



This year has been an interesting year for weather in Texas. With the winter storm in February and a higher-than-normal downpouring of rain, this has been a rough year for our roads. Just within the first week of June, the City of Lucas saw 5.62 inches of rain (that is one more inch than average for the entire month of June). One particular issue tends to pop-up whenever we see this type of weather in such a short time: potholes.

Potholes will form when the road surface begins to fatigue and crack. Rain will go into these cracks and erode the soil that is underneath. This erosion leads to weaker surfaces with more cracking, eventually leading to the creation of potholes.

If you notice any potholes when driving around Lucas, you can report these by going to the City website and using the report an issue feature (www.lucastexas.us/report-an-issue/). When repairing potholes, weather conditions must be taken into account such as if the pavement is wet, the drier the better in the case of pothole repairs, and the temperature outside must be above 50 degrees. If you see a pothole, report it, this allows the City to create a comprehensive list and schedule repairs to maintain our roadways.

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED SIGN UP FOR CITY EMERGENCY ALERTS

The City is encouraging all Lucas residents and businesses to sign up for city emergency alerts through Nixle. You will receive city emergency alerts such as road closures, traffic accidents, flooding issues, and much more. The City partners with Nixle to implement a community notification system to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. Sign up for Nixle with your email address to receive detailed alerts and mobile phone number to receive text alerts at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/nixle/>.



Have you cleaned out your culvert lately? The City of Lucas encourages all property owners to inspect and clean out their driveway culverts and drainage ditches. Routine cleaning and maintenance of your culvert provides a major benefit to your property, your neighborhood and the city at-large. A culvert can be cleaned with a long-handled shovel or other digging tool, a power washer, or a specialized culvert cleaning tool. Residents are also

encouraged to remove any debris around the ditch that may obstruct the flow of water. Please note that large rocks, commonly called rip rap, or grates are often intentionally installed to filter debris and prevent erosion from stormwater. These features also require occasional cleaning, along with routine mowing of ditches, to ensure the best performance.

Annual Drinking Water Report

Each year the City of Lucas and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) produce a report to inform our water customers about the quality and safety of our drinking water. The 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) can be found on the City's website at the following link: <https://www.lucastexas.us/drinking-water-quality-report-ccr-latest/> after July 1, 2021. The source of drinking water used by the City of Lucas is purchased surface water from the NTMWD. The City of Lucas estimated that 6,923,489 gallons of water were unaccounted for during the 2020 calendar year. Unaccounted water use is attributed to leaks, hydrant flushing, water works maintenance, and fire-rescue operations. For more information contact City Engineer Stanton Foerster at stanton@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1208.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT Firefighter/Paramedic Travis Webster

Lucas Fire-Rescue would like to introduce Travis Webster. Travis is a Texas Commission of Fire Protection (TCFP) certified firefighter and a Department of State and Health Services (DSHS) certified paramedic. Travis is married to his wife, Danielle, and together they have two children, Joshua and Ryder. Travis' drive to pursue a career in the fire service stemmed from his love for helping people in need and his father serving as firefighter in the United States Air Force. Travis was 17 years old when he started volunteering at his local fire department and has continued to serve in the Fire/EMS service ever since. The members of Lucas Fire-Rescue are beyond excited to welcome Travis to the Lucas family.



LOVEJOY CHIROPRACTIC GRAND OPENING

Lovejoy Chiropractic held their grand opening on Saturday, June 5. The owner, Dr. Selina Aleem invited the Lucas City Council to join her in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Lovejoy Chiropractic specializes in chiropractic care for families and Dr. Aleem is dedicated in addressing chronic or acute musculoskeletal pain, headaches, overall well-being and nutrition. Lovejoy Chiropractic is located in Wolf Creek Village at 2720 Country Club Road Suite A-202 in Lucas. Welcome to Lucas, Lovejoy Chiropractic!



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

The recent deluge of rains has highlighted how Lucas has developed from mostly field and pasture land into neighborhoods.

For fields, growers want flat land as the rain water is allowed to saturate the soil and water the crops. For pasture a low slope to the watering tank works just great. All this change as streets, driveways, and homes are built on what was once flat land. Most streets in our community were originally constructed by "borrowing" dirt from the sides (the term "bar ditch" comes from the borrowing part), piling it in the middle and creating a crown allowing the rain to run into the ditch, hence keeping the driving surface a dry as possible. Maybe adding some rock or asphalt to help maintain the driving surface.

