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Northeast Lakeview Collage - Alamo.edu/NLC/

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

GOVERNMENT

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

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

PERSONAL SERVICES

Alamo Area Council of Governments - AACOG.com **Greater Randolph Area Services Program -** *GRASP211.org*

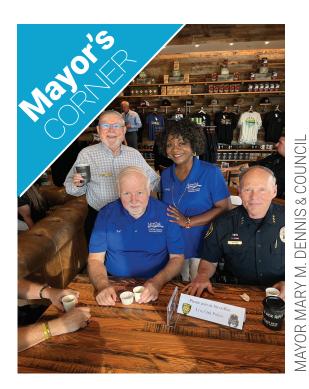
Meals on Wheels - ChristianSeniorServices.org

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program - RACAP.org









The Premier Community to Live, Learn, Work, & Play.



Dear Residents.

Anas Garfaoui was unanimously appointed by City Council as City Manager on January 9th, who succeeded Glen Martel after he resigned in October. Mr. Garfaoui brings over 10 years of experience in local government. We are confident in his leadership and have the utmost respect for the tremendous work he has completed in such a brief time. Please join Team Live Oak in congratulating City Manager Anas Garfaoui.

The City of Live Oak operates under a Council-Manager form of government. City Manager Garfaoui and Team Live Oak will be responsible for implementing the vision of the City Council. Mr. Garfaoui has proven himself a successful leader and who will continue to manage our talented staff at Live Oak.



"This is truly an honor for me, and I am thrilled to be able to continue to collaborate with each member of our organization. This decision by the City Council reflects their confidence in TEAM Live Oak and I am committed to ensuring that we all continue to make our City the premier

community to live, learn, work and play," Garfaoui said in an email to Team Live Oak.

As we move into March and April, Mr. Garfaoui and Team Live Oak will begin preparing the 2024/2025 City budget. We invite you to attend upcoming meetings and budget workshops scheduled for the summer. Your input is important to us and to the budget process.

Finally, please join us on March 23rd during the annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Movie in the Park featuring the movie Trolls Band Together. All the festivities begin at 6:00 p.m., at the Main City Park. Plans include having food trucks available, prize eggs, and egg hunts for all ages with over 20,000 eggs to be found. Just a quick reminder that March 10th begins daylight savings time. It is good practice during this time to not only turn your clocks forward, but to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

As your Mayor, I am always available to you at 210-792-7168. Remember, the best is yet to come for the premier community to live, learn, work, and play.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council





Fun has no age limit! No matter how old you are, or how old you get, you should always plan a handful of fun activities into your day. Outside, inside, or in the community, fun can be had anywhere!



Fun in the Sun! If the sun is out and shining then why not enjoy a little bit of nature? Luckily, there's so much to do in the great outdoors. Getting a little vitamin D from the sun and fresh air for the lungs can go a long way.

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

Greater Randolph Area Kiwanis Club

Mendell Morgan, President P.O. Box 2305 - Universal City, Texas 78148 210-355-8562 | www.graks.org Chartered April 25, 1975

HSOLO - Humane Society of Live Oak

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

LOCAP - Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police

Volunteers must attend/graduate from Citizens Police Academy. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at 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.

LOVGC - Live Oak Village Garden Club

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

SOLO - 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 &

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

For more information about "SOLO" Please contact Pat Knisley at 210-655-4566



MARCH 2024

- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** SOUP NIGHT @ 5:30pm - Live Oak Clubhouse
- 11 **SOLO - Seniors of Live Oak** SOCIAL/GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm - Live Oak Clubhouse

HSOLO - Humane Society of Live Oak MEETING @ 6:30pm - Live Oak Clubhouse

- 13 **SOLO - Seniors of Live Oak** LUNCH @ 11:30am - Meet at Pizza Hut 1530 Pat Booker Road
- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** POTLUCK & BINGO @ 11:30a - Live Oak Clubhouse 19 **LOVGC - Live Oak Village Garden Club**
- MEETING @ 6:30pm Live Oak Clubhouse 20 **LOCAP - Live Oak Citizen Assisting Police**
- MEETING @ 7:00pm Police Dept Training Room **LOVGC - Live Oak Village Garden Club** ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE - See Page 15
- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** BOOK CLUB @ 1:00pm- Live Oak Clubhouse
- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm - Live Oak Clubhouse

