



# Lucas City Newsletter

October, 2010

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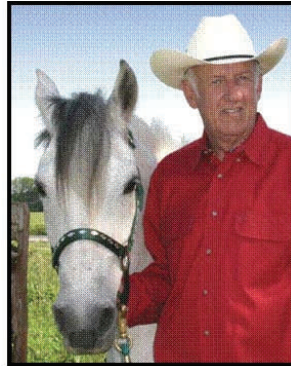
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### STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE MAYOR

Mark your calendars now! Our annual Founder's Day celebration to be held on Sat., Oct.30, is scheduled as follows:

- Parade lineup: between 11:00PM and 1:00PM
- Parade: 1:00-2:00 PM
- Food served all afternoon beginning at 2:00PM
- Trunk or Treat 6:00-7:00 PM
- Fireworks 7:00 PM

Be ready for a day of fun for the entire family. Come in costume to be eligible for prizes of \$25. gift cards for each category: Boys 0-6 yrs, Girls 0-6 yrs., Boys 7-11 yrs., Girls 7-11 yrs, Boys 12-17 yrs, Girls 12-17 yrs, Men 18 & over, and Women 18 & over. Prizes will also be awarded for first and second place parade entries in the amounts of \$100 and \$50.

As in the past, everything is free. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your fellow Lucas residents, as well as giving your children an opportunity to participate in safe and fun Halloween and Fall festivities. We have a great lineup of booth participants and activities. We also still have opportunities for volunteers, parade participants, and booths. ( see page 4) See you there!

### Meeting Schedule

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

National Night Out  
Tuesday, Oct. 5

City Council Regular  
Thursday, Oct. 7

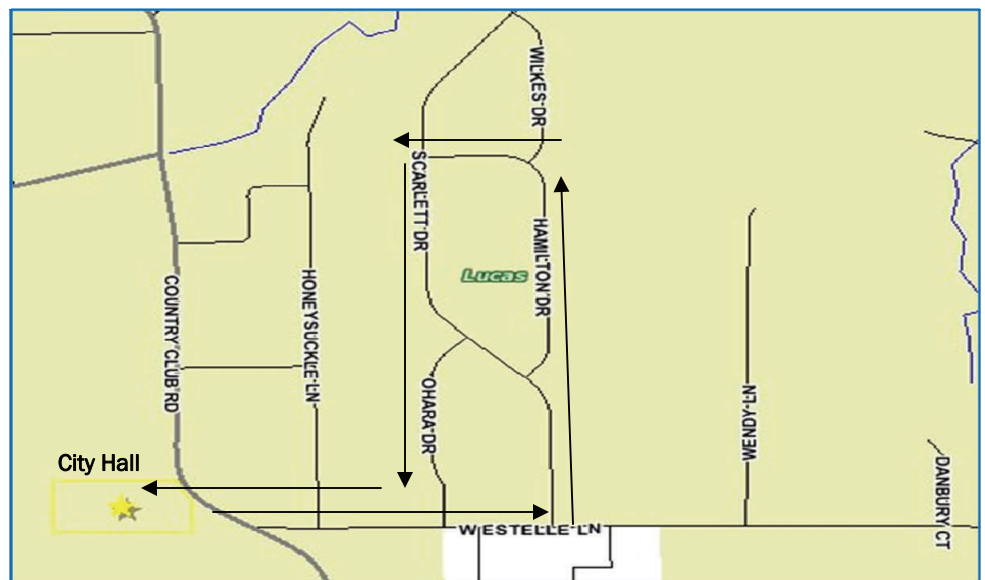
Planning & Zoning Commission  
Thursday, Oct. 14

Municipal Court—Conference Rm.  
Wednesday, Oct. 20, 3 PM

City Council Workshop  
CANCELLED

Founder's Day/Parade  
Saturday, Oct. 30, 1 PM (see pg. 4)

### 2010 Lucas Founder's Day Parade Route



### November 2, 2010 General and Special Elections

Early voting begins on Monday, October 18th and continues through Friday, October 29th. Early Voting polling location is at City Hall, 665 Country Club. See page 3 for dates and times.

