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NEWS

March - April 2025



THE CITY OF LIVE OAK

1960-2025
65th
Anniversary
Celebration



City Directory



CITY SERVICES

CITY OF LIVE OAK MAIN LINE

210.653.9140
Utility Billing
 210.653.9141
Animal Control
 210.653.1755
Municipal Court
 210.945.1799
Permitting, Inspections, Code Enforcement
 210.653.1829

Dispatch/Telecommunications

210.653.0033
Police (Non-Emergency)
 210.945.1700
Fire Department
 210.653.9280
Public Works/Parks & Recreation
 210.653.9143
City Administration, Finance, Human Resources
 210.653.9142

EXECUTIVE TEAM

City Manager | Anas Garfaoui
Assistant City Manager | Ron Ruthven
City Secretary | Isa Gaytan
Economic Development Manager | Donna Lowder
Finance Director | Leroy Kowalik
Fire Chief | Linc Surber
Police Chief | Michael Fratus
Public Works Director | Mark Wagster

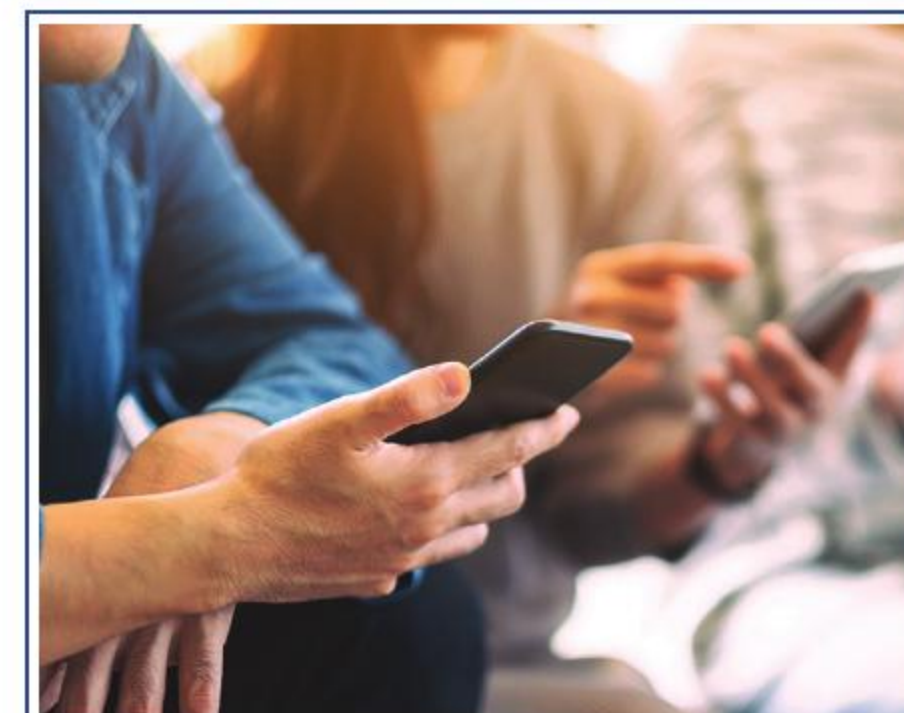
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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

24 HOUR EMERGENCIES | 911
24 HOUR DISPATCH | 210.653.0033
SUICIDE HOTLINE | 988
UTILITY EMERGENCIES (after hours ONLY) | 210.653.0033
SAWS (leaks/outages) | 210.704.7297
CPS (outages) | 210-353-4357



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SEE NEW PHONE NUMBERS LISTED FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS ON PAGE 2!

The City has completed a major upgrade to the city's phone system. Approved in the FY 2024/2025 budget by Mayor Mary Dennis and the City Council, the new system delivers improved efficiency, reliability, and usability. Tailored to meet the evolving communications needs of a growing city, the system introduces advanced connectivity capabilities.

The 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. You will find the new direct phone numbers listed for city departments on page 2 (City Directory).



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





MAYOR MARY M. DENNIS & COUNCIL



Enhancing Accessibility and Safety in Our Public Parks

As Mayor, one of my top priorities is to ensure our city remains a welcoming and thriving place for all residents. Our parks are the heart of our community, serving as spaces for recreation, relaxation, and connection with nature. With the 2022 Street Bond Capital Improvement project, we have a unique opportunity to enhance the roadways leading to and within our public parks, improving accessibility, safety, and sustainability. Public park roadways are more than just paths for vehicles, they are lifelines connecting families, individuals, and visitors to the recreational areas they cherish. Under this initiative, we aim to:



- **Enhance Safety:** Upgrading road surfaces, improving signage, and implementing traffic-calming measures to ensure that everyone can enjoy the parks safely.
- **Promote Accessibility:** Ensuring park entrances and internal roads are compliant with accessibility standards, providing better surfaces and access for individuals with mobility challenges.
- **Invest in Sustainability:** Incorporating environmentally friendly materials and drainage solutions to protect our parks' natural ecosystems while reducing maintenance costs in the long term.

These upgrades, funded through the 2022 Street Bond, represent our commitment to the future of our city's parks. This investment isn't just about infrastructure, it's about quality of life. Safer roads, smoother access, and environmentally sound practices will strengthen our community and invite more people to enjoy these vital green spaces.

Annual Budget and City Audit

As we complete the 2023/2024 annual audit and will soon begin working on the FY 2025/2026 budget cycle process, I would like to acknowledge the Live Oak finance department's recent achievement in receiving the award for financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT). We take pride in the fact that Live Oak's finance department has been honored with this prestigious award for 17 consecutive years, showcasing excellence in financial reporting year after year. Finance Director Leroy Kowalik and Accounting & HR Manager Jackie Malloy along with the entire finance team embody the high standards that residents expect from the City of Live Oak. With this team, our budget process will be on track and seamless. Congratulations Team Live Oak!

In closing, we invite you to join us and the community for this year's EGGstravaganza and Movie in the Park event on April 12th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Main City Park. It's always a fan favorite and so much fun!

Remember, the best is yet to come for the premier community to live, learn, work and play! As your mayor, I'm always available at 210-792-7168 to speak to you on any topic of concern.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council



GENERAL ELECTION DAY

MAY 3, 2025
EARLY VOTING

April 22nd through April 29, 2025.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, PLACE ONE, PLACE THREE AND PLACE FIVE

THE HOURS OF EARLY VOTING WILL BE:
(LAS HORAS Y FECHAS DE VOTACION ADELANTADA SERAN:)

Registered voters may vote early at a convenient polling location within their political subdivision. Unlike early voting by mail, you don't need to state a reason for voting early in person. Polling locations will be posted at the front doors of City Hall, or you may visit the City's website at www.liveoaktx.net/government/elections. If you have questions, contact the city secretary at 210-653-9142.

Tuesday, April 22 thru Friday, April 25, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Lunes 22 de abril de 2025 hasta jueves 25 de abril de 2025	8:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 26, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sabado 26 de abril de 2025	8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27, 2025	Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Domingo 27 de abril de 2025	Mediodía a 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 28 thru Tuesday, April 29, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lunes 28 de abril de 2025 hasta martes 29 de abril de 2025	8:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Hours May Be Subject To Change
(LAS HORAS PUEDEN ESTAR SUJETAS A CAMBIOS)

Early Voting Locations To Be Announced
Please contact Isa Gaytan, City Secretary, for information.



