

FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	National Night Out	Varies	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, October 6, 2023	Movie in the Park	Community Park	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sunday, October 8, 2023	Fire Station Open House	Fire Station	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Saturday, October 14, 2023	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, October 23, 2023	Early Voting Begins	Community Center	
Saturday, October 28, 2023	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday, November 3, 2023	Early Voting Ends	Community Center	
Saturday, November 4, 2023	Arbor Day & Recycle Event	Community Park	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Friday, November 24, 2023	Day After Thanksgiving (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Friday, December 1, 2023	Country Christmas	Community Park	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday, December 25, 2023	Christmas Eve (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	Christmas Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Monday, January 1, 2024	New Year's Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Friday, March 29, 2024	Good Friday (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Saturday, April 6, 2024	Keep Lucas Beautiful Spring Cleanup	Varies	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, April 13, 2024	Founders Day	Community Park	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday, April 22, 2024	Early Voting Begins	Community Center	
Saturday, April 27, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Early Voting Ends	Community Center	
Saturday, May 4, 2024	Election Day	Community Center	
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Lucas Car Show	Creekwood UMC	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, May 25, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Saturday, June 8, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, June 22, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Saturday, July 13, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, July 27, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, August 10, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, August 24, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day (City Holiday)	City Hall Closed	
Saturday, September 14, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, September 21, 2024	Public Lands Trail Cleanup	To Be Determined	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Lucas Farmers Market	Community Park	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
To Be Determined	Art in Public Places Opening Reception	City Hall	To Be Determined

Lucas Fire-Rescue Event - Special Event - Lucas Farmers Market -



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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk

I hope everyone is staying out of this record heat. I know that I try and get all my outside work done before 11:00 AM. That heat will take it out of you!

The City is run by it’s citizens. From the City Council down through all of the boards and commissions, we rely on the citizens to help guide and direct

where we want the City of Lucas to be in coming years. The City Council cannot do it all and we look to several boards and commissions to help and provide valuable insight and advice on decisions that impact our future. Right now, we have several openings on our boards and commissions. Let me first give you a brief description of those boards.

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 meets once a month to listen to requests for zoning changes, site plan approvals, platting of land, and provides input on the Comprehensive Plan (among other things). They are kind of the catch-all for helping provide guidance regarding how the city will develop and grow.

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. This board meets as needed when applications are presented to the City. It really meets about every other month.

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. We rely on this board to help plan and layout our parks as well as plan out special events.

We accept applications anytime of the year but right now we are looking to fill some immediate vacancies. If you are interested in volunteering for a board or commission, visit our website to apply at: [www.lucastexas.us/boards-commissions-volunteer-application](http://www.lucastexas.us/boards-commissions-volunteer-application), or stop by Lucas City Hall at 665 Country Club Road or email Assistant City Manager Kent Souriyasak at [kent@lucastexas.us](mailto:kent@lucastexas.us) to learn how to apply.

Jim Olk - Mayor

PUBLIC HEARINGS SET TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Public hearings to consider the fiscal year 23/24 budget for the Lucas Fire Control, Prevention and EMS District and the City of Lucas proposed fiscal year 23/24 budget were held on Thursday, August 17, 2023. The meeting to approve the adoption of the budget for the Lucas Fire Control, Prevention and EMS District and the City of Lucas will occur on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Lucas City Hall, located at 665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas 75002.

Setting the tax rate for fiscal year 23/24 will occur following adoption of the budget. If the proposed tax rate does not exceed the “no-new-revenue” rate (the lowest tax rate option of \$0.243911), then no public hearing is required. If the proposed tax rate exceeds the “no-new-revenue” rate, a public hearing to consider and approve the proposed tax rate will be held on September 7, 2023. The City Council will then take a record vote on the proposed tax rate.

For information on the budget process or the City’s tax rate, contact the City’s Finance Director Liz Exum by phone at 972-912-1201 or by email at [lexum@lucastexas.us](mailto:lexum@lucastexas.us).

