

HOMETOWN NEWS



January - February 2025



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- UTILITY EMERGENCIES | 210.653.0033



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- Municipal Court**
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- Police Department (Non-Emergency)**
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City Phone System UPDATE!

The City is currently undergoing a major upgrade to our phone system. Approved in the FY 2024-2025 budget by Mayor Mary Dennis and the City Council, this project will deliver improved efficiency, reliability, and usability. Tailored to meet the evolving communication needs of a growing city, the system introduces advanced connectivity capabilities.

This enhancement demonstrates Live Oak's dedication to providing top-notch services to its residents. Key features include an intuitive auto-attendant prompt that facilitates seamless call navigation and efficient communication. Please watch for more details as this project progresses, please watch for more details in the Hometown News and on the City's website.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

EDUCATION

- Judson ISD - JudsonISD.org
- Northeast ISD - NEISD.org
- Northeast Lakeview Collage - Alamo.edu/NLC/
- Wayland Baptist University - wbu.edu/campus/san-antonio/

GOVERNMENT

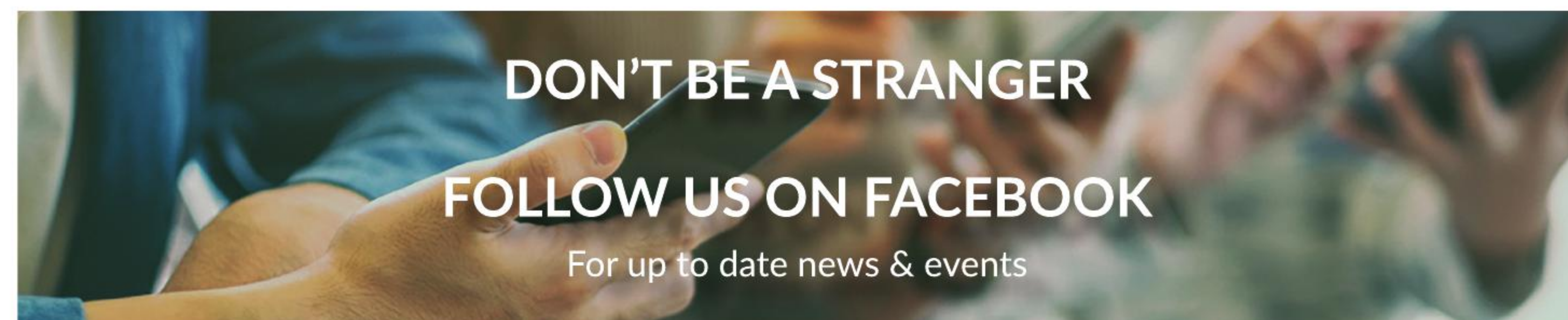
- Bexar Appraisal District - BCAD.org
- Bexar County - Bexar.org
- Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center - Home.Bexar.org/drc/
- Emergency Preparedness - dhs.gov/topic/plan-and-prepare-disasters

MISCELLANEOUS

- Waste Management - WM.com or 800.800.5804
- Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club - RandolphMetrocomRotary.org
- Tri-County Chamber of Commerce - TxTriCountyChamber.org

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Alamo Area Council of Governments - AACOG.com
- Greater Randolph Area Services Program - GRASP211.org
- Meals on Wheels - ChristianSeniorServices.org
- Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program - RACAP.org



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FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
For up to date news & events





MAYOR MARY M. DENNIS & COUNCIL



We are gearing up for a dynamic and impactful year in 2025!

The 89th Texas Legislative session begins January 14th and runs until June 2nd. During the new session, your elected officials will be advocating for you. Engaging with the Texas Municipal League (TML) and focusing on legislative priorities such as Local Authority and Unfunded Mandates is crucial for ensuring that local governments can effectively meet the needs of each community.

As a member of the TML Policy Committee, we met to develop the 2025 League's Legislative Policies for the upcoming session. As your mayor, I will continue working closely with Texas Municipal League President Allison Heywood, Council Member for the City of Schertz, to ensure cities are able to serve their constituents through these policies.

Two legislative priorities on my radar for this session are Local Authority and Unfunded Mandates. Local Authority is legislation that supports and upholds the principle of local government and reinforces the lawful statutory authority of the elected leaders to respect the priorities of their citizenry and respond to local challenges and opportunities. Unfunded Mandates are proposed legislation measures that place unfunded mandates on cities.

Throughout the year, I will also serve as the Chairwoman of the Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG). The organization serves 13 counties. In my role as Chairwoman, I stay committed in regional collaboration which is vital for enhancing the quality of life. I'm extremely honored to represent the City of Live Oak and its residents.

In closing, as you each embark on your journey in 2025, cohesion and active community involvement will undoubtedly play significant roles in shaping the future of your family and Live Oak. A unified mission of working together in making our neighborhoods and the City a beautiful place to live, looking out for our neighbors, and being kind to each other is the best outlook. This remains the essence of what makes Live Oak the premier community to live, learn, work, and play. The best is yet to come.

As your mayor, I'm always available at 210-792-7168.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council

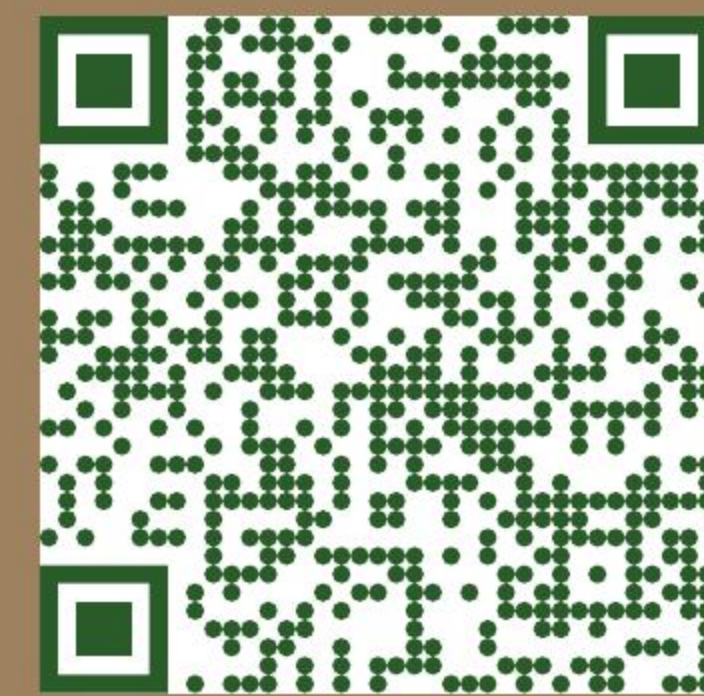


VOTE



It is that time of the year to vote for your favorite local Live Oak businesses during the month long Best of Live Oak competition! You can vote for your favorite in each of the categories for best burger, taco, pizza, sweet treats, hair and nail salon, shopping spots, best customer service, and so much more.

Voting is now open! We encourage you to support the local businesses that you feel are the most outstanding in each of the categories listed. The electronic voting ballot can be found on the City's homepage of the website at www.liveoaktx.net from January 1st through January 31st.





Fun has no age limit!
No matter how old you are, or how old you get,
you should always plan a handful of fun activities into your day.
Outside, inside or, in the community, fun can be had anywhere!



Fun in the sun! If the sun is out and shining, then why not enjoy a little bit of nature?
Luckily, there's so much to do in the great outdoors.
Getting a little vitamin D from the sun and fresh air for the lungs can go a long way.

the Live Oak Civic Clubs Meetings & Events

See Pg. 16-17 for more info on Club Events

all events are subject to cancellation

Local civic clubs are a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors

Find a Club, Get Involved

Meetings & Events

JANUARY 2025

GRAK - GREATER RANDOLPH AREA KIWANIS CLUB

MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING:
 1st Tuesday of the month-Noon at Biff Buzby's
MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:
 3rd Sunday of the month-5PM at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 210-355-8562 | www.graks.org

HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK

MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:
 2nd Monday of the month-6:30pm at the Live Oak Youth Bldg
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Stephanie Cottrell at 210-862-7786
 humanesocietyofliveoak@gmail.com

LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE

MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:
 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the Justice Ctr Training Rm
 To become a member or to join you must first attend/graduate from Citizens Police Academy.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 locapnews@gmail.com

LOLA - LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS

Promoting interest in all art mediums through education and to develop our league's artistic skills while exploring new concepts and utilizing that knowledge to promote the arts within our community.
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US ON FACEBOOK:
 Search Live Oak League of Arts

LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

MONTHLY AFTERNOON MEETING:
 3rd Tuesday of each month- 1pm-3pm at the Live Oak Youth Bldg
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Jo Anna Wheeler at 210-655-1036.

