



***Celebrating 50 years!***  
***Happy Birthday***  
***Lucas Fire-Rescue!***

## CITY DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE

This month, the Lucas Leader is highlighting the City of Lucas Fire-Rescue Department. Lucas Fire-Rescue and their dedicated staff are an essential part of ensuring safety for our residents. Their service to our community includes responding to emergency calls regarding grassland, residential or other fires, along with EMS health emergencies and water based emergencies on Lavon Lake. They also provide various educational experiences for students and adults alike regarding fire safety and emergency response and preparedness.

The Lucas Fire-Rescue team consists of 18 career emergency response professionals who maintain the daily functions of the Lucas Fire-Rescue Department. The professional staff are cross trained as paramedics & EMTs as well as professional firefighters, giving them a diverse range of skills to respond to multiple types of emergency situations. If a Lucas resident is interested in helping Lucas Fire-Rescue, Fire Chief Ted Stephens recommends joining the Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab group. This volunteer organization makes themselves available with equipment and supplies to provide rehabilitation services to our first responders. Lucas Fire-Rescue would also like to remind the community that they offer, CPR and “Stop the Bleed” classes, along with scheduled opportunities to teach children about fire safety along with showing them the Lucas Fire Station. If you would like more information on Lucas-Fire Rescue, check their website at [lucastexas.us/departments/fire-rescue](http://lucastexas.us/departments/fire-rescue). The website contains a sign up and contact information for educational sessions and the Fire-Rescue Rehab group!

## THIS FOURTH OF JULY, LET THE PROS LIGHT THE SKY

The City of Lucas wants everyone to have a safe Fourth of July, but please do not include discharging fireworks as part of your festivities. We want to remind everyone that the use of fireworks is prohibited. More importantly, the City of Lucas prides itself on being animal friendly and fireworks can be very dangerous to our pets and livestock. Discharging fireworks can also cause problems for our veterans and families with young children as well. Using fireworks is prohibited by City ordinance in the city limits of Lucas. Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement Officers will be patrolling throughout the Fourth of July holiday weekend and any person found in violation will have their fireworks confiscated and may also receive a citation. Here are some helpful tips about the use of fireworks.

**Q** *What should I do if my neighbor is setting off fireworks?*

**A** Call 972-547-5100 and press option “2” to reach the non-emergency dispatch operator.

**Q** *Can I shoot fireworks from land that I own in the City of Lucas?*

**A** No. This is a violation of City ordinance.

**Q** *Can I shoot fireworks from a public roadway, public park, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property?*

**A** No. This is a violation of City ordinance and/or U.S. Corps 36 CF R 327.13(b) and a citation may be issued.

**Q** *I have lived in Lucas for years and discharged fireworks, is this a new regulation?*

**A** No. Fireworks have been prohibited since November 6, 1979.

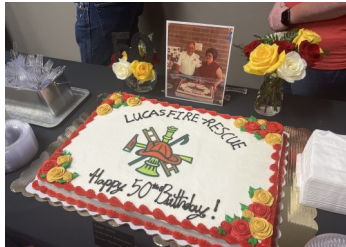
**Q** *What will happen if I start a fire by shooting fireworks?*

**A** If the fire is found to be started intentionally and damages the property of another, you may be subject to the charge of Arson. If the fire is found to be started accidentally and damages the property of another, you may be subject to a fine. In either case, you may be held civilly liable for damages.

Residents are encouraged to celebrate the Fourth of July without the use of fireworks. There are many Independence Day celebrations that include a professional fireworks display nearby. Should you have any questions regarding fireworks within the City, contact the City’s Code Enforcement Officer at 972-912-1215 or by email at [jquiles@lucastexas.us](mailto:jquiles@lucastexas.us)

## HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE!

On June 11, 2023, Lucas Fire-Rescue hosted a “50th Year of Service Celebration” to commemorate the history, work and tireless service of all citizens who have contributed to its history. This amazing celebration featured a historical exhibit by Councilmember Debbie Fisher and words by past and current members of the staff. The event was a fantastic milestone for the history of Lucas and for the emergency response professionals who have worked and continue to work to keep our community safe.



The City of Lucas and the Lucas Fire-Rescue Department would like to thank everyone who was a part of the fun event and the past 50 years of the departments



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## CITY OF LUCAS SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

If you are planning on being outdoors on a hot summer day you can take simple precautions to keep you and your family members safe from the summer heat. Stay cool and make simple changes in your fluid intake, activities and clothing during hot weather to help reduce the risk of hyperthermia and heat stroke.

- Hydration is key to staying safe in the Texas heat. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Dress for the heat in loose, light colored clothing, wear a hat and use sunscreen.
- Don't over-exercise, take breaks and seek the shade or air conditioning to cool yourself down.
- Keep an eye on children, pets and the elderly for signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Never leave children unattended near water, even if it's a shallow pool or bathtub. Drowning can happen quickly and silently, so designate a responsible adult to actively watch children while they are swimming or playing in or around water.

