



LUCAS LEADER

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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

As your Mayor, I have the privilege of visiting with many of you to talk about a variety of topics but there is one common thread with all Lucas citizens, and that is that we all care about our City. You will notice a common theme throughout April's

Lucas Leader and that is a focus on taking care of our City and keeping Lucas attractive and well maintained. Now that the weather is getting nicer, I see many neighbors already beginning to work in their yards to restore their landscaping and enhance their property. The City is also gearing up for some "Community Spring Cleaning" and I want to encourage all citizens to join us in our effort to maintain our beautiful City. There are several organized events that you can participate in such as the Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Clean-up Event on May 12. (see page 3 of the newsletter for more details). As part of the City's clean-up efforts, we are also focusing on cleaning debris alongside our roadways. Can't make it on May 12, well you may want to consider organizing your own neighborhood event and invite your friends to come together to make a difference in your own area. This is also a great opportunity to get the kids involved and be a role model for our future generation. Please consider these tips to help us keep our amazing City clean:

- Keep the roadway along your property free from litter.
- Never dispose of any material (including leaves and limbs) in creeks and drainage ditches.
- Report violations of illegal dumping at www.dontmesswithtexas.org/get-involved/report-a-litterer.

Several cities in the North Texas have participated in the anti-litter campaign "Ten on Tuesday" that encourages businesses, schools, and individuals to reverse litter by picking up 10 pieces of trash each Tuesday. Over 24,000 took the pledge. Can you make a personal pledge to help keep Lucas litter free?

SIGN UP FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING BY CALLING 469.443.7009

The monthly rate will be \$7.64 for a single poly cart, with additional carts available for \$2.98. Customers will be billed quarterly, rates shown include sales tax. Beginning the first week of April, Republic Services will deliver new poly carts at no cost to customers who sign up. There are a few differences in the new service over what residents were accustomed to with Barnes Waste Disposal. The trucks used by Republic are the same automated vehicles used by many of the surrounding cities. Drivers do not need to leave the truck to collect items. For that reason, all recyclable materials must be contained in the new poly carts for disposal. Republic Services will not collect any recyclables left beside the cart, nor will they collect from the old Barnes recycle carts. For more information contact Special Projects Coordinator Cathey Bonczar at 972.912.1213.

Acceptable Items for Recycling

- Aluminum & steel/tin cans
- Plastic bottles & containers (#1-5 & #7 only)
- Cardboard, flattened, cereal & dry food boxes (liners removed)
- Green, brown, and clear unbroken glass bottles & jars (rinsed)
- Junk mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books
- Shredded paper in clear bags only

Unacceptable Items for Recycling

- Aluminum foil or pie plates
- Any #6 plastics, plastics with no recycle symbol, plastic bags
- Ceramics, glass windows/mirrors/cooking containers
- Clothing, electronics, household chemicals & paint
- Light bulbs (all types)
- Metallic paper products such as gift wrap
- Paper towels, paper plates, napkins, or plastic utensils
- Pizza boxes, tissue paper, waxed cardboard or coffee cups
- Styrofoam of any type
- Yard trimmings/waste



ELECTRONIC
RECYCLING

E-Waste Recycling Event

The City will host an E-Waste (electronic waste) recycling event on Saturday, May 12 from 9 am until 12pm at the Lucas Community Center behind City Hall. This is an easy and convenient solution for Lucas residents to drop off small household electronic devices for safe and proper disposal. Lucas residents will be able to drive up and the crews from United Electronics Recycling will help unload vehicles and sort items onto pallets. There is no limit to the number of items accepted per household. The list of items accepted and the associated fees are listed below.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED include light bulbs of any kind and large kitchen appliances.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR A FEE (per item)

- \$5 Printer/copier/fax machines and CRT monitors
- \$10 Shred hard drives already removed
- \$10 TVs 31 inches and smaller
- \$20 TVs 32 inches and larger/console or front/rear projection TVs

ITEMS ACCEPTED AT NO COST

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| • Radios | • Mouse | • Amplifier | • Cables |
| • Cell phones | • Work station | • Mixers | • Battery back-ups |
| • PDAs | • Terminals | • Game console | • Small kitchen appliances |
| • Projectors | • Mother board | • Chargers | |
| • Typewriters | • DVD player | • Adapters | |
| • Keyboards | • video/sound card | • Power cords | |
| • VCRs | | | |