**City Council Workshop scheduled for October 21st is cancelled due to Early Voting in Council Chambers.**

### **When Disaster Strikes, Seconds Count**

**Michael Culpepper, Firefighter/EMT-B  
Lucas VFD**

When an emergency occurs, responders are called to assist. It is often necessary to try to make contact with a loved one, or family member. For several reasons, obviously we would all want to know immediately if one of our loved ones were experiencing an emergency situation, by contacting a family member or loved one the emergency responder can alert them to what is occurring and what actions are being taken. This is also valuable to emergency personnel, especially during medical emergencies, because loved ones can often alert the responders to any preexisting medical conditions or prescribed medications.

Unfortunately it is not always easy for emergency crews to determine who to contact in an emergency situation. Cellular phones have become increasingly prevalent in the U.S. and today most individuals, young and old, carry a cell phone with them on a daily basis. Even so, responders often have difficulty determining which phone number in our patient's contact list is the one we should be calling and we lose valuable time scrolling through their contact list. Sometimes children program their parents' phone numbers as "mom" or "dad", but older individuals do not always have these in their phones. Siblings or spouses are often programmed under their first name making it impossible to distinguish them from any other name on the list.

Recognizing that this was a reoccurring problem, a paramedic from England developed the concept of **ICE**, or **In Case of Emergency**. He promoted the idea of programming emergency contact information into cell phones by simply programming the number under the name ICE. By doing this, emergency responders can quickly scroll to the "I" section in your cell phone's contact list and immediately call the number labeled ICE knowing that they would be talking to the appropriate person. You can also identify your emergency contact by name by simply placing the name after the ICE acronym. For example, if you wanted your brother to be contacted you would label it as "ICE-brother", or "ICE-mom", or "ICE-dad". If your spouse is named Bob, you could program the number under the name "ICE-bob" or "ICE-husband". This simple method saves emergency personnel valuable time simply by knowing where to look for your emergency contact info.

The Lucas Fire Department encourages the citizens of Lucas to take a moment to program an ICE contact into their cell phone, preferably with two or three different contact numbers in the event that we cannot get through to the first one that is tried.

We also encourage parents to program several ICE contacts into their children's cell phone in the event that the child experiences an emergency so that we can rapidly contact you.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding this program, contact the Lucas Fire Department at 972-525-1242.



### **Make-A-Wish Foundation Bicycle Ride**

**Saturday, Oct. 9th**

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas is an organization that grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. There will be a benefit bicycle ride for the organization on Saturday, October 9, 2010 that will include

some roads in the City of Lucas. The cyclists that are riding the 63 mile route, which begins in west Plano, will pass through the following roads in Lucas: Wolf Creek Drive, Forest Grove Road, Orr Road onto Winningkoff Road, then turning onto Blondy Jhune Road, then a short stretch of Country Club Road onto Estates Parkway into the City of Allen. The riders will be in various sized groups, and will be passing through Lucas between approximately 9 AM and 11 AM. All roads will remain open to traffic during the ride. Please plan for this extra traffic and exercise caution during the event.

### **COMMUNITY WINNERS!**



It's official! Lucas Christian Academy has received certification from Kohl's that their school

has won \$500,000! Lucas Christian Academy wishes to express gratitude to all those who showed support of the school by casting votes on their behalf. Please join the City of Lucas in saying "Congratulations to Lucas Christian Academy!" Everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground on Friday, October 22nd, 4:15 p.m. For more information on Lucas Christian Academy go to [www.lucaschristianacademy.com](http://www.lucaschristianacademy.com).

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**



The City of Lucas' Volunteer Fire Department will be traveling around the city on Tuesday, October 5th visiting neighborhood block parties and the like. National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and community partnerships in our fight for a safer city.

### Outdoor Burning By Cathey Bonczar

Though somewhat controversial, pile burning is probably the most environmentally friendly way to dispose of the excess yard waste material such as tree limbs, bushes, and brush. The cut material is piled by hand in locations that minimize the scorching of trees and surrounding vegetation. Once the pile is constructed, a small amount of flammable fluid is added, the fire is lit, and the pile is burned. The amount fuel to light the fire is miniscule in comparison to the amount expended in hauling the material to a disposal location to then be chipped for mulch or composting.

