



Lucas City Newsletter

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CITY COUNCIL

Tom Fleps, Mayor

Kristy Hall, Mayor Pro Tem

Debbie Fisher, Councilmember

Tonda Frazier, Councilmember

Mike Marafine, Councilmember

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Joe Gambill

Meeting Schedule

City Council Regular

June 6, 7:00 PM

City Annex

Planning & Zoning

June 13, 7:00 PM

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City Council Workshop

June 20, 7:00 PM

City Annex

Parks & Open Spaces

June 27, 7:00 PM

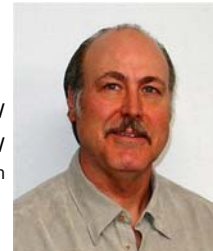
City Annex

Municipal Court

June 29, 2:00 PM

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MAYOR'S CORNER By Tom Fleps



The results of the election are in. Bob Sanders is your new Mayor and Bill Carmickle and Don Zriny are your new Council members. Please plan to attend the June 6th Council meeting for their induction into office.

This will be my last Mayor's Corner report. During my two years as your Council member and four years as your Mayor I have seen some great changes in our City. I am referring not only to the City's physical changes but also to the way in which our City has grown in stature. I have seen an increase in citizen involvement throughout the last four years. The establishment of a Senior Citizens Committee and an annual Founders Day celebration, with more in the planning stages, are great examples of Community effort. Citizen involvement has resulted in a City government that is more responsive to the needs of the community. The availability of information to the public has incrementally increased to meet the demands of the residents. A monthly newsletter, city web site, an informational marquee sign in front of City Hall and the responsiveness of staff towards requests for information are ways in which these needs continue to be met.

Our working relationship as a City with our neighboring Cities, the County and the State has improved tremendously. The credit for this change goes not to one person or group of persons but to the community as a whole. Your community will only be as good as you expect it to be. By working together it will become what you desire. A favorite saying of mine has guided me throughout my tenure. It is a quote by Henry Ford wherein he states "Whether you think you can or you think you can't - you are right." By working united you will continue to make Lucas an even better place to live for future generations. I don't think you can - I know you can.

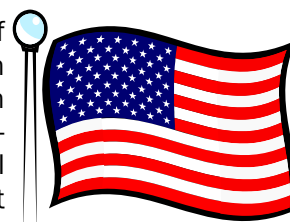
Neta and I have enjoyed living in Lucas and we cherish the friendships we have developed. We believe that Lucas is a great place to live, and we are sure that you will agree. In parting, I would like to say, it has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve you.

JOB OPENINGS

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

FLAG DAY

Each year on June 14, we celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes, which came into being on June 14, 1777. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14. It was not until 1949 that Congress made this day a permanent observance.





PUBLIC WORKS

The McGarity Water Tower passed all tests and went online in early May. Please monitor your sprinkler systems. Due to increased water pressure, you may need to make adjustments, such as reduced watering time or coverage spread.

The new road crew has successfully patched Blondy Jhune Road and is now working on other areas of the City. Please exercise caution when driving by road repair operations.

Clean-up of the Public Works facility on West Lucas Road is nearly complete. All that remains to be done is the installation of some shrubbery screening.

DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Building permits are needed for add-ons to structures, including existing homes, barns, & accessory buildings. Remodeling jobs also need permits in certain cases. For example, when the electrical or plumbing system is being updated or added, a permit may be required. When in doubt, please call the building inspection department and ask for specifics. Inspections are performed by the City as a way to help insure the health and safety of our community. When structures are built using current, accepted codes, we all are safer.



GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to the 350 citizens who exercised their right to vote in the May 7th General Election. There were 2,810 people listed on the certified poll list for the City with a turnout of 12.5%. Here are the official results.

Mayor (1)

- Robert Sanders 245

Council Member (2)

- Bill Carmickle 207
- Don Zriny 146
- Roger Behymer 135
- Natha Wilkison 131



Congratulations to the winners! Oaths of office will be performed at the June 6th City Council meeting. Be sure to read next month's newsletter for profiles of our Mayor-Elect and Council members.

To outgoing Mayor **Tom Fleps** and Mayor Pro Tem **Kristy Hall**, thank you for your service and dedication to making Lucas a wonderful place to call home. We wish you all the best in Tennessee, Tom!

NEW WATER RATES

On May 2nd, the City Council approved new water rates which will go into effect with your July water usage. The rates are lower for those using less than 20,000 gallons per month, and higher for those using more. The primary goals of the new rates are to reduce the water bill for most of our citizens and to encourage water conservation.

The complete breakdown of rates split into 1,000 gallon increments is available on the city's website in the Public Works & Utilities section. Here is a subset of the rate changes :

Usage	Present	New	Difference
2,000	\$ 29.26	\$ 18.00	\$ 11
5,000	\$ 39.70	\$ 30.00	\$ 10
10,000	\$ 57.94	\$ 51.25	\$ 7
15,000	\$ 77.44	\$ 73.50	\$ 4
20,000	\$ 96.94	\$ 96.75	\$ 0
25,000	\$ 118.79	\$ 121.75	\$ (3)
30,000	\$ 140.64	\$ 149.25	\$ (9)
35,000	\$ 162.49	\$ 179.25	\$ (17)
40,000	\$ 184.34	\$ 209.25	\$ (25)
50,000	\$ 228.04	\$ 269.25	\$ (41)
60,000	\$ 271.74	\$ 329.25	\$ (58)

