or email to tfrazier@lucastexas.us to reserve a craft table space or donate a door prize.

CRAFTERS' DEFINITION

Who qualifies as a Crafter? Individuals who make items typically found in a Country Crafts type setting. Jewelry, pottery, needlework, paintings, dolls, seasonal décor, candles and decorative ware are some of the things that come to mind. Commercial products or services would not be appropriate.

Feel free to contact us for more information. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Get crafting and share your wares!



**WENDY HUNTER JOINS
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Wendy purchased the Chandler house on Estelle (pictured) last year and has been restoring it. While some modifications are necessary to accommodate modern living, she is working to preserve the historic integrity of the house.

Wendy is a historical architect and has done preservation work for many years. She is a natural for the committee, and will add her expertise to that of current members, **Ed Phillips, Tracy Matern and Bonnie Guimarin**. Welcome, Wendy!



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Beloved Son and Brother...

KARLYLE RAY FRANKLIN was born March 6, 1951 and passed away on December 15, 2004. He graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1970, and was a long time resident of old Vickery Park until he moved to Lucas in 1974. Karlyle worked at Beltline Mowers, Audelia Lawn Mowers, and Braxton Commercial Floor Services repairing small engines.

...and Mother

GRACE IRENE SNYDER FRANKLIN was born May 24, 1931 in Seward, Nebraska and passed January 5, 2005. She lived on Holly Hill in old Vickery Park in Dallas with her husband Clarence and their four sons for several years until they moved to Lucas, Texas in 1974. Grace was a long time member of the Methodist church from the day she was born. She and her family attended Preston Hollow Methodist Church in Dallas before moving to Lucas. At the time of her death she was an active member of the Methodist Church in Lucas, Texas. She was an active member of the Collin County Extension Homemakers, and a consulting member of the Collin County Hobby Beekeepers.

Mother and son were preceded in death by her husband and his father Clarence, who passed away in 1992. They are survived by her sons and his brothers Randal, Markel, and Davelyn; her daughters-in-law and his sisters-in-law Suzanne and Myra; her six grandsons Adam, Billy, Lonnie, Brandon, Cody and Christopher; one granddaughter, Jennifer, one great-grandson, Jersey, and an extended family, Denise Dunn and Lori Herring.



ROGER GREGORY BAXTER was born May 30, 1948 in Brockport, New York and passed away January 10, 2005. He grew up in Hilton, New York and graduated from Hilton High School in 1966. He joined the US Navy in 1968 and served on active duty until

1978. He arrived in Texas in 1979 to begin his long career in the telecommunications industry.

Roger continued his service with the Naval Reserve until July 1, 1998 when he retired at the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer. Roger was active in the Lutheran church singing in the choir, serving as an elder and other leadership positions in the church. He also enjoyed woodworking and model trains and was a member of the Train Club of America-Lone Star Division. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Kathryn Baxter; son and daughter-in-law, Lt. Cmdr. William H. and Lecel Baxter; grandchildren, Grace, Jacob and John; mother, B. Joanne Baxter; brothers and sisters-in-law, Craig and Shirley Baxter, Kevin and Laurie Baxter, Jeffrey and Donna Baxter and seven nieces and nephews.

MAYOR and CITY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 7

The terms of Mayor Fleps, Mayor Pro Tem Kristy Hall and Councilmember David Harvey will expire this year. The pertinent dates for this year's election are listed below.

Are you ready to serve your community? Consider running for one of these offices and help guide our City on its continuing path.

May 7, 2005 – Uniform Election Date

Last Day to Register to Vote	April 7, 2005
**First Day to file for Place on Ballot	February 5, 2005
**Last Day to file for Place on Ballot	March 7, 2005
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	March 8, 2005
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (received not Post-marked)	April 29, 2005 (April 30 th is the 7 th day, but deadline moves to preceding business day, Friday)
First Day of Early Voting	April 20, 2005
Last Day of Early Voting	May 3, 2005

GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2154 ACHIEVES SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

These fourteen, fourth-grade girls at Hart Elementary collected food for the Allen Food Pantry for the 4th year in a row. They began the tradition when they were in first grade. A generous donation of over 600 cans of tuna from a company owned by a Lucas resident contributed to this year's success.

