



SUMMER PET SAFETY TIPS

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger. To prevent your pet

from overheating, take these simple precautions provided by ASPCA experts:

- Visit the vet for a spring or early-summer checkup. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventative medication.
- Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.
- Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in several states!
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals.

- Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.
- Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.
- When the temperature is very high, **don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt.** Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
- Commonly used rodenticides and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. Keep citronella candles, tiki torch products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.
- Remember that food and drink commonly found at barbecues can be poisonous to pets. Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression and coma. Similarly, remember that the snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol. Please visit our People Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Pets page for more information.
- Please leave pets at home when you head out to Fourth of July celebrations, and never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home.

To learn more about pet care and safety go to the ASPCA website at www.aspc.org/.

State Warns that Distracted Driving Still A Problem

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and AT&T *"It Can Wait"* join efforts again and use virtual reality to illustrate the dangers of distracted driving. Approximately 1 in 5 crashes in Texas involves distracted driving, which continues to be a problem in the state, even after a state law banned texting and driving in 2017. "Our message is no longer just a public safety suggestion to urge Texans to avoid distraction while operating a vehicle – it is to remind them of the law that now forbids such activity," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "One life lost is one too many and distracted driving is completely preventable."

The statewide texting while driving ban could be helping a little. According to recent data, the number of crashes involving distracted driving in Texas decreased by 6% when comparing the 12-month periods before and after the statewide texting-while-driving ban took effect on September 1, 2017. Then in 2018, TxDOT introduced the "Heads up, Texas" to address the new law with a new call to action. The 2019 campaign will kick off June 4 in San Antonio with the return of a 12-city, virtual reality experience tour in collaboration with AT&T *It Can Wait* to educate Texans about the dangers of driving while being distracted. Other campaign activities include social media and audio and video/television [PSAs](#).

The "Heads up, Texas" campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader word-of-mouth and social media effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel. Since November 8, 2000, at least one person has died on Texas roadways every single day. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on our roadways.

Drinking Water Report

Each year the City of Lucas and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) produce a report to let our water customers know the condition and safety of our drinking water. The 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) can be found at City Hall and the following link: <https://www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/> after July 1, 2019. The source of drinking water used by the City of Lucas is purchased surface water from the NTMWD. The report describes the susceptibility and types of constituents that may contact your drinking water source based on human activities and natural conditions. For more information on the report, please contact our City Engineer Stanton Foerster at stanton@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1208. Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available at <https://dww2.tceq.texas.gov/DWW/> (Water System No. TX0430044) and the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800.426.4791.



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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

Thought I would provide a few short updates on random topics of interest.

City Manager Joni Clarke and I met with the Mayor and City Manager of Fairview to talk about our common interest of airport noise from the McKinney Airport. Mayor Lessner

was very informed on what was going on with the airport and Fairview has spent years looking at this issue. Mayor Lessner and I have a meeting scheduled with the Mayor of McKinney to talk about our concerns.

TxDOT held a transportation meeting on June 18 to show the plans for the West Lucas Road and Country Club/Southview intersection. I will update you on this meeting next month.

On June 15, the City held a "Spring Clean Up" event. The original Spring Clean Up event was scheduled in May but was canceled due to impending rain. The event went great! We had about 20 to 30 folks show up to patrol some of our heavier traveled streets to pick up trash. I saw several truck loads come in and the area looks great. Much thanks to all the residents, the 4-H Club and City Staff for making the Spring Clean Up event a success this year.

Blondy Jhune Road is still one way traffic, so alter your commute as needed and please watch the traffic control signs as several folks haven't paid attention and we have come close to having some head-on collisions through that construction area. Also Cedar Bend Trail is closed at West Lucas Road due to a culvert failure. We hope to get a contractor on that soon to get it back open. For the most up-to-date information on construction sites, please visit the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/neighborhood-connector-street-projects/.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Tired of Bad Internet Service? So Are We!

The Technology Committee is working on finding possible solutions to improve internet service throughout Lucas. **You can help** by completing three simple steps:

- Go to <https://speedtest.lucastexas.us/>
- Select your address
- Run the internet speed test from your home computer and internet connection

The information from the speed test will help us understand the scope of the problem and move us down the path toward a solution. Quality internet service is important to us. Please run the speed test now. It's as simple as 1, 2, 3! If you have any questions or comments, please email the Technology Committee at: technology@lucastexas.us.



We want to remind everyone that the use of fireworks is illegal in the City of Lucas.

Fireworks can be very dangerous to our pets and the risk of fire from the use of fireworks is significant and presents a substantial risk to your home and our beautiful

trees. Discharging fireworks can also cause problems for our veterans and families with young children.

