



WEST LUCAS ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In October, the City's design consultant, BCC Engineering, submitted 60% construction plans for West Lucas Road reconstruction and widening from Angel Parkway to Country Club Road. The current roadway pavement is asphalt containing one lane in either direction with a center turn lane. The proposed roadway pavement is reinforced concrete containing two lanes in either direction with a raised median designed for a 30-year service life. Included with the 60% construction plans are the completed horizontal and vertical alignments, drainage area maps, and a roadside ditch system and sizing to convey the run-off to outfalls. As we progress to 90%, City staff and the design engineer will continually coordinate with Collin County and TxDOT. City staff is currently reviewing the 60% construction plans.

WINNINGKOFF AND CHRISTIAN ROADS RESURFACING UPDATE

The City of Lucas has contracted TexasBit to resurface Winningkoff Road from the reverse curve to East Lucas Road while also resurfacing Christian Lane from Winningkoff Road to Choice Lane. Road resurfacing is typically performed when the driving surface of a road is in poor condition, but the underground portions of the road are still in good condition. This may restore a road surface to as-new conditions and extend the life of the road by several years. The process starts with milling up the surface of the roadway, trucking off any excess millings and crushing the remaining material down to a fine, sand-like consistency. Cement is then injected into this pulverized asphalt to add stability to the existing road base. The crew will then lay new asphalt on top of the stabilized surface. This project is part of the City's street maintenance program.

Christmas Services St. Stephen's Anglican Catholic Church 11 Horseman Drive, Lucas



Join us to celebrate Christmas. Our parish is a vibrant part of Lucas and the North Texas Community. Finding St. Stephen's was like "finding home" for all of us.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass December 24 11:45 pm
Christmas Day Mass December 25 10:30 am

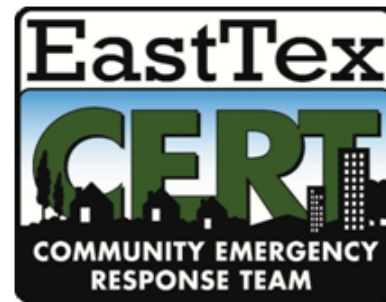
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DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE FOR SERVICE TREE NOMINATIONS

December 31 is the deadline to submit nominations for a Service Tree Award. The City Council established a Service Tree Program in 2015 that annually recognizes individuals, businesses, youth or civic groups who have 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 and Service Tree Awards are presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event. To submit a nomination, go to www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Actions should benefit the City/residents of Lucas in a significant way.
- Nominee may be an individual, church group, civic or neighborhood group, youth group, local business, or local charity.
- The individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the City of Lucas 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 of Lucas is partnering with EastTex CERT to enhance emergency response. If you would like to help your community in times of need? EastTex Regional CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is looking for new members who want to make a difference. CERT is an organization through FEMA to help train and organize communities at the local level to help during disasters. EastTex Regional CERT is sponsored by the Rockwall County Office of Emergency Management, and are an all-volunteer organization that helps local law enforcement, fire, and emergency management when disasters strike, missing person searches, and public event support. Currently, there are over 200 active members and serve the Rockwall, Hunt, Kaufman, Collin, and Van Zandt Counties and the Town of Sunnyvale. EastTex Regional CERT would like to invite you to their next training class on February 12 and 19 from 8 am to 6pm at the Rockwall Presbyterian Church.

The training is a FREE two-day class that will teach preparedness tips to help protect your family as well as the basic skills needed by all CERT members. You can choose to be an active member of the deployment team and be put on the call out list when there are emergencies or other volunteer opportunities are available. New members are required to pay for their T-shirt, badges, and background check (\$20 total). If you're interested in signing up, visit the EastTex CERT website at <https://easttexrc.org/join-easttex-cert/>. Ages 14 and over can take the class, but you must be 18 to join the active callout team.

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Mayor Jim Olk

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I may be a little early, but I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a busy year and next month I will be writing about the City's year in review, but this month I just want to encourage you to come by the City's Country Christmas event held at the Lucas Community

Park next to City Hall on Friday, December 3. from 6 - 9 pm. It should be a fun time for the entire family and you can find more information about the planned activities inside this newsletter.

I also want to congratulate the following board members that were reappointed to the City's boards and commissions for another two year term:

Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Peggy Rusterholtz
- Adam Sussman
- Chris Bierman

Board of Adjustment:

- Tom Redman
- Brenda Rizo
- Brian Stubblefield
- Sean Watts

Parks and Open Space Board:

- Ken Patterson
- Bill Esposito
- Pam Poteete

As the weather gets a little chillier, please remember to check on your outside animals and frost-proof your outside plumbing pipes. As you prepare for the upcoming year, I wish you a safe and pleasant holiday season.

CITY OF LUCAS 2022 GENERAL ELECTION Candidate Filing Begins January 19

The City of Lucas general election will be held on May 7, 2022. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot, City Council Seat 5 and City Council Seat 6. Each City Council seat serves a three year term. Applications for a place on the ballot will be available from the City Secretary's office beginning January 4, 2022. Candidates may file an application with the City Secretary beginning Wednesday, January 19 through Friday, February 18, 2022. Please note that electronic application submittals will not be accepted.

