

CITY DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

This month, the Lucas Leader is highlighting the Development Services Department at the City of Lucas. Development Services oversees all aspects of land use, natural resources, public and private properties, construction oversight and enforcement efforts to ensure proper zoning and ordinance compliance. All of these important aspects are part of ensuring the health and well-being of our residents and maintaining the quality of life in our city. The work of the Development Services Department is guided by the City of Lucas Comprehensive Plan. This document, which is revised every 5 years with public opinion and City Council vote, helps the Development Services Department decide land use, zoning, ordinances and other tasks for the coming years.

Development Services Director Joe Hilbourn has been with the City of Lucas for 15 years. In his time, he has overseen all aspects of Development Services and more. Joe recommends that anyone looking to learn more about how the planned development of our City occurs should join a board or commission, or share their opinion on the Comprehensive Plan when it is up for revision at a public hearing. The Development Services Department uses this plan to help guide city development and improvements, therefore it is foundational to what the City of Lucas will look like in the future. For more information on the Development Services Department, requesting a permit, City of Lucas codes and ordinances, or information on the Comprehensive Plan, visit the City's website and navigate to the Development Services page!



NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR TRASH & RECYCLING

On March 16, 2023, the Lucas City Council approved adopting Ordinance 2023-03-00973 amending the solid waste article in the City's Code of Ordinances. The amended ordinance has new requirements for residents to follow:

- All residences and households within the city must use Community Waste Disposal (CWD) for the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste and recyclable materials.
- All residents must use polycarts provided by CWD for garbage, trash and recyclable materials.
- If curbside service is used, place the polycarts at the curbside on the street of the premises where it is most convenient for the collectors, no earlier than 12:00 pm prior to the day of scheduled pickup. Polycarts **must be removed** from the curbside location and stored on private property safely away from the street no later than 12:00 pm on the day after scheduled collection.
- Requirements for the collection of weekly bulk waste, bundled and unbundled brush collections, which is included in residential service, can be found at [lucastexas.us/cwd](https://www.lucastexas.us/cwd), as well as the amended ordinance.
- Collection of household hazardous waste and used electronics are offered to residents as an inclusive service that can be used twice per year.

To view the entire amended ordinance, go to the City's online Code of Ordinance at <https://ecode360.com/LU6397> and search Article 13.06 Solid Waste. CWD's customer service can be contacted at 972-392-9300.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: KEEPING LUCAS CLEAN

Effective stormwater management is an important part of keeping Lucas clean, safe and healthy. If left unmanaged, stormwater can cause home flooding, stagnant water and downstream pollution. Lucas relies on open channels and ditches to carry the vast majority of stormwater. It is vitally important that residents keep the stormwater clean and flowing as it enters and leaves their property. This includes cleaning out and performing maintenance of driveway culverts, cleaning up debris and repairing any damage to bar ditches. Anything other than rainwater entering the drainage system is a stormwater pollutant. This includes yard waste, loose dirt, trash, chemicals, animal waste or anything else that may clog culvert pipes or pollute downstream water bodies. Should you notice any storm water pollution, please report it by email to engineer@lucastexas.us or call 972.912.1209.

KEEP LUCAS BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP

This year's Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup was a huge success! 45 of our Lucas residents participated in cleaning up over 1,700 pounds of trash, debris and other materials from our roadways and our beautiful city parks and trails. Did you participate in the event and snap a photo of your spring cleanup? Are you interested in volunteering for this event and want to know more for next year? Email jmenhennett@lucastexas.us to submit photos or to learn more about next years cleanup!



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FOUNDERS DAY FUN!



MORE ON FOUNDERS DAY INSIDE THIS ISSUE

CITY COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING MCKINNEY AIRPORT EXPANSION

At the April 6, 2023 City Council meeting, the Mayor and Lucas City Council passed a resolution opposing any expansion of the McKinney National Airport (TKI). The City Council cited the lack of measurable environmental studies to determine the impact of noise and air pollution as one reason for opposition. Further, the City Council noted that the current air traffic patterns cause a negative impact to the quality of life of Lucas residents. Increased congestion caused by current and future automobile traffic to the airport is also mentioned as a reason for opposition by the City Council. The official resolution has been posted to the City's website. See the "News" section on the homepage of the City of Lucas website (www.lucastexas.us) to view the document.

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

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

Hummingbird is a female one-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. 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 Hummingbird home, visit the Collin County Animal Services webpage at: collincountytx.animalshelter.net.com.



Upcoming Events

All meetings are held at Lucas City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road in Lucas. To watch City of Lucas public meetings via livestream, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/departments/public-meetings/>

May 4	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
May 11	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
May 18,	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
May 23	Parks and Open Space Board City Hall 6:30 pm
May 24	Board of Adjustment Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm

LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

Our season is off to a great start and should continue to ramp up as our growing season really kicks in. Some early produce is coming from greenhouses, and all the in-ground produce should kick into high gear by the end of April and as May begins! Below are the special events for guests to participate in and learn more about an agricultural skill, or have a little fun at the Farmers Market this season!

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!

May 27, 2023 - Memorial Day Picnic

On May 27, the Farmers Market staff will host a Memorial Day picnic. This event will host food and fun games for our market customers. Additionally, the picnic will feature the 2nd annual “Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest”. Come curl your tongue and see how far you can spit those seeds. Separate awards will be given for both kids and adults.

