

## MEET YOUR NEW LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE FIRE CAPTAINS

Lucas Fire-Rescue recently had two Fire Captain positions available and promoted from within to fill those vacancies. All candidates were required to complete a physical ability test, assessment, and a panel interview. After careful consideration, Firefighter/Paramedics Ian Evans and Sean Peterson were chosen as the newest Fire Captains for the City of Lucas.



### CAPTAIN IAN EVANS

Lucas Fire-Rescue would like to introduce the City's newest Fire Captain, Ian Evans. Captain Evans will be leading Lucas Fire-Rescue B Shift.

Ian has been a member of Lucas Fire-Rescue for nine years. Ian first came to Lucas as a volunteer in 2012 and was hired full-time in 2015. Ian has obtained his fire certification, EMT-Basic certification, EMT-Paramedic certification and holds

several Texas Commission on Fire Protection certifications including Fire Officer I & II, Incident Safety Officer, Wildland, Instructor I, and Driver Operator that allows him to perform various vital roles for the department and makes him a very valuable asset to Lucas Fire-Rescue.

The City of Lucas is exceptionally proud to have Ian Evans and Sean Peterson as the City's newest Captains for the contributions that they bring to the City.



### CAPTAIN SEAN PETERSON

The new C-Shift Fire Captain is Sean Peterson. Sean has been a member of Lucas Fire-Rescue for almost three years, joining the department as a Firefighter/Paramedic in March of 2018. Sean has obtained his fire, EMT-Basic, and EMT-Paramedic certifications and is currently working on his associates degree, which he plans to complete this summer. Sean holds several other certifications relating to fire and EMS that include: Texas

Commission on Fire Protection Driver Operator-Pumper, Driver Operator-Aerial, Fire Investigator, Fire Instructor, and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Rope Rescue Level 1. These certifications allow Sean to perform versatile roles which makes him a very valuable member of Lucas Fire-Rescue.

## Good Shepherd United Methodist Church hosting Food Drive for COVID-19 Relief



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is launching "Can Goods for Covid-19 Relief" to benefit the All Community Outreach Food Pantry (formerly Allen Community Outreach). We invite you to bring canned goods to one of our parking lot drop-off events

each month, or you can place your canned goods in one of our bins outside our east or west doors. The March parking lot drop-off dates are Monday, March 22 from 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, March 28, 1 pm to 3pm. Each month after that, our parking lot dates will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday from 9 am to 3 pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 1 pm to 3 pm.

If you would like to contribute but cannot drop-off, please feel free to contact Wally at Good Shepherd United Methodist by phone/text at 903.450.7468 or email at [wally.gsumc@gmail.com](mailto:wally.gsumc@gmail.com), and a pickup time can be arranged. As you know, Covid-19 has impacted many in our community, and there are more people in need now than ever, so any donations would go a long way for helping our community. The canned items needed most are tomato products, fruit, beans, pasta, chunky soups, Progresso soups, and chili.



### Welcome to the City's Newest Intern

The City of Lucas would like to welcome Kevin Becker as the newest member of the Lucas team. Kevin is currently enrolled at the University of North Texas earning his Masters in Public Administration. This is Kevin's first experience working in a local governmental agency and he wanted to come to smaller community so that he could be exposed to various projects during his time here. Kevin is originally from California and moved to Texas four years ago. Kevin will be assisting in the City Secretary's office but will also take part in projects in other departments. We look forward to having Kevin as part of the team.



Collin County is leading a new transportation study focused on current and future needs in the east portion of the county. The Future Mobility Study will build on needs and recommendations identified in the 2014 Collin County Mobility Plan Update. The study also includes Dallas, Rockwall and Hunt counties to help ensure a regional approach to transportation planning. The *Future Mobility Study* is an opportunity for Collin County to work with the public to keep communities connected and prepared to accommodate future population and employment growth.

The county is asking study area residents and drivers to complete a short survey on the study website to provide initial feedback on transportation issues and priorities in the study area. The survey will remain open until March 15, 2021, and feedback from the survey will help shape future transportation recommendations in the study area.

