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City Council Meetings:

2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings:

1st Monday of each month at 7 pm unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Board of Adjustment Meetings:

Held as necessary

Economic Development Corporation Meetings:

Last Monday of every month at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

Held as necessary

FUTURE EVENTS

Farmer’s Market

Tuesday’s 9 am – 2 pm @ The Civic Center Parking Lot

Nov 1 - Dec 2 Letters to Santa: City Hall

Nov 30 Small Business Saturday: (see pg.11)

Dec 2 - 17 12 Days of Christmas Facebook Contest:
 (see pg. 12)

Dec 17 **Holiday Family Fun Night: L.O. Clubhouse**
 6:00pm-9:00pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm



Minute with the Mayor



Dear Citizens,

As we approach 2014, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making Live Oak such a wonderful place to live. I have enjoyed serving as your mayor and am looking forward to many great things in the city's future. Live Oak has, and is continuing to grow in leaps and bounds. I know it has been frustrating for many of you who have been affected by traffic congestion due to the highway expansion. In the end, it will help the flow of traffic and will be well worth the wait. Many

of our Live Oak businesses have been impacted due to this construction, so I hope you all will continue to support our Live Oak businesses during this holiday season and "Shop Live Oak". During this time of year, let's all be sure to thank all of our military families for the sacrifices they have made for us, as well as Live Oak's own public safety employees. May you all have a very happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season! I am always available to speak with you or hear any concerns

or suggestions you may have. You can reach me at 210.792.7168 or my email @ yourmayormary@yahoo.com. Remember, the best is yet to come!

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Mary M.
Dennis*



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Fire Department

By Gerry Galindo
Assistant Fire Chief



Holiday Food Drive

**Nov.1 - Dec. 7
Live Oak Fire Dept.**

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As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart.

A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



Picking the Tree

- ▶▶▶ Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the Tree

- ▶▶▶ Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- ▶▶▶ Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- ▶▶▶ Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- ▶▶▶ Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



Lighting the Tree

- ▶▶▶ Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- ▶▶▶ Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in-bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- ▶▶▶ Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- ▶▶▶ Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Christmas Tree Safety

FACTS

- ▶▶▶ One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ▶▶▶ Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ▶▶▶ A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every six of the fires.

Taken from www.nfpa.org/education

From the Office of Parks & Recreation

By Courtney Weese,
Recreation Coordinator



LETTERS TO SANTA

The North Pole Mailbox arrives in City Hall on November 1st. This is an opportunity to get those Christmas wish lists straight to the Jolly OL' Fellow! Parents, fill out the information sheet located next to the mailbox, and make sure that it accompanies your child's letter to Santa. Letters without an information sheet or incomplete address make it difficult for Santa to respond. All letters must be turned in no later than December 2nd.



HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Santa Claus is coming to town...on a fire truck!!! Holiday Family Fun Night and the visit with Santa will take place on Tuesday, December 17th. The fun kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at the Live Oak Clubhouse and Santa will visit with the children from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Professional photos will be made available for purchase, however feel free to bring your own camera. Refreshments provided, so don't miss the festivities.

ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION & SCAVENGER HUNT November 9, 2013

The Live Oak Parks and Recreation Commission invites you to attend the Annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year we will meet at 10:00 a.m. on November 9, 2013, Woodcrest Park, 11027 Forest Pass Court. A representative from the Texas Forestry Service will be on hand to speak about tree maintenance, including guidelines for planting, pruning and watering trees as well as answer any questions regarding tree care. There will be light refreshments, and a scavenger hunt for all ages, so please join the entire community of Live Oak in recognizing this special day.

For information regarding any of the above mentioned programs, please call Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator at 653-9140 ext. 235 or email cweese@liveoaktx.net.

From the Office of Public Works

By Mark Wagster, Public Works Director



TROUT FISHING

In early December, Rainbow Trout will be stocked in the Live Oak Pond by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The pond is adjacent to the lake; enter from the City Park Lake access at Lone Shadow/Lazy Forest Dr. Corn kernels, garlic cheese, and salmon eggs make great bait. Appropriate License and bag limits apply. Check Marquees for fish arrival dates.

SAVE MONEY \$\$\$ ALL YEAR

Conserving water during December, January and February will save you money all year on your sewer rate.

