

OCTOBER CWD TRANSITION UPDATE

Community Waste Disposal (CWD) – Delivery of trash and recycling carts will begin the week of September 26, 2022. Residents should expect to receive their new trash and recycling carts one week before on what would be their new schedule service day. CWD service will begin the week of October 3, 2022.

Barnes Waste Disposal Update – Barnes Waste Disposal will complete their last regular trash pickup schedule from September 26-30, 2022. Residents should leave their Barnes trash carts out after their regular trash pickup to allow for pick up. Barnes will begin picking up their carts during the weekend following the last trash pickup. This may extend to the following week depending on how much can be completed.

Republic Services – Republic Services will complete their last regular recycling pickup day on Friday, September 23, 2022. Republic will begin picking up their recycling carts beginning Saturday, September 24, 2022. Recycling subscribers should continue to leave out their recycling carts until the carts are picked up.

CWD Rates for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling	
Base Residential Services for All Lucas Residents	Monthly Rate
Solid Waste Service (once a week – trash cart included)	\$26.10
Recycling Service (once a week – recycling cart included)	
Unlimited Bundled Brush Collection (once a week)	
Limited Bulk and Unbundled Brush Collection (once a week)	\$23.49
Doors Side Household Hazardous Waste and Used Electronics Collection (twice per year per resident)	
Senior Citizen Rate (age 65 or older) for Base Residential Services	\$23.49
Optional Residential Services for All Lucas Residents	Monthly Rate
Additional Trash Cart (each)	\$13.19
Additional Recycling Cart (each)	\$5.44
Concierge Service for Solid Waste Only (once a week – CWD cart)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 ft – 100 ft from public street to point of collection \$30.81 100 ft – 300 ft from public street to point of collection \$61.63 300 ft and more from public street to point of collection TBD
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• 100 ft – 300 ft from public street to point of collection	
• 300 ft and more from public street to point of collection	TBD
Excess Bulk and Brush Accumulations Collection (per yard)	\$15.00
Manure and Stable Matter Collection (once a week – CWD cart)	\$29.00
Additional Manure and Stable Matter Collection Cart	\$19.00
Replace Lost/Stolen Trash or Recycling Cart (each)	\$76.05

Beginning in October 2022, CWD will become the new residential trash and recycling services provider. The new base residential trash and recycling services will include one free CWD trash cart and one free CWD recycle cart. All residents will receive weekly collection of trash, recycling, and brush/bulk. In addition, all residents will have the opportunity to request door side collection of household hazardous waste or used electronics twice per year. These services are included with your base residential rate of \$26.10 (including taxes and fees). A senior citizen discount rate of \$23.49 (including taxes and fees) is also available to request if you meet the requirements. There are also optional services you may request for an additional fee such as extra carts, concierge service, and manure/stable matter collection.

Look Up Your Service Day

To look up your service day with CWD, go to <https://communitywastedisposal.com/view-my-schedule> and enter your residential address. After entering your address, your collection schedule will show the day that will be your weekly pickup.

Senior Citizen Discount Rate

The City will offer a senior citizen discount rate for seniors ages 65 or older on base residential trash/recycling services only. Seniors ages 65 or older can apply for the senior citizen discount rate. This discount does not apply to additional optional services such as extra carts, concierge service, excess bulk, or manure/stable matter collection. To learn more about the requirements and how to submit an online request form for the senior citizen discount rate, please go to: <http://www.lucastexas.us/senior-citizen-discount-request>.

Optional Additional Services

If you are interested in requesting additional optional services such as reducing your existing trash carts, adding extra carts, concierge service and manure/stable matter collection, please submit a trash/recycling request form at: <http://www.lucastexas.us/trash-recycling-services-request-form>.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Kent Souriyasak at kent@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1213.

BOARD AND COMMISSION OPENINGS

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 City Council is always looking for dedicated individuals that are interested in preserving the quality of life in Lucas. **Presently, the City of Lucas is looking to fill a vacant position on the Parks and Open Space Board,** however, applications for each board are welcome. 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 apply, visit the City's website for applications at <https://www.lucastexas.us/departments/boards-commissions/>.

CITY OF LUCAS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning and Zoning Commission (2-year term)
2nd Thursday of each month - 6:30 pm

Parks and Open Space Board (2-year term)
Meets every other month on the 4th Tuesday - 6:30 pm

Board of Adjustment /Building Standards Commission (2-year term)
Meets as needed - 6:30 pm



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



I know that last month I talked about budget, but I thought it was important enough to talk about it again this month. The City Council uses our budget deliberations as our strategic planning sessions. It just seems more prudent to have these discussions when we have all the numbers in front of us and we gain a broader picture of what happens to the budget as a whole. One of the biggest takeaways this year in our budget is the focus on public safety. With rising prices of everything, Council decided to take money (just under \$500K) out of the City's reserves (savings) and purchase a new ambulance. Emergency equipment prices have been climbing at a rate substantially higher than the rate of inflation and our older ambulance was scheduled to need replacing in 2025. Council felt that we would save a significant amount of money by locking in the purchase now and providing the Lucas Fire-Rescue with what they need to serve the community. Additionally last year Council approved the implementation of a water rescue program for our Fire-Rescue Department. This included the training of 14 of our fire personnel as well as adding a rescue boat to the program. This will allow swifter response to emergencies on our side of the Lake.