SCOUTING AMERICA

Adventure awaits! Boys and girls aged 5-17, embark on exciting journeys, learn valuable skills, and make lifelong friends. Join us in Live Oak and discover the thrill of Scouting!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Contact Frank Herring at 210-548-2693

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK

For all Live Oak residents age 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events listed including our Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK.
 • Tuesdays we walk in Live Oak Park at 9am
 • Thursdays we walk in Woodcrest Park at 9am
 Pets on leash are welcome
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT :
 Pat Knisley AT 210-655-4566

- 02 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
SOUP NIGHT @ 5:30pm-Live Oak Clubhouse
- 06 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Clubhouse
- 13 HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK
MEETING @ 6:30pm-Live Oak Clubhouse
SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
Potluck & Bingo @ 11:30a-Live Oak Clubhouse
- 15 LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE
MEETING @ 7:00pm-Police Dept Training Room
- 21 LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB
Meeting @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 22 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
LUNCH @ 11:30am-Meet at Los Arcos-1010 Pat Booker
- 27 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
BOOK CLUB @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 30 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg

FEBRUARY 2025

- 03 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 06 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
SANDWICH NIGHT @ 5:30pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 10 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
VALENTINE POTLUCK & BINGO @ 11:30am-Live Oak Youth Bldg
HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK
MEETING @ 6:30pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 18 LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB
MEETING @ 1:00p-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 19 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
Lunch @ Harmons BBQ @ 11:30am-120 S. Main St. Cibolo
LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE
MEETING @ 7:00pm-Police Dept Training Room
- 24 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
BOOK CLUB @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 27 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK
GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg

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City of Live Oak Meetings, Events & Holidays

JANUARY 2025

- 01 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
City Offices Closed
- 14 **PARKS & RECREATION - TREE CARE BOARD**
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers
- 20 **MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**
City offices Closed
- 28 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING**
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers

FEBRUARY 2025

- 01 **BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGINS**
- 11 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
7pm in Council Chambers
- 14 **VALENTINES DAY**
- 17 **PRESIDENTS DAY**
City Offices Closed
- 25 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING**
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers

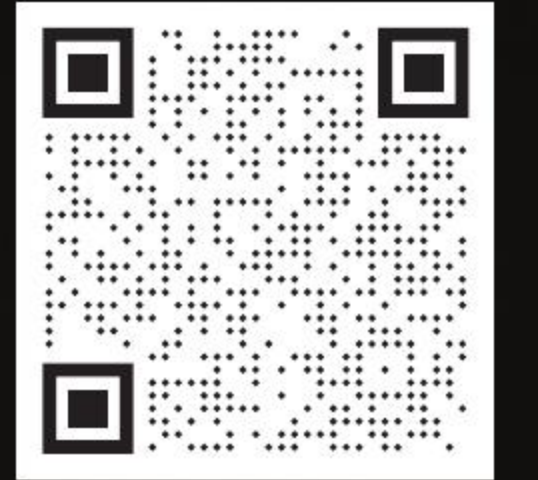
MARCH 2025

- 02 **TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 11 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
7pm in Council Chambers
- 25 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING**
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers

APRIL 2025

- 12 **EGGSTRAVAGANZA & MOVIE IN THE PARK**
- 18 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 20 **EASTER**

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION



COMMUNITY ONLINE
CALENDAR



Trash, Recycling and Brush/Bulk
Collection Calendar located
on page 13-15

Questions?
800.800.5804



You can *Livestream all regular
City Council, EDC, Planning & Zoning,
Board of Adjustments, Tree Care
Board, & Parks and Recreation
meetings from our website. The Board
of Adjustment/Planning & Zoning
meetings are held as necessary.
Please call Isa Gaytan at
210.653.9140 ext. 2213
with any questions.



Arbor Day 2024

The 2024 Arbor Day celebration, held on November 1st, was a collaborative effort between the Live Oak Garden Club, Live Oak Tree Care Board, Texas A&M Forest Service, and the City of Live Oak's Park and Recreation Department. Our appreciation goes out to Great Hearts Live Oak, Headmaster Gretchen Williams, and Great Hearts staff and students for their gracious hosting. Mrs. June Adair of the Live Oak Village Garden Club warmly welcomed guests, followed by Headmaster Williams' introduction of fifth-grade students who recited the Pledge of Allegiance. City Manager Anas Garfaoui led the Conservation Pledge, and Mayor Mary M. Dennis delivered the Texas Arbor Day proclamation. Hunter Newman, a fourth grader, delivered an impressive recitation of "The Oak Tree" by Johnny Ray Rider. Mario Ward, Chairman of the Live Oak Tree Care Board, shared valuable information on Live Oak's Tree City USA status in which has been upheld for 13 years. We also extend our gratitude to Texas A&M Forest Service's South Area Operations Chief Mike Dunivan and Regional Operations Chief James DeGrazia for their instrumental support.



Congratulations to this year's winners:
 1st Place, Clara Muir - 5th Grade
 2nd Place, Zuri Day - 4th Grade
 3rd Place, Oliver Coppin - 4th Grade
 Honorable Mention, Evannia Hernandez - 4th Grade

At Home Brings the Holiday Spirit & Décor



A huge thanks goes to Max Kitten and the at home Team for adorning the City campus with festive décor. at home adorned the corner of Shin Oak and Oak Terrace with spooky blowups during Halloween and then knocked it out of the park with a beautifully decorated tree inside the lobby of City Hall for the Christmas holidays. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Max Kitten and the at home Team for their outstanding contributions to decorating the City campus.



12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa Gifts

1. Hampton Inn & Suites - (2) Two-Night Stay
2. Zion Nails - (5) \$25.00 Gift Cards
3. Lol Liquors - (14) \$25.00 Gift Cards
4. Jordan Ford - Mustang For A Weekend
5. Bellissima Laser Hair Removal - Gift Certificate \$889
6. Marco's Pizza - (10) 1 Med Free Specialty Pizza
7. Blondes, Brunettes, & Redheads - Gift Bags of Hair Products (Value \$200 +)
8. Raising Cane's Chicken - (4) Swag Baskets & Gift Cards (Value \$150 each)
9. Lindsey Schlepp DDS - Electric Sonicare Toothbrush & Philips Teeth Whitening Kit
10. Realty One Group Emerald - \$25.00 Gift Card
11. Hilton Garden Inn - 2 (1) Night Stay+Breakfast For 2
12. Camp Bow Wow - Puppy Toy Basket+\$140 Gift Card For Two-Night Stay And Shower
13. Bermuda's Daiquiris-To Go - (3) Drink Cups w/Coupons
14. Black Rifle Coffee - 50 Bags Of Coffee
15. Stretch Zone - (2) Two Free Stretch Sessions \$99 Each
16. Dunkin - (5) Gift Cards \$15 Each
17. RBFCU - (2) Kendra Scott Earrings
18. Dawn Dear Agency - (2) \$50 Gift Card (Hoka Hoka & Mrs. C's Chicken & Waffles)
19. Potbelly - (10) Jars of Potbelly Hot Peppers, Free Shake and Cookie + A Free Sandwich
20. N&B Lawn-Home-Garden - \$60 Gift Card For Lawn Services
21. Regal Live Oak - (4) \$25.00
22. Gold's Gym - (2) 6 Month Memberships
23. IKEA - (5) Advent Calendar, Cookies, Gnome Bags + \$25 Gift Card
24. Olympia Hills Family Dental - Oral-B® iO Electric Toothbrush & Accessories
25. Hawaiian Bros - (3) Gift Bags with Hawaiian Bro Winter Swag and Free Meal Gift Cards

12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa

Hold on to your stockings! Santa's crafty elves were successful once again in surprising unsuspecting recipients with incredible gifts, all sponsored by our wonderful Live Oak businesses! We thank our generous sponsors in this year's 12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa event. Without your generosity, the fun of gift giving would not have been possible. The Elves deserve significant recognition for their voluntary efforts and photography skills in capturing treasured photos of the gift recipients.



Thank you



Heroes and Helpers 2024

The Live Oak Police Department enjoyed a fantastic time shopping alongside our local heroes during Target's annual Heroes and Helpers event, which embodied the spirit of community, kindness, and laughter. The process of picking out holiday gifts was especially enjoyable, yielding memories we will all treasure.



We are thankful to everyone who contributed to the event's success, with special thanks to Target for hosting it once again. Through such initiatives, we are nurturing community relationships and paving the way for brighter futures.



Jordan Ford Makes Annual Donation to the Blue Santa Program

Jordan Ford's generosity knows no bounds as they once again support the Blue Santa program with a \$500 donation. This act of kindness, coupled with the efforts of the Live Oak Police Department and LOCAP, spread holiday cheer to 53 families, ensuring they had a wonderful Christmas in 2024. The Blue Santa program's success has been able to expand and flourish because of the kindness of corporate partners, community residents, and local businesses.

CHRISTMAS TREE Drop Off Site

Once again, Live Oak is offering a free Christmas tree drop-off site across from the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Drive, 12/26 - 1/31. Before dropping your tree off, remember to remove all tinsel or other decorations from your tree. You may start the pile next to the "DROP CHRISTMAS TREES HERE" sign. If you have any questions about the drop-off site, please contact Jymie Perna at 210-653-9140 x2200 or jperna@liveoaktx.net



CHRISTMAS TREE Drop Off
12/26 - 1/31



We are deeply grateful to RBFCU for hosting our community shred event this year, which yielded outstanding results. On November 2nd, the event successfully collected and recycled 22,000 pounds of paper, equivalent to 11 tons. Through this community shred program, we effectively saved 187 trees, preserved 33 cubic yards of landfill space, and decreased oil consumption by 22 barrels. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our corporate partner, RBFCU, for generously offering this essential service to the community free of charge on a bi-annual basis. Since the conception of the program in May 2011, we have recycled 385,786 pounds of paper waste.

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY! SEE PAGE 34

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENTS
Andrés Chacón
Was the lucky winners of a \$100 Gift Card to
Let's Play

ANDRÉS ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

- Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine?**
Every month. Though it doesn't change much month to month, I'm still pretty new to the area and it serves as a checklist for me to check out the local restaurants. There is the occasional coupon in there as well which certainly doesn't hurt!
- Q2. What Category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most?**
Definitely the EAT & DRINK. While you can check the others if you need something specific that month, we have to eat everyday!
- Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?**
Much to the chagrin of my wife, I keep it on the kitchen counter on our breakfast bar. I always peruse it when drinking the morning coffee looking for upcoming events.
- Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?**
It's a community magazine for the community. It really feels like a direct line to the city. There's a recap of important news or events and a list of upcoming activities. Many family oriented ones, others important community outreach programs and of course, little fun sections. I never miss anything and if I do, I can catch "the highlights"
- Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business?**
When we first moved here, we spent an embarrassing amount of time in IKEA. From getting decor ideas to constantly going back for furniture, we still go from time to time for Swedish meatballs and lingonberry juice packs. Nowadays, I make a weekly trip to Soccer Zone for pick-up games and to keep fit. It's a convenient location with a great community. It's great having the facility close to home!



