

## 2023 LUCAS FARMERS MARKET SEASON

*“The mission of the Lucas Farmers Market is to create a safe and pleasant social experience for our community and visitors by providing access to local farmers, food producers and artists.”*

The Parks and Open Space Board and Lucas Farmers Market Committee went through the process of approving vendors for this year’s market. There are over 70 different vendors approved to participate in the market throughout this season. We have many of your regular vendors returning as well as some new vendors with unique products. To view the list of approved vendors for the 2023 season, go to [www.lucastexas.us/2023-lucas-farmers-market-vendors](http://www.lucastexas.us/2023-lucas-farmers-market-vendors).

The Lucas Farmers Market will continue to have special events during each farmers

market. The first market of the season will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023. This market will feature a spring plant sale and information on foraging and growing mushrooms. Save the date now to experience our award-winning market and enjoy the fun, interactive special events we have planned for the 2023 season.

The Lucas Farmers Market continues to look for additional volunteers to help at the markets throughout the season. This is a great opportunity to become involved with a city event and connect with other residents who are passionate about our market. If you are interested in becoming a market volunteer, please submit an online volunteer application at [www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form](http://www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form).

The 2023 Lucas Farmers Market will be held in the Lucas Community Park on the second and fourth Saturday of each month

(beginning April 22 and ending October 28) from 8:00 am until Noon. If you have questions or need additional information, you may contact either City Manager Joni Clarke at 972.912.1212 or [jjclarke@lucastexas.us](mailto:jjclarke@lucastexas.us), or Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at 972.912.1213 or [kent@lucastexas.us](mailto:kent@lucastexas.us).

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. If you have questions or need additional information, you may contact either City Manager Joni Clarke at 972.912.1212 or [jjclarke@lucastexas.us](mailto:jjclarke@lucastexas.us), or Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at 972.912.1213 or [kent@lucastexas.us](mailto:kent@lucastexas.us).

See below for a schedule of upcoming Farmers Markets and Special Events.

Market Date	Special Event
April 22, 2023	Spring Plant 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
October 28, 2023	Bee Demonstration / Sidewalk Art Contest

## Keep Lucas Beautiful SPRING CLEANUP

The Keep Lucas Beautiful (KLB) Spring Cleanup event will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. In 2022, the City of Lucas received the Governor’s Community Achievement Award recognizing the successful efforts of the KLB program. 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](http://www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-klb-spring-cleanup).
- 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 early at City Hall during business hours between 8 am and 5 pm from March 27-31, 2023.

- Cleanup supplies can also be picked up beginning at 9 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 centrally 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 [kent@lucastexas.us](mailto:kent@lucastexas.us) or 972.912.1213.

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## MAYOR’S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

Thought I would provide you with a few brief updates this month.

The improvements to West Lucas Road (between Country Club and Angel Parkway) have hit a few “potholes”. Generally, they have to do with right-of-way acquisition, drainage, pavement profile, and the cost of construction. We are attempting to work

through the issues by working with our engineers as well as Collin County. Collin County has provided just over \$8 million dollars to put toward this project. At this point, your City Council is looking at all possible options to make sure tax dollars are wisely spent with as minimal impact to Lucas residents as possible.

Moving down the road a little...if you have driven through the intersection at East Lucas Road/Country Club/Southview (what is locally referred to as the Bait Shop Intersection or the Bait Sandwich Shop Intersection), you will see that a lot of clearing has been done and TxDOT is progressing with the improvements to this intersection. Although I dread what we will have to tolerate during construction, I am looking forward to seeing the improvements come to life. By far, this is the worst intersection in the City of Lucas and improving the flow through the intersection will be a blessing for anyone that has to drive it. One benefit that I see is that our TxDOT District Engineer drives through that intersection everyday on the way to her office, so I’m hoping that we will see a speedy construction project.

It looks like the McKinney City Council will be putting the proposed improvements to the McKinney Airport on the ballot for McKinney residents to vote on. In brief, they will be asking their residents to support the City borrowing \$200 million dollars to construct a commercial terminal at the airport. This will bring commercial passenger planes to the McKinney Airport. There may be some Lucas residents that will appreciate the convenience of not having to travel to DFW or Love Field, but all of us notice the increase in air traffic as well as the potential for increased vehicle traffic due to the airport expansion. This is major concern for the City of Lucas as well as for the Town of Fairview. Both of our communities will feel these impacts and, working with Mayor Lessner with the Town of Fairview, we will continue to work toward minimizing these impacts. There is still a lot of work to be done in getting all the necessary approvals to move the proposed expansion forward and I will keep y’all posted as things happen.

