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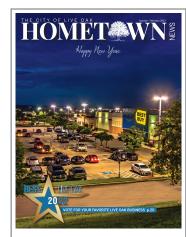
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#### **HELPFUL WEBSITES**

#### EDUCATION

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Northeast ISD - NEISD.org

Northeast Lakeview Collage - Alamo.edu/NLC/

Wayland Baptist University - wbu/edu/campus/san-antonio/

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**Bexar Appraisal District** - BCAD.org

Bexar County - Bexar.org

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club - Randolph Metrocom Rotary.org
Tri-County Chamber of Commerce - TxTriCounty Chamber.org

#### PERSONAL SERVICES

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# Mayors



# THIS GUY IS LOSING THE TIE



After serving the city of Live Oak for 35 years, City Manager Scott Wayman will officially retire and say goodbye to fellow co-workers on January 14th. If asked, Scott will tell you that Live Oak is the second job in his life and his first job consisted of making round hay bales on a pig farm in Goltry, Oklahoma. In 1987 when Scott arrived in Live Oak for his first day of work as a police officer, who would have known how his career would evolve. He would choose to spend his entire career in government service in our community.

It has been both a privilege and an honor to work with Scott throughout the years. His contribution to Live Oak's distinguished history and dedicated work ethic

will be apparent for many years to come. Scott has been instrumental and a huge part of numerous projects that have benefited the community in many ways. He was part of the creation of the Randolph Area Metro Emergency Response Team with nine neighboring cities in 1988. He also served on the first Texas Tactical Peace Officer's Commission to determine the Educational Standards of Tactical Officers statewide.

In 2002 when he was named assistant city manager, Scott facilitated and administered platting and development for all phases of the Forum Shopping Center, administered the 400-acre Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone for the Auburn Hills of Woodcrest providing for 711 single-family homes. He also ensured efficient spending of the 2014 Bond funds





on approved projects and managed the functions of the city without creating any additional debt.

In 2014 Scott facilitated the sale of an aging Civic Center facility and arranged the sale to a developer that would create four sales-tax generating restaurants, winning San Antonio's Business Journal "Deal of the Year" and being named the Business Journal's "Rainmaker" in 2014. Scott accomplished these while negotiating an agreement with Phoenix Hospitality for naming rights and usage of the Hilton Garden Inn and Live Oak Conference Center. I would be remiss if I did not also mention his solid negotiation skills utilizing a chapter 380 Agreement for the Live Oak Town





Center and the incentive package for IKEA. As you can see, Scott's professional accomplishments are endless and I'm sure there are still a lot of things that he will accomplish during the next chapter in his life.

Scott says, "This moment is bittersweet for me and I am tremendously proud of everything we have accomplished. I am leaving the city in excellent and highly capable hands with a great team of administrators, city council, and staff. I would like to thank everyone in the community has trusted me to lead the City and given me many opportunities throughout my career."

We will miss Scott and applaud his service to the city and constant focus on building "Strength in Community" for 35 years. Remember! The best is yet to come for Scott and for our community! As your mayor, you can always reach me at 210-792-7168 with any concerns.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council





# **Live Oak Civic Club**

Meetings & Events

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

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

#### **Humane Society of Live Oak**

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 at the Live Oak Clubhouse. For more information contact: Stephanie Cottrell at 210-862-7786 or email at humanesocietyofliveoak@gmail.com

#### Live Oak Village Garden Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1p-3p at the Live Oak Clubhouse. For more information contact: June Adair at 210-843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler at 210-655-1036

#### **LOCAP - Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police**

Volunteers must attend and graduate from the Live Oak Citizens Police Academy. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Justice Center Training Room. For more information email locap@liveoaktx.net

#### **LOLA - Live Oak League of Arts**

Promoting interest in all art mediums through education and to develop our league's artistic skills while exploring new concepts and utilizing that knowledge to promote the arts within our community. For more information visit us on Facebook - search Live Oak League of Arts.

#### **Metrocom Optimist Club of Live Oak**

"Helping Youth Achieve Potential". For tax deductible donation information call 210-241-0279

#### Seniors of Live Oak

For all Live Oak residents age 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events listed including our Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK.

