



On Saturday, February 5, the Legacy 4-H Club held a career exploration workshop for local students who are seeking guidance on college and career choices. The event included speakers from multiple industries and was attended by nearly 30 young 4-H members who braved the winter conditions to take part in the workshop. During the event, City of Lucas staff members represented and promoted public sector career paths and spoke with 4-H members about experiences working for the community. Representing the City at the event was City Manager Joni Clarke, Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn, Public Works Director Scott Holden, Fire Chief Ted Stephens, and Graduate Intern Kevin Becker. Some of the covered topics included education requirements, career descriptions, challenges, and what to expect during a typical day in the public sector.

The reception received from the 4-H members was tremendous, as the students had many questions and showed thanks and gratitude for the professionals who volunteered to speak during the event. The City was fortunate to have an opportunity to engage with the students and assist them in seeking advice on their future career paths. For more information on how to get involved in the Legacy 4-H Club, visit www.legacy4h.club.

KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP EVENT

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. KLB is committed to ensuring the Lucas community remains a clean and beautiful place to live. Here are the specifics for this year's event:

- Sign up online at www.lucastexas.us/klb-spring-cleanup
- Indicate what area within Lucas you would like to cleanup, such as your neighborhoods, public parks, and other safe areas
- Cleanup supplies can be picked up at City Hall during business hours the week of March 28. Beginning at 9:00 am the day of the event, free cleanup supplies can be picked up in front of Lucas City Hall at 665 Country Club Road
- During the cleanup event in your chosen area, place all trash bags centrally located together on the side of the road. You may also keep your cleanup supplies or leave them with the trash bags for pickup.
- Beginning at 1:00 pm, City staff will drive to the pickup locations to collect trash bags.

The City encourages residents to support the KLB Spring Cleanup by participating as a cleanup volunteer at the event. If you have any questions regarding the KLB Spring Cleanup, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak at kent@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1213.

NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 1 through March 29, 2022. This annual, routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year round water quality, but during this time, you may notice the water taste different. It is safe. The NTMWD has conducted the temporary change in water disinfectant for over a decade and continues to meet safe drinking water standards earning recognition from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as a Superior Public Water System. For more information regarding the annual maintenance process, visit www.ntmwd.com/temporary-change-in-disinfectant/ for more details and helpful resources.



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. If you're interested in signing up, visit the EastTex CERT website at <https://easttexrc.org/join-easttex-cert/>.

OUTDOOR BURNING PROHIBITED UNLESS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET

Some residents may have lost tree limbs during the winter storm in February, and with spring yard maintenance beginning, those tree limbs may be piling up. Outdoor burning of your tree limbs and brush is prohibited unless the following requirements can be met:

- Fire placed in an approved container no less than 15 feet from a structure
- Pile shall be three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height
- Fire shall only contain firewood and or natural tree branches generated on your property
- Fire shall be minimum of 25 feet from property line
- Extinguishment source such as water hose, fire extinguisher or shovel with dirt at site of fire
- Fire shall be constantly attended
- Fire shall not cause nuisance from smoke or traffic hazards
- Fire shall be located with a "clear sky view" and not located under a tree or canopy.

Should you need tree limbs removed, Barnes Waste Disposal will pick up unbundled brush no greater than 4 feet in length twice per month, and will collect unlimited bundled brush not heavier than 40 pounds placed by your cart for collection. Call Barnes at 972.734.3333 for more information.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

Happy March! This month I have some random topics to mention. First, thank you all that have submitted suggestions regarding the Comprehensive Plan update. As I have mentioned before, the Planning and Zoning Commission is doing a thorough review of the Plan and will be making recommendations to the City Council on proposed changes. The Comprehensive Plan touches on

components like transportation, development, population, open spaces, etc. In this review, we really want to hear from the residents of Lucas to make sure we are establishing a plan that will move Lucas in the direction that the residents want to go. So, keep those comments coming they do have an impact on the plan.

As you may be aware, Barnes Waste Disposal after September, will no longer be providing trash services to the City of Lucas. City Council has sent requests for proposals to a long list of waste haulers in the area. Those proposals are due back to the City by March 1. Once Staff has had a chance to review and grade the proposals, City Council will consider the proposals at a meeting in late March or early April. We really want to be ahead of this so we can have the smoothest transition as possible. We will keep y'all posted.