APRIL 2024

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- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** SANDWICH NIGHT @ 5:30pm - Live Oak Clubhouse
- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** SOCIAL/GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm - Live Oak Clubhouse

HSOLO - Humane Society of Live Oak MEETING @ 6:30pm - Live Oak Clubhouse

- **SOLO Seniors of Live Oak** TRIP TO GRUENE @ 9:30am Meet at at clubhouse to carpool
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City of Live Onk Meetings, Events & Holidays

MARCH 2024

CONGRESSMAN CUELLAR'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES

11:30am-12:30pm at City Hall DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Move your Clock forward 1 hour

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 12 7pm in Council Chamber

K9 VETERANS DAY

17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS

EGGSTRAVAGANZA & MOVIE IN THE PARK See Page 19

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

6pm in Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7pm in Council Chamber

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 2024

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

CONGRESSMAN CUELLAR'S CONSTITUENT SERVICES

11:30am-12:30pm at City Hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7pm in Council Chamber

CITY'S 64TH ANNIVERSARY

22 EARTH DAY

24 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES BEGINS

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES ENDS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

6pm in Council Chambers

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7pm in Council Chamber

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION



COMMUNITY ONLINE CALENDAR



Trash, Recycling and Brush/Bulk Collection Calendar located on page 13

> Questions? 800.800.5804



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 Isa Gaytan at 210.653.9140 ext. 2213 with any questions.



HEB Annual Christmas Cake



A big thanks to HEB Kitty Hawk for the generous delivery of Christmas cakes during the holiday season to each department building. This has become a tradition that we all look forward to each year, and we thank HEB for their thoughtfulness. The cakes provided a homey addition to our police and fire personnel's Christmas dinner while on duty and away from their families.

Olympia Hills Family Dental

Serenades City Employees



Dr. Jerame Hafen, Dr. Christina Gonzalez, and Dr. Erin Greene, along with the wonderful staff of Olympia Hills Family Dental, once again serenaded city staff before the holiday break, filling the halls with Christmas cheer. Each member of the staff was given a goodie bag filled with a toothbrush, floss, and toothpaste. We appreciate their cheerful enthusiasm and beautiful voices, and we look forward to the generous gesture each year. happy you

Marco's Pizza

2024 Bluebonnet Women's Open Disc Golf Tour





Marco's Pizza was a huge part of the 2024 Bluebonnet Women's Open Disc Golf Tour. Not only did the ladies have great weather and a successful fun tournament, but Marco's Pizza made sure they were well fed with piping hot pizza!

Thank you, Marco's Pizza, for always being a great community partner.

hap-you

RBFCU Community Shred Day Pidints Dean will a SATURDAY, MAY 11TH from 9am-12noon in the Fire Department Parking Lot



Launches Redesigned Website



The City of Live Oak has launched a state-of-the-art update to the city's primary website, www.liveoaktx.net, providing new upgrades, streamlined formatting, and a user-friendly experience across all devices, designed with the residents, businesses, and visitors in mind. As the community of Live Oak has grown and evolved, the importance of updating to a newer digital platform to meet the needs of the community was a priority.

Thank you's & news

In January, the city launched the new website representative of Live Oak's brand and character to serve as an upgraded, flexible, and effective communication tool to better engage with the community. With a more user-friendly interface and several new features the new website streamlines access to vital city services, information, and resources.

The new site offers a modern layout and professional tools for residents, businesses, and visitors to easily navigate and find what they are looking for. The website offers modern visual design representing the friendly spirit of our premier community and highlighting signature events, project updates, public meetings, popular landmarks, open spaces, and attractions found in our city. The upgraded navigation has streamlined access to forms, permits applications and processes, business and resident guides, and the online payment system, making it easy to do business online. In addition to these improvements, the site provides convenient access to the Community Events and Public Meetings Calendar, Department Information, and overall, improved tools to help site visitors find information quickly.

City Staff understands users may need some extra help during the re-acquaintance period, so please give us a call at 210-653-9140, extension 2219 or email info@liveoaktx.net for assistance. The city invites you to explore the newly updated www.liveoaktx.net built to better serve and represent our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for our premier community to live, learn, work, and play.



WE WILL NO LONGER OFFER SMOKE DETECTORS TO WALK IN GUESTS.















