



LUCAS LEADER

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Mayor's Message *By Jim Olk*

A great time was had at Lucas Founders Day with over 300 people in attendance. The strong winds and chilly morning made it tough trying to keep the canopies in place over the cooks brewing up their homemade chili and the craft vendors, but they worked out the kinks. In the Chili Cook-Off, Gary Johnson

won the People's Choice and Texas Chili awards. Plano FFA won the Hot to Trot award, and Way Out and Wild Chili was awarded to the Wendy Teel Family. The Wapskineh Family won the Cool Beans award and the Best Dressed Booth went to the Jim Orr Family. The Stick Horse Rodeo was a big hit. Kids of all ages participated even the adults got into the fun with some newly added inflatable bouncy horses. Lucas Fire-Rescue teams took first place beating out the Sherriff's Department, City Staff and City Council teams. I think we will be checking the inflation pressure on their horses next year :) We had a great band, Carly Reign, which braved the cold and provided a great variety of music. Our history display continues to be a hit with expanded historical pictures and articles that helps put our growth as a community into perspective. The local 4-H club held a silent auction to raise money to go toward their positive youth development program right here in Collin County, and the City of Lucas and CoServ provided hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. Even with the blustery weather we had a good number of craft vendors and community partners out for the day of fun.

Volunteers Needed for the Spring Clean-Up Event May 12



Street Closures | 9 am - 12 pm

Blondy Jhune Road from Country Club to Mary Lee Snider Lane from Shady Lane to East Lucas Road

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. This is an excellent opportunity for 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 and wear comfortable shoes. Children 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Students working on service hours should bring their forms with them that day for City Staff to approve at the end of the event. To ensure the safety of our volunteers, street closures for the clean-up event will include Blondy Jhune Road from Country Club to Mary Lee, and Snider Lane from Shady Lane to East Lucas Road. Road closures will take place from 9 am - 12 pm. Registration forms can be found at <https://www.lucastexas.us/sign-volunteer-cleanup-event/>. For more information, contact Special Projects Coordinator Cathey Bonczar 972.912.1213 or cbonczar@lucastexas.us.

Trinity Trail Preservation Association Safety Tips

Horse and foot traffic are welcome on the Trinity Trail, however, no wheeled or motorized vehicles are allowed. If bikes or motorized vehicles are seen on the trail, please call the Collin County Sheriff's Office main telephone number at 972.547.5100 or the Non-Emergency Dispatch number at 972.547.5350. Please remember these trails are home to feral hogs, coyotes, poisonous snakes, bobcats, deer, an occasional mountain lion and other wildlife. Make sure to bring plenty of water, especially on warm days, a cell phone and a basic first aid kit. Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to make the round trip before it gets dark. Walkers and riders should not wear ear buds which would prevent them from hearing approaching horseback riders or wildlife. Copperheads and water moccasins are indigenous to this area and are well camouflaged in their natural environment. For this reason, walkers should stay in the middle of the trails where they can easily see what is in their path. Walkers and riders should greet approaching riders loudly, so they are aware you are ahead.



E-Waste Recycling Event

The City will host an E-Waste (electronic waste) recycling event on Saturday, May 12 from 9 am until 12 pm 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 | card | • Power cords |
| • Cell phones | • Work station | • Amplifier | • Cables |
| • PDAs | • Terminals | • Mixers | • Battery back-ups |
| • Projectors | • Mother board | • Game console | • Small kitchen appliances |
| • Typewriters | • DVD player | • Chargers | |
| • Keyboards | • video/sound | • Adapters | |
| • VCRs | | | |



Monarch Butterfly Gardening

If you're thinking about starting a monarch butterfly garden, now is an excellent time to get started. The future of the majestic monarch could depend on it. Monarch butterflies go through four stages during one life cycle - the egg, the larvae (caterpillar), the pupa (chrysalis), and the adult butterfly. In February

