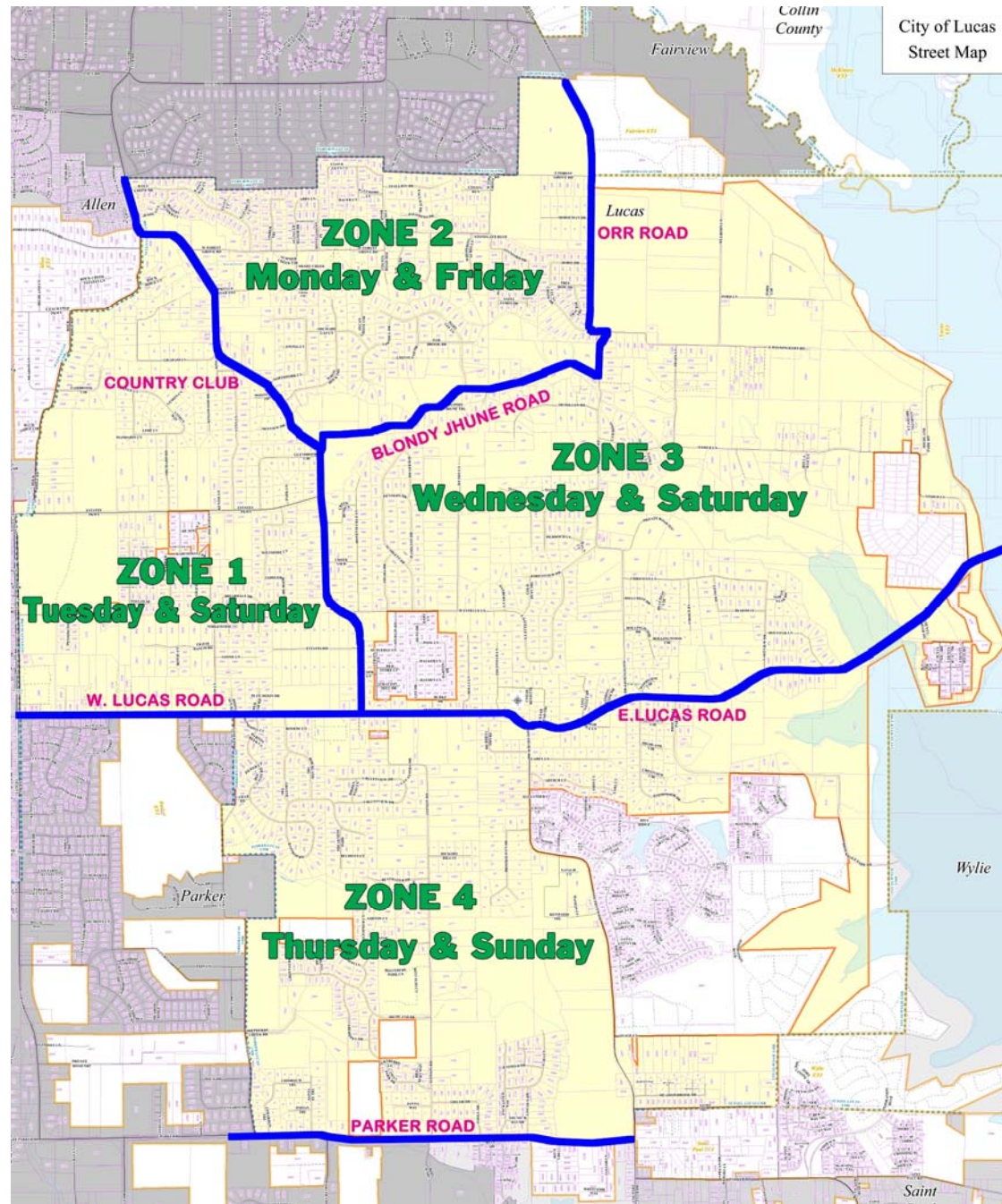


# Outdoor Watering Schedule Set

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/>.

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

At the March 2 City Council meeting, the City Council started the ball rolling as to how the City will fund some much needed improvements to our water delivery system and some of our neighborhood connector streets. The City Council has been planning,

discussing and deliberating on the best way to start the needed maintenance on our infrastructure for almost 2 years now. We have been looking at potential costs to reconstruct some of our neighborhood connector streets and some needed maintenance to our water system that is projected to cost close to 30 million dollars. Borrowing that amount of money at one time was not something that the Council thought would be in the best interest of our residents.

City Council took a couple of steps back and started looking at our needs in smaller chunks. Last year we needed to expedite the repairs to the two Blondy Jhune Road bridges to address some real safety issues. The City issued Certificates of Obligation in the amount of two million dollars with the hope that we would be able to do a couple of reconstruction projects with that money. As it stands right now, those bridges should be completed in mid May of this year and there may be a little money left over. With the help of City staff, City Council has prioritized approximately 40 street and utility projects over the next 10 plus years. It is the City Council's intent to space out the projects to lessen the impact on our tax rate, not overload the City with construction projects all going on at one time, all

while staying within our capacity to take on a reasonable amount of debt over time.

