



## ANNOUNCING THE 2021 LUCAS FARMERS MARKET SEASON

The Lucas Farmers Market schedule for 2021 will continue on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. This schedule provides 12 standard markets and two tentative markets to be held with other city-sponsored special events:

April 24  
May 8 (Tentative Special Market in conjunction with Founders Day)  
May 22  
June 12 and 26  
July 10 and 24  
August 14 and 28  
September 11 and 25  
October 9 and 23  
December 3 (Tentative Holiday Market in conjunction with Country Christmas)

The Lucas Farmers Market is a city-sponsored event recommended by the Lucas Parks and Open Space Board and approved by the Lucas City Council. With the support of the City of Lucas, the Lucas Farmers Market Committee (LFMC), an informal committee of citizen volunteers, was established in July 2019 to create the Lucas Farmers Market.

The City provides liability insurance, logistical support/site management, and administers all matters relating to public safety and health. The City provides a liaison to the Lucas Farmers Market Committee to support the relationship between the Committee and the City. Providing funding for market-related expenditures is managed through the City's budget process and is at the discretion of the Lucas City Council.

The LFMC is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the market and maintains primary contact with the vendors and the City. The LFMC leads the marketing efforts and facilitates the creation of a reliable customer base for its vendors.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The LFMC is seeking committed, dependable volunteers for the upcoming season. Members of the LFMC are required to work a minimum of two to three markets (depending on the number of volunteers willing to serve on the LFMC) from set up which starts at 6:00 am through tear down which usually concludes at 1:00 pm. You must be a Lucas citizen to serve on the Lucas Farmers Market Committee and be willing to attend occasional Lucas Farmers Market meetings. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Lucas Farmers Market by serving as a volunteer, please send an email to [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us) with your name, address, telephone number and email address along with a brief statement on how you can contribute to the success of the market by December 31, and attend a planning session on January 12 at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

### Christmas Mass St. Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church 11 Horseman Drive, Lucas

Join us to celebrate Christmas. Our parish is a vibrant part of Lucas and the North Texas Community. Finding St. Stephen's was like "finding home" for all of us.

Christmas Eve	December 24	11:45 pm
Christmas Day	December 25	11:00 am

[www.ststephensac.com](http://www.ststephensac.com)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CITY EMPLOYEES

The City of Lucas would like to introduce you to our newest city staff members: HR Generalist Alana Cohen, Code Enforcement Officer Colton Monk, and Part-Time Public Works Assistant Zachary Hilbourn. We are excited to have Alana, Colton, and Zachary join the Lucas team!



**HR Generalist Alana Cohen** – Alana received her Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University and has experience in benefits administration, human resources, and payroll. Alana grew up in the Lucas area and currently lives in McKinney with her two children and husband. Alana previously worked as a HR Data Reporting Analyst at the Texas Health Center in Plano. You may

reach Alana at 972.912.1204 or by email at [acohen@lucastexas.us](mailto:acohen@lucastexas.us).



**Code Enforcement Officer Colton Monk** – Colton relocated from Colorado back to Farmersville, Texas, and is interested in a career in code enforcement. Colton previously worked at the City of Princeton where he assisted with public works and code enforcement tasks. You may reach Colton at 972.727.8999 extension 3005 or by email at [cmonk@lucastexas.us](mailto:cmonk@lucastexas.us).



**Part-Time Public Works Assistant Zachary Hilbourn** – Zachary currently lives in Allen and is interested in learning about public works. Zachary will be assisting with various public works duties. Zachary has future goals to attend school to learn welding. You may reach Zachary by email at [zhilbourn@lucastexas.us](mailto:zhilbourn@lucastexas.us).

## MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The City made an error in September of 2020, and was notified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) of the error on November 2, 2020. We did not complete the required number of bacteria samples required by TCEQ. We are required to do nine bacteria samples monthly: five at the beginning of the month and four at the end. Last September, we missed the five samples at the start of the month, but we did submit the four at the end. We have been found in violation by the TCEQ. The City of Lucas is the owner/operator of the Lucas Waterworks Public Water System (PWS). Texas Administrative Code 290.122(c) states that the owner or operator of a PWS who fails to perform required monitoring or fails to comply with a test procedure shall notify persons served by the system no later than one year after the PWS learns of the violation. As part of our routine testing, we are also required to do lead testing to make certain the amount of lead in the drinking water does not exceed standards. Once that lead test was submitted for September 2020, we received notice that the lead testing was complete and acceptable. When we removed lead testing from the schedule, we inadvertently also removing the bacteria testing from the schedule by mistake. We are required to notify the public of our error by September 30, 2021. Your drinking water is safe as indicated by subsequent sampling. We sincerely apologize for our oversight. For more information go to [www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/](http://www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/).