We invite all military personnel, businesses, civic groups, and citizens to join us as we honor all past and present members of the military.

Please contact Jymie Perna at jperna@liveoaktx.net for a parade entry form!

The 21st Annual Live Oak Summer Open Disc Golf Tournament

Scheduled for May 3rd- May 5th. Commonly referred to as L.O.S.O., this event is the longest running disc golf tournament in the San Antonio area. Approximately three hundred players will come from all over Texas and the United States to play at the Joe Painter Live Oak Hillside and Live Oak Lakeside courses. L.O.S.O. is classified by the Professional Disc Golf Association (P.D.G.A.) as an A-Tier event in 2024 due to the historical nature of the event and the generous sponsorship of the City of Live Oak, Mint Discs, Lucky Ace Discs, and Alamo Community Disc Club.

Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing outdoor sports across the nation. The two Live Oak courses are some of the most popular in the area with over 11k rounds recorded annually in 2023 by players on the popular disc golf score-keeping app UDisc. The sport is affordable and accessible, promotes health and well-being, and stimulates the local economy. Interested in checking it out? With two amazing courses here in Live Oak, all you need is a disc to start playing!



CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT **Rowan Lovell**

Rowan was the lucky winner of a \$100 Gift Card to **HOME DEPOT!!!**

ROWAN ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

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

We use the LOCAL section of the magazine when we want to go out to eat, but aren't sure where at. It's very useful for narrowing down our choices.

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

We use the EAT & DRINK section the most. I love how it's organized by section as well.

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

We keep our copy of the Hometown Paper on the living room coffee table, that way, the family can read it whenever we want to!

Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?

I like how the magazine allows us to discover all kinds of businesses. I love supporting smaller shops, and I'm always very excited to visit stores I've never been to before.

Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business?

We just moved to this area, so we aren't too familiar with all the businesses Live Oak has to offer. We have been frequenting Home Depot quite often recently, having just moved, so for now it's our favorite place.





Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes



HEALTH BUS IS A FREE TRANSPORTATION Program to Methodist Hospital Northeast, any of its facilities and to doctors on staff at **Methodist Hospital Northeast.**



SCAN 4 MORE INFORMATION CALL 210.647.7433 TO SCHEDULE A RIDE

E CALL TO CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS I VITHIN THE FULL-SERVICE AREA.



Live Oak.

My Office is Coming to Your Neighborhood!

Every First Friday of the Month

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Live Oak City Hall 8001 Shin Oak Drive Live Oak, TX 78233

√ Federal Agency **Assistance**

√ Veterans' Benefits

√ Social Security

- √ Citizenship Services &
 - **Immigration** √ Federal grants

 - **√** Internships
- ✓ Passport Applications
 ✓ Medicare & Medicaid





For Your Information

Great ideas and plans are being discussed for

the coming year!

2024 LOCAP officers

Treasurer - Sandy Vogel Secretary - Brandon Rumfield Vice President - Darlene Pohl President - Marie Atkinson

These individuals represent many years of volunteer service to Live Oak and are an integral part of LOCAP & our community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE 2024 OFFICERS!

Members of LOCAP are alumni of the Live Oak Citizens Police Academy. This course is offered once a year, typically for 10 weeks.

This Year's Citizens Police Academy Is Scheduled for March 21st - May 23rd.

For More Information Please Contact LOPD at 210-945-1700

SINGLE USE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

Thank you for using the **Single Use Disposal System!**

The Single Use Disposal Systems (SUDS) are a convenient and environmentally friendly way to dispose of your unused or expired prescription medications. The pre-paid TakeAway Envelope allows you to mail your unused and expired prescriptions from the privacy of your own home. They are incinerated unopened keeping themout of our drinking water.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ENVELOPE AFTER IT IS MAILED?

The envelopes containing the medications are sent directly to a treatment facility to be incinerated.

Yes, the Take Away Envelopes are safe. Using the TAE is safer then flushing or throwing the medications in the trash. Incinerating the medications nental damage that medications can have by prevent

ental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends incineratio is the method of drug destruction, which meets the Department of inforcement Agency's (DEA) standard.

CAN NEEDLES OR INHALERS GO IN THE ENVELOPE?

