

LUCAS LEADER

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Mayor's Message By Jim Olk

Just a few quick topics this month... Thank you to all that got out and voted in the City Council elections. We actually had a good turnout when you compare our numbers to the numbers for the region. Regionally they were seeing voter turnout at or below 10%. Lucas voter turnout was over 12%. The voters in Lucas did re-elect Councilmember Steve Duke, Councilmember Phil Lawrence and the Mayor. I am sure your entire City Council will continue with their conservative approach to governance and finances for the City of Lucas and continue to fight to maintain the quality of life that we cherish here.

Last time I checked we were at 25% participation with our curbside recycling. I can tell you that it was disappointing to have to suspend the curbside recycling last year, but now it is up and running and if you are interested in participating, please call Republic Services at 972.422.2341 to subscribe to the bi-monthly service.

With the 4th of July holiday coming up I do want to remind everyone that it is not legal to discharge fireworks within the City limits or within Lucas' ETJ. But mostly I want to remind you to be considerate to your neighbors. Every year after Independence Day we hear stories about lost dogs, horses that panicked, along with some of our war veterans that suffer due to excessive celebrations in their neighborhood. Be mindful of how your actions can impact others and remember that the Collin County Sheriffs office, the Fire-Rescue Department and City Staff will be out and about that day.

One last thing... City Council is still watching, very closely, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Collin County's actions regarding transportation issues in our area. Both the County and the RTC seem to put something on a map and then wait to see who yells before they reconsider what is on the map. City Council will be discussing the RTC's Mobility 2045 Plan at our June 7 meeting. Please feel free to join us at 7 pm for what should be a lively discussion about our thoroughfares, the County and RTC plan. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve this community.

Upcoming Budget Meetings

In the coming months, the City Council will be reviewing the City's annual fiscal year budget for 2018-2019 and the City's tax rate. Below are the meetings and public hearings scheduled to take part in the discussion.

Thursday, July 19 @ 6 pm
Budget Workshop

Thursday, August 2 @ 7 pm

- Discuss tax rate and take record vote
- Schedule public hearing for tax rate and fiscal year 18/19 budget

Thursday, August 16 @ 7 pm

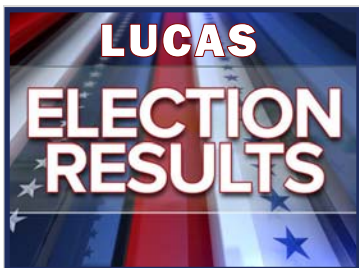
- Conduct public hearing on proposed tax rate
- Discuss fiscal year 2018-2019 budget

Thursday, September 6 @ 7 pm

- Public hearing on fiscal year 2018-2019 budget.
- Second public hearing on the proposed tax rate (if necessary).

Thursday, September 20 @ 7 pm

- Pass ordinance adopting the budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 and setting tax rate for 2018-2019



The City of Lucas held its General Election on May 5, 2018 for City Council Seats 3 and 4 and the position of Mayor.

Incumbent Jim Olk running for the position of Mayor ran unopposed and was declared elected.

Candidates in the race for City Council Seat 3 included Incumbent Steve Duke and Robin Ahmadi, who withdrew from the race, but withdrew after the deadline, and therefore his name still appeared on the ballot. Incumbent Steve Duke was declared the winner for City Council Seat 3.

Candidates in the race for City Council Seat 4 included Incumbent Phil Lawrence and Jamie Kilpatrick. Incumbent Phil Lawrence was

declared the winner for City Council Seat 4. Below are the voting results for the May 5 election.

Mayor

Jim Olk - running unopposed, declared elected

City Council Seat 3

Steve Duke	548 votes	87.40%
Robin Ahmadi	79	12.60%

City Council Seat 4

Phil Lawrence	446	65.30%
Jamie Kilpatrick	237	34.70%

City Council Seats are for three year terms. Next year's election for 2019 will include City Council Seats 5 and 6.