THREE TYPES OF STORMWATER POLLUTION

All types end up discharging into waterways as sediment, sludge and solids. These can be caught in expensive stormwater treatment filters, but the most effective way to reduce this problem is to prevent pollution entering the stormwater system in the first place.

- Litter, such as cigarette butts, cans, paper or plastic bags (sometimes called gross pollutants)
- Chemical Pollution, such as detergents, oil or fertilizers
- Natural Pollution, such as leaves, garden clippings, animal droppings, sediment and silt

FREE TOILET PROGRAM

Apply for your free toilet today.

Are you a single family residential customer living in the City of Live Oak? Are you on the Live Oak Water System, not SAWS (San Antonio Water System)? Was your home built prior to 1992?

If the answer is YES to the above questions and you are not replacing an existing water saver toilet (1.6 gallon or lower), you are a candidate for a free water saver toilet. Please call Cathi Piotrowski at Public Works 210-653-9140, ext. 234 if you are interested.

Household Hazardous Waste DISPOSAL

Do you have old paint, pesticides, herbicides, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs; electronic waste such as computers, monitors and laptops, that need to be disposed of? Live Oak residents please call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587).

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Code Compliance

By John Dalton
Code Enforcement Officer

New Property Maintenance Ordinance “Non-Conforming Driveways”

On Aug. 13th your City Council adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code which has changed many of the old provisions. One of the most notable changes is parking on gravel driveway extensions and what will be allowed to be parked on your driveways.

Section 302.8.1 Non-conforming Driveways states: No vehicles or trailers of any type may be parked on any surface other than a driveway defined by this article. The surface area must encompass the entire size of the vehicle or trailer. The surface must be of the like materials of stone, pavers, etc. as the existing driveway. Only motor vehicles authorized to be maintained on property by this section may be parked or stopped on a driveway. Boats or trailers may be parked on a driveway if they meet all licensing and registration requirements of this code and State Law. Under no circumstances shall any motor vehicle, boat or trailer that are not operational as defined in this code be permitted to be maintained on a driveway within the city limits.



This means: All existing driveways that meet the current requirements of the code of ordinances in effect as of the date of passage of this ordinance shall be required to be brought into compliance with this section and section 302.8 of this code within 180 days. Compliance shall mean applying for a building flatwork permit with the city's building inspection department and paying all applicable fees.

Be looking in future newsletters for more of the changes we will be featuring. These changes include a new regulation about the outdoor storage of firewood in public view, the storing of Barbeque Grills in the front yard when not in use and additional regulations about vehicles in driveways that are inoperable, or have expired stickers. Should you have any questions regarding these or other code violations, please feel free to contact my office at 210-653-9140, extension 245.

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From the Office of Economic & Community Development

By Jordan Matney, Manager

Make sure you support local Live Oak businesses and remember to **SHOP LIVE OAK!** For information on various business incentives and recognition efforts, please contact Jordan Matney, Economic and Community Development Manager at 210-653-9140, ext. 286 or jmatney@liveoaktx.net.

We understand that the recent construction by the Texas Department of Transportation on IH 35 has been difficult for our residents and visitors. Our businesses are feeling the effects as well and this holiday season we encourage all to Shop Live Oak! While the children are dreaming of the latest toys and goodies, we need to also remember our local businesses that help our community thrive. While you may not be able to purchase all of your holiday gifts locally, please think of your local business owners during the season. All businesses are online for your convenience in the Shop Live Oak section of our website, www.liveoaktx.net. Maps are also available with local entertainment and food establishments as well as shopping centers. Please visit City Hall for a map to help shopping local easier! **Remember to support your local businesses and SHOP LIVE OAK!**

SHOP LIVE OAK





Small Business Saturday is held each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Once again this year the City of Live Oak has proclaimed **Saturday, November 30 as Small Business Saturday**. In honor of the day, we encourage all residents to support your local small businesses. In support of the day, we are featuring several of our small businesses!



Eva's Tanning

Brand new to Live Oak, Eva's Tanning offers our residents an all year tan at a convenient location. Located at 12406 Toepperwein, Eva's Tanning is open six days a week, Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM-7:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Services include Wolf Speed System 20 minute tanning beds with face tanner. The salon is looking to purchase a stand up bed in the future and also sells products, lotions and goggles. For more information, visit them on Facebook or call (210) 324-3466.