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

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

Find a Club, Get Involved Meetings & Events

See Pg. 14-15 for more info on CLUB EVENTS

all events are subject to cancellation

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 Clubhouse
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 6:30pm at the Justice Ctr Training Room. 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 Clubhouse.
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

MARCH 2025

- 06 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK SANDWICH NIGHT @ 5:30pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 10 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 12 HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK MEETING @ 6:30pm-Live Oak Clubhouse
- 12 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK LUNCH @ 11:30am-Meet at Golden Corral-2301 Pat Booker
- 17 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK Potluck & Bingo @ 11:30a-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 18 LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB Meeting @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 19 LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE MEETING @ 6:30pm-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

APRIL 2025

- 03 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK SALAD NIGHT @ 5:30pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 14 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 15 HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK MEETING @ 6:30pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 15 LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB MEETING @ 1:00p-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 16 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK Lunch @ Chuy's @ 11:30am-14855 IH35 N
- 16 LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE MEETING @ 6:30pm-Police Dept Training Room
- 21 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK BROWN BAG LUNCH @ 11:30am-Picnic Area @ The Clubhouse
- 24 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg
- 28 SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK BOOK CLUB @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Youth Bldg

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City of Live Oak Meetings, Events & Holidays

MARCH 2025

- 02 TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 09 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
- 11 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- 22 LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE
Xeriscape
- 25 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers

APRIL 2025

- 01 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
- 04 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE BEGINS
- 06 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ENDS
- 07 BULK PICK UP BEGINS
- 08 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers
- 12 EGGSTRAVAGANZA & MOVIE IN THE PARK
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- 18 GOOD FRIDAY
- 20 EASTER
- 29 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING
6pm in Council Chambers
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7pm in Council Chambers

MAY 2025

- 02 LIVE OAK SUMMER OPEN DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT
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- 03 ELECTION DAY
- 10 COMMUNITY SHRED DAY
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- 11 MOTHER'S DAY
- 17 ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE
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- 26 MEMORIAL DAY
City Offices Closed

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT
TO CANCELLATION



COMMUNITY ONLINE
CALENDAR



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

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
210.653.9142 with any questions.





National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day REYCOM Combat Gym

Each year on January 9th, communities across the nation come together to show their support for law enforcement, and this year, the City of Live Oak embraced the occasion with enthusiasm and gratitude. Among those recognizing the day was Michael Reynolds, owner of REYCOM Combat Gym, who surprised local officers with a thoughtful and practical gesture: a generous donation of bottled water.

Coach Reynolds personally delivered 10 cases of water to the Live Oak Police Department, demonstrating his appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the police force. His act of kindness was especially meaningful given the challenging cold and rainy weather on January 9th. Reynolds emphasized his desire to acknowledge the sacrifices officers make to keep the community safe, often in difficult and unpredictable conditions. Such gestures serve as a reminder of the importance of supporting those who protect and serve.

The day's events didn't stop there. Chief Fratus and Assistant Chief Barela for the occasion, kicked off National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by cooking breakfast for their team. Both chiefs took time to interact with police officers and administrative staff over a hearty meal, expressing their gratitude for their unwavering commitment and daily sacrifices.

"Our officers face challenges every day they put on the uniform," Chief Fratus remarked. "Taking a moment to show appreciation is the least we can do to thank them for their service." These acts of recognition and support, whether through a warm breakfast or a timely donation, highlight the strong bond between the Live Oak community and its police force. They serve as a powerful reminder of the value of law enforcement and the collective gratitude for their efforts to ensure public safety.



Hampton Inn & Suites Blue Santa program

We are incredibly grateful for the generous donation to the Blue Santa program, helping bring joy to children and families in need. Thanks to the kindness of our community and business sponsors such as Hampton Inn & Suites, we can continue to ensure every child experiences the magic of the season. Thank you Brandon Rumfield, you make a world of difference.



Winter Storm Lunch Delivery! McAlister's Deli



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to General Manager Brenda Oncken and crewmember Gavin from McAlister's Deli for their incredible generosity during the Texas wintry storm in January.

Brenda and Gavin went above and beyond by delivering box lunches to the hardworking crews at the fire department, public works, and city hall. Your kindness and

support helped fuel our teams as they worked tirelessly to keep our community safe and running smoothly during the storm.

Your generosity is a reminder of the power of community and how we can come together during challenging times. Thank you, McAlister's Deli, for being such a wonderful part of our city!



Live Oak Welcomes New Executive Assistant to City Management Lydia English

The City of Live Oak is proud to welcome new team member, Lydia English. Lydia serves as the Executive Assistant to the City Management team in Live Oak, where she brings over a decade of experience in administrative support and organizational management. A graduate of Texas State University, Lydia is known for her ability to streamline processes and foster collaboration, ensuring the City's operations run smoothly. Her attention to detail and creative approach makes her a valued leadership team member.

Having lived in Live Oak for five years, Lydia has cherished the community's welcoming spirit and enjoyed its family-friendly events. In 2021, her family had a memorable experience with Live Oak Animal Control when they adopted their German Shepherd puppy, Sasha. Sasha's mother had been brought in very pregnant with a litter of eight pups, and the kindness and professionalism of the Animal Control staff made the adoption process unforgettable. Lydia spends her free time with her husband, children, and church, often participating in local events along the Live Oak-to-Cibolo corridor.

Lydia's creative passions, including decorating, painting, and drawing, allow her to bring a personalized touch to her projects at work and in the community. She looks forward to continuing to contribute to the success and growth of the Premier City of Live Oak.

Help us welcome Lydia to Team Live Oak!

Contact Information
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Phone: 210-653-9142





The 22nd Annual Live Oak Summer Open Disc Golf Tournament May 2nd - 4th

Commonly referred to as L.O.S.O., this event is the longest running disc golf tournament in the San Antonio area. 300+ players will come from all over Texas and the United States to play at the Joe Painter Live Oak Hillside and Live Oak Lakeside courses.

The Live Oak Summer Open (L.O.S.O.) was classified as an A-Tier event by the Professional Disc Golf Association (P.D.G.A.) in 2024, recognizing its historical significance and the generous sponsorship of the City of Live Oak, Universal City, and the Alamo Community Disc Club.

Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing outdoor sports across the nation. The two Live Oak courses are some of the most popular in the area with over 11k rounds recorded annually in 2024 by players on the popular disc golf score-keeping app UDisc. The sport is affordable and accessible, promotes health and well-being, and stimulates the local economy. Interested in checking it out? With two amazing courses here in Live Oak, all you need is a disc to start playing!



JOIN US IN HONORING AND CELEBRATING

ARMED FORCES DAY Parade

MAY 17TH • 10 AM

We invite all military personnel, businesses, civic groups and citizens to join us as we honor all past and present members of the military. If you would like to be a part of this exciting event, please contact Jymie Perna at jperna@liveoaktx.net for a parade entry form!

JR. FISHING Day

- Anglers 13 and under ONLY!
- Bring all of your own fishing gear*
- Adult supervision required.
- No license required for the day for any age!

LIMITED # OF RODS/REELS ON LOAN

Lakeside at Main Park
7800 Lazy Forest Dr.
Live Oak, TX 78233

Saturday June 7
7am-11am

A special thank you to:

RBFCU Community Shred Day

SATURDAY, MAY 10TH from 9am-12noon
in the Fire Department Parking Lot

Shred-it

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY!

SEE PAGE 38

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT

Vanessa Sanchez

The lucky winner of a \$100 GIFT CARD to
Texas Roadhouse

VANESSA ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine?
I regularly look forward to receiving the magazine each month and often refer to the local section. When my family and I first moved into the area, we were surprised to see a local magazine available to us, and on our first look-through, we noticed several upcoming local events. My children were and are very ecstatic to attend these events, which brought all of us so much joy and the feeling of togetherness in our new but now community.

Q2. What category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most?
The most referenced category in the local section that my family and I love to reference is the Eat and Drink section. While still familiarizing ourselves with our local shops and eat businesses around us, we also find ourselves trying our local, new businesses to support and enjoy a great meal together as a family.

Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?
Our copy of the Hometown News stays on top of our countertop bar, and we each pick local restaurants that we would like to visit or re-visit that month; most family votes that day win. It's a great way to explore great eats in our community, and it serves as a quick decision as to the most complex question in our home, "Where to eat?"

Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?
I love that this magazine is available to us because it's my household's go-to magazine to reference or read. Not only is this magazine a great reference for us to be involved in and be informed about our community or events organized for residents to enjoy, but having this available in print and digital is so convenient. Many times, we reference back and bookmark our local events on our phones, and my children almost always ask, "Are there any events this weekend?" This is a regular occurrence for ideas for family fun each weekend.

Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business?
My favorite local business, which is also a favorite family business, is Texas Roadhouse. My children love the rolls just as much as I do, and it's always a good time to enjoy a great meal, from the tenders to the steaks to the occasional "show" from the server's line dancing.



2025

RECYCLE CALENDAR

WMM

WASTE MANAGEMENT

QUESTIONS?
800.800.5804

March

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BRUSH & BULK PICK UP HOLIDAY NO SERVICE

RECYCLE DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED and marked by letters A - B - C
Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes
Route "B" is Mon/Thu trash routes
Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes

Join Us At The Live Oak Village Garden Club's ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE



Live Oak Village Garden Club
Xeriscape Gardens
Est. 1998
Visitors Welcome

(intersection of Toepperwein & Judson Rd.)

- Nursery Quality Plants • Flowers • Vegetables
- Houseplants • Hanging Baskets • Spring Bedding Plants
- Herbs • Texas Native Flowering Plants

Join Us!
Saturday, March 22nd
9am - 4pm

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



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 Pawloza
- 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
Membership Is Only \$20 Per Year



See Page 33 For More Information And How You Can Help!


SUPPORT & EDUCATION FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

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) 653-9280.



Mental Health Support Resources

24-Hour Crisis Helpline
For information regarding Mental Health call the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline: **210-223-7233**

24-Hour Crisis Hotline
For 12-Steps Recovery call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: **210-828-6235**

Texas Health and Human Services
has launched a statewide mental health support line to help Texans experiencing anxiety, stress or emotional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People can call the Statewide COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week **toll-free at 833-986-1919**.

Crisis Text Line
Are you feeling anxious about COVID-19? To get free confidential, 24/7 support for anxiety, **text "HOME" to 741741**.

Suicide Prevention Life Line
Free, confidential 24/7 support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for oneself and others **1-800-273-TALK**




For Your Information

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 dsampbe@central.uh.edu

Website: bit.ly/ThePREMIERCenter



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.

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS*



RBFUCU

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 210-653-9280.

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
 Council member Robert “Bob” Tullgren, Place 2

Representing Place 2, Councilman Robert “Bob” Tullgren effectively merges personal experience with strategic vision, driving meaningful change in critical areas such as small business support and public safety. As a long-time resident of Live Oak, dating back to the early 1970s, Bob is an alum of Live Oak Elementary, Kitty Hawk Middle School’s pioneering graduating class, and Judson High School, Class of 1982.

With a lifetime of service to God, country, and the Live Oak community as an Air Force veteran and civil service retiree, Bob brings 40 years of combined experience to his public service role. As an Eagle Scout with roots in Live Oak, Bob’s passion for community engagement is deeply rooted in his family’s enduring legacy of volunteerism and contributions to the city’s evolution and growth.

As a proud resident and council member, Tullgren possesses a nuanced understanding of the community’s aspirations and challenges. His hands-on approach and dedication to accessibility have fostered robust relationships with constituents, rendering him an effective and responsive leader. Driven by a vision of a thriving, sustainable, and interconnected community, Councilman Tullgren is committed to building a future that respects the heritage of Live Oak while embracing its innovation and progress. He continues to offer his expertise and innovation to council initiatives, working to ensure that Live Oak remains a welcoming and thriving community for all.

Q1 - If possible, what advice would you give your younger self?
 I would tell myself to cherish the moments with family and friends and always stay true to your values. Life moves quickly, and it’s important to appreciate the journey while remaining focused on service, community, and personal goals.

Q2 - What led you to run for City Council, and how long have you served?
 Having lived in Live Oak for most of my life, I’ve always felt a strong connection to our city and its residents. My decision to run for City Council came from a request by another, and my desire to give back, continue the legacy of service my family instilled in me, and be a voice to those not often heard. I’ve had the privilege of serving on the council for 14 years.

Q3 - Tell us your hobbies or what you do in your spare time.
 I enjoy spending time outdoors landscaping my yard, traveling the world, cooking, eating, sharing our city’s rich history, and connecting with residents at local events. I’m also passionate about mentoring and supporting community organizations that promote youth development, leadership, and civic engagement. But my favorite thing to do in my spare time is to spend time with the person that keeps me grounded, my Mom.

Q4 - What advice would you give someone wanting to get involved in local government?
 Start small but dream big. Attend meetings, volunteer, and don’t hesitate to reach out to local leaders. Building relationships and staying informed about community needs are key to making a positive impact.

Q5 - What do you love most about serving the residents of Live Oak?
 Live Oak is more than just a city. It has always been a family. The sense of community and shared purpose among our residents is inspiring, and I’m honored to be part of the efforts that make Live Oak a place we’re all proud to call home.

Q6 - What has been the most rewarding moment while serving the premier community of Live Oak?
 One of my most rewarding moments was witnessing the positive changes brought about by collaborative efforts among residents, city staff, businesses, fellow council members (past and present), and community volunteers during City sponsored events. These partnerships strengthen the fabric of our community and remind me why I serve.





City Wide Garage Sale

APRIL 4TH - 6TH



GOT JUNK?

YOUR TRASH COULD BE SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE!

We do not require garage sale permits within the city limits of Live Oak. If you would like to participate, please contact Jymie Perna at jperna@liveoaktx.net or 210-653-9143 opt. 8, no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 to place your items and information on the City of Live Oak website and Facebook page.

WHAT INFORMATION ARE WE COLLECTING AND PUBLISHING?

- Street address
- Dates and hours your items will be available for sale
- Main items you are selling

WHAT ABOUT GARAGE SALE SIGNS?

- With neighbor's permission, in their yard
- In your own yard
- NOT in the city right of way
- NOT against curbs
- NOT against the street side of the sidewalk
- All signs must be removed no later than 24 hours after your garage sale ends

WHAT ABOUT THE STUFF YOU DON'T SELL?

Bulk pick-up begins on Monday, April 7th, 2025. You can place your bulk items at the curb no sooner than Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, and no later than Sunday, April 6th, 2025. Citywide bulk pick-up can take up to TWO WEEKS to complete.

WM WILL PASS BY YOUR RESIDENCE ONCE

Do not cover the sidewalk or water meter with your bulk items, and do not block your items by parking vehicles in front of them.

EXAMPLES OF BULK ITEMS:

Chairs, sofas, mattresses, tables, empty water heaters, lawn furniture, appliances with Freon® removed, carpet (cut into 4 foot bundles), Sinks, toilets, AND MORE!

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators, window units, portable A/C units or anything else that contains freon, tires, vehicles, and parts, gasoline, oil, and filters, batteries, glass, construction debris from a contractor, concrete, brick, asphalt, and roofing, hazardous materials, or waste.

BRUSH REQUIREMENTS:

- Branches and tree trimmings must be no greater than six inches (6") in diameter and be cut, tied, and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.).
- Leaves and lawn clippings are allowable if bagged and remain within the total monthly limit of six (6) cubic yards.

EXTRA BAGS OF TRASH:

Residents who have extra bags of trash must place a pink tag on each bag. To purchase pink tags, please visit City Hall or call Utility Billing at 210-653-9141.

For more information on what is considered acceptable or not, please visit our webpage at www.liveoaktx.net and find the Waste Management button under the Public Works Department page.