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

July

- July 4 Holiday
City offices closed
- July 5 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 12 Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 19 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 24 Parks and Open Space Board
City Hall | 7 pm

Upcoming Special Events

- October 20 - Scarecrow Contest Display
November 3 Community Park
- November 3 Arbor Day/Fall Sweep Clean-Up
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- December 7 Country Christmas
Community Park | 6 - 9 pm
- April 6, 2019 Texas Trash Off/Spring Clean-Up
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- May 11, 2019 Founders Day
Community Park | 12 - 4 pm

Scarecrow Contest in October



The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will hold the 4th annual Scarecrow Contest in mid-October. This year the scarecrows will be displayed at the Lucas Community Park at City Hall. Come enjoy the park's pavilion, playground, and walking path decorated with scarecrows. Prizes will be awarded during the Arbor

Day event on November 3. Applications to register will be accepted October 13 through October 19.



The Texas Transportation Commission recently voted to double the height of approximately 20,000 existing billboards along Texas' federally-funded roadways — an increase from 42.5 feet to 85 feet. The new height rule would allow any billboard in existence as of March 1, 2017 to be raised up to 85 feet. It would also allow the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue permits within cities that have their own regulations regarding billboards, if the billboard was located along a TxDOT federally funded roadway. The Commission has delayed the effective date until September 3, 2019 to allow time for the Texas Legislature to weigh in on this issue. Scenic Texas is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of Texas' visual environment, in particular as seen by the traveling public. Scenic Texas is working with their affiliate cities to spread the word of this new ruling in place. If you would like to express your opinion on this new TxDOT ruling, contact your State Senator or Representative.



A heartfelt thank you goes to the men, women and youth who came out on Saturday morning, May 12 and did their part to help Keep Lucas Beautiful. These dedicated individuals picked up approximately 45 bags of debris around the City.

Lunch was served after the event, and most of the volunteers stayed and got to meet some of their neighbors from other areas of the City. Another successful Spring Clean-up!



A lot of Lucas residents took advantage of the City's first Electronic Waste Recycling event on Saturday, May 12 at the Community Center to properly dispose of unwanted electronic devices. Items such as small kitchen appliances, music keyboards, TVs of

all sizes, old computers, monitors, and more were loaded on pallets and sent to United Electronics recycle center. Thank you, Lucas residents, for doing your part in helping us to divert this waste from our landfills.



Lucas Fire-Rescue is having a community CPR class on Saturday, June 2 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Fire Station located at 165 Country Club Road. This class will certify you with the American Heart Associations Heartsaver CPR for Adult, Child and infant CPR and AED use. The certification is good for two years. The class is free to the public and we currently have ten spots still open for this class. If you would like to sign up, email your name and telephone number with how many people will be attending to cpr@lucastexas.us. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 2.

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Celebrating Lucas Fire-Rescue Volunteers



Firefighter Matt Malik has been a volunteer with City of Lucas Fire-Rescue for over 5 years, joining the department in January of 2013 when he was 24 years old. He is a certified Driver/Operator making him very valuable to the department. Matt serves on the Engine Committee at Lucas Fire-Rescue and was a member of the first deployment team sent to the City of Fulton Fire Department to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief. Matt has been nominated for Firefighter of the Year twice, once in 2014 and again in 2017 by his peers which shows a lot

about his character as a firefighter. Matt currently is a Service Advisor at Craig's Car Care and services the department vehicles and apparatus'. He and his wife Kendala live in McKinney and are expecting their first child, a little girl Sutton Alexis Malik, in August. He is the eldest child of seven siblings and was born in San Diego, California where his family resided until they moved to Lucas, Texas in 2008.

Matt has had a passion for public safety from the time he was a teenager. He was part of the Police Explorer Program for the San Diego Police Department while he was in high school and went on to college to study Criminal Justice at Miramar College in San Diego. His desire for firefighting started after he moved to Lucas and witnessed a tractor fire that the Lucas Fire-Rescue responded to. It wasn't long after that he applied to the department and started volunteering. Matt volunteers an average of 96 hours a month and is a significant help in keeping the department staffed. Matt has such a willingness to serve and is always there to lend a hand to Lucas Fire-Rescue. He has shown his dedication to the department time and time again over the last 5 years and we are incredibly fortunate to have him in the Lucas Fire-Rescue family.

