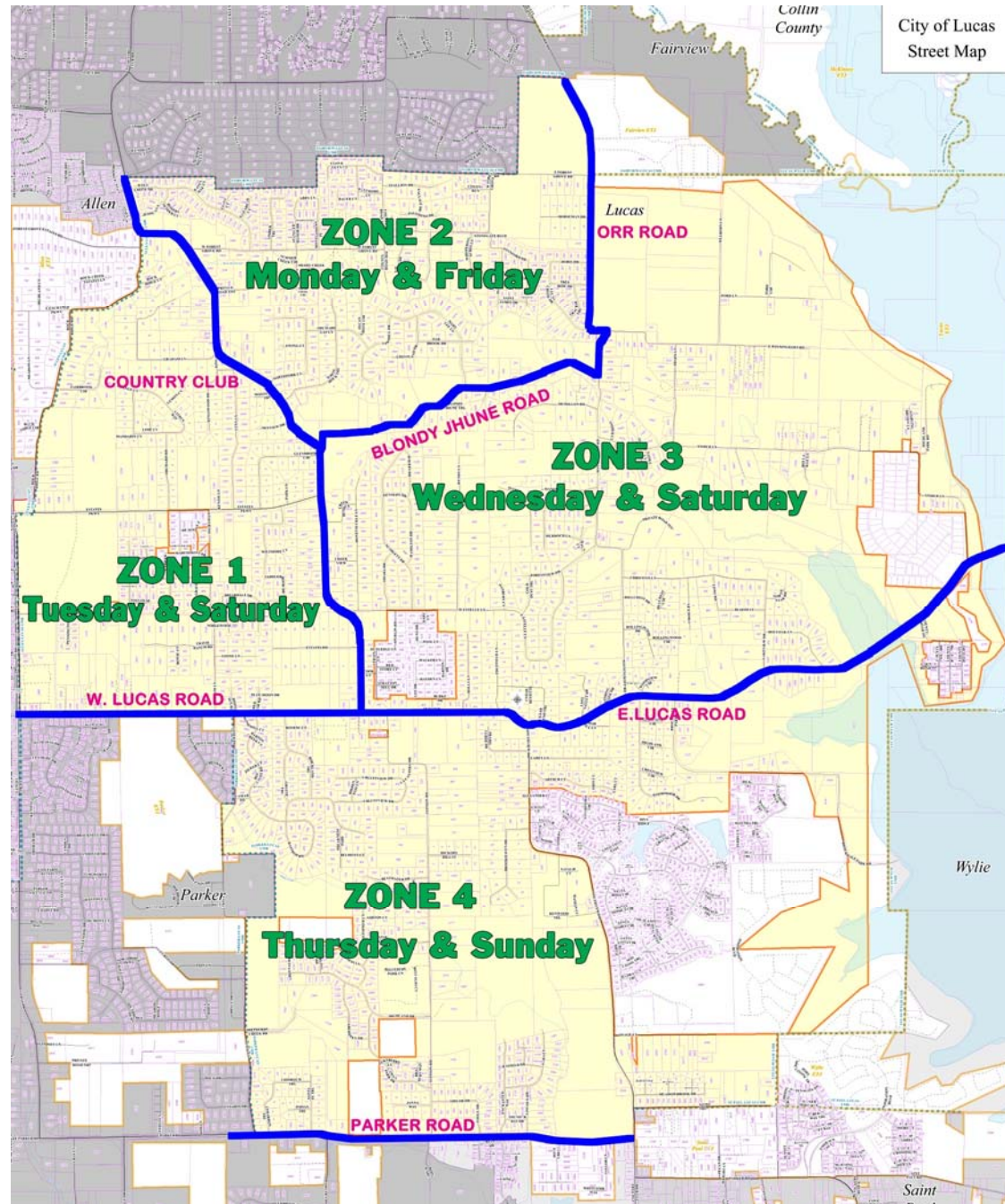


Outdoor Watering Schedule Set

Beginning on Monday, April 1, 2017, City of Lucas water customers are required to limit outdoor watering to twice per week. The outdoor watering schedule will help to prevent stressing the capabilities of our water system. The City has established specific watering zones to help manage water usage. Please refer to the map below that identifies watering zones to help you determine your watering days.

NO OUTDOOR WATERING WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 10:00 am and 6:00 pm ON ANY DAY. This map is also available on the City's website located at <https://www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/>.

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| Zone 1 | Tuesday and Saturday | West of Country Club - North of West Lucas Road |
| Zone 2 | Monday and Friday | East of Country Club - West of Orr Road - North of Blondy Jhune |
| Zone 3 | Wednesday and Saturday | East of Country Club - South of Blondy Jhune - East of Orr Road - North of West and East Lucas Road |
| Zone 4 | Thursday and Sunday | South of West and East Lucas Road |



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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

The City Council received some very valuable input regarding the Thoroughfare Plan at the Town Hall meeting on January 26. We had approximately 80 residents attend the meeting and had some lively discussion. Overall, it appears that we will make very little changes to the Thoroughfare Plan. We may propose to reduce the size of the actual rights-of-way as development occurs adjacent to neighborhood collector streets, but the residents made it clear to make every effort possible to keep our neighborhood collectors as small as practical, but safe and functional.