Considering all that is happening around us, the City Council felt that it was time to look at expanding our law enforcement coverage with the Sheriff's Office. Council studied our current staffing and coverage as well as trends in and around Lucas. We met with the Sheriff Skinner and his leadership team to get an understanding of the advantages of our partnership with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. All this led Council to expanding the budget to fund two additional Deputies for the City of Lucas. This will bring us to four Sheriff's Deputies patrolling the City of Lucas and responding to calls for service here in Lucas. I personally am so pleased with the Deputies that have been assigned to Lucas. They have become an integral part of the Community and take pride in being here. I believe that our continued support of our Fire Department along with our Sheriff's Deputies provides the City of Lucas with excellent public safety and I thank them for their service to our community.

PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!

The Public Lands Trail Cleanup was held at the Highland Park Trailhead on Saturday, September 17. 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 along 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 81 volunteers picked up approximately 1,350 pounds of trash and debris along 4 miles of the trail.**

The cleanup event began early Saturday morning with City staff preparing all of the equipment that was needed for the event. Staff began work at 7:00 am and ensured that the Highland Park Trailhead was ready for the busy day ahead. Volunteers began showing up to the event as early as 8:00 am and continued arriving at the trailhead up until 10:30 am. As volunteers began to come back from their assigned routes along the trail, the North Texas Municipal Water District had set up an interactive educational display on erosion. The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center had also brought two birds (an owl and a kestrel), for the volunteers to meet and learn more about. **Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work!**



Upcoming Events

To watch live meetings, or to view prior meetings, visit: www.lucastexas.us/departments/public-meetings. Live streaming for City meetings are active approximately 15 minutes prior to the start time.

- October 6** City Council Meeting
Cancelled
- October 13** Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- October 20** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- October 26** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4** National Night Out
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- October 8** Lucas Farmers Market
World Food Day
Community Park | 8:00 am - Noon
- October 8** Community CPR Training
Fire Station | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- October 9** Fire-Rescue Open House
Fire Station | Noon - 4:00 pm
- October 14** Movie in the Park
Community Park | 7:30 pm
- October 22** Lucas Farmers Market
Pumpkin Decorating
Community Park | 8:00 am - Noon

KEEP YOURSELF INFORMED INSTANTLY - SIGN UP FOR NIXLE

The City of Lucas has partnered with Nixle to implement its Community Notification System to alert residents in real-time for localized emergency situations and relevant community advisories. You can sign up for both text and email alerts by visiting www.lucastexas.us/nixle/ and submitting your information to Nixle. If you need assistance with setting up your Lucas Nixle notifications, please contact the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue Department at 972.727.1242.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

The Lucas Farmers Market 2022 Season is coming to end this month and what a year it has been. New vendors, events, and contests took place this year as the Farmers Market pushed to bring more fun activities to the community. As the season winds down, the Farmers Market has two exciting events in October:

October 8, 2022 World Food Day – Join us in celebrating World Food Day with a sampling different cultural foods. There will be authentic tacos, fresh spring rolls, and much more to try. This event will start at 10:30 am at the pavilion.

October 22, 2022 Pumpkin Decorating – The Legacy 4-H Club will be giving away free pumpkins at this event. There will also be pumpkin decorating for kids. A special thank you to the Legacy 4-H Club for their generosity and community support!



SAVE THE DATE: LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE EVENTS

National Night Out

This year's National Night Out in Lucas is planned for Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Lucas Fire-Rescue and City of Lucas Deputies would love to be a part of your neighborhood party! If you would like us to stop by your event, register online at <https://www.lucastexas.us/nationalnightout2022/>. For more information on the National Night Out, visit www.natw.org.



Community CPR Training

Lucas Fire-Rescue will be hosting a free community CPR class on Saturday, October 8, 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a life-saving skill and become certified in CPR at no cost. The class will be held at the Lucas Fire Station located at 165 Country Club Road from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be an hour break from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for you to grab lunch or pack a lunch to eat in the classroom. To sign up visit www.lucastexas.us/cpr/. For additional information email cpr@lucastexas.us or call 972.727.1242.



Annual Open House

City of Lucas Fire-Rescue, in cooperation with the National Fire Prevention Week, will host its Annual Open House on Sunday, October 9, 2022, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lucas Fire Station, 165 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002. There will be lots of activities (including a new fire prevention "house"), snacks, and fun for all ages! We hope to see you there!