RECYCLE CALENDAR



SEE PAGE 14-15
For The Complete 2025
Recycling Collection Schedule

QUESTIONS?

800.800.5804

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BRUSH & BULK PICK UP HOLIDAY NO SERVICE
RECYCLE DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED



Do you have used motor oil in your home? Old paint? Unwanted TV or computer?



A convenient service to properly dispose of your home-generated special materials.

How does this service work?

1. Residents contact this service to schedule a pickup of their items.
2. A Collection Kit with instructions will be mailed to your home.
3. Read the instructions carefully, there are some items unable to be collected.
4. On the day of your collection, place the Collection Bag near your front door or other area on your property that was discussed with the Waste Management representative. Then materials will be picked up at your home.
5. Materials are taken to a facility, then sorted and sent to be recycled and/or disposed of properly.

Accepted materials include:

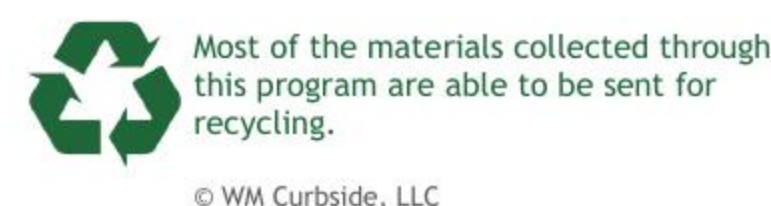
- Paint Products
- Automotive Products
- Garden Chemicals
- Household Cleaners
- Household and Vehicle Batteries
- Fluorescent Tubes/CFL
- Consumer Electronics
- Syringes, Needles and Lancets

For a complete list of acceptable items, program guidelines and to schedule a home collection:

Go to WMATYOURDOOR.COM

OR

Call 1-800-449-7587 (M-F, 5am-5pm PT)



This service is for residents of Live Oak, TX only, material restrictions and program guidelines apply. A service provided by Waste Management's At Your Special Collection™. Materials must be clearly identified and acceptable materials are dependent upon compliance with local, state and federal regulations. All Liquids should be placed in sealed container that is 5 gal. or less. Sharps, needles and lancets must be placed in a puncture resistant sealed container. 2016-065 5-15-17

City of Live Oak

2025 Recycling Collection Schedule



Recycling

Recycle days are highlighted in **GREEN** and marked by letters **A - B - C**. This is an every-other-week service.

- Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes.
- Route "B" is Mon/Thu trash routes.
- Route "C" is Tue/Fri trash routes.

Observed holidays: No collection will occur on observed holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day (highlighted in BLUE). This collection will not be rescheduled.

Brush & Bulk Collection

Citywide curbside brush and bulk collection begins during the first full week of each month. Bulk and brush must be out at the curb prior to Monday.

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SOLO

Seniors of Live Oak

SOLO is for all Live Oak residents aged 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events. **CHECK OUT THE LIVE OAK CIVIC CLUBS EVENTS ON PAGE 7** For more information Please contact Pat Knisley at 210-655-4566

Live Oak Jaguars Football & Cheer Spring 2025

Additional Info - Click on Parent Information and Football & Cheer Info on the website

Ages & Price:
 Cheer - 4-15 \$160
 Flag - 4-5 \$90
 Tackle - 6-13 \$160
 (Tykes, Rookies, Juniors, Seniors)

Practice (Mon - Fri) starts January 21st from 6pm - 8pm at the Al Hollins' Field of Dreams Football Field - Live Oak Park 18001 Park Drive, Live Oak, TX 78233

Register online today at: <https://live-oak-jaguars.sportngin.com>
 Contact us at: liveoakjags@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/Live-Oak-Jaguars-Football-Cheer-Organization-123416734406502/>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GARDENING?

It Doesn't Matter If You're New To Gardening Or A Master Gardener.

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB!

We meet from 1p-3p on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Live Oak Clubhouse - 7901 Shin Oak Drive For a meeting & gardening program.

Contact Jo Anna Wheeler
 210-326-0379 or sparkupwheels@yahoo.com

Who We Are

- We Are Committed To Prevent Cruelty And Suffering To Animals.
- We are a Non-Profit Made Up Of Volunteers.

What We Do

- We Host The Pet Pawloozza & K-9 Veterans Day Events
- We Provide Assistance To Live Oak Animal Control
- We Are A Participant At Shindig On Shin Oak
- We Provide Education Of Humane Practices
- We Help Fund Special Veterinary Needs
- We Facilitate Community Education

What We Need

FUNDING!

Our Activities Are Financed By Sponsors • Donations • Fundraising

You Can Help - Join Us
 On The 2nd Monday Of The Month At 6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
 7901 Shin Oak Drive
 Membership Is Only \$12 Per Year

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK TEXAS

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SUPPORT & EDUCATION FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

For Your Information

CHEERLEADER

LIVE OAK JAGUARS

Spring 2025

JOIN NOW! \$160

Cheer Dir: Tiffany Jackson, 210-894-8036
 Asst: Suzanne Morales, 210-254-7229

MORE INFO VISIT:
<https://live-oak-jaguars.sportngin.com>
 email: liveoakjags@gmail.com

SINGLE USE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Thank you for using the Single Use Disposal System!

The Single Use Disposal Systems (SUDS) are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your unused or expired prescription medications. The pre-paid **TakeAway Envelope** allows you to mail your unused and expired prescriptions from the privacy of your own home. They are incinerated unopened keeping them out of our drinking water.

As many as 92% of people have leftover medications and don't know how to dispose of them. You can lead the effort to remove unused medications by cleaning out your medicine cabinet using Single Use Disposal Systems.

Using the environmentally safe TakeAway Envelopes reduces the risk of unused prescription medications getting into the wrong hands and helps prevent accidental poisonings.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ENVELOPE AFTER IT IS MAILED?
 The envelopes containing the medications are sent directly to a treatment facility to be incinerated.

ARE TAKEAWAY ENVELOPES SAFE?
 Yes, the TakeAway Envelopes are safe. Using the TAE is safer than flushing or throwing the medications in the trash. Incinerating the medications limit the environmental damage that medications can have by preventing them from polluting our drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends incineration as the method of drug destruction, which meets the Department of Enforcement Agency's (DEA) standard.

CAN NEEDLES OR INHALERS GO IN THE ENVELOPE?
 Unfortunately, no. Please reach out to your local health department.

WILL ANYONE SEE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?
 No, once you seal the TakeAway Envelope it is incinerated unopened.

Questions: Please contact Danielle Campbell at 713.743.7016 or email dcampbe@central.uh.edu

Website: bit.ly/ThePREMIERCenter

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON THE PREMIER CENTER

Please take a picture of the QR code and answer a few questions so we can continue to provide these to you at no cost.

This project is funded by Texas Health & Human Services Texas Targeted Opioid Response.

For Your Information

Kemeth Cole Mayfield
 Carbon Monoxide Awareness Program

If you do not have a carbon monoxide detector in your home and you cannot afford to purchase one, **PLEASE CALL** the Live Oak Fire Dept. at (210) 653-9140 x2379.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS*

RBFCU

The Live Oak Fire Department & Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union have teamed up to offer...

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO RESIDENTS OF LIVE OAK!

- YOU MUST BE A CURRENT RESIDENT OF LIVE OAK
- OWN AND LIVE IN YOUR HOME
- LIVING ON A LOW INCOME

*If you meet the criteria & wish to ask the fire department to come to your home & install a BATTERY smoke detector, call 210-653-9140, ext. 2379.

If your home has an interconnected smoke detection system, the Live Oak Fire Department will place a BATTERY smoke detector in the same area. The Live Oak Fire Department is unable to assist with interconnected smoke detectors.

WE WILL NO LONGER OFFER SMOKE DETECTORS TO WALK IN GUESTS.



A Trusted Voice for Live Oak

Mendell Morgan Jr., Place 1

Councilman Mendell Morgan Jr. is a dedicated and accomplished member of the Live Oak City Council, representing Place 1 with a strong commitment to enhancing quality of life, promoting education, and encouraging civic engagement. A longtime resident of Live Oak since 1975, Councilman Morgan brings a unique blend of professional expertise and personal investment to his role, aiming to make a positive impact on the community he has called home for nearly five decades.

A graduate of both UT Austin and LSU Baton Rouge, where he earned a Master's in Library and Information Science, Councilman Morgan's distinguished career spans 60 years in academic and public libraries. In 1975, he became Director of what was then known as the St. Pius X Library at Incarnate Word College. After 33 years of service, he retired in 2008 as Dean Emeritus of the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Following his wife's passing in 2008, he embraced retirement by traveling and spending time with family until he was invited to serve as Director of El Progreso Memorial Library in his hometown of Uvalde. He held that position from 2014 to 2023, before transitioning in 2024 to a part-time role as Director of Development for the library. In recognition of his dedication, Councilman Morgan received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from *Marquis Who's Who* in 2019. In 2024, he was honored as Texas Librarian of the Year by the Texas Library Association for his exemplary leadership in the aftermath of the tragic 2022 Uvalde school shooting.

His late wife, Jean Marie Winn Morgan, was a beloved City of Live Oak employee for eleven years. Together, they raised their son, David, a Judson High School graduate who grew up in Live Oak and now resides in Houston with his wife, Linda, and their son, Alejandro.

With a strong background in academia and a passion for libraries, Councilman Morgan is committed to advocating for policies that support inclusive growth and foster learning and job training opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds as part of his city council goals.

Question 1: If possible, what advice would you give your younger self?

