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Mayor's Message By Jim Olk



Join Us for a "Country Christmas" in Lucas. As Mayor for the City of Lucas, I have received official confirmation from the North Pole that Santa and his Elf will be arriving in Lucas at the Community Park next to City Hall on **Friday, December 2 at 7:00 pm.** Santa and his Elf will be available in Santa's Workshop to take requests from

children of all ages. Your elected officials will be lighting our beautiful Christmas tree to officially start the holiday season in Lucas. City Staff will be serving hot dogs, popcorn, hot chocolate and other refreshments for your enjoyment. There will be train rides around the park and holiday music to get us in the spirit of the season.

What? Ice Skating in Lucas? Yes! There will be an ice skating rink for everyone to enjoy and the ice skates will be provided, so dust off those ice skating skills and join us for some old fashioned fun. I hope that everyone can bring the family and enjoy an evening with your neighbors as we celebrate the many blessings associated with being part of the Lucas Community.

Voting at Lucas Community Center

The Lucas Community Center will be a temporary polling location during the Presidential Election scheduled for November 8, 2016. The Community Center is located at 665 Country Club Road, behind City Hall. Early voting will be held at the Community Center during the following dates and times:

Sunday, October 30	1 - 6 pm
Monday, October 31	7 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, November 1	7 am - 7 pm
Wednesday, November 2	7 am - 7 pm
Thursday, November 3	7 am - 7 pm
Friday, November 4	7 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, November 8	7 am - 7 pm Election Day

For additional Vote Center locations in Collin County go to <http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>.

Congratulations to Service Tree Recipients - Don Kendall and Lee Bauer



The City of Lucas recognizes that many of its citizens, businesses and civic organizations, churches and youth groups contribute to the City in significant ways each day. The Service Tree Award Program was established to recognize those individuals or groups who have contributed a significant and useful service to the community. This year, there were two recipients that were awarded Service Trees in their honor, Don Kendall and Lee Bauer.

Don Kendall was honored for his commitment to the community through his past work as a Councilmember, and his many tireless years of service and work with the North Texas Municipal Water District in preserving the quality of life in Lucas.

Lee Bauer was honored for his service and commitment to the Lucas community. Lee was a founding member of the Lucas Fire-Rescue Department, and dedicated more than 40 years of service and dedication to the community.



Adopt a Pet

Collin County Animal Services



This handsome boy is a two-year old male brindle colored shepherd mix that has been neutered and is available for adoption. Help him find his forever home by stopping by the Collin County Animal Shelter located at 4750 Community Boulevard in McKinney or visit their website at http://www.collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx.

Lucas Tax Rate

The City of Lucas has adopted a tax rate of \$0.317948 for fiscal year 2016-2017, which is one of the lowest in Collin County. The table below outlines 2016 property tax rates for cities in Collin County.

City	Tax Rate
Wylie	\$0.848900
Farmersville	\$0.787564
Sachse	\$0.757279
Princeton	\$0.689890
Celina	\$0.645000
Anna	\$0.629000
Melissa	\$0.610000
Allen	\$0.520000
Prosper	\$0.520000
Murphy	\$0.510000
Parker	\$0.365984
Fairview	\$0.359999
Lucas	\$0.317948
Lowry Crossing	\$0.229536
New Hope	\$0.196000

Thank You to our Sponsors and Volunteers

William Arthur Ward wrote “Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” Truer words were never spoken. The City of Lucas would like to express our sincere heartfelt thanks to the many men, women, and children who came out and willingly volunteered their time at our Founders Day celebration on Saturday, October 22 and to the sponsors who donated so generously towards making this event a fun-filled afternoon. Your time and donations went a long way in helping to make our Founders Day event a special occasion.

- Amy & Scott Corcoran (Corcoran Family Living Trust)
- Barnes Waste Disposal
- Cornerstone Baptist Church
- CoServ
- J&C Lucas Kwik Kar LLC
- JCBR Holdings
- Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, & Sampson, LLP
- Lucas Heating and Air Conditioning
- Metropolitan Infrastructure, PLLC
- Mike Burge, BW2 Engineers, Inc.
- Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith LLP
- Oncor
- Samco Capital Markets, Inc
- Robyn & Adam Sussman
- Walmart

We hope everyone had fun, and maybe even made a few new friends along the way. *“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer”.* ~Author unknown

New Sheriff In Town

We wish Deputy White good luck with his new position as Director of Safety/Police Chief for Anna Independent School District. We welcome Collin County Sheriff's Officer Deputy Brent Collins who has been assigned to serve the City of Lucas. Deputy Collins has been in law enforcement for 30 years, starting his career in 1986 as a reserve for the Kaufman Police Department.

His first full-time assignment came a year later with the police department in Huntsville, Texas, where he was majoring in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University. Collins moved to Collin County in 1992 to work as a police officer with McKinney Police Department before being hired on as a deputy with Collin County Sheriff's Office in 1993. During his career, Deputy Collins has earned the designation of master peace officer, patrol deputy, DARE instructor, school resource officer, crime prevention deputy, Explorer Post adviser and firearms/taser instructor. In addition, Deputy Collins helped implement motorcycles to the traffic unit. He is looking forward to his new assignment working with the residents of Lucas through a community policing effort.

