

## COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

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

This December, the City will be holding its annual Country Christmas on Friday, December 1, 2023! The event will take place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and feature the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony, a visit from Santa and his elves at Santa's workshop, an ice skating rink, a holiday movie in the park, and a holiday market hosted by Lucas Farmers Market! There will also be an art exhibition and sale by the Lovejoy High School Visual Arts students. Due to limited space at City Hall, visitors to Country Christmas will not be able to park at Lucas Community Park. **ALL PUBLIC PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICES WILL BE AT HART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (450 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD) AND WILLOW SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL (1101 WEST LUCAS ROAD).** Shuttle buses will pick visitors up at those locations and transport them to the event. We would love to see you and your family at Country Christmas!

Interested in selling holiday goods or treats at the holiday market? Please submit a request via email to [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us). In your email, provide a description and picture(s) of your proposed item(s). Upon submission, you will be notified if you are selected to participate as a vendor. If you are interested, please submit your request for consideration before Friday, November 17, 2023.



## HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

NOVEMBER 6, 2023 - DECEMBER 8, 2023

### Be an Angel to our Senior Citizens

Loving Care Home is a residential assisted living facility for senior citizens in Lucas. Each year, the City facilitates providing gifts for our seniors to show them some "Lucas Love" for the holidays. If you would like to donate a gift to one of our beloved seniors, please stop by City Hall and see Donna Bradshaw who will be keeping Santa's list for our friends at Loving Care Home. You will be asked to drop off your wrapped gift at City Hall by December 8 and Santa will make the delivery for you. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bradshaw at [dbradshaw@lucastexas.us](mailto:dbradshaw@lucastexas.us) or 972-912-1206.

### Food Drive for All Community Outreach

All Community Outreach (ACO) was founded in 1985 by a group of caring community members who offer essential human and social services such as food and case management for families in crisis located throughout Collin County. Suggested donation items include \$15 grocery gift cards and food items such as canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, creamed soups, canned pumpkin, corn meal/corn muffin mix, gravy (canned/dry packet), instant potatoes, stuffing/dressing (Stove Top), sugar (up to 5 lbs), Jell-O and pudding mix, Bisquick (baking mix) pie crust, marshmallows, and non-perishable food.

For more information on the Holiday Donation Drive, visit the City of Lucas website at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/holiday-donation-drive/>.

### Toy Drive for Collin County Toys for Tots

You can help support the Collin County Toys for Tots campaign by donating unwrapped gifts for local children and teenagers in need. Toys for Tots encourages donors to consider what might be an appropriate gift for their own child or relative, purchase the item, and donate to Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots will not accept realistic looking weapons, gifts with food, or used merchandise.

### Pet Food Drive for Lucas Veterinary Hospital

The City is partnering with the Lucas Veterinary Hospital by holding a pet food drive to benefit local animal shelters. Please donate any unopened bags or cans of pet food at City Hall and help the Lucas Veterinary Hospital ease the stress our local shelters feel in keeping a consistent food supply for animals in need.

### Samaritan Inn

The Samaritan Inn is a local nonprofit organization that has been working to help the homeless in Collin County since 1984. On a given night, 1 out of 3 people staying at the Samaritan Inn are children. Items needed are kitchen & food items, as well as certain non-food items. To view their immediate needs, visit [www.saminn.org/needs-list/](http://www.saminn.org/needs-list/).

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Jim Olk



In October, Collin County hosted a series of in-person public meetings for the Collin County Future Mobility Study. These meetings were aimed at presenting information and to gather feedback on future transportation improvements in eastern and southeastern Collin County. This study's recommendations include the

build-out of a comprehensive thoroughfare network and early analysis of potential freeway concepts east of Lavon Lake and between US Highway 380 and State Highway 121 north of Princeton. Although the in-person meetings are over, Collin County is still seeking feedback on these recommendations. The virtual meeting online provides a video presentation, meeting materials and an interactive map of the study area. This virtual meeting can be accessed from Wednesday, October 11, 2023 through Friday, November 17, 2023 at [www.ccfuturemobility.com/virtual-public-meeting](http://www.ccfuturemobility.com/virtual-public-meeting).

## ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Election Day will be on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The Lucas Community Center (665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas) will be open for all early voting days and election day voting. If you would like to view the sample election ballot, it can be found on the City's website at: <https://www.lucastexas.us/elections/>. For other election questions, contact City Secretary Toshia Kimball by phone at 972-912-1211, by email at [tkimball@lucastexas.us](mailto:tkimball@lucastexas.us), or call the Collin County Elections Office at 972-547-1990.

## 2023 EARLY VOTING DATES

Monday, October 23 - Friday, October 27	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 28	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday, October 29	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
<b>Election Day, Tuesday, November 7</b>	<b>7:00 am - 7:00 pm</b>

## CITY OF LUCAS PARKS AND TRAILS SURVEY



## We want your feedback!

The City of Lucas Parks and Open Space Board has created a survey to gather your opinion on public parks, trails, and open spaces!



There are multiple ways to submit the survey!

It takes less than 5 minutes!

Online  
Visit the City of  
Lucas website at  
[www.lucastexas.us/parks-survey/](http://www.lucastexas.us/parks-survey/)

Scan the QR  
code



Paper Form  
Stop by Lucas  
City Hall and  
complete a copy  
in person!

The Parks Survey will close on December 31, 2023

For other questions regarding the survey, please contact Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett by phone at 972-912-1214 or email at [jmenhennett@lucastexas.us](mailto:jmenhennett@lucastexas.us)



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/>.

November 2	City Council Meeting City Hall   6:30 pm
November 9	Planning and Zoning Meeting City Hall   6:30 pm
November 16	City Council Meeting City Hall   6:30 pm
November 28	Parks and Open Space Board City Hall   6:30 pm
November 29	Board of Adjustment Meeting City Hall   5:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4	Arbor Day & Recycling Event 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
November 6	Holiday Donation Drive Begins City Hall
November 7	Election Day Community Center
November 10	Ribbon Cutting Wolf Creek Village
November 23	Thanksgiving Day City Hall Closed
December 1	Country Christmas Lucas Community Park

RIBBON CUTTING  
WOLF CREEK VILLAGE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 - 4:00 PM

There will be a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Wolf Creek Village (2720 Country Club Road) on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm. Please join us in welcoming several new businesses including Galactic Audio Video, J. Anthony Custom Homes & Pools, Dolcedi Aesthetics, Lovejoy Chiropractic, and Ashtons Beauty Bar. After the ribbon cutting, J. Anthony Custom Homes will be raffling off over \$5,000 worth of prizes.



### BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

The City of Lucas has received several concerns regarding dogs running at-large. A dog is considered to be running at-large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner. It cannot be on private land without the consent of the property owner. If you take your dog to public property such as a city park, the City of Lucas requires your dog be restrained by a leash not more than six feet long. Please note that if there is eminent danger relating to a dog running at-large, please call Collin County Sheriff’s Office at 972-547-5100.

Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your dog. When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, what waste your dog makes is your responsibility to pick up. When you leave dog feces in city parks, along our roadways and in your neighbor’s yard, you are creating a health risk for people and pets. Picking up after your dog is not only common courtesy but it is your duty as a pet owner. When you walk your dog, please practice good manners and take a bag with you so you can pick up after your dog.

ARBOR DAY AND RECYCLING EVENT

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 at Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas). 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 healthy ecosystems in our community. The City of Lucas partners with the Legacy 4-H Club to give away free tree saplings. United Electronic Recycling will set up a drive through drop-off for recycling and free paper shredding. Disposal fees will be charged for televisions (\$20), CRT monitors (\$10), printers, copiers and fax machines (\$10), and computer hard drives (\$10). Other items you can drop off include laptops, cell phones, chargers, Christmas lights, and small kitchen appliances (microwaves, toasters, etc.). All other electronics not listed as having a fee are free to drop off. Paper products, such as soft or hard cover books and magazines are free to drop off as well, however, newspapers will *not* be accepted for paper shredding. For more specific questions about the event, call Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett at 972-912-1214 or visit our Arbor Day webpage at: [www.lucastexas.us/city-of-lucas-arbor-day/](http://www.lucastexas.us/city-of-lucas-arbor-day/). We look forward to seeing you!