LABOR DAY TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

The City of Lucas trash/recycling service provider Community Waste Disposal (CWD) will have a revised pick up schedule for the dates of September 5 to September 8, 2023 due to Labor Day. The updated service days for this week are depicted below.

Normal Date of Service	Updated Date of Service
Tuesday, September 5, 2023	Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Wednesday, September 6, 2023	Thursday, September 7, 2023
Thursday, September 7, 2023	Friday, September 8, 2023
Friday, September 8, 2023	Saturday, September 9, 2023





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/>.

- September 7** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- September 14** Planning and Zoning Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- September 21** City Council Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- September 26** Parks and Open Space Board  
City Hall | 6:30 pm
- September 27** Board of Adjustment Meeting  
City Hall | 6:30 pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4** Labor Day  
City Hall Closed
- September 9** Lucas Farmers Market  
Lucas Community Park  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- September 23** Lucas Farmers Market  
Lucas Community Park  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- September 30** Public Lands Trail Cleanup  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- October 3** National Night Out  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- October 6** Movie in the Park  
Lucas Community Park  
7:00 pm

### LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY - 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

As we approach fall, cooler temperatures are just around the corner, making the Lucas Farmers Market the perfect weekend stop for your family! There is no shortage of artisanal products and fresh produce that are local staples of the high quality vendors at our market. The Lucas Farmers Market is bringing with it a wonderful cast of events celebrating the work of first responders and the creativity of our local Lovejoy ISD students! Don't forget, the Market is held at the Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road) from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**September 9, 2023 - Lucas Fire-Rescue 9/11 Remembrance**

Lucas Fire-Rescue and Collin County Sheriff's Office will give us an opportunity to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives over 20 years ago. Lucas Deputies will give a short synopsis about the events of the day, followed by a moment of silence led by Fire Chief Ted Stephens. The Lucas fire engine will sound to mark the significant timeline of the events throughout the morning and will be joined by a professional bag pipe player during the ceremony. We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. Let us never forget.

**September 23, 2023 - 1st Annual Robotics Exhibition**

Coach Strickland and Lovejoy ISD Robotics Team will present a robotics exhibition at the Lucas Farmers Market! They will host a series of 15-minute shows scheduled for 9:00 am and 10:00 am with the last show of the day occurring at 11:00 am. Between shows, the team will be available to visit with market customers, show off their robots and answer questions about this amazing activity! Stop by the Lucas Community Park Pavilion to see this fun exhibition!

**October 14, 2023 - Pumpkin Decorations and Mushroom Foraging**

Legacy 4-H will be bringing around 100 pumpkins for your children to decorate and paint on a first-come, first-served basis. Clayton Berger will again host a lesson on mushroom foraging, growing and what to look for when gathering your own.

**October 28, 2023 - 1st Annual Sidewalk Art Contest and Bee Demonstration**

Grab your team and chalk to decorate the best 6-foot plot of sidewalk in the Community Park! Competitions will be divided by age group. Follow your art work up with a presentation by the Collin County Honey Bee Association as they teach about backyard bee keeping and interesting facts about honey bees! *This will be the last Lucas Farmers Market of the 2023 Farmers Market season!*

**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.*

### PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 - 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, the City of Lucas, in partnership with the Trinity Trail Preservation Association and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers will host the Public Lands Trail Cleanup on Trinity Trail. This event will celebrate the 30th anniversary of National Public Lands Day on the 30th of September! The cleanup will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Highland Park Trailhead. Volunteers will receive a free lunch, and have opportunities for education from the North Texas Municipal Water Utility District and the feathered ambassadors from the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center. All volunteers will also be provided free cleanup supplies, including safety vests, gloves, trash grabbers and trash bags.

