

EXCITING NEWS IN LUCAS

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILMEMBER TIM JOHNSON ON HIS RE-ELECTION

The City of Lucas would like to congratulate current Councilmember Tim Johnson, who will be sworn in on May 18, 2023 for City Council Seat 1.



Councilmember Tim Johnson

Born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas, Councilmember Johnson attended Lamar University in Beaumont before enlisting in the United States Navy. For over 25 years, he served on active duty and in the reserves on ships and shore stations in the U.S. and overseas, teaching at service schools and in various leadership roles. Councilmember Johnson retired from the Naval Service as a Chief Petty Officer.

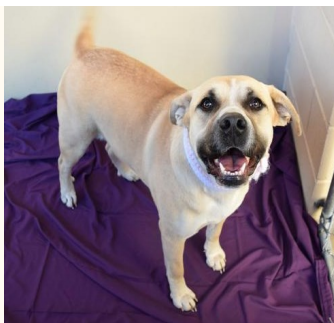
Following active duty, Councilmember Johnson continued his career in telecommunications with nationwide carriers Satellite Business Systems, MCI / WorldCom and XO Communications. He retired as a Principal Solutions Architect from Verizon. Throughout his military and civilian careers, Councilmember Johnson exercised and honed his leadership and problem-solving skills.

Councilmember Johnson and his wife Marla have been married for 46 years. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Councilmember Johnson and his wife have lived in Garland and Murphy, but moved to Lucas in 2014 to escape urban sprawl.

Shortly after moving to Lucas, Councilmember Johnson began attending City Council meetings to get involved. He was appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission in 2016, ultimately serving as Vice-Chairman. He was elected to the Lucas City Council in 2020 and re-elected in 2023. In addition to serving the City of Lucas, Councilmember Johnson's public service includes: serving on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Lucas Fire Rescue, Board of Elders at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, President and Charter Member of the Plano Amateur Radio Club, and a member of the Collin County Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Councilmember Johnson continues to be "Looking Out for Lucas" in his role as a City Councilmember.

THE COLLIN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER IS LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME FOR MAGGIE

Maggie is a Sheppard and Labrador mix and is almost two years old. She is located at the Collin County Animal Services at 4750 Community Boulevard in the Collin County Justice Complex in McKinney. For more information on how to bring Maggie home, visit the Collin County Animal Services webpage at: collincountytx.animalshelternet.com.



WELCOME MANAGEMENT ANALYST JOSHUA MENCHENNETT



Please join us in welcoming Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett. Joshua graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a BBA in Marketing and a Minor in Political Science. During his undergraduate education he served as Student Government President for two terms, interned in the United States Capitol, and researched broadband access in rural communities with the Hibbs Institute for Business and Economic Research.

Joshua is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Administration to further his career in local government and municipal development. When he is not working, he is playing volleyball in Dallas area recreational centers or playing fetch with his miniature schnauzer named Max. We are excited to have him as a part of our team and we know he

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CITY COUNCILMEMBER DUSTY KUYKENDALL

The City of Lucas would like to congratulate Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Dusty Kuykendall, who will be sworn in on May 18, 2023 for City Council Seat 2.



Dusty Kuykendall

Raised in Channelview, Texas, Councilmember Kuykendall has both an Undergraduate Degree and MBA in Finance. He has spent the last 20 years in Finance, from working with Goldman Sachs as an Analyst and Trader to currently serving as Chief Financial Officer and Board Member of The Next Solutions, Inc., a Global SAAS Provider.

Councilmember Kuykendall has been married to his wife Beatrice for almost 15 years. They have two boys, Maximilian who is a first grader at Hart Elementary School and Benjamin who is 2. Soon after moving to Lucas in 2017, Councilmember Kuykendall became active in Creekwood United Methodist Church and joined the church's Finance Committee. In 2020, he was appointed to the Lucas Planning & Zoning Commission, and has served as Chairman since 2022.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



With some of our recent weather swings it reminds me that we are really at the mercy of mother nature. She has some truly destructive capabilities and the best we can do is to prepare the best we can to help minimize impacts. I would encourage you to develop a plan for what you will do in the event of a weather emergency. Pick the safest place in your home that will offer you the most protection from a weather event. If you don't have a storm shelter, pick a room that is on the lowest floor in the middle of the home with no windows. Tell your family that is where everyone needs to be if there is a tornado warning. Communication before an event is a key part of the plan. Everyone needs to know where they are supposed to be so they can be ready and can act accordingly.

In addition to having a plan, have some emergency supplies ready, including water, flashlight, radio, blanket and anything else that will let you ride out a storm as it is blowing overhead. In addition to making sure your family is safe, check on your neighbors, especially the elderly that may need assistance before, during and after a storm. In a weather emergency we are not alone. Be assured that it is important to the City of Lucas that our residents are safe. We have a well-trained Fire and Rescue Department that is always ready to handle emergency events that may come our way and I have the utmost confidence in them, as well as all our City Staff, to handle weather related incidents.