You can also find information regarding At Your Door Special Collection by visiting www.wmatyourdoor.com

BULK PICK-UP BEGINS:
April 7th



Code Compliance

Yard Maintenance, Bulk Waste, and Junk Vehicles

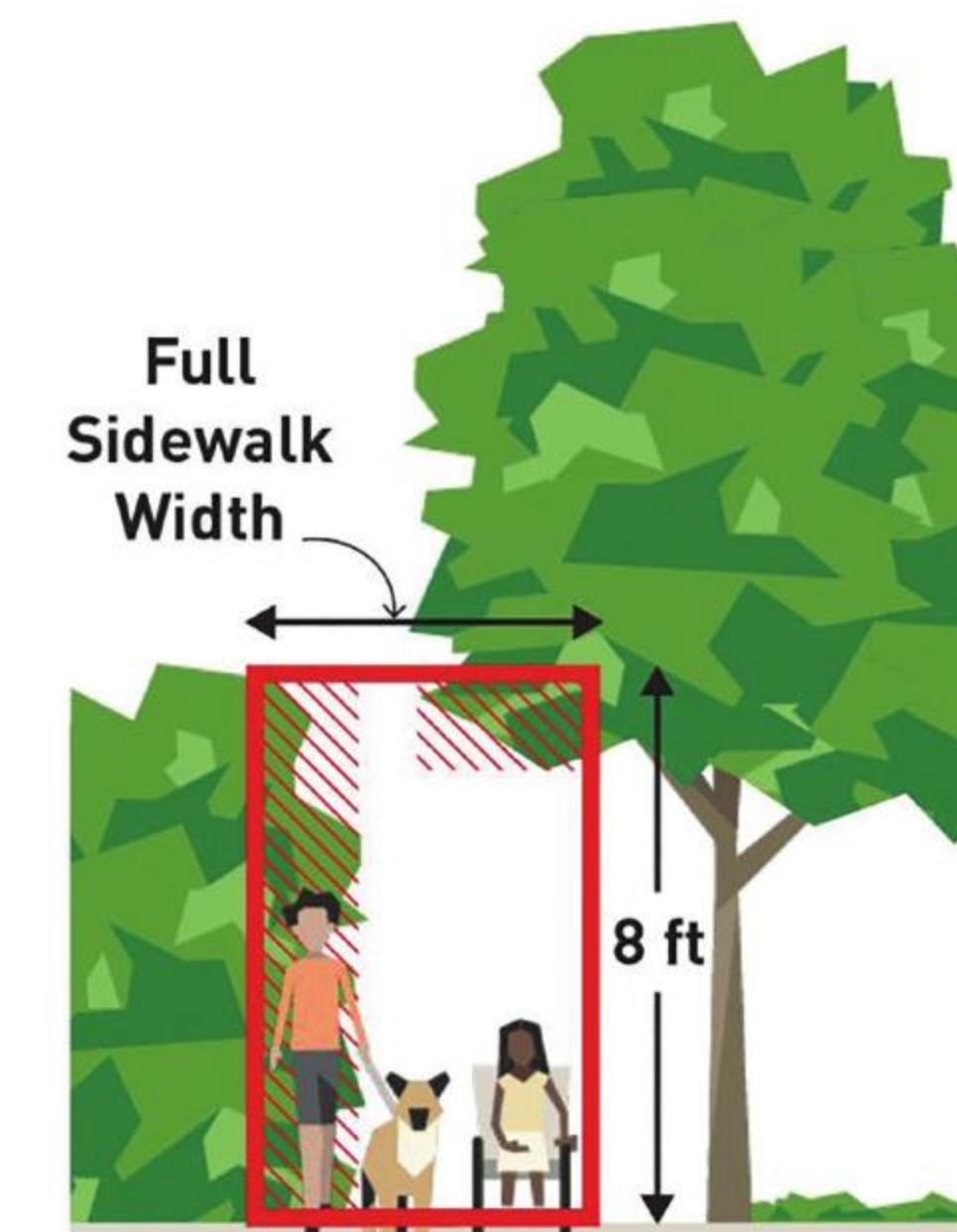
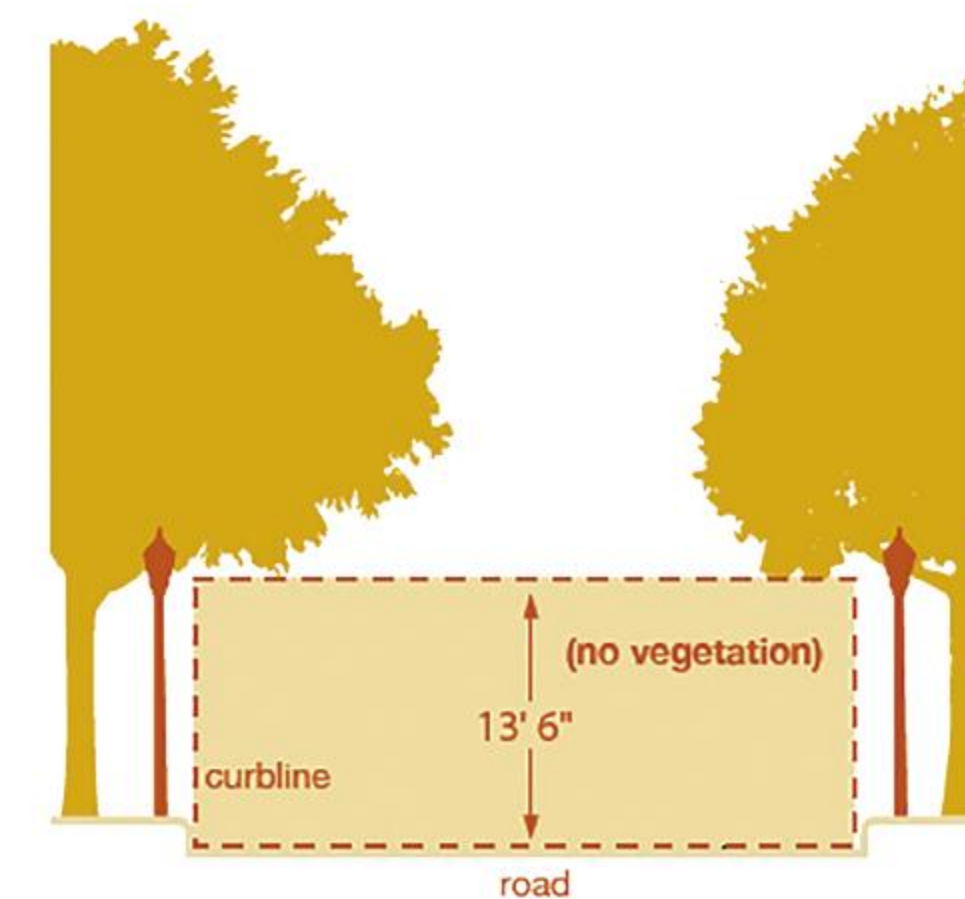
As spring approaches, help keep Live Oak clean and beautiful by maintaining your property. Grass and weeds must be kept under 12 inches tall. Tree branches should be trimmed to provide at least 8 feet of clearance above sidewalks and 13 feet 6 inches above streets. Grass clippings and yard debris must not be left in the street, as this can clog storm drains and create hazards.

Bulk waste may not be left anywhere visible in the street except during

scheduled collection times provided by the City's garbage disposal services. Additionally, junk motor vehicles with expired registration or that are inoperable are not allowed on properties where they are visible to the public. This includes tarped vehicles.

Live Oak's code enforcement officers are busy enforcing these requirements to ensure a safe and attractive environment for everyone. Let's work together to keep Live Oak thriving this spring!

For more information, visit the city's website at: www.liveoaktx.net & find Code Enforcement under Departments.





NOW HIRING FOR THE
COOLEST
JOB IN TOWN



-  Flexible Hours
-  Competitive Pay
-  Help Others
-  Fun Working Environment

The City of Live Oak will reimburse up to \$250 for those newly certified individuals that obtain their American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification OR recertification and successfully complete the hiring and employment process.



Additionally, we offer up to \$400 incentive pay, that is paid in installments throughout the summer!