- Tuesdays we walk in Live Oak Park at 9am
- Thursdays we walk in Woodcrest Park at 9am Pets on leash are always welcome

# **JANUARY 2022**

- Seniors of Live Oak Soup Night Begins at 5:30pm in the Live Oak Clubhouse
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For more information about the Seniors of Live Oak "SOLO" please contact Peggy Krieger at 210-757-3236

**DON'T FORGET** To Visit & Use our "Little Free Library" located in the Acorn Room at City





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**City of Live Oak** Meetings, Events & Holidays

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

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### **JANUARY 2022**

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#### **Best of Live Oak Voting Begins**

11 **Tree Care Board Meeting** 

6pm in Council Chambers

**Parks & Recreation Board Meeting** Immediately Following the Tree & Care Board Meeting

**City Council Meeting** 

7pm in Council Chambers

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

City Offices Closed

**Economic Development Meeting** 6pm in Council Chambers

**City Council Meeting** 7pm in Council Chambers

**Best of Live Oak Voting Ends** 

#### **FEBRUARY 2022**

- **Groundhog Day**
- **Winter Olympics Begins**
- **Valentines Day** 14
- 20 **Winter Olympics Ends**
- 21 **Presidents Day**
- City Offices Closed

**Economic Development Meeting** 6pm in Council Chambers

**City Council Meeting** 

7pm in Council Chambers

#### **MARCH 2022**

#### **Daddy Daughter Dance**

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13 **Daylight Savings Begins** 

**17** St. Patricks Day

**First Day of Spring** 

#### **APRIL 2022**

- **April Fools Day**
- 02 **Good Friday**
- **Easter Sunday**
- 22 **Earth Day**



# **live**stream

You can \*Livestream all regular City Council, EDC, Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustments & Parks and Recreation meetings from our website. The Board of Adjustment/Planning & Zoning meetings are held as necessary. Please call Debby Goza at 210.653.9140 ext. 2213

with any questions.

\*Via Teleconference (See agendas for teleconference link)

# Announcements & Save the Dates

#### Make Plans To Attend The Live Oak Village Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH FROM 9A-5P AT THE JUDSON ISD GREENHOUSE

Greenhouse is located behind the Performina Arts Center on the Judson High School Campus. Look for the Judson Agriscience Complex signs and follow the arrows!



# **Election** Information

Candidate Positions up for Election:

- Mayor
- City Council, Place 2
- City Council, Place 3

**VOTING SCHEDULE** 

**EARLY VOTING** 

April 25-29, 2022 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and May 2 & 3, 2022 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Voting Schedule & Locations are Subject to Change

**ELECTION DAY** May 7, 2022 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

City of Live Oak May 7th 2022

**VOTING LOCATIONS** To be Announced



# **BURNED VETERANS' DISCOUNT PROGRAM &** FIRST RESPONDERS WITH **BURN INJURIES DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

CPS Energy is grateful for those who have sacrificed for our country through their service and those who provide emergency response for our country to include Firefighters and Police Officers.

Veterans and First Responders who have significantly decreased abilities to regulate their core body temperature due to severe burns received during combat or while providing first responder duties are eligible for assistance on their energy bills of up to \$94 credit monthly from April through October.

#### Important:

- ★ A medical facility certification is required for eligibility.
- ★ Medical confirmation is required every 12 months for veterans and every 24 months for first responders.
- ★ Discount is applicable on one CPS Energy account.
- ★ Discount applies only to the home where the eligible customer currently lives.
- ★ Discount applies even if the eligible customer is not the customer of record.
- ★ Discount may not result in a credit balance.

Apply for either program by printing and completing an application. Have your medical facility fax the completed application to (210) 353-3666, or call (210) 353-4VET (4838) to request an application. Visit cpsenergy.com for program details.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT **CHARLIE MCNIEL!!**



#### **CHARLIE ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!!**

#### **OUESTION #1**

How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine?

use the local section every time I receive the issue. I always scan the businesses in search of new businesses and to get ideas for dining, shopping, home maintenance, and other services. I like to support my local proprietors.

#### **OUESTION #2**

What Category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most? It is hard to choose but I do like the Eat & Drink section. But! I also check out the Services section. I'm always in need of home repairs and like to patronize someone "close to home."

#### **OUESTION #3**

Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?