Using fireworks is prohibited by City ordinance in the City limits of Lucas. Law Enforcement, Citizens on Patrol, and Code Enforcement, Fire-Rescue personnel and City Staff will be out patrolling July 4th, July 5th, and July 6th. All violators will have their fireworks confiscated and may also receive a citation.

If you witness a person setting off fireworks in the City limits of Lucas, you should report the violation by calling 911 with the specific location. Discharging fireworks from a public roadway, public park, or U.S. Corp of Engineer property is also a violation of City ordinance and U.S. Corp 36 CFR 327.13(b) and a citation may be issued.



July

- July 4 City offices closed
City Council meeting cancelled
- July 9 Technology Committee Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 11 Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 18 Fire District Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm

City Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
City Hall | 7 pm
- July 23 Parks & Opens Space Board
City Hall | 7 pm

Save the Date

National Public Lands Day-Trinity Trail Event Saturday, September 21, 2019 @ 8 am

National Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer effort for America's public lands. Each year, hundreds of thousands of volunteers come together to assist with various projects designed to restore and enhance public parks, forests, waterways and more. From trail maintenance to tree planting—volunteers of all ages and abilities roll up their sleeves and work side-by-side to care for public lands.

Volunteering for the **National Public Lands Day-Trinity Trail Cleanup Event** is a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and enjoy the many benefits that come from connecting with nature. Arrive at Brockdale Park Trailhead at 8 am to provide some trail TLC and then join us for a volunteer appreciation lunch provided by the City of Lucas and Trinity Trail Preservation Association.

Country Christmas Friday, December 6 @ 6 pm

A family-friendly event at the Community Park that features Santa, Santa's Elf and Mr. Grinch. We will light our holiday tree, listen to holiday music and enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast at the fire pit. Don't forget our festive train rides around the park and ICE SKATING!

Lucas Farmers Market



The Lucas City Council and the Parks & Open Space Board need your help. The City is considering the viability of creating a Lucas Farmers Market to serve our community. The City is seeking interested citizens to provide expertise and assist with this endeavor. Lucas is home to many local farmers and beekeepers who may have honey, farm-fresh produce and eggs to sell. Do we need a place to come together to sell our locally grown and produced items directly to our Lucas residents?

The City of Lucas is looking to create a grassroots effort to determine the feasibility of a farmers market and whether this is something that our citizens would support. The City is willing to assist with market signage, liability insurance, and adopting and enforcing the necessary local regulations, but a community led sponsoring organization or group of dedicated citizens is needed to lead this effort and assist in identifying and recruiting vendors.

If you are interested in being a part of the farmers market, or better yet, partnering with the City to be part of this community led effort, please let us know by emailing City Manager Joni Clarke at jjclarke@lucastexas.us. We would also encourage you to attend the July 23 Parks and Open Space Board meeting at 7:00 pm at Lucas City Hall to discuss the possibility of creating a farmers market that would enhance and complement the rural lifestyle that we treasure. The Parks Board will also be discussing other community projects such as: Movie/Concert in the Park, Scarecrow Contest, and a Christmas Lighting Contest.



Summer Cleanup & Electronic Recycling Recap

On Saturday, June 15, the City hosted a cleanup event as part of the Keep Lucas Beautiful program in an effort to clear roadsides of trash and debris. The cleanup areas included West Lucas Road, East Lucas Road, Country Club Road, Estates Parkway, Angel Parkway, Lewis Lane, and Southview Drive. The City's cleanup events help promote the beautification of the City and brings the community together to accomplish a common goal. The City would like to thank the residents who participated in the summer cleanup event. Volunteers and City staff picked up approximately 700 pounds of trash and debris during the cleanup. We are truly grateful to have a supportive community that volunteered in the summer cleanup to help maintain the City's beautiful and clean condition.

The City also hosted the electronic recycling drop-off provided by United Electronic Recycling. The electronic recycling was held in conjunction with the summer cleanup and 3,392 pounds of electronics were collected. Residents were able to drive through and drop off electronics the parking lot of City Hall and the Lucas Community Park. The electronic recycling drop-off was a great opportunity to sustainably dispose of unused and outdated electronics. We hope to provide the electronic recycling drop-off again in the 2020 spring cleanup.

Recycling Calendar for Republic Services

Residents can view and print the 2019 recycling calendar for Republic Services at www.lucastexas.us/documents/curbside-recycling-2019-calendar/. Here are some helpful recycling tips:

- Place your cart out by 7:00 am the morning of service, with the lid opening towards the street.
- Ensure your cart has a 3-foot clearance on all sides
- Place shredded paper in clear recycle bags to prevent blowing in the wind.
- All recycle materials must be placed in the poly carts provided by Republic Services. Republic's trucks are automated and materials placed in other carts or left beside the cart will not be collected.
- Please do not bungee the lid down.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Republic Services at 972.422.2341.

