

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 Lucas Farmers Market is gearing up for the 2023 season with the first market opening on Saturday, April 22, 2023. The Lucas Farmers Committee, Parks and Open Space Board, and city staff have been busy planning the 2023 season. We are recruiting great, new vendors and will have returning favorites as well. The Lucas Farmers Market is also looking for more volunteers to help at the markets throughout the season. If you are interested in becoming a market volunteer, please submit an online volunteer application at www.lucastexas.us/volunteer-registration-form.

The Lucas Farmers Market will continue to have special events during each farmers market. Save the date now to experience our award-winning market and enjoy the fun, interactive special events we have planned for the 2023 season.

Market Date	Special Event
April 22, 2023	Spring Plant Sale / Backyard Chickens
May 13, 2023	AgriLife Presentation
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

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 jclarke@lucastexas.us, or Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at 972.912.1213 or kent@lucastexas.us.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

Owning a pet is a privilege and should result in a mutually rewarding relationship. There are many benefits of pet ownership. However, it also comes with some important responsibilities. It is the pet owner's job to keep their pet safe and keep their environment clean and sanitary and to make sure that pets get regular veterinary care along with a good diet, fresh water, shelter, and exercise. Many pets need routine vaccinations, de-worming, and flea and tick control to protect them, their owners and neighbor pets from certain diseases.

Rural environments have many natural predators, making small dogs and outdoor cats easy prey for hawks, owls, bobcats, and coyotes. Pets running at large are at risk for becoming prey for other animals as well as being accidentally injured or killed and causing accidents on roadways. Proper fencing, functional and safe restraints and obedience training are all ways to mitigate the risk of your pet taking an unannounced sabbatical. Pets running at large also creates a nuisance for neighbors and a potentially unsafe environment for neighboring pets.

It is the pet owner's responsibility to keep their pet's environment clean, sanitary and free of waste. At home and when out make certain that all waste is cleaned up and disposed of properly in a timely manner. Keep a bag with you when you take your furry friends for a walk. Neighbors do not want to find your pet's "gifts" in their yard or on the sidewalk. Provide your pets with appropriate housing and a clean location in your home or yard for them.

Regular exercise and some basic training are good ways to mentally and physically stimulate your animal and they provide owners with a means to give positive reinforcement to their pets. Animals tend to be more well behaved and receptive to commands when provided with a stimulating environment and sufficient companionship. Teach your family, friends and children how to interact with your pet to set clear boundaries for everyone. Pets benefit greatly from consistency in human interactions.

Properly taking care of animals starts with welcoming them into a loving home. But you also need to address nutrition, habitat, and everything in between to keep your pet happy and healthy. Establishing a relationship with a veterinarian is one of the best ways to make sure you meet your pet's needs. Following these guidelines and loving your four legged friend is a great way to ensure a happy and healthy life together.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

I do want to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Things are looking pretty good here in Lucas! You may have noticed a good amount of commercial development going up along Angel Parkway as well as the reconstruction of Angel Parkway on our

western boundary. The road construction is actually in the City of Allen, but it will create some issues for Lucas residents as we try and navigate to those shopping areas. And we do want you to continue to support businesses located in Lucas.

I remember the time BW (before Walmart) when the vast majority of our City budget came from our property taxes. In the years following, we have seen growth (slow but steady) of commercial properties here in Lucas. Revenue from sales tax has become increasingly important as we move through the years. In the 2022-23 budget for the City, revenue from sales tax is now 26% of the budget. That equates to 1.8 million dollars in revenue that does not have to come from property tax. Additionally, 0.5% of the collected sales tax goes directly to the Lucas Fire and EMS. That is an additional \$590,000 to directly support our Fire & EMS Department. Totalling 2.3 million dollars of sales tax supporting services to the residents of Lucas. That is why we say support our local businesses. The money you spend here in Lucas benefits you!

We have some new businesses; one is Tractor Supply on Angel Parkway, which is a great addition to our "rural" community. Golden Chick looks like it is coming along (in front of the Tractor Supply), and we have a small new shopping area that has broken ground at the corner of McGarity and Angel which, by the way, is planned to have a new sit-down restaurant, Eddie's Diner, and a Smoothie King! Also, Panda Express is coming to Lucas in the very near future. If I recall, several of these businesses were requested in a citizen survey we did several years ago.