Answer: Mendell would tell his younger self to steer clear of smoking and alcohol, to become proficient in Spanish, and to stick with Boy Scouts all the way through Eagle rank, just like his father, uncle, and grandfather did. He'd also urge himself to focus more, work harder, and really apply himself more diligently in everything he did, building a solid foundation for the future. Every bit of extra effort would be worth it!

Question 2: What led you to run for City Council and how long have you served?

Answer: I decided to run for public office out of concern for some of the actions, attitudes, and policies of previous City Council members. I wanted to bring a fresh perspective and be an agent for positive change, steering our community in a new and better direction. Since first being elected in 2014, I've held Place #1 for ten years continuously, despite facing two election challenges along the way.

Question 3: Tell us your hobbies or what you do in your spare time.

Answer: In my spare time, I enjoy staying active in several ministries at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and participating with groups like Incarnate Word Associates, HSLO, and Kiwanis. I also love to travel, dive into a good book, share meals with friends, and experience the arts—whether it's attending plays and performances or visiting art galleries, gardens, and museums.

Question 4: What advice would you give someone wanting to get involved in local government?

Answer: It's important for all of us to care about the quality of our local community where we live, and service to it can be expressed in so many ways. A great way to start is by volunteering with groups that resonate with you—whether it's LOCAP (Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police), gardening, senior activities, the arts, the Humane Society, or SAMRA (San Antonio Model Railroad Association). Through volunteering, you can discover community needs and ways to contribute your unique skills.

From there, volunteer to help with City events, serve on City Boards and Commissions, attend City meetings, and take part in the leadership academy or other training sessions. Each step builds a foundation for meaningful service—and could even inspire you to run for office yourself!

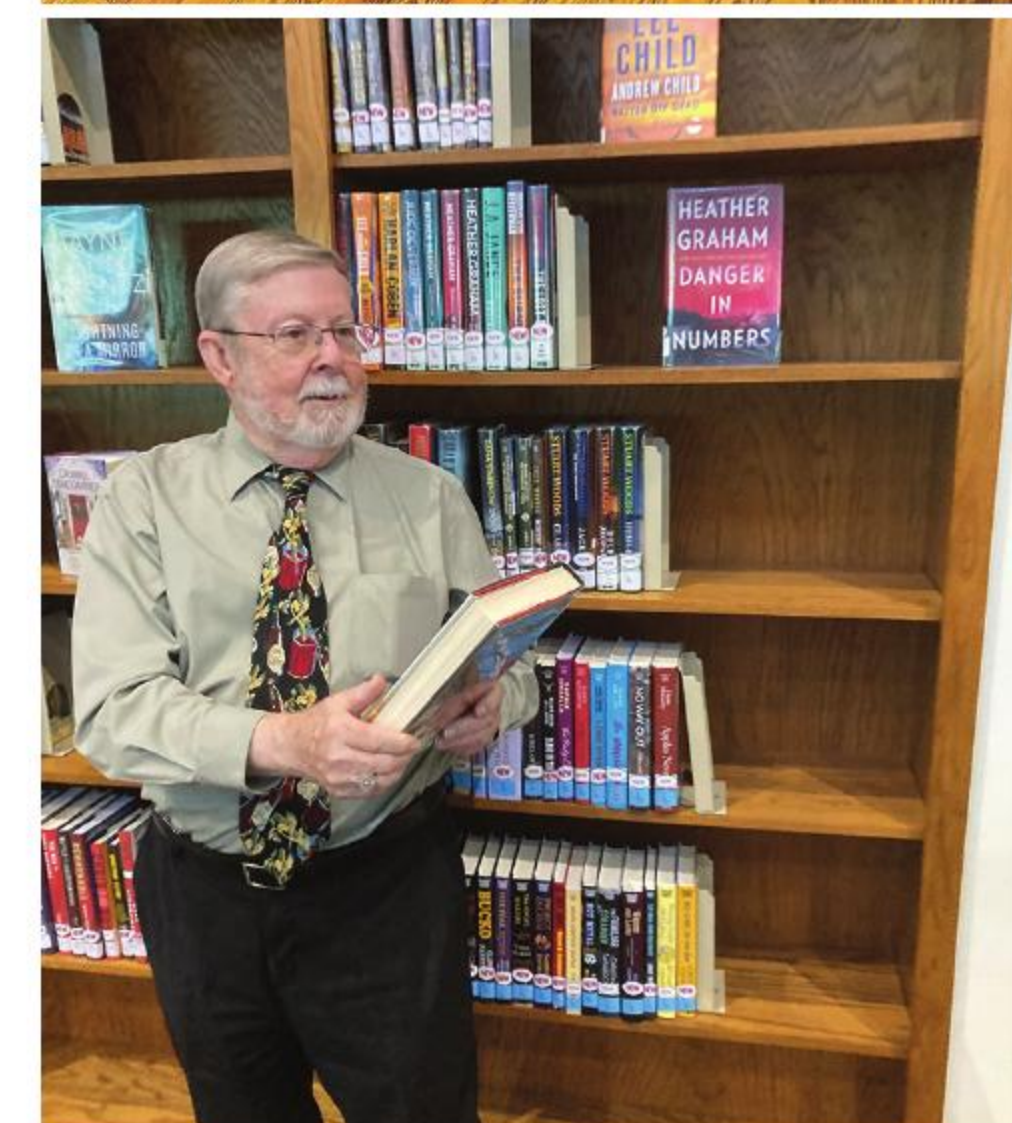
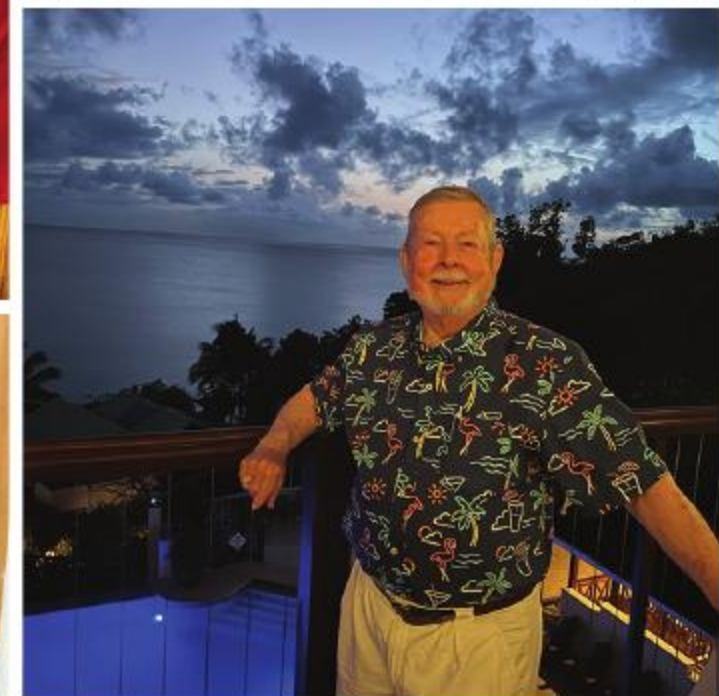
Question 5: What do you love most about serving the residents of Live Oak?

Answer: I love seeing the positive changes and improvements over almost 50 years that the City has experienced growing from an isolated enclave to become "the premier city to live, learn, work and play" at the dynamic crossroads of IH-35 and 1604 with the splendid Live Oak Town Center as the crown jewel.

Question 6: What was the most rewarding moment while serving the premier community of Live Oak?

Answer: Passage of a bond election which included the traffic control light I sponsored at O'Connor and Forest Bluff to improve safety and traffic flow in our community.

Mendell D. Morgan, Jr., Library Director





Happy New Year from Parks and Recreation!

As we look back on the past year, we're reminded of what makes Live Oak such a special place. From our magnificent parks system to the vibrant community events that bring us together, Live Oak truly has a unique charm. Whether you've



called Live Oak home for years or have just recently joined our community, we're sure you'll agree—there's nowhere else like it!

In 2024, our community came together for exciting events that became highlights of the year. Spring kicked off with the EGGstravaganza, which featured Movie in the Park, egg hunts for all ages (including adults!), food trucks, DJ tunes, and trivia. The evening was a resounding success, capped off with a movie under the stars.

In May, the streets were filled with patriotic colors as residents celebrated our annual Armed Forces Day Parade. Local businesses, civic groups, and neighboring communities joined the parade route, making it a moving tribute to our military.

As summer approached, kids eagerly joined in on Junior Fishing Day, casting their lines in hopes of reeling in the biggest catch of the day—a perfect way to start the season. Throughout June, July, and August, families beat the heat at one of our greatest community treasures, the Municipal Pool, where countless summer memories were made.

In October, we celebrated our annual city festival, the Shindig on Shin Oak, with the theme "Bigger and Better," and it delivered! From carnival games and attractions to face painting, yard games, Touch-a-Truck, pony rides, and a petting zoo, there was something for everyone. The Spazmatics brought the night to life, performing to a packed crowd at the Municipal Complex.

