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Keeping Residents Informed

As your mayor, I'm pleased to represent you and the city as this year's Chair with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TMLIRP). The TMLIRP exits to provide services to Texas cities of every size. The mission is simple, serve the needs

and advocate the interests of cities and city officials. My sole purpose in serving on the Board this year, is to serve you, the residents and make Live Oak a stronger Texas community with a loud voice.

This year, I will be following bills that have been filed for the upcoming Legislative session that will affect issues regarding school funding, (affecting city taxes), sales tax sourcing (location where a sale is taxed), building codes dictating/regulating building materials, COVID presumption bill (SB 22), property taxes, and extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) changes.

The most important job of a mayor and council is to establish an effective way to communicate with its residents. As bills are filled, it will be my job to help

you understand what changes could affect city government and the taxpayers with an open line of communication. Whether you are one of our valued residents or you are visiting, Council and I are here to provide the tools to keep you well informed in 2023.

The key to getting things done this year will be to connect with the right people. To successfully achieve my goals for 2023, it will include working closely with area city leaders, staff and administrators with park trail improvements encouraging physical and emotional healthy lifestyles, seeking opportunities for infrastructure improvements, and working with city staff in keeping Live Oak the premier community to live, learn, work, and play.

A New Year is like a new sunrise of hope, prosperity, and new beginnings. On behalf of the city council and staff family, we wish you and your family a Happy New Year and new journey! Remember, the best is yet to come.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council





CITY OF LIVE OAK DRAFT FLOODPLAIN MEETING

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Live Oak Community Center 7901 Shin Oak Dr, Live Oak, TX 78233

As a cooperating technical partner for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) the San Antonio River Authority (River Authority) invites you to come view the Bexar County draft floodplain maps. Attendees will have the opportunity to look up any property of interest within the County on the draft map alongside a River Authority engineer. In addition, staff from the City of Live Oak and other government agencies will be available to answer questions on flood insurance. floodplain regulations, and upcoming or potential projects relating to flooding/drainage in the area. The River Authority is taking initiative in sharing the draft floodplain maps with the community ahead of FEMA's formal map adoption process.

For questions, please call 210-302-3228.









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: 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
- Thursdays we walk in Woodcrest Park Walks Begin at 9am



For more information about the Seniors of Live Oak "SOLO" please contact Peggy Krieger at 210-757-3236 Pets on leash are welcome

JANUARY 2023

Seniors of Live Oak - Book Club
Begins at 1:00pm in the Live Oak Clubhouse

FEBRUARY 2023

- **O2** Seniors of Live Oak Evening Potluck
 Begins at 5:30pm in the Live Oak Clubhouse
- **Seniors of Live Oak** Games Day Begins at 1:00pm in the Live Oak Clubhouse
- Seniors of Live Oak Evening Potluck
 Begins at 11:30am in the Live Oak Clubhouse

Humane Society of Live Oak - Meeting From 6:30p-7:30p at the Live Oak Clubhouse

Seniors of Live Oak - Lunch Begins at 11:30am in (TBA)

LOCAP - Meeting

Begins at 7pm in the Police Dept Training Room

- **21** Live Oak Village Garden Club Meeting From 1pm 3pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- Seniors of Live Oak Games Day
 Begins at 1:00pm in the Live Oak Clubhouse
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City of Live Oak Meetings, Events & Holidays

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

JANUARY 2023

01	New Years Day
02	City Offices Close
	Groundhog Day

- 03 **Best of Live Oak Competition Begins**
- 04 **National Spaghetti Day - Eat LOCAL Live Oak!**
- **Tree Care Board Meeting** 6pm in Council Chambers Parks & Recreation Meeting Immediately following Tree Care Meeting

City Council Meeting 7pm in Council Chambers

- **Martin Luther King Day** City Offices Closed
- **Economic Development Meeting 6pm in Council Chambers City Council Meeting** 7pm in Council Chambers
- **Best Of Live Oak Competition Ends**

FEBRUARY 2023

- **National Pizza Day Eat LOCAL Live Oak!** 09
- 14 **Valentines Day**
- 18 **National Drink Wine Day - Drink LOCAL Live Oak!**
- 20 **Presidents Day** City Offices Closed
- **National Margarita Day Drink LOCAL Live Oak!** 22
- 23 **Super Bowl Sunday**
- **Economic Development Meeting** 6pm in Council Chambers

City Council Meeting

7pm in Council Chambers

MARCH 2023

- **April Fool's Day** 01
- 02 **Groundhog Day**
- 80 **International Women's Day**
- 09 Easter
- 12 **Daylight Savings**
- **17** St. Patrick's Day
- 20 **First Day of Spring**
- 25 **International Waffle Day - Eat LOCAL Live Oak!**



Trash, Recycling and Brush/Bulk Collection Calendar located on page 26

livestream

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)



SHOPPING, DINING & ENTERTAINMENT



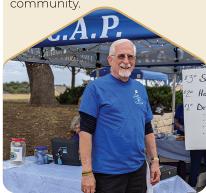


Varaluck Kaowsan, owner of Bangkok Cuisine, has been serving homemade Thai dishes to the Live Oak community for the past 20 years. During those years, Mrs. Kaowsan has graciously delivered a Thai Thanksgiving feast annually to each of the city department for all to enjoy. We appreciate her dedication, her cooking talents, her kindness and generosity, her love for this community, and her loyal staff. Thank you, Mrs. Kaowsan and the entire Bangkok Cuisine team, for all you've done throughout the years.