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Cindy's Alterations

Cindy's Alterations is located in the same boutique as Eva's Tanning. Cindy can alter, hem or fix just about any article of clothing! If you are unable to visit the location, give her a call for an appointment and she will come to you! Cindy also does design work, leather work and specializes in military patches, motorcycle gear and first responders.

Cindy's Alterations is open six days a week: Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM and Saturday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. For more information, visit her at 12406 Toepperwein, call (210) 749-7793, email at cademere1@gmail.com or visit Cindy's Alterations on Facebook.



Whitney's Family Hair Care

Whitney's Family Hair Care located at 11106 Toepperwein has been owned and operated for several years by Whitney Hedgepeth. Whitney recently joined forces with Shari Conley, former owner of Elegant Looks Salon located at Judson Road in Live Oak. Shari is now seeing clients at the new location and together with Whitney; the future looks bright for the two successful business owners. Services include men's and women's haircuts, color, waxing, manicures and pedicures, formal occasion hair and much more! For more information, please visit Whitney's Family Hair Care, call 210-656-2073 for Whitney or (210) 653-4145 for Shari or visit them on Facebook.

12 Days of Christmas

The City of Live Oak is pleased to announce a special give-away for the holiday season. In an effort to support our local businesses and encourage citizens to Shop Live Oak, we will have a "12 Days of Christmas" contest featuring gift cards, prizes and fun from local businesses! Make sure you like us on Facebook and follow along December 2-17 for your chance to win lots of fantastic prizes. Prizes will be awarded for simply being the first person to "like" a post or answering trivia questions. A very special thank you goes out to all of our sponsors. Remember to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak!



1 On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...a Partridge in a Pear Tree

(Sponsored by Home Depot)

Whether it's a Pear Tree or a Christmas Tree, stop by Home Depot's nursery and pick out a lovely tree or plant this holiday season! Don't forget the Christmas lights and decorations too! Of course, Home Depot has everything from flooring, paint, light fixtures, tools, appliances, and building supplies. Anything you need to spruce up your beautiful Live Oak home! Three lucky winners will receive a \$25 coupon to Home Depot!

2 On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...Two Turtle Doves

(Sponsored by James Avery)

When most people hear the name James Avery, they picture a beautiful hand-crafted dove in sterling silver or gold. Established in 1954, James Avery offers high quality, exquisite jewelry for all ages. Anyone would love to find a small package under the tree this Christmas, only to find a lovely piece of jewelry inside from James Avery! One lucky winner will win a \$50 gift card to James Avery!



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On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...Three French Hens

(Sponsored by Houlihan's)

In honor of Three French Hens, Houlihan's invites you to dine with them for a tasty lunch or dinner. They have a delectable menu of yummy appetizers, chicken, seafood, beef, and also vegetarian. Their dessert menu is amazing and a must have if you dine here! Remember to stop by for Happy Hour with good friends or family and enjoy some holiday cheer with some delicious appetizers and a tasty cocktail! One lucky winner will receive a \$30 gift card and one lucky winner will receive a \$20 gift card to Houlihan's!

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On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Four Colly Birds

(Sponsored by Red Robin)

Red Robin is calling you and a friend over to enjoy two delicious free entrees! They serve a wide variety of mouth-watering burgers, sandwiches, soups and salads. Try one of their scrumptious desserts too! They even serve cocktails, wine and beer. Red Robin...YUM!!!!!! One lucky winner will receive two free entrees from Red Robin!



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6 On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Six Geese-a-Laying
(Sponsored by Mattress Firm)

Exhausted from a long day of shopping or entertaining, lay your head on one of these heavenly memory foam lux gel pillows and you'll be dreaming about sugarplums before you can say "Mistletoe". If it's a mattress or bedding accessories you've been looking for, Mattress Firm is the place to visit. You'll be sure to find what you're looking for! They have competitive prices and excellent customer service. Be sure to tell Deon howdy and that we sent you. He's the handsome guy with the English accent! Two lucky winners will receive a Memory Foam Lux Gel Pillow from Mattress Firm!