As the leaves turned in November, Great Hearts Live Oak

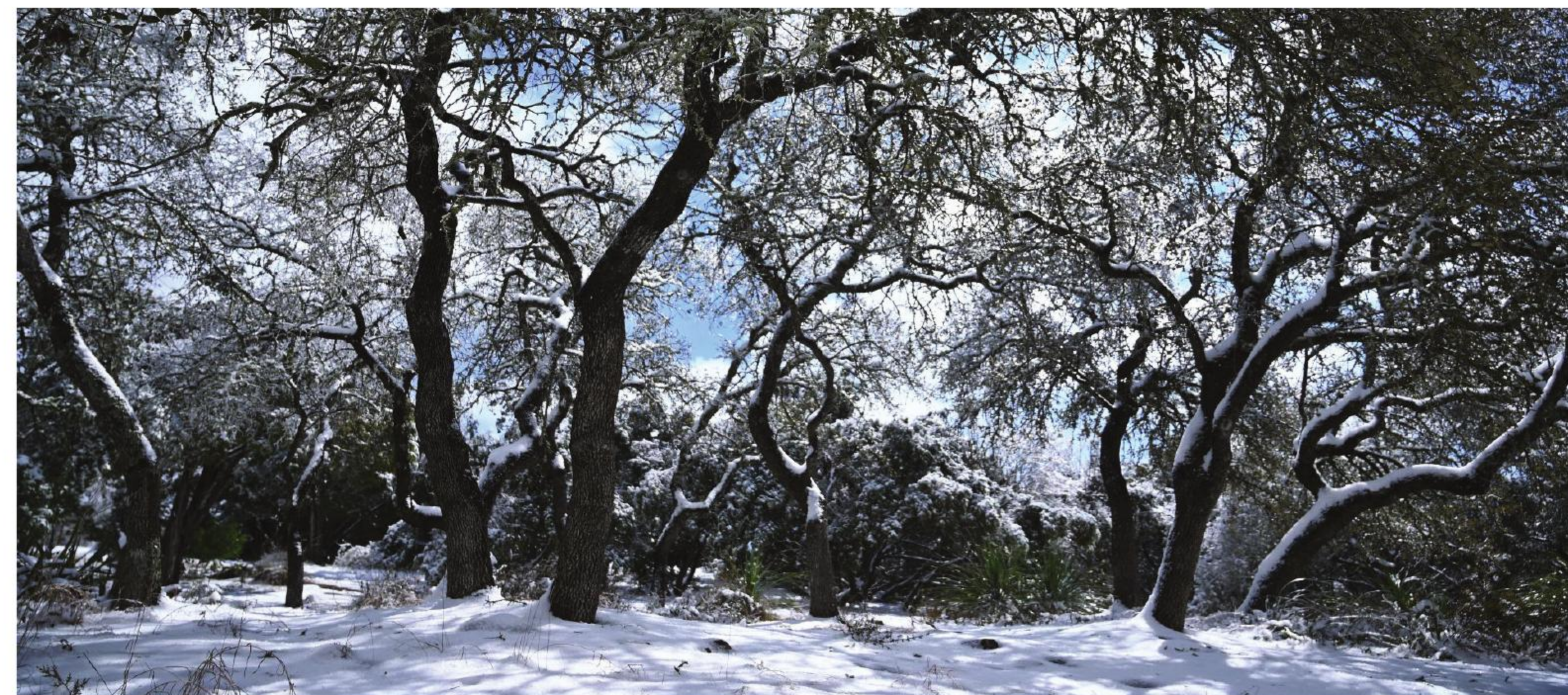


students joined us for our Arbor Day celebration, where they enjoyed special guests, learned how to care for their newly planted tree, and discovered the origins of Live Oak's name. Finally, we wrapped up the year with Down Home Christmas, where our favorite North Pole neighbor, Santa, brought smiles and holiday cheer to the kids with festive activities that marked a joyful end to 2024.

This year, we also partnered with business and civic groups to host a variety of events. Highlights included a 5K organized by the American Heart Association and Northeast Lakeview College, a fishing day by the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation for children with special needs, a flag football tournament for JECA students, and the Live Oak Summer Open disc golf tournament, which drew players from around the globe. Live Oak is proud to provide top-notch amenities for our residents and surrounding communities to enjoy.

It's been a fantastic and busy year for the City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation Department, and we're already looking forward to an even more amazing 2025!





Winter Fire Safety Tips from the Live Oak Fire Department

Winter is the season of warmth and celebrations, but it also comes with increased fire risks. Follow these essential tips to stay safe during the colder months:

- 1. Heating Safety:** Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything flammable, and never leave them unattended.
- 2. Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Alarms:** Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide on every level of your home and test them monthly to ensure they work properly. Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, and poisoning peaks are during the winter.
- 3. Cooking Precautions:** Always stay in the kitchen when cooking, as unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires.
- 4. Candle and Match Safety:** Keep matches, lighters, and candles out of reach of children and never leave a burning candle unattended. Keep candles at least 12 inches away from flammable objects or materials.
- 5. Family Escape Plan:** Create and practice a fire escape plan with your family, ensuring everyone knows two ways out of every room.

Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.
- More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.
- A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
- More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



By taking these precautions, you can enjoy a warm and safe winter season with your loved ones. Stay safe and prepared!

Are You Prepared?

As the winter season commences, preparation is vital to mitigate the hazards associated with freezing temperatures, snow, and ice. While winter brings a festive atmosphere and beauty, it also entails significant risks, including power outages, transportation accidents, and health crises. To ensure preparedness, confirm that your residence, vehicle, and emergency kits are winter-ready. Ensure you have essential supplies to sustain yourself during potential power outages, including non-perishable food, sufficient water, batteries, and necessary medications. Winterizing your vehicles with appropriate tires, windshield wiper fluid, and an emergency kit, and maintain a full gas tank.

Moreover, wear layered attire, monitor weather forecasts regularly, and understand safe home heating practices to prevent injuries related to cold temperatures.

Winter weather encompasses a variety of conditions that can have significant impacts on public safety and infrastructure.

Understanding the primary hazards include:

- Snowstorms:** Snow accumulation can cause travel disruptions, block emergency routes, and burden infrastructure.
- Ice Storms:** Ice accumulation on roads, power lines, and trees can create hazardous driving conditions and power outages.
- Cold Weather:** Prolonged exposure to freezing temperatures can result in hypothermia, frostbite & other cold-related injuries.
- Freezing Rain:** A dangerous form of precipitation that coats surfaces in a thick layer of ice, creating slippery roads and the potential for considerable damage to trees and power lines.

For more information on preparing for winter storms, scan the QR code.





Live Oak Police Department Alarm System Ordinance: What You Need to Know

Did you know that maintaining a compliant alarm system in Live Oak requires an annual permit? This essential step, mandated by city ordinance, ensures that alarm systems are used responsibly to prevent unnecessary false alarms, which account for a staggering 94-98% of activations. Failure to comply with permit requirements or maintenance guidelines may lead to fines and penalties, as outlined by the city's fee schedule.

Permit holders must properly maintain their alarm systems to suppress false signals and ensure swift resets. Alarms are required to have a limited activation duration of 30 minutes for residential and 60 minutes for commercial premises. Additionally, premises must display a visible identification sticker issued by the police department. Noncompliance with these regulations can result in fines of up to \$200 per offense per day.

By adhering to these rules, alarm users contribute to the community's safety by enabling first responders to prioritize genuine emergencies. For information on obtaining or

renewing permits, or to review ordinances and building codes, please visit our website at www.liveoaktx.net and navigate to the Permits & Inspections section under the Departments tab.

Details regarding Alarm Systems can be found in the City of Live Oak Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19, Article IV.

Together, Let's Make Live Oak A Safer Place!



IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM
CONTACT US AT
210.653.0033

Follow us on SCAN ME



2025 LOCAP Officers

LOCAP officers for 2025, nominated in November and installed in December, are from left to right, President Marie Atkinson, Vice President Brandon Rumfield, Secretary Sandee Donnelly, and Treasurer Sandy Vogel, who all assumed office in January alongside Live Oak Police Liaison Lieutenant William "Billy" Feldtmose.

President Marie Atkinson has maintained a strong commitment to LOCAP since 2011, serving on the board as an officer in diverse capacities since 2012. She dedicates considerable time to volunteering, event coordination, and community outreach. Marie has resided in Live Oak since July 2009 after marrying LOPD Reserve Officer Jerry Atkinson. She takes immense pride in her community involvement and LOCAP participation, nurturing friendships, and a deep affection for her Live Oak family.

Vice President Brandon Rumfield relocated to Live Oak in August 2021 to assume the General Manager position at Live Oak's Hampton Inn & Suites. He attended the Live Oak Citizen's Police Academy in 2022, joining LOCAP upon graduation. Brandon served as Secretary for two years and values community involvement by actively participating in various charitable initiatives and serving on City-related Boards and Commissions.

Secretary Sandee Donnelly cherishes her life in Live Oak since buying her home in 1996. With a decade as a member of LOCAP and 40 years at UPS, she boasts she was one of the only female UPS drivers of an 18-wheel truck. While loving her career, Donnelly now prioritizes community giving. Memphis-born, she swiftly made Texas her home after retirement. Sandy Vogel, Treasurer, originally from the East Coast, moved to the San Antonio area 44 years ago and has since become deeply fond of the Live Oak community. After retiring from the federal government in 2006, following a 40-year career as an Air Force publications editor, Sandy has continued to engage with her community through LOCAP for a decade, and served as Treasurer for several terms. She also serves on City related Boards and Commissions and assists city staff as an editor of the Hometown News magazines.

LOCAP has demonstrated exceptional fundraising prowess over the past year, aiming to sustain this progress in 2025. Raised funds augment the Live Oak Police Department's budget, supporting essential purchases for community initiatives and K9 programs.



Membership is open to citizens who have completed the Citizen's Police Academy, a spring program designed to offer valuable insights and an engaging experience. To engage with LOCAP and support the Live Oak Police Department, call 210-945-1700 or email LOCAPnews@gmail.com for more information.





EDC Manager, Donna Lowder

Economic Development Wrap-up 2024

In 2024, Live Oak enjoyed a year of economic accomplishments, including significant business relocations and expansions, notably Dick's House of Sport at the Live Oak Town Center and Methodist Hospital Northeast's addition of the medical office building, Plaza I, located inside the growing medical hub. The construction of Plaza II will soon be on the horizon and Live Oak's Dick's House of Sport will be the third interactive and innovative brand format to be built in Texas.

The city's prosperity, however, stems from more than just a conducive business environment. It's largely attributed to Live Oak's deliberate focus on public safety, community development, park system enhancements, business relationships and workforce.