The atmosphere of country lanes creates a big part of the appeal for Lucas. The Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lucas recognizes the charm that comes with not having curbed streets and underground storm sewer systems. It all adds to our more rural feel and sets us apart from our urban neighbors.

So why am I writing about this? Because of the recent rains, I have heard from a number of residents about drainage. These are not new issues, we have them in all parts of the community. I have had rain runoff inside of our house twice in the last 30 days. My neighbors tell me they refer to my bar

ditch as River Olk during the rains. :) This is all because I am downhill (so to speak) from other properties (not that it is much of a hill), but the water sure runs like its downhill when we get those torrential rains.

My first inclination was to get into drainage/runoff law in Texas, but they don't give me much space for my article, so I will skip that, but I do want to say City Council is aware of the drainage issues all around town. City Council will be discussing this issue as part of our budget process in the near future. We will be looking at it to see what part the City can play given that all of the creeks (drainage ways) are on private property (not in City easements) and how can we approach all these unique circumstances. These will be some long and tough discussions that can have a significant impact so they cannot be rushed into. We want to make sound and thoughtful decisions as we attempt to address drainage.

I will keep y'all posted as we move forward.

BUDGET WORKSHOP SET FOR JULY 15 AT 6:00 PM

The City Council will hold a budget workshop on Thursday, July 15 at 6 pm to discuss the budget for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

The City Council would like to encourage interested citizens to attend this important meeting. The Workshop will be held at City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road in the Council Chambers.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED

KNOW THE RULES



The City of Lucas wants everyone to have a safe Fourth of July, but please do not include discharging fireworks as part of your festivities. We want to remind everyone that the use of fireworks is prohibited. More importantly, the City of Lucas prides itself on being animal-friendly and fireworks can be very dangerous to our pets and livestock. The City is also blessed with beautiful trees; the risk of fire from the use of fireworks is significant and presents a substantial risk to homes in the area. Discharging fireworks can also cause problems for our veterans and families with young children as well. Using fireworks is prohibited by City ordinance in the city limits of Lucas. Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement Officers will be out patrolling throughout the July 4th holiday weekend and person found in violation will have their fireworks confiscated and may also receive a citation. Here are some helpful tips about the use of fireworks.

Q What should I do if my neighbor is setting off fireworks?

A Call 972.547.5100 and press option "2" to reach the non-emergency dispatch operator.

Q Can I shoot fireworks from land that I own in the City of Lucas?

A No. This is a violation of City ordinance.

Q Can I shoot fireworks from a public roadway, public park, or U.S. Corps of Engineer property?

A No. This is a violation of City ordinance and/or U.S. Corps 36 CFR 327.13(b) and a citation may be issued.

Q I have lived in Lucas for years and discharged fireworks, is this a new regulation?

A No. Fireworks have been prohibited since November 6, 1979.

Q What will happen if I start a fire by shooting fireworks?

A If the fire is found to be started intentionally and damages the property of another, you may be subject to the charge of Arson. If the fire is found to be started accidentally and damages the property of another, you may be subject to a fine. In either case, you may be held civilly liable for damages.

Residents are encouraged to celebrate the Fourth of July without the use of fireworks. There are many Independence Day celebrations that include a professional fireworks display nearby. Should you have any questions, contact the City's Code Enforcement Officer at 972.727.8999 extension 3001.

CPR TRAINING

Lucas Fire-Rescue will be hosting a free community CPR class on Saturday, July 10, 2021. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a life-saving skill and become certified in CPR at no cost. The class will be held at the Lucas Fire Station located at 165 Country Club Road from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be an hour break from 11 am to 12:00 pm for lunch or pack a lunch to eat in the classroom. Limited spots are available to ensure social distancing. To sign up visit www.lucastexas.us/cpr/. For additional information email cpr@lucastexas.us or call 972.727.1242.



SHOPPERS DONATE MORE THAN \$1,000 TO "MARKET SHARE" PARTNERS

Lucas area residents are showing their community spirit this Farmers Market season by enthusiastically supporting the newly launched "Market Share" effort. Market Share is the charitable donation booth hosted by the Lucas Farmers Market. During the first two Market Share events in May and early June, Samaritan's Inn and Minnie's Food pantry received more than \$1,000 combined in cash and produce/food donations. The two Collin County charitable organizations will alternate as Market Share partners throughout the season.

