

NEW TRASH AND RECYCLING RATES

Beginning October 1, 2023, there will be an increase in residential monthly rates for trash and recycling services by Community Waste Disposal (CWD). The following table shows the new monthly rates:

CWD Rates for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling	
Base Residential Services for All Lucas Residents	Monthly Rate
Solid Waste Service Recycling Service Unlimited Bundled Brush Collection Limited Bulk and Unbundled Brush Collection Doorside Household Hazardous Waste & Used Electronics Collection	\$26.78
Senior Citizen Rate (age 65 or older) for Base Residential Services	\$24.10
Optional Residential Services for All Lucas Residents	Monthly Rate
Additional Trash Cart (each)	\$13.38
Additional Recycling Cart (each)	\$5.72
<u>Concierge Service for Solid Waste Only</u>	
0 ft – 100 ft from public street to point of collection	\$32.09
100 ft – 300 ft from public street to point of collection	\$64.20
300 ft and more from public street to point of collection	TBD
Excess Bulk and Brush Accumulations Collection (per yard)	\$15.62
Manure and Stable Matter Collection	\$30.21
Additional Manure and Stable Matter Collection Cart	\$19.80
Replace Lost/Stolen Trash or Recycling Cart (each)	\$80.99

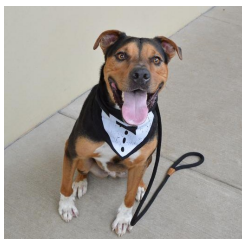
For more information regarding trash and recycling services, go to www.lucastexas.us/cwd.

If you have any questions regarding billing, please contact Utility Billing Coordinator Delta Moody by phone at 972-912-1205 or email at dmoody@lucastexas.us.

For questions related to pickups and services, please contact CWD Customer Service by phone at 972-392-9300 select Option 2 or email at customerservice@cwd.to.

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

Atlas is a 3 year old Hound and Boxer mix. He 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 Atlas home, call Collin County Animal Services at 972-547-7292 or visit their website at: www.collincountytx.animalshelter.net.com.



SERVICE TREE NOMINATIONS

The City of Lucas has established a Service Tree Award Program that allows for annual recognition of an individual, business, youth or civic group who has contributed a significant and useful service to the community. The award consists of planting and dedicating a living tree at the Lucas Community Park in the recipients honour. All nominees will be reviewed and finalists will be chosen by the City Council. Service Tree Awards will be presented to the recipients during the Lucas Founders Day event on April 13, 2024. Nominees should meet the following criteria:



- Actions should benefit the City/residents in a significant way.
- Nominee may be an individual, youth, church group, civic or neighborhood group (ex: HOA, garden club), youth group (ex: Boy or Girl Scout troop, 4-H Club), local business or charity.
- The individual must live in the City of Lucas or have lived in the City corporate limits during the time the service was performed. If a business or church, they must be located within the City of Lucas.

To submit a nomination, an online application can be found on the City website at www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/. Nominations must be submitted no later than **Friday, December 29, 2023 by the end of the business day.**

JOIN THE LUCAS FIRE-RESCUE REHAB TEAM



Are you looking for a rewarding service opportunity which helps you serve and give back to your community? Are you interested in challenging yourself to learn new skills while supporting Lucas Fire-Rescue first responders? Come join the Lucas Fire-Rescue Rehab team! As part of this volunteer group, you will provide a critical service for City of Lucas first responders, including establishing a place on the fire scene for rest, rehydration, nourishment, and recovery during emergency and training events. You will receive the training and opportunity to support Lucas Fire-Rescue and our community. For more information on how to apply, please email Devanie Stevens at dstevens@lucastexas.us or call at 972-727-1242.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



A couple of quick things this month.

Please remember to conserve water. I know that we have had a little rain, but it has not been enough to ease the drought. Please make sure that you are watering per the conservation schedule on the City's website at www.lucastexas.us/watering-days/.

We now have a City of Lucas Web Map Portal that is open to the public. The portal is based on GIS mapping of the city and has a range of valuable tools for measuring, creating printouts and locating important information such as zoning and land use classifications, floodplain boundaries, and the locations of local trailheads. It also provides useful links to property information from the Collin Central Appraisal District and high-quality aerial images. Just like the watering schedule, it is available from the city's homepage at www.lucastexas.us.

If you have any trouble using the portal there are some helpful instructions under the "i" icon at the top right of the page. This will help explain some of the tools available in the portal. You can reach out to CIP Manager Patrick Hubbard at 972-912-1209 or at phubbard@lucastexas.us with any questions you have about the portal or its contents.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be looking at the Capital Improvement Plan to make recommendations to the City Council. The Capital Improvement Plan helps set priorities for upcoming capital projects in the City. If you are interested in seeing what is laid out for the next 5 and 10 years as projects, please take a look at the Planning and Zoning agenda packet. If you have any comments or suggestions on the CIP plan, you can email the Commission and/or the City Council. We would love to have your input as we look toward the future.

Also, please let us know if your neighborhood is planning a National Night Out block party on October 3rd. We would love to stop by and visit with y'all and just enjoy some of this cooler weather. You can let us know where you are planning your block party by calling the Fire Station at 972-727-1242

Looking forward to visiting with y'all.

Jim Olk – Mayor.

BAIT SHOP INTERSECTION (FM 1378 / FM 3286) UPDATES

The preparation work for the West/East Lucas Road to Southview Drive intersection (also known as the Bait Shop Intersection) has continued through the summer and into September. The Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative (GCEC) is expected to complete all electrical relocation by the end of September, followed by telecommunication companies completing their relocations immediately following GCEC's work.

