



# Lucas City Newsletter

**October, 2011**

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

North Texas Municipal Water District recently voted to implement Stage 3 water restrictions due to the ongoing severe drought conditions. This change will be effective November 1, which gives us and other affected cities a month to submit our plans to implement this change, with a goal of reducing overall water consumption by another 10%. The projected end date of the NTMWD restriction plan will be March 31, but this will be impacted by whether we get significant precipitation between now and then. Some of the general guidelines for Stage 3 are as follows: Lawns may be watered only once every two weeks. (Applies when Stage 3 is in effect between Nov. 1 and Mar. 31) Drip irrigation and soaker hoses may still be used for home foundations and trees. Cars may only be washed with a hose that has a shutoff nozzle. Pool owners may only replenish evaporated water, and may not drain and refill pools. Fountains must be turned off unless they use recycled water.

The adoption of this new restriction level will be on a Council agenda in October, but we will really have no choice but to implement it effective Nov. 1. No one likes to face this type of water restriction, but in the absence of significant rain in the foreseeable future, it is absolutely necessary. One only has to drive over the Lake Lavon bridge on the eastern border of our city to see the impact the drought has had on our water supply.

We will be hosting a volunteers Meet and Greet event at City Hall on Tuesday evening, October 11 from 7:00PM until 9:00PM. We want to invite anyone who would like to consider serving on one of our boards or commissions to attend the event and learn more about the duties and requirements of serving on one of these groups. City Council members will be in attendance to meet prospective volunteers and answer any of your questions. We would also like to invite current members of our boards and commissions to stop by and visit with us. The new terms of our board/commission members will begin Nov. 1, and Council will consider all appointments during our workshop meeting on Thurs, Oct. 20.

For more information, see the article titled "Volunteers Needed" elsewhere in this newsletter.

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

LVFD Open House/Safety Fair  
Sunday, Oct. 2, 1–4 PM

Parks & Open Space Board  
Monday, Oct. 3

City Council Regular  
Thursday, Oct. 6

Boards & Commission Meet & Greet  
Tuesday, Oct. 11

Planning & Zoning Commission  
Thursday, Oct. 13

Municipal Court  
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 3:30 PM

City Council Workshop  
Thursday, Oct. 20

City of Lucas' Founder's Day  
Saturday, Oct. 29, Noon–5 PM

## Lucas Volunteer Fire Department Open House, Sunday, Oct. 2, 1-4PM

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Lucas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training? Do you have a preparedness plan in case of a disaster for you, your family, and pets (livestock)? Do you know what to do when severe weather threatens? Do you have a fire escape plan? Do your children know what to do if there is a fire? Do you know who to call if you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood? If you answered NO to any or all of these questions come to the Lucas Fire Department Open House on Sunday, October 2nd from 1-4 pm and visit with the experts who can help you with the answers to these and other questions. There will be tours of the fire station, exhibits, and live demonstrations.

The Lucas Fire Department is located at 165 Country Club Rd. Lucas, Texas 75002. Parking will be available in front and behind the old city hall building, also in front of the Fire Department Administration building. Please do not block the drive ways.

Here are a few Participating Agencies and Business:

Lucas Fire Department, Lucas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), National Weather Service Fort Worth, Collin County Sheriff, East Texas Medical, Co Serv Electric, Firehouse Subs, Collin County Animal Services, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

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## Lucas Volunteer Fire Department CERT Training began, Sep. 22

Lucas will be partnering with Allen CERT to have the next CERT training. Below is the schedule please let me know if you need to make up a class and which one you would like to attend? Please note that the classes will be held on Thursdays at 7pm. We understand that you will be receiving this information after the training has begun. Make up classes will be offered.

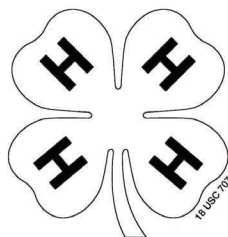
09/22 (Thur) 1 - Disaster Preparedness  
09/29 (Thur) 7/6 - Disaster Psychology/CERT Org  
10/06 (Thur) 8 - Terrorism and CERT  
10/13 (Thur) 3 - Disaster Medical Operation - Part 1  
10/20 (Thur) 4 - Disaster Medical Operation - Part 2  
10/27 (Thur) 2 - Fire Safety

11/03 (Thur) 5a - Light Search & Rescue Ops - Part 1  
11/10 (Thur) 5b - Light Search & Rescue Ops - Part 2  
11/12 (Sat) 9 - Course Review & Disaster Simulation

After a disaster citizens may be on their own for up to 72 hours until the first responders can reach them. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program teaches citizens the skills they need to help themselves, families and neighbors until help can arrive.

After completing the CERT training additional non-disaster opportunities and trainings will be available, some included, but is not limited to, helping the Lucas Fire Department with Disaster Preparedness events, Community Outreach and Events, Disaster Drills, Fire Rehabilitation training to help staff a fire rehabilitation unit to help the firefighters recuperate during large fires, ham radio communications, and fire safety/prevention.

