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OFFICIAL MEETINGS

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 9am -2pm/Alamo Colleges Parking Lot/Village Oak

Nov 3: North Pole Mailbox arrives: City Hall, 8:00-5:00pm

Nov 8: Annual Arbor Day Celebration: Xeriscape Park, 10:00am

Nov 11: Veteran's Day: Municipal Office Closed

Nov 22: First Annual Shop Live Oak 5K: Live Oak Clubhouse, 8:00am

Dec 1-16 : 12 Days of Christmas Give-a-way

Live Oak Facebook Page

Dec 11: Holiday Family Fun Night: Live Oak Clubhouse, 6:00-9:00pm



Minute with the Mayor



Dear Citizens,

Wishing each and every one of you a very happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season. Thank you all for making Live Oak such a magnificent city to call home. I have enjoyed serving as your mayor and look forward with great anticipation to a wonderful and exciting 2015. Remember, the best is yet to come!

Mayor & Council





From the Office of Finance

Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director

The City's Finances Are In Order

The City of Live Oak's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30th. This past September, the City Council adopted the 2014/2015 annual budget. The budget shows signs of positive economic growth and strength which is due greatly to the amount of new commercial construction throughout the City and will, in turn, generate additional revenue and lessen the tax burden placed on our residents. With the large mix of commercial businesses and residential properties throughout the City, public safety is crucial.

This year's budget contains programs that will have a positive impact on the overall public safety. The Victims Assistance Program, which is a shared cost and operation with a few surrounding cities and the provision of financial assistance to the Alamo Regional SWAT program which serves the City of

Live Oak and surrounding areas. Both are multi-city efforts which allow all cities and agencies involved to provide this service at a reduced cost.

The 2014/2015 budget also includes funding for the construction of three of the four bond propositions that passed at the May 2014 bond election and city staff has been working diligently on these projects. In August, the City closed on the 2014 General Obligation Bond Issuance that provides 100% of the funding for these new projects, as well as a refunding of some existing debt that the City had previously issued back in 2004 and 2005. This refunding of debt is similar to refinancing the mortgage loan on a house and lowers the debt obligation and allows one to pay less interest over the remaining life of the debt. By refunding the two existing bond issues, the City will save approximately \$1.6

million over the remaining term of these issues which equates to an average annual saving to the City of \$156,000.

The other part of the 2014 bond issue financed the projects that passed in the bond election. The total anticipated cost for these projects is \$10.6 million and since the bond market was favorable, the City was able to obtain them at a very low interest rate. This combination of refunding the existing debt and the low interest rate on the new debt generated substantial savings to the taxpayers of Live Oak.

Finally, to complete the process of adopting the 2014/2015 annual budget, City Council also adopted the new property tax rate for the city at a rate of \$0.510000 per \$100 of taxable valuation. This was an increase over the current rate of \$0.445401 per \$100 valuation. The primary rea-

son for the increase is attributed to the additional debt service requirement placed on property taxes from the new 2015 Bond Issue. These new bonds added approximately \$738,000 to the City's annual debt service payment and the entire amount is supported by the City's property tax. The City's property tax rate is comprised of two rates: a Debt Service Rate and a Maintenance and Operations Rate (M&O). The 2014 adopted M&O rate (\$0.356363) remained the same as the current M&O rate (\$0.356360). It was the adopted 2014 Debt Service rate that increased to \$0.153637 from the current rate of \$0.089041 because of the new debt the City needed to issue. Even with the property tax increase, residents of Live Oak continue to have some of the lowest tax obligations in the area since the City offers some of the highest exemptions in the area.



From the Office of Development Services

By Kenneth Steiner, Building Official

Cheaper isn't always better!

Choosing the right Contractor will be a decision you'll either regret or significantly appreciate. There is nothing in between! But how do you go about choosing the right contractors for your project?

You've come to the right place for information, because our department requires all contractors that work in our city to obtain a contractor's license and permit before they perform any work on your property. We verify the state issued licenses and liability insurance per city ordinance before they can obtain a Contractor's license. Before a contractor begins work on your property, ask to see their Live Oak permit, contractor's license obtain a signed copy of your contract. The 2015 City license has a green background with the city logo and indicates an expiration date of 02/01/2015. If a contractor tells you that a permit is not required for your particular job, you may always contact our office for verification.

Remember, unlicensed tradespeople operate with lower overheads (no license fees or insurance costs) so they may often charge less than a qualified tradesperson but could cost you more in the long run. 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 at any time.

Watch out for Contractor Scammers!

Here are some tips to assist you in choosing the right Contractor:

Tip #1 - Ask to see their license card and Permit. Although the City of Live Oak also checks, you can double check at <http://www.license.state.tx.us/LicenseSearch/>

Tip #2 - Check references. Feedback posted for or against the company is an excellent place to start, but most businesses will also have written references if you request them. You may also check with the Better Business Bureau.

Tip #3 - Check your gut. For most people, a good electrician, plumber or mechanical contractor becomes your choice of contractors for life. Good contractors you enjoy dealing with or trust is as essential as a good bank.

Tip #4 - Check their range of experience. Although most contractors are experienced in a wide range of work, some companies can specialize and lose contact with the current technology over time. This wouldn't be relevant in most common jobs like window, siding, etc., but in some types of work it's worth confirming the business's experience is appropriate for your job.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
Before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd, remember to "fall back" by setting your clocks back one hour.