I keep the copy of Hometown News on a rolling cart next to my computer. I always now where to find it if I'm looking for information about local news.

#### **OUESTION #4**

#### What do you like best about the magazine?

I totally enjoy the Mayor's Corner. I don't know why because I am not really inclined to be political. I just enjoy the positivity & stories that Mayor Dennis shares.

#### **OUESTION#5**

#### What is your favorite Live Oak business?

This is another hard one! I love, love LOVE! MOD pizza!

The crust is so yummy & the restaurant is in the Forum & close to other places where I love to shop. It's always a trip where I can make it worth the while.

#### **SEE PAGE 26 FOR DETAILS!**

### Free Smoke Detectors!

LOFD, RBFCU, Home Depot & the American Red Cross teamed up to offer FREE **SMOKE DETECTORS**, including installation, to Live Oak residents.

f vou have questions about the program or would like to participate in the program, contact the Live Oak Fire Dept. at 210.653.9140 x 2198.







**JANUARY** 

**Sun** Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

18 19 20 21 22

24 25 26 27 28 29

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## **FEBRUARY**

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

23 24

Recycle days are highlighted

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



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#### 2021 Arbor Day Celebration At Great Hearts Live Oak

Great Hearts Live Oak was an amazing host for the annual Arbor Day event. Thank you to Mark Kroeze, Community Forester with Texas A&M Forest Service, and the surprise visit from Smokey the Bear. The Live Oak Village Garden Club helped organize this event to include a poster contest with a "Turning Over a New Leaf" theme. Also, Chairman Mario Ward with the Tree Care Board and Mayor Mary M. Dennis talked about the City of Live Oak celebrating Arbor Day every year as a Tree City USA. A red oak tree was planted during the ceremony for everyone to enjoy for years to come.







Varaluck Kaowsan, owner of Bangkok Cuisine, spoiled staff with a tasty Thai feast to celebrate the holidays. Mrs. Kaowsan's annual delivery was very much appreciated by all. We would like to thank her and her staff for their generosity and for all she does throughout the vear for the City.



#### Seniors of Live Oak Soup Night-

Mayor Mary Dennis stopped by to say "hi" during the November "Soup Night" event hosted by the wonderful Seniors of Live Oak (SOLO). Everyone enjoyed a stress-free night bringing friends together and playing some old-fashioned games with a nice hot bowl of warming soup.

If you are interested in joining the group for their next Soup Night, mark your calendar for January 6th and February 3rd or contact Peggy Krieger at 210-757-3236 and learn how you can become a member of SOLO.

You can find the complete January-February 2022 schedule of the SOLO events in the "Civic Calendar" section of this magazine found on page 7







### **Drug Take Back**

Hats off to members of Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP), Live Oak Police Officers, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents, and the community for their efforts during this year's Drug Take Back event. A total of 15 boxes of unused or expired drugs totaling 390 pounds were collected. This means that 390 pounds of dangerous drugs will not be deposited in our water system, end up in the hands of small children, or misused by a family member or friend. Thank you for your cooperation in reducing the incidences of prescription drug abuse in our community.

#### 12 Days of Christmas –

The Economic Development Corporation would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to each business that sponsored the fantastic giveaway prizes during the 12 Days of Christmas Giveaway for 2021. Thank you to all our Facebook fans for playing along and entertaining staff with your answers during the giveaway. This year was a great success and was brought to you by Live Oak's generous businesses.































The Humane Society members and staff of Live Oak's Animal Control Facility wants to thank everyone for their support and donations during the November 16th fundraiser at Mr. Gattis Pizza. The event was a success and could not have happened without your generosity.





### **Holiday Madness**

Max Kitten and the talented staff from AT HOME transformed the City Hall lobby into the town of Whoville from the 1957 classic book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Children and adults of all ages enjoyed the whimsical decorations while visiting City Hall.



