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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

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings: Held as necessary

Citizen Code Compliance Committee Meetings:

Every other Tuesday @ 4:00 pm

(see Community Calendar)

FUTURE EVENTS

Farmer's Market

653-9140 ext. 250

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

March 24th: Easter Egg Hunt, Live Oak Main Park @ 1:30pm

April 12, 13, 14: City Wide Garage Sale

April 20th: Daddy Daughter Dance (place: tba) 5-8pm



Live Oak OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Mary M. Dennis would like to congratulate Darlene Daspit-Pohl for receiving the Live Oak Citizen of the Year award! Darlene was recently presented with the Civilian of the Year Award for Joint Base San Antonio - Randolph Air Force Base. She has worked for the 12th Operations Group, since 2003, and she retired from the Air Force Reserves in 2005. Darlene and her husband. Jeff, are citizens of Live Oak and are both graduates from LOPAC. Thank you Darlene for your dedication and service to your community and country.

Dear Citizens.

The year has started out with a bang. So many exciting and wonderful things have taken place. We have welcomed several new businesses to the city. Never in Live Oak's history has there been such a diverse set of new businesses that have joined our City. Golden Chick, Live Oak Periodontics and Implant Dentistry, Beer Goggles and Reptile PetsDirect, just to name a few.

This issue is all about gardening and I would like to personally thank the Live Oak Village Garden Club for the work that they have done to beautify our City. The Live Oak Parks have never looked better and I would like to extend a warm thank you to the parks department for all the work that it takes to maintain our beautiful parks.

Never has our City been in better financial hands and that is apparent with the latest Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Excellence. This is the 5th consecutive year we have received this award and it really shows the efforts put forth by our Finance Department.

Enjoy the beautiful weather while we prepare for spring. I am available for comments or concerns at 210-792-7168 or by email at yourmayormary@yahoo.com. The best is vet to come.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis





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NOTICE OF ELECTION THE CITY OF LIVE OAK

An election is hereby ordered to be held on MAY 11, 2013 for the purpose of:

CALLING FOR A JOINT, GENERAL AND SPECIAL **ELECTION WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES TO BE HELD** ON MAY 11, 2013 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE COUNCILMEMBERS, PLACE ONE, THREE, FIVE AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at locations on page 5.

HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING

Monday, April 29, 2013 through Friday, May 7, 2013 -8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m

Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday, May 6, 2013 through Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY by personal appearance will be conducted on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at:

Edward E. Franz Elementary School Precincts: 4056 and 4100 12301 Welcome Drive City of Live Oak, Texas 78233

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Crestview Elementary School Precincts: 4054 and 4055 7710 Narrow Pass Live Oak, Texas 78233

Olympia Elementary School Precincts: 4105 and 4113 8439 Athenian Drive Universal City, TX 78148

Royal Ridge Elementary School Precinct: 4115 5933 Royal Ridge San António, TX 78239

Hours for Election Day Voting are: 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: **Bexar County Elections Department** Attn: Early Voting Clerk 203 W. Nueva. Suite 362 San Antonio, Texas 78207-4533

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: May 3, 2013.

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MAIN EARLY VOTING LOCATION:

(Localidad Principal de Votacion Adelantada)

** BEXAR COUNTY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT:

300 Dolorosa

DEAFLINK available at this site **CONECCION PARA PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD AUDITIVA disponible Basement, south end across from cafeteria (Sotano, lado sur, frente de la cafeteria)

In addition to the main early polling place, early voting will be conducted at the following locations (Además del sitio indicado se habilitaran para la votación anticipada y esta se efectuara en los siguientes lugares):