We applaud these young citizens for their efforts to alleviate hunger in our corner of the world. Our thanks, also, to their dedicated troop leader and parents for instilling a sense of civic service at such a young age.

Way to go Troop #2154!



CHIEF RON GROTTI

ACTION AVAILABLE WITH LUCAS FIRE DEPT.

We are looking for action oriented citizens who might want to join the Lucas Fire Department. Male, female or age is not a factor (minimum age is 18). We can use all talents including administrative, emergency medical and fire fighting tasks.

No training? Not an issue! We will train you to whatever level or skill you wish to participate. Now is a good time to consider joining. We would like to invite those that may think they are interested to either call (972-727-1242 - leave a message on the voice mail) or drop by the station and visit with us about what it means to join our organization. Most Sunday afternoons there are personnel at the station that will be willing to discuss what it means to them to serve in this manner.

We invite you to come visit with us even if you are not interested in joining at this time.

BRIDGES BEING REPLACED

A thirty month project began in October to widen the two bridges over the lake. They will each be two lanes with 10 foot shoulders when complete. Trinity Trails is working with TXDOT and the County to construct a hike, bike, horse path underneath the bridge to provide safe access to both sides of the trail. Both the bridges and the trail will be great improvements to our area.

**EDITOR STEPPING DOWN**

All good things must come to an end, so the saying goes. Regretfully, I find it necessary to give up the Newsletter at this time in order to better fulfill my role as a Councilmember. This will be my last issue as Editor. A Staff member will take over next month.

The Newsletter provided an opportunity to meet so many of you through events and interesting "happenings," and for that I am truly grateful. It has been such an honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. Your kind support has been humbling and richly rewarding.

I have always fondly called the Newsletter my "labor of love" and it seems somehow fitting to end it in this Valentine's month. Thank you, Lucas, for indulging me in this wonderful experience.

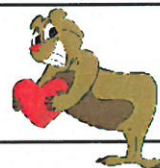
Tonda Frazier

COMMUNITY SERVICE WEBSITES:

www.lucastxonline.com
www.trinitytrailriders.org
www.lovejoyschools.com



Happy Valentine's Day!



A FAMILY PASSION

Marc and Elizabeth Salvatore along with their children, **Kate**, 17; **Emma**, 14; and **Matthew**, 12 are unanimously passionate about horses. When Kate gets out of school each afternoon, she picks up her younger siblings and the three proceed to their respective horse training facilities to ride. Kate and Emma ride jumping horses at their trainer's barn in

Parker. Matthew rides his reining horse, Chic N Tender (pictured) in Plano.

Each of the children work at their barns to help defray expenses, so they're learning responsibilities and getting great on-the-job training for the horse industry futures they envision.

Elizabeth serves on our Board of Adjustment. She admits their passion (she and Marc have horses too) eats up "every penny," but she feels they only get to be a kid once. Being able to chase their dream is a great opportunity and life lesson. "If they stick with it, they're going to achieve what they want to achieve."

from "America's Horse" magazine

TRACY MATERN with FLAMINGO JOE

Tracy's donkey, Flamingo Joe, was a huge hit with the kids when he strutted his stuff while dressed up as a reindeer at the Allen Christmas Parade. He and Tracy were part of the Trinity Trails entry along



with **Sally Ballis**, Sally's friend **Dave**, and **Carol Kowitt**. Joe did well through the chaos of loud music, active children, the Allen High School band, dancers and all the many vehicles and floats.

Many parade goers claimed them the #1 entry, but it's doubtful they got judged. Right before the judges' stand as they were being announced, Joe decided railroad tracks were not to be trusted and he was definitely not crossing them! He was firm in his decision, so Tracy had no choice but to turn around and head back to the staging area.

We declare them winners for evoking so many smiles along the parade route.

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