Unfortunately, no. Please reach out to your local health department

WILL ANYONE SEE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Questions: Please contact Danielle Campbe

HOUSTON

of the QR code and answer a few

questions so we can

continue to provide

these to you at no

Live Oak Village Garden Club's

ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE



Thanks For Supporting Your Local Civic Clubs

• Herbs • Texas Native Flowering Plants









The City of Live Oak is hiring lifeguards for the 2024 pool season, The CITY OF LIVE ON THE Apart of the team! As an employee of and we want you to be a part of flevible have and we want to an enjoy the benefits of flexible hours, great pay,
Live Oak, you can environment and a fun working environment.

The City of Live Oak will reimburse up to \$200 for those newly certified individuals who obtain their American **Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification** OR recertification and successfully complete the hiring and employment process.

Additionally, we offer up to \$400 incentive pay paid in installments throughout the summer!

Salary ranges from \$13.50 to \$20.00 per hour!





MUSIC

MOVIE IN THE PARK!

The EGGstra special event you have been waiting for is back!! Join us at 6:00pm on March 23rd for the EGGstravaganza in the Main City Park.

LIVE OAK MAIN CITY PARK

There will be egg hunts for children 0-14 and back by popular demand, there will be an adult hunt for anyone 15 years of age and older.

Candy, prizes, and special surprises await all the eager hunters!

The fun doesn't end when all the eggs are found. Food trucks will be on site with treats for purchase, DJ music and this year's feature Movie in the Park, Trolls Band Together.

Egg hunts will start at approximately 6:00pm, and Movie in the Park will start at approximately 8:00 pm or at dark.

Don't forget your basket or bag to hunt eggs and your chairs/ blankets for Movie in the Park!









Preparing for a flood

Remember, it is your responsibility to prepare for disasters. Make your plan today.

Make a plan for your household, including your pets, so you and your family know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourself from flooding. Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response. Gather supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, and water for several days, in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area. -READY.GOV



CTY Emergency Alert System

The City of Live Oak has a telephone alerting system that is designed to provide not only our citizens, but the business community as well, with both emergency and informational messages relating to important city issues. Visit the City of Live Oak website and click on the "I WANT TO" tab, then click Emergency Notification CTY or scan the QR code here to register.







GOT JUNK? Your trash could be someone else's treasure!

We do not require garage sale permits within the city limits of Live Oak. If you would like to participate, please contact Jymie Perna at jperna@liveoaktx.net or 210-653-9140, x2200, no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2024 to place your items and information on the City of Live Oak website and Facebook page.

What information are we collecting and publishing?

- Street address
- Dates and hours your items will be available for sale
- Main items you are selling

What about garage sale signs?

- With your neighbor's permission, in their yard
- In vour own vard
- NOT in the city right of way
- NOT against curbs
- NOT against the street side of the sidewalk
- All signs must be removed no late than 24 hours after your garage sale ends.

What about the stuff you don't sell?

BULK PICK-UP BEGINS ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024.

You may place your bulk items at the curb no sooner than Wednesday, May 1, 2024, and no later than Sunday, May 5, 2024. Citywide bulk pick-up can take up to TWO WEEKS to complete.

We will pass by your residence ONCE. Do not cover the sidewalk or water meter with your bulk items, and do not block your items by parking vehicles in front of them.

Examples of Bulk Items:

Chairs, sofas, mattresses, tables, empty water heaters, lawn furniture AND MORE!

NOT acceptable Bulk Items:

Televisions, computer monitors, refrigerators, window units, portable A/C units or anything else that contains freon, tires, batteries, glass, hazardous materials, or waste.

For more information on what is considered acceptable or not, please visit our webpage at www.liveoaktx.net. You can also find information regarding At Your Door Special Collection by visiting www.wmatyourdoor.com.











Achievements

We were pleased to recognize the outstanding achievements of several of our officers. In a special ceremony held on January 24th, we acknowledged our recent promotions and introduced our newest appointed police officers and public safety telecommunicators.

The pinning ceremony is a long-standing law enforcement professional tradition that awards the police badge or ranking insignia to an individual, either upon graduation or promotion. The badge serves as a symbol of his or her commitment to the City of Live Oak, Public Service, and the authority of law enforcement for the State of Texas. The law enforcement community is deep in traditions. As the world changes, many traditions are so important that they must remain unchanged.