SALARY RANGES FROM \$14.00 TO \$20.00 PER HOUR

For more information regarding becoming a member of the Live Oak Lifeguard Team, please contact Courtney Weese at 210-653-9143 opt. 5 or cweese@liveoaktx.net.



MOVIE
in the **PARK**

EGG HUNT | FOOD TRUCKS | MUSIC | MOVIE IN THE PARK!

ILLUMINATION'S
DESPICABLE ME 4

SATURDAY
APRIL 12th
6 P.M.
LIVE OAK
MAIN CITY PARK

The EGGstravaganza is BACK, and is sure to deliver more fun, more smiles and some EGGstra special surprises! This eggciting event begins at 6:00 P.M. on April 12th in the Main City Park. There will be egg hunts for children 0-13, candy, prizes and special giveaways.

The fun doesn't end when all the eggs are found! Food trucks will be on-site with treats available for purchase. Enjoy music from the DJ and this year's featured Movie in the Park: Despicable Me 4.

Egg hunts will begin at approximately 6:00 PM, followed by Movie in the Park starting around 8:00 P.M. or at dusk. **Don't forget to bring a basket or bag for egg hunting, as well as chairs or blankets to enjoy the movie comfortably!**





Junior Police Academy 2025

A Week of Fun, Learning, and Leadership

The Live Oak Police Department Junior Police Academy is an engaging and educational opportunity for youth ages 9-12, taking place June 9-13, 2025. This week-long camp will be held Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is limited to the first 40 registrants, with priority given to Live Oak residents. Participants must attend school in the Judson Independent School District (JISD) or Northeast Independent School District (NEISD) or be enrolled in local charter or homeschool programs.

Highlights of the Program:

- Interactive Learning:** Daily sessions include hands-on activities, learning exercises, and crafts, making education fun and engaging.
- Skills Development:** Activities promoting teamwork, self-esteem, and positive attitudes while motivating youth to help themselves and others.
- Unique Experiences:** Topics include SWAT, K-9 demonstrations, Crime Scene Investigations, evidence processing, and more.



Program Goals:

- Teach the mission and core values of the Live Oak Police Department and public safety services.
- Educate about the value of the Criminal Justice System and the importance of community policing.
- Foster relationships between youth and law enforcement to build a safer community.
- Provide an exciting, interactive learning environment.

Application Information:

Cost: Free, thanks to donations and fundraising by the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP).

How to Apply: Applications are available online on the City of Live Oak website under the Police Department tab or in person at the Justice Center, 8022 Shin Oak Drive.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

This camp is an excellent opportunity for children to learn, grow, and have fun while building a positive connection with law enforcement in their community.



LOCAP

LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE

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 connect with LOCAP and support the Live Oak Police Department, call 210-945-1700 or email LOCAPnews@gmail.com for more information.





1960-2025 65th Anniversary Celebration

Live Oak is Celebrating 65 Years

Live Oak, Texas: A Legacy of Growth, Community, and Resilience

The Live Oak community has always cherished its history and traditions, celebrating the milestones that have shaped it into the thriving city it is today. As we mark the 65th anniversary of Live Oak, Texas, we honor the pioneers whose vision and determination laid the foundation for a community that continues to flourish.



Founding and Early Years

Live Oak's origins trace back to April 17, 1960, when a group of dedicated settlers, many of them farmers, began acquiring land and forming a collective vision for their future. These early settlers, known as "trailblazers," included families whose surnames remain part of the community today, such as Engleman, Riedel, Fey, Albrecht, Schumann, and Friesenhahn. With grit and perseverance, they worked to establish a town independent of the growing metropolis of San Antonio, ensuring their voices would be heard in local governance.

Determined to preserve their autonomy, the residents officially incorporated Live Oak as a city in 1960 with a population of just 316. Clarence Albrecht became the city's first mayor, holding initial city meetings in his backyard beneath a canopy of majestic Live Oak trees. With the assistance of attorney Walter F. Rudeloff, the



necessary incorporation requirements were met, and Live Oak was officially recognized by Bexar County and the State of Texas.

Following Clarence Albrecht's relocation in 1966, Elton Ottmar (Fritz) Friesenhahn succeeded him as mayor, guiding the city until 1972. Over the past 65 years, many dedicated leaders have served as mayors, shaping Live Oak into the dynamic city it is today. We celebrate all past and present mayors for their leadership to the Live Oak community.

- John L. Harper (1972-1976)
- Frank Willson (1976-1982)
- Ralph E. Cullip (1982-1986)
- Normand R. Tremblay (1986-1992)
- Ray Hildebrand (1992-1996)
- Paula Stakes (1996-2000)
- Henry O. Edwards, Jr. (2000-2008)
- Joseph W. Painter (2008-2010)
- Mary M. Dennis (2010-present)

Historical Moments & Early Businesses

Throughout its history, Live Oak has been home to iconic sites and businesses that contributed to its charm and character. One such landmark was Herman's Dance Hall & Bar, located near what is now Kobe Teppan & Sushi. It was a beloved gathering place where locals enjoyed live music and were entertained by Herman's daring high-wire act.



Another significant venue was the Judson Four Drive-in, which opened in 1977 at Toepperwein and IH-35 North. Operated by Maurice Braha, an immigrant from Egypt, this drive-in offered high-quality picture projection and screened classic films, becoming a popular entertainment destination before closing in the early 1980s.

The property is now the campus for Methodist Hospital NE and associated medical services. The Methodist Healthcare campus continues to expand and provides premier medical services for the entire northeast region of Bexar County.



In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Pan Am Raceway was established by Edgar Bowles after overcoming legal challenges concerning noise ordinances. The track became a renowned racing venue, attracting future legends like A.J. Foyt. Later, business magnate Red McCombs acquired the property, further solidifying its place in Live Oak's history.

In 2023, the property was sold to Stotan Industries for a planned industrial park that began construction on four buildings in April 2024. The industrial park is now known as the Interchange at Live Oak and offers tenant space from 20,000 square feet to 146,016 square feet for office and warehouse tenants.

The Legend of the Donkey Lady

Among Live Oak's most unique stories is the legend of Dorothy "Doc" Anderson, affectionately known as the "Donkey Lady" or "Skunk Lady." Living in a modest home on O'Connor Road, Doc was an eccentric animal lover who raised pink donkeys, Appaloosa horses, and even rescued skunks. Some locals believe her story intertwined with other Texas folklore over time, yet those who knew her



personally recall a woman with a deep love for animals and a poignant love story with her husband, Oscar. Though she lived a reclusive life in later years, her legend endures in Live Oak's history.

Boysville: A Legacy of Care (1943-Present)

For decades, Boysville played a crucial role in Live Oak's development. Originally established in downtown San Antonio, the "Home with a Heart for Homeless Boys" relocated to Live Oak in 1953, where it provided a safe and nurturing environment for children in crisis. The facility thrived under the leadership of Rev. Don Holiman and Marshall Crook, offering agricultural programs and welcoming famous guests like Hop-along Cassidy and Jimmy Dean.



Due to rising land prices, the Boysville campus moved to Converse in 1983. Today, it continues to support children with residential cottages, emergency care services, and educational programs, ensuring that its mission of breaking cycles of poverty and abuse lives on.

Looking Forward

From its humble beginnings as a farming settlement of 316 residents, Live Oak has grown into a vibrant city spanning 5.5 square miles with a population of 16,385. The city thrives with robust business districts, top-tier medical facilities, and outstanding public services, including law enforcement, sanitation, infrastructure, and recreational parks and programs.

Despite challenges over the decades, Live Oak has remained resilient thanks to the dedication of its city council, staff, and engaged residents. As we celebrate 65 years of progress, we look forward to a future filled with continued growth, community spirit, and countless new memories.