APRIL

April 5	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
April 12	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 7 pm
April 14	Founders Day Celebration Community Park 12 - 4 pm
April 19	Blondy Jhune Road Project Open House City Hall 6 pm
April 19	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
April 23	Early Voting Begins for City General Election Community Center
April 24	Parks Board Meeting City Hall 7 pm

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May 3	Winningkoff Road Project Open House City Hall 6 pm
May 3	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
May 5	City General Election Community Center 7 am - 7 pm
May 10	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 7 pm
May 12	Spring Clean-Up Event Community Park 8 am - 12 pm
May 12	E-Waste Recycling Event City Hall 9 am - 12 pm
May 17	Stinson Road Project Open House City Hall 6 pm
May 17	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
May 28	Memorial Day City Hall closed



The City Council invites you to an open house to discuss street projects and their design elements. The open house schedule is below and each open house will be from 6-7 pm prior to the regular City Council meeting.

April 19 - Blondy Jhune Road (from West Bridge to Winningkoff)

May 3 - Winningkoff Road (reverse curve to Snider)

May 17 - Stinson Road (south of the bridge from Parker Road to Bristol Park)

PERSONAL SAFETY

A Message from the Collin County Sheriff's Office

Unfortunately, we live in a world where essentially all activities in life entail some level of risk. There are 4 basic tenets to personal security you should practice every day:

- TRUST your instincts
- Stay alert and always be cognizant of your surroundings
- Walk through life exuding confidence
- Have a plan to mitigate the threat

It is important that you live life as fully as possible by assessing risks and taking sensible precautions. Your life is the most important thing in the world so remember to fight for your life but not your property! If someone tries to harm you the fight should be on by screaming, kicking, scratching, and resisting by any means necessary. If a suspect approaches you demanding property, give them your property without hesitation because any and all property can be easily replaced. Don't force a confrontation by being defiant or stubborn. The end goal is for you to extricate yourself from danger unharmed and as quickly as possible.

Of all the tenets, the most important one is to trust your instincts! If you enter a situation where your gut tells you something is not right, turn around and go the other direction or immediately abandon your objective. There have been numerous sexual assault victims who have experienced that "sixth sense" prior to an attack. For whatever reason, they went against their own feelings which resulted in an assault that may have been prevented if they had just trusted their own instincts. Always remember, there is safety in numbers as you navigate public areas so try to minimize being alone in parking lots, parking enclosures, jogging trails, and other public venues where a predator may be hiding. Traveling in a group simply decreases your chances of becoming a victim.

It is so important to keep your head on a swivel every time you go out in public and to be aware of your surroundings. Avoid areas that make you more vulnerable to becoming a victim like poorly illuminated public areas and isolated areas off the beaten path. Navigating public areas is NOT the time to be listening to your music library with your headphones or walking with your head down texting or engaged in some other activity with your mobile telephone. Hold your head up high and walk with a purpose and confidence. MAKE eye contact with people and avoid engaging in unnecessary conversation with strangers.

Lastly, have a plan if you ever find yourself in a situation where you are being confronted by a criminal element. The key to having a plan is to think about it before it happens. Law enforcement officers do it all of the time. As they patrol, they are asking themselves what they would do if certain situations arose right in front of them. You can rest assured when you see a police car driving through a convenience store parking lot, they are not only checking on the welfare of the store clerk and customers but they are going through several mental exercises. They are asking themselves questions like how would I react if I saw a robber holding a gun on the clerk right now or observe a robbery suspect running out the front door just as I pulled in the parking lot. These mental exercises along with their training exponentially improve their ability to mitigate a situation because they have thought it through and have a plan in place to react if a similar situation presents itself. What are you going to do if you are verbally or physically accosted by a criminal today? Think about it now so you can survive a potentially dangerous situation later. Sheriff Jim Skinner reminds everyone to be safe and the Collin County Sheriff's Office is always at your service.