We officially pinned our newest Sergeant, Sgt. Rudy Jimenez, and newest Corporals, Cpl. Mark Perez and Cpl. Jeremy Ruiz. Additionally, we are excited to introduce and pin our newly appointed peace officers who have already commenced their assignments.

This ceremony provided a unique opportunity to celebrate these officers' accomplishments in the presence of their families and friends. It is a moment of pride for the Live Oak Police Department to formally acknowledge the dedication and hard work demonstrated by these individuals. Congratulations to everyone!

Promotions

Sgt. Rudy Jimenez, 2403 Cpl. Mark Perez, 2504 Cpl. Jeremy Ruiz, 2507

Officers

Anthony Sotelo, 2613 Jacob Perkins, 2616 Joshua Arizpe, 2605 Brian Smith, 2602 Anthony Alvarez, 2608 Zachary Zepeda, 2603

Telecommunicators

Leslie Van Wie, 2709

Dustin Mata, 2704



Spring into fire safety

During the months of March and April, the Live Oak Fire Department would like to focus on fire safety for older adults. The risk of injury, as well as death, from a fire is twice as likely to happen to people over the age of 65. Here are some great tips to keep yourself and loved ones safe in the event of a fire.

Practice these routines and keep them in mind:

- Know two ways out of each room and keep the exits clear.
- Plan your escape around your abilities.
- Make sure everyone can get outside if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Keep vital medications nearby to take out of the home in the event of a fire.
- Keep necessary objects such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, and telephone next to your bed.

We want you to always be prepared for any situation that might occur, no matter where you are. Being fully equipped and confident to act fast in an emergency will increase your chances of survival. Below are the three Ps of fire safety.

1. **Prevention** - involves taking steps to reduce the risk of a fire starting, such as properly storing flammable materials and regularly inspecting and maintaining electrical systems.

- 2. Protection refers to measures that can help contain or extinguish a fire, such as smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.
- 3. Preparation involves having a plan in place in case of a fire, including an evacuation route and a designated meeting place.

Spring Cleaning

With great weather approaching, we all want to start cleaning our home. While you are cleaning, don't forget to check warning labels on chemicals and keep children away from those chemicals. Let's be safe Live Oak!

FOR IMMEDIATE HELP WITH A POISONING, CALL 1-800-222-1222 AS WELL AS 911



emind residents of the importance of proper use and handling of cleaning

Use child-resistant packaging properly by closing the container securely after each

1-800-222-1222

Your local poison centers in Texas are available 24/7 with specially trained and bilingual nurses, pharmacists, and physicians to help answer questions or concerns.

· Wear gloves or goggles when you use these materials.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS





The Results **For Your Favorite Live Oak** Businesses Are In!

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

The votes have been tallied for the highly anticipated 2024 Best of Live Oak competition! We would like to thank everyone who participated in letting us know which establishments were your favorite spots around town.



BEST PLACE TO WATCH SPORTS 54th Street Restaurant & Drafthouse

BEST HAPPY HOUR 54th Street Restaurant & Drafthouse



BEST PIZZA Marco's Pizza

BEST CHAIN RESTAURANT Marco's Pizza



BEST BREAKFAST **BEST SANDWICH BEST LOCAL RESTAURANT BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE**



BEST HAIR SALON Hello Lovely Hair, Skin & Nails

BEST NAIL SALON Hello Lovely Hair, Skin & Nail:



BEST HOTEL Hilton Garden Inn & Live Oak Conference Center



BEST CAR DEALERSHIP Jordan Ford



BEST SWEET TREAT Dairy Queen

BEST TACO

Las Palapas

REGAL

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

Regal Cinema Live Oak



BEST HAMBURGER Whataburger



BEST SEAFOOD Sea Island Shrimp Hous



BEST FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT Raising Cane's



BEST STEAK



BEST EDUCATIONAL FACILITY



BEST DAYCARE FACILITY Country Home Learning Center



BEST APARTMENT COMMUNITY Aspire at Live Oak



BEST MEDICAL STAFF/FACILITY



BEST SHOPPING CENTER The Forum









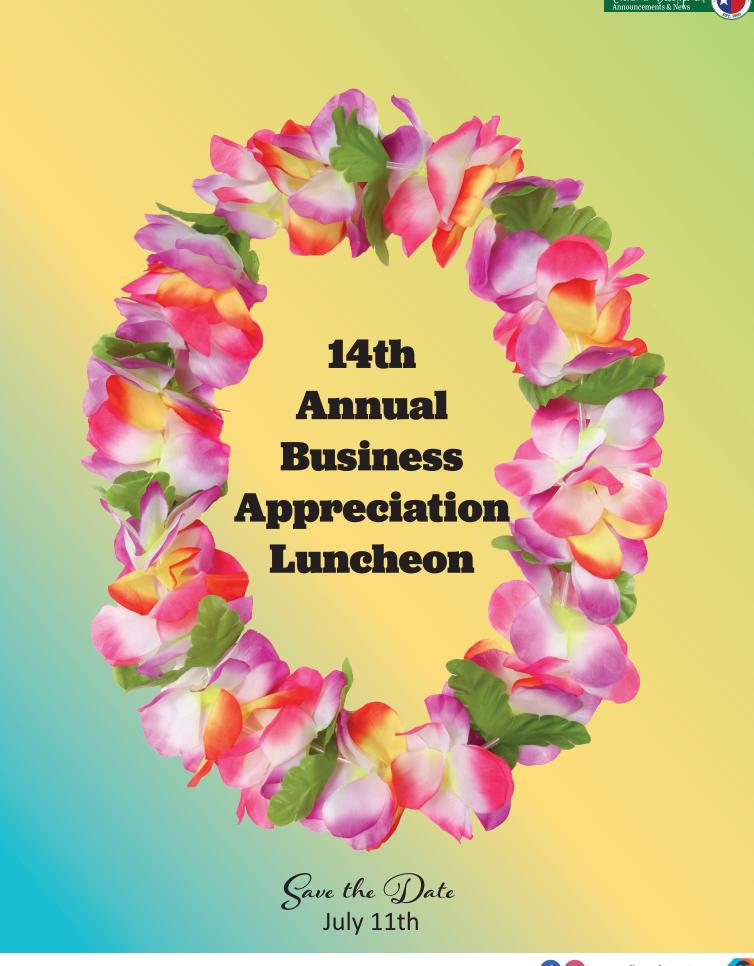
Visual Improvement Program for Businesses!

VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

One of the hottest and easiest incentives packages the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation (EDC) offers to businesses has been able to assist hundreds of businesses since 2011! We are proud to announce that the EDC's Visual Improvement Program (VIP) continues to be viable and benefit businesses with various exterior visual improvements by paying over \$100,000 in grant monies!

The popular grant program assisted small, medium, and large businesses. Its purpose is to promote a positive city image that reflects order, harmony, and pride. Thereby strengthening the economic stability in the business areas within our community. It was our pleasure to assist Live Oak business owners with their enhancements, and we look forward to helping many more during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

> There are no strings attached: apply today! For more information, contact Donna Lowder at (210) 653-9140, ext. 2219 or you may download the application under Departments/ Economic Development/Incentives button at www.liveoaktx.net.









If you would like to be featured in the Hometown News Travels section of the magazine, submit a high-resolution photo of you and the Hometown News at your travel location to dlowder@liveoaktx.net. The submittal should include your name and your location.

City Council

Appoints New EDC Director

On December 12th during the regular meeting of the City Council, Mayor Dennis and members of the City Council voted unanimously to appoint Rod Streets as the newest director of the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation (LOEDC) effective December 29th, 2023. Mr. Streets' appointment comes after the retirement of LOEDC member Elizabeth Kuhlmann from RBFCU who previously filled the business director's position.



Mr. Streets brings years of financial and economic development experience to the table that includes the creation and knowledge of growth-based fiscal impact studies, property tax analyses, as well as economic studies and strategic planning.

He earned a degree in Business Administration & Finance from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and a master's in public administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Streets is the father of three boys and spends his weekends competing in triathlons, biking the trails around San Antonio, or exploring the Texas Hill Country. Mr. Streets currently serves as Chief Financial Officer for Alterman, one of San Antonio's oldest and largest electrical contractors that recently relocated their entire operation to Live Oak.

We want to thank Elizabeth for her dedicated service to our community and to the LOEDC over the years and wish her well in her retirement. Mayor Dennis, City Council members, and city staff join in welcoming Mr. Streets to the 2024 Board of Directors for LOEDC.

Alterman Inc.