Cheers to many more years of celebrating the legacy of our original settlers and embracing the bright future ahead for the premier community to live, learn, work, and play! Happy 65th Anniversary, Live Oak!



Hometown News Travels ✈️

If you would like to be featured in the Hometown News Travels section of the magazine, just submit a high-resolution photo of you and the Hometown News at your travel location to dlowder@liveoaktx.net. The submittal should include your name and your location.





BEST OF LIVE OAK 2025

Congratulations Winners

The votes have been tallied for the highly anticipated 2025 Best of Live Oak competition! We would like to thank everyone who participated in letting us know which establishments were your favorite spots around town.

BEST HAMBURGER

Biff Buzby's Burgers

BEST PIZZA

Marco's Pizza

BEST BREAKFAST

IHOP

BEST SEAFOOD

Sea Island

BEST HAPPY HOUR

54th Street

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

Regal Cinema Live Oak

BEST CHAIN RESTAURANT

Texas Roadhouse

BEST HAIR SALON

Blondes Brunettes & Redheads

BEST EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

Northeast Lakeview College

BEST PLACE TO BUY FURNITURE

IKEA

BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE

Springs At Live Oak

BEST MEDICAL SERVICE IN TOWN

Methodist Hospital Northeast

BEST NAIL SALON

Zion Nails & Waxing

BEST SANDWICH

McAlister's Deli

BEST BREAKFAST TACO

Las Palapas

BEST STEAK

Texas Roadhouse

BEST SWEET TREAT

Dairy Queen

BEST FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT

Raising Canes Chicken Fingers

BEST LOCAL RESTAURANT

Biff Buzby's Burgers

BEST PLACE TO WATCH SPORTS

Buffalo Wild Wings

BEST SHOPPING CENTER

The Forum

BEST APARTMENT COMMUNITY

Springs at Live Oak

BEST DAYCARE FACILITY

Country Home Learning Center

BEST HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn

BEST CAR DEALERSHIP

Jordan Ford





BUSINESS NEWS

Hair Recovery Zone

The City of Live Oak recently welcomed Patricia Quillen, owner of Hair Recovery Zone, to the community. Hair Recovery Zone specializes and focuses in Sisterlocks™ hair installations and maintenance, particularly designed for their beautiful clients that may be experiencing hair loss, thinning hair, or needing hair, restoration solutions rooted in health.

The Sisterlocks™ technique is a unique experience for many women that requires hands-on training to ensure the method is performed correctly. Patricia Quillen, a certified Trichologist and Sisterlocks™ consultant, will guide you through the process and make your journey as enjoyable as possible. We hope you stop by to visit the salon at 8204 Pat Booker or book an appointment now! Welcome, Hair Recovery Zone, to the premier community to live, learn, work, and play!



Jordan Ford Expansion

Marks a New Era for Commercial Vehicle Services

Jordan Ford is proud to announce the construction of the Jordan Ford Pro Commercial Service Center on an eight-acre parcel. Jordan Ford has invested in a 50,000-square-foot, commercial-focused facility that will feature oversized service bays for Class 1-7 vehicles (categorized by gross vehicle weight), operate at least five mobile service vans, and offer extended hours six days a week. The new facility located on Toepperwein Road will reduce vehicle downtime for commercial customers during necessary maintenance and provide a one-stop shop for commercial and government fleet customers.

Ford partners, Marc Cross and Mike Trompeter joined Mayor Mary M. Dennis and members of Live Oak's city council, city staff, members of Texas Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, executives and team members from GW Mitchell Construction and Acufarm Architecture for a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new facility in January. The momentous event marks Jordan Ford's significant commitment to commercial vehicle service and customer support by helping businesses in the area keep their fleets on the road. The new facility is slated to open in the Fall 2025.



TruHaven Dental Center

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Uzoma Obah, DDS and her team of dental professionals from TruHaven Dental Center to the neighborhood. The addition of this state-of-the-art dental clinic represents a valuable investment in our community's health and well-being.

Dr. Obah earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from NYU College of Dentistry. During her training, she was selected for the prestigious Special Patient Care Honor Program, where she provided care for medically complex patients. She was inducted into the prestigious OKU Honor Society for academic and clinical excellence.

Since graduation, she has gathered vast knowledge in general dentistry from various roles in the dental field. Dr. Obah brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles in community health care settings, adjunct faculty member at the University of Iowa college of Dentistry and has completed numerous hours of continuing education courses.



Her expertise offers residents access to high-quality dental care closer to home. TruHaven Dental Center is conveniently located at 8344 Pat Booker Road and is currently accepting new patients. Make your appointment today by calling or texting 210-900-2116. Please join us in giving Dr. Uzoma Obah a warm welcome and supporting TruHaven Dental Care as they begin this exciting journey in Live Oak.





Reminder from the City of Live Oak
Spring Wildlife Awareness

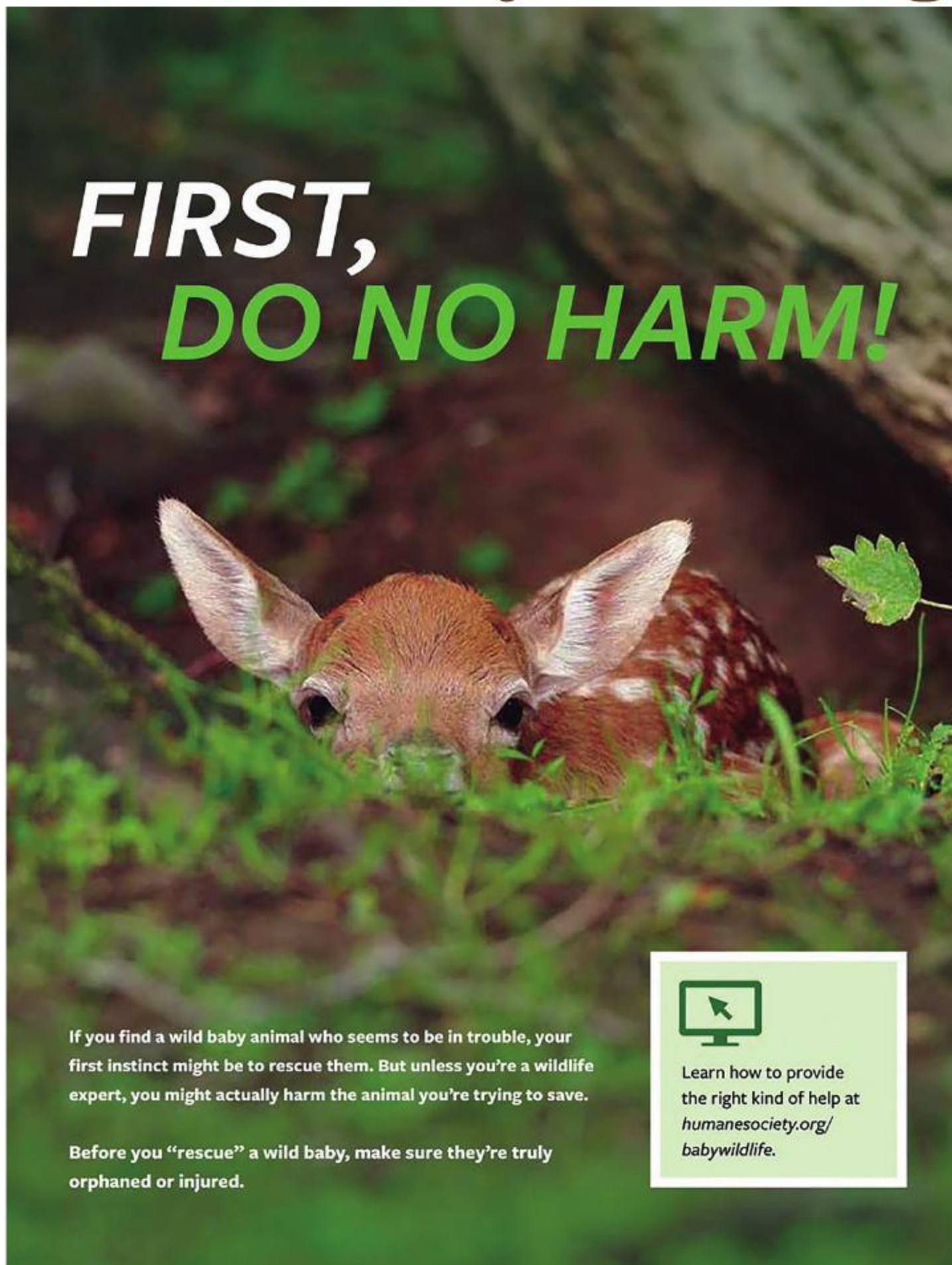
Spring is the prime birthing season for many types of wildlife, including deer. It's not uncommon to come across a fawn resting alone in the woods or tall grass within the City's park system. While it may seem abandoned, it's important to remember that in most cases, these young animals are not in distress and do not need human assistance.