#### **THANK YOU!** Shred-it **RBFCU**

#### Community Shred Day and Holiday Food Drive

A big thanks to Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) for sponsoring the successful bi-annual Community Shred Day event each year. The event yielded 17,500 pounds of paper to be recycled and saved 149 trees, 26 cubic yards of landfill space, 18 barrels of oil, and 61,250 gallons of water. Since its conception in May of 2011, the RBFCU/Live Oak Community Shred Program has collected 297,286 pounds of shredding. Mayor Dennis and the entire City Council would like to thank the Live Oak Firefighters, RBFCU's Elizabeth Kuhlmann, and the entire community for participating in the free event to help protect identity theft by safely destroying unwanted, sensitive documents. If you missed the event, the next scheduled Community Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Join us in wishing RBFCU a happy 70th Anniversary! RBFCU has provided financial services to families and commercial customers for the entire state of Texas. Live Oak is proud to call RBFCU its largest corporate partner.





# Happy New Year from Parks & Rec

It is our pleasure to serve the community through our extensive park system and quality of life programming. Please feel free to contact Parks and Recreation with any questions or concerns you may have, and we look forward to a wonderful 2022!

If you would like to discuss special events, youth sports, schoolwide functions, the municipal pool, or civic groups within the city, contact Courtney Weese, Recreation and Special Events Manager, 210-653-9140, ext. 2235.

If you have a question or concern regarding the city parks, trail system, Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations or disc golf, contact Kyle Weese, Parks Supervisor, 210-653-9140, ext. 2178.

If you are interested in renting the Clubhouse, pavilions or municipal pool, contact the city receptionist,210-653.9140, ext. 2200.











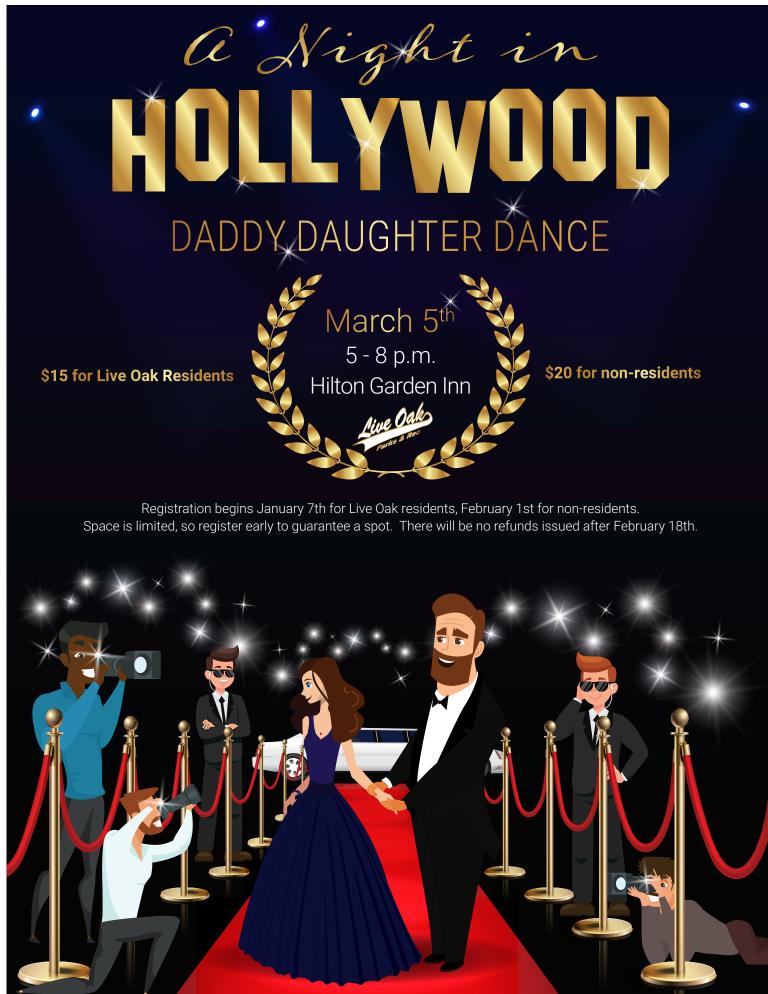












# Live Oak Police Department K-9 Memorial

Police

The Live Oak Police Department has used police K-9s for many years. They have always been valuable members of the police team. Through a donation from the estate of long-time resident and police volunteer Georgia Wise, the department was able to place a monument in front of the police department to recognize our past and present K-9 partners. The monument recognizes Faraday, Nacoma, Apache, Smokey, Bolo, Warrant, and Kane along with their years of service in the department.

