



Lucas City Newsletter

September 2014

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Fire Department to Hold Open House

Please join us on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm for the Lucas Fire Department Open House. Watch our website and Facebook page for more information.



THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

It was my honor last week to participate in the ground breaking ceremony for our new fire station addition. It has been a long process to get to this point, and we are all very proud to finally see the results of all the hard work by City staff and Council. When a decision was made last year to expand the emergency services provided to our community to include running our own ambulance service, it was clear to us that this was only the first step in creating an even better emergency services system.

We have an outstanding professional fire department staffed with a combination of full time firefighters and dedicated volunteers. One of the challenges we face is how to ensure that we are able to continue to provide the highest quality of services to our community in the future as we continue to grow and expand.

To this end, we have contracted with ICMA (International City/County Managements Association) Center for Public Safety Management to provide a comprehensive study and assessment of our fire department to help us plan for the future.

The ICMA assessment, which will begin Sept. 2, will examine a number of areas, including the department's organizational structure and culture, and identification and recommendation of appropriate staffing and deployment levels for every operational and support function in the department.

They will use data to conduct an analysis of workloads, and also will compare our operations to best practices and industry standards. The study will be performed by analysts with strong backgrounds and experience in the industry, as well as impressive client credentials.

It is our strong belief that by having this assessment performed, your City Council will be able to better respond to the needs of our community.

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

Parks & Open Space Board
Tuesday, Sep 2

Lucas Fire Control, Prevention & EMS District
Thursday, Sep 4, 6:30 PM

City Council Regular
Thursday, Sep 4

Planning & Zoning Commission
Thursday, Sep 11

Lucas Fire Control, Prevention & EMS District
Thursday, Sep 18, 6:30 PM

City Council
Thursday, Sep 18

School is in session, please drive careful and watch for the kids.



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City Council Actions for August

- * Approved the annexation of Willow Springs Middle School, **Ordinance # 2014-08-00784**
- * Approved the annexation of a 25.950 acre tract of Oakbrook Estates, **Ordinance # 2014-08-00785**
- * Approved an amendment to the contract with the Lucas Municipal Court Judge Dana Huffman.
- * Approved a professional service agreement with Baxter IT for professional services.
- * Approved the purchase of fire station flashing signs from Consolidated Traffic Control, Inc., as part of the W Lucas Road/Country Club Intersection Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$24,427.92.
- * Approved the utility billing Administrative Guidelines and authorize the City Manager to make any future changes.
- * Accepted Option #1 of the proposed tax rate of \$32.0661 cents per \$100.
- * Approved the agreement with the International City/County Management Association's Center for Public Safety Management to perform a comprehensive assessment of Lucas Fire Department, and appropriate \$27,000 from the general fund unrestricted reserves.
- * Approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Lucas and Seis Lagos Utility District regarding fire and emergency medical services and the level of future services, if any, to be provided to the District for the flat rate of \$175,000 and send a letter of termination of the existing agreement.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2014-08-00782** Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Starbucks.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2014-08-00783** Specific Use Permit (SUP) for Wendy's.
- * Approved Collin County Interlocal Agreement Contract Amendment # 7 for On-Site Sewer Facility (OSSF) with all terms remaining the same.
- * Approved **Ordinance # 2014-08-00787** regulating Emergency Ambulance Service.
- * Approved agreement for the provision of fire-fighting/fire protection services and emergency medical services including patient transport for the benefit of an area of the county that is located in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.



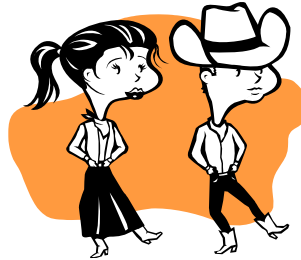
You are invited to join us for our
10-year anniversary celebration!

Saturday, October 4th, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Brockdale Park at Lake Lavon in Lucas

Cost: Adults: \$5, Children 3-12: \$3, Under
3 is Free. For more information visit

www.bpraptorcenter.org



**Founder's Day set for
October 25, 2014
Volunteers Needed**

Save the date, October 25,
2014, is the next City of Lu-
cas Founder's Day Event.

Each year the Founder's
Day Event has grown and has been a great suc-
cess because of the volunteers who worked hard
to make it a special event for the citizens of Lucas.
If you would like to help with this year's Founder's
Day Event, please contact the person associated
with your activity of choice.