7 On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...Seven Swans-a-Swimming
(Sponsored by the City of Live Oak)

There's nothing like hopping into a nice, cool swimming pool during these hot Texas summers. Enjoy a free summer pool pass to our beautiful swimming pool located at the Live Oak Clubhouse. The pool is crystal clear, surrounded by beautiful grounds with plenty of seating and shade. We also have a baby pool for your little ones!

The kids love our cool slide! We also have the best lifeguards in town! One lucky winner will receive a summer long pool pass to the Live Oak Pool for the 2014 season!

8 On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Eight Maids-a-Milking (Sponsored by Dairy Queen)

Dairy Queen, serving Live Oak for over 37 years, has been a family favorite for young and old! They serve a wide variety of delicious burgers, baskets and, of course, who can resist their delicious soft serve! Be sure to stop by during the holidays and enjoy one of their delicious Holiday Blizzards! One lucky winner will receive a \$20 gift card from Dairy Queen!

9 On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Nine Ladies Dancing (Sponsored by Bikinis Bar and Grill)

Known for their lovely waitresses, who wear bikini tops and shorts even in the winter, Bikini's serves a wide variety of delicious traditional American dishes, cocktails and microbrews. Come on over and enjoy watching your favorite sports team on one of their big screens and try their Big Buckin Burger, which is a whopping 5 pounds – one of Santa's' favorites! Finish the whole thing and receive a Bikini's T-Shirt! Santa owns a few! Two lucky winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Bikinis!

On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Ten Lords a Leaping

(Sponsored by the Big Green Gym Bus and Gold's Gym)

Hear Ye - Hear Ye! Llorly Bailey, owner and director of BGGB, is giving away a birthday party package for 6 little lads and lassies to be held at our very own Live Oak Park!

Your little ones will be given the royal treatment while leaping, playing and having a jolly good time in the BGGB! One lucky winner will receive a birthday party package from the Big Green Gym Bus!

For the older Lords and Lassies, who may have eaten one too many helpings of plum pudding and are having a hard time fitting into their favorite tights and knickers, Gold's Gym is giving away certificates to shed those stubborn holiday pounds. One lucky winner will receive a three month membership and three lucky winners will receive one month memberships to Gold's Gym!

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...Five Golden Rings (Sponsored by Whataburger)

Who doesn't love delicious onion rings? Whataburger has the best in town! Big, crunchy and so delicious! Pick some up, along with a delicious burger and shake. Whataburger has been serving delicious food to Live Oak for over 28 years...."Just Like You Like It". FIVE lucky winners will receive \$20 gift cards from Whataburger!

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12 Days of Christmas



11 On the Eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

11 Pipers Piping

(Sponsored by Peter Piper's Pizza)

If you've had long day of shopping and don't feel like cooking, pack the kids in the car and head over to Peter Piper's Pizza. Sit back, relax and enjoy one of their delicious pizzas and beverages while the kids have fun riding their fabulous indoor carousel. They have a wide variety of fun and games to keep the kiddos entertained for hours! Two lucky winners will receive a \$25 gift card from Peter Piper's Pizza!



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On the Twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

12 Drummers Drumming

(Sponsored by Target)

What little boy or girl wouldn't love to get a toy drum set for Christmas?! Target has a wide variety of toy drums for your little ones and even larger drum sets for teenagers. Be sure to bring your Christmas list with you when you stop by Target. You'll be sure to find something for everyone on your list, even the groceries for your holiday entertaining! One lucky winner will receive a \$50 gift card to Target!

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SERVICERECOGNITION



E-Z WASH

In September, the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation presented **E-Z WASH** with a Service Recognition Plaque for their loyal and dedicated service to Live Oak residents. **E-Z WASH**, located at 8094 Pat Booker Rd, has served the Live Oak community for years. Most long-time residents have stories of using the laundromat over the years. For more information, stop by and visit the Laundromat or call 210-637-0722. A very special thank you to **E-Z WASH** for their years of service to the community of Live Oak.