The county is planning to host a public meeting later this spring to share additional information such as population and employment projections, current travel trends and future commercial and residential developments. The public and any other group or individual interested in the study can subscribe to updates on the study website, including notifications for future public meetings at [www.ccfuturemobility.com](http://www.ccfuturemobility.com). For questions or comments about the study, please email [info@ccfuturemobility.com](mailto:info@ccfuturemobility.com) or call the Collin County Engineering office at 972.548.3727.



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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

At the time of writing this article, I am stranded in Houston trying to make it home to Lucas. While we thought 2020 had its challenges, 2021 is certainly off to a rough start. During difficult times, I am amazed at those that continue to be good neighbors and help one another. Many of us have experienced damage to our homes with frozen water lines and we struggled with being able to stay warm because of an unstable power supply. I have heard stories of neighbors opening their homes to help family and friends cope with circumstances that are demanding and dangerous. This is what makes Lucas such a wonderful community.

During the February freeze, I was proud of our City staff and their dedication in maintaining services during the stressful weather event that occurred. Many thanks to all the staff that worked during the very severe conditions. Public Works worked tirelessly to ensure our water system remained operational. Development Services manned the front desks to assist utility customers and issue permits while continuing to provide inspection services. Directors from Finance and Engineering also managed front desk operations and assisted customers over the telephone. Fire-Rescue braved very cold temperatures while providing substantial fire, medical and public service responses. We are also thankful for the technology that allows for staff to work safely from home.

Now that we are onto better days ahead, we have so much to look forward to. Working for the betterment of our community and caring about each other is what we do well in Lucas.

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

The City will be holding its annual Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding event in conjunction with the Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 3 from 8 am to 12 pm. The event will take place in the parking lot between City Hall and the Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. This will be a drive-through only event where you can drop off electronics and paper documents to be properly disposed. The paper shredding event will be free to the community. Fees will be required for disposing the following electronic items: televisions (\$25), loose hard drives (\$10), CRT monitors (\$5), printers (\$5), and fax machines (\$5). To view the complete list of electronic items accepted, go to [www.unitedelectronicrecycling.com/items-we-accept](http://www.unitedelectronicrecycling.com/items-we-accept). Contact United Electronic Recycling at 855.837.8326 for any questions regarding acceptable items.

## OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE BEGINS APRIL 1, 2021

Beginning April 1, 2021, Lucas water customers are required to limit outdoor watering to twice per week. The outdoor watering schedule will help prevent stressing the capabilities of our water system. The City has established specific watering zones to help manage water usage. No outdoor watering will be allowed between 10 am and 6 pm on any day.

A map identifying watering zones is available on the City's website at <https://www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/> to help you determine your watering days.



City meetings have opened to the public with limited capacity. To enter City Hall, you are required to wear a mask or face covering. 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/).

- March 4 City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- March 11 Planning and Zoning Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- March 18 City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- March 24 Board of Adjustment  
City Hall | 6:30 pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 3 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off  
Cleanup Event and Electronic  
Recycling/Paper Shredding  
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- April 9 Movie in the Park  
Community Park | 7 pm
- April 24 Lucas Farmers Market  
Community Park | 8 am - Noon

**FOUNDERS DAY UPDATE**

Due to the current status of the coronavirus pandemic, the City is evaluating alternative plans to ensure public health safety for the 2021 Founders Day event. Please be on the lookout in the next newsletter for more information regarding this year's Founders Day.



**MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
featuring Disney Pixar's Onward

The City will be holding the first Movie in the Park on Friday, April 9 in the Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. The featured movie will be Disney Pixar's Onward. Parking for the event will open at 7 pm and the movie will begin at 8 pm following sunset. The event is free to the public and prepackaged snacks and drinks will be provided to attendees. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the spring weather with your family. To help ensure public health safety, attendees must social distance, wear face coverings or masks, and household groups must spread throughout the park from non-household groups.

**CITY ELECTIONS**  
May 1, 2021

The City of Lucas will hold their general and special elections on May 1, 2021. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot in the general election, Seat 3 and Seat 4, and the seat for Mayor. The following candidates have filed for a place on the ballot:

<u>Mayor</u> Jim Olk Leslie Wizner	<u>City Council Seat 3</u> David Keer Evelyn Molina	<u>City Council Seat 4</u> Phil Lawrence ( <i>running unopposed</i> )
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The special election ballot will include amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter. A home rule charter is created to provide a city with local controls, sets up government structure, and outlines its authority and its limitations. The City is required to review the Charter every five years and any changes proposed to the Home Rule Charter requires voter approval through an election. The City's current charter and proposed amendments that include strike-throughs to easily identify what amendments are being made can be found at <https://www.lucastexas.us/elections/>.