To this end... City Council approved a plan to move forward with using funds left over from current and completed projects; undedicated excess reserve funds from both the utility and general fund; as well as issuing Certificates of Obligation to fund about 11.3 million dollars of projects. The Certificates of Obligation will be in the amount of 9 million dollars. Since we do not know what our interest rate will be on the Certificates of Obligation, we do not have the exact impact if any on the tax rate yet. That will all be part of the City Council discussion when we consider the Certificates of Obligation and when we receive the certified tax roll. If you are interested in providing input on that, please watch the website to see when this item is placed on the City Council agenda.

Some closing points...in previous presentations the City Council talked about the possibility of issuing bonds for street reconstruction instead of Certificates of Obligation. The main difference in the two is the election that is required to issue a bond. Due to changes in State legislation and the fact that the proposed projects are maintenance and safety issues (repair/reconstruction of streets and maintenance/overhaul of the water system), City Council feels that Certificates of Obligation are the best option. Your opinion is still very important to the City Council. We want to be sure we are being fiscally responsible with your tax dollars and we want to be sure that we are acting in the people's best interest. It is our intent to be open and transparent about the decisions we make and as always, we want to hear your opinion. I know each City Council member is proud to serve the City of Lucas.



## COMMUNITY CLEANUP

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.

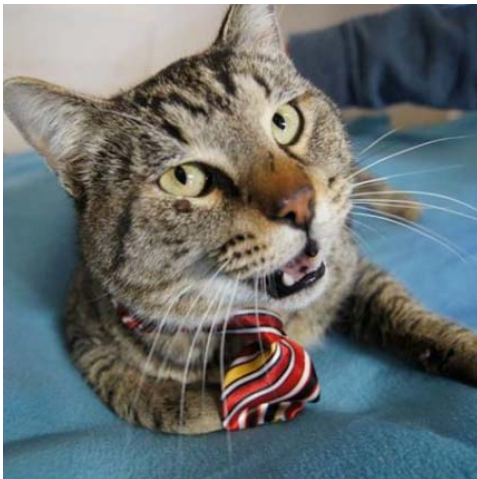
Volunteers will help with litter abatement by picking up trash and debris along specified routes.

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, Blondy Jhune Road, 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 an excellent 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 [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us).





## Adopt a Pet

Collin County Animal Services

Meet Moo Goo. He's a two year old tabby that has been neutered. He's a very talkative, friendly cat that loves to be petted and purrs all the time. To learn more about Moo Goo and others to adopt, visit the Collin County website at [http://collincountytx.gov/animal\\_services/Pages/default.aspx](http://collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx) or visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CollinCountyAnimalServices/>.

## Mid-Year Budget Review Underway

The City's Finance Department is currently reviewing the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget. Adjustments to properly reflect actual trends and recommendations will be brought to the City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017.

## Meetings and Events

**April 6, 2017**

City Council  
7:00 pm - Council Chambers

**April 13, 2017**

Planning & Zoning  
7:00 pm - Council Chambers

**April 20, 2017**

City Council  
7:00 pm - Council Chambers

**April 22, 2017**

Clean Up Event  
8 am - Noon - Lucas Community Park

**April 25, 2017**

Parks and Open Space Board  
7:00 pm - Council Chambers

## Receive Mobile Text ALERTS from the City of Lucas



City of Lucas residents can now receive real time public safety messages via Nixle. The City of Lucas has partnered with Nixle, a division of Everbridge, Inc., to implement the Lucas Community Notification System. This system will alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

As a resident, there are two simple ways to register:

1. Text **LUCAS to 888777** from your mobile phone/device, or
2. Go to [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) and sign up via the Nixle Widget

Once registered, residents will receive a confirmation text on their mobile device. Residents may also customize their alert settings by going to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and creating a user profile.

The City of Lucas is excited to offer this new communication system with our citizens. The goal of the system is to send information directly to each mobile phone/device regarding weather related events, road closures and traffic mitigation, city and community events, large-scale public works projects, utility outages, and other emergency events in which the public needs to be notified. The service is secure, reliable, and easy-to-use for you and your family.

All alerts will be targeted geographically and include relevant alerts from the City of Lucas. Nixle alerts can be sent via text, email, web, social media, and the Nixle Mobile App in an instant. Nixle is partnered with NLETS for unmatched data security, as well as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Blue Alert Network, and Google for unmatched reach and two-way information exchange. We are very excited to have you experience it for yourself.

Should you have any questions regarding text alerts, contact Assistant Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Lance Gant at 972.912.1230 or by email at [lgant@lucastexas.us](mailto:lgant@lucastexas.us).