BUSINESSRECOGNITION



LASER LEGEND

LASER LEGEND keeps making the news! Members of Economic Development Corporation presented **LASER LEGEND/GLO GOLF** owner, Jason Overman with a check for the Visual Improvement Program. The Economic Development Corporation helped Laser Legend improve the appearance of their building with new signage. **LASER LEGEND AND GLO GOLF** are located at 7505 N Loop 1604 E and feature laser tag, indoor mini golf, a full arcade and a lengthy food menu. For more information, visit them online at www.laserlegend.com or on Facebook.

GROUND BREAKING



GASTROENTEROLOGY CONSULTANTS OF SAN ANTONIO

Members of the Live Oak City Council and Economic Development Corporation joined **GASTROENTEROLOGY CONSULTANTS OF SAN ANTONIO** for the official ground breaking of their new northeast offices at

the corner of Toepperwein and IH 35. The location will host a 10,000 square foot office building and surgical center. We are excited about the growth of this wonderful practice in our city. For more information, please visit

their current office at 11485 Toepperwein Road, Suite 2 or visit them online at www.gastroconsa.com.



Development Services

By Ken Steiner, Building Official

2012 International Residential Code (IRC) Deck Requirements!

More and more of our residents are increasing their home values with useable outdoor space known as decks. The following are the requirements for decking as per the 2012 IRC.

SECTION R507 DECKS

R507.1 Decks. Where supported by attachment to an exterior wall, decks shall be positively anchored to the primary structure and designed for both vertical and lateral loads. Such attachment shall not be accomplished by the use of toenails or nails subject to withdrawal. Where positive connection to the primary building structure cannot be verified during inspection, decks shall be self-supporting. For decks with cantilevered framing members, connections to exterior walls or other framing members, shall be designed and constructed to resist uplift resulting from the full live load specified in Table R301.5 acting on the cantilevered portion of the deck.

R507.2 Deck ledger connection to band joist. For decks supporting a total design load of 50 pounds per square foot (2394 Pa) [40 pounds per square foot (1915 Pa) live load plus 10 pounds per square foot (479 Pa) dead load], the connection between a deck ledger of pressure-preservative-treated Southern Pine, incised pressure-preservative-treated Hem-Fir or approved decay-resistant species, and a 2-inch (51 mm) nominal lumber band joist bearing on a sill plate or wall plate shall be constructed with 1-inch (12.7 mm) lag screws or bolts with washers in accordance with Table R507.2. Lag screws, bolts and washers shall be hot-dipped galvanized or stainless steel.

R507.2.1 Placement of lag screws or bolts in deck ledgers and band joists. The lag screws or bolts in deck ledgers and band joists shall be placed in accordance with Table R507.2.1 and Figures R507.2.1 (1) and R507.2.1 (2).

R507.2.2 Alternate deck ledger connections. Decks ledger connections not conforming to Table R507.2 shall be designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice. Girders supporting deck joists shall not be supported on deck ledgers or band joists. Deck ledgers shall not be supported on stone or mason veneer.

R507.2.3 Deck lateral load connection. The lateral load connection required by Section R507.1 shall be permitted to be in accordance with Figure R507.2.3. Where the lateral load connection is provided in accordance with Figure 507.2.3, hold-down tension devices shall be installed in not less than two locations per deck, and each device shall have an allowable stress design capacity of not less than 1500 pounds (6672 N).

Remember, unlicensed trades people operate with lower overheads (no license fees or insurance costs) so they may often charge less than a qualified tradesperson. If you would like to verify current licenses with the state or with the City of Live Oak, please contact our office at 210-653-9140, extension 244 or you may visit our website for a list of registered contractors.





Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert
Emergency Manager

Emergency Warning Systems

The City has the capability to utilize all of the available emergency warning systems in the event of a serious incident however none of them are perfect. The media – radio and TV provide the best means available however in the middle of the night hardly anyone is watching TV or listening to the radio! As such the Emergency Alert System (EAS) has its limits! The telephone Emergency Notification System (ENS) – the so called reverse 9-1-1 system works very well except for the fact that many homes no longer have landlines. Once again this system isn't perfect!

A few years ago the City added the Connect CTY Telephone System as another means of notifying our citizens of an emergency along with giving us the capability of passing along important information such as street closures or water outages, and even information regarding City events.

