

# LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE REHAB GROUP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Rehab Group is a volunteer group of individuals that support Lucas Fire-Rescue during emergencies and training. It is composed of dedicated members who respond day or night with equipment and supplies to provide rehabilitation services to our first responders. These efforts help ensure the physical condition of personnel on-scene does not deteriorate to a point that affects the safety and health of the firefighters.

### What tasks do Rehab perform?

Upon request, the Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab Group can be dispatched to respond to fire scenes, training grounds, or other strenuous calls to provide rehabilitation support to firefighters.

### Becoming a part of Rehab

Members of Rehab meet once a month and attend various training opportunities through-out the year for continued development in Rehab skills. If you are interested in becoming a part of Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab Group you may contact Administrative Assistant Devanie Stevens at [dstevens@lucastexas.us](mailto:dstevens@lucastexas.us) or visit [www.lucastexas.us/rehab/](http://www.lucastexas.us/rehab/).



# LUCAS BECOMES A SILVER CERTIFIED CITY

The City of Lucas has received the Silver Award for the Scenic City Certification Program for 2022 to 2027. The Scenic City Program supports and recognizes Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public spaces. Scenic Texas first acknowledged Lucas as a Recognized Scenic City from 2017 to

2021. In 2022, the City submitted a recertification application which resulted in higher scores from Scenic Texas. Lucas moved up two certification tiers from simply being Recognized to advancing to the Silver Level Certified City. On October 6, 2022, Scenic Texas recognized and presented the City with the Silver Award at a special reception during the Texas Municipal League Conference in San Antonio. Mayor Jim Olk, Councilmember Tim Baney, Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak, and Management Analyst Kevin Becker were in attendance to accept the Silver Award on behalf of the City. Thank you to the all the residents, volunteers, City Council, boards and commissions, and City staff who continue to make Lucas a beautiful and scenic community.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### Blondy Jhune Road Realignment

Blondy Jhune Road, one of Lucas’ key East-West neighborhood connector streets, is set to be realigned in the coming weeks. The City of Lucas Thoroughfare Plan calls for this realignment to allow for a smoother connection between Country Club Road and Blondy Jhune Road. This segment of road is being constructed by the developer as part of the Hendrick Farm subdivision and as part of an agreement between the Hendrick Farm, LLC and the City of Lucas. The roadway may be reduced to one lane or closed for approximately 2 weeks as needed to facilitate construction. The developer’s construction schedule attempts to create as little disruption as possible, but motorists should prepare for possible delays during construction. For more information, please contact Public Works Director Scott Holden at 972.912.1208 or email [engineer@lucastexas.us](mailto:engineer@lucastexas.us).

### TxDOT Improving Estates Parkway

TxDOT will start construction on a series of improvements to Estates Parkway all the way from Angel Parkway to Country Club Road in or around January 2023 with the project expected to take approximately 8 months to complete. Improvements include adding three-foot shoulders, adding a new roadway surface, replacing the current driveways, extending or replacing existing drainage culverts, and adding rumble strips to the shoulders to improve safety. This is a TxDOT administered and financed project to improve Estates Parkway, which is also designated as State Farm-to-Market Road 2170 (FM2170). For more information, you may call Patrick Hubbard at 972.912.1209 or visit the Dallas District website at <https://www.txdot.gov/content/txdotreimagine/us/en/home/about/districts/dallas-district.html>

## SERVICE TREE NOMINATIONS



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 honour. All nominees will be reviewed and finalists will be chosen by the City Council. Service Tree Awards will be presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event in April 8, 2023. 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 **Friday, December 30, 2022 by the end of the business day**. 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.

## COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY UPDATES

### Tractor Supply

The new Tractor Supply store is expected to complete their final inspections within the next couple of weeks. Once completed, Tractor Supply can move forward with their expected opening in mid-November. The Tractor Supply store will be located at 495 South Angel Parkway.

### Golden Chick

Golden Chick obtained a Specific Use Permit for the creation of a drive through restaurant at the December 9, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Construction of Golden Chick is ongoing and will be located at 451 South Angel Parkway.