From the Office of Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert, Emergency Manager

Emergency Preparedness Away From Home

In the past we have reviewed preparedness at home and at work, but what about when we travel? With the Holiday Season just around the corner, I thought this might be a good topic. We created a family disaster plan but can we take that plan on-the-road with us? The answer is both Yes and No! Basically you can take the concept with you by doing a little research and by taking a few supplies along. While some folks visit familiar places on business trips or vacations, others travel to new places every year. Some visit new cities, states, and even foreign countries.

While every state and almost every country has an agency within the government that handles emergency preparedness, they are different. If you are planning a trip outside the U.S. the best advice is to consult with your travel agent on any potential hazards and preparedness information. If you are traveling in

the USA then it becomes a matter of doing a little homework. Let's say you live in Any Town USA and you are planning a trip to San Antonio in July. You want to visit all of the sites so what preparedness steps could you take?

Chances are you visited several local websites but did you visit the official city website? If you did, you could check out the emergency management or preparedness section. Chances are you will find a lot of good information on it, i.e. the type of warning systems used, some weather tips including flood safety issues, evacuations information, etc. It may also address current issues like the danger of wildfires or drought information. Also check on the weather outlook for your destination. What is the local forecast? Do you need a sweater in July?

Assuming you're staying in a hotel, observe the area around

it. Are there any potential hazards nearby like railroad tracks, and industrial park, or fuel storage tanks! If severe weather threatens, where will you be safe? Your hotel room, the hallway, or maybe the lobby!

In addition to becoming familiar with the City, there are a few things you might want to bring along. Some useful items would be a small flashlight; a battery operated radio, a battery powered NOAA weather radio, and a small first aid kit. In case family members get separated plan a meeting place. Also make sure you know the local emergency numbers. As a reminder there are some areas that do NOT have 9-1-1. You have to dial a seven (7) digit number for an emergency. Also, make sure you know how to make a call - including dialing 9-1-1 from your hotel phone.

In closing, don't leave your preparedness plan and program at home. Take it with you and be prepared just in case.



FEMA's Community Rating System

By Scott Wayman,
City Manager

The City has once again renewed our participation in The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System Program. The City has remained as a Class 7 city, and this will mark our fifth year of participation. Being a resident of a City of our designation allows citizens who are required to obtain flood insurance a 15% discount, and residents who are not in a flood hazard area, but choose to purchase the insurance, to receive a 5% discount.

To qualify for the program, Live Oak has to demonstrate enhanced record keeping that shows that we manage our floodplains at levels higher than minimum standards. When we entered the program, we were the only City in South Central Texas, south of San Marcos, to receive the designation. The rules applying to flood insurance are changing rapidly and if you have any questions on the Community Rating System or inquiries into the floodplains in your area, please contact Scott Wayman at 653-9140 ext. 261.



WINTER WONDERLAND COLORING CONTEST

CONTEST RULES: Please color the Winter Wonderland scene in the most creative way you know how! Entries will be accepted in City Hall until December 8, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Coloring sheets can be turned in at the front desk during business hours, or dropped in the water payment drop box after hours.

Only ONE entry allowed per child. Winners for each age category will be announced at Holiday Family Fun Night, and will also receive notification by phone. Prizes will be awarded for each age category and winners will be displayed in City Hall. Good luck!

The age categories are as follows:

3-4 Years, 5-6 Years, 7-8 Years, 9-10 Years and 11-12 Years

Please complete the following, printing legibly.

Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Phone # _____





Fire Department
 By Gerry Galindo
 Assistant Fire Chief

Christmas Tree Safety

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. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.