Streets and drainage are still a topic of priority for the City and will be for years to come. There is no easy fix, so we need to look long-term at how we protect our quality of life in Lucas while living in one of the most rapidly growing counties in the State of Texas. Having said that... TxDOT is holding a public meeting on Thursday, February 24 from 6 – 8 pm at Lovejoy High School in the cafeteria to discuss and receive comments regarding the possible widening and realignment of Country Club/Southview (FM 1378) from Parker Road to East Stacy Road. This project will also lead into further project development for the east-west section along West Lucas Road from FM 3286 intersection to West Lucas Road. These are TxDOT roads, so after hearing from the public, TxDOT decides what is best for their roads.

The City had a number of emergency calls to the Fire Department and Public Works Department during the freezing weather earlier this month. I hope everyone got through the cold snap as best they could. I want to thank our Fire Department and City Staff for working through those tough couple of days and keeping our residents protected. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve the residents of Lucas.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Democratic and Republican Primary Election March 1, 2022

Early voting is going on now through February 25 for the 2022 County and State Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The Lucas Community Center located at 665 Country Club Road is a voting location for the Primary Election and voting will be available at the following days and times:

Saturday, February 19	7 am - 7 pm
Sunday, February 20	11 am - 5 pm
Monday, February 21	No Voting - President's Day Holiday
Tuesday, February 22	7 am - 7 pm
Wednesday, February 23	7 am - 7 pm
Thursday, February 24	7 am - 7 pm
Friday, February 25	7 am - 7 pm
Tuesday, March 1	7 am - 7 pm (Election Day)

City of Lucas General Election May 7, 2022

City elections will take place on May 7, 2022. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot; City Council Seat 5 and Seat 6. Early voting for City elections will take place from April 25 through May 3. Information on early voting times for City elections will be posted in the April newsletter. For more information on the County and State Democratic and Republican Primary elections, visit the Collin County Elections website at www.collincounty.tx.gov/elections. For more information on City of Lucas elections, go to www.lucastexas.us/elections or contact City Secretary Stacy Henderson at 972.912.1211 or shenderson@lucastexas.us.



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE 2022

Lucas Farmers Market

This past month the Lucas Parks Board and the Farmers Market Committee went through the process of lining up our vendors for this year's market. We have many of your regular vendors returning again. Some of the favorites include Salsa Texan, J Foster Farms, Rocky Creek Candles and Mill Creek Honey just to name a few. The farmers markets will average more than 50 vendors per market.

This year we will have more local produce than ever before. We will also have some new exciting vendors in many areas offering products like fresh baked goods, unique local produce, Berkshire Pork, goat milk caramel's and even a booth to get your knives sharpened on the spot.

In addition to our great vendor line up, the 2022 farmers market season will feature "special events" at each market. We are really excited to have these events under the pavilion. Each market will be different and will feature something for everyone. Our first market will focus on Gardening 101 and will have a large plant sale for vegetable starters. We will have hundreds of starter plants. This will include several varieties of peppers, heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, squashes and more. Dozens of plant varieties will be available, along with some practical gardening demonstrations and tips for planting.

Lastly, the Lucas Farmers Market Committee is looking for some help managing our farmers market website. The City has some great people here and I am sure we have some creative folks that would love to help out with our website and volunteer to assist with postings and site maintenance. We will also be reaching out to the area high schools. We know there are kids out there looking to build their resume and volunteer to "Intern" and help with website management would be a feather in their cap. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity should send an email to farmersmarket@lucastexas.com. Below is the schedule of upcoming special events for the 2022 farmers market season.

April 9	Plant Sale & Back Yard Gardening
April 23	Back Yard Chickens with Cathey Gleason
May 14	Special market associated with Founders Day
May 28	Memorial Day Picnic in the Park (Dunk Booth, Cornhole, Hot Dogs, Watermelon, Face Painting)
June 11	Ice Cream Crank Off
June 25	Children's craft event and yoga day at the market
July 9	AgriLife Demo
July 23	Chef Demonstration
August 13	Back to School Event
August 27	TPWD Gun Safety/Hunting Regulations/Game Warden
September 10	Fire Rescue Event and 9-11 Ceremony
September 24	Bee Demo
October 8	World Food Day
October 22	Pumpkin Carving

NEW SEED LIBRARY COMING SOON!

Lucas Parks Board Member Laura Giles had a wonderful idea to create a seed library at Lucas City Hall. The seed library is a simple concept of "take some, leave some". Having a diverse collection of seeds accessible at City Hall, residents can visit the library, grab a few seeds and leave the balance of seeds they don't use. Legacy 4-H Club worked to secure a one-time grant from Capital Farm Credit to purchase the card catalog, supplies and have a sign made from Local Market Vendor, Rose Woods of Lucas. We expect the Seed library to be up and stocked by the first week of March. A big thank you to Laura Giles, Legacy 4H, Capital Farm Credit, Baker Creek Seeds, and West Coast Seeds for making this happen in our City.