The Thoroughfare Plan review is part of our effort to update the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lucas. This effort has been going on for months with the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewing each of the different chapters and then forwarding those updates onto the City Council. At the March 2, 2017 City Council meeting the entire Comprehensive Plan will be reviewed. This plan covers everything from desired land uses, thoroughfares, parks, open space, trails, economic development, capital improvements, and many other aspects that impact our quality of life here in Lucas.

I would encourage you to get on the City's website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/draft-comprehensive-plan/> and read, study,

review, or just scan the draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan. Then, if you have any comments, I would encourage you to either attend the City Council meeting, call City Hall, or email me with your comments. We will make sure that all comments are given due consideration as we move forward with this process and we polish the plan for the future of Lucas.



PUBLIC HEARING

Comprehensive Plan Adoption

The City of Lucas has been working on updates to the City's Comprehensive Plan since 2016, holding meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council throughout the year, and is now ready to consider adopting the updated version of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning tool that is used to guide the growth and development of a community for its future growth. The original plan adopted in the late 1980's initiated the framework for the City of Lucas. Over the years it has been reviewed and updated as growth occurred. This updated version of the Comprehensive Plan will address the preservation of the country atmosphere of Lucas by addressing the growth and future needs of the City.

CPR TRAINING

The City of Lucas Fire-Rescue is now offering CPR education programs to teach CPR to the citizens of Lucas and provide lifesaving skills that can truly make a difference in a medical emergency for someone who has stopped breathing or is choking.

No previous experience is required to take the class and once you have completed the course, you will have earned certification from the American Heart Association valid for two years to provide CPR to adults, children and infants, as well as techniques to help someone who is choking.

Our first class will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 and will begin at 9:00 am and last approximately five hours. Class will be at the Lucas Fire Station located at 165 Country Club Road, in the Fire Station Training Room. If there is interest, Fire-Rescue is considering holding CPR training every quarter.

To register for this class, please send an email to Captain Jonathan Haynes at jhaynes@lucastexas.us and include your name, address and phone number. Registration must be received by April 21 as class size is limited to 24 people. Classes are free to anyone who wants to attend; however, should you need to cancel participation in the class, please email Captain Haynes so that your spot may be filled. If you have any questions about the class, contact Captain Haynes at jhaynes@lucastexas.us or call the Lucas Fire Station at 972.727.1242.



Adopt a Pet

Collin County Animal Services

Meet Endicott. He's a two year old Shepherd/Mastiff mix that has been neutered. He friendly, playful and very sweet. He's knows how to sit and loves treats. To learn more about Endicott and others to adopt, visit the Collin County website at http://collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CollinCountyAnimalServices/>.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Presents.... An Evening of Music

Enjoy an evening of music at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church as they proudly present Sherrill Douglas in the "By Request Superstars Music Revue" at 6:00 pm on Saturday, March 11. Enjoy a tribute to the divas, darlings and legends, past and present, of Country and Classic Rock. Relive past number one hits and sing along with Sherrill as she brings all your favorite songs to life. Sherrill Douglas is a nationally known entertainer and the No. 1 impersonator of Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Loretta Lynn and Stevie Nicks. Reservations are required, call Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at 972.429.0295 for reservations. Tickets cost is \$10 each at the door. Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located at 750 W. Lucas Road in Lucas.

Water Meter Replacements

In 2011, the City made the decision to move from a manual meter reading system where a city staff member physically walked up to the meter and read the meter readings, to a more automated system that allowed city staff to drive by a meter at a residence and obtain meter reads automatically. This automated system has proven to be a much more cost effective and time efficient tool, cutting the time in half in what it takes to read every meter in the City.

Due to issues the City has faced in recent years with faulty registers, the City has entered into a contract with Neptune Meters to replace all meters and registers throughout the City over the next three years. The first two years will focus on replacement of residential meters, and the third year will non-residential meters will be replaced. The project is slated to begin in March 2017.

City Council Highlights

- The City Council ordered the City's General Election to be held May 6, 2017 to elect Councilmembers for Seat 1 and Seat 2.
- An additional \$150,000 was allocated to the Water Fund for a total of \$250,000 towards implementation of Phase One of the water meter replacement program.
- \$311,956 was allocated for the Blondy Jhune Bridge Replacement Project Contingency Fund. Expenses needed from the Contingency Fund included utility drill shaft design and new water line service to a residence.



