

CITY CHOOSES NEW TRASH AND RECYCLING PROVIDER

In 2021, the City received notice from Barnes Waste Disposal stating that they were unable to continue to provide solid waste services to Lucas residents. The current agreement for residential solid waste services expires on September 30, 2022. In preparation for the selection of a new company, the City prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek proposals from solid waste service providers who are interested in providing services to Lucas. The City emphasized the need for special considerations due to unique features such as large residential lots, small roads, natural environment, and brush accumulation.

In January 2022, the City released the RFP and asked proposers to include information for collection and disposal services of solid waste, unlimited bundled brush, unbundled brush, recycling, concierge service for pickup near the home, excess brush, bulky item removal, manure/stable matter, and commercial services. The City expressed interest in learning about how all options for future services could potentially lower costs and provide beneficial services for residents.

The City received proposals for solid waste and recycling services from BlackJack Disposal, CARDS Recycling, Community Waste Disposal (CWD), and Republic Services. Staff assembled an evaluation team to review and evaluate the proposals based on criteria in the RFP. CWD was ranked the highest overall, followed by Republic Services, BlackJack Disposal and CARDS Recycling. The City Council was provided with a report of the proposals and evaluations to help with the selection process.

During the April 7 City Council meeting, the City Council discussed the proposals and voted to select CWD as the new provider to provide solid waste and recycling services for all residents which includes:

- Solid waste and recycling collection weekly
- Unlimited bundled brush collection weekly
- Unbundled brush collection weekly
- Concierge service for all residents to request pickup near the home for an additional fee
- Excess brush collection for all residents for an additional fee.
- Bulky item removal
- Manure and stable matter collection for an additional fee

The next step for the City is to negotiate a contract with CWD and discuss the transition plan for transitioning solid waste and recycling services no later than October 1, 2022. The City's current recycling provider, Republic Services, will continue to provide recycling services until the transition to CWD has been completed. The City will be communicating new information to residents on the transition to CWD. Please stay tuned for more details regarding the services, rates, and transition process.



LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL'S SHATTERED DREAMS PROJECT

Photo by: First Response Photography



Lucas Fire-Rescue, Collin County Sheriff's Office Deputy Nick Noel, Texas Department of Public Safety, Fairview Fire-Rescue, Medical City McKinney Hospital, and PHI Air Ambulance Service were invited to participate in the 2022 Shattered Dreams Project at Lovejoy High School on March 31, 2022. This year, parent volunteers teamed up with Lucas Fire-Rescue and organized the event. The event took place in the front parking lot of the high school.

Shattered Dreams is a high school-based program that promotes responsible decision-making among high school students regarding drunk and distracted driving. This impactful program conveys how irresponsible choices can shatter dreams. Shattered Dreams utilizes a realistic dramatization of an alcohol-related crash and the aftermath including the impact on innocent victims, friends, and family members.

Lucas Fire-Rescue led the extrication efforts of one vehicle and Fairview Fire-Rescue led the extrication efforts of the second vehicle. Lucas Fire-Rescue had both Medic 861 and 862 on scene to take care of the first vehicle's patients while the Fairview medic took care of the patients in the second vehicle. One patient was pronounced "dead" on scene and one patient was flown by PHI. The "drunk driver" was "arrested" by the Department of Public Safety.

After the outdoor activities concluded, all students were taken into the gymnasium where they watched videos of the scene at Medical City McKinney emergency department, notification of one patient being paralyzed, and in an attorney's office. There was a eulogy read and a Pastor led part of a "funeral."