To maintain economic momentum, Live Oak must continue prioritizing these essential initiatives, ensuring a safer, more resilient, and thriving community in 2025 and future years. We are excited to begin 2025 with new projects that will boost our local economy and continue to place Live Oak on the map as a retail destination for local and international shoppers.

Visit Live Oak

We are excited to introduce Visit Live Oak! Live Oak's Mayor Dennis and the City Council approved the creation of the Visit Live Oak Advisory Board in late 2024. The newly established Visit Live Oak Advisory Board will be responsible for evaluating and allocating hotel occupancy tax funds for Live Oak. The board will assess how events align with relevant laws and the use of Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds as stipulated by the Texas Tax Code, focusing on attracting tourism from outside the area.

Organizations seeking HOT funding will undergo review by the Visit Live Oak Advisory Board, whose recommendations will then be submitted to the City Council for final approval. We are excited to see the board at work in creating tourism opportunities.



Meet the 2024/2025 Visit Live Oak Board Members

Chairperson Melissa Carillo, Texas Tri-County Chamber of Commerce
Vice Chairperson Amanda Thomas, Venue
Board Secretary Brandon Rumfield, Hotel Industry

Board Members

Dawn Dear, Small Business
David Komet, Venue
Chancen Elliott, Restaurant Business
Armando Trevino, Restaurant Business
Daniel Buntjer, Live Oak Citizen
Steven Green, Live Oak Citizen

Live Oak Introduces Hoka Hoka Fuku Japanese Kitchen!

There's a new culinary gem at the Gateway Shopping Center in Live Oak! Say hello to Hoka Hoka Fuku Japanese Kitchen, a vibrant addition to the community, located at 7525 N. Loop 1604 E., Ste. 136. Opening its doors at the end of October, this exciting spot has quickly become a go-to for fans of fresh, flavorful Japanese cuisine.



At Hoka Hoka Fuku, you'll find a menu filled with delicious choices to satisfy any craving. Whether you're in the mood for hearty fried rice, crave a spicy kick with their seasoned edamame, or prefer a comforting bowl of chicken teriyaki, this place has something special for everyone. Ready to dive into these tasty dishes? You can order online at hokahokafuku.com or call at 210-233-1888.

Mr. C's Fried Chicken & Waffles

Looking for crispy fried chicken, hot and sweet waffles, fluffy pancakes, or a southern comfort dish like shrimp and grits or meatloaf? Well, Live Oak has just what your tastebuds are craving. Mr. C's Fried Chicken & Waffles opened the new location in Live Oak inside the Gateway Shopping Center at 7525 N. Loop 1604, Ste. 108 in November.



Mr. C's is the perfect casual Southern eatery for families and groups to gather for a home-cooked meal. The Live Oak location will serve up breakfast favorites like omelets, egg and waffle combos, biscuits and gravy, and hash.

But don't miss out on trying their delicious, deep-fried sides or starters. The choices are endless, but the favorites include hand-breaded okra, chicken skins, and gizzards. Whether you dine in or order online, Mr. C's Fried Chicken & Waffles will not disappoint!

RESTAURANT MONTH DINER'S GAME

ATTENTION LIVE OAK RESTAURANTS
WE ARE LOOKING FOR RESTAURANTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE 2025 DINER'S BINGO GAME.
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER YOUR ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE UPCOMING CELEBRATION.

Shop Small Business Saturday 2024

Live Oak has a rich history rooted in small family-owned businesses and local entrepreneurs. These visionaries laid the foundation for the community, ensuring its continuity, renewal, longevity, and legacy. Today, we continue to stand beside and support the small businesses that form the heart of Live Oak. By actively choosing to shop small, we can show our appreciation for the incredible dreams and hard work of our local small business owners. Their dedication and passion help anchor our community, creating a vibrant and thriving environment.



On November 12th, the City Council recognized Reptile Pets Direct as the Live Oak small business to representative 2024 Small Business Saturday. You can find the friendly staff of Reptile Pets Direct at 8117 Village Oak Drive, where they have a wide selection of the rarest and most sought-after reptiles from around the globe.

We recognize the vital role they play in keeping our city humming, thriving, and growing. We extend our sincere gratitude to all the small businesses in Live Oak for their contributions and assure them of our ongoing partnership. Thank you for your continuous dedication to making Live Oak a vibrant and successful community.



Best Of Live Oak 2025

The annual Best of Live Oak competition is underway, and residents are invited to cast their votes for outstanding local businesses across various categories, including best burger, taco, pizza, sweet treats, hair and nail salon, shopping spots, and customer service.

Electronic voting is now open from January 1st through January 31st via the City's website at www.liveoaktx.net. We encourage the community to demonstrate support for these exceptional local establishments. Once voting concludes, winners will be announced and featured on the City's Facebook page and in the March/April edition of the Hometown News magazine.

Award recipients will be honored at the annual Business Appreciation Luncheon, held this July at the Hilton Garden Inn. We extend best wishes to all participants and invite enthusiastic community participation in the voting process.



Why Shop Live Oak?

By choosing to shop, dine and entertain locally, you and your community benefit in many ways:

STRENGTHEN ECONOMY

Strengthen the Economy and LOWER TAXES – Is there any bigger reason? A half cent of all city sales taxes are applied to buy down our residents and businesses property taxes.

LOWER TAXES

BUILDS COMMUNITY

Build Community – City sales taxes funneled to the general fund allow additional police forces, improvements to streets and infrastructure and upkeep of our wonderful park system. In addition, shopping locally allows you to interact with the locals, enjoy the public space surrounding the community and help give a unique identity to the City.

SUPPORT

They Support YOU – Many of our local Live Oak businesses support our community and service events that bring joy to so many. Shopping locally is your chance to say “thank you!”

Don't forget to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak!



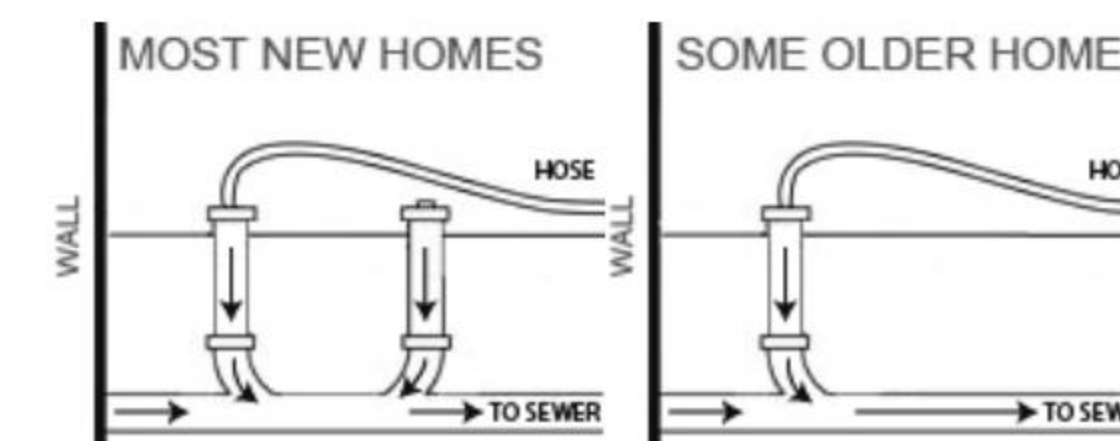


Diagrams courtesy of City of Phoenix

Draining Pool Water into Sewer

To drain your pool into a sanitary sewer, first locate the sewer clean-out on your property which flows towards the main sewer line.

If there are two, use the one closest to the home. Sewer clean-outs are typically four-inch plastic caps located on the ground between the home and the adjacent sewer main. Once the clean-out is located, remove the cap and secure your drainage hose a few inches into the clean-out pipe. Finally, pump the pool water into the sewer. Be aware that pumping pool water too fast into the sewer system can overwhelm your property's sewer lateral, so be cognizant of potential backups due to this situation or a clogged sewer line. If a backup happens, contact a plumber before going any further to ensure there is no clog in the drain.



Caution

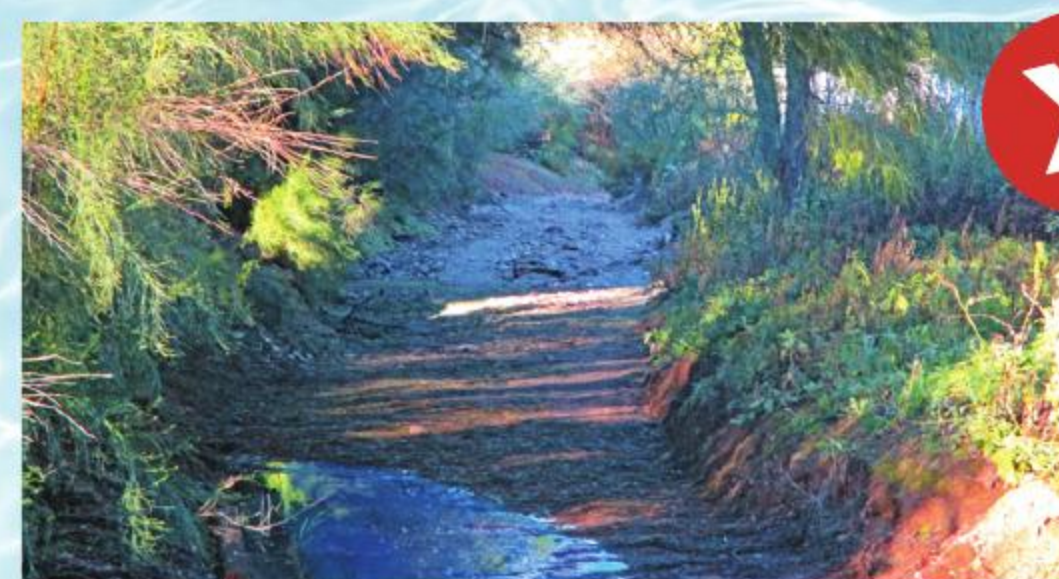
- It is unlawful to have a permanent connection from your pool or spa to your sewer clean-out.
- Using a sewer clean-out located in the wall is risky, and the potential for water backing up into the home is greater.