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Well the election is finally over. The City is looking better with less visual clutter adorning our major thoroughfares. So how did things come out for the City of Lucas? We had the best voter turnout than we have ever had. 74 percent of the registered voters went to the polls and cast their ballot. The voters reelected Tim

Baney to the City Council and elected Tim Johnson to his first term as a City Council member. Congratulations to Mr. Baney and Mr. Johnson. The Oath of office for Mr. Johnson will be administered at the November 19 City Council meeting.

The voters decided to continue with the ½ cent sales tax to fund street maintenance (Proposition A). This continues the sales tax for another four years. Last year this sales tax amounted to \$350,000 which went directly towards street maintenance.

For Proposition B, the voters declined to approve the General Obligation Bond that would have funded a fiber optic broadband utility. This ended up being a very divisive topic in the community. I am still taken back by some of the actions and reactions spurred by Proposition B. As members of a community, I have always felt we should be able to respectfully disagree with one another but still understand we all have different perspectives and we should have compassion for our fellow neighbors who may see things from a different viewpoint. I am not saying we should waiver from our personal stance on any subject but we should be able to communicate in a positive tone enough to make our point without attacking others. In the end, I want to encourage everyone to open yourself up to having empathy and respect for your neighbor. They are not your enemy, they are just another member of this community family we fondly call Lucas.

Just a reminder we are scheduled to have another City election in May of 2021, barring any unforeseen circumstances like we saw in 2020. On the ballot there will be two City Council seats, and the Mayor's seat, and possibly some Home Rule Charter amendments. Filing for City Council positions will kick off on January 13. Out of an abundance of caution, the City Council has modified Country Christmas to a drive through event. For more details, see the article on the inside pages. We are looking forward to a fun and safe event.

## MEET YOUR NEWEST COUNCILMEMBER

### Tim Johnson



Tim was born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, and attended Lamar University in Beaumont before enlisting in the US Navy. For over 25 years Mr. Johnson served both active duty and reserves on ships and shore stations in the US and overseas, teaching at service schools, and in various leadership roles. Tim retired as a

Chief Petty Officer. Following active duty, Tim continued his career in telecommunications with Satellite Business Systems, MCI/WorldCom, and XO Communications. Tim retired as a Principal Solutions Architect from Verizon.

Tim and his wife Marla moved to the rural oasis that is Lucas in 2014 to escape urban sprawl. Tim and Marla have been married for 43 years, and they have three children and nine grandchildren. Shortly after moving to Lucas, Tim began attending City Council meetings to get involved. Tim was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2016, ultimately serving as Vice-Chairman, and elected to the Lucas City Council in 2020. Tim's public service includes:

- Board of Directors – Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue
- Board of Elders - Messiah Lutheran Church
- Vice President of the Plano Amateur Radio Club
- Charter Member of Lucas Amateur Radio Club
- Collin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service – SKYWARN

Tim looks forward to continuing to be "Looking Out For Lucas" in his new role on the City Council.

## ELECTION RESULTS

### City Council Seat 1:

<b>Tim Johnson</b>	<b>2,132 votes (56.05%)</b>
Wayne Millsap	1,672 votes (43.95%)

### City Council Seat 2:

<b>Tim Baney</b>	<b>2,931 (Running unopposed)</b>
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### Proposition A - Street Maintenance:

<b>For:</b>	<b>3,665 (82.73%)</b>
Against:	765 (17.27%)

### Proposition B - Fiber Optic Utility System:

For:	1,790 (39.93%)
<b>Against:</b>	<b>2,693 (60.07%)</b>





## December Events

City meetings have opened to the public with limited capacity. Masks or face coverings will be required. To ensure safe social distancing, capacity is limited to 15 audience members. The City will continue with Zoom meetings to allow for public participation remotely. To download a video conferencing link go to [www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/](http://www.lucastexas.us/download-a-meeting-video-conference-link/).