If you encounter a fawn or other newborn wildlife:

- **Keep your distance:** Observe from afar and keep the encounter brief.
- **Do not approach, touch or pick up the animal:** This can do more harm than good.
- **Let nature take its course:** A fawn's best chance of survival is with its mother.

Fawns nurse just three to four times a day, and the mother typically stays away to avoid attracting predators. The fawn's natural camouflage, minimal scent, and ability to remain still help protect it from danger. If you believe a fawn is in immediate danger, maintain a safe distance to observe the situation and contact the Live Oak Animal Control Department at 210-653-1755 for guidance.

By respecting wildlife and their natural behaviors, we can help ensure their safety and well-being.



**FIRST,
DO NO HARM!**

If you find a wild baby animal who seems to be in trouble, your first instinct might be to rescue them. But unless you're a wildlife expert, you might actually harm the animal you're trying to save.

Before you "rescue" a wild baby, make sure they're truly orphaned or injured.

Learn how to provide the right kind of help at humaneociety.org/babywildlife.

JOIN US
FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

VOLUNTEERS ARE VITAL
YOU can help us continue our mission to improve the lives of animals in our community by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay/neuter programs, and community education.

You Can Make A Difference!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!
Your individual membership is only \$20/year

Name _____
Address _____
Phone# _____
Email: _____

MEETING LOCATION
We will meet at 6:30pm on March 18th & April 14th at Hampton Inn & Suites across from The Forum

Received on ____/____/____ by _____

Thank You For Your
SUPPORT & EDUCATION
FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS





HELP US
FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

YOUR DONATIONS HELP US
Provide food, shelter, medical care and love for neglected and displaced animals in our community.

You Can Make A Difference!

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Monthly monetary donation \$ _____
 One time monetary donation \$ _____
 Corporate annual membership - \$50/year
 Describe your donation of goods/services _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone# _____
Email: _____

Received on ____/____/____ by _____

This serves as your donation receipt.

Thank You For Your
SUPPORT & EDUCATION
FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS



We are committed to prevent cruelty and suffering to animals.



**TEAMWORK,
ACCOUNTABILITY,
INTEGRITY,
LEADERSHIP,
LOYALTY.**



Live Oak Fire Department

Spring Into Safety: Essential Fire Prevention Tips

Spring is in the air! With blue skies, blooming flowers, and seasonal cleaning projects, it's also the perfect time to refresh your fire safety practices. By incorporating fire prevention into your household routine, you can help ensure your home stays safe all year long. Here are some essential fire safety tips to keep in mind as you tidy up:

Clothes Dryers: A Hidden Fire Hazard

Did you know that the leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them? Follow these steps to keep your dryer safe:

- **Clean the lint filter** before or after every load of laundry. Don't forget to remove lint that may have collected around the drum.
- **Keep the dryer area clutter-free.** Store boxes, cleaning supplies, and clothing safely away from your dryer.

Smoke Alarms: Your First Line of Defense

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half. Here's how to ensure they're always ready to protect your family:

- **Install smoke alarms** inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home — including the basement.
- **Test smoke alarms** monthly by pressing the test button.
- **Change batteries annually** and replace them immediately if the alarm "chirps" to signal a low battery.

Cooking Safety: Focus on the Stovetop

Most home cooking fires involve the stovetop. Stay vigilant by following these precautions:

- **Keep flammable items** like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, and curtains away from your stovetop.
- **Stay in the kitchen** while frying, grilling, or broiling food. Never leave cooking unattended.

Electrical Safety: Watch Those Cords

Fires caused by extension cords outnumber those from permanent or detachable power cords two to one. Protect your home with these tips:

- **Inspect electrical cords** to ensure they're not running under rugs or across doorways. Extension cords are designed for temporary use only.
- **Upgrade your outlets.** Have a licensed electrician install additional receptacle outlets to reduce reliance on extension cords.

By weaving these fire safety tips into your spring-cleaning routine, you can help create a safer home for your family. Stay proactive, stay safe, and enjoy all the beauty this season has to offer!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

Emergency Management

Preparing Makes Sense

After an emergency or severe weather event, you may need to rely on your own resources for several days. Being prepared involves having enough food, water, and essential supplies to sustain your household during that time. Creating a disaster supply kit ensures you have a ready collection of basic items your family may need in an emergency.

Ensure your emergency kit is fully stocked with the items listed on the Disaster Supplies Kit list before heading to the store. After gathering the essentials, think about your family's unique needs, such as supplies for pets, prescription medications, children, or senior family members. It's equally important to maintain your kit and store it properly. Make sure everyone in the household knows where the kit is located, as emergencies can happen unexpectedly, and you may not be at home when they occur.

Disaster Supplies Kit:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Non-perishable food items (supply to last several days)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert
- Flashlights
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (personal sanitation)
- Cell phones with chargers and a backup battery
- Prescription medications
- Eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, and wipes
- Cash or traveler's checks

Being prepared makes sense. Make a plan for your household, including your pets, so that you and your family know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourself from an emergency or severe weather event.



Emergency Notification system – Connect CTY.

The City of Live Oak offers a telephone alerting system designed to keep both residents and the business community informed with emergency notifications and important updates on city matters. To register, visit the City of Live Oak website, click on I Want To, and follow the link to Sign Up For Emergency Notifications (CTY), or simply scan the QR code.