and March, the monarch butterflies come out of hibernation and migrate north and east to find a mate and a place to lay their eggs. They lay their eggs on milkweed plants in March and April and about four days later, those eggs hatch into baby caterpillars. For about the next two weeks, the baby caterpillar doesn't do much more than eat milkweed in order to grow. Once fully grown, the caterpillar will attach itself to a stem or a leaf using silk and transform into a chrysalis (pupa). The ten days of the chrysalis phase is a time of rapid change, and at the end of this phase, the butterfly will emerge and fly away feeding on flowers. Planting milkweed remains the easiest and best thing that the average gardener can do to help monarchs. It is the most essential building block of a proper monarch habitat; it's where the butterflies lay their eggs and the only thing that the caterpillars will eat. Native species of milkweed are always best because that's what monarchs would be naturally seeking as they migrate through your area. Get your plants from a reputable grower or start them from seed yourself. While you can't single-handedly bring back the monarchs, you can make your landscape friendly to monarchs throughout their lifecycle by creating an inviting place for them to lay eggs, sip nectar, or find shelter on a chilly evening. This will help ensure they are around for years to come and other generations to enjoy.

Events

May

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

June

June 7	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
June 14	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 7 pm
June 21	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm

Winningkoff Reverse Curve Ribbon Cutting

The City Council invites you to a ribbon cutting ceremony in anticipation of the completion of the Winningkoff Reverse Curve road project. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19 at 9 am. Parking is limited to neighborhood parking, (Forestview Drive may be best option) and we encourage carpooling or walking within your neighborhood.

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	Steve Duke	Jamie Kilpatrick
<i>running unopposed</i>	Robin Ahmadi (<i>withdrawn</i>)	Phil Lawrence

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

Monday, April 23 - Wednesday April 25	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday, April 26	8 am - 7 pm
Friday, April 27 - Saturday, April 28	8 am - 5 pm
Monday, April 30 - 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.

City Park Updates

This year the City has taken on a number of parks projects. At the Lucas Community Park a split rail fence has been added to help separate the parking lot from the park area as well as additional landscaping. At the City's newest trailhead on East Winningkoff Road, split rail fencing will be added along with a round pen for training horses. The round pen is in the bidding process. At Kenneth R. Lewis park on FM 1378, and additional landscaping that will be added and other projects at Lewis Park out for bid include scoreboard updates, painting of the dugouts, and refacing of the underside of the roof deck on the pavilion. The Forest Creek Community Park will also be receiving some much needed attention. The existing pavilion was dilapidated and has been removed. Replacement of the pavilion is out for bid. City Staff has trimmed, thinned, and cleaned out the existing tree line and scheduled for the summer, swing sets will be painted and playground equipment will be refurbished. Consideration is being given to the addition of basketball courts or a volleyball court, and adding new benches, soccer goals, trees, and picnic tables.



Celebrating Lucas Fire-Rescue Volunteers

Night Incident Chief Chris Kellen has been a volunteer with the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue for over 4 years, joining the department in September of 2013. He currently serves as a Night Incident Chief and is a certified Master Firefighter/Paramedic. He also holds many other certifications that makes him an extreme asset to the department. He is on the Apparatus and Ambulance Committees as well as the EMS Continuing Education Coordinator for the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue.

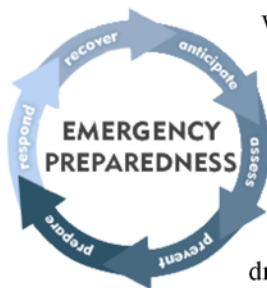
Chief Kellen has a wife, Holly, and three daughter's Kaeli (17) attending Lovejoy High School, Erin (6) attending Hart Elementary, and Adrianna (4). He was born in Storm Lake, Iowa and moved to Texas when he was just five years old. At the age of 16 he started volunteering for the Cut-N-Shoot Volunteer Fire Department. He attended the Texas A&M Fire School for his initial fire training and was in EMT school at the same time. Following high school, he began working for the Montgomery County Hospital District-EMS and was sent to paramedic school where he became a paramedic at the age of 18. In 1984 he began working for the Houston Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic where he served downtown Houston and the surrounding district. He was accepted into Texas A&M University in College Station in 1988. While attending the university he was hired by the College Station Fire Department. He graduated from the university in 1993 with a Bachelor in Liberal Arts and a Minor in Management. Following graduation, he accepted a position with the Addison Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic where he was promoted through the ranks and retired in 2012 as an Assistant Chief. He is currently the EMS Coordinator at Medical City of McKinney Hospital which is where the Lucas Fire-Rescue transports many of their patients. He participates in other organizations outside of the department including CAMP RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) where he is the Camp Paramedic and Activities Crew Member. He is also a member of the State of Texas Medical Task Force where he was recently deployed to the Texas coast to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief. On his down time Chief Kellen enjoys watching college football (particularly his Fightin' Texas Aggies), golf, woodworking, and spending time with his family.