BROOKHOLLOW LIBRARY	
CASTLE HILLS CITY HALL	
CLAUDE BLACK CENTER	
CODY LIBRARY	
COLLINS GARDEN LIBRARY	
ENCINO PARK COMMUNITY CENTER	1923 Encino Rio
GREAT NORTHWEST LIBRARY	9050 Wellwood
HELOTES CITY HALL	12951 Bandera
HENRY A. GUERRA, JR. LIBRARY	7978 W. Military Drive
JOHN IGO LIBRARY	
**JULIA YATES SEMMES LIBRARY @ Comanche Lookout Park	15060 Judson Road
LAS PALMAS LIBRARY	515 Castroville Road
LEON VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER	6451 Evers Road
**LION'S FIELD	2809 Broadway
MAURY MAVERICK, JR. LIBRARY	8700 Mystic Park
**MCCRELESS LIBRARY	
MEMORIAL LIBRARY	3222 Culebra
MISSION LIBRARY (Cisneros Community Center Replacement)	
NORTHSIDE ACTIVITY CENTER	
OLMOS CITY HALL	120 W. El Prado
PARMAN LIBRARY @ STONE OAK	
(Stoneoak Presbyterian Church Replacement)	20735 Wilderness
PRECINCT 1 SATELLITE OFFICE	3505 Pleasanton Road
SHAVANO PARK CITY HALL	900 Saddletree Ct.
SOUTH PARK MALL	
SOUTH SAN ANTONIO ISD ADMIN BLDG 5	622 Ray Ellison Dr.
SOUTHSIDE ISD ADMIN BLDG (Board Room)	460 Martinez-Losoya
THOUSAND OAKS/EL SENDRO	
TOBIN LIBRARY @OAKWELL	
VIA METRO CENTER (Lobby area)	1021 San Pedro
UNIVERSAL CITY - CITY HALL	
UTSA UNIVERSAL CENTER	•
WINDCREST TAKAS PARK CIVIC CENTER	
WONDERLAND OF AMERICAS @ CROSSROADS MALL	

SITES SUBJECT TO CHANGE * LOS SITIOS PARA LA VOTACION ANTICIPADA ESTAN SUJETOS A CAMBIO

BUSINESSRECOGNITION

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.



PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANT DENTISTRY held their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Council, Economic Development Corporation and for the Grand Opening and joint ribbon cutting. Dr. John Amiemeke (Dr. John as we like to call him)

Live Oak's newest medical facility, LIVE OAK and his staff specialize in many different areas of oral health including periodontics, oral medicine, oral plastic surgery and dental implant esthetics. Wednesday, December 19th. Members of the City Located at 12702 Toepperwein, Suite 132, the office is conveniently located across from Northeast the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce Methodist Hospitals deep in the heart of Live Oak's joined Dr. Aniemeke, his staff, family and friends medical district. For more information, call the office at 210-209-7119 or visit them online at http://www.liveoakperiodontics.com.liveoaktx.net.

One of Live Oak's newest businesses, **BEER GOGGLES**, (pictured below) is now open for business in the Oak Grove Shopping Center. Members of the Live Oak City Council and Economic Development Corporation ioined owners and representatives for the soft opening. Beer Goggles offers a variety of specials in a unique atmosphere. They also have a pet friendly patio! Swing by today at 12702 Toepperwein, Suite 101 or visit them on Facebook for more information.

Members of the Economic Development Corporation and City Staff presented a check for the Visual Improvement Program (VIP) to REPTILE PETS DIRECT (pictured to right). The new business located at 8088 Pat Booker, across from the Civic Center, sells reptile pets, products and food. The EDC assisted with the purchase of a new sign for the business. Pay them a visit today or visit them online at http://www.reptilepetsdirect.com or on Facebook. For more information about the Visual Improvement Program and to see if your business qualifies, contact Jordan Matney at 210-653-9140, ext. 286 or by email at jmatney@liveoaktx.net.





The Economic Development Corporation presented a certificate of appreciation to TEXAS ROADHOUSE Live Oak, TX for their continued support of the military community and the residents of Live Oak. On Monday, November 12, Texas Roadhouse provided free lunch for Veterans and active service men and women in honor of Veteran's Day. Texas Roadhouse is located in the Live Oak Crossing Shopping Center by the movie theatre. For more information visit them online at http://www.texasroadhouse.com or on Facebook. A special "thank you" to Texas Roadhouse for their dedication to the City.

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SERVICERECOGNITION Coward



The Economic Development Corporation continued its tradition of honoring our oldest businesses in Live Oak. Dr. Stanley K. Cross and his wife moved to Live Oak in 1974 and opened FAMILY AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY (pictured left) at 7900 Shin Oak in 1976. Dr. Coss stated that at that time. Shin Oak ended at Enchanted Oaks. We would like to thank Dr. Coss for his dedicated service to the residents of Live Oak for over 35 years. For more information about Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, please contact them at 654-1851.



