

Roadway Construction Update



Winningkoff Road Reverse Curve: The City Engineer has approved a traffic control plan (TCP) for replacement of the cracked concrete placed in 2018. The TCP will utilize temporary, trailer mounted traffic signals. The contractor, GRod is planning to get the work done before McMahon Contractors starts on the Winningkoff Road Phase 2 project north of the reverse curve in May or June. Staff and GRod have discussed ways to accelerate the construction process by utilizing different base materials. GRod's 14-day project is planned to start in April and be completed in May depending on weather.

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. The protection of livestock and horses within the project limits is still of concern to the contractor and staff. Property owners have been encouraged to reach out to staff to discuss the installation of temporary fencing to keep the animals away from the construction activities as a precaution. The tentative plan is to start Winningkoff Road in May or June. The contractor is developing a schedule for the City Engineer to review.

North Pump Station: Progress is being made on the North Pump Station with additional dirt work and the City taking delivery on material for the actual pump house. The work is still on schedule for the estimated completion towards the end of this year.

Stinson Road: The gas contractor is making progress despite the rain and should be done during the first week of May. The City Engineer is meeting with a drainage contractor to discuss drainage improvements to the northeast corner of the Stinson Road/Shiloh Drive intersection. The closure of Shiloh Drive at Stinson Road may be necessary for the drainage work to take place. The drainage work should be done by the first week of May.

Keep Lucas Safe and Do Not Speed!



One of the most common concerns expressed by our citizens is the speed of the traveling public. When the City receives information regarding speeding, the Lucas Deputy is made aware of the problem and increased patrol occurs in the area. To assist in deterring excessive speeds, the City of Lucas has purchased four radar equipped speed signs. These signs will be initially located on Blondy Jhune Road and Stinson Road, but they can be relocated to any part of the City. The purpose of the signs is to remind motorists of the posted speed limit. In the 15 years since radar speed sign technology was first deployed, cities have been eager to make them part of their traffic calming efforts. This is because these signs help reduce drivers' speeds in both the short and long term. These signs will collect drivers' speed behavior data 24-hours per day to help determine the extent of reported speeding problems. The signs let people know when they are speeding, give them an opportunity to correct their behavior. The public appreciates a gentle reminder far more than flashing blue lights in the rearview mirror, and an absence of speeding tickets makes for happier citizens. Traffic engineers, fire-rescue departments, and law enforcement have known that vertical alterations for traffic calming (like speed ramps, bumps, and humps) can have a big impact

on the work of our fellow first responders. Each road hump can slow an ambulance or fire truck by 10 seconds, and when lives are on the line, seconds matter. Please be on the lookout for these new signs in Lucas.

Census 2020

The 2020 Census questionnaire is available online and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Your response helps to direct federal funds to local communities for schools, roads and other public services, and results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

To fill out the questionnaire online, you will need your 12-digit Census ID that can be found in the materials mailed to you. Go to <https://my2020census.gov/> to complete your questionnaire.

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Mayor's Message

So... a lot has changed since my last article. As a matter of fact, I feel like an entire year has come and gone in just the last 30 days. It must be the fluidity of this event as well as how all levels of government have reacted and the directions they have taken that make it feel like months have gone by when it has only been four weeks.

I do want to let you know that as of April 7, 2020 we have had a total of four residents that have tested positive with the virus. Two have recovered and two are still being treated at home (no hospitalizations). There are seven residents being quarantined (direct relation to those that tested positive) in their homes. We have not experienced any deaths in Lucas due to the virus. I am very thankful for our residents that have taken this seriously.

Your City Council as well as City Staff have been keeping our Lucas residents at the forefront of our decision making process as we move forward. We have a well-trained Emergency Management team working tirelessly (well I say tirelessly, but I know they are getting worn-out) on this event. Although I am in daily contact with the team, I can only imagine what they filter through on a daily basis. I know that I get more than a dozen emails and calls each day regarding COVID-19 response and I sit in on multiple teleconferences and press conferences each week. I know our Emergency Management team has to go through exponentially more than what I get so keep them in your prayers.