For more information on this event and to register, go to the City of Lucas website by scanning the QR code, or following this link: [www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-public-lands-trail-cleanup](http://www.lucastexas.us/event/2023-public-lands-trail-cleanup). If an error with registration occurs or you have any questions regarding the event, contact Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett by phone at 972-912-1214 or by email at [jmenhennett@lucastexas.us](mailto:jmenhennett@lucastexas.us).



### MOVIE IN THE PARK SUPER MARIO BROS MOVIE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023 - 7:00 PM

This year's annual Movie in the Park will feature the Super Mario Bros Movie! This movie follows the adventures of the always heroic Mario as he sets off to save Peach from Bowser in the Mushroom Kingdom. This family friendly movie has taken over the charts in 2023 and will be a wonderful adventure for your family. The event will be held at the Lucas Community Park at 665 Country Club Road on Friday, October 6, 2023. The movie will begin at 7:00 pm following sunset. Families are welcome to bring their own food, lawn chairs, blankets and pillows to the event. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the Super Mario Bros Movie with your family and friends on an outdoor big screen in the City's Community Park. We are excited to see you there!



### SAVE THE DATE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023 - 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

This year, Lucas Country Christmas will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023. The event will be held from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Lucas Community Park, located at 665 Country Club Road. There will be the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony, the always popular ice skating rink, a special Holiday Market by the Lucas Farmers Market, Santa's workshop and more! More information regarding Lucas Country Christmas will be provided in upcoming newsletters. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our Lucas community this December!

### ACO DUNK TANK FUNDRAISER

On August 12, 2023, the Lucas Farmers Market hosted a fundraiser for All Community Outreach (ACO) where local Allen and Lovejoy ISD students were able to dunk their school administrators and board members in the dunk tank. Over \$180 in donations were collected, with plenty of laughs to follow. Thank you to Lovejoy ISD Superintendent Katie Kordel and Allen ISD's Dr. Robin Bullock, Sara Mitchell, and Kevin Cameron for your participation!

### FRIENDS OF A FEATHER MONTHLY GIVING SOCIETY

The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center is experiencing rapid growth in this busy baby season. The cost of feeding and caring for their feathered hospital patients and avian ambassadors has unfortunately skyrocketed. The Center would like you to consider joining their Friends of a Feather Monthly Giving Society. A \$10 monthly gift helps the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center with the resources needed to deliver quality care to their patients year round.

For more information on the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center and its Friends of a Feather Giving Society, go to their website at: [www.bpraptorcenter.org](http://www.bpraptorcenter.org). The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center would like to thank the City of Lucas, its supporters and its ambassadors for their thoughtful consideration!



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT HELP PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 - 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

This year, the City of Lucas National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. National Night Out is a great crime prevention tool. It encourages neighbors and neighborhoods to get together in a collaborative effort with law enforcement and first responders. The more you know about your neighborhood, the more you can do to keep it safe! In 2022, Collin County placed eleventh in the national competition and remains an "Award Winning Neighborhood Crime Watch Community" for the 20th year in a row. Together we can keep Collin County a safe place to live!

Lucas Fire-Rescue and City of Lucas Deputies would love to be a part of your neighborhood party! If you would like our first responders to stop by your event, register online at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/nationalnighout2023/>. For more information on how to get involved, contact Lucas Fire-Rescue Administrative Assistant Devanie Stevens by phone at 972-727-1242 or by email at [dstevens@lucastexas.us](mailto:dstevens@lucastexas.us).

### BRUSH AND BULK ITEMS COLLECTION REMINDERS

Summer cleaning is upon us and with it comes fallen limbs and brush. Did you know that your trash and recycling service offers weekly pickup for brush and bulk items at your residence? Brush and bulk items are 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 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.

When preparing brush for pickup, 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. You can also bundle brush for easy pickup. 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. More information is available at [www.lucastexas.us/cwd](http://www.lucastexas.us/cwd).

For any specific questions regarding these services, please contact Community Waste Disposal (CWD) by phone at 972-392-9300 and select option 2 or by email at [customerservice@cwd.to](mailto:customerservice@cwd.to).