Members of the Economic Development Corporation presented a Service Recognition Plague to **FUTURE GENERATIONS DAYCARE** (pictured left) for their 32 dedicated years of service to the youth of Live Oak. Future Generations. located at 7608 Narrow Pass, was opened in 1980 by current owner Pam Boehme's mother. For more information on Live Oak's oldest child care facility, please contact them at 210-653-4227.



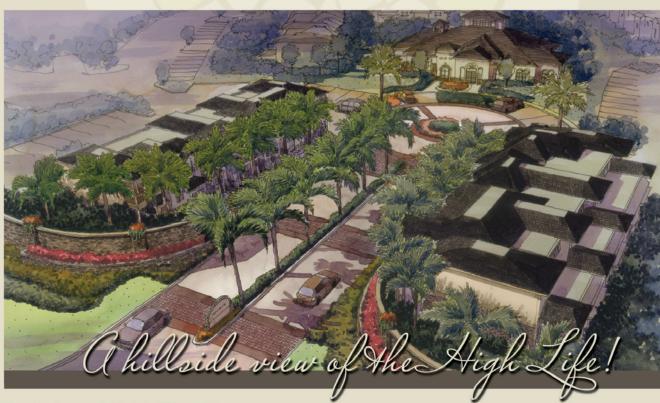


Members of the Economic **Development Corporation** and City Staff presented a plague to JORDAN FORD for their 27 years of faithful business in the City of Live Oak, Jordan Ford is located at 13010 IH 35 in Live Oak. Stop by today to look at a new or pre-owned vehicle with one of their friendly staff members.

Visit them online at jordanfordsa.com.







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CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY Planting Seeds in Young Minds

The experience and wonderment of seeing seed, soil, water and sun come together to transform into a tiny green plant is a lesson in itself. By tending the garden and taking care of their environment, students at Crestview see that they are helping nature "make the magic happen."

Crestview Elementary was built in 1975. In 2010-2011, the Crestview Student Council, with the help of the Live Oak Village Garden Club, and Student Council Sponsors,

Kelly Carreon and Rebecca Sprouse, applied and won a grant from the Silver and Black Give Back Foundation (formerly the Spurs Foundation) for \$22,500 to build an outdoor classroom, including a garden. With this money, Crestview built 3 raised planting beds, an outdoor amphitheater, an outdoor chessboard, a pond and a beautiful mural. A plant cam, several alternative energy kits and instructional material was also purchased with this grant money.

The Student Council usually takes care of the vegetable garden during the year, but recently, other classes have pitched in to help. They have guest speakers from time to time and learn all about the fun and importance of gardening. Each grade is assigned a designated area of the garden to plant specific things. They haven't experienced a large harvest yet, but Ms. Sprouse states that when they do, they would like to be able to share some of the vegetables with the community.

Another great benefit the children learn in gardening is teamwork. Students need to work together to prepare the soil, plant the seeds, water the plants and stay on top of the weeding. Gardening teaches them responsibility, and working with others can build students' self- esteem. Seeing the garden flourish and produce vegetables is the sign of their success and the end product of the fruits of their labor.

NAEGLIN Farms

What better way to continue your New Year's Resolution into spring than stocking up on fresh, home grown fruits and vegetables? The Naegelin Family Farm located on 300 acres in Lytle, TX has been farming and producing over 30 different crops for over four generations. Naegelin Farm owners Sonny and Doris, along with their seven children continue the family farming tradition today. Naegelin Farms participates in Famers Markets across the San Antonio and Central Texas area. Every Tuesday morning, rain or shine, you can find them in the parking lot of the Live Oak Civic Center located at the intersection of 1604 and Pat Booker. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available for purchase from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For more information on Naegelin Farms, please visit them online at www.naegelinfarms.com.



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".

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Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.

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LIVE OAK **VILLAGE** Garden Club

Live Oak has had a long history with volunteer garden clubs. Many have come and gone, but the Live Oak Village Garden Club (LOVGC) has continued to do good work for the City for many years. The members belong to a larger organization called the San Antonio Garden Club that meets at the Botanical Gardens. One of their members, Lillie Denley earned the distinction of a "Master Gardener", a title that she received through training from Texas A&M University. Master Gardeners are required to attend the class. complete a test and put between 30 and 60 volunteer hours of gardening per year, for various organizations. They do work with the San Antonio Water System, the Botanical Gardens and various school science fairs. The LOVGC meets the third Tuesday of every month from 1-3pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse.