PICKING THE TREE

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

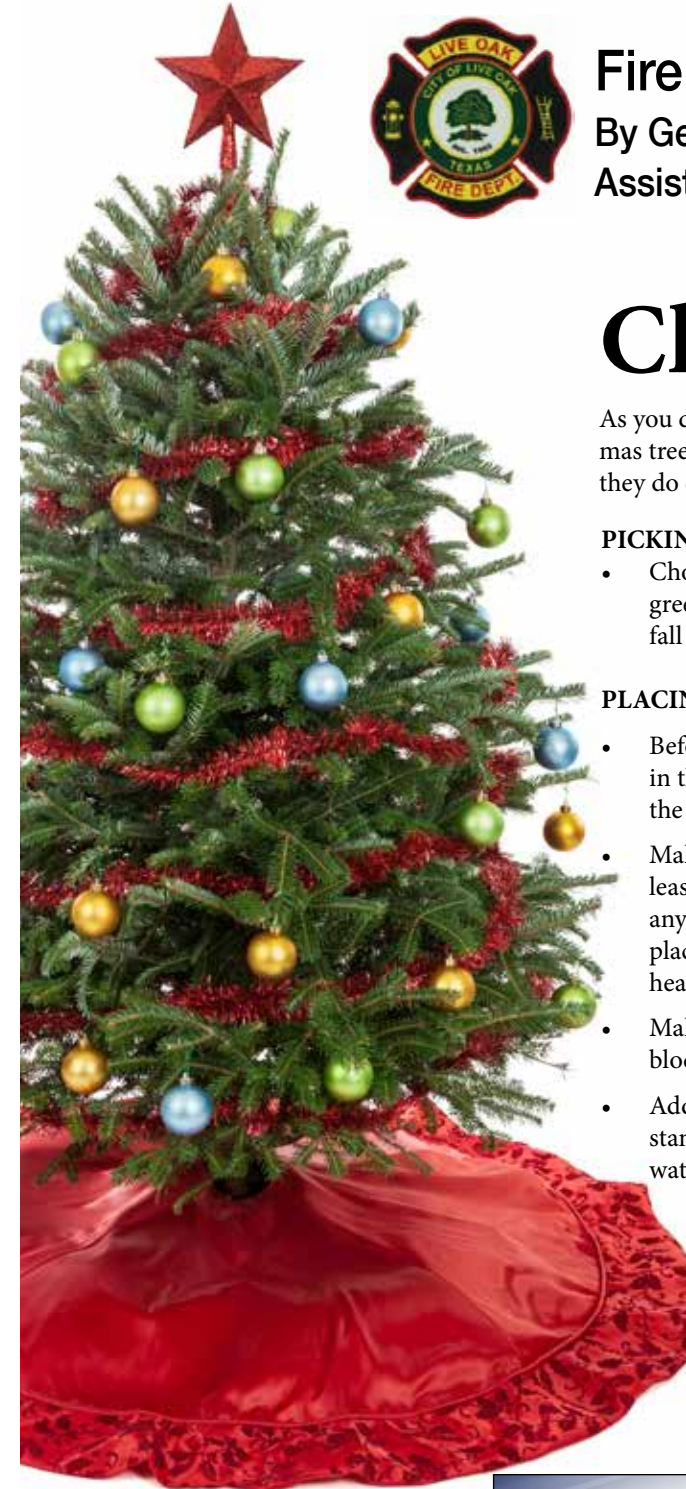
PLACING THE TREE

- 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 a recognized 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.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer. Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when the tree 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. The City of Live Oak conveniently provides a drop off point for your live Christmas trees located across from our City Clubhouse on Shin Oak Dr. Please check with the Cities Utility Department (653-9140 ext. 225 or 226) to see when this service is available for you. As always, The City of Live Oak Fire Department wishes you a safe and happy Holiday Season.



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Zone 2 Clean Up

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who showed up to help city crews with Live Oak Zone 2 Clean Up. In total, we had approximately 100 volunteers from Northeast Methodist Hospital, Esplanade Gardens, Northeast Lakeview Campus, Randolph Air Force Base, Live Oak Citizens on Patrol, Window Warrior, Angel Maids, and the Judson Early College who joined other Live Oak residents in helping with three major clean-up projects.

One group of residents, including a large group from Randolph Air Force Base, made a huge impact, assisting one resident with the removal of debris from her front and back yards, which filled over two dumpsters. Waste Management donated the containers, one of which was placed over her back fence. Volunteers spent the morning discarding trash and debris from a residential yard that was sorely in need of attention. Another group, mostly Northeast Methodist employees, helped an elderly resident paint her house. Our ordinance requires that all structures be maintained, painted and water proofed. When the volunteers were completed, the house met all of the code requirements which before had been identified as violations.

The final group of volunteers, mostly students, assisted with the litter removal from the main park and the south bound access road of IH 35 from Loop 1604 to Toepperwein Road. Years of careless drivers, discarding items out of windows had led to many unsightly items left along the fence lines of the access road. The



crew worked for four hours, filling dozens of trash bags that filled an entire bed of a pickup.

A special thank you to Robert and Lydia Platt for a generous gift card to assist with supplies. Thanks again to all the members who donated their time to improve this segment of the city. We appreciate your efforts in helping keep Live Oak one of the most beautiful places to call home!



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From the Office of Economic & Community Development

Jordan Matney, Manager
Julie Palmer, Executive Assistant



COMING SOON

The City of Live Oak is proud to announce the grand opening of **CAVENDAR CADILLAC**, located at Lookout Road and Loop 1604. Their doors will be open for business on November 3rd. They are moving from their home on Broadway and we couldn't be happier they chose Live Oak to open their dealership. The new \$12 million facility will house the brand new 50,000 sq.-ft. facility that will house the Cavender Cadillac operations for the next several generations. Be sure to stop by and test drive one of their beautiful automobiles today. After all, Christmas is right around the corner. Who wouldn't love to wake up Christmas morning only to find a brand new luxurious Cadillac in their driveway!



BURGER KING, opening soon, at the former Civic Center site on Pat Booker Rd., Burger King serves over 11 million guests around the world daily. They are known for serving high-quality, great-tasting, and affordable and delicious food. Founded in 1954, **BURGER KING®** is the second largest fast food hamburger chain in the world. The original **HOME OF THE WHOPPER**, their commitment to premium ingredients, signature recipes, and family-friendly dining experiences is what has defined their brand for more than 50 successful years. Stop by and enjoy a delicious hot flame kissed burger or a smooth and creamy shake or soft serve cone. Visit their website to view their menu and other specials @ www.bk.com



LITTLE CAESARS opened at 7509 N. Loop 1604 East, has been a long time favorite by adults and kids of all ages. Stop by and pick up one or two of their delicious **HOT-N-READY** pizzas! Whether mom is too tired to cook or the kids are having friends over, Little Caesars offers delicious hot food at a modest price. Little Caesars uses only the finest ingredients. Their dough is made fresh each day and their cheese is freshly shredded. Their world famous pizza sauce contains a secret blend of spices that is a favorite all customers love! Visit their website @ www.littlecaesars.com to view their menu and other specials.