In Texas, it is not an "if" we have a disaster, it is a matter of "when" we will have a disaster. Here in Texas, we have more disasters and the potential for disasters than any other State in the Union. So, it is important that each family is prepared for potential events and are ready to put our plans into motion to keep us out of harms way.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Jim Olk - Mayor

UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The City of Lucas Public Works/Engineering Department will be busy this Spring as they are set to begin three capital construction projects, including:

- Bait Shop Waterline Relocation - A waterline that runs near the intersection of Southview Drive, West Lucas Road and East Lucas Road will be relocated in order to allow TxDOT to expand the intersection.
- Orchard Road South Culvert and Channel Improvements - Improvements to the culvert and channel will significantly decrease the drainage issues in the area and will help with overall waterflow in the City of Lucas.
- Rimrock Detention Pond Embankment Improvements - Improvements in this area will help alleviate localized flooding in northeast Lucas.

All three projects are scheduled for completion by Fall 2023. For more information on these or other city projects, residents can call the Public Works/Engineering Department at 972-912-1209, register for community updates at <https://www.lucastexas.us/nixle>, or email engineer@lucastexas.us

CITY OF LUCAS GENERAL ELECTION CANCELLED

The City of Lucas General Election scheduled for May 6, 2023 has been cancelled due to City Council Seats 1 and 2 being unopposed. City Councilmember Tim Johnson and Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Dusty Kuykendall are declared elected and will be sworn in at the City Council Meeting on May 18, 2023.

The Lucas Community Center will still be used as a polling place for the public to vote during early voting and Election Day. Visit collincountytx.gov/elections for sample ballots and early voting information.

Early Voting	April 24-29, 2023 May 1-2, 2023	8:00 am - 5:00 pm 7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Election Day Voting	May 6, 2023	7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Spring events happening in Lucas!

KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP EVENT

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, 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/event/2023-klb-spring-cleanup and 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, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm from March 27-31, 2023. These supplies can also be picked up at 9:00 am on the day of the event in front of Lucas City Hall (665 Country Club Road).
- During the cleanup event in your chosen area, place all trash bags 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. Students can also receive community service hours for volunteering at the cleanup event. If you have any questions regarding the KLB Spring Cleanup, please contact Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at 972-912-1213 or kent@lucastexas.us.

LUCAS CAR SHOW

The 2023 Lucas Car Show will be held at Creekwood United Methodist Church (261 Country Club Road, Fairview, Texas 75002) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The City is co-sponsoring the car show with Legacy Classic Cars and Homes by J. Anthony. Classic cars, custom restomods, lifted trucks, and exotic cars are all welcome to participate in the event. General admission is free, but Legacy Classic Cars will be accepting donations throughout this event.

Parking for vehicles entering the show will open at 7:00 am. Custom trophies will be awarded at 11:30 am. Public parking will be available next to the church at the Lovejoy ISD Administration Building (259 Country Club Road, Allen, Texas 75002). Stay tuned for more specifics in the next newsletter about the Lucas Car Show!

For more information and to learn how to enter the car show, please contact Rich Verbal with Legacy Classic Cars via email at rich@legacyclassiccars.net or phone by 214-455-7824.



GOLD STAR AFFILIATE RECOGNITION

Keep Texas Beautiful has recognized Lucas with the highest form of recognition as a Gold Star Affiliate. This is the second year in a row that Lucas has received this distinguished recognition. The Keep Lucas Beautiful program promotes community beautification, litter abatement, and environmental conservation.

Last year, volunteers successfully cleaned up over 6,000 pounds of trash and debris in the community. We plan to continue with more cleanup opportunities this year starting with the Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Thank you to our residents who contribute to making the Lucas community a beautiful place to live.

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET UPDATES

The Lucas Farmers Market is about to kick into high gear. The Lucas Parks and Open Space Board has been busy rounding up over 70 vendors to make this another great year. Additionally, the Lucas Farmers Market Committee has planned an exciting event for each market to accompany our vendors!

April 22, 2023 - Spring Starts Sale & Mushroom Foraging and Growing

On April 22, the Lucas Farmers Market will host a "Spring Starts Sale". Vendors will bring a variety of plants and vegetables that do great in our North Texas Region. Many Heirloom and hard to get varieties will be offered! Additionally, Clayton Berger with Farmboy Fungi will be doing a special presentation named "Mushroom Foraging & Growing" in the Community Center. Clayton will be speaking about growing your own mushrooms and what to buy. We will follow that up with a field trip the next day to see what is growing in our woods here in Lucas!

May 13, 2023 - Backyard Chickens

On May 13, Cathy Gleason will present about "Backyard Chickens". Hear what it takes to get your backyard chickens happy and healthy and learn about different breeds, coops, care and maintenance. Cathy is a local pro and can offer some great tips to get you started!