In Live Oak, The LOVGC's main project is the Xeriscape Gardens at Judson and Toepperwein, across from the Hospital. This park is currently under renovation with new and compatible plants, plans for a sidewalk as well as a gazebo that will accentuate the beauty of the park. Additional plans for the renovation calls for sandstone walking paths, additional gardens and a gazebo. The group has asked for help with the renovation from the Hospital, as well as Live Oak Economic Development Corporation, who will hopefully assist with the purchase of the gazebo. Funds from their plant sale as well as other fund raisers will go towards the project as well.

The group will be hosting their annual Spring Plant Sale on April 13th from 9am to 5pm at the Xeriscape Gardens, which will consist mainly of outdoor plants that flourish during the summer months. The Live Oak Fire Department will also have their boot on hand to collect for Muscular Dystrophy. Rental space for crafters will also be available for \$20.00 (sellers must provide their own table). Call Jo Anna Wheeler @ 210.655.1036 to reserve your space. They will also have their fall plant sale later in the year, which will focus primarily on indoor plants that will survive inside during the winter months.

The LOVGC and all the groups who have come before them have done a tremendous job beautifying areas of Live Oak that without them, had been pretty dreary. Thank you to all the members for all the work they have done for the City. The LOVGC is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please call Jo Anna Wheeler at 210.655.1036.



LIVE OAK CHIROPRACTOR GETS RADICAL..."

Dear friends.

It was early last Thursday.

drugs for headaches, I said to myself, "This is absolutely crazy."

What's so crazy is that few people know that chiropractic may help them. They end up taking can lose their effectiveness, and can even cause 'rebound' headaches them-selves.

so I guess I'm getting a little 'radical' here.

have a massive marketing machine like the call us at 210-599-9570. pharmaceutical companies have. Do you know that the drug industry is one of the biggest industries in this country? Yet, when it comes to our nation's overall health, we fall way short.

Why is that?

Well, it's my belief that drugs aren't always the answer. Chiropractors understand that health is an "inside-out" process. That's why I'm so proud of our success rate.

My name is Dr. Drew Czerminski. I've been at this for seventeen years, and

the results still amaze me! No drugs, no surgery. It just got to me. After seeing the ninth It may seem like a miracle, but it makes sense. person that day that had been on heavy Chiropractors relieve nerve pressure, and the body responds by healing itself. It's very simple.

> If you are looking for a different approach to health then come see us.

You've probably seen our clinic, Back To Health one serious drug after another trying to "cover Chiropractic. It's the one on Toepperwein Road, up" the symptoms. Sooner or later, those drugs next to the Dollar General. When you come in for your appointment, we'll go over your information, and do whatever tests need to be done, even x-rays, There is a massive propaganda machine out for just \$27. That lasts until March 31, 2013. My job there telling people that the answer to all their is to get you better as fast and completely as I can. health problems is drugs. I don't believe that, It's my passion. We don't want to just get you out of pain, we want to fix the cause of the problem so it The problem is that we chiropractors don't doesn't affect you years down the road. Feel free to

> Thanks and God bless. Dr. Drew Czerminski, D.C. Dr. Jason Wilkinson D.C.

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THE VILLAGE



If you're not one with a green thumb, The Village Florist in Brentwood Plaza Shopping Center has you covered. Family owned and operated for 17 years, April Wapniewski and her staff are skilled in all areas of floral design, including fresh and silk arrangements. Located at 12315 Judson Road, the Village Florist is convenient for all Live Oak residents with deliveries in town, to Northeast Methodist Hospital, the Medical Center and even Downtown San Antonio. Orders can be made in store, over the phone or through their website. While they prefer advance notice for custom orders, the team does their best to fill same day orders for those last minute procrastinators.

Owner April Wapniewski got her start in floral design while still in high school at Roosevelt High School in the Northeast Independent School District. She joined the Co-Op in school and began working afternoons at what was then known as Windcrest Florist. Her part time job turned into passion and a career. April began working at the Village Florist in 1999 and purchased the business from the previous owner in 2005.

