



“Market” on Your Calendars!

Lucas Farmers Market announces 2020 regular season schedule

The Lucas Farmers Market Committee (LFMC), in conjunction with the City of Lucas, is pleased to announce thirteen market dates for the upcoming season.

“The overwhelming success of our two trial markets showed us that Lucas and surrounding area residents are excited about and will support a regular Lucas Farmers Market schedule,” said Councilmember Tim Baney. “Hundreds of people showed up last fall to sample goods from nearly 50 local vendors. Many vendors sold out before the market closed and some even restocked during the event. That was proof enough for the City Council to approve 13 dates beginning April 25.” Vendor feedback has given the Lucas Farmers Market a thumbs up thanks to its organization, free electricity hook-ups, and the open and accessible booth options:

- Covered Pavilion – 8 x 10 booth
- Community Park – 10 x 10 booth or 20 x 10 booth
- Designated Area for food trucks or trailers

A new parking area was constructed to accommodate additional vehicles in November that eased traffic congestion, making the market even more convenient for customers and vendors alike.

This year, a \$20 participation fee per market will be charged for 11 markets. Two markets held in conjunction with Founders Day and Country Christmas will be free of charge. No application fee will be charged. However, every vendor – even those who participated last fall – must file a new application for evaluation by the LFMC. Vendors will be notified regarding the approval/denial of their participation. Vendor applications that are approved by LFMC will be required to submit the required participation fees by the deadline indicated in the application.

The goal of the LFMC is to maintain a vendor mix that includes 50% agricultural producers, 30% value-added/cottage food vendors and 20% artisan craft vendors. We know many vendors are making plans now for next year, so please put us on your calendar. We are especially interested in recruiting more agricultural producers, as this is our biggest crowd draw. Application is easy. Visit the City’s website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market/> to fill out the online application and review the rules and regulations. For questions about the Farmers Market send an email to farmersmarket@lucastexas.us. Please see calendar below for market dates and note that no market will be held in November.

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* No markets scheduled in November

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Mayor's Message

By Jim Olk

Greetings neighbors!

So we are two weeks into the new year and so far, so good. In all honesty, I expect this upcoming year to be as great as our last year, probably better.

As we move into this new year, I do want to let everyone know that election season is drawing near. For the City we have on the ballot two City Council Seats, a referendum to continue to use ½ cent of our sales tax to augment street maintenance and repair, and some Home Rule Charter amendments to clean up old language in the City’s Charter.

The Council Seats coming up for election are Council Seat 1 currently held by Wayne Millsap and City Council Seat 2 currently held by Tim Baney. City Council members serve three year terms and there are no term limits. Filing for a City Council position opens January 15 and closes February 14. If you are interested in filing, please contact the City Secretary at the City of Lucas. Since filing has not started, (I wrote this on the 14th) I cannot officially tell you if the current Councilmembers are seeking re-election. I will provide more information on the sales tax referendum and the Home Rule Charter amendment as we get closer to the actual election, but I do want to remind everyone that there will be tons of other upcoming elections and campaigning.

March 3 is the Texas Primary Election, with early voting February 18 through February 28. There is a uniform election day on May 2 (City of Lucas elections as well as others) with early voting from April 20 through April 28. Then, there may be a primary run-off election on May 26 with early voting from May 18 through May 22. Lastly, the November 3 uniform election will be all of the State and National elections scheduled.

YOUR INVITED TO ATTEND Winningkoff Roadway Project (Phase 2) Design Update

Thursday, February 6 @ 7:00 pm at City Hall

The City is preparing for its next roadway project, the Winningkoff Roadway Project, Phase 2. This project will reconstruct the segment of Winningkoff Road from Forestview Drive to Snider Lane. As part of the City Council meeting on February 6, staff will be presenting the City Council with some design recommendations for this important project. The City encourages the public to attend.

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- February 6 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- February 11 Technology Committee
City Hall | 7 pm
- February 13 Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- February 20 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm



Save the date for **Tuesday, March 17, 2020** for the opening reception of Art in Public Places. The event will be held throughout City Hall from **5 pm to 7 pm**. During this time, we invite the community to stop by and view student artwork from participating local schools. The Art in Public Places program provides an opportunity to highlight exceptional student artwork in the community. All artwork will be displayed at City Hall throughout the

entire year and will be rotated for new artwork each year. We encourage the community to attend the opening reception to view the selected artwork from local talented students.



Mark your calendars for the City's first ever Movie in the Park event on **Friday, April 17, 2020 at 7 pm**. The special event will take place at the Lucas Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the spring evening weather at the park with your family. We encourage your families to come out to the park and bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the Movie in the Park. The special movie

presentation will be announced in the upcoming newsletter. Concessions will be provided by Legacy 4-H.



