



# Lucas City Newsletter

**April 2014**

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**All meetings begin at 7:00 PM  
unless otherwise specified.**

**City Council Regular  
Thursday, Apr 3**

**Planning & Zoning Commission  
Thursday, Apr 10**

**Municipal Court  
Wednesday, Apr 16, 3:30 PM**

**City Council  
Thursday, Apr 17**

**Early Voting for Special Election  
Apr 28, 30, May 1, 2, 5 8AM–5PM  
Apr 29 & May 6 7AM–7PM**



## THOUGHTS FROM THE MAYOR

I am sure all of you have heard of the Special Olympics organization. Their mission is to “provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.”

This year the Area 10 Special Olympics Spring Games will be held in Lucas at Lovejoy High School stadium on April 25th and 26th. Over 1500 Special Olympics athletes from the 18 counties that are included in Area 10 will be competing in track and field events, tennis, and soccer.

On behalf of our entire community, I want to welcome these very special people to Lucas.

I would also like to encourage any of you who would like to share in this wonderful experience to consider volunteering to help with this event. A variety of volunteer opportunities exist on both Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26th.

Volunteers are needed for timing, scorekeeping, staging, escorting athletes, and other general event support and assistance, and, perhaps most of all, as fans in the stadium cheering the athletes on!

You can get more information about the event and volunteer needs at [volso10@gmail.com](mailto:volso10@gmail.com). You can also get more information or register as a volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-area-10-spring-games-tickets-10865273325>.



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### City Council Actions for March

- \* Approved **Ordinance # 2014-03-00775** an ordinance of the City Council of Lucas, Collin County, Texas designating *The Wylie News* as the official newspaper of the City of Lucas, Collin County, Texas, for Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014; authorizing the City Manager to contract with *The Wylie News*; providing a repealing clause and providing for an effective date.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2014-03-00412** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for American National Bank to add City Manager Joni Clarke.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2014-03-00413** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for Lone Star to add City Manager Joni Clarke.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2014-03-00414** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for TexPool to add City Manager Joni Clarke.
- \* Approved **Resolution # R-2014-03-00415** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, changing the authorized signatories for LOGIC to add City Manager Joni Clarke.
- \* Accepted and approved the City of Lucas' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as presented by Conway Company CPA.
- \* Approved the landscape plan submitted by the City of Lucas for the Lucas Fire Station Expansion Project, located at 185 Country Club.
- \* Approved an agreement between the City of Lucas and Verizon to allow communication equipment to be located on the McGarity water tower; authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement; and vacate the agreement approved on November 21, 2013.
- \* Discuss and Consider the approval of **Resolution # R-2014-03-00416** of the City Council of the City of Lucas, Texas, canceling the May 10, 2014, General Election for City Officers and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office; ordering the posting of this resolution at each polling place on election day; providing that this resolution shall be cumulative of all resolutions; providing a repealing clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

### COUNCILMEMBERS UNOPPOSED FOR THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Councilmember(s) Wayne Millsap (Seat 1) and Jim Olk (Seat 2) remained unopposed at the deadline for filing for a place on the ballot, Friday, February 28th, 5 PM.

Councilmember(s) Wayne Millsap and Jim Olk will continue to serve the citizens of Lucas in their respective seats until their terms end in May 2017.

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### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY BRANDDON & CHRISTIAN FARRELL

Please join us on May 3, 2014 at 11 am at the historic Fitzhugh Cemetery for the dedication of the Veterans Memorial that was recently completed by Boy Scouts Brandon and Christian Farrell, for their Eagle Projects. The American Legion Bill Bryan Post 110 as well as other local veterans will be presiding over this event. The Mayor invites all Lucas residents for the special dedication honoring our veterans buried in Fitzhugh Cemetery. For more information visit [www.isaluteyou.net](http://www.isaluteyou.net)

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### MEET YOUR CITY STAFF



**JENNIFER FAIRCLOTH**

Jennifer came to the City of Lucas in January 2008 and serves as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager.

We are extremely proud to have Jennifer on our team. Next time you call City Hall it mostly likely will be Jennifer who answers your call, so please take a minute to say hello!

Jennifer is currently working towards her certification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) with the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program.