Drug Take Back



The Live Oak Police Department, Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) are proud to announce that the year-end Drug Take Back program yielded 283 pounds of unused and expired medication for destruction. We thank the community for their efforts in destroying these dangerous drugs that could have ended up in the hands of small children or misused by a family member or friend. With your cooperation, we have just reduced possible incidences of prescription drug abuse in our community.





Assisting Heroes & Helpers



A big thanks to our corporate partner Target in the Forum Shopping Center for their donation to the Shop with a Cop program. Parents and children joined Live Oak's finest for a shopping spree in December. Police officers and parents saw nothing but smiles as the kiddos checked off their Christmas lists. Target and Dr Michael & Julia Langlois with Podiatry Group of South Texas donated twenty-five \$20 gift cards from Target to the cause. Thank you for the generous donations.





AT Home and Raising Cane's







Supports the Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night once again was a huge success. Families came out for a night of carnival games, candy, jump houses, candy, costume contest, candy, and oh, did I mention CANDY? Much of the event's success were due to the wonderful volunteers from Live Oak Parks & Recreation Commission, Live Oak Citizen Assisting Police (LOCAP), and to the business community having volunteers from AT Home and Raising Cane's. Without you all, the event would not have been as successful and fun as it was for our Live Oak littles.





Live Oak Fire's Holiday Food Basket



We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the wonderful residents of Live Oak for donating in the can good drives throughout the last six months to the Holiday Food Basket program. Your donations allowed firefighters to feed 28 families with a complete holiday meal that included turkeys, sides, fresh bread, eggs, and milk, and dessert and baking items.

We would like to thank our corporate partner Waste Management for their generous donation of \$2,500 to the Live Oak Fire Department to assist in making the food baskets plentiful. Without the kind donations of the residents and from Waste Management, the program would not be as successful. Thank you!





Blue Santa

A big thanks to Hampton Inn & Suites and Jordan Ford for their generous sponsorships to the Blue Santa program. Brandon Rumfield, General Manager of Hampton Inn & Suites presented the Live Oak Police Department and members of Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP) with the donation during a city council meeting in November. Jordan Ford's Marc Cross presented a monetary donation to the Live Oak Police Department on December 1st. The business donations amongst other private donations to the cause provided families in need with a wonderful holiday. Your generosity is and always will be appreciated.





12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa

This year's new version of the 12 Days of Christmas was an absolute hit! Secret Santa was very busy during the month of December handing out gifts sponsored by our wonderful Live Oak business community. A big thank you to this year's sponsors, Little Caesars Pizza, Stretch Zone, Eva's Tanning, Styles by Beth, Biff Buzby's Burgers, Iron Forged Body Piercings, The Cookshack, The Dear Agency, The Podiatry Group of South Texas, Hat Creek Burger, Olympia Hills Family Dental, Hampton Inn & Suites, Happy Day Café, Marco's Pizza and LOL Liquors. You made the season much brighter for those unexpected recipients. A big thanks to City Staff who participated as Secret Santas. You're the best!





IRON FORGED





























WELCOME NEW 2022 EMPLOYEES

11/16/2022 Joel Lopez Auston Gillespie 11/16/2022 11/16/2022 James B Stakes, II Nicholas C Flores 11/02/2022 9/14/2022 Timothy C Mercer Alejandra Canales-Weigend 8/18/2022 8/18/2022 Timothy C Jones 6/22/2022 Edmond | Mcnew 6/15/2022 Courtney S Davis Kelly Mclain 6/08/2022 5/23/2022 Teresa L Fendley 5/19/2022 Jesusa A Gonzalez Anas Garfaoui 4/27/2022 Jackie L Malloy 3/30/2022 Rachel M Radley 3/09/2022 James D Otholt 2/09/2022 Damian J Gauna 2/09/2022 Glen A Martel 1/26/2022 Jeremy B Whittlesey 1/19/2022

EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter - Todd King **2nd Quarter** – Felicia Campos 3rd Quarter - Trudy Whitfield 4th Quarter - Dustin Stahlnecker

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS 2021 - 2022

35 YEARS OF SERVICE James A Neeley

➤ 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Matthew A Malone Joseph M Wein

