

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

The City of Lucas is currently in the final stages of approving an updated Comprehensive Plan that help lay out the vision for the City moving forward. Comprehensive Plans are updated every 5 years, with the previous Comprehensive Plan being updated in 2017. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to indicate the general locations recommended for various land uses, transportation routes, streets, parks/trails, water infrastructure, and other public and private developments and improvements.

A review of the Comprehensive Plan began in January 2022 as the Planning and Zoning Commission was tasked with reviewing and providing recommendations and revisions to the City Council. From January to present, the Planning and Zoning Commission has meticulously reviewed each chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. At the November 10, 2022, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended that City Council approves the Comprehensive Plan. The City Council will conduct a review of the Comprehensive Plan at the December 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

The public will have an opportunity to speak on the Comprehensive Plan during the two public hearing sessions that will take place in January. The first public hearing will be held on January 12, 2023, by the Planning and Zoning Commission, while the second public hearing will be held on January 19, 2023, by the City Council for final approval.

For questions, please contact Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn at jhilbourn@lucastexas.us or call 972.912.1207.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City of Lucas is currently in the process of updating the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP links local infrastructure investments with comprehensive plan goals, land use ordinances, and economic development efforts. The CIP bridges the gap between planning and spending as well as between the visions of the comprehensive plan and the fiscal realities of improving and expanding community facilities. Examples of capital projects include construction or expansion of public buildings, the acquisition of land for public use, planning, water system improvements, engineering costs, and street and drainage construction.

For questions, please contact CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard at phubbard@lucastexas.us or call 972.912.1209.

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.

Lucas Ranch

Construction on the Lucas Ranch development, located at the intersection of Country Club Road and Jessica Lane has resumed following a long pause. This development will feature light retail and office uses.

CWD REMINDERS FOR TRASH, RECYCLING & BULK/BRUSH

- All trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and brush are picked up weekly on your service day.
- Place all trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and brush out no later than 7:00 am on your service date.
- CWD picks up all items between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm on your service day.
- All household trash must be placed inside the CWD grey trash cart.
- Only use CWD trash carts as others will not be picked up.
- No not leave household trash bags next to the carts as they will not be picked up.
- All recyclables must be empty, clean, dry, and placed loosely inside the CWD blue recycle cart.
- Do not bag recyclables.

For more information on Community Waste Disposal guidelines for trash, recycling, bulk, brush, household hazardous waste, used electronics, and to view your scheduled service day, please go to: <https://www.communitywastedisposal.com/find-my-city/lucas/>.

For questions, please contact Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at kent@lucastexas.us or call 972.912.1213.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATES

Forest Grove Road Rehabilitation

The City of Lucas rehabilitated the segment of road between Orr Road and Stonegate Boulevard in October 2022. This segment of thoroughfare was identified in the City's pavement assessment as a good candidate for rehabilitation based on condition and this segment serves a high volume of daily traffic.

Hendrick Farms and Blondy Jhune Road

Construction has commenced on the realigned segment of Blondy Jhune Road from Country Club just to the east of 910 Blondy Jhune Road. The road alignment will be adjusted to allow for a gradual turn and the new surface will be concrete, resulting in Blondy Jhune being a fully concrete road. The developer of the Hendrick Farms subdivision is managing this project as part of their overall subdivision construction and is projected to complete construction by December 1, 2022. The road, water and drainage construction on the development will wrap-up shortly thereafter.

TxDOT Construction on Estates Parkway (FM2170) and Country Club (FM1378)

TxDOT will soon commence construction on Estates Parkway (FM 2170) from Angel Parkway to Country Club Road and Country Club Road from Jessica Lane to SH 5. These sister projects will add three feet of shoulder, add a new surface, replace existing driveways, extend or replace existing culverts, and add rumble strips. The project is expected to commence soon and take 7-8 months to complete.

Barratt Lake Estates

Civil construction on the Barratt Lake Estates development, located near the intersection of Winningkoff Road and a Christian Lane, is in its final stages. It is expected to be released for home construction in the coming months.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



I wanted to wish all of you an early Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I would like to encourage you all to come to this year's Country Christmas event that will be held at the Lucas Community Park next to City Hall on Friday, December 9 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It is going to be a great time for the entire family! More information can be found inside this newsletter. We have had

an exciting year and it is already coming to a close. We hope everyone stays safe and warm during this winter. Please remember to check on your outside animals and frost-proof your outside plumbing pipes as the weather is turning colder. I wish you all a safe and pleasant holiday as you prepare for 2023.



