



# Lucas City Newsletter

**September 2013**

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

As I wrote about in last month's newsletter, Council is working on finalizing our budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The budget is divided into two separate parts, the general fund and the water fund. Unlike the general fund, the water fund, by law, is self-supporting, funded by water revenue (your water bills, essentially) as well as other miscellaneous items such as fees for water taps, meters, wastewater disposal, etc. Your property taxes are not part of the water fund. An explanation of how the water system costs are established may be found in the November 2012 City newsletter, which may be accessed at our City website.

The city is charged for the water provided to us by North Texas Municipal Water District. Although the cost to the city has steadily risen over the past years, these increases had not been passed on to our customers for quite some time. Last year, the City commissioned a water and sewer rate study by a firm that specializes in this field. In part, this was necessitated by the addition of wastewater (sewer) services to our new commercial areas.

As a result of this study a recommendation was made that the City gradually increase our water rates to keep pace with the increases in cost to us from our water provider, NTMWD, as well as increasing infrastructure costs. In January of this year we implemented the first rate increase of a 5 year schedule. Effective October 1 of this year, you will see the next increase in this plan. These rates will be in effect for the fiscal year of Oct.1, 2013 to Oct.1, 2014. The new rates, as well as the five year rate plan, may be found on our website.

On a positive note, the work on the pipeline that will transport water from Lake Texoma directly to the Wylie Water Treatment Plant, therefore restoring the Texoma supply while minimizing the spread of zebra mussels, is nearly complete and should be on line in the first part of 2014. Another major improvement to our water supply will be the enhancement of the water treatment process in Wylie at the NTMWD facility by the addition of a new ozonation system. Once this ozonation project is in operation sometime in 2014, it will be the largest ozone water treatment plant in the United States. This, of course, has been an expensive project, and has had a definite impact on the costs to all the NTMWD customers, including the City of Lucas.

We are still facing challenges to our water supply at this time, and ask that everyone remember that we are currently under Stage 3 water restrictions.

***School is back in session, please drive safe!***

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

**City Hall Closed**

**Monday, Sep 2**

**City Council Regular**

**Thursday, Sep 5**

**Planning & Zoning Commission**

**Thursday, Sep 12**

**Municipal Court**

**Wednesday, Sep 18, 3:30 p.m.**

**City Council**

**Thursday, Sep 19**



## City Council Actions for August

- \* Approved a Development Agreement between the City of Lucas and Centurion Acquisitions, LP for a 53 acre development located along Forest Grove Road with the modification that the concept plan would be amended to show a maximum of 27 lots with no lot being less than 1.5 acres.
- \* Approved the City Manager to send a letter of termination for a contract between the City of Lucas and Solutions for Local Control, LLC .
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2013-08-00399** to accept and approve the City Secretary's certification of the number of qualified signatures on a petition to order a local option election to legalize the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only; and providing an effective date.
- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2013-08-00762** to order a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, for the purpose of approving the legal sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption only; designating locations of polling places; ordering notices of election to be given as prescribed by law in connection with such election; and providing an effective date.
- \* Approved the adoption of a Tax Rate of 0.355616 as the effective tax rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
- \* Approved calling for two Public Hearings regarding the Tax Rate and Fiscal Year Budget for 2013 - 2014; the first one being August 15, 2013 and the second one to be held on September 5, 2013.
- \* Approved Staff recommendations for medical, dental, vision, life insurance and short term disability for FY 2013-2014.
- \* Approved the Development Agreement between the City of Lucas and Megatel Homes III, LLC regarding waterline improvements and right-of-way dedications with a change to date of installation prior to completion of 51 homes.
- \* Denied the Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Recycling Roll-Off Container and authorized the City Manager to terminate the current contract agreement effective September 30, 2013. Recycle containers will be removed on that date.

## City Council Actions for August (continued)

- \* Approved Amendment No. 6 to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF).
- \* Approved an agreement for Professional Services between the City of Lucas and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for design of Rock Ridge Road waterline improvements with the final approval of contract to be reviewed by City Attorney and authorize City Manager to execute the same.
- \* Approved the next round of annexations to include Lakeview Downs, Edgemont Estates, Cimarron, Claremont Springs Phase I, parts of Lake Lavon and Bratonia Park.
- \* Approved expanding the city ETJ by an amendment to an existing boundary agreement between the City of Lucas and the City of Allen to include parcels on the west side of Rock Ridge Road and authorize the City Manager to begin negotiations with the City of Allen to relinquish ETJ.
- \* Approved a contract between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Fire Protection Services in Unincorporated Fire District with the amended map.

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### Recycle Containers being removed As of October 1, 2013

On August 15th the City Council approved the termination of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lucas and Collin County for Recycling Roll-Off Container.

Effective October 1, 2013 the Recycling Roll-Off Containers will no longer be located behind old city hall, 151 Country Club.

There are recycling containers located in Branch or you may contact Barnes Waste Disposal for curbside recycling.



## ***Eagle Projects at Fitzhugh Cemetery***

Submitted by James Farrell

Have you ever visited Fitzhugh Cemetery? Fitzhugh Cemetery is right off Country Club and Forest Grove in Lucas and it is a piece of Collin County History. Do you know there are veterans buried there that fought in every major U.S. War including the War of 1812 and the Civil War? Both Brandon and Christian Farrell, Boy Scouts in Troop 224, and with the help of M. Christopher and Company, a Custom Home Builder in Lovejoy ISD, are making improvements to the Cemetery Veterans Memorial with two Eagle Projects. An Eagle Project is required in order to earn Eagle Scout - the highest rank in Boy Scouts.

