

# LUCAS LEADER



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Since I don't know when these newsletters will get into everyone's mailbox before early voting, I thought I would put this election reminder in the October newsletter. Normally, City election "stuff" is on the May election. May elections tend to be for municipal and school related

issues to somewhat isolate them from partisan politics. This year due to COVID the May elections were pushed to the November 3 national election day. The election slate in November will have everything from the President of United States, Congressional seats, State Legislative seats, to County Commissioners, School Board members, and yes... City of Lucas items. I thought I would just briefly remind you of what will be on the ballot for the City of Lucas.

There are actually two City Council seats up for re-election. City Council members serve three year terms so that two City Council seats come up each year. The Mayor's seat is also on a three year cycle. So this year City Council Seats 1 and Seat 2 are on the ballot.

Seat 1 is currently held by Councilmember Wayne Millsap and he is seeking re-election. Tim Johnson, a City of Lucas Planning and

Zoning Commissioner is also running for Seat 1. So it will be up to the citizens of Lucas as to who you would like to represent you. I would encourage you to look them up on their websites [www.millsap4lucas.com](http://www.millsap4lucas.com) and [www.johnson4lucas.com](http://www.johnson4lucas.com) or call them. (I am sure they wouldn't mind me saying that ;) ) The City Council Seat 2 election is a little easier. Current Councilmember Tim Baney is seeking re-election and he is running unopposed.

Proposition "A" on the ballot for the City of Lucas is proposing to continue the ½% (0.5%) of the sales tax collected in the City to go to street maintenance. Currently when you shop for non-grocery items you pay 8.25% sales tax. Right now 2.0% of the 8.25% comes to the City, 0.5% of the 2.0% is put in a fund that is used strictly for street maintenance. Last year the 0.5% added approximately \$387,000 to the street maintenance budget. If Proposition "A" passes that will continue.

Proposition "B" proposes the issuance of a general obligation bond in the amount of \$19,190,000 to create a City of Lucas fiber optic broadband utility system to deliver citywide broadband internet service. There is a lot of information on this, if you recall my article last month was dedicated to laying out Proposition "B" and I would encourage you to go to the City's website and there is button/box on the front page "Lucas Broadband Project" that will take you to several pages of information on this project.

## WINNINGKOFF ROAD PHASE 2 UPDATE

The Winningkoff Phase 2 project extends north from Forestview Drive to Snider Lane. The original contract with McMahon Contracting was cancelled and the next bidder, Camino Construction is scheduled to begin construction in October. The work schedule has not been provided by the contractor at this time, and the project duration was bid at 270 days, October to July, but may be lengthened based on new contract documents. Camino Construction is the same contractor that successfully and efficiently built the three lane Stinson Road connection to West Lucas Road in 2017.

## GOT A QUESTION ABOUT BROADBAND?

The City has created a Broadband webpage where you will find information related to the broadband project and be able to submit your broadband questions via a link on the City's website. For information, go to [www.lucastexas.us/departments/lucas-broadband-project](http://www.lucastexas.us/departments/lucas-broadband-project).

## COLLIN CARES HOUSING PROGRAM

Collin Cares Emergency Housing and Living Assistance (EHLA) Program runs through December 1, 2020. For more information contact program administrators at [ehlagrant@mckinneytexas.org](mailto:ehlagrant@mckinneytexas.org) or call the helpline at 972-547-9001.





## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Currently, meetings at City Hall are not open to on-site visitors. It is the goal of the City Council to encourage public participation while maintaining practices to safeguard public health. All meetings will be available through a video conferencing webinar link at [www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/](http://www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/).

October 1	City Council Meeting Video Conference   7 pm
October 8	Planning and Zoning Meeting Video Conference   7 pm
October 10	Lucas Farmers Market Community Park   8 am-12 pm
October 15	City Council Meeting Video Conference   7 pm

## Holiday Donation Drive

November 9 through December 4

This year's Holiday Donation Drive will be held from November 9 through December 4. Partners in the donation drive include Toys for Tots, Allen Community Outreach, Family Promise of Collin County, and Loving Care Home and Agape Care Home that will be part of our Senior Angel Tree. The City of Lucas will also be working with the Lucas Veterinary Hospital to support their pet food drive.