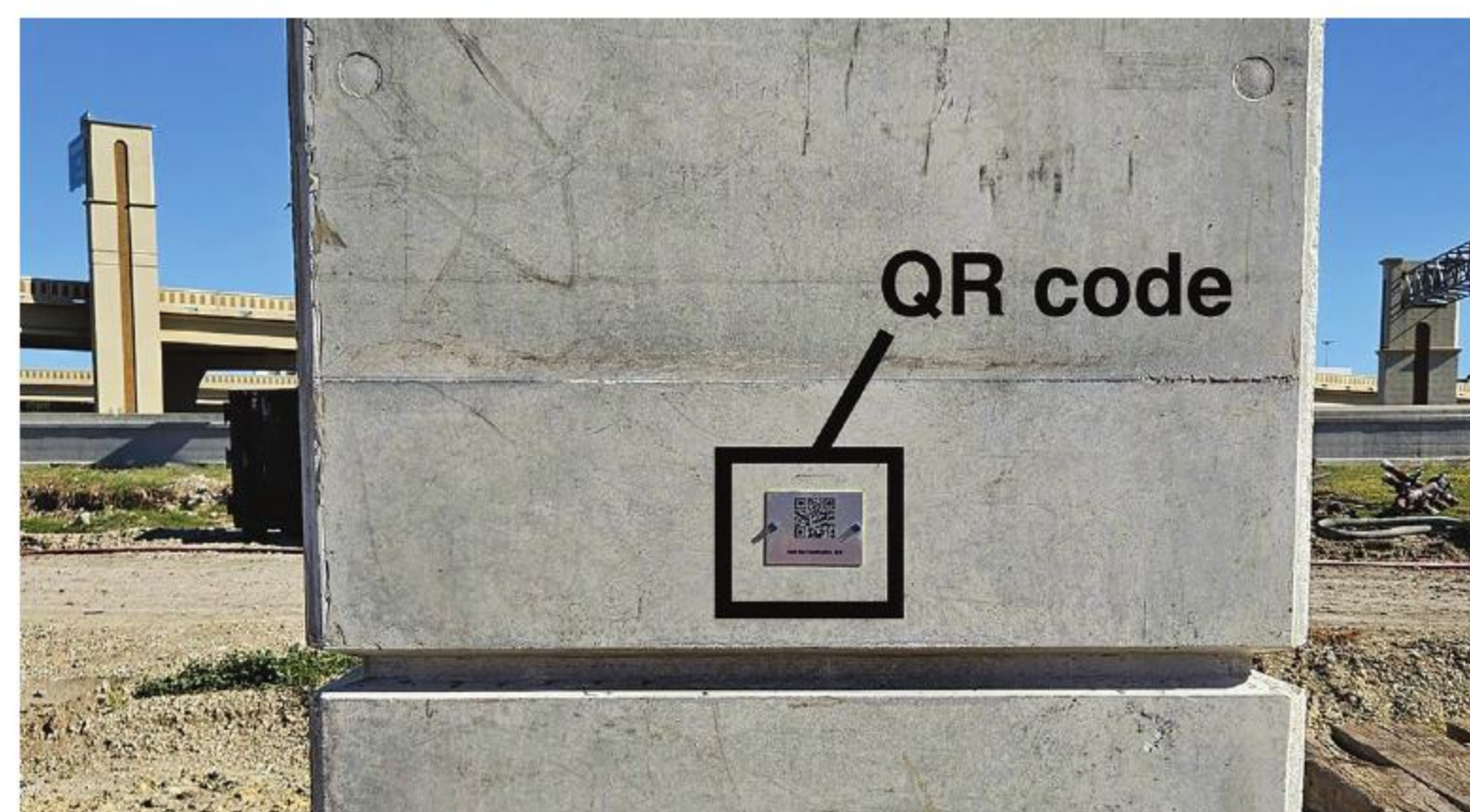


TxDOT's I-35 NEX Update

QR for Quality Record

The extensive documentation of every step in the creation of bridge support structures from soil testing and drilling data to the concrete mix and the composition of reinforcing steel would fill a website. Oh, wait! That's exactly what TxDOT is doing on the first phase of the I-35 NEX South project.

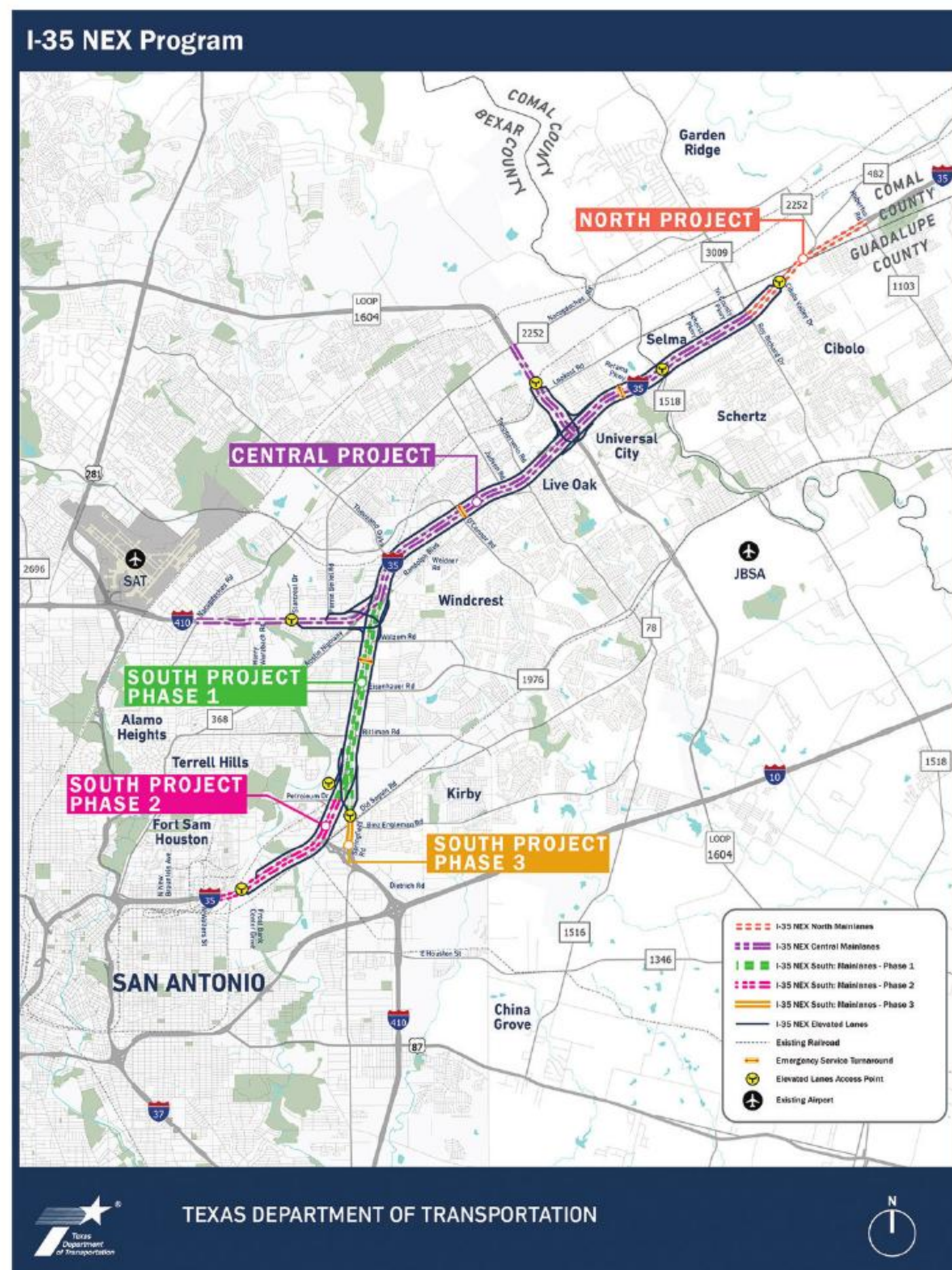
For the first time in TxDOT history, every process, date, and data point—from planning to completion—is being collected on a site accessible via a QR code on a bridge column. While accessing the information requires special software, its true value lies in the future. Years from now, a TxDOT crew unfamiliar with the project will be able to quickly retrieve a complete record, including when the structure was last painted, whether it has ever been damaged and repaired, and the exact specifications it was built to.



Maximizing Work Zones

The I-35 NEX project receives numerous questions each week regarding various aspects of the construction. One of the most frequently asked questions is why the construction areas are spread out instead of in one continuous line.

The simple answer is it's about having enough space to work safely. Construction began in the more open sections of the corridor, specifically around the area of the southbound I-35 frontage road and Pat Booker Road and south of the I-35/I-410 interchange. Most areas are congested with existing infrastructure and require long-term closures of ramps or lanes, which necessitates careful coordination to minimize the impact of these closures as much as possible. Furthermore, many areas require underground work, such as drainage installation and utility relocation, which must be



completed before the construction of structures can begin. These factors create physical constraints that prevent work from starting in those areas.

In an ideal scenario, having more space for safe work zones would allow TxDOT to start at one end and maintain continuity in production. However, the most effective approach for the I-35 NEX project is to work in all accessible areas first. If you have questions, contact TxDOT San Antonio District Public Information Office at (210) 615-5853 or i35NEX@txdot.gov.



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