Let me highlight just a little. The Mayor is the Emergency Manager but the heavy lifting is done by Assistant Fire Chief Lance Gant, who is our Emergency Management Coordinator. He is aided by the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Aaron Alderdice. These gentlemen have manned our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) since this event started. They have attended meetings, briefings, and teleconferences by the dozens. Fire Chief Ted Stephens has worked at a more regional level by leading a task force including Lucas, Fairview, Wylie, Parker, Murphy and Sachse with a regional unified exposure response guideline. All these efforts help keep our City safe and on the leading edge of what is happening and what we expect to happen in the near future.

As I mentioned in my article last month, our City Manager, Joni Clarke, quickly implemented our Continuity of Operation Plan to protect the essential City functions that we deliver to our residents as well as protecting City Staff so that these functions can go uninterrupted. Additionally, to practice social distancing our City Council meetings are being conducted remotely, so if you are interested you can join us online at <https://www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/>.

I really can't begin to tell y'all the depth of coordination that has had to happen to ensure we are doing everything we can to protect our residents. Although the limitations at employment centers around us (where we go to work) have significantly more impact on our daily routines, your City has had to coordinate with Federal, State and County declarations and executive orders to strike a balance on how we respond. We do have our own City of Lucas Declaration of Public Emergency and rather than attempt to put specific information in this article that will be out of date before I finish it, please visit our website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/covid-19/> for the most current information.

As I told Assistant Chief Gant this type of event will test the mettle of the residents as well as the staff. Right now I am very proud of both. I see our residents checking on their neighbors and helping them where they can, I see them practicing social distancing. Y'all are doing a fantastic job! I also see our City Staff going that extra mile to insure that we meet your expectations and deliver the services that you need when you need them. Please keep up the good work and keep the City of Lucas in your prayers. Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.



At this time, meetings at City Hall will not be open to on-site visitors and meeting participation will be available via Ring Central webinar through a link on the City's website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/>.

- May 7 City Council Meeting
Video Conference | 7 pm
- May 14 Planning and Zoning Meeting
Video Conference | 7 pm
- May 21 City Council Meeting
Video Conference | 7 pm

Events

Cancelled or Postponed

- May 2 Lucas General and Special Election
Postponed to November 3, 2020
- May 9 Lucas Farmers Market
Cancelled
- May 9 Founders Day Event
Postponed
- May 9 Lucas Car Show
Postponed
- May 23 Lucas Farmers Market
Cancelled

Tentative Date of July 16 for FY 2020-2021 Budget Workshop

Each fiscal year, the City Council and City Staff participate in a budget workshop to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming year. This upcoming fiscal year 2020-2021 (October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021) the tentative date will be Thursday, July 16.

Key dates for fiscal year 20/21 budget season have not been finalized and are currently under review. The Collin County Appraisal District (Collin CAD) is working diligently on the 2020 appraisal process.

Citizen Park and Trail Survey Coming Soon



At the City Council meeting on March 5, 2020, the City Council discussed creating a survey to get feedback from the citizens regarding the City's parks and trail system. The Lucas City Council and the Parks and Open Space Board are currently working on a survey document to gain valuable insight regarding existing and future facilities. The goal is to formulate questions designed to acquire the necessary information from the Lucas Community

regarding the amenities that the City currently offers as well as preferences for future improvements. When the survey is finalized, it will be made available online as well as a in a paper form for those who may not be comfortable completing an online survey. The goal is to have a draft survey available for the City Council to approve at their May 7 meeting.

May 2 Election Postponed to November 3, 2020

On March 18, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow all local political subdivisions that were using the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their election to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date. On March 19, 2020, Collin County Elections notified the City of Lucas that they would not be offering contract election services for the May 2, 2020 election. Therefore, the City Council voted to postpone the May 2, 2020 general and special election until November 3, 2020.

Candidate filings will be maintained for City Council Seat 1 and 2 and special election ballots for Home Rule Charter amendments and the reauthorization of sales tax dedicated to street maintenance will be on the special election ballot for November 3, 2020. Should you have any questions, contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at shenderson@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1211.