We will have more information in the November Lucas Leader on ways to support your community.

## WATERING SCHEDULE TO CHANGE

As a reminder, April 1 through October 31, water restrictions are in place allowing watering twice per week but not between the hours of 10 am to 6 pm.

Beginning November 1 through March 31 water restrictions will change to allow watering between the hours of 10 am and 6 pm, but still only twice per week.



## CITY WILL HOST FINAL FARMERS MARKETS OF THE SEASON

Lucas Farmers Markets will be held  
September 26  
October 10  
8am until Noon



"Despite the challenges this season, the Lucas Farmers Market created a safe community event while providing fresh, local food for our citizens to enjoy," said Councilmember Tim Baney. We are thankful to the steady stream of both vendors and shoppers who have continued to support our efforts to keep the Lucas Farmers Market a local community event. Over 40 vendors have signed up to participate in the September and October markets, including a strong showing of produce suppliers.

Shoppers can browse among a variety of products including locally grown produce, honey, syrup, herbs, flowers, jams, breads, free range eggs, salsa, chicken, beef and pork. Several vendors will offer teas, olive oils, soaps, cutting boards, and other artisan products. Upcoming markets will continue to follow local and state safety guidelines including:

- Wash or disinfect hands frequently
- Maintain 6 feet of separation from individuals not within the same household.
- Mandatory wearing cloth face coverings or masks (over the nose and mouth) when entering the market.
- Measures such as cough etiquette, and good hygiene should be practiced.



At the final market of the season, attendees will have an opportunity to see the City's brand new ambulance! This year's Fire Station Open House will be modified and combined with the Lucas Farmers Market on October 10, 2020 at the Community Park. The new ambulance will be on display and our firefighters will be on site passing out fire prevention goodies. We hope you come to the farmers market and find some great produce, and meet your Lucas firefighters as well. The City will also be

providing a hospitality area that includes delicious donuts to express the City's appreciation to all who supported the market. Social distancing, including masks, will be required, and tours of the new ambulance will be available. The ambulance will be completely disinfected with a state of the art ozone sterilization process at the beginning and end of the day. We hope to see you there!

The City of Lucas would like to extend its appreciation to the Lucas Farmers Market Committee for a wonderful season! These dedicated volunteers worked countless hours to create a safe and pleasant social experience for our community and visitors by providing access to local farmers, food producers and artists.

Debra Guillemaud (Chair)

Mark & Jennifer Gerber

Ron & Pam Lacock

Stephanie Schertz

Sean Watts

Lynn Dodson (Marketing)

Laura Giles (Social Media)

Darren & Detje Printz

Joan Stanton

A special thank you to the City's Public Works and Development Services Departments for logistical support and Deputies Noel and Gillespie for traffic assistance.

For more information, visit <https://lucasfarmersmarket.com>.

## SAMPLE BALLOTS

The ballot this November 3 election will be a busy one with Federal, State and County items on the ballot, as well as city and school district items. Sample ballots are available on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/elections](http://www.lucastexas.us/elections) as well as Collin County Elections at [www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election\\_information/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/election_information/Pages/default.aspx). Be sure to look for the ballot that has your school district information as well.

To the right is a sample ballot for the City of Lucas only; however, the entire ballot that includes Federal, State, County and local elections is two pages long. Be sure to take some time to review the ballot before you get to the polls, as this will help reduce the long lines that are anticipated for this November election.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Public Lands Trail Cleanup

The City is partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Trinity Trail Preservation Association for the Public Lands Trail Cleanup in observance of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26, 2020. The cleanup event will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the Brockdale Park Trail Head. We encourage the community to participate in this cleanup event to remove trash and debris from the trails as we continue to "Keep Lucas Beautiful." We ask that all volunteers preregister for the cleanup event at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/public-lands-trail-cleanup/>.

All registered volunteers will be contacted prior to the event with further event information. Sign-in will begin at 9 am at the Brockdale Park Trail Head. Lunch and snow cones by Kona Ice will be provided to all volunteers from 12 pm to 1 pm. The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center will make a special appearance during the volunteer lunch to provide a safe social distancing interactive experience with the raptors. Safety precautions such as face masks and social distancing will be required for the event.