Liquid Agriculture

This year, the Lucas Farmers Market is offering liquid agriculture! The market will host several local North Texas wineries and craft beer vendors. *Selling only, consumption is limited to tastings.*

Market Date	Special Event
April 22, 2023	Spring Starts Sale / Mushroom Foraging & Growing Part 1
May 13, 2023	Backyard Chickens
May 27, 2023	Memorial Day Picnic
June 10, 2023	Ice Cream Crank Off
June 24, 2023	Fall Garden Prep
July 8, 2023	Raptor Display / How to Build a Birdhouse
July 22, 2023	Chef Demonstration
August 12, 2023	Back to School Event
August 26, 2023	Texas Parks and Wildlife Presentation / Lucas Historical Presentation
September 9, 2023	Lucas Fire-Rescue 9/11 Ceremony
September 23, 2023	Robotics Competition
October 14, 2023	Pumpkin Decorations / Mushroom Foraging & Growing Part 2
October 28, 2023	Bee Demonstration / Sidewalk Art Contest

COMMUNITY WASTE DISPOSAL:

BULK, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & USED ELECTRONICS

Spring is here and now is an excellent time for some spring cleaning! Did you know that your trash/recycling service also includes weekly bulk and brush pickup? Did you also know that you can request pickup of household hazardous waste or used electronics two times per year for free? These are your inclusive services that are provided by Community Waste Disposal (CWD).

Bulky Waste And Loose Brush

- Bulky waste and loose brush is collected once a week, on your regular trash pickup day. You are limited to 2 cubic yards of bulky waste and/or loose brush per collection. 2 cubic yards is approximately equivalent to the size of 2 washing machines. Place bulky waste and brush in the same location as your trash polycart no later than 7:00 am on your designated trash pickup day.
- Place tree limbs in neat, manageable piles with trunks parallel to the street. Tree limbs must be no longer than 6 feet and weigh no more than 150 pounds.
- Acceptable bulky waste includes toys and yard tools tagged as "bulk item", furniture, bundled carpet in 4-foot lengths, fence panels no larger than 4 feet by 6 feet, bagged leaves, washing machines, dryers, water heaters, kitchen appliances, and refrigerators/freezers (must be tagged certifying removal of refrigerants).
- Prohibited bulky waste include single items weighing more than 150 pounds, commercial remodeling/construction debris, household hazardous waste (includes paint, aerosols, motor oil, etc.), tires, batteries, propane tanks, household trash, and loose debris (debris must be placed in a box or other container no larger than 2' x 2' x 4' and weigh no more than 50 pounds).

Tied and Bundled Brush

- Tied and bundled brush is collected once a week on your regular trash/recycling day and must weigh less than 50 pounds and be no longer than four feet per bundle.

Household Hazardous Waste and Loose Electronics

- CWD provides Lucas residents with door-side collection of household hazardous waste and used electronics twice per year. There is no fee for this service.
- Acceptable items include poison, solvent, oil-based and latex paint, aerosols, used motor oil, auto batteries, fluorescent tubes, flat screen televisions (no cathode ray tubes), and more.

For any specific questions regarding these services, please contact CWD by phone at 972-392-9300 and select option 2 or by email at customerservice@cwd.to.

FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

The City of Lucas will be holding the Founders Day Country Fair at the Community Park (665 Country Club Road) from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 8, 2023. Information about the event can be found at www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-founders-day-country-fair.

Parking - All public parking and shuttle services will be available at Hart Elementary School and Willow Springs Middle School. THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE PUBLIC PARKING AT THE COMMUNITY PARK.

Parade - The Founders Day Parade will kick off the event at 9:00 am at Hart Elementary School.

Activities & Special Features - The Founders Day Country Fair will have free activities including carnival games, carousel rides, mini golf, petting zoo, face painting, balloon artists, stick horse rodeo, and pony hop derby.

There will also be special features such as an appearance by the Easter Bunny, Lucas Historical Exhibit, Legacy 4-H Silent Auction, Mini Car Show, and more.

Food & Beverages - Food and beverages will be available for the public to purchase. Food trucks will be selling fried foods (including Fletcher's famous corn dogs from the Texas State Fair), barbecue, burgers, snow cones, and many other options.

Volunteer Opportunity - Students who would like to volunteer for the stick horse rodeo can receive community service hours. Interested students can submit an online volunteer application at www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form.



Founders Day

COUNTRY FAIR





SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 LUCAS COMMUNITY PARK

PLEASE JOIN THE LUCAS COMMUNITY FOR AN AMAZING FUN TIME AT THE FAIR! FREE ENTRY	FREE ACTIVITIES Carnival Games Carousel Rides Mini Golf Petting Zoo Stick Horse Rodeo & More	SPECIAL FEATURES Easter Bunny Lucas Historical Exhibit Legacy 4-H Silent Auction Mini Car Show NTMWD Water Trailer & More
FOOD FOR PURCHASE Corn Dogs Barbecue Burgers Fried Foods & More	FREE PUBLIC PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICES Hart Elementary School & Willow Springs Middle School 8:30 am – 2:30 pm	FOUNDERS DAY PARADE Hart Elementary School Parade Starts at 9:00 am

For more information, go to
www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-founders-day-country-fair