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Charles E Hillert Jose G Rodriguez

➤ 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Vickie L Steenbeke William Feldtmose, Jr Deborah L Goza Kent S Iglesias Mitchell K Doherty Walter J Mueller Kevin M Jacobs Kyle Weese

► 15 YEARS OF SERVICE

Joseph J Plano Trudy D Whitfield Paige P Beaty Miranda R Benavides Rebecca M Bruno Dustin D Stahlnecker Jason C Hernandez

▶ 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Eric L Orr Jason M Smith David Salazar, III Nancy L Doege

► 5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Isaura O Gaytan Justin F Dalton Stefan D Ranney Jeremy P Ruiz Robert A Scott Gregory J Castro Max J Berlin Amber Wasicek Sherry Snell Jesus Reyes Dillan Schellenger Gary Hopper Shevon Baldi Cesar Dehoyos, Jr. Brian Poe Max Berlin

Gregory Castro





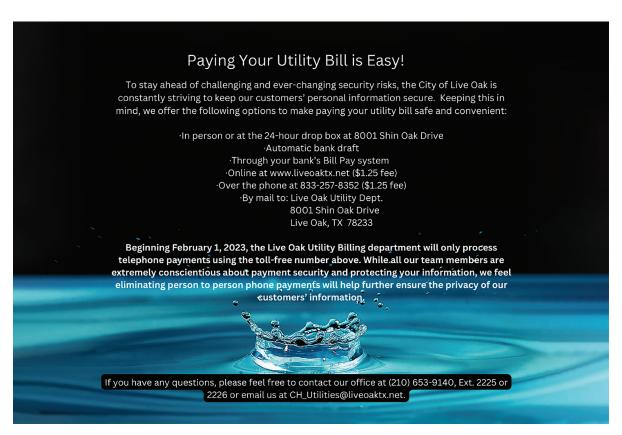












Free Carbon Monoxide Detectors!

SEE PAGE 28 FOR DETAILS!

Kemeth Cole Mayfield Carbon Monoxide Awareness Program

If you don't have a carbon monoxide detector in your home and you cannot afford to purchase one, please call the Live Oak Fire Dept. at 210.653.9140, ext. 2242.





Free Smoke Detectors!

OFD, RBFCU, Home Depot & the American Red Cross eamed up to offer **FREE** SMOKE DETECTORS, ncluding installation, to ive Oak residents.

bout the program or vould like to participate n the program, contact he Live Oak Fire Dept.at 0.653.9140 x 2198



CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT STACY PITTMAN!

Stacy was the lucky winner of a \$100 Gift Card to Biff Buzby's!

STACY ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine?

I use the LOCAL section once a week to check the recycling calendar dates or check announcements or tips from the public works section.

Q2. What Category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most?

I reference the recycling calendar the most. This helps remind me of the days to place recycle bins outside.

Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?

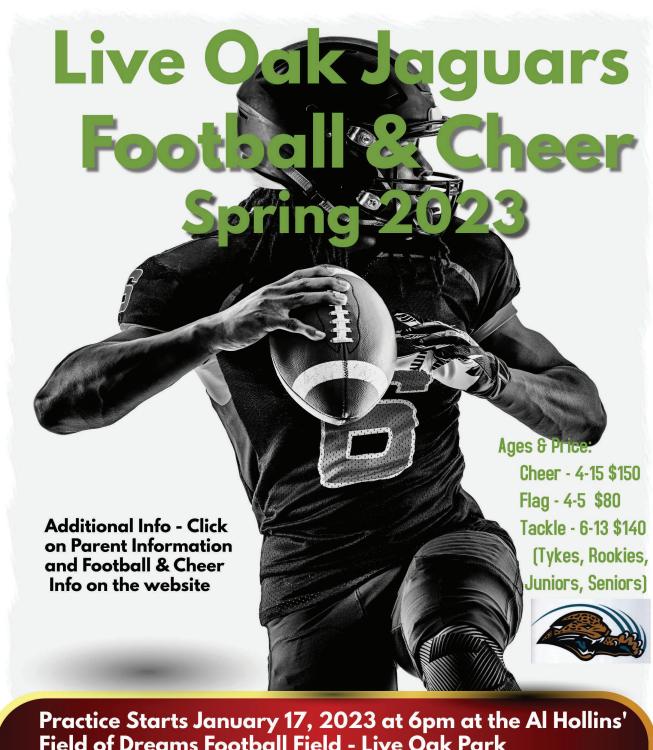
I keep a copy of the Hometown news in the living room with other magazines.

Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?

The announcements of new businesses opening in live oak is what i like best. I love to see the growth in our community and hear about new restaurants opening.

Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business?

Biff Buzby is my favorite business. I love their homemade hamburger buns, sweet potato fries and great customer service. Its nice to see a family owned business that has been around for many years here in Live Oak.