<p align="center"><b>City Of Lucas General And Special Election</b> (La Ciudad De Lucas) (Elección General Y Especial)</p>
<p><b>Councilmember, Seat 1</b> <b>3 Year Term</b> (Miembro del Consejo, Asiento 1) (Término de 3 años) <b>Vote for one or none</b> (Vote por uno o ninguno)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Johnson</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wayne Millsap</p>
<p><b>Councilmember, Seat 2</b> <b>Unopposed Declared Elected</b> <b>3 Year Term</b> (Candidato Por El Asiento 2, Sin Oposición) (Término de 3 años) <b>Vote for one or none</b> (Vote por uno o ninguno)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tim Baney</p>
<p align="center"><b>Proposition A</b> (Proposición A)</p> <p><b>The reauthorization of the one-half of one percent (.50%) local sales and use tax within the City of Lucas, Texas, to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.</b> (<i>"La reautorización del impuesto sobre ventas y uso de la mitad del 1% (0.5%) dentro de la Ciudad de Lucas, Tx, con el fin de continuar proveyendo ingresos para el mantenimiento y reparación de las calles municipales."</i>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For (A Favor)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Proposition B</b> (Proposición B)</p> <p><b>The issuance of not to exceed \$19,190,000 of City of Lucas, Texas general obligation bonds for a fiber optic cable utility system to provide broadband internet service, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof.</b> (<i>"La emisión que no excederá de \$19,190,000 de bonos de obligación general de la Ciudad de Lucas, Texas para un sistema de servicios públicos de cable de fibra óptica con el fin de proporcionar servicio de internet de banda ancha, y la imposición de un impuesto para el pago de lo anterior."</i>)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> For (A Favor)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Against (En Contra)</p>



## VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 5

The last day to register to vote for the November 3 election is October 5. To register or find out if you are registered to vote, go to the Collin County Elections website at [www.collincountytx.gov/elections/voter\\_registration/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/voter_registration/Pages/default.aspx) where you will be able fill out an application or check registration status. If you are not registered, fill out the voter registration application fillable form, print and sign, and mail it to the address below. Be sure your application is postmarked by October 5.

Registrar of Voters  
Collin County Elections  
2010 Redbud Blvd., Suite 102  
McKinney, Texas 75069

Early voting and Election Day voting will be held at the Lucas Community Center, located behind City Hall at 665 Country Club Road. Governor Abbott has extended early voting to begin on October 13, early voting times are outlined below:

Tuesday October 13 - Friday, October 16	8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, October 17	7 am - 7 pm
Sunday, October 18	1 pm - 6 pm
Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 23	8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, October 24	7 am - 7 pm
Sunday, October 25	1 pm - 6 pm
Monday, October 26 - Friday, October 30	7 am - 7 pm
<b>Election Day, November 3</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>

## LIVE STREAMING OF CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD MEETINGS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

To better reach our citizens and provide as many opportunities as possible to connect with our City Council and other boards and commissions, the City has partnered with Swagit, a video streaming company, to begin in October streaming City Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Board of Adjustment meetings live via all platforms and devices capable of video playback.

While City meetings are closed to on-site visitors, Zoom will continue to be used for those residents that would like to participate and speak at a meeting, but you may also view the live feed from the City's website. The meeting recordings will also offer bookmarking to easily find particular agenda items within the recording.

Once City meetings are open to on-site visitors, the City will discontinue Zoom and move to live streaming of meetings so that you may view a meeting from anywhere should you not be able to attend in person. We hope Lucas residents enjoy this new feature of staying informed with what's happening in Lucas.