Food and Toy Drive November 21 - December 12



The City of Lucas is hosting a food and toy drive benefiting Family Promise of Collin County, Amazing Grace Food Pantry in St. Paul and The Bridge Connection in Wylie.

Each of these non-profit organizations serves the Collin County homeless and low-income through donations and community partners. The

Amazing Grace Food Pantry feeds approximately 300 people each week. Family Promise partners with faith communities throughout Collin County to provide food, shelter and support services to homeless families to help them gain their independence, and The Bridge Connection also helps families in need and this year will assist approximately 40 families at Christmastime through their Christmas Outreach Program.

If you would like to participate in one of these worthy causes, items that can be donated include new unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items that will be donated to The Bridge Connection and the Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Family Promise of Collin County is in need of gas gift cards, grocery store gift cards, Wal-Mart and Target gift cards. Items can be dropped off at Lucas City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road between November 21 and December 12.



Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Ribs N Raptors Fundraiser

Join the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center on Saturday, November 12 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for an afternoon of music, fun and great Texas BBQ supporting the only raptor hospital in North Texas. There will be silent auction items to bid on such as a private photo opportunity with education raptors and helping to release a rehabilitated raptor. A live auction will take place as well for a behind-the-scenes tour of the center and much more. Tickets are \$75 per person and \$250 for a family of four. For more information call 469.964.9696 or email info@bpraptorcenter.org.

City Awarded Grant for Trailhead Project

The City of Lucas was awarded \$106,480 in funding from the Collin County Project Funding Assistance Program for a new trailhead located on East Winningkoff Road. The addition of a new trailhead will allow for a continuous trail system further north and an additional location where trail users and their horses can rest and picnic. The East Winningkoff trailhead will have a covered pavilion, picnic tables, a round pen for the horses, and restroom facilities on site.

The project will begin in November with an anticipated completion date of March 2017.

Donate to the Senior Angel Tree



Did you know that over the holidays our seniors are sometimes forgotten? The City of Lucas is home to Loving Care and The Agape Home assisted living facilities. Help us show our senior citizens who reside at these facilities some "Lucas Love" over the holidays.

Lucas City Hall will once again sponsor our Senior Angel Tree. If you would like to be a Santa to one of our beloved seniors, stop by City Hall and visit our Senior Angel Tree beginning on Monday, November 21. Select an angel off of the Senior Angel Tree to help guide your gift purchase and then drop off your new, unwrapped gift at City Hall by Monday, December 12. City Staff will wrap your gift so that Santa and his elves can make their special delivery to our special seniors during the week of December 19.



On behalf of the City of Lucas, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our Veterans for their service. Veterans Day is observed on November 11, not only in the United States but in many other countries throughout the world. It is a day that honors and celebrates all men and women that have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Meetings and Events

November 3

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall

November 6

Daylight Savings Time
Turn your clocks back one hour and change batteries in the smoke detector

November 10

Planning and Zoning Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall

November 17

City Council Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall

November 24 and 25
Thanksgiving Holiday
City Offices Closed

November 29

Parks Board Meeting
7:00 pm - City Hall

City Surplus Equipment



The City of Lucas will occasionally need to dispose of assets and make this surplus property available for purchase to the public. These surplus items include office furniture and cell phones and are sold through Rene Bates Auctioneers. To see the full listing of surplus item for sale go to <https://www.renebates.com/>

Blondy Jhune Update



The focus for the next two or three weeks will be on the drill shaft construction. The drill shafts are the piers or legs of the bridge abutments. The abutments hold up each end of a bridge. There are four abutments on this project: two at each bridge. Each abutment is held up (or stands) on four drill shafts. Last week excavation of the abutment areas was taking place, and a surveyor has cited the eight spots where the drilling for the shafts should take place at the west bridge. After the shaft holes

are drilled, a steel cage will be placed in each hole before the hole is filled with concrete. The concrete is strong in compression, and the steel cages are strong in tension. When a large, heavy truck passes over the new bridge, the concrete will hold the bridge up. When wind or water tries to lift the bridge, the steel cage will hold the bridge down. The old bridges had no drill shafts.

The picture above shows the end of one of the steel cages laying on its side. When placed in the hole, the cage will be vertical. The large steel bars are about the size of a garden hose. The spiral steel holds the large bars straight. All 16 of the 36-inch-diameter steel cages are made by hand on-site.

During November, the fabrication of the 60-foot bridge beams will take place. Before that, the retaining walls on either side of the abutments will be poured in place and made of concrete. The contractor expects delivery of the beams in early December. For more information about the project check out the City website at <http://www.lucastexas.us/living-in-lucas/neighborhood-connector-street-projects.html>.

Scarecrow Contest Winners

We hope that everyone was able to take the Scarecrow Tour around town to see all the entries that participated in the 2nd annual Scarecrow Contest sponsored by the City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board.



Individual Entry Winner - The Corn Crib

The first place winner for the Individual category was **"The Corn Crib"** and the first place winner for the Business/Organization category was **"Head, Heart, Hands and Health"**. Thank you to all who participated and hope to see you again next year.



Organization/Business Entry Winner - Head, Heart, Hands and Health