**Consider alternatives to burning.** Some types of debris, such as leaves, grass and stubble may be of more value if they are not burned. Composting can yield valuable organic matter that can be used to enrich the soil, while helping extend the useful life of landfills. Household trash such as glass, paper, plastic, and metal that can't be composted can be hauled away to a recycling center or landfill.

When conducting an outdoor burn, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to follow local fire and air quality regulations! Fire service in Lucas is provided by an all-volunteer fire department, and burn days for the City of Lucas correspond with Collin County burn days. Before you light up you are required to do the following:

- \* Call the **Burn Day Information** number first to determine if outdoor burning is allowed that day.
- \* If it is NOT an authorized burn day, you may not proceed with your burn.
- \* If it is an authorized burn day, call **Plano Dispatch** and inform them that you are about to conduct an outdoor burn. You will need to provide your name, address/location, and the intended time of the burn.

**Burn Day Information:** 972-548-4799

**Plano Dispatch:** 972-941-7900

**DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL  
911 - City of Lucas Fire Department  
SHOULD THE FIRE GET OUT OF CONTROL**

**For more information visit:**

[www.lucasfire.com/BurnControlGuidelines.HTML](http://www.lucasfire.com/BurnControlGuidelines.HTML)

### November 2, 2010 General & Special Elections Early Voting Dates & Times

Monday, October 18th	8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday, October 19th	8 AM to 5 PM
Wednesday, October 20th	8 AM to 5 PM
Thursday, October 21st	8 AM to 5 PM
Friday, October 22nd	8 AM to 5 PM

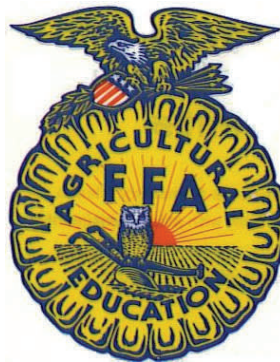
### November 2, 2010 General & Special Elections Early Voting Dates & Times (continued)

Saturday, October 23rd	7 AM to 7 PM
Sunday, October 24th	1 PM to 6 PM
Monday, October 25th	7 AM to 7 PM
Tuesday, October 26th	7 AM to 7 PM
Wednesday, October 27th	7 AM to 7 PM
Thursday, October 28th	7 AM to 7 PM
Friday, October 29th	7 AM to 7 PM

**Enter the polling location through the south entrance of City Hall, 665 Country Club.**

### Allen FFA Parents & Alumni Association Golf Tournament

**Four person, Handicapped, Best Ball Scramble  
Saturday, Nov. 6, 9 am - noon**



Oak Hollow Golf Course  
3005 N. McDonald St.  
McKinney, Texas

\$75.00 per person

To benefit the Allen FFA Agriculture Programs

For tickets and reservations  
please call 214-789-9267

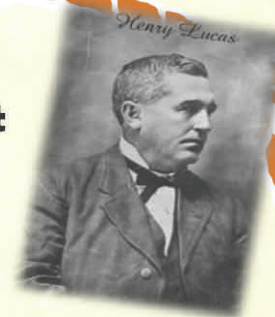
Or email: [cprice@speedfc.com](mailto:cprice@speedfc.com)

Deadline to register:  
November 3rd



## City of Lucas Founder's Day Fall Fest

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010  
Lucas City Hall & Pavilion  
665 Country Club Rd, Lucas TX 75002



### **Bring the whole family for:**

- **The Annual Lucas Founder's Day Parade at 1pm**  
Participants welcome! Horses, Floats, Motorized Vehicles or just March...  
Come represent your Family, your Church or your Business! Line up begins at 11am
- Stickhorse Rodeo
- Bounce Houses & Booths
- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo
- Free Food and Giveaways

### **Evening events include:**

- **NEW!! "Trunk or Treat!" Halloween Event at 6pm**
- Win prizes at the *Founder's Day Costume Contest*
- Come see **FIREWORKS** at 7pm



### **Wanted: Volunteers & Local Musicians**

To find out more :

Go to [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) or contact Council Member Rebecca Mark at [rmark@lucastexas.us](mailto:rmark@lucastexas.us) or at 972-569-7360

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