54TH STREET GRILL & BAR, slated to open in December, is a casual, neighborhood grill and bar style restaurants offering an outstanding selection of great tasting food and spirits at very reasonable prices. They will be open daily for lunch and dinner. 54th Street offers a relaxed atmosphere, with a bit of a retro feel. They offer an amazing range of menu choices that always keep diners coming back for more. Favorites like our "Street" steaks, slow-cooked baby back ribs, an incredible variety of salads and sandwiches, not to mention their "Mile High" burgers and world-famous "Gringo" dip, are certain to satisfy. You certainly won't want to forget the ice-cold libations, including a wide variety of bottle and draft beer, along with delicious margaritas and other exotic drinks. They are located at 8111 Pat Booker Rd. or visit them at their website @ www.54thstreetgrill.com

BLONDES, BRUNETTES AND REDHEADS

The Economic Development Corporation and City staff presented Blondes, Brunettes and Redheads with a service recognition plaque for their many years of service to the City of Live Oak. Blondes Brunettes & Redheads, an Aveda Salon, has long been recognized for their excellent customer service to not only residents in Live Oak, but surrounding areas. If you're looking for a salon that offers fabulous cuts, color, styles, waxing and makeup services, stop by Blondes Brunettes & Redheads. They can be reached at 210.654.7400. They are located at 8080 Pat Booker Rd. in Live Oak, or visit them on line @ www.blondesbrunettesreadheadssalon.net



SOUTHPAW TATTOO

Southpaw Tattooing, located in Live Oak for more than 20 years, was presented with a service recognition plaque by the Economic Development Corporation and City staff. Southpaw Tattooing specializes in all styles and designs of tattoos; from portraits to cartoons, from script to tribal. They also offer a full array of body piercings. Regardless of the tattoo or piercing you desire, Southpaw Tattooing and Body Piercing is your one-stop-shop for all of your body modification needs! They are located at 8147 Pat Booker Rd, here in Live Oak and can be reached at 210.967.9709.

ROGEN'S GIFTS

Rogen's Gifts was presented with a service recognition plaque by members of the City's Economic Development Corporation and City staff. Rogen's celebrates over 20 years of business here in Live Oak. Rogen's Gifts specializes in Authentic Native American Indian Arts and Crafts. They also provide sterling silver and turquoise jewelry, bows and arrows, headdresses, moccasins and pottery, authentic Indian goods and southwestern crafts. They are located at 8145 Pat Booker Rd. and can be reached at 210.967.9709.



SHOP LIVE OAK

The City of Live Oak is pleased to announce its Second Annual 12 Days of Christmas Give-a-Way! In an effort to support our local businesses and encourage citizens to Shop Live Oak, we have received some fantastic prizes, gift cards and fun donated from some of our wonderful Live Oak businesses which will be given away during the 12 Days of Christmas contest. Make sure you like us on Facebook and follow along December 1-16 for your chance to win lots of fabulous prizes. Prizes will be awarded for simply being the first person to "like" a post or answering a trivia question. A very special Thank You to all of our Live Oak sponsors! Remember to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak!

12 Days of Christmas



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



Partridge in a Pear Tree

"More Saving, More Doing" This holiday season, stop by **Home Depot's** Garden Center and pick up a beautiful tree for your lawn. Yes, they have pear trees (without the partridge), along with other varieties of fruit and ornamental trees, plants, seeds, shrubs, flowers, pottery, etc. Home Depot is the one stop shop for any type of home improvement or repair. They carry a wide variety of lighting, flooring, paint, building and plumbing supplies and more. Don't forget to bring the family by to pick out your beautiful fresh cut Christmas tree or if you prefer, a lovely artificial one. While you're there, pick up some ornaments, lighting and decorations for the tree or to beautify your home or lawn. Three lucky winners will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Home Depot. They are located at The Forum, 8138 Agora Parkway and can be reached at 945-8160 or visit their website @ www.homedepot.com



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

Two Turtle Doves



When most people think of **James Avery**, they envision a graceful and beautiful handcrafted gold or silver dove. Who wouldn't love to receive an elegant piece of James Avery jewelry under their Christmas tree this holiday season? Established in 1954, James Avery offers high quality, exquisite jewelry for folks of all ages. One lucky winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card to James Avery! They are located at 7529 N. Loop 1604 E, and can be reached at 651-9180 or visit

On the Third Day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

Three French Hens

Houlihan's invites you and your favorite significant other(s) to dine with them for a tasty lunch or dinner. Houlihan's offers a delectable menu of yummy appetizers, chicken, seafood, beef and also vegetarian meals. Their dessert menu is pretty awesome and is hard to pass up! After shopping or just to unwind and relax, stop by for Happy Hour with some good friends or family and enjoy some holiday cheer along with some delicious appetizers. Two winners will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Houlihan's. They are located at 14601 IH 35 North and can be reached at 651-4744 or visit their website at www.houlihans.com



On the Fourth Day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

Four Colly Birds

Known for their large, juicy and delicious fire grilled burgers, yummy entrees, soups, salads, sandwiches and mouth-watering desserts; **Red Robin** is and has been one of Live Oak's most popular restaurants for folks of all ages. They also offer a wide variety of adult beverages too! Three winners will receive one free entrée. Red Robin...YUM!!!! They are located at The Forum, 8226 Agora Parkway, can be reached at 659-9229 or visit their website @ www.redrobin.com



On the Fifth Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Five Golden Rings

Whataburger, voted best hamburger in last year's "Best Of Live Oak" invites you to enjoy some big, crunchy, golden and delicious onion rings; more than five, of course! Pick some up, along with a mouthwatering big and juicy burger and a creamy shake. They've been serving delicious food to Live Oak for over 28 years..."Just Like You Like It", Winners will receive gift cards. Whataburger is located at 12806 N Interstate 35 and can be reached at 654-9405 or visit their website at www.whataburger.com.