Welcome Collin County Deputy Richard Cass



Deputy Richard Cass has been with the Collin County Sheriff's Office since August 2005. He transferred to the Patrol Division in October 2007 and holds an Advanced Peace Office License. Deputy Cass was a Field Training Officer (FTO) for 7 years and was instrumental in the training of new Deputies. Deputy Cass is married to his high school sweetheart, Rachel, and they have 2 awesome kids, Tatum (14) and Cooper (9). Deputy Cass was a college baseball athlete and still enjoys the game. He spends his free time coaching

both of his kids in Volleyball, Golf, Baseball, and Soccer. In his free time, Deputy Cass enjoys spending summers in Colorado. Deputy Cass is looking forward to his new opportunity of meeting and serving the citizens of Lucas.

- Republic Services *My Resources* app gives you a simple tool to manage your recycling account. Download the app to your mobile device and use it to report a missed pick-up, set up paperless billing, and more.



- If you have more than one cart, space carts three feet apart when placing out for pickup.
- All compact fluorescent lights, fluorescent tube lights, and other bulbs that contain mercury require special handling for proper disposal. Do not throw these in your trash or recycling bins. Lowe's and Batteries Plus Bulbs both accept these for disposal.

Should you have any issues with your curbside recycling service, contact the City of Lucas Special Projects Coordinator Cathey Bonczar at 972.912.1213 or email at cbonczar@lucastexas.us.

Keeping Lucas Beautiful... It is Everyone's Responsibility Are You Ready for the Challenge?

The City hires seasonal employees every year to assist with mowing throughout your community and to help pick up trash along your roadways. The City also hires a mowing contractor from approximately March through November to provide "beautification services" that include mowing, trimming, pruning, and litter abatement. The City sponsors springtime and fall clean-up events to address litter in your community. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) mows the four Farm to Market roads in Lucas. Even with all these resources, we still need your help in taking care of this beautiful city. We are challenging all citizens to Don't Mess with Texas...more specifically to Don't Mess with Lucas! To keep Lucas beautiful, we all need to help by picking up litter and mowing/edging along the neighborhood streets. The advantages of keeping the Lucas roadways beautiful include improving safety for everyone. Blowing litter, tall grass, and weeds can negatively impact a driver's ability to enjoy the beauty of your rural community. Along with the enjoyment, being able to see down the road and clearly at intersections improves the safety of all using the roadways: motorists, walkers, horseback riders, etc.

In the City of Lucas, as in most cities, letting the grass grow taller than twelve inches is a code violation, which in most cases involves a

fine. Also, it is important to realize that property owners are required to maintain property within one hundred fifty feet of any property line which touches a street. So, what does that mean? It means property owners should care for and mow up to the edge of the roadway pavement. Please keep in mind that before mowing along the edge of the roadway you will want to make sure that all obstacles such as rocks and debris are removed prior to mowing to avoid potential damage to your mower and any passing vehicles. Mowing always requires strict attention. The roadside drainage system includes barrow ditches that may have a steep grade and caution should be used when maintaining these areas. Safety is paramount. Keeping barrow ditches free of debris is critical in the functionality and efficiency of your drainage system.

As City Staff and contractors gear up for a very busy mowing season, please give them the courtesy they deserve by slowing down, moving over, and being patient. This way you are an important part of helping those working and doing an already difficult, hazardous job. Take the challenge and don't mess with Lucas. Do your part in keeping Lucas beautiful, the drainage ditches clean and clear, and remember to be courteous to those working hard for you.



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

The new contractor is completing this project. Their activities include: 1) testing the waterline for contaminants, 2) adding a connection from the existing two-inch Toole Drive waterline to the new 12-inch waterline, 3) relocating the waterline behind 561 and 591 Shiloh Drive, 4) transferring the homes from the old two-inch waterline to the new 12-inch waterline. The City of Lucas must complete this project by July 1 so the City does not impede progress of the TxDOT Parker Road.

