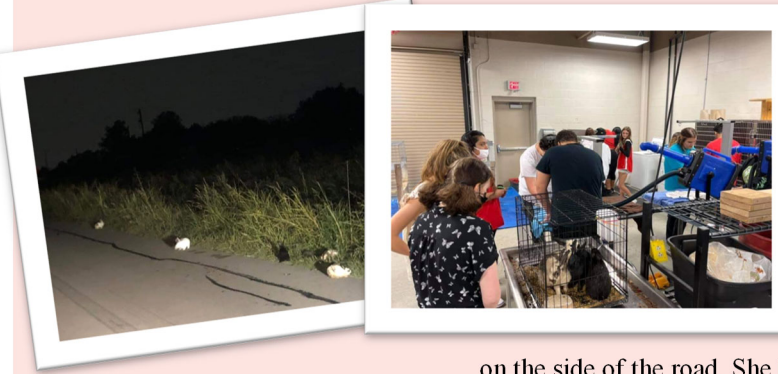


## RABBIT ROUNDUP WITH THE BRADSHAW FAMILY

By Lucas residents, Donna and Lacey Bradshaw



Scrolling through Facebook one night, Lacey Bradshaw came across a post on a Lucas Facebook group from another citizen about 12 or more domesticated bunnies roaming freely on Stinson Road. Lacey immediately started investigating to find out more about the situation and to see if anyone was already at the location to help. Lacey came to the quick conclusion that the only logical reaction was to drive up there herself to offer any assistance she could. Lacey and her mother, Donna Bradshaw, quickly gathered anything they could find that would temporarily contain the rabbits. When they arrived, another car had also stopped with its headlights on and hazards flashing. It was a young girl who was driving home from work when she noticed the plethora of rabbits

on the side of the road. She had been able to contain a few rabbits within a small cage that appeared to be discarded along with the bunnies. As we swept the ditches with our flashlights, we

noticed two more broken cages that we're obviously thrown out. We hoped that it was just some awful accident but there was just no way the cages flew out of a car on their own. The poor bunnies were so tame, some of them hopped right up to us, almost asking for help. A few others were a little harder to wrangle, but understandable after the trauma they had obviously just experienced.

Fellow Lucas resident, Tracey Kemlo, arrived on scene to help as well. After rescuing all surviving bunnies, we counted a total of 13 bunnies in all, Tracy Kemlo invited us to her barn where she had rabbit food, water bottles and extra bedding. We were able to get the rabbits situated in suitable cages with fresh food and water for the evening. Early the next morning, Lacey and Donna drove the bunnies to the Greenville ISD Ag Department, where Lacey's sister (and former Lucas resident), Lysnie Bradshaw, is an Agricultural teacher. She gathered her first-period students to carry the cages inside and throughout the morning, each rabbit received a warm bath, nail trim, and a quick shot of antibiotics, just in case. The Ag students took exceptional care with each rabbit. They enjoyed the experience so much, that every rabbit had a new owner by third-period. It was a great ending to a not so happy beginning. All the bunnies are thriving in their new loving homes.

## CULVERT MAINTENANCE IMPROVING DRAINAGE



The City of Lucas has completed several drainage projects during fiscal year 20/21. At the Community Park, underground pipes across the rear of the park and under the rear parking area were installed to provide better drainage at the park. Culvert maintenance on Lynn Lane included removing excessive silt, removing concrete from the east side of the culvert that had been dumped into the drainage area obstructing the flow of water, and removing a dam wall that created a ponding area. The area was regraded, and stone was placed on the east side of the culvert at the inlet to prevent future erosion from taking place. Improvements to the Stinson Road culvert included a new concrete headwall with structural steel elements, stone to prevent erosion and debris removal. The southern Winningkoff culvert included the placement of stone to address erosion and the installation of guard rails will also be added in the next couple of months.