Early voting will be held at the Lucas Community Center, located at 665 Country Club Road, as well as all other Collin County voting locations beginning April 19 through April 27 at the following times:

Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23	8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, April 24	8 am to 5 pm
Monday, April 26 through Tuesday, April 27	7 am to 7 pm
Saturday, May 1 - Election Day	7 am to 7 pm

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

**NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE**

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 1 through March 29, 2021. This annual, routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year round water quality. The NTMWD has conducted the temporary change in water disinfectant for over a decade and continues to meet safe drinking water standards earning recognition from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a Superior Public Water System. Visit [www.ntmwd.com/temporary-change-in-disinfectant/](http://www.ntmwd.com/temporary-change-in-disinfectant/) for more details and helpful resources.



The Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup is set for Saturday, April 3 from 8 am to 12 pm. This event supports the City's Keep Lucas Beautiful program to promote the beautification of the community. Due to the current status of the coronavirus pandemic, the City is modifying the spring cleanup in order to ensure public health safety. Cleanup volunteers are encouraged to register online to clean up their neighborhoods, parks, trailheads, or other areas around the City. After registering online, volunteers will be contacted to pick up cleanup supplies such as gloves and trash bags at City Hall. At the end of the event, City staff will pick up any trash bags from the registered cleanup areas. The spring cleanup is a perfect time to support environmental sustainability and the beautification of Lucas. To register online, go to [www.lucastexas.us/keep-lucas-beautiful-spring-cleanup](http://www.lucastexas.us/keep-lucas-beautiful-spring-cleanup). If you have any questions regarding the spring cleanup, contact Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak by at [kent@lucastexas.us](mailto:kent@lucastexas.us) or phone at 972.912.1213.



**LUCAS FARMERS MARKET**

Exciting news from the Lucas Farmers Market for the 2021 season! A donation table is planned for local farmers and backyard gardeners to share your bounty with local food pantries and agencies. In these uncertain times, there are many families that would greatly appreciate your support. The Farmers Market will accept excess fruit and vegetables, as well as canned goods and other packaged foods at a table staffed by farmers market volunteers. The market will handle the transportation and distribution so that you all can focus on what you do best. Enjoy and grow your gardens!

**Agricultural Vendors**

- Amber Acres
- Bare Naked Bee Co
- Berkshire Farms
- Diaz Farms
- Farm Girl Gardens & Market
- Fieldsong Farm
- G Five Cattle Meats
- Graham Family Farm
- Hendrix Family Farms
- J Foster Farms
- King's Family Farm
- Legacy 4-H Club
- LoneStar EcoGreen
- Lovejoy HS Organic Permaculture Club
- Mill Creek Honey Bee Farm
- 12 Muddy Boots Farm
- Narrow Way Farms
- North Texas Pecans
- Prairie Farmstead
- Profound Microfarms

- Two Rivers Family Farm LLC
- Wagford Cattle Company

**Cottage Food/Specialty Vendors**

- Along Came Tamale
- Amazing Dip Company
- Bomb Ass Beef Jerky
- Bread & More
- Bustos Creations
- Chimmy Teas
- Cita's Salsa LLC
- Coffee Experience
- Crunchies Eggrolls & More
- Grumpy's Popcorn
- Frios Gourmet Pops
- Julie's Sweet Ideas, L.L.C.
- Kona Ice
- Love That! Gluten Free
- Nana's Home Baked Goods
- Oven Love Bake Shop
- POKs Spices
- Royal Roost Farm

- S & J Canning
- Salsa Texan
- Smokin' Hot Chix
- Spice and Tea Merchants
- Susie's Snack Shop

**Artisan Vendors**

- Bees and Blossoms Soaps LLC
- Carey Lynn Creates
- Creative Collection
- From My Heart Creations
- Letter Lounge
- Lovejoy Mask Makers
- Lucas Local Authors
- Lucky Hooves Art
- MCL Wood
- Nora's Signs
- Rocky Creek Candle Company
- Rose Woods
- The Stitched Mason
- Uniquely Yours Creations