## Outdoor Burning Prohibited Answers to Some Burning Questions

With Spring fast approaching, outdoor trimming and pruning might be the first step in your Spring cleaning plans. As a reminder, it is illegal to burn any debris within the City and County limits either at day or night. To protect the quality of the air we breathe in Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules prohibit outdoor burning anywhere in the state that is a non-attainment county. Collin County is a non-attainment county. The Texas Administration Code regulates outdoor burning and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect the state's public health. The City does not provide anyone with permission to

engage in outdoor burning activities. The TCEQ does allow small campfires (within a containment ring) and cooking fires (in an approved containment ring) as long as they do not cause nuisance smoke or traffic hazards, and as long as special attention is given to safety. More information can be found at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov) or call TCEQ at 888.777.3186. If the City becomes aware of illegal outdoor burning, Lucas Fire-Rescue will be dispatched and the fire will be extinguished.

Alternatives to outdoor burning include recycling, composting, mulching or disposal in a local landfill. For disposal options contact Barnes Waste Disposal at 972.396.1139.



## Vehicles Targeted by Pellet Guns in Lucas

From February 17, 2017 to March 10, 2017, Collin County Sheriff's Office Deputies have been dispatched to the following situations involving criminal mischief where moving vehicles have been targeted by unknown person(s) possibly using a pellet gun causing damage to vehicle windows:

Friday, February 17	7:45 pm	Country Club/Wolf Creek
Monday, March 6	5:58 am	Country Club/Lucas Road
Monday, March 6	7:50 pm	Country Club/Parker Road
Wednesday, March 8	8:30 pm	Country Club/Estates Parkway
Wednesday, March 8	8:45 pm	Country Club/Blondy Jhune
Thursday, March 9	6:30 pm	Country Club/Forest Grove
Thursday, March 9	11:31 pm	Country Club/Lucas Road
Friday, March 10	8:05 pm	Country Club/Parker Road

If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Investigator Mike Vance with the Collin County Sheriff's Office at 972.547.5162.



The City of Lucas Fire-Rescue is 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. No previous experience is required to take the class. The first class scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 9:00 am is already full, but you may call the Fire Station and put your name on the waiting list should a cancellation occur. The next class is scheduled for August 5, to register or if you have any questions, email Captain Jonathan Haynes at [jhaynes@lucastexas.us](mailto:jhaynes@lucastexas.us) or call the Lucas Fire Station at 972.727.1242. All classes will be held at the Lucas Fire Station located at 165 Country Club Road.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

May 6, 2017

The City of Lucas General Election will be held on May 6, 2017 to elect candidates for City Council Seat 1 and City Council Seat 2, both positions having three-year terms expiring in 2020. Candidates that have filed for a place on the ballot include:

**City Council Seat 1**  
- Wayne Millsap  
(*running unopposed*)

**City Council Seat 2**  
- Tim Baney  
- Randy Conrad

Early voting and Election Day voting will take place at the Lucas Community Center located at 665 Country Club Road on the following dates and times:

Monday, April 24	8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday, April 25	8 am to 5 pm
Wednesday, April 26	8 am to 5 pm
Thursday, April 27	8 am to 7 pm
Friday, April 28	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, April 29	8 am to 5 pm
Monday, May 1	7 am to 7 pm
Tuesday, May 2	7 am to 7 pm
Saturday, May 6	7 am to 7 pm



Over the years, Founders Day has been celebrated at different times of the year. For the past several years it has been held in October.

The City Council recently approved to move this event from October 2017 to April 14, 2018 (no Founders Day celebration will occur during 2017). The decision to move the event was based on the close proximity to the annual Country Christmas celebration, and to better allocate City resources. In addition to honoring and remembering our founders and our heritage, the event in April 2018 will also focus on horticultural and clean-up/beautification activities.

Favorites such as the parade, stick horse rodeo, bounce houses, stage performers, and lunch will remain part of the family fun afternoon. Watch for more details as the date of the event approaches next year.

## Water Meter Replacement Project Set to Begin

In January 2017, the City selected HD Supply as its vendor to provide the City with Neptune water meters utilizing automated meter reading (AMR) technology that allows consumption data to be downloaded onto a laptop as the City vehicle drives by the meter location, and then the collected information is imported into the utility billing system. The implementation plan for the Water Meter Replacement Project is to replace all water meters over a three-year period. The City has approximately 2,400 water meters and approximately 1,200 meters are 25 years old or older. In February 2017, the Public Works Department began phase one of the implementation plan that will identify meters experiencing operational deficiencies and meters that are approaching the end of its useful life for priority replacement.

The Water Meter Replacement Project is a major undertaking and will require cooperation between the City and its water customers. Every effort will be made to minimize any inconvenience to customers during this period. As each meter is replaced, a door-hanger will be left to notify you that your Neptune water meter has been installed and calibrated. If the City is unable to replace the meter due to an obstruction or other obstacle, you will also be notified and contacted to coordinate a resolution. Because of work on each meter, customers may notice discolored water and/or debris. If this occurs, customers should run their taps until the water runs clear. (This water can be collected for use in household plants and gardens). The City of Lucas is committed to providing its water customers with a safe and reliable water system. If you have questions about this project, contact Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn at 972.912.1207.