To be eligible for office, the City Charter states the following criteria must be met:

- Resident of the City for twelve (12) continuous months
- Qualified voter of the city
- Have never been convicted or not currently charged with a felony or crime involving moral turpitude
- 18 years of age
- Not delinquent on ad valorem taxes due to the City

More election dates and information can be found on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/elections. For elections questions, contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at shenderson@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1211.

At the Country Christmas Event (*more details inside*), **your safety is our priority**. There will be **NO PUBLIC PARKING** at City Hall.

Please park at Hart Elementary or Willow Springs Middle School and take the shuttle bus. For your safety, please do not walk across Country Club Road.

December Events

The City continues to use Zoom to allow for remote public participation. In order to participate remotely, 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/>.

December 2	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
December 3	Country Christmas Community Park 6 - 9 pm
December 9	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 7 pm
December 16	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
December 23-24	City offices closed for the Christmas holiday



COME BUILD A BIRD HOUSE

BLACKLAND PRAIRIE RAPTOR CENTER

Bring the kids and join the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center on Saturday, December 4 from 10 am to 1 pm to create backyard bird feeders for the winter. Prairie walks will also be taking place beginning at 10:30 am and leaving every 30 minutes. Raptors will be out from 11 am to Noon. The cost for admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids, and ages two and under are free. For more information about upcoming events go to www.bpraptorcenter.org/. The Raptor Center is located at 1625 Brockdale Park Road in Lucas.

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 featuring The Grinch, and a Holiday Market featuring the Lucas Farmers Market and Lucas vendors. In-N-Out Burger will be providing free meals to the community as well.

Due to limited space, there will be no public parking at the Lucas Community Park. **Public parking and shuttle services 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. Shuttle services will begin operating at 5:30 pm at the schools on the day of the event. We encourage your families to come celebrate a joyful holiday season with the Lucas community.



LUCAS FARMERS MARKET SEASON CLOSES ON HIGH NOTE

By Farmers Market Chairman Bill Esposito

October 23rd was the final farmers market of the 2021 regular season. There were 12 regular markets in 2021 plus a mini-market at the City's Founders Day event. The volunteers make our market possible with driving special events, assisting vendors, and managing all the marketing and social media. The volunteers really work hard either planning ahead or assisting the day of the event. We can't say enough about the great team of volunteers that are a vital role to the farmers market success, and we're always looking for additional people that want to help.

The final market held on October 23 was really special. Sean Watts, one of our Lucas volunteers organized a pumpkin decorating event at the pavilion. Sean and his son, Joshua, set up several painting stations and gave away over 100 pumpkins for children to decorate and take home. It was an awesome event and all the kids had a blast! We also had a special musical treat from one of our vendors children. Texas Forest Farms owner Ellen Leng had her two children, Valencia and Keon, conduct an impromptu performance on their Guzhangs. The Guzhang is an ancient Chinese string instrument that dates back over 2,500 years. It was a real treat.

At each farmers market, there is a "Market Share Booth". John Elliott, another Lucas volunteer manages the Market Share Booth that focuses on local organizations that can benefit from the generosity of the Lucas community. At the October 23 market, the recipient of the Market Share Booth was the All Community Outreach, formerly Allen Community Outreach (ACO) food drive. With assistance from the local Legacy 4-H Club, the farmers market was able to raise over \$350 in cash donations and a very full trailer of food (over 1500 lbs.). Great job John! The Lucas community has a great farmers market showcasing vendors from the North Texas Area. We hope to expand our vendors with more local and Texas products and continue to do our special events throughout the season. We hope to see all of you next Season in 2022.

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE November 1 - December 3, 2021

The holiday season is upon us and there are several opportunities to give back to your community. This year, the City's Holiday Donation Drive runs from 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. Please drop off all new and wrapped gifts at City Hall during the donation period.

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 ALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This is your opportunity to help feed families in the community throughout the holiday season. All Community Outreach (ACO), formerly known as Allen Community Outreach, 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 throughout Collin County. 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.



ARBOR DAY AND RECYCLING EVENT A SUCCESS

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, the City held its Arbor Day and Recycling Event to help promote the beautification of Lucas, environmental sustainability, and sustainable practices. The Recycling Event included an electronic recycling and paper shredding drop-off site. This provided an opportunity for residents to drop off recyclable electronics and paper documents to be securely disposed. The Legacy 4-H Club gave away 180 tree saplings which included a combination of Shumard Oak and Bald Cypress trees. Each tree came with a bag of decomposed hardwood mulch from Texas Pure Products to bed the trees in. Members from Lucas Christian Academy were also present and provided citizens with a

wonderful assortment of wildflower seeds. The highlight of the event was the large tree giveaway courtesy of Fannin Tree Farm who donated a 45-gallon hardwood tree of choice to be delivered and installed (a \$499 value). This year's winner of the tree giveaway was the McLaren Family. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this a special event for the community.