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## MAYOR’S MESSAGE

*By Jim Olk*

Over the past several months, the Planning and Zoning Commission has been studying the current regulations related to accessory dwellings (aka: guest houses, mother-in-law quarters, granny flats, garage apartments, etc.) to see if any adjustments are needed. The review was requested by the City Council due to some recent developments where it appeared that two houses were

being built on a single lot. Single family zoning (areas of the City where you are allowed a one family house on one lot) is the mainstay of Lucas being a bedroom community. In the 15+ years that I have served on City boards, commissions and City Council I have only had one person tell me we need higher densities in our neighborhoods. Everyone else has raved about how they love our lower densities and a number of residents have asked how we can require that the lots be even larger.

So, when this issue came up, it was Council’s desire that the Planning and Zoning Commission do a comprehensive review of the accessory building regulations related to guest houses to be sure that people can develop their property in a way that accommodates their desires as homeowners as well as protects the quality of life in Lucas. There are a lot of exceptions/conditions, but generally guest houses are allowed and are limited in size based on the size of the lot. The hook comes in when you want to install a full kitchen in the guest house. Currently, to have a kitchen in a guest house, you need to come to City Council and obtain a Specific Use Permit (SUP). One major condition of the SUP is that you cannot use the guest house as a rental unit. That does not stop you from using it for visiting friends and family or from family members living in the guest house. It is an attempt to maintain single family zoning (one family on one lot). You do not have to look far to see that this single-family concept is under attack... just look at what California did with prohibiting cities from enforcing single family zoning. They can now have up to 4 dwelling units on any residential lot.

I do want to assure you that it was not Council’s desire to further limit or prohibit garages, shops, barns, man caves, she sheds, art studios, animal enclosures or any other accessory building allowed in Lucas. Council did provide a scope to the Planning and Zoning Commission as it related to guest houses that did include size, number, location, density, and mass. It was the intent to give Planning and Zoning some room to study what we have and to see if it is too restrictive, not restrictive enough, or just right. Additionally, it should allow Planning and Zoning the opportunity to listen to the residents and be creative with the way they might suggest that we protect this gem that we have here in Lucas. If you have opinions or suggestions on ways to protect our quality of life as it relates to guest houses, please watch the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda to see when it will be back up for discussion. As of writing this, it has not been set on the Planning and Zoning agenda as they are waiting on an opinion from the City Attorney (we do have some holidays coming in the next few months as well). Or just feel free to email the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Secretary will save all those emails to attach to the agenda item when it comes up. That way you do not have to watch the City website. Although, it is okay to check out our website for other upcoming events like County Christmas on Friday, December 6.

## ELECTION DAY

**Tuesday, November 8**

Election day is Tuesday, November 8, and the Lucas Community Center will be open for early voting and election day voting. If you would like to view your sample ballot before you go to the polls, sample ballots can be found on the City’s website at [www.lucastexas.us/elections/](http://www.lucastexas.us/elections/). For election questions, contact the City Secretary Erin Day at 972.912.1211 or Collin County Elections at 972.547.1990.

### 2023 Election Dates

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 29	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 30	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, October 31 - Friday, November 4	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Election Day, Tuesday, November 8</b>	<b>7:00 am - 7:00 pm</b>

# Upcoming Events

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

- November 3** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- November 10** Planning and Zoning Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- November 17** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- November 22** Parks Board Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- November 23** Board of Adjustment  
City Hall | 6:30 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 5** Arbor Day & Recycling Event  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- November 7 - December 2** Holiday Donation Drive  
City Hall
- November 8** Election Day  
Lucas Community Center  
7:00 am - 7:00 pm
- November 24 - November 25** City Hall Closed  
Thanksgiving
- December 9** Country Christmas  
Community Park  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## 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/](http://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.

## VENDORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Key to Success for the 2023 Season of the Lucas Farmers Market



[www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market/](http://www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market/). Make sure to view the Lucas Farmers Market Rules and Regulations and complete the Vendor Application Form.