Field of Dreams Football Field - Live Oak Park 18001 Park Drive, Live Oak, TX 78233

Register online today at:

https://live-oak-jaguars.sportngin.com Contact us at: liveoakjags@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/Live-Oak-Jaguars-Football-Cheer-Organization-123416734406502/





Another year has ended and here in Parks and Recreation we are busy making plans for an incredible 2023! The city continues to make great strides in listening to the needs and desires of the community and forging ahead with a mindset of planning for the long-term future of Live Oak.

One of the most exciting transformations that has occurred in the Live Oak Main Park is the complete renovation of what came to be known as the "Barney Playground." In August of 2022 crews began removing the old playground including the rubber mulch fall surface material, in preparation for a brand-new play area. This innovative design includes several net and boulder climbing features as well as a tree-house themed structure designed for the 2-5-year age range. Park visitors will love the wooded, nature theme of this new playground and with the addition of two large acorn crawl through structures, we have renamed this park area the "Acorn Playground."

Located near the new Acorn Playground is the existing rectangular pavilion. During the next year, the Parks and Recreation Department will be tearing down this pavilion and adding a brand-new pavilion nearer to Park Drive. Relocating this pavilion will allow quests to enjoy the shorter distance to their vehicles for loading and unloading, as well as provide an extended barrier to the homes located on Welcome Drive.

We are sure that this new pavilion will host birthday parties and family outings!

The past two years have brought severe weather to the state of Texas, and Live Oak has not been spared the effects of it throughout our parks. Most notably, trees have suffered from both drought and freeze causing irreparable damage. The city has planned for extensive tree removal from city parks as well as an intense effort directed at new tree planting. Removing the old trees will enhance the natural beauty of the park and the newly planted trees will provide benefits to the community for years to come.

A fantastic addition to the parks system in 2023 will be the "Live Oak Parks Trail Project." With a goal to connect different parks in the city, this project will begin across from the city swimming pool, near the existing overflow parking lot. This trail will incorporate a path that people already utilize and will provide a nice natural walk into the center of the Main City Park. Visitors will find this expanded trail system easy to navigate and a top amenity of Live Oak parks.

There are so many exciting things taking place in Parks and Recreation and we look forward to sharing the progress and completed projects throughout the year!









The single most costly crime to residents is theft of catalytic converters. According to AAA Texas, catalytic converter theft claims increased 5,300% since 2019. The reason this car part is desirable is because of the rare earth metals they contain - rhodium and palladium, which are worth more per ounce than gold. Other crimes that often affect residents are vehicle burglaries and vehicle theft. While we are developing and implementing strategies to counter this growing threat to citizens property, there are things you can do to make it harder for them to get your

The most obvious step is to lock your vehicle doors, even if you are in a safe neighborhood. There are groups that target neighborhoods because of the allusion of safety and security. It is particularly important to remove purses, cellphones, money, guns, laptops, or anything of value to you that can be easily removed.

The more lights the better. Lights outside your home deter criminals who find it easier to operate in the darkness. It makes it easier for one to see hats, shoes, clothing, and tattoos that may describe the suspect to the police.

If you have a home security system, you can help make your neighborhood safer by facing a camera toward the road. Cameras are the best tools to help police solve crimes.

Encourage others to join a neighborhood watch. We cannot be everywhere all the time. If you see something suspicious report it to us as soon as possible.

Thefts from vehicles usually happen at night, but home burglaries usually happen during the day. If you know someone who can check on your house, utilize them. If you are going out of town for a while, tell us and we will add your home to the Out-of-Town Patrol.

Keep an inventory of your valuables. Catalog and photograph all serial numbers of the items you own. If your items are stolen, there's a good chance they're going to a pawn shop or will resurface at some point, but they only way for them to be identified as yours is with a serial

Most individuals committing these crimes are not residents of Live Oak. Don't hesitant to tell the police about suspicious people and vehicles. Do not assume the police saw something just because it was posted on social media. Never use social media to report criminal activity or suspicious situations. Always call Live Oak Police Department at 210-653-0033 to report it or dial 911 in case of emergency.







After a busy, "getting back to normal" 2022, LOCAP is looking forward to 2023. January is a time for planning our programs and events for the year and it brings new opportunities for LOCAP to serve within our community.

One of our first, and most popular events, is assisting with the Citizens Police Academy (CPA). This is a 10-12-week course for adults, typically beginning in March, once a week on Thursday evenings from 7-9. This course enables our citizens to "see what goes on in the day-to-day life of an on duty Live Oak police officer." Topics presented include Forensics and Fingerprinting, SWAT, Officer Safety, the K-9s, Active Shooter/Crisis Response, 911/Dispatch, Firearms Training Simulator, 1st Aide, and Crime Analyst.

This is a terrific opportunity to become involved in your community, to meet your local police officers, to get involved in LOCAP after graduation, and best of all. it is free!