McKinney-based Samaritan Inn is the largest homeless shelter in Collin County. The Inn takes a holistic approach that supports those experiencing homelessness with everything they need and teaches them life skills to expedite their journey back to self-sufficiency. On a given night, approximately 160 people sleep at the Inn, of which one out of three are children.

Minnie's Food Pantry is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Plano, Texas that believes wellness begins with healthy food and financial education. Their goal is to provide programs that help families gain long-term food security and break the generational cycle of people (especially children) in low-income areas not having access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Besides fresh fruits and vegetables, both organizations need canned goods, pantry staples and cleaning supplies. Visit <https://saminn.org/needs-list/> for a list of urgent needs for Samaritan Inn. A wish list for Minnie's Food Pantry can be found on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BIRVF0XZ1ZWH>. Visit LucasFarmersMarket.com for more information about vendors and upcoming market dates.



CITY ENGINEER STANTON FOERSTER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After eight years serving the City of Lucas residents as City Engineer, Stanton Foerster has announced his retirement. He will be retiring from the City on August 2, 2021.

Stanton began his career working for the Texas Department of Transportation. It was here where he gained his first working experience after graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. After nearly eight years working for TxDOT, Stanton became Director of Special Projects for an international law firm. From there, Stanton began working for the City of Allen, and in June of 2013, Stanton joined the Lucas team.

During his time with the City of Lucas, Stanton oversaw numerous large-scale projects throughout the City. Those projects included the widening of West Lucas Road, improvements to the intersections at Stinson Road/West Lucas Road and Country Club Road/Estates Parkway, the re-pavement of the Winningkoff reverse curve, replacement of both bridges on Blondy Jhune Road, and obtain funding from TxDOT on several intersection improvement projects. Stanton has dedicated countless hours to the City of Lucas and his presence in the City will be missed.

During this interim period, the City has contracted engineering services with Joe Grajewski of JTG Engineering. Mr. Grajewski will hold office hours at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning June 15, 2021 from 8 am to 5 pm. We encourage citizens wanting to speak with the City Engineer to email questions to engineer@lucastexas.us.

ARE YOU BOTHERED BY UNWANTED SOLICITORS?

By Councilmember Debbie Fisher

Warm weather has brought out solicitors of products ranging from power providers to pest control. Some are quite pushy with their sales pitch, trying to get personal information from you, but are unwilling to provide much information about their company. The City does have protection from unpermitted solicitors found in our Code of Ordinances, Chapter 4, Article 4.02 Solicitors and Canvassers.

All solicitation in Lucas requires a permit and that permit must be carried by every solicitor knocking on your door. Asking to see their permit usually sends them scampering, especially if you tell them you are calling City Code Enforcement at 972-727-8999 during business hours or the Sheriff's Department nonemergency number at 972-547-5100.

The best way to keep unwanted salespersons away is to post in a visible location a "No Soliciting" sign. Door hangers that state "No Soliciting" are available at City Hall for Lucas residents, ask for these doorhangers at the Development Services window as you walk into City Hall. Soliciting is only allowed from 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset even with a permit. As of June 11, the City had no active permits issued for solicitors.



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/>.

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| July 1 | City Council Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| July 5 | City offices closed for July 4th
Holiday |
| July 8 | Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| July 15 | Fire District Meeting
City Hall 6 pm |
| July 15 | City Council Meeting/
Budget Workshop
City Hall 6 pm
<i>(immediately following the Fire District Meeting)</i> |
| July 27 | Parks Board Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| July 28 | Board of Adjustment
City Hall 6:30 pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| July 10 | Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park 8 am - Noon |
| July 24 | Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park 8 am - Noon |

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PARK

Due to recent heavy rains, the Movie in the Park outdoor event was canceled on Friday, June 4, 2021 and has been rescheduled to Friday, August 20, 2021. The movie will begin at 8:00 pm following sunset at the Lucas Community Park. Please join us for a back-to-school Movie in the Park event. The featured movie will be Disney Pixar's Onward about two teenage elf brothers who embark on an extraordinary mythic quest. The event is FREE to the public and prepackaged snacks and drinks will be provided to attendees at the park pavilion. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the evening summer weather with your family!

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