City of Lucas May 5 General Election

The City of Lucas General Election will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018. There are three City Council seats on the ballot in the May 5 General Election with the following candidates running for office:

Mayor	City Council Seat 3	City Council Seat 4
Jim Olk <i>running unopposed</i>	Steve Duke Robin Ahmadi	Jamie Kilpatrick Phil Lawrence

Early Voting will be available at the Lucas Community Center located at 665 Country Club Road, April 23 through May 1 at the following times:

Monday, April 23	8 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, April 24	8 am - 5 pm
Wednesday, April 25	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday, April 26	8 am - 7 pm
Friday, April 27	8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, April 28	8 am - 5 pm
Monday, April 30	7 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, May 1	7 am - 7 pm
Election Day, Saturday, May 5	7 am - 7 pm

For any election questions, contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211.

Celebrating Lucas Fire-Rescue Volunteers



Denise Fick has been a volunteer with Lucas Fire-Rescue for over three years. She upholds her certifications as a firefighter, EMT, and driver operator that adds such value to the department. She is also a member of the Friends of the Lucas Fire-Rescue Board which is an organization that benefits Lucas Fire-Rescue.

Denise earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University and did her graduate studies at East Texas State University, Texas A&M University Commerce, and the University of Texas Dallas. From there she went on to pursue a career in teaching for over 32 years where she taught Science, coached the swim team, and was a Department Chair. Denise is currently a retired educator and spends her free time doing many things she enjoys. Besides volunteering for the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue Denise is a business consultant, edits fiction novels, travels all over the country, and enjoys cycling. She is Captain of Team Texas Cycling, a charitable team benefiting MS, AIDS, and cancer.

Let it Flow!

With the recent rain, it quickly became apparent which driveway culverts needed some attention. As a property owner in Lucas, you are responsible for keeping the culvert under your driveway free of debris. A culvert is that structure under a driveway or road that is typically a tubular shape that allows water to flow underneath the structure. By performing routine maintenance, you can help prevent flooding by ensuring that your culvert does not impede the natural flow of water and possibly exacerbate flooding in your neighborhood.

Please take a moment to check your driveway culvert and the ditch leading up to your driveway to allow the natural flow of water to occur.



*We Need Volunteers for the
Spring Clean-Up Event*

May 12 | 8 am - 12 pm

Keep Lucas Beautiful is seeking volunteers for its upcoming Clean-up Event scheduled for Saturday, May 12 from 8 am to 12 pm. 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 am, pick up safety vests and trash bags, review safety guidelines, and then be driven to their assigned route location. When done they will be picked up and brought back to the Community Park where an appreciation lunch will be provided.

This is an excellent opportunity for both individuals and groups to participate in helping us to Keep Lucas Beautiful. 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 is 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 go to www.lucastexas.us/news or contact Special Projects Coordinator Cathey Bonczar at 972.912.1213 or cbonczar@lucastexas.us. Students working on service hours should bring their forms with them that day.



April 14, 2018

Founders Day is April 14 from 12 to 4 pm at the Lucas Community Park located next to City Hall at 665 Country Club Road. In addition to the local favorite activities and entertainment, our focus will be on beautification of our city, sustainable landscape practices, water conservation, and litter abatement. Whether you are new to Lucas or a long-time resident, please plan to join us for an afternoon of family fun!

PARKING - Founders Day attendance has grown over the years and one of our biggest challenges has been the limited parking available at City Hall. The safety of our residents is always paramount as we plan community events such as Founders Day. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that this year the

City of Lucas is partnering with Lovejoy ISD to provide shuttle bus service from Willow Springs Middle School to Community Park. Shuttle service will run from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm, and residents can park at the school and hop a ride over for the afternoon. Parking at City Hall will require a parking permit and be limited to handicapped or individuals needing a little more assistance, City staff, elected officials, public safety vehicles, and vendors.

PARADE - Check-in and line-up for the Lucas Parade begins at 11am at Hart Elementary. Judging starts at 11:30 am, and the Parade begins at 12 pm to officially kick-off Founders Day.

CORRECTED - Outdoor Watering Schedule Set

Beginning Sunday, April 1, 2018 City of Lucas water customers are required to limit outdoor watering to twice per week. The outdoor watering schedule will help 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 am and 6 pm ON ANY DAY.** This map is also available on the City's website at 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 and west of East Lucas Road