On the Sixth Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Six Geese-a-Laying

At the end of a long day of Christmas shopping, party going or holiday entertaining, what better way to end the day by laying your tired 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're looking for, be sure to stop by and pay **Mattress Firm** a visit. Located at The Forum, 8215 Agora Parkway and can be reached at 658-7000 or visit their website at www.mattressfirm.com. Two lucky winners will receive a Memory Foam Lux Gel Pillow.





On the Seventh Day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

Seven Swans-a-Swimming

When the mercury starts to rise during those hot summer months, there's nothing like hopping into a sparkling crystal clear swimming pool and cooling off from this brutal Texas heat. The pool has a new state of the art slide surrounded by beautiful grounds with plenty of seating and shade. We also have a canopy covered baby pool for your little ones. Oh, and did I mention, we also have some of the best lifeguards in town! One lucky winner will receive a summer long pool pass to the **Live Oak Pool** for the 2015 season. The City of Live Oak Pool is located at 7901 Shin Oak Dr. For more information regarding pool hours and information, please call 653-9140.



On the Eighth Day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

Eight Maids-a-Milking

Dairy Queen, serving hungry Live Oak residents for over 37 years, has been a family favorite of young and old alike! They serve a wide variety of delicious burgers, baskets, and of course, who can resist their smooth and creamy soft serve cones, shakes and blizzards! Be sure to stop by during the holidays and enjoy some of their holiday themed blizzards! 5 lucky winners will receive a \$10.00 gift card. Dairy Queen is located at 8099 Village Oak Dr. and can be reached at 655-9636 or visit their website at www.dairyqueen.com.



On the Ninth Day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me...

Nine Ladies Dancing

Bikinis, known for their lovely bikini clad waitresses, YES, even in the winter, invite you to stop in and warm up with some tasty appetizers, burgers, sandwiches, tacos, wings and more! If you're thirsty, enjoy an ice cold cocktail or a microbrew. If you're a big sports fan, stop by and view your favorite team on one of their many big screen televisions. While you're there, maybe try and tackle the giant "Big Buckin' Burger" weighing in at a whopping 5 pounds! Finish the whole thing and receive a Bikini's T-Shirt! Bikini's is located at 13846 N Interstate 35 and can be reached at 368-2334 or visit their website @ www.bikinissportsbarandgrill.com.



On the Tenth Day of
Christmas, my true love
gave to me...

Ten Lords-a-Leaping



Hear Ye – Hear Ye! Lloryl Bailey, owner and director of the **Big Green Gym Bus**, is once again giving away a birthday party package for 6 little lads or lassies to be held at our very own Live Oak Park! Your little ones will be given the Royal Treatment while leaping around having a jolly good time in the BGGB. Be sure to visit their website at www.biggreengymbus.com for more information.

For those of you who ate too much pumpkin pipe or one too many Christmas cookies, **Gold's Gym** is giving away certificates to shed those stubborn holiday pounds. One lucky winner will receive a three month membership. They are located at 7937 Pat Booker Rd. and can be reached at 637-6600 or visit their website at www.goldsgym.com.



IHOP has donated several certificates for their delicious short stack pancakes. They also offer mouth-watering entrees if you're not in the mood for breakfast. They are located at The Forum, 8107 Agora Parkway and can be reached at 945-0911 or visit their website at www.ihop.com.



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

Eleven Pipers Piping

Well, you finished the majority of your Christmas shopping and just can't find the strength to start supper? Well, hide those shopping bags, grab the kids and head up to **Peter Piper Pizza**. Sit back, relax and enjoy one of their hot delicious pizzas and an ice cold beverage while the kiddos ride on the indoor carousel or play a wide variety of fun and games. Peter Piper Pizza is the place to go to keep your kids entertained while you catch your breath. Two lucky winners will receive a \$25.00 gift card from Peter Piper's Pizza. They are located at The Forum, 8134 Agora Parkway and can be reached at 658.1541 or visit their website @ www.peterpiperpizza.com.



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

Twelve Drummers Drumming

If it's a toy drum kit you're looking to purchase for that little aspiring musician of the family, or for any toy your child desires, **Target** offers a huge assortment of popular toys for boys and girls of all ages. You'll be sure to find that perfect gift for everyone else on your Christmas list as well; young and old. Don't forget, Target also offers a wide selection of groceries to save you from making a second stop on your way home. Remember at Target, Expect More, Pay Less! Target is located at The Forum, 8234 Agora Parkway and can be reached at 945.9759 or visit their website at www.target.com.