The Lucas Farmer’s Market has really become a community gathering event and is way more than a farmer’s market, with educational events, entertainment, historical displays, etc., all held at the Community Park. There is truly something for everyone. The first market will be April 22, 2023, and then there are 12 more as we go through the growing season. Spring is right around the corner.



## THANK YOU CITY OF LUCAS!

By Councilmember Tim Baney

*After serving 8 years as a councilmember for the City of Lucas, I made the very difficult decision not to run for re-election. This will give me the time I need to manage my business activities and spend time with family. It really has been an honor to serve as an elected official and want to encourage all Lucas citizens to get involved in the Lucas community. I have two priorities that I would like to encourage residents to support, the Lucas Farmers Market and the Trinity Trail Preservation Association. During my tenure as a councilmember I served as the council liaison for the Lucas Parks Board and Open Space Board. It was this board that created the award-winning Lucas Farmers Market which is operated by volunteers. If you are interested in serving your community in this capacity, please go to the City’s website and sign up at [www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form/](http://www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form/). In addition, I have also been an active volunteer for Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) and currently serve as the Vice-President for that organization. TTPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1996 to maintain and preserve Trinity Trail, which is a 25 mile trail along Lake Lavon on US Army Corps of Engineers land reserved for use by pedestrian and equestrian enthusiasts. For membership information, please go to their website at [www.trinitytrailriders.org](http://www.trinitytrailriders.org). As my tenure as a councilmember will come to a close in May, I want to thank the community for their support.*

Happy Trails!

Tim

## FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

The Country Fair is coming to Lucas for Founders Day! This will be an amazing event for the Lucas community with lots of free activities. The Country Fair will be held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road).

There will be a parade to kick off the opening of the fair at 9:00 am. If you and/or your group are interested in participating in the parade, please submit an online parade application at [www.lucastexas.us/2023-parade-application](http://www.lucastexas.us/2023-parade-application).

The fair will feature free activities including carnival games, mini golf, carousel rides, stick horse rodeo, pony hop derby, petting zoo, and more. There is no entry fee to attend the fair.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from food trucks. Food vendors include Fletcher's famous corn dogs, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, Texas barbecue, hamburgers, snow cones, and so much more.

We have volunteer opportunities for students who would like to assist with the stick horse rodeo. Students can receive community service hours for helping with this activity. Interested students can submit an online volunteer application at [www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form](http://www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form).

There will not be onsite public parking at the Lucas Community Park. Public parking and shuttle services will be available at Joe V. Hart Elementary School (450 Country Club Road) and Willow Springs Middle School (1101 West Lucas Road). Shuttle services will operate from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

We encourage the Lucas community to join us at this amazing Founders Day Country Fair!

## STYROFOAM RECYCLING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Styrofoam recycling at the parking lot of the Lucas Starbucks has been cancelled for March 4. Styrofoam recycling collection will resume on April 1.

## CONGRESSMAN KEITH SELF AND DISTRICT DIRECTOR MICHELLE BISHOP VISIT LUCAS

On February 14, 2023, Congressman Keith Self and District Director Michelle Bishop met with the City of Lucas to discuss important topics affecting our area. Pictured below from left to right is Mayor Jim Olk, Congressman Keith Self, City Manager Joni Clarke, and Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak.



## WATERING SCHEDULE

Beginning April 1, 2023, Lucas water customers are required to limit outdoor watering to twice per week. The outdoor watering schedule will help prevent stressing the capabilities of our water system. No outdoor watering will be allowed between 10 am and 6 pm on any day. The City has established specific watering zones to help manage water usage. A map identifying watering zones is available on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/](http://www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/) to help you determine your watering days.

For more general tips on water friendly lawn care practices to help you conserve water and lower your water bill, please visit [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org).

## CITY OF LUCAS 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

The City of Lucas will hold their general election on May 6, 2023. There will be two City Council seats on the ballot, Seat 1 and Seat 2. As of February 15, 2023, the following candidates have filed an application for a place on the ballot:

- Councilmember Tim Johnson - Seat 1
- Chair to the Planning and Zoning Commission  
Dusty Kuykendall - Seat 2

Per the City of Lucas City Charter, applicants must meet the following criteria: resident for 12 continuous months, qualified voter of the city, never convicted of and is not currently charged with a felony or crime involving moral turpitude, is 18 years old, is not delinquent on any ad valorem taxes.