Thanking our Board of Adjustment By Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

A BIG thank you to our volunteer members of the Board of Adjustment. The volunteer members that serve on our Board of Adjustment provide a very important function in keeping Lucas the Collin County gem that it is. The Board consists of five voting members and two alternates appointed by the City Council.

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body with jurisdiction to hear and to grant variances from the City's Zoning Ordinance and special exceptions to the terms of the Sign Ordinance. As zoning regulations cannot be written to address every possible situation that comes about from the use of property, the Board of Adjustment is granted the authority to allow minor exceptions to the City's zoning rules permitting a landowner to do what would otherwise generally be forbidden by the ordinance. Variances require a showing of either "practical difficulties" or "unnecessary hardship" depending on the type of variance being sought. The City's Board members receive training and are provided specific guidelines set by the State to assist them in making these important decisions that impact Lucas neighborhoods and the City at large.

Chris Bierman serves as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment. Chris, his wife Lori, and their 12 year old daughter Gianna moved to Lucas from Plano in 2010. They moved here for many of the same reasons most of us do: more space, country living, high quality schools and horses. The Bierman's have two horses – and barn cats. Daughter Gianna, who currently attends Willow Springs Middle School shows and competes in the Western Pleasure Class. The Bierman's have been deeply involved in 4-H and manage the Lone Star 4-H Horse Club. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Chris attended City Council meetings, read the City of Lucas Comprehensive plan and asked questions to learn about the inner-workings of the City. The advice he would give a new Board of Adjustment member is to keep in mind that decisions are about what is best for the City long-term and the impact requests may have on a neighbor, the neighborhood, and the City overall. Working together and adhering to a shared vision will keep Lucas the gem of Collin County.

Members of the Board of Adjustment include Brian Blythe, Ron Poteete, James Foster, and Tom Redman. Alternate members are Brenda Rizos and Michael Dunn. A HUGE thank you to our Board members for their volunteer time, talents, and education in filling this vital role for our City.

Eagle Scout Projects

One of the requirements to earn the rank of Eagle Scout is for a Life Scout to plan, develop, and manage a service project. As a demonstration of leadership, the Scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to its completion.



Recently Thomas Patton III and AJ Hagen with Boy Scout Troop 131 finished their Eagle Scout projects. They both designed, raised funds, and finished their projects. Thomas built a charcoal grill for the City's Community Park next to City Hall, while AJ built a picnic bench and placed it at the seating area next to the grill. Congratulations are in order to both boys for reaching the level of Eagle Scout, and a hearty thank you for their civic service.

Support Our Local Nonprofit Organizations Trinity Trail Preservation Association

Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the Trinity Equestrian and Hiking Trail. TTPA holds trail rides, work days and educational events for the trail rider and fundraising events for trail maintenance and extension. This group is regional with over 260 members from all over the Metroplex.

Funding has been from 50% matching grants awarded by Texas parks & Wildlife, Collin County, cash donations from members, thousands of volunteer hours and the help and support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the cities of Lucas and Wyle.

We hope to have your help and support to maintain this beautiful, scenic equestrian and hiking trail along Lake Lavon.

If you'd like to be part of the Trinity Trails Preservation Association, membership dues of \$35.00 that include Care Flite insurance for your entire household for the year. To learn more, visit the TTPA website at www.trinitytrailriders.org/how-to-join/.

Technology Committee Update

The Technology Committee met on May 30 with the City Attorney to provide information on his experience in negotiating agreements regarding the implementation of network nodes and 5G. Mr. Gorfida indicated that 5G is the latest push by a lot of companies and that municipalities have to allow carriers in their right of way as passed by the legislature earlier last year. Ordinances have been passed that allow small cell sites and the City has adopted a design manual with rules that have to be followed. The design manual is consistent with many other cities in Texas. Agreements with internet service providers allow for the placement of small nodes at the base of light poles that are located in the City's right of way. The City would take over the light pole should the internet service provider leave. Currently, there have been no requests for this in the City of Lucas. Mr. Gorfida also indicated that if internet service providers are interested in coming to Lucas, amendments could be made to the ordinance, if needed.

Your Tax Dollars At Work Budget Workshop Set for July 18

The City Council and City Staff will be participating in a budget workshop on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers to discuss the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020 (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020).

At the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7 pm at City Hall, a public hearing on the budget will be on the agenda and a discussion on the tax rate will also occur.

VBS at Grace Church

Join Grace Church in Lucas July 22 - 26 for "The Incredible Race VBS" for kids entering Kindergarten through entering 5th grade to participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Kids will learn that we are all incredible as they race around the globe. Join us for the family closing program and ice cream social on Friday night July 26. For more information or to register visit www.grace-efc.org/register. Grace Church is located at 2005 Estates Parkway in Lucas.