With Angel Parkway being torn up for the foreseeable future, I would urge Lucas residents to fight through the road construction; shop, dine, have your nails done, get your hair cut, have your

animals cared for, get your ranching and other needs all met right here in Lucas. When you shop local know that you are helping yourself as well as others here in Lucas.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve.

CITY OF LUCAS 2023 GENERAL ELECTION Candidate Filing Ends February 17, 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 6, 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 questions on the upcoming elections, contact City Secretary Erin Day at eday@lucastexas.us or 972.912.1211.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Frank Hise who was appointed as Alternate 1 to the City of Lucas Board of Adjustment for a 2-year term beginning on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2024.



FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

Save the date for this year's Founders Day Country Fair! The fair will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023, 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.

The Founders Day Country Fair will feature carnival games, stick horse rodeo, pony hop derby, petting zoo, face painting, balloon artists, and much more. The fair is free to the public. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from food trucks.

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.

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). There will not be onsite parking at the Lucas Community Park.

Stay tuned for more details about the Founders Day Country Fair in the next newsletter!

TRASH, RECYCLING & BULK/BRUSH REMINDERS

Community Waste Disposal (CWD) picks up all trash, recyclables, bulky waste, and brush weekly on your regular service day. Please follow the below guidelines for trash and recycling:

- 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 carts as other carts will not be picked up.
- All recyclables must be empty, clean, dry, and placed loosely inside the CWD blue recycle cart.
- DO NOT leave household trash bags next to the carts as they will not be picked up.
- DO NOT bag recyclables.
- DO NOT tie down or place an object on top of your trash and recycle card lids.
- ALWAYS bring in your trash and recycling carts to your house side after service has been completed.

It takes a concerted part of all members of the community to keep Lucas beautiful. Please keep in mind the city does have regulations regarding trash and recycling receptacle placement, and when these receptacles can be put out and when they should be brought back to the residence. The containers shall be placed at the street no earlier than 6:00 a.m. on the day of scheduled collection. **Such containers shall be removed from the street location and out of view from the street no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of scheduled collection.**

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

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

UTILITY BILLING CONTACT INFORMATION

It's time to update your information with the City of Lucas Utility Department for the new year! The Utility Department may need to reach out to you regarding your bill, a water leak, road closure, bad weather, or other unforeseen event. Having your most current information on file is vitally important to ensure you can be contacted in the event of an emergency. To update your information, please call the City of Lucas Utility Department 972-912-1205, or you may fill out the bottom portion of your water bill and mail it to the City of Lucas Utility Department, 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, TX, 75002.



TRACTOR SUPPLY OPENS

Tractor Supply opened its doors to customers on Saturday, January 7, 2023. The City of Lucas held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Tractor Supply during their grand opening week on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Tractor Supply had special deals and giveaways to celebrate their official opening in Lucas. The City is very excited about having Tractor Supply in our unique community. Tractor Supply is located at 495 South Angel Parkway in Lucas. The store's hours of operation are 8 am to 8 pm from Monday through Saturday and 9 am to 7 pm on Sunday.

OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS AND FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

As we approach Wildfire Season in Texas, we want to remind the citizens of Lucas of the dangers of outdoor burning and encourage all residents to follow the regulations the Lucas Fire Rescue has put in place to help alleviate some of that danger.

The following requirements MUST be met for outdoor burning to be permitted:

- No County Burn Ban is in effect.
- Fire shall be constantly attended.
- Pile shall be 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- Fire shall only contain firewood and/or natural tree branches generated on your property.
- Fire in approved containers no less than 15 feet from a structure.
- Fire shall be a minimum of 25 feet from the property line.
- Extinguishment source such as water hose, fire extinguisher or shovel with dirt at site of fire.
- Fire shall not cause nuisance from smoke or traffic hazards.
- Fire shall be located with a "clear sky view" and not located under a tree or canopy.

You can help prepare yourself for the wildfire season by following these import tips:

- Create a safe zone of up to 100 feet around your home.
- Remove dry brush and leaves from around your home.
- Keep woodpiles at least 30 feet from your home.
- Plan and practice a home evacuation plan and create a family communication plan.

For more information, visit the Lucas Fire Rescue webpage at www.lucastexas.us/departments/fire-rescue.



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.
- 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 or 972.912.1213.