More election dates and information can be found on the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us/elections](http://www.lucastexas.us/elections). For questions on the upcoming elections, contact City Secretary Erin Day at [eday@lucastexas.us](mailto:eday@lucastexas.us) or 972.912.1211.

## HISTORICAL PHOTOS NEEDED

The City of Lucas is needing historical photos for display at various historical exhibits. Please submit photos to [eday@lucastexas.us](mailto:eday@lucastexas.us).

## SERVICE REQUEST CENTER LAUNCHING MARCH 1, 2023

The City of Lucas will be launching its Service Request Center on the City's homepage on March 1, 2023. The Service Request Center is an online platform powered by GovQA that is designed for the public to report and track city issues. Residents will be able to submit service requests such as reporting potholes, high grass, junk, and other city issues. Submitted requests will be automatically sent to the corresponding city department and assigned staff to ensure the issues are addressed in a timely manner. Residents will need to create an online account to report and track the progress of their submitted service requests and to receive update notifications from the City. The Service Request Center will go live on March 1 as a direct link on the dashboard of the City's homepage at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us).

## CITY OF LUCAS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The City of Lucas began the process of updating the City's Comprehensive Plan in January of 2021. The Comprehensive Plan is a long-range planning tool that defines the overall vision for future growth and development in the city. After approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council, the updated Comprehensive Plan was adopted on January 19, 2023. The new Comprehensive Plan can be found on the City of Lucas website at:

[www.lucastexas.us/documents/city-of-lucas-comprehensive-plan-adopted-2023](http://www.lucastexas.us/documents/city-of-lucas-comprehensive-plan-adopted-2023)

## WATERING RATE STRUCTURE CHANGES

In November 2022, a water rate study was completed by Capex Consulting Group and approved by the City Council. The purpose of the study was to design and implement a rate plan that will enable the water fund to meet operating and capital expenditure requirements for a five-year period beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The rate study included a \$2 million funding shortfall for the \$7.5 million immediate capital improvement needs identified in the Birkhoff Hendricks & Carter (BHC) Water Master Plan update. This study also takes into account that our wholesale provider, North Texas Municipal Water District has increased our wholesale water rates by 13%. The study considers each customer class (residential and commercial) to make sure any rate structure is just and reasonable. It also reflects national and industry standards for ratemaking as well as making sure our rates are competitive with other water providers in the area.

Water and wastewater increases will go into effect beginning March 1, 2023. To view detailed schedules for the rate changes go to the City's website at [www.lucastexas.us](http://www.lucastexas.us) and click on Water and Wastewater Rates from the Utility Billing webpage ([www.lucastexas.us/departments/water-billing-payments](http://www.lucastexas.us/departments/water-billing-payments)).

## HAMMER'S HEROES

On April 11, 2022, the Lucas Fire-Rescue Department was recognized by the Trinity Trail Preservation Association (TTPA) for their efforts in saving Hammer the horse after he got stuck in a swath of silt 20 feet wide in either direction. With the help of Lucas citizens and the Allen Animal Clinic, the firefighters were able to pull Hammer out of the silt and onto his feet with no severe injuries. Great job, Lucas Fire-Rescue!



Assistant Fire Chief Lance Gant accepting the award from the TTPA



Lucas Fire-Rescue working to free Hammer



Hammer back on the trail!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 SERVICE TREE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

### Harry Freshcoln III

Harry Freshcoln III was honored for his years of service on the City of Lucas Board of Adjustment and the Water Board.

### Bill and Kathrin Esposito

Bill and Kathrin Esposito were honored for their dedication to the Lucas Community through service on the Parks and Open Space Board, Lucas Farmers Market Committee, and the Legacy 4-H Club.

## ANNUAL WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE PLANNED MARCH 6 THROUGH APRIL 3

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 6 through April 3, 2023. The annual, routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year-round water quality. For more information, visit [www.NTMWD.com/SafeWater](http://www.NTMWD.com/SafeWater).

## COMMUNITY CENTER ENHANCEMENT

In March, the Community Center will have new flooring installed and will be freshly painted to brighten and enhance the interior. City staff hopes the work will be completed by April 1, 2023.

## COMMUNITY CPR CLASS

Lucas Fire-Rescue will be holding a free community CPR class on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9 am to 12 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to learn a life-saving skill and to become certified in CPR at no cost. The class will be held at the Lucas Fire Station at 165 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas. Limited spots are available. To sign up or for additional information on the class email [cpr@lucastexas.us](mailto:cpr@lucastexas.us) or call 972-727-1242.