



Winningkoff Road Project

The contractor is working to complete paving in the Winningkoff Road and Ramsey Drive area. During this time, the contractor will juggle the flip-flopping of driveway construction and access. If the weather and concrete supply hold, the roadway should be opened to two-way traffic by the end of August.

Stinson and Winningkoff Culvert Maintenance

In July, the City Council approved moving forward with major maintenance operations on the Stinson Road culvert at Muddy Creek and the Winningkoff Road culvert at White Rock Creek East

Tributary. The tributary is approximately 800 feet north of East Lucas Road. Based on an engineering report, the Stinson culvert needs to be cleaned and to have the downstream headwall stabilized with a new concrete footing. The Winningkoff Road culvert needs to have headwalls added and the bank stabilized with rip-rap (12 to 18 inch rocks) on both sides of the road. A few years ago, the City made emergency repairs to the Winningkoff Road bridge at White Rock Creek between Snider Lane and Blondy Jhune Road. Additional rip-rap maintenance is also needed on the bridge. City Staff is looking into the possibility of hiring one contractor to work on all three projects.

Stinson and Snider Bridge Design

The consultant continues to make progress on the Stinson Road and Snider Lane Bridges. The plans for the Stinson bridge are 30% complete and preliminary construction costs are estimated at \$3.7 million. The Snider bridge plans are 75% complete and preliminary construction costs are estimated at \$4.1 million. At this time, the construction of neither bridge is funded.

FIREWISE IN LUCAS

In January of 2013 the City of Lucas was designated the 55th Firewise community in the state of Texas. As we near our renewal time with Firewise, the City needs your help. The cost of remaining a Firewise community is \$2.00 per capita. Any time citizens spend working in and around their homes and yards to reduce the risk of wildfire counts towards the \$2.00 per capita. To date, we have had enough volunteer hours where the City has not had to pay to be a Firewise Community. So, please keep track of the time you and your family spend working on your house or in your yard to create a defensible space. The best way for us to document your volunteer hours while keeping your home more defensible is to complete the online form which is located at <https://www.lucastexas.us/firewise-form/>. Firewise communities strive to keep or make their immediate home area (0 to 5 feet around the home) a non-combustible area.

Implementation of Firewise principles in your immediate home area include:

- Keep roofs and gutters free of leaves, twigs, pine needles and other debris that could be ignited by embers.
- Replace or repair loose or missing shingles and roof tiles to prevent ember penetration.
- Vents on eaves and attic vents should be kept clean and 1/8 inch metal mesh screening should be installed to keep embers out of home.
- Damaged or loose windows or screens need to be replaced or repaired. And any box areas around homes, under decks or porches should be cleaned and covered with 1/8 inch wire mesh to keep debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- Move flammable material away from exteriors such as wood mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles, wood furniture or anything that can burn. Do not store anything underneath decks or porches such as grills with propane tanks.

Some other ways that Lucas residents can be ready when a wildfire happens is to keep valuables, medicine and important papers in a place that is readily accessible in case of evacuation. Escape routes by vehicle should be researched in case of a wildfire along with a plan on getting large animals out of harm's way. For any questions on the Firewise program, contact Devanie Stevens at 972.727.1242 or dstevens@lucastexas.us.

TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS



August is usually the hottest month of the year in Texas. The scorching heat sees average high temperatures in the 93°F to 101°F range in the state. The City of Lucas wants to remind our friends and their families to stay safe this summer and refer to cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html for tips.

COLLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES ADOPT A PET Meet Rex!



German Shepherd mix that knows how to sit and shake. He is friendly, energetic and loves to run around. If you would like to visit Rex or other animals at the Shelter, Collin County Animal Services is located at 4750 Community Avenue in McKinney. You can view all animals up for adoption on the Collin County Animal Services website at www.collincountytx.gov/animal_services/Pages/default.aspx.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



With COVID loosening its grip, the Governor will be lifting the waiver that allowed City Councilmembers and residents to remote participate at public meetings effective September 1, 2021. The lifting of the waiver will not really impact City Council as we have been holding

in-person meetings for several month now. What will change is that residents will either need to appear in person or have video capabilities to be able to speak to City Council or other boards via teleconference.

The open meetings law requires that City Council have a quorum present in-person but it also allows residents to participate in public meetings remotely, but only via “videoconferencing”, so the City Council and others in attendance must be able to see the speaker. This does not change the ability for anyone to personally attend our City

Council meetings or any other public meetings like the Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustment, or Parks and Open Space Board meetings, or to submit written comments on any item on our agenda. Written comments may be emailed to the City Secretary at shenderson@lucastexas.us. Emails should be submitted by 3 pm the day of the meeting so they can be included in the meeting.

If you know ahead of time that you would like to address the City Council from a remote location please submit a request to speak to the City Secretary at the above email address. If we have those requests by 3 pm the day of the meeting we will recognize those requests first. If you decide last minute you will still want to address the Council, you would need to use the “raise your hand” function through Zoom. Zoom links are provided on line at www.lucastexas.us/zoom-link-for-city-council-board-meetings/. Also all of our meeting are recorded and indexed using a software called Swagit. Which allows someone to search for a specific agenda item and just review that item.