Learn to recognize the symptoms, such as excessive sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea and confusion. If you or someone around you experiences these signs, move to a cooler environment, hydrate, and seek medical assistance if necessary. Remember, heat stroke is a medical emergency that requires immediate attention. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

## JULY 4TH TRASH COLLECTION DAYS

The City of Lucas trash service provider, Community Waste Disposal (CWD) will have a revised schedule for the dates of July 4 to July 7, 2023. The updated trash services days for this week are depicted below.

Normal Date of Service	Updated Date of Service
Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Wednesday, July 5, 2023	Thursday, July 6, 2023
Thursday, July 6, 2023	Friday, July 7, 2023
Friday, July 7, 2023	Saturday, July 8, 2023

## UPDATE - PERSONAL PROTECTION AND HOME DEFENSE CLASS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBER PHILIP LAWRENCE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24 AND SATURDAY, JULY 8  
FROM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Lucas City Councilmember Philip Lawrence will be hosting free personal protection and home defense seminars for residents of Lucas to learn more about how to keep themselves, their family, and their belongings safe from harm. Councilmember Lawrence is currently certified by the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) and the National Rifle Association (NRA) as a Handgun Instructor, Firearm Safety Trainer and a Home Defense Instructor. His current career in the Corporate Security and Investigation field provides him a wealth of knowledge working directly with various law enforcement agencies on best practices for personal defense.

These highly informative classes will cover topics related to firearms safety, home defense, license to carry information, the “Run Hide Fight” method, and how to ensure firearms are stored safely whenever there are kids in your home. Councilmember Lawrence will also answer any questions related to the best firearms to purchase for personal carry and home defense along with things to consider before purchasing and carrying a firearm.

These FREE sessions will take place on Saturday, June 24 and Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm (right after the Lucas Farmers Market) in the Community Center behind Lucas City Hall. Please RSVP by texting Councilmember Lawrence at 214-843-4628 with your name and number of attendees (Age Requirement: 18 and over).

## WILDFLOWER HEIGHT REMINDER

While many of us love the sights and smells of wildflowers in full bloom, the City of Lucas Code of Ordinances prohibits the height of wildflowers above 12 inches *after July 1* each year. Don't get caught “in the weeds” and make sure to trim wildflowers after the spring bloom!



# 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/>

- July 6** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 13** Planning and Zoning Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 20** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 25** Parks and Open Space Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- July 26** Board of Adjustment Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm

## THIRD ANNUAL ICE CREAM CRANK-OFF

The Third Annual Ice Cream Crank-Off event took place at the Lucas Farmers Market on June 10th. Several delicious ice cream flavors were made, and generous donations were made to All Community Outreach totaling \$545!

This years Crank-Off winners were:

- 1st** - Team Fisher
- 2nd** - Lucas Fire-Rescue
- 3rd** - Team Poteete



## THE LUCAS CAR SHOW REVS UP A GOOD TIME

The 2nd Annual Lucas Car Show was held on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Creekwood United Methodist Church and was a great success! Over 150 exotic, classic and restomod cars were in attendance. The event featured a fundraiser that raised approximately \$2,000 for local Boy Scout Troop 358 and Cub Scout Troop 358. In addition, Creekwood United Methodist Church received a substantial donation from Tony Prutch of Homes by J. Anthony. The City of Lucas extends a very special thank you to Legacy Classic Cars, Homes by J. Anthony and Creekwood United Methodist Church for your sponsorship and support of this fun event. The Lucas Car Show was a great event and an excellent reminder of the community we have here in Lucas. We are excited to see everyone back again next year!



## LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

The warm weather is finally here, and the Lucas Farmers Market is in high gear. You can expect some great local produce, locally raised beef, pork, chicken and Wagyu beef! Have you checked out our new vendors? Old vendors that left and returned? How about all of the regulars that have new stuff? All of our vendors make our market great and we are excited to see what the rest of the Lucas Farmers Market season has to offer! The Lucas Farmers Market is held every 2nd and 4th Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Community Park next to City Hall.

**June 24, 2023 - Fall Garden and Raised Beds– 9:30 am & 10:30 am**

This event will feature Master Gardner Sherrian Jones. Learn more about planning for fall weather and how to create your own raised garden beds. The two main sessions will be held at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Sherrian will also be available before and after each session for “Ask the Master Gardener” to answer your specific questions!

**July 8, 2023 - Raptor Display / How to Build a Birdhouse - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Named after the tallgrass prairie that once covered more than 23,500 square miles of Texas from the Red River to San Antonio, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center’s mission is to promote and enhance populations of raptors through rehabilitation, conservation, and education initiatives.