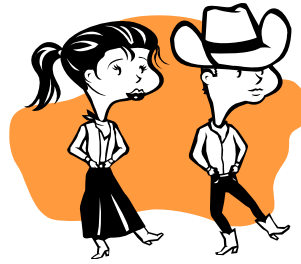
Fitzhugh Cemetery has a Veterans Memorial monument and flag pole. The scouts came up with two Eagle Projects to make enhancements to the memorial site, while at the same time recognizing the veterans buried in the cemetery.

Brandon Farrell's Eagle Project was to create a pentagon shaped memorial monument consisting of concrete and brick pavers in a 24' x 24' area. The Boy Scouts worked on the Eagle Project for two weekends and with the help of M. Christopher, a custom home builder, the project was completed on August 10, 2013.

Christian Farrell's Eagle Project will be to raise funds to engrave almost 100 brick pavers with the names of each veteran buried in the Cemetery. The Scouts will then place the engraved brick pavers into the memorial. In addition this project will landscape the surrounding area with roses and shrubbery.

Each engraved paver will be a lasting tribute to the individual veteran and will also provide a means of remembrance for the families and the community of Lucas. The cost of a 12-inch wide by 6-inch high by 2½-inch deep engraved paver is \$85. Each paver will be engraved with the name of the U.S. veteran, Rank, and branch of the military. To get more information, see progress of the projects, or to purchase a paver, visit the Eagle Scouts website, [www.isaluteyou.net](http://www.isaluteyou.net)

It is hoped that construction will be completed by the spring of 2014. For more information email [isaluteyoueagle@gmail.com](mailto:isaluteyoueagle@gmail.com)



## ***Founder's Day Volunteers Needed***

Save the date, October 26, 2013, is the next City of Lucas Founder's Day Event.

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 Councilmember Steve Duke for information at 469-235-7240 or email [sduke@lucastexas.us](mailto:sduke@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 Steve Duke.

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

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## ***Disaster Planning***

If a disaster were to strike tomorrow would you be prepared? Join the Lucas Fire Department on Saturday, September 14, 2013 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Lucas Wal-Mart to learn how you can better prepare yourself, your family and pets for a disaster. Fire apparatus will be on hand for the kids to see. It will be fun for the whole family! For more information please contact Bobette Mauck at 972-727-1242 ext. 223.

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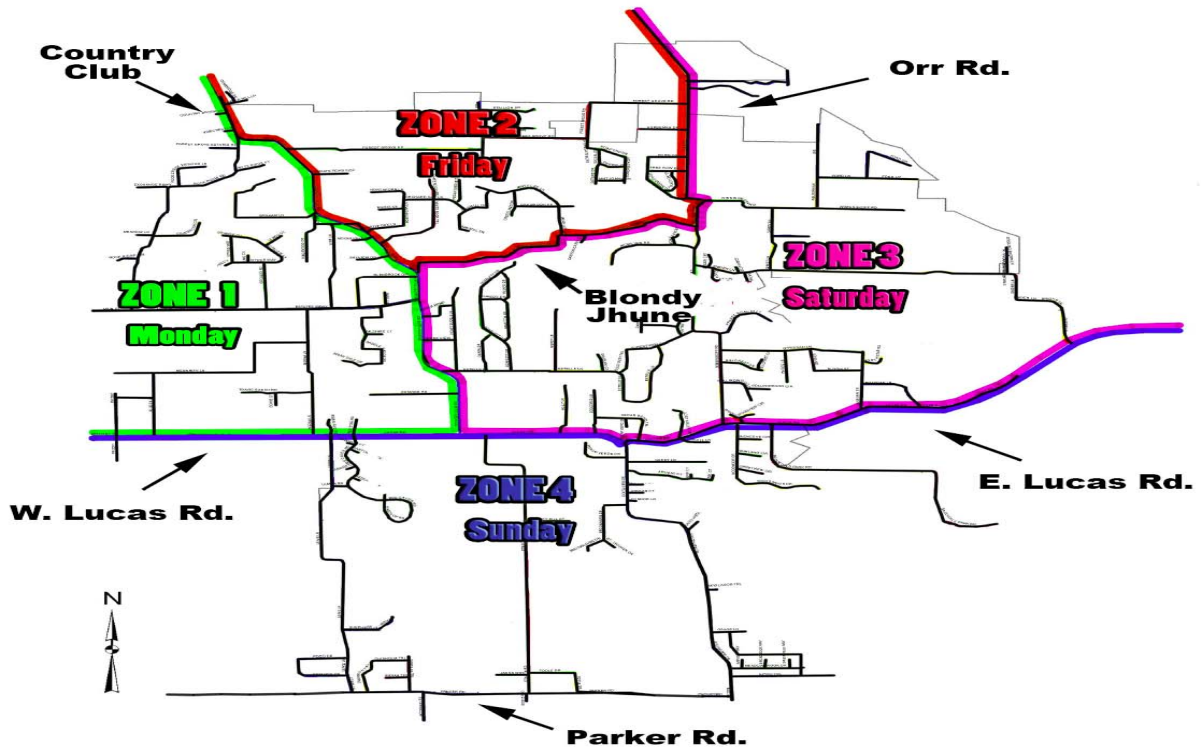
## ***Community Emergency Response Team***

### ***(CERT) Class Scheduled***

As a reminder, Lucas will be conducting a Community Emergency Response Team training beginning on Thursday, September 26, 2013. The training is nine weeks and will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 10:00 pm in Allen in the training room at Allen fire station one. For more information please contact Bobette Mauck at 972-727-1242 ext. 223 or email [bmauck@lucasfire.com](mailto:bmauck@lucasfire.com). Visit [www.lucasfire.com](http://www.lucasfire.com) to download an application.



# Stage 3 ~ Water Restrictions Effective 6/1/2013



**Customers are permitted to water the lawn once per week, beginning June 1, 2013. The approved days for each zone are shown above.**

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