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 for the recipient. All nominees will be reviewed and finalists will be chosen by the City Council. Service Tree Awards will be presented at 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/](http://www.lucastexas.us/service-tree-program/). Nominations must be submitted no later than **Friday, December 29, 2023 by the end of the business day.**



GETTING READY FOR THE 2024 LUCAS FARMERS MARKET

2024 Lucas Farmers Market Dates

April 27	May 11	May 25
June 8	June 22	July 13
July 27	August 10	August 24
September 14	September 28	October 12
	October 26	

With the 2023 Lucas Farmers Market season coming to an end, the preparation for another amazing season is underway. The market is always looking for new vendors! If you know of any vendors that would be a fit for our market, please encourage them to complete an application for the new season!

The Lucas Farmers Market also loves our young entrepreneurs in the community! There are applications for both Adult and Youth vendors available for the Lucas Farmers Market. To apply, visit [www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market/](http://www.lucastexas.us/lucas-farmers-market/). When applying, be sure to carefully review our Farmers Market Rules and Regulations and be sure to provide all important information in the Vendor Application Form. Once completed, email your application form to [farmersmarket@lucastexas.us](mailto:farmersmarket@lucastexas.us).

The Lucas Farmers Market will host family friendly special events throughout the 2024 season, along with a highlight of Lucas history from our Councilmember and City Historian Debbie Fisher. The 2024 market season will continue to be held at Lucas Community Park (665 Country Club Road, Lucas, Texas) on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, beginning on April 27, 2024. The specific days for the season are depicted above. Each day, the market will begin at 8:00 am and continue until 12:00 pm (noon).

For more information on the 2024 Lucas Farmers Market, contact Management Analyst Joshua Menhennett by phone at 972-912-1214 or by email at [jmenhennett@lucastexas.us](mailto:jmenhennett@lucastexas.us). We are excited to see you next year!

PUBLIC LANDS TRAIL CLEANUP RECAP

The 2023 City of Lucas Public Lands Trail Cleanup was an absolute blast. Over 80 volunteers from the City of Lucas and surrounding areas spent the morning cleaning up the Highland Park Boat Ramp and parts of the Trinity Trail. Approximately 2,100 pounds of trash and debris were collected, including large metal canisters, rugs, tires, and glass bottles. We extend a thank you to all of our volunteers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Trinity Trail Preservation Association, North Texas Municipal Water Utility District, and the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center for contributing to this event. We look forward to our Spring Cleanup event happening in April 2024!



KENNETH R. LEWIS PARK - AN OVERVIEW AND HISTORY

The City of Lucas Kenneth R. Lewis Park is located at 820 Southview Drive (FM 1378) in Lucas, Texas, just south of the intersection of East Lucas Road and Southview Drive (Baitshop Intersection).

The land where Kenneth R. Lewis Park now sits was donated to the City of Lucas in the 1980’s by the Lewis family, hence its namesake! Since the time it became incorporated into the City of Lucas Park system, the structures and park scenery has changed dramatically.



Mayor Pro Tem Peele and Councilmember Fisher with Kenneth R. Lewis Park Dedication Participants

April 2010

The current open air pavilion located next to the parking lot once served as the City of Lucas Community Center where all City of Lucas public meetings were held! In 2009, the building was converted into the pavilion as it stands today. Following this renovation, the present baseball/softball fields were renovated for residents to enjoy! The dedication of the new additions to the park are presented in the images to the left and right! Kenneth R. Lewis Park is a vital and beautiful part of City of Lucas history!

Kenneth R. Lewis Park is home to five acres of grass and open space for use by community residents. The park is home to a baseball field and soccer field, space for a outdoor volleyball net, pavilion, and paved walking trail for patrons to enjoy. All facilities at the park, including the dugouts and concession stand are available for reservation. If any residents would like to reserve space at Kenneth R. Lewis Park, visit the City of Lucas website at [www.lucastexas.us/departments/parks-and-facilities/](http://www.lucastexas.us/departments/parks-and-facilities/) and select “Lucas Parks Reservation Form.”



Councilmember Philip Lawrence and son Jonathan at Kenneth R. Lewis Park

Dedication - April 2010