Corporate Headquarters Opens

In April, Alterman celebrated the much-anticipated opening of their new corporate headquarters located in Live Oak's Gateway Shopping Plaza. Centrally located at the intersection of IH 35 and Loop 1604, Alterman has completed Phase I of the campus by constructing the first two buildings totaling approximately 200,000 square feet. The campus includes office space for all three of Alterman's divisions and a logistics/prefabrication building. The future Phase II will include two additional buildings with the same square footage as the first two.

The employee-owned company plans to make the most of the new campus as the company continues to grow. The new campus includes training centers for office employees as well as electricians and technicians, which will expand the company's previous capabilities. The design will also accommodate space for future employee events throughout the year. Team Live Oak joins in welcoming Alterman to the Live Oak community and looks forward to an exciting partnership together for decades to come.

















Exciting New Amenity Coming to Live Oak

Texas Pickle Hall Coming Soon

In the world of leisure sports, pickleball has risen to the top of the list. Pickleball continues to grow at a pace in popularity among neighboring residents here as it has across the city and the country. You may call it a hybrid of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, chances are you have heard about it, played it, or just watched it from afar. As the fastest growing sport in the United States, you may ask yourself why. Because it is a sport that brings all ages together in public parks and private Pickleball facilities.

The popular social sport has been used as a way of bringing people together. Businesses have utilized the sport as a team-building exercise, and families have been using it as an activity to get the entire family together. Its physical-forgiving nature makes it suitable for all fitness levels. The growth of pickleball has entrepreneurs and cities scrambling to meet the demand for court space. Our city is excited to welcome



Texas Pickle Hall to our community to help meet this demand with a state-of-the-art facility featuring 12 indoor courts and 1 outdoor stadium court. The new commercial facility will be located at the corner of Shin Oak Drive and the IH 35N frontage road.

Texas Pickle Hall is slated to break ground this spring with an anticipated completion date of early fall.





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Unchartered Adventures

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As one of the nation's newest past times, Live Oak's Unchartered Adventures Entertainment Center is here! Owner Damon Fogley opened Unchartered Adventures at the end of 2023. On Friday, January 19, he joined Mayor Mary M. Dennis, City Council, City officials, and members of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce in officially celebrating the grand opening with a ribbon cutting.

Unchartered Adventures offers a great space for groups of all ages, team building, and corporate events, birthday parties, and date-night entertainment. Family and friends will enjoy squaring off for an axe & dart throwing competition; or suit up, grab a bat, and smash items of your choice in the Smashing & Rage Room; experience a super immersive escape room, Karaoke retro rooms, splatter paint room, as well as a glow-in-the-dark airsoft target shooting gallery.

If you are looking for added content for your social media, this experience will help you boost your viewing audience. Guests can enjoy a full bar service and eat at Stuffed restaurant inside the facility, https://www.eatatstuffed.com.



You can book online for your one-of-a-kind experience you will never forget. Unchartered Adventures (formally Hooligan's Bar) is located conveniently off IH 35N frontage road at 13920 IH 35N, Live Oak, Texas 78233 or visit https://uncharteredadventures.com for a virtual 3D tour and more.

Alamo City Surgeons

Opens at New Location

Mayor Mary M. Dennis, Councilmen Mendell Morgan Jr., and Ed Cimics, along with City Manager Anas Garfaoui, City Executive Leadership, and City staff joined Alamo City Surgeons in celebrating their new space within the beautiful Methodist Plaza II medical office building at 12500 Judson Road, Ste. 220 on February 5th after recently relocating from 12709 Toepperwein.

Also present were Alamo City Surgeons' providers Gary M. Hall, MD, R. Brandon Harrell, MD, and Edward E. Horvath, DO on hand to welcome guests and dignitaries. At Alamo City Surgeons, they perform surgeries and laparoscopic (minimally invasive) procedures to treat common abdominal conditions such as appendicitis, hernias, inflammation of the gallbladder, ulcer, and other digestive and stomach problems. They also specialize in breast cancer surgeries and thyroid/parathyroid surgeries.

Michael Beaver, Chief Executive Officer of Methodist Hospital Northeast and James Palazzo, Division Vice President, Methodist Healthcare System both provided high praises regarding the elevated level of reliability and commitment to care demonstrated by Alamo City Surgeons and the medical staff.





