



Lucas City Newsletter

July 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
July 5

Planning & Zoning
July 11

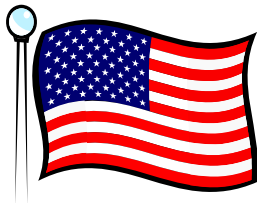
City Council Workshop
July 18

Parks & Open Spaces
July 25

Municipal Court
July 26, 2:00 PM

INDEPENDENCE DAY

America celebrates its 229th birthday this July 4th. The Declaration of Independence was signed by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, PA. "That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; "



CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Mayor Bob Sanders, Councilman Bill Carmickle, and Councilman Don Zriny took their oaths of office at the June 6, 2005, City Council meeting. Councilman Mike Marafine was selected by the council to be Mayor Pro Tem.



After being sworn into office, Mayor Sanders, left, is congratulated by outgoing Mayor Fleps. More photos are inside on page two.

GET the MOST from YOUR WATER

To maximize the benefit of your sprinkler system, these simple tips will benefit both your water bill and your lawn:

- To minimize evaporation rates, water during less sunny and cooler times of the day such as overnight, very early morning, or late evening.
- Water less often (every 5-7 days) but for a longer period of time.

HAVE YOU HEARD? WE SUPPORT THE HEARD!

The City of Lucas is supporting The Heard Museum's efforts to purchase the McKinney Country Club and return it to a natural state. Because we value our open spaces, it benefits us all to protect and preserve those open spaces in Collin County, too. Join us Saturday, July 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 at Hart Elementary for a block party. Support our Lucas lifestyle by supporting The Heard! Info and a donation form are online at www.heardmuseum.org.

BURN BAN in EFFECT

On Friday, June 24th, Lucas followed Collin County by issuing a Burn Ban Order. This effectively prohibits outdoor burning in all areas in our ETJ and city limits.



Keep all areas around structures watered or cut low as possible to prevent a fire spreading to that structure. Barns and out-buildings can easily be ignited from a small grass fire.

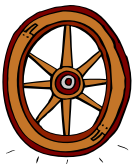
Note the County order prohibits certain classes of fireworks. Please remember that **all** fireworks are banned within the city limits of Lucas.

On June 9, 2005, Collin County Judge Ron Harris signed an order to ban all outdoor burning in unincorporated Collin County to take effect on June 24, 2005. Judge Harris also signed an order to prohibit the sale, detonation, ignition or use of fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100 r (2) (10-01-1085 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" in any portion of unincorporated areas of Collin County.

A person commits a Class "C" Misdemeanor if they violate either order.

Steven M. Deffibaugh, Fire Marshal, Collin County

DONATIONS for CITY HALL



Do you have an old wagon wheel or other old "country" items? If you'd like to donate such items to the City to be used for exterior decoration around City Hall, please stop by City Hall or call us at 972-727-8999.

ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

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

- Resolution 2005-06-00253
Changing authorized representatives for LOGIC.
- Resolution 2005-06-00254
Changing authorized signatories for ANB.
- Ordinance 2005-06-00527
Approving new water rates.
- Ordinance 2005-06-00528
Annexing 11.239 acres, Corner Baptist Church.
- Ordinance 2005-06-00529
Ordering a special election on 9/10/2005.

MORE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

In addition to administering oaths of office for the new Mayor and Councilmembers, service appreciation plaques were also presented at the June 6th council meeting.



Mayor Bob Sanders (right) administers the oath of office to Councilmembers Bill Carmickle (left) and Don Zriny.

Out-going Mayor Pro Tem Kristy Hall receives her service plaque from Mayor Tom Fleps.



City Attorney Joe Gorfida presented a service appreciation plaque to out-going Mayor Tom Fleps. The gavel used by Mayor Fleps during his 4-year tenure as mayor was affixed to the plaque.