**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
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
September 9, 2023	Lucas Fire-Rescue 9/11 Ceremony
September 23, 2023	Robotics Competition
October 14, 2023	Pumpkin Decorations / Mushroom Foraging Part 2
October 28, 2023	Bee Demonstration / Sidewalk Art Contest

## CITY OF LUCAS PUBLIC BUDGET WORKSHOP

The City Council will hold a budget workshop on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 pm to discuss the budget for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

The City Council would like to encourage interested citizens to attend this important meeting. The workshop will be held at City Hall located at 665 Country Club Road in the Lucas City Council Chambers.

## MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AND COFFEE WITH CONGRESSMAN KEITH SELF

On May 28, 2023, the Lucas Farmers Market held the annual Memorial Day Picnic at Lucas Community Park. The festivities began with an early morning coffee chat hosted by Congressman Keith Self where he spoke to citizens about important topics in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressman then kicked off the Second Annual Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest as the first participant. The City of Lucas provided attendees with free watermelon and hotdogs as a part of the fun event and saw many local residents participating in the annual tradition. The Memorial Day Picnic was a great day in celebration of the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.



## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

On May 25, 2023, the City of Lucas City Hall hosted the fifth annual reception for the Arts in Public Places exhibit. This exhibit will hang in the City Hall for a year and highlights the artistic creations of several Lovejoy ISD art students, spanning from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The exhibit features stills of wooden sculptures, oil based paintings and hand drawn cartoons that show just how creative and bright our local students are. Be sure to stop by the City Hall to check out these amazing works of art!



## SPEEDING IN LUCAS - WHAT DRIVES SPEEDING?

Speeding is a type of aggressive driving behavior. Several factors have contributed to an overall rise in aggressive driving:

- Traffic** - Traffic congestion is one of the most frequently mentioned contributing factors to aggressive driving, such as speeding. Drivers may respond by using aggressive driving behaviors, including speeding, changing lanes frequently, or becoming angry at anyone who they believe impedes their progress.
- Running Late** - Some people drive aggressively because they have too much to do and are “running late” for work, school, their next meeting, lesson, soccer game, or other appointment.
- Anonymity** - A motor vehicle insulates the driver from the world. Shielded from the outside environment, a driver can develop a sense of detachment, as if they are an observer of their surroundings, rather than a participant. This can lead to some people feeling less constrained in their behavior when they cannot be seen by others and/or when it is unlikely that they will ever again see those who witness their behavior.
- Disregard for Others and For the Law** - Most motorists rarely drive aggressively, and some never do. For others, episodes of aggressive driving are frequent, and for a small portion of motorists it is their usual driving behavior. Occasional episodes of aggressive driving, such as speeding and changing lanes abruptly, might occur in response to specific situations, like when the driver is late for an important appointment but is not the driver’s normal behavior.

If it seems that there are more cases of rude and outrageous behavior on the road now than in the past, the observation is correct - if for no other reason than there are more drivers driving more miles on the same roads than ever before. Speeding behavior and aggressive drivers may not only affect the speeder, it can also affect other drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

**The Lucas Deputies will be issuing citations for speeding... PLEASE SLOW DOWN!**

## DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN LUCAS IS PROHIBITED

In Texas if you are at least 21 years of age, and are not otherwise prohibited from carrying a handgun, you can carry a handgun in most public places, either in a concealed manner or openly in a holster, with or without a license. If you are at least 18 years of age, and not otherwise prohibited from carrying a long gun, you can carry a rifle or shotgun in most public places. However, if you fire, shoot, or discharge your firearm, whether it is a handgun, long gun, or any other type of gun or firearm, you may face charges in municipal court.

In the City of Lucas, discharging a firearm is prohibited under the Code of Ordinances Section 8.01.006, Discharge of Firearms. Section 8.01.006 states that it is unlawful for any person to discharge, fire, or shoot, or cause to be discharged, fired, or shot, a firearm or shotgun within the city limits. However, there are certain exceptions to the prohibition on discharging a firearm. The first exception covers the discharge, firing, or shooting of a firearm or shotgun for personal protection or defense or for the protection or defense of livestock or pets. The second exception applies to peace officers engaged in the lawful performance of their duties or a citizen lawfully defending themselves or property in accordance with applicable state law. Further, state law allows for the discharge of shotguns, air soft guns, and other devices on property with greater than 10 acres meeting very specific criteria and in a manner not reasonably expected to cause a projectile to cross the boundary of the tract.

The Lucas Code of Ordinances defines a firearm as any rifle, automatic rifle, semi-automatic rifle, revolver, pistol, or any other gun used or designed for the purpose of firing or discharging a bullet, cartridge or projectile. The term “firearm” does not include air rifles or handguns designed to be used or designed to discharge projectiles by means of compressed air, gas or pumps at a rate of 300 feet per second or less. A shotgun is a weapon or gun designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned or made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore a number of projectiles (ball shot or pellets) for each pull of the trigger, and shall include any such weapon or gun which may be readily restored to fire a fixed shotgun shell.

The City of Lucas recommends those wishing to shoot firearms for recreation, practice, or training do so at a shooting range.