Human law enforcement officers must be a special kind of person, and police dogs must be a special kind of dog. These impressive animals come from generations of dogs specifically bred to perform





complicated tasks. Not all dogs are able to do these tasks and that is why you see just a few specific breeds being trained as police dogs. The most common police K-9s are German and Dutch Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Labrador Retrievers and scent hounds such as Beagles. Some police dogs are single-purpose, meaning they have one task they perform such.

The Live Oak Police Department currently has a Dutch Shepherd (Kane) and a Belgian Malinois (Warrant). Both K-9s are dual-purpose trained. K-9 Warrant (partnered with Corporal David Wall) and K-9 Kane (partnered with Corporal Curtis Sanders) have been with the department since 2017. They are highly active and are constantly training and patrolling the streets of Live Oak.

Training for the Officer K-9 handler is just as important. The handler must be in tune with his K-9 partner and understand the responses that the K-9 gives in its working modes. K-9s and handlers are certified through the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association and must maintain certain standards and skills to qualify for this certification annually. In today's world, the police K-9 is an important part of policing. From protecting human life to taking drugs off the street, they are an asset and important members of the police department.

Come and visit the new monument in front of the Justice Center. The Live Oak Police Department wishes you and yours a very Happy New Year!

Lieutenant Matt Malone

# Have you started preparing for the next major storm?

Don't Wait until its too late, start preparing now. Here are some tips to prepare yourself for the next major weather event:

#### **MAKE A PLAN**

When a disaster hits, you may not be with your family, so it is a good idea to establish a meeting place. Learn what types of disasters can affect your area.

#### **BUILD A KIT**

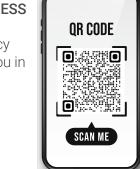
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SCAN ME

Make sure that you will have food and supplies to last for several days. Remember to have the unique needs family members or pets may have.

#### LOW-COST. NO-COST PREPAREDNESS Sign up for alerts.

The City of Live Oak has a emergency phone notification system to alert you in the event of an emergency. Simply scan the QR code to sign up.



#### TEACH YOUTH ABOUT **PREPAREDNESS**

Have a discussion with your kids on preparing for emergencies. For information on getting kids involved, simply scan the QR code

# Live Oak Professional Firefighters Association First Annual BBO

The BBQ was set up to assist with the Live Oak Professional Firefighters' projects to help our citizens. One of the funds in place is the Burn Out Fund that assures that Live Oak Citizens are cared for if a structure fire displaces them at their house. Red Cross is the first resource used, but if they cannot be reached or make location, we want to assure that our citizens are taken care of.

#### It will also fund the basic needs bag that we purchase and carry on our response apparatus.

This bag has toothbrushes, toothpaste, Baby Wipes, Deodorant, shampoo, soap, luffa, as well as a step-by-step plan of action to guide them through their difficult time. We also give them a \$50.00 Visa Card to buy other things they may need. This bag and the Visa Card are given to the family regardless of whether Red Cross is stepping in. We are taking the approach of (WE are here for THEM, before an incident, during an incident, and through recovery).

#### Our future plans to give out a scholarship every year to a Live Oak Resident who wants to have a career as a Firefighter.

We are sponsoring our own Firefighters to travel around the country to Elite Training to bring that back to our hometown to develop our Firefighters better to ensure that the public receives highly trained and professional firefighters. The city does a fantastic job of assuring that we are highly trained. We feel that we should buy into that mindset as well to show this is a joint effort.

#### **Donation Recognition**

We would like to thank you for all the support and participation- we couldn't have done it without you!

**HEB DONATION TEAM** - Cindy Herrera TRIPLE J'S BARBECUE - Josh Villarreal, David Wasicek, Daniel Preece and Richard Schueling **HAMPTON INN & SUITES** - Brandon Rumfield

LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE - Chancen Elliott

# Thank you!











# UPS STORE #4373 **Re-Grand Opening!**

Live Oak's UPS Store has been serving the community for many years at the convenient location inside The Forum at 8235 Agora Parkway, Suite 111. New franchisee, Antonio Castello and the dedicated experts at UPS specializes in packing your priceless items by using advanced packaging techniques and materials. Recently, Mr. Castello completed renovations to the UPS Store with a much needed facelift that included new carpet

LED lighting, fresh paint, and an updated copy center for their valued customers. On October the 28th, Mayor Mary Dennis, City staff, and the UPS Store Team all gathered to celebrate the Re-Grand Opening ceremony with a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony. A big thanks to everyone in attendance and congratulations to The Castello Family and the UPS Team for many more successful years in Live Oak!