Young entrepreneurs looking for an opportunity to gain valuable business skills may also apply for a spot in the Lucas Farmers Market and must submit the Youth Vendor Application Form (in lieu of the Vendor Application Form) in order to sign up.

Once the application is completed, submit the application to [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us). The deadline to submit the vendor applications is Friday, January 20, 2023. The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board will notify vendors by early February of their decision regarding vendor participation in the 2023 season.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** so if you have a little time on Saturday morning, please join us. We have a lot of fun, and this market is dependent on volunteers to make things happen. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, just let us know by sending us an email at [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us).

We will continue to host family friendly special events with each market to enhance the social experience and interaction with your neighbors. We will also continue to highlight the history of Lucas at each market. For the 2023 season of the Lucas Farmers Market, the regular market dates will continue to be held in the Community Park (next to City Hall) on the second and fourth Saturday from 8:00 am until noon in accordance with the **2023** dates listed below:

April 22	June 24	August 12	September 23
May 13	July 8	August 26	October 14
May 27	July 22	September 9	October 28
June 10			

If you have questions or need additional information, you may also contact City Manager Joni Clarke at 972.912.1212 or [jclarke@lucastexas.us](mailto:jclarke@lucastexas.us).

## MEET THE NEW CITY SECRETARY ERIN DAY



Please join us in welcoming our newest addition to the City of Lucas, Erin Day. Erin has seven years of local government experience, beginning in Abilene, Texas, where she worked as a police and fire dispatch supervisor. In 2018, Erin began her transition into the City Secretary field and previously worked as the Assistant City Secretary for the City of Wylie. Erin's first day as the City Secretary for the City of Lucas was on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Currently, Erin is pursuing her Texas Municipal Clerk Certification through the University of North Texas, and is set to graduate in January 2023. She is a member of the Texas Municipal Clerk Association (TCMA), and is on the Technology Committee for the TMCA Lone Star Chapter. She is a mom to three children and an active member of her community and serves as a youth leader to her church.



The City will be holding its Arbor Day and Recycling Event for electronics and paper shredding from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Arbor Day will be held in the pavilion at the Lucas Community Park. The recycling drive 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 encouraging 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), printers, copiers and fax machines (\$5), hard drive shredding (\$12), with all other electronics being free to drop off. New this year, you may also drop off clean styrofoam to be recycled.

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.

## HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

Monday, November 7 to Friday, December 2



### Be An Angel to our Senior Citizens

Loving Care Home is a residential assisted living facility for senior citizens in Lucas. Each year, the City facilitates providing gifts for our seniors to show them some "Lucas Love" over the holidays. If you would like to donate a gift to one of our

beloved seniors, please stop by City Hall and see Donna Bradshaw who will be keeping Santa's list for our friends at Loving Care Home. You will be asked to drop off your wrapped gift at City Hall by December 2 and Santa will make the delivery for you. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bradshaw at [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us) or 972.912.1206.

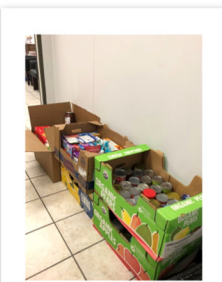
### Toy Drive for Collin County Toys for Tots

You can help support the Collin County Toys for Tots campaign by donating unwrapped gifts for local children and teenagers in need. Last year, Collin County Toys for Tots distributed 63,980 toys, supporting 31,990 children. 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. 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.



### 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.

### Samaritan Inn

The Samaritan Inn is local nonprofit organization that has been working to help the homeless in Collin County since 1984. On a given night, 1 out of 3 people staying at the Samaritan Inn are children. Items needed are kitchen & food items, as well as certain non-food items. To view their immediate needs, visit [www.saminn.org/needs-list/](http://www.saminn.org/needs-list/).



## LUCAS COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

The City will be holding its annual Country Christmas event from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Lucas Community Park on Friday, December 9, 2022. 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. Food trucks will also be available on-site for attendees to purchase food. 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 Friday, November 18, 2022.