

WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS... THE EFFECTS OF STORMWATER RUNOFF

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm water system or directly to a lake, stream, or river. Anything that enters a stormwater system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people. Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment can also destroy aquatic habitats. Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms, and when algae decomposes it removes oxygen from the water. Other items, including debris, plastic bags, bottles, and cigarette butts, can get washed into water bodies and be harmful to aquatic life. Homeowners can have an impact on the quality of the environment by following a few simple tips:

Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Do not overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- Use organic mulch or safe pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.

Septic System

Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems release nutrients and pathogens (bacteria and viruses) that can be picked up by storm water and discharged into nearby water bodies.

- Inspect your system every three years and pump your tank as necessary (every three to five years).
- Do not dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.

Pet waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters. When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

Auto care

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a water body.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated recycling locations.

HISTORICAL LUCAS PICTURES

Do you have pictures of Lucas from long ago when the City was not as built up as it is today? If so, the City would love for you to send in your photos to help build the City's historical photo inventory and displays. Please send any photos you may want to contribute to City Secretary Stacy Henderson at shenderson@lucastexas.us.



As part of the Future Mobility Study, Collin County is hosting virtual and in-person public meetings to

present study data and gather input on future transportation needs. Information about the meetings will be shared with the public this week and we encourage you to promote the meetings on your websites, newsletters and social media channels as well.

Virtual Public Meeting: May 3 – June 4, 2021

A pre-recorded presentation, virtual meeting room with audio and visual components, and an interactive map will be available on the study website at www.ccfuturemobility.com from Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6 p.m. until Friday, June 4, 2021.

Live Presentation via Zoom: May 4, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Representatives from Collin County and the study team will present the most recent study data and answer questions from the public after the presentation. Link to join the live presentation via Zoom: zoom.us/j/98461995960. For audio only, join by calling: (346) 248-7799 meeting ID: 98461995960, participant ID: 548850.

In-Person Meeting: May 6, 2021 from 4 pm-8 pm

Lavon City Hall Community Gym – 120 School Road, Lavon

The meeting is an open house format with no formal presentation. Representatives from Collin County and the study team will be available to answer questions about study data displayed at the meeting. A registration form is provided on the study website at www.ccfuturemobility.com/public-meeting-registration-page due to occupancy restrictions and to provide for social distancing.

How to provide input:

Public comments will be accepted May 3, 2021 – June 4, 2021.

An online survey will be available at www.ccfuturemobility.com/survey1 or comments can be submitted by email to info@ccfuturemobility.com or by mail to Burns & McDonnell, Attn: Tiffany Moss, 13737 Noel Road, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75240.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

West Lucas Road Widening

As part of the West Lucas Road widening project, the City has requested property owners' permission for surveyors to enter onto private property. Please be assured that entry onto private property will be minimal and only as necessary to gather the surveying data for the project. The City has scheduled a West Lucas Road Neighborhood meeting for May 4. It will be an informal time to visit about the upcoming project.

Winningkoff Road Phase 2

Modifications to construction traffic routing took place on April 19. These changes could shorten the overall project duration by two to four weeks. Snider Lane will be closed at Winningkoff Road, and Snider Lane traffic will not have access to Winningkoff Road. This closure will last two to four weeks. The contractor will be focusing on completing the eastern half of Winningkoff Road from Forestview to Snider and reconstructing the Winningkoff Road/Manor Lane intersection. Winningkoff Road is scheduled to be open to one northbound lane on May 15, 2021. At about this same time, the Winningkoff Road/Snider Lane intersection will be reopened, and the Winningkoff Road/Ramsey Drive intersection will be closed.

AT&T Fiber

For the next few months, an AT&T contractor will be installing fiber along Blondy Jhune from Country Club to the east bridge, all three Tokalaun neighborhood streets, and throughout Forest Creek Estates.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Mayor Jim Olk



Once again, I turned to my wife (Joy) to ask her what I should write about. Sometimes this happens when there is a lag of hot topics to write about. Her suggestion was to tell everyone what the City has to offer. She felt that we had a number of “amenities” that other small towns might not have that not everyone knew about.

So, here it goes with some of the bigger ones... several years ago we expanded the park next to City Hall and constructed a Community Center. The park is great, with playground equipment, a pavilion, paved walking trail, some Boy Scout constructed fire pits, benches, and an overall nice feel. This is also where most of our service trees are planted, so if you happen to go by, please take a minute to read about the many people that have made an impact on our community. As to the Community Center, this was a building that we felt would be a great addition to provide a place for our residents to use for a wide variety of uses. There have been parties, family reunions, bridal and baby showers, neighborhood meetings, and elections held at this building. It has been a wonderful addition to the park. The Community Center can also be reserved by any Lucas resident. In addition to the Community Park next to City Hall, there is Kenneth R. Lewis Park on Southview Drive. It has some baseball/soccer fields that any Lucas resident can reserve for their team and a nice pavilion at that park as well.