If you have questions regarding how to properly backwash or drain your pool, please contact Givler Engineering at (210) 342-3991. 515 Busby Drive, Suite 101 San Antonio, TX 78209 Phone: (210) 342-3991 stengl@givlerengineering.com



1 Do not backwash or drain your pool into the street.



2 Do not allow pool water to drain onto neighboring yards or into nearby washes.



! Do not drain into a septic tank.



1 Do backwash or drain into the sanitary sewer cleanout.



2 Do backwash into retention areas with tolerant plants and onto turf.



3 Do check plant sensitivity before backwashing into landscape areas.

How to Properly Drain Your Pool

Draining and backwashing your pool is an important part of keeping your pool clean and ready for summer swimming. It is important to discharge your pool in a way that protects the environment and your neighbors' properties. Chlorinated pool water can never be discharged to the street, in a storm drain, wash, or on your neighbors' property, as it is a violation of local*, state, and federal regulations.

***Live Oak Ordinance Ch. 18 Sec. 18-2. (303.4).**

Note: You do not need a permit to drain your pool, however you must follow the guidelines outlined in this issue of the Hometown News.



Pool filters must be washed in a manner that does not enter the gutter or roadway. Two options include:

- Wash onto a permeable surface such as grass or gravel on your personal property. Utilize a device (bucket, wash tub, etc.) to collect rinse water to dispose of into the sanitary sewer.
- Allow solids to settle out before dumping water into the drain. Dry any solid waste, bag, and dispose of into your garbage.

Other Drainage Options for Pool Water

Other options to safely backwash your pool include discharging into retention basins on your property that have adequate storage, irrigation for your landscaping, or even a third-party septic hauling company, if desired.

The following plants are moderate to very salt and chlorine tolerant and **considered safe** to irrigate with pool water:

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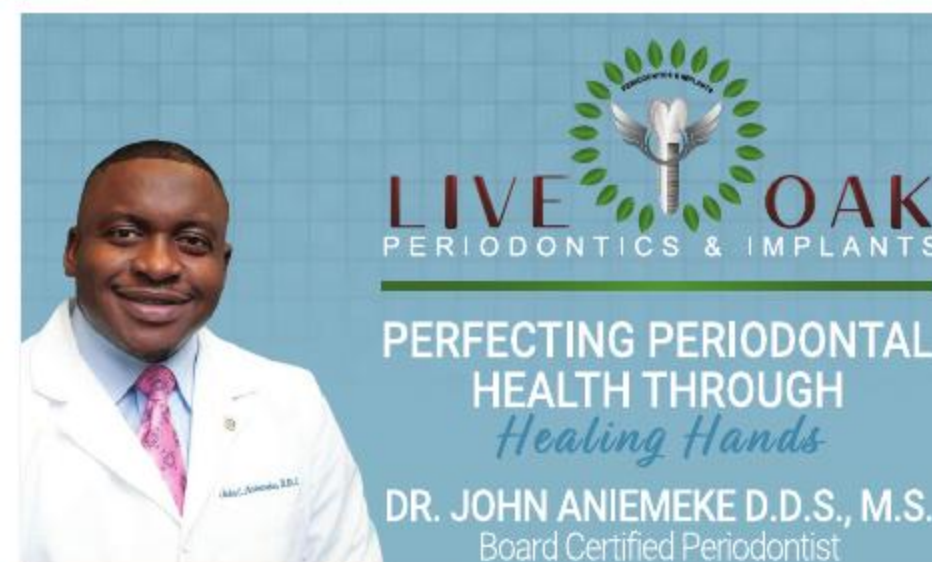
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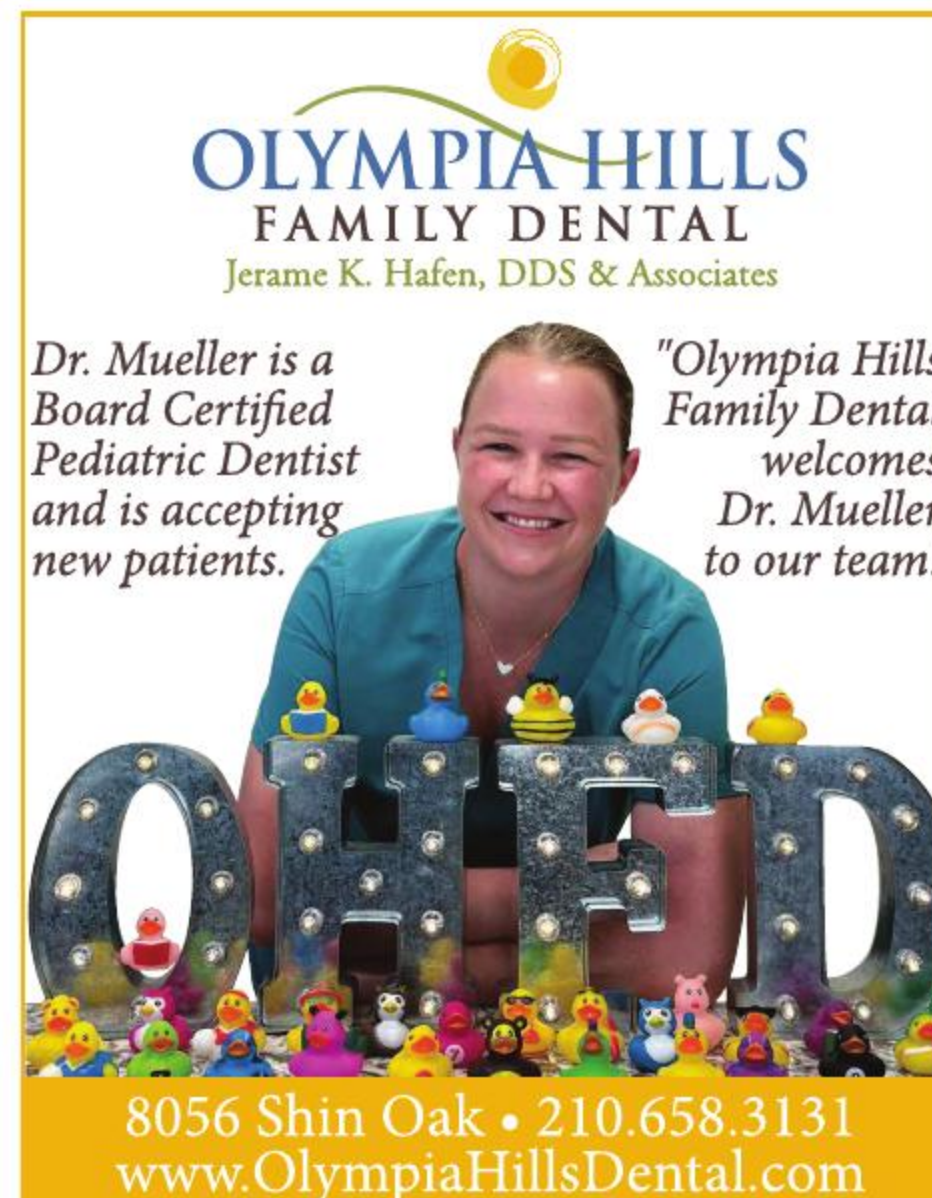