MOVIE IN THE PARK: ENCANTO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 7:30 PM



This year's Movie in the Park will feature Encanto! This animated fantasy/comedy film has won 41 awards globally and follows a family, the Madrigals, who receive magical gifts that they use to help people in their rural community. Encanto is about family, humility, determination, and the importance of community. The event will be held at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road) on Friday, October 14, 2022. The movie will begin at 7:30 pm following sunset. During this event, the City will be giving away free hot dogs to all attendees. Families are also welcome to bring their own food, lawn chairs, blankets, and pillows to the event. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Encanto with your family and friends on an outdoor big screen in the City's very own Community Park!

CITY OF LUCAS BARN QUILT

The Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue Board facilitated the donation of a 4 foot by 4 foot barn quilt to the City of Lucas. The donation of the barn quilt was generously made possible by Robert Garcia of Farmers Insurance in Lucas and was presented to the City at the September 1 City Council meeting. The barn quilt is currently being displayed on the pavilion at the Community Park.

Barn quilts are being sold as a fundraiser for the restoration of Ol' Streaker, the first fire engine for the City of Lucas. When Streaker is fully restored, it will be used for parades, funerals, and special events throughout the City. Ol' Streaker's last public appearance before restoration began was October 21, 2016 at Founder's Day.

If you would like to contribute to the restoration of Ol' Streaker, please consider purchasing a barn quilt. The barn quilts are available through The Voom Group, which is owned by Lucas residents Erich and Wendi Schlarb. The Schlarb's are donating 40% of the sales price of each barn quilt sold to the restoration of Ol' Streaker.

The barn quilts are available for purchase in the following sizes and prices plus sales tax:

4 feet x 4 feet	3 feet x 3 feet	2 feet x 2 feet	1 foot x 1 foot
\$299	\$189	\$99	\$59

Design your own barn quilt at: <https://www.voomexpress.com/barn-quilts>

If you are interested in purchasing a barn quilt or serving on the Board of the Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue, please contact Friends of Lucas Fire-Rescue Secretary Kathleen LoSapio at gigilosapio@yahoo.com.



Left to Right: Tim Baney, David Rhoads, Debbie Fisher, Kathleen LoSapio, Erich Schlarb, Robert Garcia (donated the barn quilt from Farmers Insurance), Ray McKee, Kathleen Peele, Tim Johnson, and David Keer

HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION FOR PARK FACILITIES



The City of Lucas park facilities are available for public use and may be reserved on a first come, first serve basis by completing the reservation form on the City's website. Interested parties may reserve park facilities for a maximum of two dates at a time. The City has one baseball/softball practice field and three open areas (with soccer nets) at the Kenneth R. Lewis Park

available for public use. There are also two pavilions (one located at Kenneth R. Lewis Park and the other located at the Lucas Community Park) that may be reserved. The City's Community Center, located at the Lucas Community Park, is available for City of Lucas citizens only and is free of charge (reservations required).

Please be sure to read and abide by the park rules when using these facilities. Lucas facilities available for reservation include:

- Lucas Community Center (665 Country Club Road)**
Only Lucas residents can reserve this building
Free of charge
- Lucas Community Park Pavilion (665 Country Club Road)**
Lucas residents \$25 for 4 hours/\$50 all day
Non-residents \$25 per hour
- Lewis Park Pavilion (820 Southview Drive)**
Lucas residents \$25 for 4 hours/\$50 all day
Non-residents \$25 per hour
- Lewis Park Ball Fields (820 Southview Drive)**
Lucas residents \$25 for 4 hours/\$50 all day
Non-residents \$25 per hour

To make a reservation for one of the City facilities, visit the City website at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/lucas-parks-reservation-form/>

CITY OF LUCAS HOLIDAY EVENTS

Arbor Day and Recycling Event: November 5 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Save the date for this year's Arbor Day and Recycling Event on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The dual event supports the Keep Lucas Beautiful program in efforts to promote and support environmental sustainability in our community. Texas Arbor Day is an annual holiday that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting. The City of Lucas partners with the Legacy 4-H Club to give away free tree saplings and mulch to encourage tree planting. The City will also be holding an electronic recycling and paper shredding drop-off service during the event. There will be more information regarding the Arbor Day and Recycling Event in the November Lucas Leader.

Holiday Donation Drive: November 7 - December 2, 2022

This year's Holiday Donation Drive will be held from November 7 through December 2, 2022. Each year, the City of Lucas holds a donation drive during the holidays to help those in need throughout the community. The City of Lucas will be partnering with Toys for Tots (toys for children), All Community Outreach (food for families), Family Promise of Collin County (household essentials/gift cards for families), Sparks Loving Care Home (Senior Angel Tree), and Lucas Veterinary Hospital (food for pets). We will have more information in the November Lucas Leader on ways to donate during the Holiday Donation Drive.

Country Christmas: December 9 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Save the date for this year's Country Christmas event on Friday, December 9, 2022. The City of Lucas will be holding Country Christmas from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Community Park, located at 665 Country Club Road. There will be the holiday tree lighting ceremony, an ice skating rink, a special movie in the park screening, the Lucas Farmers Holiday Market, and a special Santa's workshop. We will have more information about Country Christmas in the upcoming newsletters. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our Lucas community.