Next, we focus on the youth of Live Oak. The LOPD offers a free 5-day Junior Police Academy (JPA) for youth ages 9-12. Applications will be available around April, and additional information will soon be available. The Academy is limited to 40 youth because of space limitations and is held from 8 a.m. to noon daily. Fun topics covered will include running an obstacle course on the first day, a program on bullying and peer pressure, evidence processing, K-9 demonstration, less-lethal weapons demonstration (taser, pepper spray, bean bag shot gun, pepper ball gun), and everyone's favorite, the impaired driver's cart challenge course! The last day brings a graduation program where all parents are invited to join.

Watch the marguees, Live Oak's website liveoaktx.net or contact the LOPD (210-945-1700) for an application and more information on either of these programs. LOCAP may be reached by email at locapnews@gmail.com.

Marie Atkinson - LOCAP President











Live Oak Welcomes The Cookshack

If you are looking for lip-smacking smoked baby-back ribs, fried chicken at one of five heat levels, or a refreshing chicken kale salad or chicken salad, you will find what you're taste buds are looking for at Live Oak's Cookshack located in the Forum Shopping Center at 8211 Agora Parkway.

The Texas-based hot chicken chain CEO and founder Mark Rogers and Director of Operations Leslie Read were thrilled to celebrate the grand opening with City officials and the Texas Tri-County Chamber of Commerce with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. "Me and my father, Doug, have been making chicken tenders for over 25 years, and I think we have perfected it," Rogers says. "San Antonio was a place we wanted to get to quickly because the people are wonderful," he added.

Gather your flock and come try their im-peck-able chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, and top it off with an ice cream treat. The price is right, food is fantastic, and the atmosphere is casual and relaxing. Welcome to Live Oak Cookshack!





Urgent Dental Care Clinic

Dr. Walter D. Thames, DDS, MS, and his friendly dental staff provide premier dental care in an urgent care setting providing full-service comprehensive dentistry at his newest location at 8142 Shin Oak Drive. Ste. 100.

Dr. Thames began his career in dentistry while serving his country in the United States Navy from 2006 until 2017. In October 2020, Dr. Thames opened Urgent Dental Care in San Antonio on Culebra. The love of his profession and helping people influenced him to expand his practice by opening the location in Live Oak. He and the Urgent Dental Care staff are excited to have the opportunity to serve patients in Live Oak and the surrounding communities. For more information about the services they provide, contact 210-888-5832.

The City of Live Oak welcomed Dr. Thames and his team to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 24th. Guests enjoyed light refreshments and tours of the new clinic. Congratulations to Urgent Dental Care!





Realty ONE Group Emerald

Realty ONE Group Emerald, a modern, lifestyle Real Estate brand, is now open in Live Oak's Gateway Shopping Center located at 7529 N. Loop 1604 E, Ste. 112. Realty ONE Group Emerald is a full-service real estate brokerage and is the 5th largest independent residential real estate brokerage in the nation! The company goal is to open doors across the globe. ONE home. ONE dream. ONE life at a time.

Owner, Brian Phelt, and the Realty ONE Group Team hosted a ribbon cutting celebration with food trucks, music, friends, and family on November 4th. Mayor Mary M. Dennis, Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Cimics, City Administrators, city staff, and members of the Texas Tri-County Chamber of Commerce joined Brian and the Realty ONE Group Team in celebrating with Live Oak style. We welcome Realty ONE Group Emerald into the community and congratulate them on all the demanding work they do every day. Contact an agent today to learn how they can assist you. Contact their office by calling (510) 200-2122.



REPTILE PETS DIRECT

Reptile Pets Direct

Craig and Audrey Gagne, owners of Reptile Pets Direct, celebrated 10th vears of business and their new location with a re-grand opening ceremony. The pair have been selling quality, rare reptiles, snakes, and other animals from around the world to pet stores, zoos, and private collectors for over a decade.

What started out as a home-based business has turned into a lucrative store front and online business for the two. Both Craig and Audrey grew up in Live Oak and attended Judson High School. Audrey was one of the talented swimmers on the Live Oak Dolphins Swim team. All grown up with a family of their own, they are truly a local success

Family, friends, and staff were in attendance to celebrate the happy occasion and we hope Craig and Audrey have more successful years in the great community of Live Oak. For online sales call 210-352-5914 or visit www.reptilesdirect.