Chief Kellen has served as a Firefighter/Paramedic his entire career life and it has been a true calling to him since he was in high school. He feels incredibly blessed to do a job that is so rewarding. Over the past 4 years he has shown this department nothing but outstanding dedication and we are incredibly fortunate to have him as a part of the Lucas-Fire Family.

Recycling Tips

Republic Services started their curbside recycling program April 13 and here are some helpful tips as you prepare your items for recycling.

- Lightweight or shredded material should be placed in clear recycle bags that can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot or Walmart to prevent material from getting loose
- Please no bungee cords
- Be sure to keep your recycle cart clear of your mailbox with the lid opening towards the street.



With all of the recent heavy rain events that lead to area flooding, the City of Lucas Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated several times. Working with Lucas Fire-Rescue and the Public Works Department, we were able to close the roadways at the Snider and Stinson bridges with our flood gates to prevent driving across flooded roadways. With Spring approaching, the EOC is expecting the same flooding if we get the heavy rains.

The Nixle program has been a great success. We hear all the time how residents are signed up to receive the Nixle alerts for traffic accidents and road closures, emergency water shutoff, along with weather events. If you are not signed up for Nixle, please text "Lucas" to 888777.

Last July, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) conducted a tabletop exercise regarding a tornado hitting the City, similar to the recent tornados that devastated Rockwall and Canton. This October we are planning to follow-up on the tabletop exercise with a full scale tornado exercise to include activation of the EOC, the City's emergency essential personnel, and Lucas Fire-Rescue. The OEM has recently updated the contacts in the Special Need Assistance Program (SNAP). If you have a family member or a loved one that you would like to add to this program go to City's website for access to sign up. <http://www.snapforyou.org/>.

This May the City of Lucas we will be sending staff to the Texas Department of Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio. The conference is a great experience and a lot can be learned and brought back to Lucas.



Lucas Fire-Rescue will be holding a community CPR class on June 2 at the Lucas Fire Station located at 165

Country Club Road. The class is open to the public and no previous experience is required. The class is from 9 am to 3 pm with a one hour lunch break for lunch. This class will certify you with the American Heart Association with certificates issued for the Heartsaver CPR and AED use for adults, children and infants and the certification is valid for two years. If you would like to sign up or get more information, email cpr@lucastexas.us with your name, phone number and how many people you would like to register or call 972.727.1242.

Summer Help is on the Way

The City of Lucas will be welcoming an Engineering Intern and four seasonal Public Works Assistants for the summer. Brandon Merrill will be joining the City on May 9 as an Engineering Intern and will assist with development and construction projects as well as utility infrastructure needs. He is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University in the Mechanical Engineering Honors Program.

The City will also be welcoming back Harrison Foerster, Luke Guillemaud and Daniel Laux as seasonal Public Works Assistants along with Mitchel Chaney who will be joining the Public Works team for his first summer with Lucas. The Public Works crew will be working on maintaining the City's parks and ball fields as well as mowing. The City is looking forward to having these talented individuals join the team.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- **PARKER ROAD 12-INCH WATERLINE PHASE 1-SECTION**
Stinson Road to Enchanted Way

The City of Lucas Public Works staff is finishing up minor details associated with the project. The connection of all the homes along the new waterline is scheduled to be complete by the end of May.

- **PARKER ROAD SIX-INCH WATERLINE PHASE 2**
Lewis Lane to Santa Fe Trail

Staff is planning to ask the City Council to award this contract and construction should start by the end of May. The first work to be done will be the connection between the Lewis Lane waterline and the Cimarron Trail waterline between the homes at #3 and #5 Cimarron Trail.

- **PARKER ROAD EIGHT-INCH WATERLINE PHASE 3**
Santa Fe Trail to Stinson Road

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is installing this waterline for the City of Lucas, and TxDOT is planning to have this waterline completed by August 2018.