- **PARKER ROAD SIX-INCH WATERLINE PHASE 2**
Lewis Lane to McCreary Road

Phase 2 is under construction. With the addition of the Phase 1 work and the change in installation construction, the budget has been changed. The contractor will be working on making the Lewis Lane to Cimarron Trail connection. There is a possibility that Cimarron Trail will be closed to traffic on the north side of 3 Cimarron Trail to make room for the jacking and boring machine. The other initial priority is switching the five homes along Parker Road from the Parker Road six-inch waterline to the waterlines along Cimarron Trail and Santa Fe Trail. The City of Lucas must complete enough of this project by July 1 so the City does not impede progress of the TxDOT Parker Road Project.

- **PARKER ROAD EIGHT-INCH WATERLINE PHASE 3T**
McCreary Road to Stinson Road

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning to have this waterline completed by August 2018. Staff is finalizing a submittal to TxDOT to request 100% reimbursement for the cost of this project. The project is being added to the TxDOT Parker Road Widening plans and will be built by the TxDOT contractor.

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

The consultant, Lakes Engineering, is working on the drainage details throughout the project. The east end of the project has the most complicated drainage issues, which will require more surveying on Winningkoff Road between White Rock Creek and Blondy Jhune Road. Construction phasing details are being contemplated as well.

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

KCI has received the City staff comments on the 60% plan submittal. KCI is coordinating with TxDOT and NTMWD regarding Parker Road and utility conflicts. Utility crews will be surveying and locating various engineering elements needed for the design along Stinson Road for the next few weeks.

- **WEST LUCAS ROAD WIDENING**
Angel Parkway to Country Club Road

Reynolds Asphalt continues to make emergency, temporary repairs to their work. They have also hired a pavement engineer to analyze the existing and new pavements to determine the cause of the failures.

- **WINNINGKOFF ROAD**
Forestview Drive to Snider Lane

Birkhoff Engineers is completing the plans, and review is underway by City staff. Construction will begin after Blondy Jhune Road construction is finished.

- **COUNTRY CLUB ROAD/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.

- **VALVE AND HYDRANT MAINTENANCE**

As of April 26, R&M has completed the maintenance on 679 valves. They have until the end of September 2018 to complete this project.

- **NORTH PUMP STATION WATER TOWER AND PUMP HOUSE**

BW2 is working on the advertising of this project so that construction may start in August.

- **HUNT LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN**

BW2 is preparing the 2009 approved plans for advertising later this month.

- **STINSON ROAD/W. LUCAS ROAD INTERSECTION**

Construction is scheduled to start once school has let out for the summer. Stinson Road will be closed to through traffic.

- **WEST LUCAS ROAD/COUNTRY CLUB ROAD INTERSECTION**

The project was awarded to Camino Construction at the April 5, 2018 City Council meeting pending agreement from various property owners.

Vacation Bible School being offered by Lucas Churches

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

750 W. Lucas Road

June 18 - 22 | 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Vacation Bible School is being offered at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids can see, hear, touch, and taste. A light dinner will be provided at 5:15 pm with VBS from 6 pm - 8:30 pm. Parents are welcome to return at 8:15 pm to watch VBS pictures from the day. Because everything is hands-on, be sure to send the kids in play clothes and safe shoes. Pre-register by June 1 to receive a VBS shirt when they arrive the first day. Registration will be open the month of June and walk-ins are welcome but shirts cannot be guaranteed past June 1. VBS and meals are FREE; however, donations are accepted. Register at <http://gsumlucas.org/vbs2018/> or for more information call 972.429.0295.

Grace Church

2005 Estates Parkway

June 18 - 22 | 9 am - Noon

Children entering kindergarten to 5th grade can join Vacation Bible School with Grace Church to participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, play teamwork-building games, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Kids will also be able to join in a mission project helping kids in the Dominican Republic. Families are invited to the All-Family Burger Bash on Thursday night, June 21 at 6:30 pm for inflatables, food and fun. To register for VBS go to www.grace-efc.org/register or for more information call 972.727.4512.