Volunteers

Lacey Bradshaw 972-743-4306
sassyflair@ymail.com

Entertainment/Stage

Chris Vanhorn 214-277-3868
chris@landcreations.com

Parade

David Rhoads 214-563-4641
dlrhoads1@peoplepc.com

Raffle

Chris Vanhorn 214-277-3868
chris@landcreations.com

Trunk-or-Treat

Brenda Rizos 972-727-2994
lucasposb@gmail.com

Food

Lisa O'Leary 602-614-4700
scottleary@cox.net

Lots of fun for everyone, we look forward to seeing
you there!

“Save the Date” for Firewise Assessment Training

The Lucas Fire Department will be hosting the Firewise Assessment training! Personnel from the Texas A&M Forest Service will be conducting a Firewise Assessment training on Friday, September 5, 2014. Participants will learn about Mitigation Programs, components of Community and Individual Structure Assessments. This will be followed by an assessment of homes within the City of Lucas on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Participants will learn about Mitigation Programs, components of Community and Individual Structure Assessments.

Time: Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Where: Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, 1 Nature Place, McKinney, Texas 75069

Please register at <http://www.lucastexas.us/FormCenter/Registration-8/Firewise-Assessment-Training-Registratio-51> (Seating limited to 75)

Contact Bobette Mauck, Lucas Fire Department, 972-912-1236 for more information.

CERT Training

After a disaster citizens may be on their own for up to 72 hours until first responders can reach them. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training teaches citizens the skills they need to help themselves, families and neighbors until help can arrive. Over 50 Lucas residents have attended the CERT training and are better prepared if a disaster should happen in Lucas. The CERT training is free to Lucas residents.

The Lucas fire department is now accepting applications for the next CERT training. The training will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and one Saturday from 8:00 am – 12:00.

The first unit will be on Thursday, September 18th, at 7:00pm at the Ron Gentry Training Center at the Central Station on 310 Century Pkwy. The training center is located on the north side of fire station building. Parking is best on the north side of the building. Overflow is across the street at the Allen City Hall. For the first class, no special clothing is required.

09/18 (Thur) Disaster Preparedness
09/25 (Thur) Disaster Psychology/CERT Organization
10/02 (Thur) Terrorism and CERT
10/09 (Thur) Disaster Medical Operations, Part 1
10/16 (Thur) Disaster Medical Operations, Part 2
10/23 (Thur) Fire Safety
10/30 (Thur) Light Search and Rescue Ops, Part 1
11/06 (Thur) Light Search and Rescue Ops, Part 2
11/08 (Sat) Course Review & Disaster Simulation
(Thurs (7:00-9:30pm), Sat (8:00am -12:00pm) typically) **Please note the schedule is subject to change.**

If you are interested in joining this elite group of prepared Lucas residents contact Bobette Mauck – bmauck@lucasfire.com. You can download a CERT application at www.lucasfire.com, please fill it out completely and return to Bobette Mauck.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Central Fire Station Addition Project

(Pictured left to right: Fire Chief Jim Kitchens, Councilmember



Debbie Fisher, Councilmember Jim Olk, Mayor Rebecca Mark, Councilmember Wayne Millsap, Architect Doug Edney)

On August 11th, the Mayor and City Council broke ground for the Central Fire Station Addition. It was a celebration attended by City Staff and citizens.

Construction has begun and it is anticipated to be complete by the end of May 2015.

MEET THE STAFF



Kent Eubanks

Kent began working for the City of Lucas in March 2010. Kent is the Public Works Crew Chief responsible for all things relating to the three Lucas parks and the miles of roadways. He lives north of the City of Rockwall with his wife. They raised five sons and now have seven grandchildren. After many years of working in tire manufacturing and farming, Kent found his way to the City of Lucas. Kent has excelled in his knowledge of turf maintenance while caring for the city parks. He is always looking for ways to decrease costs for the city by improving methods and services. He will be happy to tell you that being a public servant for Lucas has been a very enjoyable experience. He enjoys being outdoors at home working in the yard and spending time with his sons and grandchildren.

Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014–2015

The 2nd Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014–2015 will be held at the City Council Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2014, 7 PM.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the City of Lucas this year is \$406,258. If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate for this year of \$0.320661 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$1,302.71. This is approximately a 9.8 percent reduction to the existing tax rate of \$0.355616. The City of Lucas has one of the lowest property tax rates in Collin County. The total tax rate is comprised of two portions. The Maintenance and Operations portion (M&O) is \$0.233068. The M&O rate is used to fund city services such as Public Works/Parks, Development Services, Fire/EMS, Public Safety, and Administration. The Interest and Sinking portion (I&S) is \$0.087593. The Interest & Sinking (I&S) rate is used to finance projects such as the new addition to the fire station, roadway improvements, turn lanes, street enhancements, etc.

“We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.” **Thomas Fuller**

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