April and her team can provide an assortment of floral services for any need. They complete custom orders, parties, corsages and bouquets, homecoming mums and garters, wedding parties, centerpieces and of course bouquets for any holiday. In her spare time, April is the proud dog mom to Tank, her brindle and white English Bulldog and enjoys playing bingo. For more information or to place orders, visit the shop at 12315 Judson Road or call 210-590-2028. You can also visit them online at www.thevillagefloristtx.com and on Facebook.

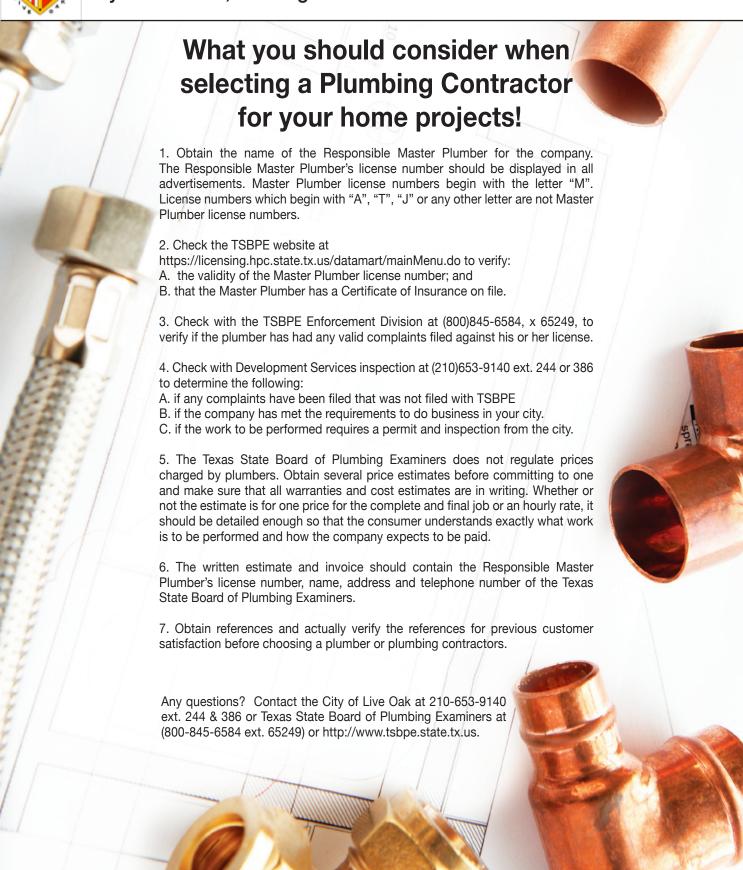


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Development Services

By Ken Steiner, Building Official





From the Office of Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert, Emergency Manager



REMEMBER TO MOVE YOUR

CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR





Severe Weather Season

around the corner and along with it comes our annual severe weather season. In 2012 we had very few instances of severe storms, and watches and warnings were seldom issued by the National Weather Service. The lack of rain and bigger problem! Fortunately wildfires were not a huge problem around the state this year. The outlook for the next few months is for temperatures to remain slightly above normal and precipitation to be slightly below normal.

The first day of spring is just

In regards to severe weather the months of March, April, and May tend to be our normal severe weather months. As such the

Texas Governor has proclaimed the week of March 3rd to March 9th, 2013, as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas."

The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue watches and warnings whenever storms have the potential for high winds reaching 58 MPH (50 knots) and hail one (1) inch in diameter. Severe thunderstorms are also capable of producing tornadoes with little or no warning. In addition the potential for flash flooding is always a concern in and around the region. Fortunately we do not have any low water crossing in the City. Always remember the slogan "Turn Around and Don't Drown."

The best way to stay in tune with the weather is with a NOAA weather radio, available from most electronic stores. They are fairly inexpensive and can alert you to the potential for severe weather day or night. Citizens not familiar with these radios are encouraged to come by the Office of Emergency Management, located in the fire station, during normal business hours for a demonstration. You can also contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Management Coordinator at 653-9140, Extension 379, on line at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net or stop by the office.

