



Lucas City Newsletter

September, 2010

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Meeting Schedule

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

City Council Regular
Thursday, Sep. 2

City Hall Closed
Monday, Sep. 6, 8 AM to 5 PM

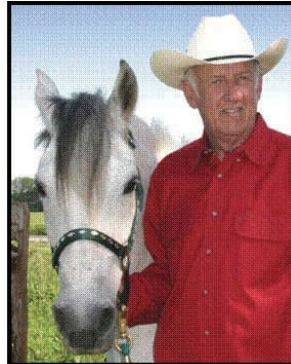
Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Sep. 9

Municipal Court
Wednesday, Sep. 15, 3 PM

City Council Workshop
Thursday, Sep. 16

Coffee with Council
Saturday, Sep. 25, 9 AM to 12 PM

Parks & Open Space Board
Monday, Sep. 27



STRAIGHT TALK FROM THE MAYOR

It's the time of the year when your Council starts the planning process for the new fiscal year that begins each October 1. We go thru the budget in great detail to identify future needs, and to make sure that our tax rate is sufficient to support those needs. Due to past prudent planning, we have been fortunate to enjoy a City tax rate that is dramatically lower than nearly all the other cities in our North Texas area. In fact, in spite of our rising needs, our tax rate has actually gone down since 2005.

As a frame of reference, consider that other Collin County cities with similar populations, (under 10,000 based upon past census data), such as Celina, Princeton, Prosper, Anna, Farmersville, and Melissa, have current tax rates that range from .520000 up to .728394. Our current tax rate is **.374177**. The larger cities in the surrounding areas also have significantly higher tax rates than ours.

Our proposed tax rate for the 2010/2011 fiscal year contemplates no tax increase, remaining at **.374177**. On August 19th, the first public hearing was held on the proposed tax rate, as well as the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. The second public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 2, at which time Council will discuss and consider adopting both the budget and the new tax rate.

The proposed budget contemplates no cutting of personnel or services during the coming year. A copy of this budget is available at City Hall and is posted on the City website.

We are fortunate to have excellent City staff, all of whom understand the importance of prudent financial management. We are rapidly paying down all of our debts, and will continue to do so.

In these tough economic times, your council and city staff are committed to maintaining a balanced budget and holding the line on tax increases.



City of Lucas' Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

After 8 weeks of classes and a challenging Disaster Day exercise, Lucas has its first official CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members. Thanks to a grant received by the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department, team members received training to be able to assist in the event of a catastrophic disaster. McKinney Fire Department members with CERT training taught classes in areas covering disaster preparedness, fire safety, emergency medical operations (including triage and first aid), light search and rescue operation and CERT organization .

A brief power point presentation will be made at the Council Workshop on September 16. The presentation has actual pictures of the training involved as well as the Disaster Day exercise. Team members included Linda Ables, Rick Ables, George Deprez, Stuart Fink, Debbie Fisher, Ian Gladdon, Josh Mercer, Derek Nugent, Debbie Pankey, Amber Paterson, and James Tellier.

Plans are underway to form the next CERT class. For more information, email bmauck@lucasfire.com

Coffee with Council

Drop by City Hall, 665 Country Club, on Saturday, September 25h between 9 AM – Noon and enjoy a tour of the facility as well as a FREE hot cup of coffee and a donut with Councilmember Phillip Lawrence and Councilmember Rebecca Mark.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCT. 30th

The members of the Parks and Open Space Board, under the leadership of Founder's Day Council liaison Rebecca Mark, are in the midst of making plans for our annual Founder's Day celebration. As in the past, several local churches, as well as civic and youth organizations will be helping with the event.

This fun event will start with a parade to be held at 1:00 PM, and will be concluded with a "bang", featuring a fireworks display right after sunset. We will also be holding the ever popular "Stick Horse Rodeo" for the youngsters. There will also be bounce houses, pony rides, and other fun activities for the kids. As the festivities are being held on Halloween weekend, we will also feature a "Trunk or Treat" for the kids. There will be a designated parking area for those wishing to participate by providing treats for the kids to go "trunk or treating" from vehicle to vehicle. There will be a costume contest for the participants. If you would like to donate prizes for the Stick Horse Rodeo or the costume contest, please contact us.

There will be lots of good food, fun, and community fellowship.

We have a need for volunteers in a number of areas. We will need "chefs" to help with the cooking and serving of the food (hamburgers and hot dogs, of course!), bounce house attendants, etc.

We also welcome local musicians and bands to provide music throughout the day. Contact Rebecca Mark for information at 972-569-7360 or email rmark@lucastexas.us.

We are also looking for parade participants of all types. If you would like to have a float, ride your horse, march, drive your classic car, or any other fun participation, fill out the enclosed flier and return to City Hall.

Hope to see you all there .

Safe Prescription drug disposal Saturday, September 25th

On September 25, 2010, DEA will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. Collection activities will take place from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at sites established throughout the country. The National Take-Back Day provides an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction. These drugs are a potential source of supply for illegal use and an unacceptable risk to public health and safety.

This one-day effort is intended to bring national focus to the issue of increasing pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

- * The program is anonymous.
- * Prescription and over the counter solid dosage medications, i.e. tablets and capsules accepted.
- * Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and needles will not be accepted.
- * Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative.

Participant's Name/Collection Site/ Address:

Allen Police Department

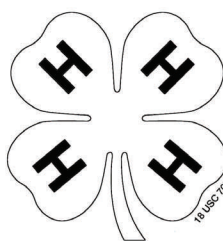
- * AISD Lowrey Freshman Center, 601 E. Main, Allen, TX 75002

Plano Police Department

- * Plano East Senior High, 3000 Los Rios Blvd., Plano, TX 75074
- * Clark High, 523 Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX 75023
- * Plano Senior High, 2200 Independence Parkway, Plano, TX 75075

Garland Police Department

- * GISD Special Events Center, 4999 Naaman School, Garland, TX 75044



Looking for New 4-H Families!

Come get involved in 4-H!! 4-H is an organization for youth ages 5-19 with the goal of developing citizenship, leadership and life skills through hands-on activities. Although 4-H's roots are in agriculture, 4-H today focuses on citizenship, healthy living, science, engineering, and technology programs in addition to agriculture--there is something for everyone. The Achievers and Lucky Leaf 4-H Clubs have recently merged to create Legacy 4-H, a Lucas- based club with projects in Horse, Foods & Nutrition, Photography, Rabbits, Dogs, Public Speaking, Leadership, Community Service, Arts & Crafts, Livestock and more. The goal of our club is to teach kids life skills (how to do stuff), leadership (how to accomplish goals within a group) and citizenship (how to be a great American) while having FUN and making FRIENDS. We meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm--our first meeting of the 2010-2011 year will be Monday, Sept 27th. If you would like more information, please contact club managers Tammy Duke (tammyduke1@att.net) or Kathrin Esposito (Kathrin_Esposito@asus.com)

Allen FFA Alumni

Labor Day Blow Out
Myers Event Center

7117 CR 166 McKinney, TX 75071

Saturday 9/4/10

Steer Show

Weigh In 6-8am

Showmanship @ 9am

Followed by Mini Herefords

Followed by 15 breed format (3 head min./breed)

Sunday 9/5/10

Heifer Show

Weigh In 6-8am

Showmanship @ 9am

Followed by 15 breed format (3 head min./breed)

For more information and registration fees contact Kris Schertz @ 940-902-1848 or Rachel Boyd 214-551-4290



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 8pm



Wanted: Volunteers & Local Musicians

To find out more :

Go to www.lucastexas.us or contact Council Member Rebecca Mark
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