Alamo City Surgeons are just one of the medical groups that will move to the new Methodist Plaza II medical building. Leases with Cardiology Clinic of San Antonio, Northeast Pulmonary and Sleep Associates, Sports Medicine Associates of San Antonio and Virtuosa has brought the entire 73,000 square foot building to full occupancy. A second medical office building is planned for a three-floor facility slated to break ground soon near Methodist Plaza II and will increase the medical capabilities for Live Oak's growing medical hub.







Spring is upon us

What does this mean in the Public Works world?

Our residents will be spring cleaning, planting, and sprucing up their lawns. The City of Live Oak is dedicated to water conservation, pollution control, and keeping our waterways clean and safe for our wildlife and communities. Fertilizer, pet waste, pesticides, and litter can run off from your lawn and into our storm water system; therefore, polluting our environment.

While you are out there making Live Oak a beautiful place:

- Clean up after your pets and your projects.
- Use recommended amounts of fertilizer and pesticides. Read the labels and don't overdo it.
- Reduce the amount of grease, fats, and oils that go down your drains.
- Avoid watering in the middle of the day when water droplets can evaporate in
- Check for leaks inside and outside of your home. If you see issues, fix them
- Mind the Edwards Aquifer watering restrictions.

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Reduce storm water pollution

Pet waste is more than just a gross and unsightly mess. It's an environmental pollutant and a serious health hazard. When left on the ground, waste eventually breaks down and washes into the storm drains, polluting our rivers, streams, creeks, and other local waterways.

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria, nitrogen, phosphorus, and parasites that threaten the health of people and animals. Pet waste improperly disposed of can lead to conditions in local water bodies that are unsafe for human recreation and negatively impact aquatic life.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Always pick-up after your pet. Pet waste is NOT fertilizer.
- Avoid walking your pet near streams & waterways. Instead, walk them in grassy areas, parks, or underdeveloped areas.
- Carry disposable bags while walking your dog. Pick up and dispose of it in the trash.
- Flush it down the toilet. (without the bag)
- Spread the message. Inform other pet owners of why picking up pet waste is important and encourage them to do so.

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste in an unpermitted area, such as the back of a yard, along a stream bank, in an alley, in a public right of way, or at other off-road areas. Pouring liquid waste or disposing of trash down storm drains is a form of illegal dumping that can qualify as an illicit discharge.

Litter is often the result of poorly managed trash. This trash is carried by wind or rain into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, or river.

Tips for dealing with trash

- Never litter.
- Put trash in the appropriate bins.
- Do not leave trash next to or on top of an overflowing bin.

Take the following steps to prevent trash from escaping from your outdoor trash bins on collection day.

- Keep your lid closed and do not overfill the trash bin.
- Put trash outside shortly before pick-up.

PLEASE NOTE: The city has authority to assess fines for illegal dumping.

For more information on stormwater or to report any pollution in our streets or storm drains, please call the Stormwater Hotline: (210) 653-9140, EXT. 2224 or email emcnew@liveoaktx.net. These tips are based on information from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and were adapted by



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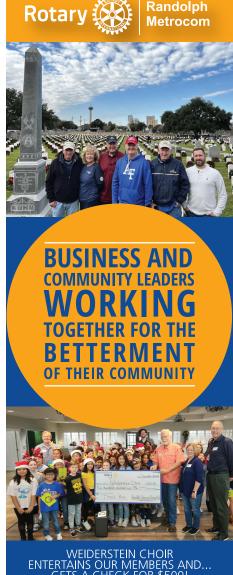
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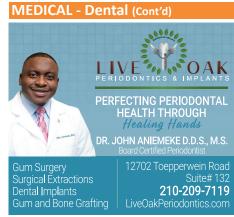
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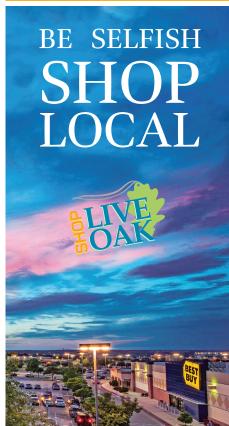
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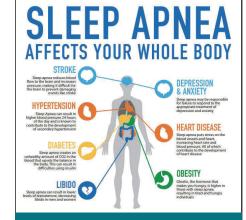


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