SKYWARN[®] TRAINING CLASS

In conjunction with severe

National Weather Service conducts classes on severe weather better known as SKYWARN®. The Office of **Emergency Management** in conjunction with the Police Department will be evening, March 20th. 2013, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM It will be held in the Alfredo F. Araiza Training Room at the Justice Center, 8022 Shin Oak Drive. This class will be conducted by a representative from the Austin/San Antonio office of the National Weather Service in New Braunfels This class is open to the SKYWARN® class will enhance your awareness level in identifying potential severe weather conditions that could save your life, Mark your calendar and for this upcoming event. For additional information you can contact the Office of Emergency or visit the weather services web site www.srh.noaa.gov/ ewx. On the left side of the opening page click on the SKYWARN® Program items. Notice: SKYWARN is a Registered Trademark of NOAA.

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SMART LANDSCAPING DETERS CRIMINALS

Spring is here and many homeowners are preparing their

homes for landscaping. People forget that landscaping plays an IMPORTANT role in CRIME PREVENTION! Plants, shrubs, and outdoor lighting might not seem like crime-prevention tools, but where you plant or place outdoor lighting can make a big difference in protecting your home. Preparation on how you landscape can give burglars a place to hide.

Here are some tips to help you put plants, shrubs, and lighting where they'll benefit you and not the burglar:

DON'T plant large shrubs close to the house – especially by windows and doors. It provides a place for someone to hide

DON'T let overgrown shrubs and plants get out of control. Overgrown shrubs could conceal criminal activity and provide hiding places.

DON'T plant bushes, shrubs, trees, etc. that blocks or obstructs your house number, this will delay emergency services from finding your home quickly.

DO plant thorny bushes under windows that are difficult for a neighbor or passerby to see -- Planting a rose bush or cactus is not what the thieves want to deal with.

DO Keep bushes, trees and other landscaping trimmed. This provides an "open" feel, making it difficult for the bad guys to hide. Keep shrubs and landscaping maintained and manicured will maximum visibility to and from your home.

DO store all your tools and ladders inside a locked storage area. Locking your tools will not aid criminals in entering your home.

DO upgrade or fix lighting that will light up your yard. Install motion-sensor lights and spotlights in dark areas. Outdoor lighting can eliminate hiding places. Install lights near entrances, porches, rear and side doors, garage doors, and any other point of entry. Place lights out of reach so the bulbs cannot be tampered with or removed. Aim some lights away from the house to see if anyone is approaching or in the area. Use energy efficient bulbs to save money. New solar activated lights are also available.



Springtime Snake Scheming

Since our newsletter is featuring Gardening in the Live Oak area, our Fire Department would like to remind our citizens to be careful of snakes. Snakes, in general, are found around a home for the specific purpose of seeking food and shelter. Keeping these things in mind provides us with guidelines to help prevent snakebites.

Keep wood piles and brush piles as far as possible from the residence. Exercise caution when working in these areas. Never put an arm or leg into something if you cannot see the bottom

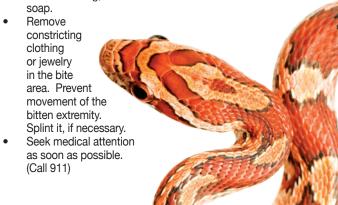
Keep storage areas as neat as possible. Treat tools and materials stored on the floor as possible snake shelters.

Treat overturned boats, tarps and similar objects as potential shelter for transient snakes moving through the area.

Remember that snakes are adept at finding their way through small openings. Keep this in mind when entering crawl spaces, garages and similar areas.

Recommendations have changed drastically over the years, and staying informed on effective first aid should be a priority of everyone working in a possible snake habitat. A good first-aid course from a qualified instructor should be sought.

- Assume envenomation has occurred even before symptoms appear.
- Identify the species of venomous snake with care. This
 could help with the medical treatment but will complicate
 the situation if there is more than one victim. If you
 cannot identify the snake, don't pursue it.
- Keep the victim as calm as possible. Keep yourself calm as well.
- Know and treat for any symptoms of shock-elevate feet, loosen clothing, etc. Wash the bite area with disinfectant soan



TRAFFIC MODIFICATIONS FOR NORTH-BOUND I-35/FORUM PARKWAY EXIT



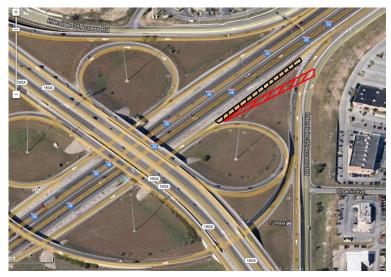
Yellow indicates the TX-Dot recommended route. Red indicates the City of Live Oak recommended route.