According to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) personnel, construction on the Bait Shop Intersection project will begin in late October or early November 2023. Once preconstruction meetings are held, official contractors will provide City of Lucas staff with a start date and proposed traffic control changes, if there are any that deviate from the original plans.

More details on this development and the construction at the Bait Shop Intersection will be provided in further updates in the Lucas Leader. If you are interested in seeing the intersection roadway plans provided by TxDOT, they are available on the City of Lucas website at www.lucastexas.us/documents/bait-shop-intersection-roadway-plans/. For information from TxDOT on the project, contact North Texas Public Information Officer Madison Schein by phone at 214-320-4483, by email at madison.schein@txdot.gov or reference the online TxDOT Project Tracker at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/project-tracker.html>

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/>.

October 5	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
October 12	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
October 19	City Council Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm
October 25	Board of Adjustment Meeting City Hall 6:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3	National Night Out 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
October 6	Movie in the Park Lucas Community Park 7:00 pm
October 8	Fire Station Open House Lucas Fire Department 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
October 14	Lucas Farmers Market Lucas Community Park 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
October 28	Lucas Farmers Market Lucas Community Park 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
November 4	Arbor Day & Recycling Event 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
November 6	Holiday Donation Drive Begins City Hall



LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

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

With October and cooler weather comes the end of the 2023 Lucas Farmers Market season. The year has shown us what makes the Lucas Farmers Market great; amazing new and returning vendors, fun events, and contests took place this year that show just how wonderful the Lucas community is. That said, in October, there are still two markets left, with the always fun activities that make the Lucas Farmers Market a blast for the whole community!

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.*

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HELP PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY

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

This year's National Night Out in Lucas is planned for Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Lucas Fire-Rescue would love to be a part of your neighborhood party! If you would like us to stop by your National Night Out event, register online at www.lucastexas.us/nationalnightout2023.




If you have any questions about National Night Out or registration, please contact Devanie Stevens at 972-727-1242 or dstevens@lucastexas.us. For more information on National Night Out you can visit www.natw.org.

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. Vendors will also be selling food and drinks at the Community Park Pavilion. 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!



ARBOR DAY AND RECYCLING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

The City of Lucas Arbor Day and Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Texas Arbor Day is an annual holiday that promotes environmental conservation through tree planting. This event supports the Keep Lucas Beautiful program in its efforts to sustain natural beauty and healthy ecosystems in our community. The City of Lucas partners with the Legacy 4-H Club to give away free tree saplings and mulch to encourage tree planting! The City will also be holding an electronic recycling and paper shredding drop-off service during the event. There will be more information regarding the City of Lucas Arbor Day and Recycling Event in the November volume of the Lucas Leader.

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 - 12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

Lucas Fire-Rescue, in cooperation with National Fire Prevention Week, will host its Annual Open House on Sunday, October 8, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Lucas Fire Station, 165 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas. There will be lots of activities, snacks, and fun for all ages! We hope to see you there!



MEET THE NEW CITY SECRETARY

TOSHIA KIMBALL

Please join us in welcoming our new City Secretary Toshia Kimball! Toshia has called Texas home for 37 years, with 13 of those years spent in Wylie. With over two decades of administrative experience, she joins us from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) in Dallas. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Telecommunications Management and a Master's in Business Administration.

Toshia actively participates in various community roles, serving as the Vice Chair of the City of Wylie Library Board, Vice President of Programs for the Wylie Education Foundation, Volunteer Chair for Davis Intermediate, a valued member of the Wylie ISD School Health Advisory Committee and the Wylie ISD Master Facilities Committee. Toshia is a mother of two girls, age 10 and 12. Toshia enjoys giving back to her community through volunteer work, writing children's books and cherishing moments with her family. She also proudly belongs to the Lambda Upsilon Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.



HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 - DECEMBER 1, 2023

This year's City of Lucas Holiday Donation Drive will be held from November 6 to December 1, 2023. Every year, the City of Lucas holds a donation drive during the holidays to help those in need throughout the community. The City of Lucas will be partnering with Toys for Tots to collect toys for children, All Community Outreach to collect food for families and Family Promise of Collin County to collect household essentials and gift cards for the holiday season. The City of Lucas will partner with Sparks Loving Care Home for their Senior Angel Tree and Lucas Veterinary Hospital to provide food for pets during the holiday season. The November volume of the Lucas Leader will highlight more specific information on how to donate to these organizations and spread the holiday cheer!


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! Public parking and shuttle services will be held at Hart Elementary and Willow Springs Middle School as no public parking will be available at City Hall. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with our Lucas community this December!

NEW FACES IN CODE ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS



The City of Lucas has seen many new faces in September 2023! The Development Services Department saw the hiring of its new Code Enforcement Officer Jonny Lang (pictured left). Jonny had previously been with the Public Works Department where he gained valuable knowledge about our City and a passion for serving the people of Lucas. He is excited for his new role and is already enjoying learning all about code enforcement.

The Public Works Department also gained a new specialist in September. Oscar Marroquin (pictured below) has begun training with our dedicated Public Works team as a Public Works Specialist. Oscar is already a valuable part of the team and is excited to learn more and be a part of the already exceptional Public Works Department that serves the citizens of Lucas every day. The City of Lucas staff is excited for all of its new team members and continuing to serve the citizens of Lucas!