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

TxDOT FM 1378 Expansion

By Jim Olk



The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has unveiled its plans for Country Club Road/Southview Road/FM1378 expansion. The plans reflect a four-lane divided roadway with some "suggested or alternate" alignments which are intended to straighten out some of our tight curves on the roadway. I am not writing this article to

sway anyone one way or another. I do have an opinion, but I will try and keep it out of this writing. I just thought I should get some of the facts out on the table. I will start by saying... I have seen the plans, but I have not studied them enough to know exactly how the different proposals will impact each piece of property in Lucas. But most assuredly TxDOT will need additional right-of-way, utility easements and construction easements to construct what they are proposing which will impact the vast majority of properties along this stretch of roadway. By state law, TxDOT does have to purchase the right-of-way and easements and they have to pay fair market value for the property or rights to the property (easements).

Currently, the City of Lucas Comprehensive Plan reflects that Country Club/Southview/FM1378 will have an ultimate buildout of a four-lane undivided roadway. So, over the years it was contemplated

that at some time this stretch of two-lane roadway would become so congested that traffic would adversely impact Lucas residents getting to and from their neighborhoods. I am not implying that we are there yet, I believe that each neighborhood will have its own challenges and thoughts on this.

Normally, when TxDOT is proposing this type of construction, they will come to the City and ask for their recommendations. That is not to say they have to listen to our opinions, but they will carry some weight as the project moves forward. At this time, the City of Lucas has not taken a formal stand on the proposed roadway construction. For the City Council to make an informed decision we need your input. We need you to email us at citycouncil@lucastexas.us, come speak to us or even snail mail us and tell us what your thoughts are. As I said... I have an opinion and I am sure each Councilmember has an opinion but there is no way any of us have the full picture of how our residents are or will be positively or negatively impacted by this roadway project.

If you would like to see the TxDOT plans in person, they are available to view at City Hall in the Council Chambers, or you may also view the plans electronically on the City's website under the "News" section. Please take a look at the plans and let us know your likes/dislikes as a whole or just the parts that you think we need to hear about. As your City Council we would like to make sure we are speaking on your behalf regarding this project. Thank you for allowing me to serve you!



LUCAS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND GOLD STAR

Keep Texas Beautiful has recognized Lucas as the winner of population category 3 (5,501 – 9,000) of the 2022 Governor's Community Achievement Awards for outstanding community improvement by the Keep Lucas Beautiful program. Keep Texas Beautiful, in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation, has awarded the Governor's Community Achievement Award to Texas communities for more than 50 years. The award is one of the most coveted annual environmental and community improvement honors in Texas. Lucas will also receive \$130,000 for a landscaping project and has been recognized as a Gold Star Affiliate, the highest form of annual recognition by Keep Texas Beautiful. The City established Keep Lucas Beautiful in 2016 as an affiliate member of Keep Texas Beautiful, whose mission is to inspire and empower Texans to keep our communities clean and beautiful. The City continues to support Keep Lucas Beautiful by providing

resources and developing programs annually, including cleanup events, environmental conservation efforts, sustainable practices, beautification, and educational initiatives. This year's achievements could not have been possible without the dedication and support of the City Council, Parks and Open Space Board, volunteers, and citizens of Lucas.

Upcoming Events

New Meeting Times

All official meetings of the City of Lucas City Council and boards and commissions will now begin at 6:30 pm starting in May.

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/>.

- May 5** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- May 12** Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- May 19** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- May 24** Parks and Open Space Board
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- May 25** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7** Election Day
Community Center | 7 am - 7pm
- May 7** Complete Customs Lucas Car Show
Creekwood United Methodist Church
261 Country Club Road, Allen
8 am - Noon
- May 14** Founders Day & Farmers Market
Community Park
Farmers Market | 8 am - Noon
Founders Day | 9 am - 1 pm
- May 28** Lucas Farmers Market
Community Park | 8 am - Noon
- May 30** Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

HAPPENINGS AT THE LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

The Lucas Farmers Market is excited to return for the 2022 season. The April 9 market was well attended and had over 700 visitors and we anticipate a great turnout at the April 23 market as well. What a way to kick off the season. The special events at each market really make each one unique and offers some great events. There is always something for everyone.