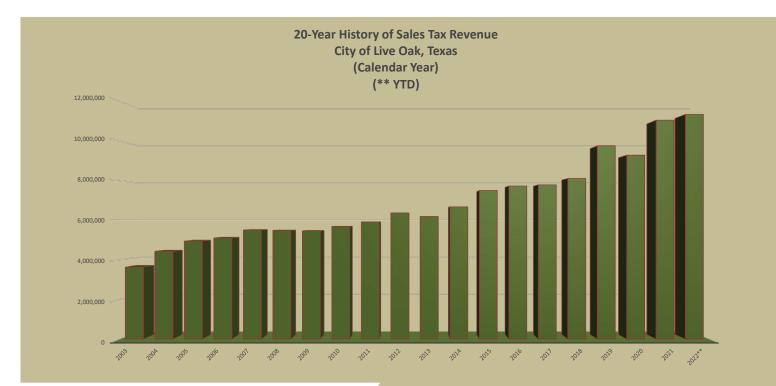




Best of Live Oak 2023

It is time to vote for your favorite local Live Oak businesses during the 2023 Best of Live Oak competition! You can vote once per day, per category for 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 businesses you feel is the

most outstanding in each of the categories listed. The electronic ballot will be on the City's home page of the website at www. liveoaktx.net from January 2nd through January 31st. Once the voting period is over, we will announce the winners in each category. 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 and happy voting!



Local Sales Tax Revenue Keeps Trending Upward

You may have heard the slogan "Shop Local." It Oak area are among their best producing stores. is a trend that has picked up steam in the last few years to help local businesses gain support their local customers by making the decision to buy locally instead of going across town to slogan of "Shop Local." spend your money.

The benefits of shopping local are far reaching. Not only is it great for our local businesses, but it also strengthens our local economy. The biggest economic boost is by keeping sales tax dollars locally. Cities utilize sales tax dollars to pay for services and projects that benefit and improve the lives of their citizens. Live Oak is no different in that aspect. Sales tax continues to be the number one source of revenue in its General Fund used to pay for most services that it provides its citizens. In addition, Live Oak passed an Ordinance years ago that dedicates one half of one percent of the sales tax collected for the specific purpose of reducing the city's property tax rate. The city is incredibly grateful and appreciative to the retail and commercial partners within our city limits.

The City's local sales tax continues to keep trending upwards. That is a sign that our local economy is still extraordinarily strong despite the instabilities of the national economy. It is also a sign that growth in the commercial and retail sector remains strong in our area. Live Oak's newest restaurants and businesses that open in Live Oak say that their stores in the Live This trend is a direct result of not only customers BE SELFISH coming from outside of our city limits to shop but also to our local customers that abide by the Because a half cent of all city sales taxes are applied to buy down our

residents &

businesses

property taxes.

A half cent doesn't

sound like much

but it adds up

fast when local

businesses are

successful!



Kathleen Labus, Director of Marketing & Strategic Communications

Facility

Northeast Lakeview College (NLC), one of the five colleges within the Alamo Colleges District system, celebrated the beginning of construction on its newest building, an 11,000 sq. foot Veterans Center. Northeast Lakeview College will officially begin construction on its new stand-alone Veterans Center Building and expect to be completed in Fall 2024.

Dr. Mike Flores, Alamo Colleges District Chancellor, Dr. Veronica Garcia, NLC President, and Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees members were all in attendance to celebrate with students, employees, and the community the construction of its newest and 11th facility that will expand access and support services for student Veterans and their families.

About NLC's new Veterans Center

Receiving continued investments from the 87th Texas Legislature, Northeast Lakeview College (NLC) will be the next site for a new Veterans Center within the Alamo Colleges District (ACD). Awarded \$7.7 million for a new Veterans Center, the funds are part of the State of Texas appropriations provided to the Alamo Colleges for the 2022-2023 biennium. Senators Donna Campbell (Dist. 25) and José Menéndez (Dist. 26) along with Representative Ina Minjarez (Dist. 124) championed this critical funding for veteran students at the Alamo Colleges.

Northeast Lakeview College now begins constructing a building, dedicated to providing services to active and retired military and their families that will provide a "one-stop" location offering a convenient place for them to have direct access to academic and non-academic services such as:

- Increasing Veteran specific orientations, academic and nonacademic programming.
- Enhancing career planning, training, job assistance search and transitional services.
- Re-establishing a Veteran mentoring program that matches incoming Veterans with current students to support the transition process from military life to academia.
- Incorporating private meeting spaces to discuss confidential matters such as disability claims, benefits, veteran-specific advocacy and emergency services, and legal services.
- Offering community space to host organizations and other events that support Veterans such as faculty support in the classroom, military culture, and learning styles.

More details on the building or for building renderings, visit www.alamo.edu/nlc/cip

"As the need for veteran services continues to grow, this stand-alone facility will create the best possible environment to support Northeast Lakeview College student Veterans and their families and provide the opportunity for us to expand and enhance the services we currently offer, says Dr. Veronica Garcia, NLC president. "We are in one of the fastest growing regions in the state and with Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Randolph as a neighbor, it is important that we provide quality veteran support services that increase access to education in the communities that we serve. I would like to thank Senator Donna Campbell (Dist. 25) for her continued support of Northeast Lakeview College and its students."



safer for our citizens.