The City of Lucas has hired Lee Engineering to conduct a traffic study in the Huntwick neighborhood to identify count locations and begin collecting data this month and is scheduled to be completed in early April. The counts will be used to determine traffic flow and assist in evaluation of signage needs. A traffic study will also be conducted on Blondy

Jhune and Winningkoff to take place between the end of the Blondy Jhune Road project and the Winningkoff Road Phase 2 project. If there is not sufficient time to collect data between the projects, data collection may be delayed until after the Winningkoff Road Phase 2 project is complete later this year.



Don't Worry, Its Just Training

In conjunction with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) and the North Texas Municipal Water District, Lucas Fire-Rescue will be hosting a Hazardous

Materials class the week of **February 17 - 21**. During the week, TEEX will have their HazMat Trailer at the fire station and on the corner of Country Club and West Lucas Road.

Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off Clean Up Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding Event



The *Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off* cleanup event will be held on **Saturday, April 4 from 8 am to 12 pm**. This annual spring cleanup event is part of the Keep Lucas Beautiful program to support efforts in clearing City-maintained areas and roadsides of trash. We encourage the community to participate as a volunteer in the *Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off* as we continue to promote the beautification of the City, litter abatement, and sustainable practices. Volunteer check-in will take place at the Lucas Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. Volunteer registration

information and a list of road closures for the cleanup event will be provided in the upcoming newsletter and posted on the City's website.

To coincide with the *Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off*, the City will be partnering with United Electronic Recycling to provide a drop-off for residents to dispose of electronics. A complete list of accepted electronics and any associated costs will be provided in the upcoming newsletter. In addition, Proshed Security will also be onsite to provide drop-off paper shredding services free to residents. Both recycling drop-off locations will be located in the parking lot between City Hall and the Lucas Community Park between 8 am and 12 pm on Saturday, April 4, 2020. More information regarding the recycling event will be posted on the City's website.



Winningkoff Road Reverse Curve – Approximately 150 feet of the southbound lane on the south end of the Reverse Curve began to crack within a few months of the completion of the project. The cracks appear to be caused from roadway base material deficiencies under the new concrete. The remedy is to remove the concrete, replace the base material, and repour the concrete. This repair work is planned to last six weeks. The contractor will be doing this work at no cost to the City before the next project north of the Reverse Curve starts.

Winningkoff Road Phase 2 – This project is between Forestview Drive and Snider Lane and cannot begin until Blondy Jhune Road is reopened to two-way traffic. Staff has asked the design engineer to reevaluate the geometry of the roadway between Forestview Drive and Ramsay Drive. The original designed flattened the hills and dips to improve sight distance, but concerns have been raised about the impact to the trees lining the roadway. City staff will be presenting the new design recommendations to the City Council at their February 6 meeting at City Hall. Make plans to attend the meeting for more information.

North Pump Station – The contractor has requested additional soil testing to prepare drawings of the foundation of the new pump house. This data has been collected and work is on schedule for completion towards the end of this year.

Blondy Jhune Road – The contractor is planning to have the roadway open to two-way traffic during the month of February.

Stinson Road – The contractor is scheduled to complete work by the first week of February. Their original contract of 210 days was expanded by 60 days to account for delays in work caused by utility relocation, maintenance of two-way traffic on each end of the project, and TxDOT construction along Parker Road.

What's on the Ballot in the May 2 City Elections



The 2020 General and Special City election will take place on Saturday, May 2 at Lucas City Hall, located at 665 Country Club Road. On the ballot in the General Election will be City Council Seat 1 and City Council Seat 2. Applications to file for a place on the ballot will be accepted January 15 through February 14, 2020 at City Hall in the City Secretary's office, during normal business hours of 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Also on the ballot in a Special Election are updates to the City's Home Rule Charter and renewal of the street maintenance tax allocation. The City of Lucas is a Home Rule City that operates under a Home Rule Charter. City charters define the structure, duties and authority of their local government. The City of Lucas voted to become a Home Rule Charter city in May 2008 and the charter requires a review every five years. Any amendments to the City Charter are presented to the voters for consideration. In the coming months, all charter amendments will be outlined on the City's Election page for review prior to the election.

Renewal of the City's .50% street maintenance sales tax dedication will also be on the ballot. Sales tax is levied by the City on all goods sold within the city limits. The City has adopted a dedicated purpose sales tax that allocates .50% of the 2% sales tax collected for street maintenance. These dedicated funds will be spent to repair and maintain existing city streets. This dedicated revenue source for street maintenance will discontinue in September 2020 unless the voters approve its continuation. This represents approximately \$387,000 annually.

SAVE THE DATE

- March 3 Presidential Primary Election
Voting at Community Center
- April 4 Don't Mess with Texas
Trash-Off Cleanup Event
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- April 17 Movie in the Park
Community Park | 7 pm
- April 25 Farmers Market
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- May 2 Lucas General and Special
Election | Community Center
- May 9 Founders Day Event
 - Farmers Market
 - Lucas Car Show
 - Mini Golf
 - Activities for the kids
 - Entertainment