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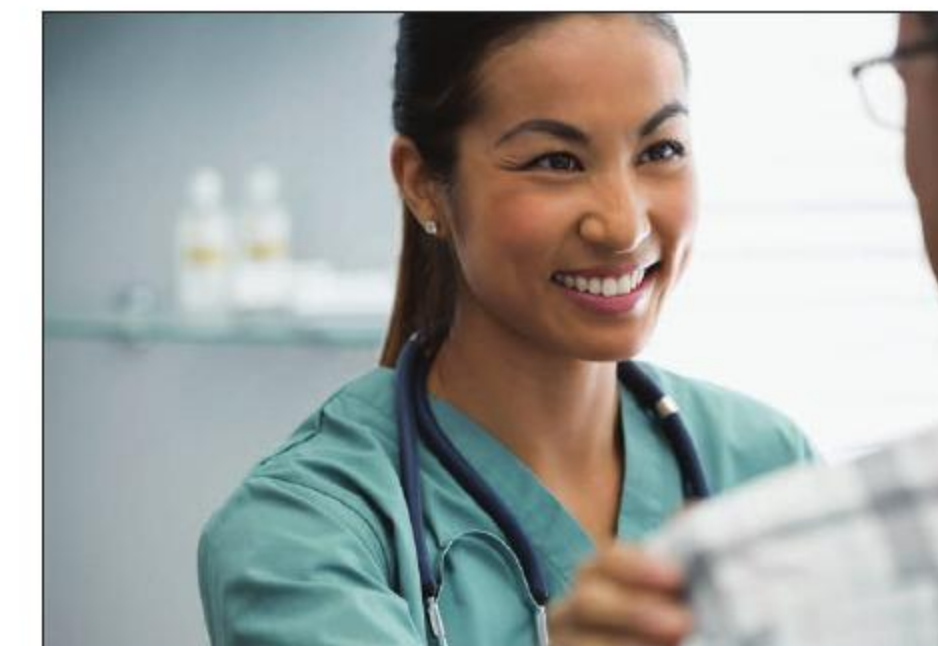
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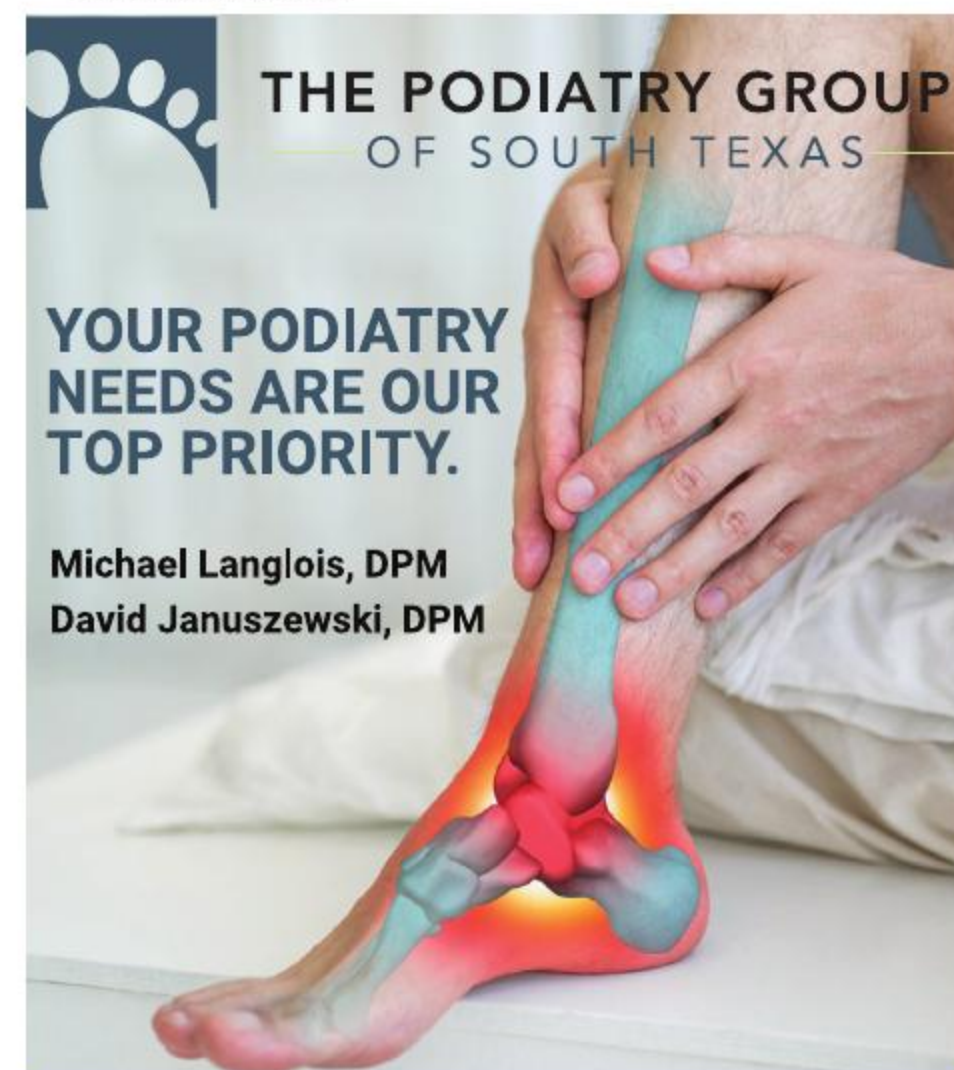
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Hair Recovery Zone
210-538-4965

Knockout Haircuts for Men
210.566.6044
Marx Barber Studio
726.582.4343

Nelly's Hair Design
210.215.5730

Salons by JC
210.590.3800
Supercuts
210.566.8282
Textures Salon & Spa
210.531.6767

SERVICES - Personal (Nails)

Bliss Nails & Spa
210.971.9979

EnvyUsBeauty
830-327-5354

Express Nails & Waxing
210.467.9644
Expression Nails & Spa
210.592.8814
Kathy's Nails
210.590.7927
My Nail Bar
210.564.8884
Nails Care
210.659.9060
S&B Nails
210.236.8900
Zion Nails & Waxing
210-727-3206

SERVICES - Personal (Misc.)

B3Brows
210.570-8686
Bare & Bold Wax Studio
210.468.8779
Bella Rose Salon
210.233.9252
Bellissima Laser Hair Removal
210-640-7199
Essential Oils - JoAnn Wheeler
210.655.1036
European Wax Center
830.420.6900
E-Z Wash Laundromat
210.637.0722
GG's Browtique
210.833.6755
GNC
210.566.1858
Iron Forged Body Piercings
210.967.9709
Milan Laser Hair Removal
833.667.2967

SERVICES - Personal (Misc.) Cont'd



Sally Beauty Supply
210.658.8666
U Spa
210.331.4345
Vista Salon Suites
888.498.4782

SERVICES - Pest Control



210-379-7930

RC Pest Control
210.487.1450

SERVICES - Pets

Camp Bow Wow
210.558.9969
Check Your Shoes
CheckYourShoes.com
Groomingdales Pet Salon
210.657.0577
Reptile Pets Direct
210.277.7225
Soft Paws Pet Care
210.663.4320

SERVICES - Plumbing



EDD LEIGH
AIR CONDITIONING HEATING PLUMBING

210-590-4759

A/C Master License #TACLB1900C
Master Plumbing License #M39092

SERVICES - Real Estate

All About Texas Realty, Inc.
210.780.8900
CeniMax Realty
210.744.7705
Fergins & Associates Realty
210.549.4201
Howard Shelf & Associates Realtor
210.599.2266
Jackson Realty & Associates
210.650.0812
MAC I-35
210.590.4450
Realty ONE Group Emerald
210.729.5773
The Forum at Olympia Parkway Management
210.566.7604

SERVICES - Storage

Lock N Go Storage
210.653.7261
Lookout Boat Storage
210.653.7211

SERVICES - Miscellaneous

Alamo DVD Solutions
210.412.6481
Covenant Works Construction
830.534.9868
Golden Cash Exchange
210.778.0207
KG Tech Services
210.620.8700
N8 Fire & Safety
210.386.1219
Spectrum
888.406.7063
Texas Materials
210.265.3671
The UPS Store - At The Forum
210.658.8351
The Vacation Wizards
210.843.2935

SHOPPING - Convenience Stores

Circle 786 - Chevron
210.655.9332
Circle K
210.590.8442
QT - QuikTrip #4025
210.653.9415
QT - QuikTrip #4047
210.590.1789

SHOPPING - General

Ashley Furniture
210.637.5533
At Home
210.254.3602
Best Buy
210.945.2452
Boot Barn
210.659.1748
Burlington Coat Factory
210.651.6652
Dollar General
210.653.3738
Dollar Tree
210.944.6991
Factory Mattress Sales
210.656.2337
Five Below
210.948.0327
Goodwill Industries
210.924.8581
IKEA
888.888.IKEA
Kohl's
210.566.2597
Mattress Firm
210.658.7000
Men's Warehouse
210.658.1700
New Balance Athletics Inc
210.658.4929
Roadside Jewels
210.324.3466
Sephora at Kohl's
210.566.5477
Smokerz Paradise
888.403.7638
Sweet Repeats
210.658.3870
Sweetwater Hot Tubz
210.590.6700
Target
210.945.9102

SHOPPING - Home Improvement

ACT Fast Handy Work
210.781.8998
Alamo Ranch Cabinets
210.375.5357
A.L.I Home Repair Remodeling, LLC
210.412.4387
Floor & Decor
210.962.6718
Home Depot
210.945.8160
Knight Vision Systems
844.564.4488
Morgans Nursery & Landscaping
210.843.7150



(210) 557-6833

Northern Tools & Equipment
210.209.8827
Perry's Garage Door Services
210.712.9574
Real Stump Busters
210.653.3605

SHOPPING - Jewelry

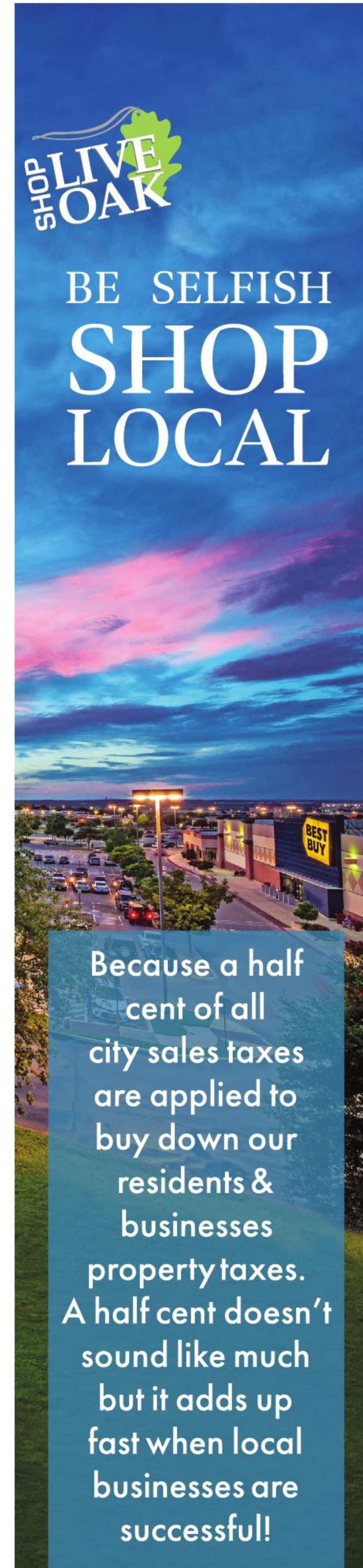
James Avery Jewelers
210.651.9180
Jared's Jewelers
210.945.0208

SHOPPING - Liquor Stores

Liquor Bueno
210.314.5417
LOL Liquors
210.714.0036
Spec's
210.651.1911

SHOPPING - Specialty

Armorallleather
210.802.9975
Interstate Battery Center
210.566.7702
Music & Arts
210.566.1920
Parties Galore
210.378.9930

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