PROPOSED ZONING CHANGES

Public Hearings scheduled for the July 11th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the July 18th City Council meeting:

- Specific Use Permit for Cornerstone Baptist Church
- Specific Use Permit for 190 Stinson Road
- Zoning Code change for accessory buildings
- Zoning Code change for public notice requirements

RECYCLING NOTES



Our recycling program is off to a good start. Here are some tips to make it even better.

- Please **do not** put your recycling bags inside a container or trash can .
- Plastic bags of any kind, other than the recycling bags themselves, are not acceptable. This include plastic grocery bags.
- If your regular trash is picked up on Fridays, be sure to set your recyclables on the other side of your driveway away from your regular trash. As with regular trash service, please be sure to have your recycling bags out by 7:00 AM.
- Newspapers (without a plastic sleeve or rubber band) may be placed in paper grocery sacks for collection.
- Do not use duct tape or strapping tape to bind cardboard or newspaper. Please use cotton twine.
- Plastic and/or aluminum appliances and furniture are unacceptable. The items need to go to a different type of recycling facility than the one we use.

Continued cooperation will ensure the lowest price to process the recyclables and will prevent items that can be recycled by other mechanisms from being sent to the landfill.

HOME RULE CHARTER UPDATE

The Home Rule Charter Commissioners presented the draft Home Rule Charter to the City Council during a workshop session on June 9, 2005. The Council approved the charter and passed an ordinance at their June 20, 2005, meeting calling for a special election on September 10, 2005. At that time, Lucas citizens will vote on the acceptance and adoption of the home rule charter.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

newsletter@lucastexas.us

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

STUDENT STARS

Congratulations to Lucas students **Matthew Berryman**, **Britt Carmichael**, and **Trey Pool** for making the 13-U All Star Baseball Traveling Team with Allen, TX. The team comprises the top players among the boys 14 years of age and younger who played in the Allen league this spring. The boys will be practicing 3 times per week in June and July and playing in various tournaments in preparation for the Southwest Regional Tournament to be held in Hugo, OK, the week of July 30th. These boys have worked very hard to achieve this goal, and we wish them the best of luck in their summer baseball endeavors!!



L to R: Trey Pool, Britt Carmichael, Matthew Berryman

JOB OPENINGS

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

CAN COLLECTION TRAILER MOVED

The trailer used to collect aluminum cans for recycling to benefit the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department has been moved from the Public Works location to a new spot behind City Hall.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Lovejoy Community-Build Playground Project, July 12-16. For more info, please call 972-562-0096 or visit <http://www.lovejoyelementary.com/>

USEFUL WEBSITES



- Collin County Voter Registration –
http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections/voter_registration/index.jsp
- The Heard Natural Science Museum – <http://www.heardmuseum.org/>
- North Texas Clean Air Coalition – <http://www.northtexasair.org/>
- DFW Daily Air Quality Map – <http://www.dfwcleanair.com/>
- North Central Texas 2030 Demographic Forecast –
<http://www.dfwinfo.com/ris/forecast/>

TIDBITS

- The average high temperature for Lucas in July is 93.2 degrees Fahrenheit, with an average low of 71.9 and average precipitation of 2.3 inches.
- Read more about our United States flag at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/misc/ourflag/titlepage.htm
- In July: Julius Caesar born, 100 BC; Mary Queen of Scots abdicated, 1567; Declaration of Independence accepted, 1776; Sam Houston died, 1863; Texas state police organized, 1870; Anti-rabies vaccine successfully tested, 1885; Ice-cream cone invented, 1904; First telephone conversation, 1914; Post Office started 5-digit zip codes, 1963; Neil Armstrong walks on the moon, 1969;

CITY OF LUCAS
151 COUNTRY CLUB
LUCAS, TEXAS 75002

BY the NUMBERS

Citywide Water Usage (gallons)	
May 2005	24,600,000

May 2005 Sheriff's Office Calls for Service in Lucas	
Traffic Stops	66
Building Checks	74
Alarms	13
Vandalism	5
Theft, Burglary	6
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Circumstances	18
Motorist Assist	3
Disturbances	3
Other	51
Total	239

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
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ALLEN TX 75002
PERMIT 157

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