Trinity Trail Could Use Your Help

For those of you who aren't familiar with the trail, the Trinity Trail is a 25+ mile long public hiking and equestrian trail on the Army Corps of Engineers land along the west side of Lavon Lake. The trail meanders through meadows and woods, most of the time out of sight and sound of the neighboring roads and houses. A major portion of the trail lies within the Lucas city limits and Lucas extra territorial jurisdiction. Collin County leases the trailbed and trailheads from the Army Corps of Engineers, and in turn the County contracts with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association, a non-profit, volunteer organization, to maintain and improve the trail. Maps of the trail and facilities can be found on the Association's website at www.trinitytrailriders.org.

So how can you help? The secluded nature of the trail, and its many public access points, have led to an increase in vandalism, such as property fences being cut, trail gates knocked over, vehicles driving on the trail, fires being built, drinking parties taking place, and trash left laying on the trail. All of this behavior is illegal and destroying the Army Corps government property. Most of this activity happens in the evening, when individuals believe they won't be seen. You can help by reporting any suspicious activity near the Army Corps boundary fences or on Army Corps property by calling the Collin County Sheriff's office at 972.547.5100. It's your lake and your trails, if you can help stop this behavior, we'd all benefit..

Meetings and Events

| March 2, 2017 | March 9, 2017 | March 16, 2017 | March 28, 2017 |
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| City Council 7:00 pm Council Chambers | Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm Council Chambers | City Council 7:00 pm Council Chambers | Parks and Open Space Board 7:00 pm Council Chambers |



COMMUNITY CLEANUP Event

Keep Lucas Beautiful is seeking volunteers for its upcoming Cleanup Event scheduled for Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will help with litter abatement by picking up trash and debris along specified routes.

The event begins and ends at the Community Park pavilion next to City Hall. Participants will gather at 8:00 a.m., pick up safety vests and trash bags, review safety guidelines, and be assigned to a route. Volunteers will then be dropped off at their assigned location and when done, will be picked up and brought back to the Community Park. Lunch will be provided at the end of the event. Streets being considered for cleanup include: W. Lucas Road; Stinson Road; Lewis Lane; Estates Parkway; Snider Lane and Brockdale Park and Highland Park. Snider Lane from Shady Lane to E. Lucas Road will be closed to through traffic from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm to allow volunteers to safely clean along the roadway.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both individuals and groups to come out and do something wonderful for our City. Church groups, Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H teams, and school students looking to complete service hours are all encouraged to participate. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the weather that day, wear comfortable shoes (waterproof boots might be a good option), and bring gloves. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Donna Bradshaw at 972.912.1206 or by email at dbradshaw@lucastexas.us.



Mobile Text Alert System - Coming Soon

The City of Lucas has purchased the Nixle system, a mobile text alert notification system that allows the City to reach out and keep residents and staff members updated through text messages. The mobile alert notification system will quickly reach residents, staff and emergency personnel to let them know of public safety notifications and street closings by automatically being able to notify all cell phones in a geographical area.

Residents may also register online for City of Lucas notifications by going to nixle.com, choose the resident option and enter your information to sign up. You may also sign up by texting your zip code to 888-777 to receive text alerts regarding City of Lucas notifications. The mobile alert system is anticipated to be fully operational by mid-March, but residents may sign up now. For questions, contact Assistant Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Lance Gant at 972.912.1230.



Options Are Changing

Barnes Waste Disposal currently offers recycling services to City of Lucas residents. The recycling facility used by Barnes for the past several years has now closed and Barnes Waste Disposal is temporarily taking recyclables to the Waste Connections facility in McKinney. Beginning October 1, 2017 Barnes Waste Disposal will no longer be offering recycling services to the Lucas residents, and the City Council will be discussing alternative recycling options at upcoming Council meetings to determine the best options for Lucas residents.

The blue recycle bags offered by Barnes Waste Disposal will be available at City Hall until April 1. They can be purchased at Albertson's in McKinney or ordered online at Home Depot or valetwaste.com. Waste Connections also accepts clear recycle bags that can be purchased at Walmart, Sam's Club and Staples.

The list below outlines recyclable items accepted at the Waste Connections facility:

- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Tin cans
- Plastic beverage bottles (empty)
- Plastic detergent bottles (empty)
- All mixed paper
- Cardboard (no Styrofoam)

Should you have any questions regarding your recycling needs, contact Barnes Waste Disposal at 972.734.3333.

Engineering Summer Internship Opportunity

The City of Lucas has posted an opportunity for an engineering summer internship. The intern will work closely with City staff and directly with the Public Works Director/City Engineer. The goal of the internship is to expose a college student to the practical side of municipal engineering. While the internship is geared towards a college student, eighteen-year-old high school students are welcome to apply as well. The work will begin in May or June depending on the students class schedule, and end in August. This will be a hands-on opportunity to be involved with technical professional work, development projects, operations, construction projects, and protection and oversight of public utilities infrastructure. For more information visit "Job Opportunities" on the City website at www.lucastexas.us or contact Human Resources Manager Cheryl Meehan at 972.912.1204 or cmeehan@lucastexas.us.