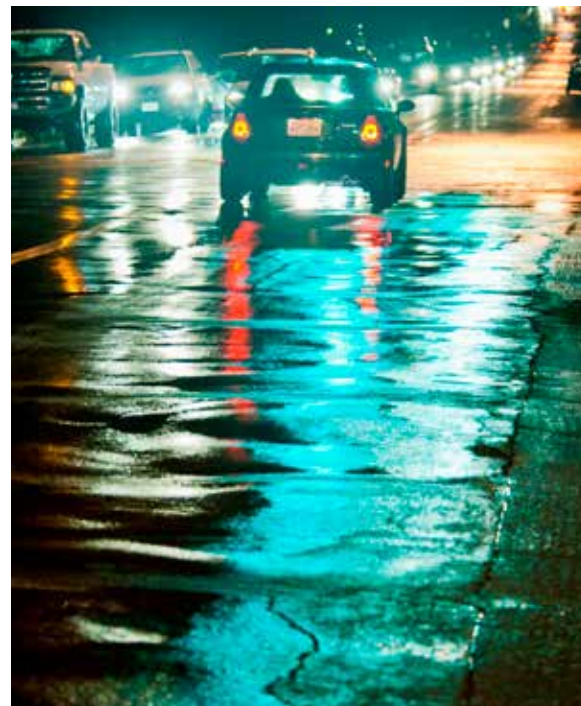
The Connect CTY data base contains all published telephone numbers and citizens have the option of adding unlisted numbers, cellular numbers, work numbers, text messaging numbers, and even an e-mail address. This is a secure system and your numbers are not available to anyone. The numbers can be added at NO

For additional information contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Manager at 653-9140, Ext. 379, on-line at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net, or stop by the office in the Fire Station during normal business hours. You can also visit the Emergency Management Department on the City Web Site. A new section has been added on the left hand side of the opening page entitled "Warning Systems" and it contains an in depth review of the systems.

cost to the resident and all you have to do is log onto the City Web Site and under Services and Programs click on Connect CTY for a direct portal to the system. Just follow the simply instructions and you can add the numbers you wish and keep them updated as needed.

We would like to encourage all citizens to insure their numbers are in the system and up-to-date. In a real emergency – day or night, Connect CTY will be the first alerting system used by the communications center. It is the fastest and we have direct access. ENS along with EAS will also be used however these take time to create a proper message and then activate the systems through channels with numerous security steps.

In addition severe weather events can be our biggest threat day or night, and the City does NOT issue weather bulletins. This is the exclusive responsibility of the National Weather Service. As such, all citizens are encouraged to have a NOAA Weather Radio available from most electronic stores at a reasonable cost. In the event severe weather threatens you can be alerted 24/7/365. These radios also re-broadcast EAS messages.



National Flood Insurance Program

Scott Wayman
Assistant City Manager

As the Federal Government makes changes to the way that the National Flood Insurance Program is administered, the City's Planning Department can assist you in determining if your property is located near a special flood hazard area. Many properties within the City that border the City Park or any of our large drainage channels are close to, and possibly even contain some of the City's floodplain.

As I have reported, the National Flood Insurance Program is undergoing some changes that will increase the rate residents pay for flood insurance, and staff can help determine whether or not your property is located within a floodplain.

Be sure to contact us if you are considering purchasing or making any improvements to a property near the floodplain. Please keep in mind, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located in special flood hazard areas.

Any questions regarding the City's existing or future floodplains, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.



Pickleball Is Double the Fun!

I'm sure a lot of you have never heard of Pickleball before. Well, it's similar to tennis, only slower, and played on a smaller court with a small wooden paddle and a harder-to-hit ball which has holes through it. Live Oak happens to have twin brothers, Joe and John Torres who are Pickleball Champions! They have participated in over 20 tournaments and have brought home several medals. The brothers first learned of Pickleball from

their tennis club director who asked them to compete in the sport at the 2009 Senior Olympics. This was the first time Pickleball was added to the Senior Games. They took 3rd place with only three weeks of training! John and Joe were interviewed by Channel 3 News in Cleveland and also featured in the Wall Street Journal's July edition. They were quite the celebrities! If the two brothers can qualify by winning tournaments in 2014, they

will be able to compete in the 2015 Senior Olympics in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

If interested in playing Pickleball, contact the Windcrest Tennis Center, Morgan's Wonderland, YMCA in Schertz and YMCA on Walzem Rd. Also, San Antonio Pickleball can be found on Facebook. Best of luck John and Joe! Live Oak will be rooting for you two!