January 29th marked the start of some road closures to assist with construction that is intended to help our traffic patterns in the region. The north-bound exit from Interstate 35 to Forum Parkway, in Live Oak was closed for approximately six months while TXDOT contractors building a new braided-style ramp that will take care of much of the traffic congestion at this location.

The braided-style ramp will direct traffic from one direction over traffic from another, separating these competing streams of traffic. In this case, traffic to Forum Parkway will be bridged over traffic entering north-bound I-35 from Loop 1604. The design is intended to maintain safety on an increasingly utilized ramp system while addressing congestion issues.

Traffic headed to Forum Parkway from northbound IH 35 may use the eastbound Loop 1604 exit, pass behind the Live Oak Regal Cinema movie theater, and take the turn-around to Loop 1604 Westbound. Another route that TXDOT will be detouring drivers to involve exiting I-35 to Pat Booker and taking the left turn under Loop 1604. There are more than a half-dozen entry points to The Forum on the west-bound frontage road of Loop 1604.

Traffic accessing Forum Parkway from south-bound I-35 will not be affected, nor will traffic entering north-bound I-35 from Loop 1604. Traffic leaving the Forum will not have any change as well.



Black indicates existing exit that will be closed. Red indicates new braided-style ramp.

The work is part of a year-long effort to address congestion and maintain the safety of one of the busiest highway corridors in the San Antonio metropolitan area. We will look forward to this progress and know that the traffic will be positively impacted when it is completed.

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From the Office of Parks & Recreation

By Courtney Weese, **Recreation Coordinator**

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

It's time to get the kids enrolled in swim lessons! Live Oak boasts one of the most popular programs around with a low student to instructor ratio and highly knowledgeable staff. Registration for children ages 3-10 years of age will take place on April 15th, 16th, & 17th from 4-6 p.m. in the Public Works building. Classes are held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for a two week time period, and are 30 minutes long. Check our website (www.liveoaktx.net / Parks & Recreation Department) for times/dates of class sessions. The cost for Live Oak residents is \$30.00 per session, and is due at registration. *Please bring proof of residency when registering.*





EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone hop on down to the Live Oak Main Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 24th. The hunting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the main city park. This is a free event geared towards children 12 years and under. Remember to bring a bag or basket for your child and don't forget the camera!

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Get your dancing shoes ready for one of the most popular events in town! The Daddy Daughter Dance is a special evening for dads and their little ladies complete with a DJ, refreshments, flowers and wonderful treats for the girls. The dance will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$7.00 per person. Registration and payment can be made in City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., March 1st - April 1st. Please register early, space is limited.



Citizens Police Academy

By Sqt. Jesse Barela

The Live Oak Citizen Police Academy is The program helps local residents better a community-oriented policing initiative that allows citizens the opportunity to the relationship between the community learn about the issues that face laws and police department. Classes are held enforcement efforts in their community.

understand police work and strengthens Thursday evenings for 12 weeks beginning

March 21st. If you are interested in attending, complete the CPA application (must be 18 years of age or older) which can be found at www.liveoaktx.net, document library/police or stop by the Justice Center.

From the Office of Public Works

By Mark Wagster, Public Works Director

CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP WEEK, GARAGE SALES & BULK PICK-UP

It is time for the bi-annual Fix-Up, Clean-Up, and Pick-Up Week! The week of April 7th is Clean-Up week with City Wide Garage Sales on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 12 - 14, 2013. You must have all your unwanted "treasures" near the curb no later than Sunday evening, April 14th for curbside Bulk Pick-Up week. Waste Management will only go down each street once, and remember not to cover the sidewalk or your water meter with your items.

POLLUTION PREVENTION

As the days are getting warmer and inviting us outside to clean and beautify our lawns, remember not to over fertilize your yard, follow the manufacturers' directions for the size of your lawn. When you over fertilize those chemicals run out of your vard and into the street. The streets are built to carry water down to the drainage channel, which leads the tainted water to the lake at the park. The chemicals are toxic to the wildlife that uses the lake to drink from. Please, be responsible with chemicals!