## BOARD AND COMMISSION INFORMATION SESSION

October 28 | 6:30 pm

Would you like to serve your community and get involved? One way to do that is to serve on a City of Lucas Board or Commission. The Lucas City Council is always looking for dedicated individuals that are interested in preserving the quality of life in Lucas. One way to learn more about the City boards and commissions is to attend the Meet and Greet information session scheduled for October 28 with the City Council where each board and its duties will be discussed. Applications will be accepted through November 1, prospective candidates will interview with the City Council in November, and the appointment process of selected candidates will occur in December. To serve on a City Board all candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the City for twelve continuous months prior to appointment
- Be eighteen years old prior to the date of appointment
- Have not been convicted and are not currently charged with a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude
- Have no indebtedness to the City, such as delinquent taxes
- Be a qualified voter of the City

To learn more about the duties of each board and commission or to submit an online application, visit the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/departments/boards-commissions/](http://www.lucastexas.us/departments/boards-commissions/). For questions contact the City Secretary's office at 972.912.1211.

Collin County also has various boards and commissions in need of volunteers. To learn more about their boards and commissions or complete an application go to <https://www.collincountytx.gov/government/pages/boards.aspx>.



## PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP

The Public Lands Trail Cleanup was held at the Brockdale Park Trailhead on Saturday, September 25. The

City partnered 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. The trail cleanup was held in observation of National Public Lands Day and as part of the Keep Lucas Beautiful program. A total of 44 cleanup volunteers picked up approximately 730 pounds of trash and debris along 2.5 miles of the trail. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work in cleaning up the Trinity Trail!



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## HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

November 1 - December 3, 2021



Mayor Jim Olk

The holiday season is upon us and there are several opportunities to give back to our community. This year, the City will hold its annual Holiday Donation Drive beginning **November 1 through December 3**. All donations can be dropped off at City Hall during the donation period and at Country Christmas on December 3, 2021.

### 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, come by City Hall to select an angel from the Senior Angel Tree beginning November 1, 2021. Please drop off all new and wrapped gifts at City Hall during the donation period.

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### Giving Tree for Ol' Streaker Restoration

This year, the City will have a giving tree to benefit the restoration of Ol' Streaker (the City's first fire engine) by the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue. Donors can provide for certain items that are still needed to complete the restoration of Ol' Streaker. Checks will be accepted as monetary donations towards automotive parts and supplies and should be made payable to Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue. Please also note Streaker on the check. Below is a list of suggested donation amounts and corresponding restoration parts/supplies:

- **\$0 - \$50** – Battery Cables, Master Kill Switch, Alternator Belts, Fuses, Shring Tubing, Tail Lights, Front Head Lights, Blinker Kit, Switches for Headlights/Starter, Hardware Kit, and Bearings
- **\$50 - \$100** – Battery Box, Miscellaneous Hardware/Electrical Items, Alternator Brackets, Wiring Connector Kit, Stainless Steel Braided Hoses, Wheel Cylinders, Bushings for Springs, and Bolts
- **\$100 - \$200** – SCBA Wood Box, Repaint and Mount Pressure Fan, Alternator, Sand Blast, Paint Brake Backing Plate, New Brake Backing Plate, and Rebuild/Paint Springs
- **\$200 - \$500** – Wooden Ladder, Pike Pole, Hose Nozel, New Hose, Optima Battery, 21 Circuit Universal Master Wiring Harness, Rehab Existing Emergency Lights, Rehab Siren, Brake Booster, and Master Cylinder Conversion Kit
- **\$500 and up** – Hose Reel, New Chrome Hand Crank Hose Reel, and Trickle Charger Kusmall System

### Toy Drive for Collin County Toys for Tots

You can help support the Collin County Toys for Tots campaign by donating unwrapped 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 for Tots. Toys for Tots will not accept realistic looking weapons, gifts with food, or used merchandise.

### 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 \$15 grocery gift cards and food items such as canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, creamed soups, canned pumpkin, corn meal/corn muffin mix, gravy (canned/dry packet), instant potatoes, stuffing/dressing (stove top), sugar (up to 5 lbs), Jell-O and pudding mix, Bisquick (baking mix) pie crust, marshmallows, and non-perishable food.

### 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. Suggested donation items include \$25 gift cards (Walmart, RaceTrac, Quick Trip, 7-11, Kroger and Target) and household supplies such as Lysol wipes, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, and toilet paper.

### Pet Food Drive for Lucas Veterinary Hospital

The City is supporting the Lucas Veterinary Hospital by holding a 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 in need.