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Live Oak Police Department

By Sgt. K. Iglesias

Holiday Safety

The Live Oak Police Department will be fully prepared in ensuring the citizens of Live Oak, visitors and shoppers have a positive and enjoyable upcoming holiday season in 2013. An increase of congested traffic along the IH 35 and Loop 1604 Access Roads is anticipated due to the on-going highway construction; however, the Live Oak Police Department will be monitoring and if necessary will take action to expedite traffic. The upcoming holiday season is a time of celebration with family and friends and it can also be a time when busy people become vulnerable to theft and other crimes. The following crime prevention measures should be taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Shopping:

- Always walk and park in well-lit areas of the shopping parking areas.
- Don't talk on a cellular phone when walking through the parking lot.
- Be aware of your immediate surroundings in the parking lot.
- Do not expose large amount of cash or expensive jewelry in public.
- Don't fumble for car keys; have them in hand and ready to unlock your vehicle.
- Protect your PIN# from the view of other people near the ATM machines.
- Always observe and ensure your purse and shopping bags are physically with you always.
- Ensure your children are always in your presence. Discuss "Stranger Danger" situations.
- Walk in the parking lot in view of other shoppers, especially during darkness.
- Provide adequate safeguards for your identification cards, credit cards, social security cards.

Vehicle Safety:

- Always lock your vehicle doors and ensure windows are fully closed.
- Do not leave valuables in open view. Remove valuables or store in the trunk.
- Be sure to activate the vehicle (anti-theft) alarm system.
- Never leave your vehicle engine running and unattended in the parking lot.
- Be sure your Texas license plates are properly secured for vehicle identification.
- Never leave children unattended in a vehicle.
- Notify police if observing suspicious vehicles or persons in the shopping parking lots or stores.
- Do not exit your vehicle if you see a suspicious person or situation in the immediate area.
- Provide adequate room between vehicles in front when stopped in traffic, emergency exit.

Home:

- Always lock your doors and windows.
- Leave interior and exterior lights, TV's and radios activated after dark if away from your home.
- Ensure personal mail and newspapers deliveries are stopped during your holiday vacation.
- Be aware of suspicious people (scams) approaching at your residence and requesting donations.
- Ensure to arrange for an "Out of Town" check of your residence during your holiday vacation.
- Notify reliable neighbors of your holiday vacation and leave them a point of contact.
- If possible, leave a secured vehicle in the residence driveway during your holiday vacation.
- Ensure bushes, hedges and trees do not block the view from residence windows.

The Live Oak Police Department will be in full force in marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to ensure a great upcoming Christmas season in 2013. Please notify the Live Oak Police Department at (210) 653-0033 (Dispatcher Section) for calls for service or dial 911 for emergency service by Police/Fire or Medical Rescue.



Live Oak Humane Society

Join the Live Oak Humane Society for “An Evening For Animal Lovers” on November 14, 2013 from 5-8pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Dr. Learn how to make pet treats, meet local pet oriented businesses such as groomers, pet sitters, trainers, dog walkers, and more. Handcrafted pet collars and cook books will be available. This is a free event, open to the public.

For more information, contact the Live Oak Humane Society @ 467-2952 or 488-4441. Email: Liveoakhumanesociety@gmail.com or Facebook: Live Oak Humane Society.



2013 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2013 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day
 Recycle Days are Marked by Letters "A,B,C".
 Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes.
 Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes.
 Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.





Let's COOK Live Oak!

Holiday!

Holiday Jell-O

- 1 small pkg. Black Cherry Jell-O
- 1 can pitted Bing Cherries
- 1 cup boiling water
- Cherry Juice + enough water to = 1 cup
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese-break into pieces
- Nuts of your choice (optional)

Dissolve Jell-O in one cup of boiling water. Mix cherry juice and water to equal second cup. Stir in cream cheese (cheese will remain lumpy). Add cherries and nuts to mixture. Spray mold with Pam and pour in the mixture. Chill until set.