If you are interested in attending training or would like more information contact Bobette Mauck - [bmauck@lucasfire.com](mailto:bmauck@lucasfire.com)



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## Local Legacy 4-Hers Recognized at Collin County 4-H Awards Banquet

Legacy 4-H youth were recently recognized for their involvement and leadership in the Collin County 4-H Program. Kiersten Esposito was awarded the "Oh the Places You'll Go" Award by County Extension Agent Chris Schraeder. Sklyer Grimes was awarded outstanding Collin County Junior 4-Her (ages 9-10) while Cassie Duke was awarded Outstanding Intermediate 4-Her (ages 11-13). The Gold Star Award, the highest county honor a 4-Her can receive, was awarded to Katie Duke.

### Legacy 4-H Club Kicks Off 2011-2012 Year

We'd love to have you join the Legacy 4-H Club! 4-H is a youth development program for ages 7-19 with the goal of developing citizenship, leadership and life skills while having FUN and making FRIENDS through hands-on learning experiences. The Legacy 4-H Club is based in Lucas and meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evening at Lovejoy High School. We have projects to meet a wide range of interests including horse (don't have to own one), Rabbits, Dog Care & Training, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles, Photography, Arts & Crafts, Public Speaking, Leadership, Community Service, and Clover Kids. For more information, please contact Club Managers Kathrin Esposito, 214-616-2460 ([Kathrin\\_Esposito@asus.com](mailto:Kathrin_Esposito@asus.com)) or Tammy Duke 214-212-5546 ([tammyduke1@att.net](mailto:tammyduke1@att.net)).



**Boards & Commission  
Meet & Greet  
Tuesday, October 11  
7 PM–9 PM**

The City Council will host a Meet & Greet event on Tuesday, October 11th, from 7–9 PM at City Hall, 665 Country Club. If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Parks & Open Space Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, or the Board of Adjustments, please make plans to stop by and learn how you can become involved with your city. You can also complete a volunteer application and mail to ATTN: City Secretary, 665 Country Club, Lucas, TX, 75002 or email to [kwingo@lucastexas.us](mailto:kwingo@lucastexas.us) or fax to 972-727-0091. Deadline for applications submission is October 14, 2011.

An application can be found on the City's website:  
[http://www.lucastexas.us/objects/Volunteer\\_Application-1.pdf](http://www.lucastexas.us/objects/Volunteer_Application-1.pdf)

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**Actions from City Council**

- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2011-09-00685** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, amending the Lucas Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14 titled "Zoning" by amending Article 14.03 titled "Districts" by amending Division 6 titled "VC Village Center District" by amending Section 14.03.294 titled "Height Regulations"; amending Section 14.03.295 titled "Area Regulations"; amending Section 14.03.297 titled "Landscaping Plan Approval"; amending Article 14.04 titled "Supplementary Regulations" by amending Division 2 "Off-street Parking and Loading" to provide for vehicle parking regulations; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing a penalty of fine not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each offense; and providing for an effective date.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2011-09-00376** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, adopting the Fund Balance Policy; providing an effective date.
- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2011-09-00688** adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 .

- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2011-09-00689** adopting the Tax Rate and levying the Ad Valorem Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 to provide revenue for the payment of current expenditures.
- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2011-09-00686** of the City of Lucas, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 1 "General Provisions" by amending Article 1.01 "Code of Ordinances" by amending Section 1.01.004 "Definitions and Rules of Construction" by removing the term "Alderman"; by repealing Article 1.02 "Administration," Article 1.03 "City Council" and Article 1.04 "City Officers" in their entirety; and adding a new Article 1.02 titled "City Officers"; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; and providing for an effective date.

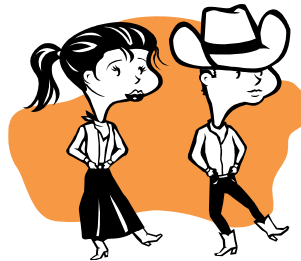


**Stickhorse Rodeo**

The wranglers in the corral are looking for a few good horses to compete in the City of Lucas' Founder's Day Stickhorse Rodeo.

If you have a stickhorse that you would be willing to

loan the City for this event, please contact City Hall at 972-727-8999.



**Founder's Day Volunteers  
Needed**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Founder's Day Event; from chefs, to local musicians and bands, to bounce house attendants. Contact Jim Olk for information at 214-850-5077 or email [jolk@lucastexas.us](mailto:jolk@lucastexas.us).

If you would like to have a float, ride your horse, march, drive your classic car, or any other fun participation, contact Councilmember Jim Olk.

Lots of fun for everyone, hope to see you there!



**City of Lucas**  
**Founder's Day Fall Fest**  
**Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011**  
**Lucas City Hall & Pavilion**  
**665 Country Club Rd, Lucas TX 75002**

**The Annual Lucas Founder's Day Parade (12 noon)**

- Participants welcome! Horses, Floats, Motorized Vehicles or just march...
- Represent your Family, your Church or your Business!
- Line up begins at 11am

*To Volunteer or find out more  
about how to get involved:*

**Lunch and Afternoon Fun (1p-4p)**

- Complimentary Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chips and Drinks
- StickHorse Rodeo
- Bounce Houses & Local Community Booths
- Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

*Contact Councilmember Jim  
Olk at 214-850-5077 or  
jolk@lucastexas.us*

**"Trunk or Treat" Halloween Tailgate Event (4p-5p)**

- Treats for All and Prizes for Best Costumes
- Join in by bringing your "spooked-out" vehicle!

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