# Wayland Baptist University Rewrite Your Future

Dr. Jim Antenen, Executive Director of Wayland Baptist University (WBU) and executive staff were finally able to celebrate their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 4th after moving to Live Oak



during the pandemic. WBU is one of the leading Christian colleges in Texas and leading as one of the fastest growing online colleges. Students of all ages are able to choose from more than 65 programs of study to fit any academic interest and career they may be looking for. The University's mission has always been "to educate students in an academically challenging and distinctively Christian environment."

Wayland Baptist University has been serving the higher educational needs of South Texas since 1984 with a focus on the adult learner. The new main campus is conveniently located at 8300 Pat Booker Road. The campus is accessible from IH 35 and Loop 1604 and is situated close to Randolph Air Force Base. The new campus meets the needs of military students in the area while also providing convenient academic advising at Lackland AFB, Fort Sam Houston, and Randolph AFB.

Mayor Mary Dennis, Council members, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Dignitaries, city staff, and City Administrators were present to celebrate the event and welcomed Wayland Baptist University to Live Oak! If you want to learn more about studying at the private university, contact the friendly staff of WBU at 210-826-7595.



# Methodist Hospital NE Progressive Critical Care Unit

On November 18th, Methodist Hospital NE celebrated the opening of the new Progressive Critical Care Unit as part of the expansion project. Located on the fourth floor, the unit includes 30 private patient suites and nursing alcoves that will allow direct visual oversight of patient rooms. The room's size allows for more sophisticated equipment to fit into the space and to provide the ability for the care team to move around the patient with ease. The new unit will allow critical patients to receive specialized care for acute illnesses requiring intensive round-the-clock monitoring and medicine. The high observation units are also designed to provide bedside dialysis to patients with ease and comfort factor. Patients will be assigned a Case Manager, Certified Social Worker, Clinical Nurse Coordinator, and have access to a pharmacist. "The new addition is a stateof-the-art facility and is staffed with 80 medical staff members to include 70 registered nurses, 8 Patient Care Technicians, and 1 unit secretary" said Kaitlyn Chavez, Director of Progressive Care. "We currently have excellent patient experience scores and our focus is on patient safety and patient experience overall." Methodist Hospital NE continues to make the hospital a better facility for the people of Live Oak and surrounding northeast region.



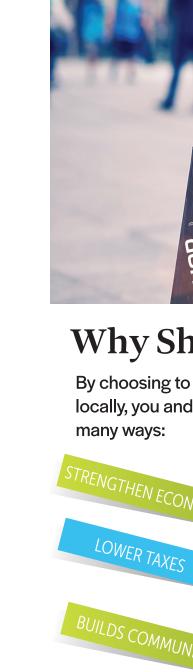


**Vote For** Your **Favorite** Live Oak Business

2022

# **Best** of LIVE OAK 2022

It's time to vote for your favorite local Live Oak business during the 2022 Best of Live Oak competition! You can vote once per day, per category, for all your favorite eateries, sweet treats, hair salon, nail salons, shopping spots, best customer service, best entertainment, and so many more categories! Voting is now open. We encourage you to support the local business you feel is the most outstanding in each of the categories listed. The electronic ballot can be found on the City's home page of the website at www.liveoaktx.net from January 3rd through January 31st. Once the voting period is over, we will announce the winners in all categories. Each winner will be recognized on the City's Facebook page and in the March/April edition of the Hometown News magazine. Good Luck to everyone!





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



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



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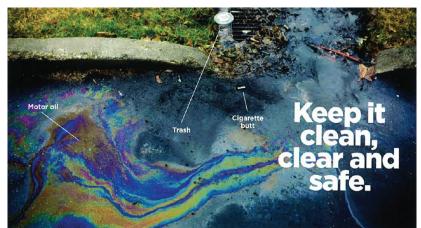
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# **CHRISTMAS TREE Drop Off Site**

Once again, Live Oak is offering a Christmas tree drop-off site across from the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Drive, until Thursday, January 27, 2022. Before dropping your tree off, remember to remove all tinsel or other decorations from your tree. You may start the pile next to the "DROP CHRISTMAS TREES HERE" sign. If you have any questions about the drop-off site, please contact Cathi Piotrowski for assistance.