Happy Holidays from the City of Lucas City Council

Mayor Jim Olk

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Peele

Councilmember Tim Johnson

Councilmember Tim Baney

Councilmember David Keer

Councilmember Phil Lawrence

Councilmember Debbie Fisher

CITY OF LUCAS 2023 GENERAL ELECTION Candidate Filing Begins January 18, 2023

The City of Lucas general election will be held on May 6, 2023. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot, City Council Seat 1 and City Council Seat 2. 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 3, 2023. Candidates may file an application with the City Secretary beginning Wednesday, January 18, 2023, through Friday, February 17, 2023. 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 Erin Day at eday@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 (450 Country Club Road) or at Willow Springs Middle School (1101 West Lucas Road) and take the shuttle bus.

**For your safety, please do not walk across
Country Club Road.**

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.

- December 1** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- December 8** Planning and Zoning Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- December 15** City Council Meeting
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- December 28** Board of Adjustment
City Hall | 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 9** Country Christmas
Community Park
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- December 23 - December 26** City Hall Closed
For Christmas Holiday



Friday
December 9, 2022
6 PM TO 9 PM

City of Lucas
Country Christmas

COME & JOIN US!
Public parking and shuttle services will be located at Hart Elementary School (450 Country Club Road) and Willow Springs Middle School (1101 West Lucas Road). There will be NO PUBLIC PARKING at the Community Park.

ICE SKATING RINK **HOLIDAY MARKET** **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**

WINTER WONDERLAND **HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING** **MOVIE IN THE PARK: FROZEN** **FOOD TRUCKS**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY: LOVEJOY ORCHESTRA

COMMUNITY PARK
665 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
LUCAS, TX 75002

www.lucastexas.us/event/2022-country-christmas

VENDORS AND VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED VENDORS so please encourage our existing and potentially new vendors to be a part of our 2023 season. If you know of any vendors that would be a great fit for our market, please encourage them to complete a vendor application. To apply for becoming a vendor at the 2023 Lucas Farmers Market season, visit 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. 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.

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.

Contact City Manager Joni Clarke at 972.912.1212 or jclarke@lucastexas.us if you have questions or need additional information.

2023 MARKET DATES

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

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 or 972.912.1206.

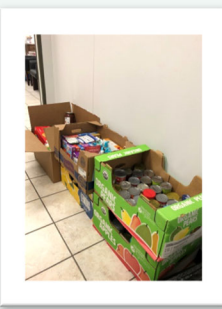
Toy Drive for Collin County Toys for Tots

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/.

SERVICE TREE NOMINATIONS ARE STILL OPEN



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 on 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/. 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: Homeowners Associations, garden clubs), youth group (ex: Boy or Girl Scout troops, 4-H Clubs), 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.

ARBOR DAY AND RECYCLING EVENT RECAP

On Saturday, November 5, 2022, the City held its Arbor Day and Recycling Event in the pavilion at the Lucas Community Park. This yearly event was established to help promote the beautification of Lucas, environmental sustainability, and sustainable practices as part of the award-winning Keep Lucas Beautiful program. The Recycling Event included Styrofoam and electronic recycling, as well as a free paper shredding drop-off site. This provided an opportunity for residents to drop off recyclable electronics, clean Styrofoam, and paper documents to be securely disposed.



The Legacy 4-H Club gave away 200 tree saplings which included a combination of 100 Red Oak and 100 Bald Cypress trees. Each tree came with a bag of decomposed hardwood mulch from Texas Pure Products to bed the trees in. Lucas resident Henry Hildenbrand was on site at the event collecting clean Styrofoam to be properly recycled. Residents can also drop off clean Styrofoam to be recycled on the first Saturday of each month at the parking lot of the Lucas Starbucks at 2680 West Lucas Road. More information on the Styrofoam recycling drop-off can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/126766727927190/>.