Over the years the City has expanded the number of community events. Two of our biggest and best attended are Founders Day and Country Christmas. Founders Day was initiated to recognize those folks that worked to put Lucas on the map. This event has grown with a parade, stick horse rodeo, historical display and other events that make it a great time to come together as a community. Country Christmas has become a very popular event with the community. Last year was a little tough with COVID, but we hope this year we can bring back the ice rink and all the fun. Some other events that you need to keep watch for are the Keep Lucas Beautiful Clean-up events and the Farmers Market. The Farmers Market starts this month and we hope to have all 12 planned markets this year. I truly enjoy the market. Not only do we get to buy some fresh fruits, veggies, canned goods, jams, and jellies, but there are some delicious oatmeal cookies that I keep my eye out for. Please watch this newsletter as well as our website for all the events coming this spring/summer and enjoy all the facilities we have here in Lucas. And as always, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

CITY OF LUCAS GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS

MAY 1, 2021

The City of Lucas will hold its 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 candidates for each seat are outlined below.

Mayor	City Council Seat 3	City Council Seat 4
Leslie Wizner	David Keer	Phil Lawrence
Jim Olk	Evelyn Molina	(running unopposed)

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 Home Rule Charter every five years and any changes proposed to the Charter requires voter approval through an election. The City's current charter and proposed amendments that include strike-throughs to identify what amendments are being made can be found at 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.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE SET JULY 15 @ 6:00 PM

The City Council will hold a budget workshop on Thursday, July 15 at 6 pm to discuss the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget. The City Council would like to encourage interested Lucas citizens to attend this important meeting. The workshop will be held at City Hall, 665 Country Club Road in the Council Chambers.



City meetings are open to the public and to protect the health of others, masks are encouraged. The City will continue with Zoom meetings to allow for public participation remotely. To download a video conferencing link, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/zoom-link-for-city-council-board-meetings/>.

- May 6 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- May 13 Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- May 20 City Council Meeting
City Hall | 7 pm
- May 26 Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- May 31 City offices closed for Memorial Day Holiday

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 19 - Early Voting
April 27 Community Center
- April 24 Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- May 1 City of Lucas Election Day
Community Center | 7 am - 7 pm
- May 8 Founders Day & Farmers Market
Community Park
Farmers Market | 8 am - Noon
Founders Day | 9 am - 1 pm
- May 22 Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park | 8 am - Noon



The City will be holding its Founders Day event on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. This year's Founders Day will feature a parade, mini golf, stick horse rodeo, pony hop derby, historical exhibit, photobooth, silent auction by Legacy 4-H

Club, interactive raptor experience by Blackland Prairie Raptor Center, and the Lucas Farmers Market featuring "Lucas Local" vendors. There will also be family friendly carnival games such as balloon pop, calf roper, basketball hoop shot, ring the bottle, and cornhole tosses. In-N-Out Burger will be providing meals and Kona Ice will be providing snow cones to the public. Bring your family out for a fun-filled day at this year's Founders Day! For more details regarding Founders Day, please visit: www.lucastexas.us/founders-day.

Parade – Parade check-in and lineup will open at 9:00 am at Hart Elementary School. The parade will begin at 10:00 am. If you and/or your group are interested in participating in the parade, please submit an online application at: www.lucastexas.us/2021-founders-day-parade-application.

Stick Horse Rodeo – The Stick Horse Rodeo will begin at 11:30 am in the Lucas Community Park. Winners of each age group will be awarded medals for the Stick Horse Rodeo. Participants can pre-register online or register onsite at the Stick Horse Rodeo table at Founders Day. If you are interested in pre-registering your child or yourself to participate in the Stick Horse Rodeo, please submit the online registration form at: www.lucastexas.us/registration-for-stick-horse-rodeo.

Volunteer Opportunity – If you are interested in volunteering at Founders Day, please submit an online volunteer registration form at: www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form.

Public Parking & Shuttle Service – Public parking will be available at Willow Springs Middle School where shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the event. The parade will be staged at Hart Elementary School. After the parade ends, public parking will be available at Hart Elementary School and shuttle buses will also stop by to pick up visitors to transport to and from the event.