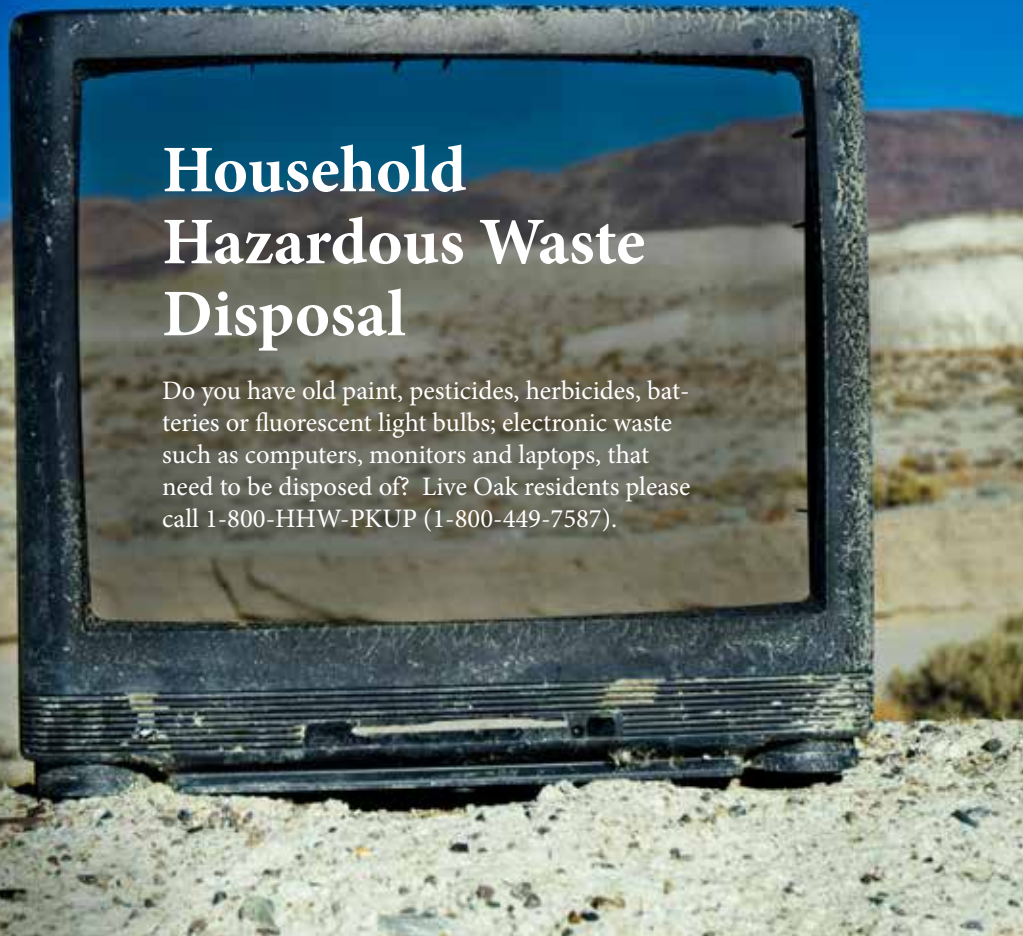
From the Office of Public Works

By Mark Wagster, Public Works Director

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



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).



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.



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SHOP LIVE OAK 5K

in support of Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 22, 2014, 8:00 AM

**Live Oak Clubhouse
7901 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX**

The first ever Shop Live Oak 5K, in support of shopping locally, will begin at the Live Oak Pool and Clubhouse at 7901 Shin Oak Dr. The route will travel through the neighborhoods of Live Oak, through one of our most successful small business districts and return to the Clubhouse.

“All individuals registered for the 5K can participate in a Polar Plunge afterward at the pool for free!”

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers in each age category:

Under 10, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

**Registration Information:
\$25/race participant**

Early Registration Deadline: Thursday, November 6th

Late Registration Fee: \$30/race participant

(Late registration is November 7 through morning of race, t-shirts guaranteed only for those meeting the early registration deadline)





1st Annual Shop Live Oak 5K Run/Walk

In support of Small Business Saturday
Benefitting the Tri County Chamber of Commerce



Runners of all abilities are invited out to help support our local businesses and join us for the first annual Shop Live Oak 5K! This event will be professionally managed with chip timing on a challenging, certified course.

Registration options:
Register online at www.athleteguild.com OR complete the registration form below and return with payment to: Live Oak City Hall, Attn. Julie Palmer, 8001 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX 78233. **Make checks payable to the Tri County Chamber of Commerce.**

Packet Pickup:
Packet pickup will be held Friday, November 21st from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX. Race Day packet pickup and late registration will be held the morning of the race, Saturday, November 22nd from 7:00-7:45 AM.

Please make checks payable to: **Tri County Chamber of Commerce**. Early registration deadline is Thursday, November 6th. Payments made after November 6th will be \$30.00. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Sex: M / F
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 Age: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Participant Agreement and Release

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the Shop Live Oak 5K 2014 and Polar Plunge (herein after the "Event") to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 in Live Oak, Texas, I, _____ (Print Name), intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators agree as follows:

I know that a 5K run/walk/obstacle course and Polar Plunge is a potentially hazardous activity and that I could be seriously injured. I am voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and agree to assume any and all risks of bodily injury or property damage, whether those risks are known or unknown (including the inherent danger of the Event; the negligence or intentional acts of any person including myself; wearing inadequate apparel; dangerous ground conditions; spectator interference; natural causes; contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat, the condition of the road and traffic on the course - I understand that events may be held over public roads and facilities open to the public during the event and upon which hazards are to be expected; and all other causes of injury, damage or loss; all such risks being known and appreciated by me). I should not enter or run in this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I understand that my consent to these provisions is given in consideration of the acceptance of this registration and for being permitted to participate in this event. I am a voluntary participant in this event, and in good physical condition.

I KNOW THAT THIS EVENT IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY AND I HEREBY ASSUME FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT OR WHILE ON CITY STREETS OR OTHER ANY OTHER CITY PROPERTY FOR THIS EVENT, AND I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND COVENANT NOT TO FILE SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, TX, ("RELEASEES") FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR CLAIMS I MAY HAVE ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE SUFFERED BY ME OR OTHERS, WHETHER SAME MAY BE CAUSED BY FALLS, CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF THE COURSE, NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

If I do not follow all the rules of the event, I understand that I may be removed from the event. I give my full permission to the City of Live Oak to use any photographs, videotapes, or other recordings of me that are made during the course of this event.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Parent of Participant under the age of 18 Date _____

NOTE: Separate entry forms and signed waivers must be completed for each participant.