June 10, 2023 - 3rd Annual Ice Cream Crank-Off

On June 10, we will host an “Ice Cream Crank-Off”. Get your best recipe and dust off those ice cream machines. The contest will be free to enter, and the proceeds of the event will go to the All Community Outreach (ACO). To enter, email farmersmarket@lucastexas.us with your name, contact information, and ice cream flavor you will be making.

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.*



LUCAS FARMERS MARKET FEATURED IN TEXAS TOWN AND CITY MAGAZINE

In April, the Lucas Farmers Market was featured in an article in the Texas Town & City magazine. The article outlined the four years of Farmers Markets that bring agricultural and value added products, artisanal goods, and ready-to-eat foods to its customers. Alongside the amazing foods, fruits, and vegetables are opportunities for Lucas citizens to learn more about the City’s history and partake in educational events on cooking, fire safety, and plant selling. This is all done while continuing a key part of the Farmers Market mission: create a safe and pleasant social experience for our community and visitors. Thank you to all vendors, residents, volunteers, and customers who make our Farmers Market possible!

LUCAS CAR SHOW

The Lucas Car Show will be held at Creekwood United Methodist Church (261 Country Club Road) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The City is partnering with Creekwood United Methodist Church, Legacy Classic Cars, and Homes by J. Anthony for the car show. 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 vehicle entry donations throughout this event. The minimum suggested donation amount for a vehicle entry is \$20. The mission for this event is to raise funds that will go towards helping Boy Scout Troop 358 and Cub Scout Pack 358 of Lucas/Fairview.

Parking for vehicles entering the show will open at 7:00 am. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will be holding their Pinewood Derby at 9:00 am. Special custom Lucas Car Show 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).

For more information, go to <https://www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-lucas-car-show/>. 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.



APPLY NOW FOR A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Lucas is accepting applications from residents who are wanting to serve the community on a board or commission. The City has several boards and commissions whose duties and tasks range on various topics important to the citizens and everyday functions of the City. Below are brief descriptions of each of these groups, what they do for the City, and when they meet.

Planning and Zoning Commission - The Planning and Zoning Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council on matters related to development, use of private property and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission considers requests for zoning changes, site plan approvals, platting of land, etc. The Commission then provides recommendations to the City Council on these requests. The Commission also reviews rezoning applications, site and development plans and conducts periodic reviews of the Comprehensive Plan. There are seven members, five of which are regular members and two that are alternate members. All members are appointed by the City Council and serve for a two year term. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Board of Adjustment - The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body with the jurisdiction to grant variances from the City’s zoning ordinance and other special variance exceptions. The Board reviews each appeal to determine if a hardship exists to grant a variance. Each request to the Board requires the applicant to demonstrate that a hardship exists. Board members receive training from the City Attorney on what exceptions are acceptable. There are seven members, five of which are regular members and two that are alternate members. Each member serves for a two year term. The Board of Adjustment meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm on an as-needed basis.

Parks and Open Space Board - The Parks and Open Space Board serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all matters relating to the parks and open areas of our City. The board reviews, studies and makes recommendations to the City Manager for priority of projects or activities to be included in future parks, open space and beautification projects and programs. The City Parks and Open Space Master Plan is also considered, revised and maintained with technical assistance and recommendations to the City Manager. The Board reviews the Master Plan annually. There are seven members, five of which are regular members and two that are alternate members. Each member serves for a two year term. The Parks and Open Space Board meets on the fourth Tuesday every other month at 6:30 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering for a Board or Commission, visit our website to apply at www.lucastexas.us/boards-commissions-volunteer-application/, or stop by Lucas City Hall at 665 Country Club Road or email eday@lucastexas.us to learn how to apply

2023 SERVICE TREE AWARD RECIPIENTS

At the Founders Day Celebration, Mayor Jim Olk awarded the 2023 Service Tree Award Winners with their plaque and tree. The award recipient, the late Harry Freshcoln III, was given a Lucas Service Tree for his work and dedication to the City of Lucas Board of Adjustment and the Water Board.



The Mayor awarded another Service Tree Award to Bill and Kathrin Esposito for their tireless work on the Parks and Open Space Board, Lucas Farmers Market and the Legacy 4-H Club.



FOUNDERS DAY COUNTRY FAIR

The 2023 Founders Day Celebration was a huge success! The festivities began with a parade that showcased the new Lucas Fire and Rescue Boat, Service Tree recipients as parade Grand Marshalls and the Easter Bunny. Following the parade, the Easter Bunny made an appearance at the Community Park, posing for photos, giving away small plush bunnies and spreading joy and happiness to all the children.



Our local cowboys and cowgirls wrangled horses in the annual Stick Horse Rodeo where the rodeo concluded with a friendly Pony Hop Derby between the Founders Day volunteers and Lucas Fire-Rescue. The derby ended with the men of Fire Rescue barely beating the volunteers despite the use of questionable “hops” from the Lucas Fire-Rescue team.

Multiple food trucks were available for all participants, along with a mini car show by Legacy Classic Cars. From carnival games like balloon pop and bull lassoing to a mini golf course, activities provided various ways to relax and have fun throughout the Country Fair. The fair also featured a petting zoo, which had an assortment of animals like llamas, chickens and baby goats. Councilmember and City Historian Debbie Fisher displayed a Historical Exhibit that showed the rich history of Lucas. The fair



concluded with a silent auction by the Legacy 4-H club. From the excellent food to the various forms of entertainment, the Lucas Founders Day Country Fair celebrated what it means to live in Lucas and provided a fun, family-friendly event over the holiday weekend.