As the Farmers Market moves into May, the market will see produce options literally grow. The market will start to see tomato varieties, squash, lettuce, micro greens, mushrooms, and garlic, as well as a host of other hydroponic vegetables from a few of our local growers. Here's what's coming up next at the Farmers Market:

May 14 - Founders Day

A special farmers market will be held alongside the annual Founders Day event.

May 28 - Memorial Day Events

This market will have plenty of fun events for Memorial Day Weekend including special food items, a dunk booth, corn hole games and more!

June 11 - 2nd Annual Ice Cream Crank Off

Start tweaking those ice cream recipes as June 11 is our 2nd Annual Ice Cream Crank Off. Who will dare to steal the #1 spot from the Lemmon Family? All proceeds will benefit All Community Outreach in Allen.



Texas Pure Products

The City of Plano and Texas Pure are partnering with the Lucas Farmers Market and offering Texas Pure Products to Lucas residents at a discounted rate. Discounts on products and/or delivery on purchases of five cubic yards or more are being offered. Visit the City of Plano and Texas Pure website at www.texaspureproducts.com for more information and use the coupon code "Lucas Farmers Market".

LUCAS CAR SHOW HOSTED BY COMPLETE CUSTOMS



COMPLETECUSTOMS

Complete Customs is proud to announce the first Lucas Car Show. This event will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Creekwood United Methodist Church located at 261 Country Club Road in Allen. Classic cars, custom restomods, lifted trucks, Toyota and Lexus are all welcome to come out and be part of this event. There is a donation entry fee of \$20 to participate. General admission is free, but Complete Customs will be accepting donations throughout this event.

The mission for this event is to raise funds that will go to restoring the City of Lucas' first fire engine known as Ol' Streaker. Parking for cars and trucks entering the show will open at 7 am. The event will be open from 8 am to 12 pm, with awards at 11 am. Additional public parking will be available at the Lovejoy ISD Administration Building located at 259 Country Club Road in Allen and Lovejoy Elementary School at 256 Country Club Road in Allen. This is a family event that will bring back memories and create some new ones! There will be coffee and Shorty's Taco Food truck for food and beverages. Complete Customs of McKinney and Homes by J. Anthony will be hosting the event sponsored by the City of Lucas. For more information or to enter the car show, call 214.455.7824 or email Rich@completecustoms.net.

CITY OF LUCAS GENERAL ELECTION CANCELED

The City of Lucas General Election scheduled for May 7, 2022, has been canceled due to no opposition in the race for City Council Seats 5 and 6. Incumbents Councilmember Debbie Fisher, Seat 5 and Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele, Seat 6 are declared elected and will be sworn in at the May 19, 2022, City Council meeting. While the City of Lucas General Election has been canceled, there will be other items on the ballot for the May 7 election. The Lucas Community Center will host early voting from April 25 through May 3. For more information on voting, visit the Collin County Election website at <https://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>.



NEW LANDSCAPING AT CITY HALL Provided by Girl Scout Alyssa Lane

Local Girl Scout Alyssa Lane completed a landscape design and coordinated her troop in a project to add landscaping to the bed directly in front of City Hall. On Saturday, March 19, the troop planted drought resistant and native vegetation, which helps conserve water and does not require chemicals and sprinkler systems to maintain. This landscaping project will also help Alyssa work towards gaining the Gold Award, which is one of the highest awards available to Girl Scouts. Special thanks to Alyssa Lane for such a thoughtful and beautiful project.

KNOW MORE, WATER LESS

Did you know that over 50% of landscape water is wasted due to overwatering and that using too much water is actually harmful to your lawn's health? The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension has developed the WaterMyYard Program to provide Texas residents with customized weekly lawncare advice based on local weather and your lawn's unique characteristics. This program uses science-based tools to help homeowners know exactly how much they should be watering their lawns. To take advantage of this program, you can sign up for free at www.watermyyard.org.