### Mark your calendars for the first annual National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

The Lucas Fire Department will be partnering with Blackland Prairie Raptor Center and Texas A&M Forest Service to host the first annual National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 3, 2014. There will be demonstrations and activities for the whole family. Cost is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 Kids 3-12, and kids under 3 are free. (All proceeds will benefit the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center). For more information follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/lucasfiredept](http://www.facebook.com/lucasfiredept).

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### Feral Hog Alert

### Wild Hogs Running Hog Wild!

Property owners in Lucas are reporting problems with property damage from feral hogs. These neighborhoods are located along Corps property near Lake Lavon. One family dog (a large lab mix) was attacked, requiring veterinarian attention; and lawns and landscaping show the damage caused by the rooting and wallowing.

Feral hogs are an issue across the nation but especially in Texas since about half the known population resides here. The damage to crops, livestock, vegetation utilized by other wildlife and even water supplies costs approximately \$1.5 billion annually. In an effort to control the damage and stop wild hog population growth, Texas A&M University's AgriLife Extension service is conducting research and educating landowners. Quarterly feral hog/wildlife meetings are held in McKinney and the extension service provides an online program for tracking the hog activity. This is available on their website: [Collin.agrilife.org](http://Collin.agrilife.org). Any sightings should be reported to the extension office.

If you need more information, Dr. Rick Maxwell is the Collin County Extension Agent and he can be reached at [r-maxwell@tamu.edu](mailto:r-maxwell@tamu.edu) or telephone 972-548-4233. The next quarterly Feral Hog Meeting will be in June. Successful methods for hog control include trapping and hunting. Their natural predators are coyotes and bobcats. There is evidence (and reports) that many bobcats in our area have been killed by local indiscriminate hunters and this is contributing to the wild hog population growth. Other control methods are being researched but the best method for hog eradication has been found to be trapping by a skilled trapper. Hogs are very fast learners and if not captured correctly, they simply learn to avoid both trappers and hunters. Local trappers who can provide you with more information include Paul Farrow (214-274-4426) and Matt Tolney (972-978-0487).

Useful information can be found on the internet at the following websites:

- <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/22/aporkalypse-texas-feral-pigs>
- <http://icwdm.org/publications/pdf/feral%20pig/txferalhogs.pdf>
- <http://feralhogs.tamu.edu/frequently-asked-questions-wild-pigs/>
- <http://agriflife.org/texnatwildlife/feral-hogs/history-and-distribution-of-feral-hogs-in-texas/>

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### Stage 3 Water Restrictions Continue

Winter has brought no relief from the ongoing drought conditions in our area. Areas lakes supplying our drinking water remain extremely low. North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is continuing Stage 3 watering restrictions. Watering of lawns and landscape will be allowed once every 14 days, the same schedule as this winter, until further notice. Absolutely NO watering is allowed between 10 AM and 6 PM under any circumstances. Using treated water in ornamental fountains is not allowed.

Please help us reach the reduction goals that have been established so we may all enjoy the water available without more stringent restrictions..

## Lucas Fire Department Meet and Greet



We are very excited to announce that beginning April 2014, the Lucas Fire Department will begin providing ambulance service to Lucas. The Lucas Fire Department has grown and evolved since it was founded over 40 years ago. On Thursday, May 1, 2014, we would like to invite citizens to come meet the EMS men and women of the Lucas Fire Department along with our new Medical Director, Dr. Corcoran. There will be tours of our new ambulances at the Lucas City Hall starting at 6:00 pm.

### Make Sure Your Address is Visible

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 the Lucas Fire Department will begin providing ambulance service to the City of Lucas. In an emergency seconds count, we need your help to ensure that emergency responders can find your house without delay.

Make sure that your house address is visible from the street both day and night. Ensure that your house number can be seen from both directions of travel on your street. If your house is set back or is not visible from the road, display your address at both the driveway entrance and your house. Ensure that the trees, bushes, or other debris is not blocking visibility of the numbers from the road. Avoid placing numbers away from the front door such as above garage doors. Always display numbers horizontally. Reflective or lighted numbers are very helpful, if large enough to be seen from a distance. Pick a color that has a light and dark contrast with the background of your house. Do not use your mailbox as the only means of identification for your house.

*A badly displayed number can cost precious time in an emergency.*

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