## LUCAS FARMERS MARKET END OF SEASON ACTIVITIES

More fun activities are happening at the Lucas Farmers Market. On October 23 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Community Park Pavilion kids 12 and under will receive a free pumpkin (*while supplies last*) to decorate and take home. Decorating supplies, pumpkins and tables will be provided. This will be the last market of the 2021 season.

At the September 25 farmers market, the Ice Cream Crank Off Competition was held. Market-goers were able to enjoy some great ice cream and all proceeds collected, which totaled \$350 were donated to Allen Community Outreach. Winners of the Ice Cream Crank Off were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place The Lemons Family with a Banana Nut Bread ice cream. This family recipe won a 4-H contest 30 years ago!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place The Fisher Family with Cinnamon Delight ice cream.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place The Andres Family with Vanilla ice cream

As the farmers market winds down for the season, the Farmers Market volunteer staff would like to say thank you for all your support!



The City will be holding its Arbor Day and Recycling Event for electronics and paper shredding from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Arbor Day will be held in the pavilion at the Lucas Community Park. The recycling drive through drop-off site for electronics and paper shredding will be located in the parking lot next to the Lucas Community Park.

Arbor Day is an annual holiday that celebrates and promotes tree planting and care. Arbor Day will be held in conjunction with the recycling event to promote environmental sustainability as we continue to Keep Lucas Beautiful. In support of Arbor Day, the Legacy 4-H Club will be giving away tree saplings along with a small bag of mulch to encourage tree planting and beautification in the community.

United Electronic Recycling will set up a drive through drop-off site for electronic recycling and paper shredding. For a complete list of accepted electronic items, visit [www.unitedelectronicrecycling.com/items-we-accept](http://www.unitedelectronicrecycling.com/items-we-accept). Please note there are disposal fees for televisions (\$25), CRT monitors (\$10), and printers, copiers and fax machines (\$5).

The paper shredding service will be free for residents to drop off any paper documents to be safely and securely disposed onsite. Other paper-type items that are accepted include soft cover books, hard cover books (depending on thickness and material), and magazines. Newspapers will not be accepted for paper shredding services. All paper documents should be placed in banker-sized boxes. For questions regarding items accepted for electronic recycling and paper shredding, please contact United Electronic Recycling at 855.837.8326.

### NOVEMBER MEETINGS

The City continues to use Zoom to allow for remote public participation. In order to participate remotely, audio-only is no longer allowed, full-video is required when speaking to the City Council or boards and commissions. To download a video conferencing link, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/zoom-link-for-city-council-board-meetings/>.

- November 4 City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- November 11 Planning and Zoning Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- November 16 Parks Board Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- November 18 City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 7 pm
- November 25-26 City offices closed for the Thanksgiving holiday



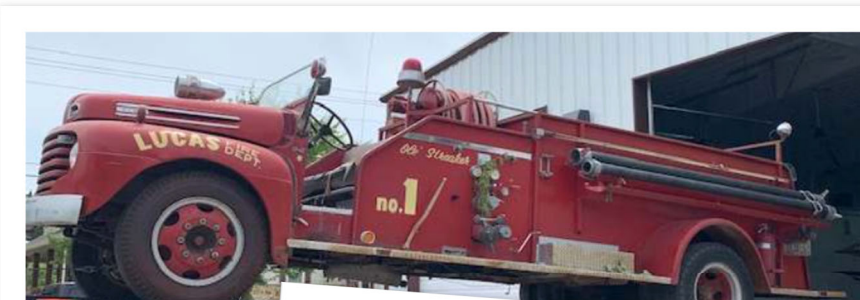
### ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE TREE AWARDS

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. All nominees will be reviewed, and finalists selected by the Lucas City Council, with Service Tree Awards presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event in May 14, 2022. To submit a nomination, an online application can be found on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/](http://www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/). Nominations must be submitted no later than **December 31, 2021**. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Actions should benefit the City/residents in a significant way.
- Nominee may be an 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 or charity.
- The individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the city corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.