LET'S TALK *Recycling*

In 2018, the City of Lucas began offering residents subscription-based curbside recycling services provided by Republic Services. Currently, there are 793 out of 2,680 residential households subscribed for curbside recycling. This makes up only 30% of the total residential households in Lucas. From 2019-2021, Republic Services has collected over 200 tons of recyclable materials each year from Lucas residents which is processed through their facility in Plano. The facility uses highly advanced sorting technologies to process 350 tons of recyclable materials per day. This facility also has an interactive learning center designed to educate consumers about recycling. Visitors can view the recycling process from the observation deck, watch educational videos, and interact with colorful displays and games throughout the learning center. You can schedule a free tour of the recycling facility online at www.republicservices.com/tours/recycling-center/plano-tx.



Technology at the recycling facility is state of the art, but even the most advanced scanning and sorting equipment cannot remove all contamination. On average, recycling contamination levels are at 30% which means the separation of clean recyclables from contaminated materials are more important than ever. It is very important that recyclables must be empty, clean, and dry to prevent the contamination of other recyclables in the collection truck and at the recycling processing center. Otherwise, contaminated materials have to be sent to the landfill. Following the recycling steps will help prevent the spread of contaminated materials.

If you would like to sign up for curbside recycling to help make Lucas a clean and sustainable community call Republic Services at 972.422.2341. The current rate for curbside recycling services is \$8.44 (including sales tax) per month. Use the table below to properly recycle your items at home.

PAPER RECYCLING

Did you know paper makes up nearly 30 percent of waste generated each year.

Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag. Acceptable items to recycle include:

- Newspaper
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Phone books
- Brochures
- Magazines



CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Did you know that greasy pizza boxes are not recyclable.

You can recycle newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, and below are other acceptable cardboard products that can be recycled:

- Paper ream wrappers
- File folders
- Poster board
- Frozen food boxes
- Cardboard boxes
- Milk cartons



PLASTIC RECYCLING

Did you know recycling just ten plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop for more than 25 hours.

Recycle plastics #1 through #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows. Acceptable plastic items include:

- Plastic milk jugs
- Water/soda containers
- Shampoo/soap/detergent bottles



UPCOMING

Meeting and Events

The City continues to use Zoom to allow for remote public participation. To download a video conferencing link, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/zoom-link-for-city-council-board-meetings/>.

March 3	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
March 10	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 7 pm
March 17	City Council Meeting City Hall 7 pm
March 22	Parks and Open Space Board City Hall 7 pm
March 23	Board of Adjustment Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm



THANK YOU DR. KENDALL for Taking Care of Our 4-Legged Friends for 34 Years

In November 1987, Dr. Kendall came back to Lucas where he was raised and established Lucas Veterinary Hospital, which is only minutes away from his family farm. After 34 years, Dr. Kendall is retiring and passing along Lucas Veterinary Hospital to the next generation. "The opportunity to be the owner and veterinarian of Lucas Veterinary Hospital for the past 34 years has been a wonderful and satisfying journey", said Dr. Kendall. "I would like to thank all the Lucas residents for enriching my life all these years and what a privilege it has been to aid in the care of so many loving animals." We wish Dr. Kendall the best in his retirement, and give a warm welcome to Dr. Jon Paa and his wife Sara, the new owners of Lucas Veterinary Hospital.

OUTDOOR WATERING SCHEDULE BEGINS APRIL 1

Beginning April 1, 2022, Lucas water customers are required to limit outdoor watering to twice per week. The outdoor watering schedule will help prevent stressing the capabilities of our water system. No outdoor watering will be allowed between 10 am and 6 pm on any day. The City has established specific watering zones to help manage water usage. A map identifying watering zones is available on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/ to help you determine your watering days.

ALUMINUM/METAL RECYCLING

Did you know recycling just one ton of aluminum cans conserves more than 1,024 gallons of gasoline.

Aluminum/metal items that can be recycled include:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Food cans
- Scrap metal
- Steel and tin



GLASS RECYCLING

You can recycle clear and colored glass that include beverage containers and glass food jars.



ITEMS THAT SHOULDN'T BE PLACED IN THE RECYCLING CART

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil
- Clothing
- Food waste
- Stickers/Address labels
- Napkins
- Mirrors
- Ceramic
- Batteries
- Glass windows
- Styrofoam