8 am - Noon	Lucas Farmers Market (Gravel Parking Lot of Community Park)
9 am - 1 pm	Mini Golf (Community Park) Carnival Games: Balloon Pop, Calf Roper, Basketball Hoop Shot, Ring the Bottle, and Cornhole Toss (Community Park) Balloon Artists (Community Park) Historical Exhibit (Community Center) Legacy 4-H Club Silent Auction (Gravel Parking Lot of Community Park) Photobooth Trailer (Near Park Pavilion)
9 am - 9:45 am	Parade Check-in/Lineup (Hart Elementary School)
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Live Music (Near Park Pavilion)
10 am	Parade (See Parade Route Map on Founders Day Webpage)
11 am	Service Tree Award Announcements (Park Pavilion)
11 am - 1 pm	Lunch provided by In-N-Out Burger (Community Park) Snow Cones provided by Kona Ice (Community Park) Interactive Raptors Experience by Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (Near Park Pavilion)
11:30 am - 1 pm	Stick Horse Rodeo and Pony Hop Derby (Community Park)
1 pm	Founders Day Ends

MOVIE IN THE PARK RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 4

Due to weather concerns, Movie in the Park was rescheduled to Friday, June 4, 2021 at the Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. The featured movie will be Disney Pixar's Onward. Parking will open at 7:30 pm and the movie will begin at 8:30 pm following sunset. The event is free to the public, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy some family time.

COUNCILMEMBER STEVE DUKE IS HANGING UP HIS BOOTS

After 15 years of service to the Lucas community, Councilmember Steve Duke is retiring from public service. Join us in saying thank you and wishing him well on his next endeavor on Thursday, May 6 from 6 to 7 pm at Lucas City Hall in the Council Chambers.



KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP



The City held the Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 8 am to 12 pm in conjunction with the electronic recycling and paper shredding event. The cleanup event was in support of the City's Keep Lucas Beautiful program to promote the beautification of the community. Cleanup volunteers registered online to clean up their neighborhoods, parks, trail head, and other areas around the City. Volunteers collected approximately 1,190 pounds of trash and litter during the cleanup event. In addition, approximately 13,115 pounds of electronics were collected at the electronic recycling event. The Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup was the perfect time to support environmental sustainability and litter abatement. Thank you to our volunteers for contributing their time in keeping Lucas a clean and beautiful community.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET SPONSORS DONATION BOOTH TO BENEFIT AREA FOOD PANTRIES



The Lucas Farmers Market will host its first event April 24, from 8 am to 12 pm, and beginning May 8, the Lucas Farmers Market will host a special donation booth called "Market Share" with contributions going to local food pantries and shelters. Market Share is an opportunity for Lucas Farmers Market shoppers to donate goods benefiting Collin County area food pantries and shelters. Share canned goods and produce brought from home or double the community spirit by purchasing food items from our vendors. Market Share Partners will rotate throughout the season. Donations collected during the month of May will be donated to the Samaritan Inn, a comprehensive homeless program that helps individuals and families gain their independence. "The continuing pandemic, exacerbated by freezing February temperatures, enormous energy bills, and repair costs have pushed even more local families to the brink," says John Elliot, who is spearheading the effort. "With the Feeding America organization reporting 15% of the population or 132,720 people in affluent Collin County as food insecure, your food donations will really make a difference." Find out more about our upcoming Market Share Partners by going to lucasfarmersmarket.com.

Future markets will run during the same hours of 8 am to 12 pm on the second and fourth Saturdays until October 23. A special Christmas market will run December 3. Each of the markets will be held at the Lucas Community Park, located at 665 Country Club Road and will follow local health and safety recommendations. More than 60 area vendors have committed this year to provide a wide variety of agricultural, cottage food and artisan products. Shoppers can browse booths offering locally grown produce, honey, beef, lamb, chicken, and pork. Local producers will also offer fresh eggs, syrup, herbs, flowers, olive oil, soap and tea. For more information, including vendor lists, donation booth partners, and health and safety guidelines, please visit our website at lucasfarmersmarket.com or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

HOW DO I RENT PARK FACILITIES

The City of Lucas has several facilities available for residents to utilize. Kenneth R. Lewis Park has softball and soccer fields available for practices. The City also has two pavilions and a Community Center available to be reserved as well. These facilities are available to reserve on a first come first serve basis. Lucas facilities available for reservation include:

- **Community Center - 665 Country Club Road**
Only Lucas residents can reserve this building, free of charge
- **Community Park Pavilion - 665 Country Club Road**
Lucas residents \$25 for 4 hours/\$50 all day
Non-residents \$25 per hour
- **Kenneth R. Lewis Park Pavilion - 820 Southview**
Lucas residents \$25 for 4 hours/\$50 all day
Non-residents \$25 per hour
- **Kenneth R. Lewis Park Ball Fields - 820 Southview**
Lucas residents Free of charge
Non-residents \$25 per hour
- **Forest Creek Park - 985 Orchard Gap**
Open to the public. Not available for rent.
- **East Winningkoff Trail Head - 745 East Winningkoff**
Open to the public. Not available for rent.

For more information or to make a reservation contact Donna Bradshaw at 972.912.1206 or dbradshaw@lucastexas.us.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED INSTANTLY - SIGN UP FOR NIXLE

The City of Lucas has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. You can sign up for both text and e-mail alerts by visiting www.lucastexas.us/nixle/ and submitting your information to Nixle. If you need assistance with setting up your Lucas Nixle notification, please contact the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue Department at 972.727.1242.