Barnes Temporarily Amending Collection Policies for Brush Pickup

To protect their collection staff during the COVID-19 emergency, Barnes Waste Disposal is requesting the following from Lucas customers:

1. Do not place any bulk, brush, or yard waste out for collection currently. Due to the expected increase in residential trash volumes, crews must focus on collecting normal household materials that pose a health risk to the community. If you currently have bulk or brush scheduled, Barnes will honor that scheduling, however, Barnes will not be scheduling any new bulk or brush collections during the coming weeks, and will not collect any unscheduled bulk or brush during this time.
2. Please place all trash in securely tied bags inside your trash receptacle. You may continue to use the trash receptacles you are currently utilizing, or place out trash bags only to minimize contact. Please use whichever method you feel most comfortable with.
3. Please make sure that your trash is out before 7 am on your day of service. Any trash that is placed out after 7 am will be collected the following week. Barnes will continue to run as scheduled and do not anticipate any delays in service.

Should you have any questions about your trash pickup, please contact Barnes Waste Disposal at 972.734.3333 or email at sales@barneswds.com.



Development in Lucas

Development in Lucas has remained steady in both the residential and commercial development segments.

Currently, new residential development includes Phase 3 of Stinson Highlands which has a total of 43 lots on Stinson Road. The entire Stinson Highlands development includes 137 lots that are zoned from one to two-acres. The City has issued five residential building permits for Lakeview Downs which is located on Snider Lane and has 160 buildable residential lots. This development also has an eight-acre commercial site on East Lucas Road.

There are two additional residential subdivisions in the development process which include the New Castle Estates development located on County Club Road across the street from Berry Ranch which include 9 lots and the Hendrick Farms Addition on Blondy Jhune that will have approximately 35 lots. Both of these new developments have 2-acre minimum lot size.

There are approximately 473 residential lots currently available within the City of Lucas and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Commercial development has always been sporadic in the City, some of that by design with only commercial properties being available on the outskirts of the City. Currently, there are two commercial projects moving forward through the development process. Home Run Alley is an indoor batting cage facility with an outdoor baseball infield practice facility located on a 3.08 acre tract north of Walmart. At the pad site in front of Walmart on West Lucas Road, a commercial building designed for multiple tenants which includes a 11,838 square foot area with a drive through window and outdoor dining area for a potential restaurant.

The City issued 347 permits October 1, 2018 through March 30, 2019 compared to 380 permits issued October 1, 2019 through March 30, 2020. We believe this demonstrates a resilient construction industry in our local economy and evidence that even in tough times, developers and builders are still investing in Lucas.

Keep Yourself Informed Instantly Sign up for Nixle

The City understands that there are several options to get pertinent information for our area, but the Nixle system is a mass notification system specific to the City of Lucas as a way to notify our residents directly and keep them safe and informed. The City uses the Nixle system in emergency situations or even to notify Lucas residents of a water leak in their area. To sign up for Nixle, text LUCAS to 888777 and hit send, you will receive a text confirmation that you have been added to the Nixle sign up for Lucas. If you need assistance with setting up your Lucas Nixle notification, contact the Fire-Rescue Department at 972.727.1242 for assistance.

Technology Update

The City is continuing efforts to pursue a broadband solution to resolve internet problems throughout Lucas. In February, the City Council approved the Technology Committee's recommendations to acquire the services of Magellan Advisors to conduct a broadband feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to develop a broadband network design, financial model, and recommendations for building a municipal broadband network. On April 6, the Technology Committee, members of the Lucas City Council, and City staff participated in a web conference kickoff meeting and work session with Magellan Advisors to discuss key aspects of the broadband feasibility study. The key aspects include a conceptual network design, fiber-to-the-home network, internet speed, community connectivity, municipal broadband planning, and financial analysis. The broadband feasibility study is anticipated to take four months to complete with a goal of presenting a broadband plan in July.

Keep Lucas Beautiful

For the first time, the City submitted an award application for the Keep Texas Beautiful Governor's Community Achievement Award to recognize the Keep Lucas Beautiful program. Keep Lucas Beautiful came in second place under its designated category for populations between 5,501 to 9,000 and was recognized as one of the highest scorers this year. We thank the community for continuing to support our cleanup events and beautification programs.

City Council Held First Video Conference Meeting



In response to the COVID-19 emergency and orders in place to limit social gatherings to ten people or fewer, City Council and Planning and Zoning meetings are now being held by video conference. On

April 2, 2020 the City Council held their first video conference meeting and will continue to do so as long as the emergency declaration is in place. If you would like to view or take part in a City Council meeting, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/> where you can download a video link to an upcoming meeting.