- **BLONDY JHUNE ROAD**
West bridge to Winningkoff Road

The City Council has determined to move forward using concrete for the new roadway pavement from the west bridge to Winningkoff Road. The new road will be 24-feet wide, which is about a foot wider than the existing asphalt pavement. A special pavement type is being developed to protect the tree canopy area. Staff is staging the construction of this project to not take place during the reconstruction of Winningkoff Road.

- **COUNTRY CLUB/ESTATES PARKWAY INTERSECTION**

Staff and the design consultant will be meeting with TxDOT to discuss the inclusion of this project into the TxDOT project scheduled for letting in 2019 to reduce the cost to the City of Lucas.

- **STINSON ROAD**
Parker Road to Bristol Park

KCI Technologies, Inc. has submitted the 60% completed plans for this 24-foot concrete roadway, and staff has started their review. The start of construction should take place in late 2018 or early 2019.

- **STINSON ROAD/WEST LUCAS ROAD INTERSECTION**

The City Council awarded the contract during the April 5 meeting. Construction is planned to start in June after school is let out for the summer.

- **WEST LUCAS ROAD WIDENING**

The Contractor (Reynolds Asphalt) and City staff continue testing of the underlying pavement to determine the cause of the potholing and cracking.

- **WHITE ROCK TRAIL PAVEMENT REPAIR**

DDM Construction started work in April and plans to be completed by the end of May. High early strength concrete is being used in very selective areas of the project to expedite access to the three homes in the construction zone.

- **WINNINGKOFF ROAD REVERSE CURVE**

GRod Construction will finish up the minor cleanup, signing, and striping by the end of May. They are on schedule to open the road to traffic on June 1.

- **WINNINGKOFF ROAD**
Reverse curve to Snider Lane

Design continues on the 24-foot concrete roadway between the reverse curve and Snider Lane. The start of construction should take place in late 2018 or early 2019. Staff is staging the construction of this project to not take place during the reconstruction of Blondy Jhune Road.

Fire-Rescue Improving Dispatch Services

On March 1, 2018, Lucas City Council Meeting, the City Council approved Lucas Fire-Rescue switching to the Wylie Public Safety Communications Dispatch System which will enhance our current system. The Town of Fairview, one of our automatic and mutual aid fire departments uses the City of Wylie Public Safety Communications Dispatch System. What this means for the citizens of Lucas is a more seamless dispatch system. 911 emergency calls will still be answered by Collin County as Collin County is our Public Safety Answering Point, or PSAP. The PSAP, determined by the North Texas Council of Governments, will transfer the call to the Wylie Dispatch who will then dispatch Lucas Fire-Rescue. Although the amount of time for the Wylie Dispatch to gather the required information from the caller is relatively the same as our previous provider Plano Public Safety Communications Center, the time to dispatch Lucas Fire-Rescue will be cut to just a

few seconds. This is because Wylie Dispatch uses an automated digital system. If automatic or mutual aid is needed, Wylie will simultaneously dispatch Fairview, Wylie, and/or Parker fire units to the scene. The ability for Wylie Dispatch to automatically dispatch multiple fire departments to a call for service in Lucas could mean a quicker response time with the appropriate resources to our citizens. In addition, Lucas, Fairview and Wylie will be able to share "call notes" with each other. This will enhance our communication with incoming fire units as well. Lucas City Council approved the funds necessary to begin the transition to Wylie Dispatch during this fiscal year. All hardware and software needed to make the transition has been purchased and should be installed by the end of May. Testing of the system is scheduled to begin in June. This extended process will ensure a seamless transition on October 1, 2018.

New Fire Engine Approved

On March 1, 2018, the Lucas City Council unanimously voted to purchase a new fire engine. The new Pierce engine will replace the 1996 General Engine, the City's secondary engine. In August 2017, Lucas Fire Chief Ted Stephens selected a six-member team to begin the research to ensure we purchased the best engine for the needs of the City. In mid-February, the committee had selected the Pierce Enforcer. The Pierce engine, although replacing our secondary engine, will be moved to the front line as our primary engine to respond to structure fires, automobile accidents, and alarm investigations. Our current primary engine will be moved to our secondary engine. The new engine is scheduled to be delivered in December. More information will be publicized as the delivery date is approaching. A "push in" ceremony will be planned, and everyone will be invited to participate.