Sweet Potato Casserole

- 1 cup chopped pecans
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (1 stick) butter, softened, divided
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 (29 oz.) cans sweet potatoes, drained & mashed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 3 quart casserole dish with cooking spray. In medium bowl, combine pecans, brown sugar, flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter; mix until crumbly, set aside. In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients, including remaining butter; mix well, Spoon into casserole dish and sprinkle with pecan mixture. Bake 40 – 50 minutes until bubbly and heated through.



Pumpkin Spice Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 box spice cake mix
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup veg. oil
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sour cream
- 4 eggs
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin (not pie mix)

Frosting

- 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. Cream cheese softened
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, softened
- 5 cups powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray bottoms only of three 9" round cake pans with baking spray with flour. In large bowl, beat cake ingredients on low until moistened, then on high for 2 minutes. Divide batter in pans and bake 24-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and remove from pans. For icing: In large bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Gradually beat in powdered sugar one cup at a time until smooth. Frost cake and keep stored in refrigerator.

Green Bean Casserole

- 1 (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) can cond. cream of mushroom soup
- 2 (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.) cans green beans, drained
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk
- 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups French-fried onions
- $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. black pepper

Combine soup, milk and pepper in a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ qt. baking dish, stir until blended. Stir in beans and $\frac{2}{3}$ cup fried onions. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes or until hot. Stir. Sprinkle with remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ cup fried onions. Bake 5 more minutes or until onions are golden.



CITY MEETINGS

- Nov 4 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Nov 12 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Nov 25 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers 6:00pm
- Nov 26 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- Nov 6 Dining Out: TBA 11:30am
- Nov 11 Games Day/L.O. Clubhouse 1:30am
- Nov 18 Pot Luck-Bingo/L.O. Clubhouse 11:30am
- Nov 21 Games Day/L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
- Tuesdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ L.O. Clubhouse 9:00am
- Thursdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Woodcrest Park 9:00am

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet Second & Last Wednesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- Nov 13 Luncheon (BYOD) 11:30am
 - Nov 27 No Dinner scheduled due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- For more information call Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167 (Ages 21 and up)

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- Nov 19 Regular Meeting 1-3pm
- For more information contact Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

For information contact Laura Rhodes @ liveoakleagueofarts@gmail.com

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Open to public
- Nov 11 Meeting: L.O. Clubhouse 6:00pm
 - Nov 14 Pet Seminar, Evening for Animal Lovers 5-8pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek at 657-7167

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Nov 1 Letter's to Santa (first day) City Hall 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Nov 1 Holiday Food Drive begins, L.O. Fire Department 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Nov 9 Annual Arbor Day Celebration: Woodcrest Park 10:00am
- Nov 9-12 Free Community Bulk Shredding: Civic Center Parking Lot 9 am-12 noon
- Nov 30 Small Business Saturday (See page 11 for more information.)

FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday at Civic Center Parking Lot 9am-2pm

CITY MEETINGS

- Dec 2 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Dec 10 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Dec 30 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers 6:00pm
- Dec ? City Council Meeting: TBA (Check City website) 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- Dec 4 Dining Out: TBA 11:30am
- Dec 9 Games Day/L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
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- Dec 26 Games Day 1:00pm
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LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet 2nd & Last Wednesday of each month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- Dec 11 Luncheon (BYOD) 11:30am
 - Dec 25 No Dinner Scheduled: Christmas Day
- For more information contact Loretta Kusek@ 657-7167 (ages 21 and up)

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- Dec 17 Christmas Party: Golden Corral/Pat Booker 11:00am
- For more information contact Jo Anna Wheeler@ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

For information contact Laura Rhodes @ liveoakleagueofarts@gmail.com

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- Do not have to be a Live Oak resident to join. Open to everyone.
- Meet 2nd Monday of each month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- Dec 9 Meeting: L.O. Clubhouse 6:00pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek at 657-7167

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec 2 Letter's to Santa (Last Day): City Hall 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Dec 2-17 12 Days of Christmas Facebook Contest: (See page 12)
- Dec 7 Holiday Food Drive ends, L.O. Fire Department 8:00am - 5:00pm
- Dec 17 Holiday Family Fun Night: Live Oak Clubhouse 6:00pm - 9:00pm

FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday: Civic Center Parking Lot 9am-2pm



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