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Holiday Family Fun Night

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm telling you why...because Santa is coming!!! The traditional Holiday Family Fun Night and visit with Santa will take place on Thursday, December 11th. 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. There will be food, fun and festivities, an event you don't want to miss!

From the Office of Parks & Recreation

By Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

November 8, 2014

The Live Oak Parks and Recreation Commission in partnership with the Live Oak Village Garden Club, invites you to attend the Annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year we will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Live Oak Xeriscape Park located at the corner of Sage Oak and Toepperwein. 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 as well as a special drawing and door prize. Come relax in the beautiful and peaceful garden as the community of Live Oak recognizes 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.



Letters to Santa

The North Pole Mailbox arrives in City Hall on November 3rd. This is an opportunity to get those Christmas wish lists straight to the Jolly Ol' Fellow! Parents, please fill out the information sheet located next to the mailbox and make sure to place it in an envelope with your child's letter. All letters from the same household must be in one envelope, or stapled together. Please print your child's information legibly and remember, 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 1st.



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.



"Polar Plunge"

Plunge into winter! On Saturday, November 22 at 9:30 AM, join us at the Live Oak Pool for our first ever Polar Plunge. Admission is only \$5/person, however if you register for the Shop Live Oak 5K, registration for the Polar Plunge is free (registration form on page 19 of this magazine). Jump in, swim the distance of the pool and enjoy some hot chocolate afterward! It's the coolest thing you'll do all year!

Crosswalk Safety by City Hall

We have had some safety concerns with the crosswalk that is between City Hall and the Justice Center on Shin Oak. According to state law, motorists are required to stop for pedestrians crossing a within a marked crosswalk. Many times, this is not the case with the crosswalk on Shin Oak and we would like to ask for your assistance with this issue. This crosswalk is used by employees, citizens and visitors on a daily basis and we hope that motorists will yield to pedestrians at this location.

On days when municipal court is held there are many cars parked along Shin Oak Drive and there are an increasing number of pedestrians using this crosswalk. All motorists are asked to observe the posted speed limit on Shin Oak Drive and to yield to any pedestrians in the crosswalk. Thanks for your help to insure the safety of all of our visitors to the City Hall complex.



Scott Wayman, City Manager

Not an Unfamiliar Face

September 1st marked Scott Wayman's first day as City Manager for the City of Live Oak, succeeding Matt Smith's retirement.

Scott has been with the City as the Assistant City Manager for 12 years and before that worked in the police department for 15 years. He is pleased that the council chose him to watch over the day to day operation of the city and is eager to serve the citizens, as well as the outstanding staff who work for the City.

Please call Scott with any concerns, or stop by City Hall and meet with him. His number is 210-653-9140 ext. 261.

Holiday Safety

We always refer to the few months before Christmas as the "door kicker" season. Try to insure that your Christmas tree and gifts cannot be seen from the front exterior of your house while you are away. During this time of year there seems to be an increase in the number of residential burglaries, and providing a thief with a plain view of the number of presents under a tree is just inviting the opportunity.

If you plan to travel during the holidays, make sure that you have a neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers. If you

anticipate having packages delivered to the house in your absence, your neighbors should also be asked to look for those as well. If your house appears unoccupied for a long period of time it invites the wrong type of holiday guests. Consider placing interior lights on timers and leaving a radio on inside the house. Anything that you can do to convince a potential intruder that someone is home will go a long way in deterring these types of crimes.

Common sense always comes into play when determining what you should do to protect



yourself from burglars. Above all, if you come home and find an unknown vehicle parked in your garage, in your drive way, or the front door to your home forced open, call 911 immediately. Do not attempt to investigate the incident yourself. Your safety and the safety of your family should always be your top priority.

If you are out shopping, please remember to hide your valuables and lock your vehicle. Keep your valuables in the trunk. This Christmas season Live Oak Police will kick off "Operation grinch". During the Christmas season Live Oak Police will be patrolling the Forum shopping center providing a safe shopping experience.

Celebrating Staff!



Exceptional Heroism and Courage

Mr. Henry Conway, Schertz VFW, presented awards to Sgt. Kent Iglesias and Corporal Lara at the October 9, 2014 department meeting. Mr. Conway also had an award for

Officer Javier Zuniga, resigned to take position with Selma PD. These officers received the recognition from the VFW for their exceptional heroism and courage while responding to a suicide attempt call. Iglesias, Lara and Zuniga received the Live Oak Police Department Life Saving Award for their actions of courage, bravery and heroism in saving a human life on January 8, 2014.



Chief of Police Commendation for Exceptional Performance of Duty

The following officers received this award at the October 9, 2014 department meeting for their investigation which led to the arrest of a suspect and the recovery of stolen property: Sgt. Kevin McGuire, Officer Janie Caballero, Officer David Prieto and Officer Javier Zuniga (not shown).



Employee of the Quarter:

On October 14th, the City Council recognized Pamela Loeffler as the most recent Employee of the Quarter. Ms. Loeffler is a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City and organized the recent child care safety seat inspection at the Fire Department. Ms. Loeffler became certified as a safety seat inspector and secured a grant for 40 child seats. Thank you Pamela for all of your efforts to make our City safer and support our residents. Pictured left to right: Fire Chief Charles Foster, Mayor Mary M. Dennis and Firefighter/Paramedic Pamela Loeffler.