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- 2. Have a licensed HVAC technician or company service your A/C unit.
- 3. Check the weather stripping on your exterior doors to ensure the seal is not allowing excess air in or out.
- 4. Likewise, make sure all windows in your home close and seal properly.
- 5. Have a licensed plumber service your water heater.
- 6. In case of water outages where power is still available in the home, remember to turn off the breaker to your water heater

# **Code Corner**

Just a friendly reminder from the City of Live Oak Code Compliance office to keep all trees hanging over streets cut to a minimum of 13.6 feet in height and over sidewalks cut to a minimum of eight (8) feet in height. Section 302.4 of the City's Code of Ordinances does not allow trees to grow below these heights.

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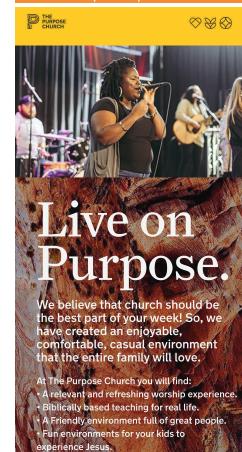
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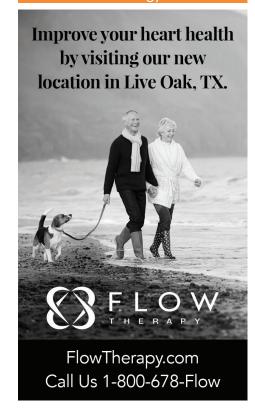
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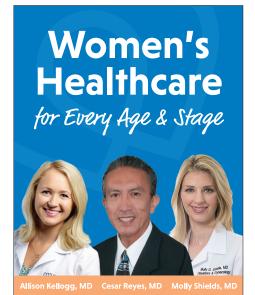
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Alamo DVD Solutions 210.412.6481 A.L.I Home Repair Remodeling, LLC 210.412.4387 **Covenant Works Construction** 830.534.9868 Flatiron Construction 281-216-8560 Golden Cash Exchange 210.778.0207



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#### SHOPPING - Convenience Stores

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

210.658.8351

#### SHOPPING - General

Ashley Furniture 210.637.5533 At Home 210.254.3602 **Best Buy** 210.945.2452 **Boot Barn** 210.659.1748

#### Boxdrop Mattress & Furniture San Antonio NE 210.888.0125

**Burlington Coat Factory** 210.651.6652 **Dollar General** 210.653.3738 **Dollar Tree** 210.944.6991 Factory Mattress Sales 210.656.2337 Five Below 210-948-0327 Gift Shop at Methodist Hospital | Northeast 210.757.7000

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#### Target 210.945.9102 SHOPPING - Home Improvement

Alamo Ranch Cabinets 210.375-5357 Home Depot 210.945.8160 Northern Tools & Equipment 210.209.8827 Sweetwater Hot Tubz 210.590.6700

Kohl's

210.566.2597

210.658.7000

Men's Warehouse

210.658.1700

210.658.4929

210.324.3466

210.661.9569

210-908-9495

Roadside Jewels

Rogen's Gifts

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Mattress Firm

#### SHOPPING - Jewelry

James Avery Jewelers 210.651.9180 Jared's Jewelers 210.945.0208

#### SHOPPING - Liquor Stores

Liquor Bueno 210.314.5417 **LOL Liquors** 210.714.0036 Spec's 210.651.1911

#### **SHOPPING - Party Supplies**

Parties Galore 210.378.9930 Party City 210.945.6680

#### SHOPPING - Resale/Thrift

Goodwill Industries 210.924.8581 Sweet Repeats 210.658.3870

#### SHOPPING - Specialty

Armorallleather 210.802.9975 Interstate Battery Center 210.566.7702 Jessee Causey Trophies 210.663.6612 Monster Vape 210.281.8115 Music & Arts 210.566.1920 **Smokerz Paradise** 888.403.7638



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