In addition to saving water on lawn care, there are many ways to save water inside the home such as investing in low flow toilets and efficient washing machines. There are also no-cost steps you can take, like taking shorter showers and turning the water off while brushing your teeth. For more tips and resources, visit www.ntmwd.com/help-us-conserve.



The City will be holding Founders Day from 8 am to 1 pm on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Lucas Community Park located at 665 Country Club Road. Founders Day will feature a parade, mini golf, stick horse rodeo, pony hop derby, historical exhibit, silent auction by Legacy 4-H Club, and the Lucas Farmers Market. There will also be carnival games including balloon pop, calf roper, football pass, basketball hoop shot, ring the longhorn, and soda bottle ring toss. In-N-Out Burger will be providing free meals to the public. Visitors will have the option to purchase specialty hot dogs, ice cream, and other ready to eat food.

- **Parade** – If you and/or your group are interested in participating in the parade, submit an online application at: www.lucastexas.us/2022-founders-day-parade-application.
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – If you are interested in volunteering at Founders Day, submit an online volunteer registration form at: www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form.
- **Public Parking & Shuttle Service** – Public parking will be available at Willow Springs Middle School where shuttle buses will transport visitors to and from the event. **There will be no public parking at City Hall.** Visitors must use shuttle service. The parade will be staged at Hart Elementary School. After the parade ends, public parking will be available at Hart Elementary School.
- **Handicap Parking** – Handicap parking will also be available at the schools and the shuttle buses are ADA friendly with lifts. There is a very limited number of handicap parking spaces available at City Hall. To request a handicap parking space at City Hall, please email Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak at kent@lucastexas.us. A valid parking placard and/or license plate for persons with disabilities is required. Requests will be made on a first come first serve basis. We encourage all visitors to park at the schools and ride the shuttle to ensure the safety of others.

Founders Day Event Schedule

Founders Day Begins	8 am
Lucas Farmers Market Opens	8 am
Parade	9:30 am
Service Tree Awards	10:30 am
Stick Horse Rodeo	11 am

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FIRE RISKS

A high risk of fire activity in Lucas is projected to remain through the rest of the spring as temperatures are expected to keep climbing with summer approaching. With the recent rains, many believe it is safe to burn, however, the extreme dryness of dead vegetation provides the perfect combination for high fire danger, including easy ignition and quickly spreading fires.

Here are a few tips on what not to do:

- **DO NOT BURN**
- Do not operate equipment that produces sparks near dry vegetation.
- Always clear the area around your workspace.
- Don't park a hot car or other machinery in dry or tall grass.
- Remove tall grass vegetation from your property, including burn piles which cannot be legally ignited in the city.

Please do your part and DON'T BURN. For more information visit the City of Lucas website at www.lucastexas.us/documents/city-of-lucas-outdoor-burning-regulations/.

FUTURE MOBILITY STUDY

Collin County is working on a transportation study called the Collin County Future Mobility Study. The County published the first phase of this study, the Visioning Study, in October 2021, which shows projected transportation demand and opportunities. The current phase will focus on evaluating existing travel routes and identifying potential projects throughout Collin County, including Lucas. The City of Lucas will remain involved in these discussions. Lucas residents and businesses are encouraged to learn more and provide comments to Collin County by visiting www.ccfuturemobility.com.

SUMMER WORK HIRE

Come join our team at the City of Lucas for Summer 2022! The City of Lucas is currently hiring for our Public Works Assistant summer time position. This position within the City is essential in constructing and maintaining our infrastructure and facilities: water, streets, drainage, and parks. Love to work outside with tools? Key essential functions include: maintaining turf areas and landscaping facilities within the city, operating mowers/weed trimmers/hand tools, driving a truck or tractor, street maintenance, and making repairs to water lines. Applicants must be over 18 years of age and possess a valid Texas Driver License. Past experience is not necessary, but general experience with tools is preferred. For more information and to apply, visit www.cityoflucas.bamboohr.com/jobs.