The Fire Department has implemented state of the art technology called Active 911. This innovative technology provides pertinent information to our firefighter's cell phones and gives us 30-45 seconds advance notice so we can get appropriate personal protective equipment donned before the units are dispatched. This has improved our response time when seconds count.

Dustin also helped us implement a dashboard system across the Fire Department called First Arriving. First Arriving provides information such as, fire pre-planning,

We are proud to recognize one of our own firefighters, equipment status, short training clips, and situational Employee of the Quarter, Lieutenant Dustin Stahlnecker. awareness information on calls in progress for Universal City Lt. Stahlnecker has been instrumental in bringing the fire—and Live Oak. First Arriving is a joint effort with the Universal department innovative technology such as, Active 911, and City Fire Department and will provide us and Universal City First Arriving, which helps with response times and make it with updated availability of personnel and trucks at our respective departments.



The two Fire Departments conducted valuable live fire training in October. This multi-agency training strengthens our firefighters ability to work together in times of emergency.



Street Rehabilitation Project

The Live Oak Team is hard at work behind the scenes on the street repair portion of the 2022 Bond. Field surveying was completed in October of last year, preliminary design documents have been completed and final design plans are currently in process. The next step of the project is the bidding process which should begin in Spring

2023 with construction starting around Summer 2023.





Does it seem like we get fewer rainstorms than we used to, but when we do it is more intense? The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) thinks so! In 2018, NOAA updated their projections for rainfall intensities during storm events. The update, known as "Atlas 14". increased rainfall intensities in all design storms. To analyze the effects of these updates,

the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are updating the flood plain maps in the entire San Antonio Region.

While the proposed map changes are still preliminary, they do appear to impact Live Oak residences. Some will be added to the 100-year flood plain on the new maps. Other residences currently in the floodplain will be removed by this update.

The River Authority is holding a Town Hall meeting to explain the process and discuss any impacts on the citizens of Live Oak. Multiple representatives of SARA. FEMA, and the Texas Water Development Board will be available to discuss specific properties. While the City of Live Oak is not a part of these changes, the meeting will be held at the Live Oak City Hall, Council Chambers on January 18th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

Seventeen street segments are slated for repairs:

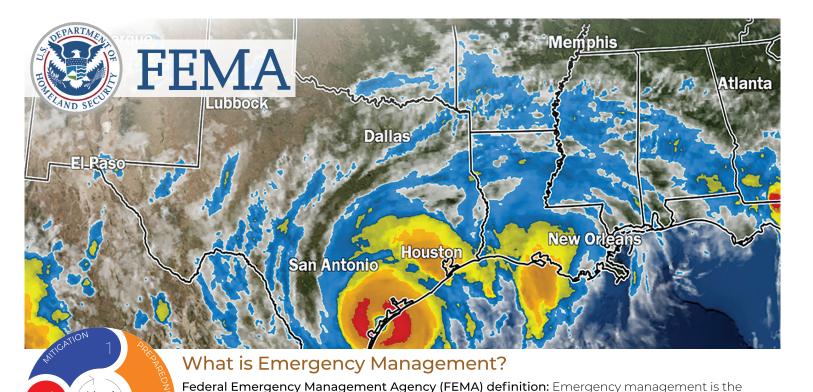
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1	Toepperwein Road	Lookout Road to S.A.
2	Toepperwein Road	Judson Road to Converse
3	Judson Road	Randolph Blvd. to Toepperwein Road
4	O'Connor Road	SA CL to Bexar County CL
5	Gateway Blvd.	Lookout Road to Mira Loma
6	Palisades Dr.	Enchanted Oaks to Loop 1604
7	Forest Bluff	Ashby Point to Forest Stream
8	Marble Lake	Fox Crest to Denae Drive
9	Wilderness Trail	Toepperwein Road to Brownstone
10	Cool Sands Drive	Golden Oak to Lone Shadow
11	Belgrave Way	Laramie Hill to End
12	Bressani Way	Laramie Hill to End
13	Welsford	Biltmore Lakes to End
14	Rimwood	Vista to Brownstone
15	Dry Canyon Trail	End to Lone Shadow (Both)
16	Sage Oak	End to Wilderness Trail
17	Welcome Drive	Greycliff Drive to End



Have you noticed the new masonry fencing along Toepperwein Road? Fencecrete America was contracted to install the second phase of this community enhancement project. This 3,000-foot project, filled in the gaps in the existing fence and extended the total project to the Papa John's building at Narrow Pass. Once the Contractor is 100% complete on his portion of the project, the Public Works Team will add topsoil and grass seed to beautify the right of way and dress up the bottom of the fence.







MITIGATION PREPAR

The most cost-efficient method for reducing the impact of hazards. A precursor activity to mitigation is the identification of risks.