WATER CONSERVATION

Thank you for watering responsibly and making an important contribution to the water conservation effort! For the latest rules and current watering stage, please go to www.liveoaktx.net.

NEW WATERING TIMES!

Mornings:7 am - 11 am Evenings: 7 pm - 11 pm (on your designated watering day)

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? 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



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).



Stuffed Bell Peppers

Kathy Schobinger, Purchasing/Budget Coordinator

- 6 large green peppers
- 1 small jar cheese whiz (8 oz.)
- 1 ½ pounds ground beef
- 1 can tomato sauce (16 oz.)
- ½ onion, chopped
- Salt
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- Croutons (see recipe on this page)
- 1 can mild Rotel (16oz)
- 3 cups cooked white rice

Preheat oven to 350. Cut tops off of bell peppers, clean and blanch in boiling water for five minutes. In a small skillet, sweat chopped onion in butter. In a large skillet, brown ground beef. Add onion, Rotel and cheese whiz to cooked hamburger. Simmer until cheese has blended. Spread cooked rice in 13x9 baking pan. Drain peppers and sprinkle insides lightly with salt. Place peppers on bed of rice. Scoop meat mixture into each pepper 3/4 full. Drizzle tomato sauce over each pepper. Top with homemade croutons and bake for 20 minutes.



Homemade Croutons

Kathy Schobinger, Purchasing/Budget Coordinator

- 4 slices of white bread
- Garlic salt and parsley
- 2 Tbsp. butter

Dice bread into small cubes. Melt butter in skillet. Add garlic to taste. Lightly toast bread in pan. Toss with parsley. Top bell peppers.



Fresh from the Garden Pica De Gallo

Jordan Glazener - Live Oak Resident

- 8-10 ripe tomatoes (coarsely chopped)
- 1 lime (juice only)
- 3-4 fresh jalapenos (diced)
- 2 cloves fresh garlic
- Cilantro (approx. 1 cup chopped)
- salt/pepper
- ½ cup onion (coarsely chopped)

Coarsely chop tomatoes and onions, add chopped cilantro, diced jalapenos and garlic (minced or use garlic press). Squeeze the juice of one lime into mixture. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Ingredients may modified to taste.

Texas Peach Cobbler

Julie Palmer - Executive Assistant

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 4 cups fresh peach slices
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- 1 Tbls. Lemon juice
- 1 Tbls. Baking powder
- Ground cinnamon or nutmeg pinch of salt (add to peach mixture -optional)

Melt butter in a 13 x 9 baking dish. Combine flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder and salt; add milk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter over butter (do not stir). Bring remaining 1 cup sugar, peach slices, and lemon juice to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly; pour over batter (do not stir). Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve cobbler warm or cool.





CITY MEETINGS

Mar 4	Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
	Economic Development: Council Chambers	6:00pm
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SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

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LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

Meet Second & Last Wednesday of Each Month
Mar 13 Luncheon (BYOD) 11:30am
Mar 27 Dinner (BYOD): Learn how-to Facebook &
Return of the Alamo Square & Round Dance Assoc. 6:30pm
Interested in joining LOMA? contact
Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167 (Ages 21 and up)

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse

Mar 19 Speaker: Linda Williams, "Growing Organic" 1pm – 3pm

Produce will be available for purchase. Interested in joining LOVGC?

Contact Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mar 5 Cong. Henry Cuellar's Rep.
meet with citizens: City Hall 1pm-2pm

Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time! Move clocks ahead 1 hour Mar 20 Skywarn Training Class:

Justice Center/Araiza Rm 7pm – 9pm Mar 24 Easter Egg Hunt: Main City Park (don't be late) 1:30pm Mar 31 Easter Sunday

FARMERS MARKET

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

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

Mar 9 Monthly Sat. Meeting: Scout Bldg. 11am - 2pm

Apr	1 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
Apr	9 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
Apr	30 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers	6:00pm
Apr	26 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm

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Apr 8 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse Apr 13 OR 14 Poteet Strawberry Festival (pending) Apr 15 Bingo/Pot Luck: L.O. Clubhouse Apr 22 Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse Apr 25 Last Thursday Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse Tuesdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ L.O. Clubhouse Thursdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Woodcrest Park	1:00pm 9am-4pm 1:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 9:00am 9:00am
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L.O. Clubhouse (open to public) 6pm - 9pm











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