NEW ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS

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

- Ordinance 2005-04-00525 Correcting a scrivener error in Ord. 2003-10-00489
- Ordinance 2005-05-00526 Revoking SUP for 831 Country Club Road
- Resolution 2005-04-00247 Establishing policy for investment of city funds
- Resolution 2005-04-00248 Supporting extension of Trinity Trail northward
- Resolution 2005-04-00249 Amending BWDS agreement to include recycling
- Resolution 2005-05-00250 Amending Public Information Policy
- Resolution 2005-05-00251 Approving PurelyOnline Water Tower lease agreement
- Resolution 2005-05-00252 Appointing two alternates to Board of Adjustment

*Government is a trust,
and the officers of the
government are trustees;
and both the trust and
the trustees are created
for the benefit of the
people.
— Henry Clay*

THE LUCAS DERBY A Day at the Races

A LAFFS Seniors Event



Dress in your finest "Derby Attire" and head on over to the Lucas City Annex on Saturday, June 25th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Enjoy a day at the races in a tea party/garden party venue for food and entertainment.

You will be given Lucas Derby money to use to place bets on the horses in several races. Watch the tapes, cheer your mounts, and rake in the winnings. Our special "bookie" (incoming Mayor Sanders) will be on hand to pay out the winners and post the results on the leader board. Scrumptious food, friendly competition, prizes for winners, and door prizes: what could be more fun?

RSVP to Jennie Sanders at 972-442-7787.

GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Lucas Girl Scout **Michelle Lynn Freshcoln** for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest level of achievement in Girl Scouting.

To earn this award, a girl must first earn the Career Exploration Award, the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, and the Senior Girl Scout Challenge Award, which includes 15 hours of community service, which she designs and directs. Through this process, the girls develop skills to implement their 50-hour Gold Award project. Currently, 893 girls are registered as Senior Girl Scouts in the Tejas Council. For the 2004-2005 school year, 93 have earned this prestigious award.



COMMUNITY CORNER

June 13-18: Jerusalem Marketplace Vacation Bible School at Lucas First United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

newsletter@lucastexas.us

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

NEW SUBSCRIPTION RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR LUCAS RESIDENTS



Barnes Waste Disposal Service is now offering a voluntary, bi-monthly, subscription-based recycling program for Lucas residents. If interested, all you need to do to participate is complete the service card you will have received in the mail or call them at 972-396-1139.

Fees:

- **\$2.86 per month** (\$17.16 billed semi-annually by Barnes if you supply your own clear or translucent bags.
- **\$4.40 per month** (\$26.40 billed semi-annually by Barnes) if Barnes supplies you with 1 box of 25 blue bags quarterly.
- With either program, additional boxes of bags may be purchased for **\$4.00 each**.

Schedule:

Pick-ups are the first and third Fridays of each month. Please have bags out at the curb by 7:00 AM. For the remainder of the year, the dates are June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19, September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16.

Collection Limitations:

Place separate or mixed contents in "Blue" recycling bags or clear plastic bags ONLY. No contaminated or "wet" recyclables will be collected. Black or opaque bags will be taken to the landfill. No single bag heavier than 35 lbs. will be collected.

Acceptable Items:

Corrugated cardboard; Moving boxes; Box board, chip board; Junk mail; Magazines; Telephone books; Newspapers; Paperback books; Office/white paper; Aluminum containers/cans, Glass containers/bottles; Tin/steel containers/cans, Plastic bottles/jugs/jars.

Unacceptable Items:

Plastic bags, including grocery bags; Carbon/thermal paper; Yard waste; Food waste; Batteries of any kind; Car tires; Styrofoam; Bubble wrap; Bathroom waste; Wooden pallets; Waxed/milk containers; Plastic pesticide bottles; Medical waste.

Remember: it only takes a few contaminants to have an entire load declared unfit for recycling, especially when it comes to bathroom and kitchen waste.



USEFUL WEBSITES

Lavon Lake Info – <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/> and
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/lakes/lavon/lake_id.htm

Texas Online – <http://www.state.tx.us/>

About Texas – <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/>

Lucas Volunteer Fire Department – <http://www.lucasfire.com/>

Lucas City Notifications Email Sign-Up – <http://www.lucastexas.us/>

TIDBITS

- The average high temperature for Lucas in June is 88.4 degrees Fahrenheit. The average low is 68.3. Average precipitation is 4.1 inches.
- Read more about our United States flag at http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/misc/ourflag/titlepage.htm
- In June: First United States Mint established in Boston, 1652; Stars & Stripes adopted as the American Flag, 1777; Great Seal of the United States adopted, 1782; The doughnut invented, 1847; Texas Congress approved annexation by U.S., 1845; Ft. Worth established on west bank of the Trinity River, 1849; Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone With The Wind" published, 1936; D-Day (invasion of Europe occurred), 1944; Korean War ended, 1953; Watergate break-in occurred, 1972; Boeing 777-200 jumbo jet made first flight, 1997.

BY the NUMBERS

Citywide Water Usage (gallons)

April 2005	23,430,000
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April 2005 Sheriff's Office Calls for Service in Lucas

Traffic Stops	84
Building Checks	86
Alarms	14
Vandalism	2
Theft, Burglary	4
Suspicious Vehicles, Persons, Circumstances	18
Accidents	14
Disturbances	8
Other	43
Total	269

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