2 PREPAREDNESS

There are four phases of Emergency Management:

A continuous cycle of planning, organizing, training, equipment, exercising, evaluation.
Live Oak works with BCOEM to develop plans of action to manage and counter risks and take action to build the necessary capabilities needed to implement such plans.

RESPONSE

managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. The City of Live Oak works in conjunction with the

Bexar County Office of Emergency Management (BCOEM) to support our local framework.

The mobilization of the identified emergency staff, including first responders, to an event which could have an

impact on the city.

Restore the affected area to its previous state.
Efforts are concerned with issues and decisions that must be made after immediate needs are met.

RECOVERY

Emergency Notification System - Connect CTY

The City of Live Oak has a telephone alerting system designed to provide not only our citizens but the business community as well, with both emergency and informational messages relating to important city issues. Please visit the City of Live Oak website and click on the RESIDENTS TAB or scan the QR code to register.



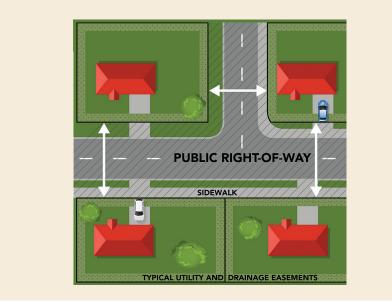
Bandit Sign Enforcement

You may ask yourself...Are bandit signs illegal when they are posted at an intersection, off-ramps of the highway, on private property without permission, and in the rights-of-way?

Bandit sign laws can vary by municipality. Bandit signs in Live Oak are regulated under Section 24-81 (Prohibited Signs) of the local Zoning Code. This code, along with all Live Oak's codes can be found on the City's website under the "Government" tab by clicking "Code of Ordinances."

Here are frequently asked questions regarding garage sale signs and other types of bandit signs.

- Q: What is a bandit sign?
- **A:** A bandit sign is any sign illegally placed in a restricted area, often advertising anything from rental homes to garage sales.
- **Q:** What is the Right-of-Way?
- **A:** Please see our Right-of-Way exhibit below.
- Q: Where can I legally place signage?
- **A:** Legal signage includes any signs placed on private property and not in the right-of way.
- **Q:** Is it possible to obtain a permit to place signage in non-private areas?
- **A:** Currently, the City of Live Oak does not issue any permits which allow citizens to post signage in any public or otherwise restricted areas.
- **Q:** Does the content play a part in where a sign can go?
- **A:** No signage is allowed in the Right-of-Way.
- Q: What are the consequences for posting bandit signage?
- A: Code Enforcement Officers will remove bandit signage.



KEY 🗀

Typical Utility and
Drainage Easement







CITY OF LIVE OAK 2023 RECYCLING COLLECTION





Recycle days are highlighted in **GREEN** and marked by letters **A - B - C**. This is an every-otherweek service.

- Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes.
- Route "B" is Mon/Thu trash routes.
- Route "C" is Tue/Fri trash routes.

Observed holidays: No collection on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your regular collection falls on one of these observed holidays, your collection will be delayed by one day for that week only. Observed holidays are highlighted in BLUE.

BRUSH & BULK COLLECTION Brush & Bulk

Citywide curbside brush and bulk collection begins during the first full week of each month. Bulk and brush must be out at the curb prior to Monday.

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It's Time To Get Back To The Basics Of Good Recycling

The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. So please remember these three rules the next time you recycle:



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



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QUESTION 3:

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QUESTION 4:

What do you like best about the magazine?

QUESTION 5:

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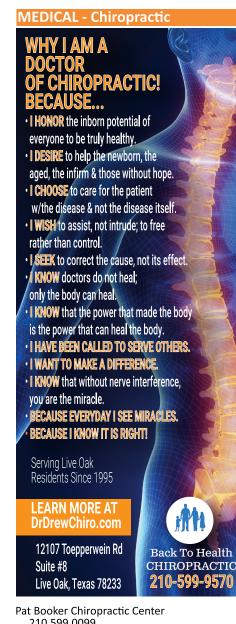
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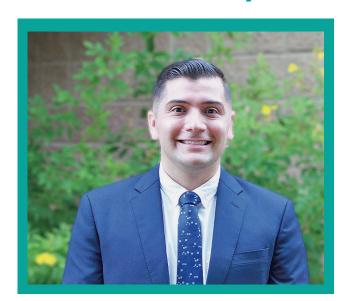
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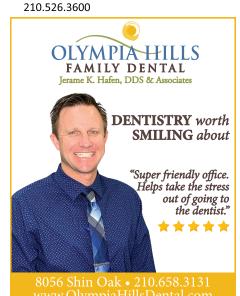
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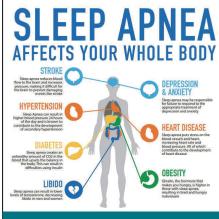
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