We always encourage residents to attend meetings ether in-person or virtually and let us know what is important to you.

MOVIE
in the
PARK

Due to the rain in June, the Movie in the Park has been rescheduled to Friday, August 20, 2021. The movie will begin at 8 pm following sunset at the Community Park (665 Country Club Road). The City invites all families to join us for Movie in the Park in this back-to-school event. The featured movie will be Disney Pixar's *Onward* which follows two teenage elf brothers who embark on an extraordinary quest filled with magic spells, cryptic maps, impossible obstacles, and unimaginable discoveries. The Movie in the Park is free to the public and parking will open at 7:00 pm. Free snacks and drinks will be provided to attendees at the park pavilion. Families are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows to enjoy this back-to-school event!



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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| August 5 | City Council Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| August 12 | Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| August 19 | City Council Meeting
City Hall 7 pm |
| August 25 | Board of Adjustment
City Hall 6:30 pm |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 14 | Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park 8 am - Noon |
| August 20 | Movie in the Park
Community Park 8 pm |
| August 28 | Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park 8 am - Noon |

SIGN UP FOR CITY EMERGENCY ALERTS WITH NIXLE

The City is encouraging all Lucas residents and businesses to sign up for city emergency alerts with Nixle. You will receive important alerts such as road closures, traffic accidents, flooding issues, and much more. It is important to stay informed through direct communication from the City. 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/>.



LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

The next market will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 8:00 am until Noon in the Community Park next to City Hall. The August markets will be held on the 14 and 28. The Lucas Farmers Market continues its mission of providing a pleasant social experience for our community and visitors by providing access to local farmers, food producers and artist. To enhance the overall experience, the market will offer special features including music, demonstrations and more. Be sure to check the Lucas Farmers Market website at LucasFarmersMarket.com for the most updated information on vendors, special features and live demonstrations.

During the July 10 market, approximately 340 vehicles brought customers to purchase items from the 41 vendors present. The market continues to support the Samaritan Inn and Minnie’s Food Pantry at the Market Share Partners donation table. 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 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 www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2BIRVF0XZ1ZWH.

Join us for live demonstration with Chef Joel Orsini. Joel Orsini, renowned Dallas-area chef, and ProFOUND Foods farm manager will demonstrate how to use locally sourced food for a true “farm-to-fork” meal during the Lucas Farmers Market on August 14. Chef Orsini attended the Culinary Institute of America. He has held positions in kitchens throughout New York City gaining expertise that he would eventually bring him back to his home state of Texas. His focus is on suffusing dishes with careful attention and love that truly creates a memorable meal. Chef Orsini said his dishes are “hyper-seasonal”, so he plans meals based on the freshest ingredients available at the time. Market goes will be in for a pleasant surprise! The demonstration is scheduled to be held at 11 am at the Lucas Community Park pavilion located at 665 Country Club Road.



For those residents who subscribe to curbside recycling from Republic Services, follow these tips to ensure recycling materials are properly emptied:

- Place your recycling cart out by 7:00 am on the morning of recycling pickup day, with the lid opening towards the street.
- Ensure your cart has a three-foot clearance on all sides (clear of other carts, mailboxes, etc).
- Place shredded paper in clear recycle bags to prevent it from blowing in the wind.
- All recycle materials must be placed inside the recycling carts. Republic Services’ trucks are automated for pickup. Materials placed in other carts or left beside the cart cannot be collected.
- Do not bungee the lid down on your recycling cart; otherwise, Republic Services will be unable to pick up the recycling cart.

If you have questions regarding curbside recycling, or would like to sign up for curbside recycling, please call Republic Services at 972.422.2341.



It’s mosquito season, which means the nuisance of mosquito bites and potential health risks are present. Mosquitos carry diseases such as Zika and West Nile that are harmful to your family and pets. Take precautions at home to slow or prevent mosquitoes from spreading. Here are a few helpful tips:

- Remove standing water from trash cans, buckets, pots/plant saucers, and any outside containers that hold water
- Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water
- Change water in your pet dishes daily
- Change water in bird baths several times per week
- Keep backyard pools and hot tubs properly chlorinated and free of debris
- Keep trash containers covered
- Keep yards mowed and properly maintained

If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home.



PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP

September 25 | 9 am to 1 pm

Save the date for this year’s Public Lands Trail Cleanup to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Brockdale Park Trailhead. The City is partnering with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to remove trash and debris from the Trinity Trail at Lavon Lake.

Volunteers will be asked to check in at the Brockdale Park Trailhead where cleanup supplies will be provided, and City staff will safely transport volunteers to and from the designated trail cleanup area. Lunch will also be provided to volunteers at the end of the event. Please look out for the online pre-registration form in early August at: www.lucastexas.us/event/2021-public-lands-trail-cleanup. The City encourages you to take part in the trail cleanup as we continue to promote the beautification of Lucas and public lands.