## MEET YOUR CITY ENGINEER Stanton Foerster

This summer, City Engineer Stanton Foerster, P.E. celebrated his seventh anniversary with the City of Lucas. During that seven years, the City Council authorized more public works projects than in the previous 55 years. Waterlines, concrete roads, bridges, and pump stations have been in high gear in Lucas and dramatic changes have taken place to the infrastructure in Lucas.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Stanton started his engineering career with the Texas Department of Transportation in 1987. During his seven years with TxDOT, Stanton was responsible for \$200 million in right-of-way acquisition; various aspects of public involvement; and all elements relating to construction traffic control plans including the sequencing of construction for \$820 million in state highways, city streets, and light rail projects. From 1994 to joining the City in 2013, Stanton ran his own consulting firm where he was the engineer-of-record for several north Texas towns. He was also Director of Special Projects for Transportation Strategies, Inc. an affiliate of the international law firm of Winstead, P.C.; the Business Development Manager for the Environmental and Transportation Divisions of CP&Y, Inc.; and the Transportation Manager for the City of Allen.

As the City Engineer, Stanton performs complex management, administrative, and technical professional work in the engineering, leadership, development, and technological enhancement of the operations of the Engineering Department. Operations of the Department include facilitation of the design and development of a wide variety of construction projects, environmental management and protection, and oversight of public utilities infrastructure. Also, he is responsible for capital streets and drainage structures and a wide variety of public works projects and programs.

Beyond the everyday challenges of the Lucas engineering needs, Stanton is committed to his community as well. During the past 20 years, Stanton was Deputy Mayor Pro Tem of the Rowlett City Council and a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, a member of the Dallas Regional Mobility Council, a Trinity Harbor Church founding member, and President/Vice President of two homeowners associations.



## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE TREE AWARDS

The City of Lucas has established a Service Tree Award Program that allows for annual recognition of an individual, business, youth or civic group who has contributed a significant and useful service to the community. The award consists of planting and dedicating a living tree at the Lucas Community Park in the recipients honor. All nominees will be reviewed, and finalists selected by the Lucas City Council, with Service Tree Awards presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event in May 8, 2021. To submit a nomination, an online application can be found on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/](http://www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/). Nominations must be submitted no later than **December 10, 2020** to City Secretary Stacy Henderson at [shenderson@lucastexas.us](mailto:shenderson@lucastexas.us). Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Actions should benefit the City/residents in a significant way.
- Nominee may be individual, youth, church group, civic or neighborhood group (ex: HOA, garden club), youth group (ex: Boy or Girl Scout troop, 4-H Club), local business or charity.
- The individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the city corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.

## GET ON BOARD

### Join a Board or Commission

*Application Deadline is November 1, 2020*

Would you like to serve your community and get involved? One way to do that is to serve on a City of Lucas Board or Commission. The Lucas City Council is always looking for dedicated individuals that are interested in preserving the quality of life in Lucas. The deadline to apply is November 1 and prospective candidates will interview with the City Council at their November 19 meeting. Selected candidates will then be appointed at the December 3, 2020 City Council meeting. To serve on a City Board all candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the City for twelve continuous months prior to appointment
- Be eighteen years old prior to the date of appointment
- Have not been convicted and are not currently charged with a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude
- Have no indebtedness to the City, such as delinquent taxes
- Be a qualified voter of the City

Below is an overview of the City's Boards and Commissions:

### **Planning and Zoning Commission - 2-year term**

*2nd Thursday of each month - 7 pm*

Makes recommendations to the City Council on matters relating to rezoning applications, site plans, plats, and development projects for the City.

### **Parks and Open Space Board - 2-year term**

*Meets every other month - 7 pm*

Serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and staff in matters relating to the parks and open space of the City and implementing beautification projects.

### **Board of Adjustment - 2-year term**

*Meets as needed*

Responsible for reviewing application requests for special exceptions to the City's Zoning Ordinances and determining if variances are needed related to items such as fencing, lot coverage, and signage.

To fill out an online application, visit the City's website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/departments/boards-commissions/>. For questions contact the City Secretary's office at 972.912.1211.



## BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER FALL GALA November 12

The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center Fall Gala will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 pm at Cross Creek Ranch, that has a large outdoor covered pavilion which will give everyone plenty of room. We are excited that we can continue our fall Gala tradition in a safe environment. There will be many more details to come but please put this fun evening on your calendar. We have many great items for our silent and live auctions as well as excellent food and drinks. Tickets are \$90 per person or you may purchase a table. For more information go to [www.bpraptorcenter.org](http://www.bpraptorcenter.org).