Officer Hernandez Competes in Texas Police Games

Patrol Officer Jason Hernandez competed in the Texas Police Games and in the United States Police and Fire Championships this summer. It was his fifth consecutive Texas Games and his first time competing in the Police and Fire Championships. The Texas Games were held in Nassau Bay-Houston and the U.S. Police and Fire Championships were held in San Diego California.

Officer Hernandez won silver medals in four events.

Pictured above: Officer Jason Hernandez on right with his brother, Gilbert Hernandez, on left.

Let's Cook, Live Oak!

These cookies are some of Santa's favorites!



Cran-Pistachio Cookies

- 1 pouch Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Mix
- 2 eggs
- 1 box (4 serving size) pistachio instant pudding mix
- 1 cup dry roasted pistachios (chopped)
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ cup dried cranberries (chopped)
- ½ cup melted butter
- green food coloring for dough

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, stir cookie mix, pudding mix and flour. Add melted butter and eggs. Stir in a few drops of green food coloring. Add pistachios and cranberries, mix well. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheet and slightly flatten with fingertips. Bake 8-10 minutes. They will not look done, but take them out and let them sit in pan for about 2 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

Chocomint Blossoms

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 2 Tbl. milk
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 tsp. peppermint extract
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ¾ cup cocoa powder
- 42 peppermint swirl kisses or kiss of choice
- 1 egg

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl beat butter and shortening for 30 seconds. Add sugar, cocoa and baking powder. Beat until combined. Beat in egg, milk and peppermint extract until combined. Beat in as much of the flour as you can with mixer. Stir in remaining flour. Cover; chill for 1 hour. Shape dough in 1 inch balls. Bake 10-12 minutes. Immediately press a candy kiss in the center of each cookie.

Giant Chewy Ginger Cookies

- 4 ½ cups flour
- 1 ½ cup shortening
- 4 tsp ground ginger
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ cup molasses
- 1 tsp ground cloves
- ¾ cup coarse or granulated sugar
- ¼ tsp salt

Preheat oven to 350°. In medium mixing bowl stir together flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon, cloves and salt; set aside. In large mixing bowl beat shortening for 30 seconds, Gradually add the 2 cups sugar. Beat until combined. Beat in eggs and molasses. Beat in as much of the flour mixture as you can with the mixer. Stir in remaining flour. Shape dough into 2 inch balls using ¼ cup dough. Roll balls in the ¾ cup coarse or granulated sugar. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until cookies are light brown and puffed. (Do not overbake or cookies will not be chewy). Makes 25 4-inch cookies.

2014 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

NOVEMBER						
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DECEMBER						
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14	15	16	17A	18B	19C	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2014 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.



CITY MEETINGS

- Nov 3 Parks & Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Nov 18 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- Nov 6 Soup Night: L.O.Clubhouse 5:00pm
 - Nov 10 Games Day: Oak Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - Nov 12 SAS Factory Tour & Lunch @ Little Red Barn/Carpool 8:00am
 - Nov 17 Potluck & Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse 11:30am
 - Nov 20 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - Nov 24 Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse 11:00am
 - Tuesdays: Walk & Talk/Live Oak Clubhouse 9:00am
 - Thursdays: Walk & Talk/ Woodcrest Park 9:00am
- For more information contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse
 - Nov 18 Regular Meeting 1 – 3pm
- For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

- For more information, visit them on Facebook/Live Oak League of Arts
- Nov 20 Thanksgiving Dinner

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse/Open to Public
 - Nov 10 General Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek @ 657-7167 or Golaunda Zoet @ 702-541-5974

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Nov 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends: Set clocks back one hour
- Nov 3 North Pole Mailbox arrives at City Hall 8:00am-5:00pm
- Nov 8 Annual Arbor Day Celebration: Live Oak Xeriscape Park 10:00am
- Nov 11 City Offices Closed: Veteran's Day
- Nov 15-16: Bulk Shredding: ACCD Parking Lot 9am-Noon
- Nov 22 Shop Live Oak 5K & Polar Plunge, Live Oak Clubhouse 8:00am

FARMERS MARKET

- Every Tuesday: Alamo Colleges parking 9am-2pm



CITY MEETINGS

- Dec 1 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- Dec 9 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- Dec 4 Soup Night: L.O. Clubhouse 5:00pm
 - Dec 8 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - Dec 10 Lunch @ Shang Hai Restaurant 11:30am
 - Dec 15 Pot Luck & Gift Exchange: Live Oak Clubhouse 11:30am
 - Dec 22 Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse 11:00am
 - Tuesdays: Walk & Talk/Live Oak Clubhouse 9:00am
 - Thursdays: Walk & Talk/ Woodcrest Park 9:00am
- For more information contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse
 - Dec 16 Regular Meeting 1 – 3pm
- For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

- For more information, visit them on Facebook/Live Oak League of Arts
- Dec 13 Christmas Luncheon & Mini Workshop

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse/Open to public
 - Dec 8 General Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek @ 657-7167 or Golaunda Zoet @ 702-541-5974

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Dec 1 Last day to turn in Letters to Santa: City Hall 8:00-5:00pm
- Dec 11 Holiday Family Fun Night: Live Oak Clubhouse 6:00-9:00pm

FARMERS MARKET

- Every Tuesday: Alamo Colleges parking lot 9am-2pm



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