Through December 4	Holiday Donation Drive City Hall
November 26-27	City offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday
December 3	City Council Meeting City Hall   7 pm
December 4	Drive Through Country Christmas Community Park   6 - 8 pm
December 10	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall   7 pm
December 17	City Council Meeting City Hall   7 pm
December 24-25	City offices closed

### Candidate Filing

#### City of Lucas 2021 General Election


The City of Lucas general election will be held on May 1, 2021. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot, Seat 3 and Seat 4, as well as the seat for Mayor. Each position serves a three year term. Applications for a place on the ballot will be available from the City Secretary’s office beginning January 4. Prospective candidates may file an application with the City Secretary beginning Wednesday, January 13 through Friday, February 12, 2021. Please note that electronic application submittals will not be accepted.

To be eligible for office, the City Charter states the following criteria must be met:

- Resident of the City for twelve (12) continuous months
- Qualified voter of the city
- Never been convicted or not currently charged with a felony or crime involving moral turpitude
- 18 years of age
- Not delinquent on ad valorem taxes due to the City of Lucas

For any election questions, contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211.

## ARBOR DAY & RECYCLING DRIVE-THRU EVENT SUCCESS!



On Saturday, November 7, the City held its Arbor Day and Recycling Drive-Thru event. The Legacy 4-H Club was onsite giving away free tree saplings and mulch to encourage tree planting and beautification in Lucas. A total of 100 red oak and 100 bald cypress tree saplings were given away. To further promote environmental sustainability, an electronic recycling and paper shredding drop-off site also took place where residents dropped off recyclable electronics and paper documents to be securely disposed. There were 4,105 pounds of recyclable electronics collected and approximately 4,000 pounds of paper documents shredded onsite. Thank you to the Legacy 4-H Club, United Electronic Recycling, and Mobile Shred-It for partnering with the City for the event. The Arbor Day and Recycling event was a great success in supporting environmental sustainability and beautification of the Lucas community.

### DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR SERVICE TREE NOMINATIONS

December 10 is the deadline to submit nominations for a Service Tree Award. 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 and Service Tree Awards are presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event in 2021. To submit a nomination, go to [www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/](http://www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/). 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, local charity.
- The individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the City of Lucas corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.

## CHRISTMAS WITH “OLE STREAKER”




“Ole Streaker” is sitting in a barn in pieces being restored by volunteers. She was Engine No. 1 for the City of Lucas and purchased in 1973 with the personal funds of Chief Frank Hamlin along with donations by residents and friends of Lucas, Texas. She was referred to as Streaker because when purchased she had no additional firefighting equipment. “Ole” was added because she was a used 1949 Ford. “Ole” Streaker protected the City of Lucas and surrounding areas from 1973 through 1980 when she was replaced. She was kept as a reserve engine until 1992 when she was moved to a non-response parade vehicle status until 2005 when she was placed in storage. Many residents remember having family pictures taken when she was lit up for Christmas and sat in front of the Fire Station.

Several former and current members have decided to bring her back to life to use in parades, ceremonies, station visits and funerals. The “Friends of Lucas Volunteer Fire Department”, a 501C3 designated charity is spearheading a campaign to do just that. The Ole’ Streaker Restoration Campaign is in full swing. Commemorative bricks are being sold that will be used to make a patio around the flag pole in front of the Lucas Fire Station. The bricks are great ways to remember family members or special events. Donations can be made directly to the Friends of the Lucas Volunteer Fire Department. Checks can be made payable to Friends of Lucas Fire and Rescue and mailed to P.O. Box 1868, Allen, Texas 75013. The Lovejoy Professional Network, another charitable organization has also adopted Ole Streaker. Donations can be made and bricks can be purchased from their website at [www.lovejoyprofessionalnetwork.com](http://www.lovejoyprofessionalnetwork.com) and see pictures of Ole Streaker as well. You may also visit the Facebook page of “Ole Streaker Restoration” Lucas, Texas to see ongoing pictures of the restoration. The Lucas City Council has committed to match all donations that are raised up to \$37,500.

## HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

### November 9 – December 4



The holiday season is upon us and there are several opportunities to give back to your community. This year, the City will hold its annual Holiday Donation Drive beginning **November 9 through December 4** to support Collin County Toys for Tots, Allen Community Outreach, Family Promise of Collin County, Loving Care Home, and Lucas Veterinary Hospital. All donations can be dropped off at City Hall during the donation period and at Country Christmas on December 4.

**Toy Drive for Collin County Toys for Tots**  
You can help support the Collin County Toys for Tots campaign by donating gifts for local children and teenagers who are in need. Toys for Tots does not publish a list of appropriate toys to donate in order to avoid a limited selection of items to distribute throughout the community. Toys for Tots encourages donors to consider what might be an appropriate gift for their own child or relative, purchase the item, and donate to Toys to Tots. Toys for Tots will not accept realistic looking weapons, gifts with food, or used merchandise. Toys for Tots will accept any new unwrapped toy.

**Food Drive for Allen Community Outreach**  
This is your opportunity to help feed families in the community throughout the holiday season. Allen Community Outreach (ACO) was founded in 1985 by a group of caring community members who offer essential human and social services such as food and case management for families in crisis located within Lucas, Allen, and Fairview. This year’s suggested donation items include canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, yams, gravy (canned/dry packet), instant potatoes, stuffing/dressing (stovetop, etc.), sugar (up to five pounds), canned pumpkin, Bisquick (baking mix), cake mix, and cooking oil (smaller bottles).

**Gift Drive for Family Promise of Collin County**  
Family Promise of Collin County has been serving Collin

County residents since 2011 providing services to homeless families with children as they regain sustainable independence. Family Promise needs in-kind donations such as gift cards to Walmart, Target, Quick Trip or RaceTrac, and Uber cards to help with transportation for families and assistance to purchase basic needs. Any denomination for gift cards will be accepted but \$25 cards are greatly preferred to donate to different families. Additional donation items may include cleaning supplies, Lysol wipes, laundry detergent (pods or liquid), all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, and toilet paper.

**Senior Angel Tree for Loving Care Home**  
Loving Care Home is a residential assisted living facility for senior citizens in Lucas. Each year, the City sponsors a Senior Angel Tree to show our senior citizens some “Lucas Love” over the holidays. If you would like to donate a gift to one of our beloved seniors, please contact Donna Bradshaw at 972.912.1206 or [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us) to select an angel from the Senior Angel Tree beginning November 9. Please drop off all new and wrapped gifts at City Hall during the donation period.

**Pet Food Drive for Lucas Veterinary Hospital**  
The City is also supporting the Lucas Veterinary Hospital in their annual pet food drive to benefit local animal shelters. Please donate any unopened bags or cans of pet food at City Hall and help the Lucas Veterinary Hospital ease the stress our local shelters feel in keeping a consistent food supply for all of the animals who need it. Donations can also be dropped off at the Lucas Veterinary Hospital located at 800 Country Club Road.

## DRIVE THROUGH LUCAS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

### Friday, December 4 | 6 - 8 pm



In order to help ensure public health safety during the coronavirus pandemic, the City’s Country Christmas event will be a modified drive through event held on Friday, December 4, 2020 from 6 pm at 8 pm. The Country Christmas drive through will take place in the gravel parking lot at City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road. Country Christmas will be a drive through event only where visitors must stay inside their vehicles. Visitors must enter through the northern entrance of City Hall and will drive through to the gravel parking lot before exiting at the southern entrance. Please see the Country Christmas drive through map below.

In-N-Out Burger will begin providing free meals at 6 pm to visitors who attend the Country Christmas drive through. In-N-Out Burger will serve until all meals run out or by 8 pm, whichever occurs first. The free meal includes a burger, chips, and a soft drink. As you drive through the event to receive a free meal from In-N-Out Burger, holiday decorations and lights will be on display at the Lucas Community Park. In addition, the North Pole will be located at the center of the gravel parking lot as you drive around to pick up a free In-N-Out Burger meal. Santa, Elf, The Grinch, and Olaf will be located at the North Pole expressing their holiday spirit as you drive through the event. Visitors must stay inside their vehicles at all times, but can take pictures of the North Pole from their vehicles at a safe social distance.

We hope you and your family stop by this year’s Country Christmas drive through event to see Santa and his friends at the North Pole along the way to receive a free meal from In-N-Out Burger. The City would like to wish a wonderful holiday season to the Lucas community.