## THE CITY'S FIRST FIRE ENGINE "OL' STREAKER" BEING RESTORED Accepting Donations

Ol' Streaker is the name that was affectionately given to the City of Lucas' first fire engine, a 1949 Ford Detroit General. Streaker was purchased from the City of Seagoville in 1973 without any hoses or other fire service hardware on the engine. In 1973, the 1949 Ford was already 24 years old and very antiquated even by the standards of the day. The lack of equipment and the recent release of Ray Stevens "The Streak" in 1974 helped to affectionately name Lucas Fire Engine 1 "Ol' Streaker".



Ol' Streaker served as the first Fire Engine No. 1 for the City of Lucas for seven years until 1980 when the City purchased a new 1980 Chevrolet American LaFrance engine. In the first few years until the first fire station was built Ol' Streaker was kept under an oak tree adjacent to the Lucas Food Mart. During this time early members of Lucas Fire Rescue would meet at Lucas Food Mart for fire calls and then ride together to the call. Ol' Streaker like many early fire engines only had seating for two in the open cab but had plenty of standing room on the tail board on the rear of the engine. Part of the mystique of making calls in Ol' Streaker was getting to ride on the back to the calls.

Ol' Streaker became a staple of the Lucas Community as a backdrop for many local family Christmas photos and community parades until sometime around 2007. In 2007, some carburetor problems sidelined the engine and put it into storage awaiting funding for restoration. In early 2019, the Friends of Lucas Fire and Rescue decided to take on the restoration of Ol' Streaker, and the City of Lucas pledged to match funds with a grant for half of the total restoration cost partnering with the Friends of Lucas Fire Rescue. The City of Lucas has contributed \$35,000 of the total \$70,000 needed for restoration. The majority of the funds will be used almost exclusively to update items like a more modern drivetrain, tires, paint and rust abatement.

In the fire community your coworkers are referred to as your fire family. The same type of family you can count on for just about anything. One of the major expenses for restoration would normally be the cost of labor. It was agreed that the majority of labor for the restoration would be donated by members of the Friends group and active and retired City of Lucas firefighters. From the very first workday, it has become apparent that the restoration efforts would become a community effort. With workdays one or two Saturdays a month, younger members of the Lucas community have logged almost as many hours restoring Ol' Streaker as their adult counterparts. Garret Zale (18), Clayton Reining (14), Nathan Reining (17) and Shawn McNeil (16) have together worked over 160 hours helping to restore the antique engine. The fact that the young men have contributed so much of their time helping with restoration is inspiring. We continue to encourage and welcome community volunteers both young and not so young.



In 2020 there was a drastic slow down in the restoration progress and the fundraising by the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue due to the COVID Pandemic. The City of Lucas is hosting a **GIVING TREE FOR DONATIONS TO STREAKER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON** at City Hall. Donors can provide for certain items that are still needed to complete restoration of Ol' Streaker; including items like a radiator, fuel cell, wiring harness, and other automotive parts.

Restoring a classic car or in our case a 1949 fire engine is the ultimate labor of love requiring time, patience, skill, a good garage/workshop with the proper tools for the job--but more than that it takes a heart of service, volunteers and donors. The restoration process is a big commitment. We invite the citizens of Lucas to help keep the legend of the Ol' Streaker alive in Lucas thru donations of time and money.

## LUCAS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS December 3 | 6 - 9 pm

The City will be holding its annual Country Christmas event from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Lucas Community Park on Friday, December 3, 2021. This year's Country Christmas will include the holiday tree lighting ceremony, Santa's workshop, ice skating, holiday movie in the park, and a holiday market. In-N-Out Burger will be providing free meals to the community at Country Christmas. Due to limited space, there will be no public parking at the Lucas Community Park. Public parking will be located at Hart Elementary School and Willow Springs Middle School. Shuttle buses will pick up and transport attendees to and from the schools and Country Christmas. We encourage your families to come celebrate a joyful holiday season with the Lucas community.

If you are a Lucas resident and interested in participating at the Holiday Market during Country Christmas, please submit your request via email to [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us). In your request, please provide a brief description and picture(s) of your proposed holiday item(s) to be sold at the Holiday Market. After you have submitted your request, you will be notified if you are selected to participate as a vendor. Vendor space is limited, so we encourage you to submit your request for consideration before November 12, 2021.

