

A SALUTE TO OUR **BUSINESSES**

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Dear Citizens of Live Oak,

As we embark upon 2012, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to an exciting year for our City. We are pleased to report that our Economic Development Corporation recently secured water rights for future developments for the City. This water will enhance growth and stability in Live Oak for years to come.

Police Chief Ron Echols recently retired from the Live Oak Police Department. He has done an outstanding job within the Department and throughout our City. Chief Echols has inspired those around him to be the best they can be. We wish him and his family much success in his new endeavors.

For the fourth consecutive year the City has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate for Excellence and Achievement in Financial Reporting. This prestigious award allows the City an excellent credit rating





which in turn saves money for our citizens. I would like to congratulate Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director and his entire team for their daily efforts to keep us in excellent financial standing. Thank you Jackie, Kathy, Angela, Lori, Dee and Laureen. Remember the "best is yet to come."

It is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of this great City of Live Oak. I am committed to ensure the safety and well-being of all our citizens. Together we will continue to move in a positive direction. I am always available to talk with all citizens or receive your suggestions. You can reach me on my cell: 210- 792-7168 or email me at yourmayormary@yahoo.com.



NOTICE OF ELECTION THE CITY OF LIVE OAK

An election is hereby ordered to be held **May 12, 2012** for the purpose of:

CALLING FOR A JOINT, GENERAL, SPECIAL ELECTION WITH VARIOUS ENTITIES TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO COUNCILMEMBERS, PLACE TWO AND PLACE FOUR

EARLY VOTING by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

Main Early Voting Location (Localidad Principal de Votacion Adelantada):

**BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT (DEPARTAMENTO ELECTORAL DEL CONDADO DE BEXAR) 203 W. Nueva

**DEAFLINK available at these sites (CONECCION PARA PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD AUDITIV A DISPONIBLE)

Basement, south end across from cafeteria (Sotano, lado sur, frente de la cafeteria)

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

BROOKHOLLOW LIBRARY	530 Heimer Road
CLAUDE BLACK CENTER	
CODY LIBRARY	11441 Vance Jackson
COLLINS GARDEN LIBRARY	200 North Park
EAST CENTRAL ISD ADMIN BLDG	. 6634 New Sulphur Springs Rd
FAIR OAKS RANCH CITY HALL (Council Chambers)	7286 Dietz Elkhorn
GREAT NORTHWEST LIBRARY	9050 Wellwood
**HENRY A. GUERRA, JR. LIBRARY	
**JOHN IGO LIBRARY	
JOHNSTON LIBRARY	
**JULIA YATES SEMMES LIBRARY at	
Comanche Lookout Park	15060 Judson Road
LAS PALMAS LIBRARY	515 Castroville Road
LEON VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER	6451 Evers Road
**LION'S FIELD	2809 Broadway
MAURY MAVERICK, JR. LIBRARY	8700 Mystic Park
**MCCRELESS LIBRARY	1023 Ada Street
MISSION LIBRARY (Cisneros Commun	ity
Center Replacement)	100 Roosevelt Ave
NORTHSIDE ACTIVITY CENTER	
OLMOS PARK GOLF CLUB HOUSE	120 W. El Prado
PARMAN LIBRARY at STONE OAK (Stoneoak	
Presbyterian Church Replacement)	20735 Wilderness Oak

SHAVANO PARK CITY HALL	
SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL	7650 South 1604 West
SOUTH PARK MALL	2310 S.W. Military
ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH	4535 Lord Road
TOBIN LIBRARY at OAKWELL	4134 Harry Wurzbach
UNIVERSAL CITY CITY HALL	. 2150 Universal City Blvd
WINDCREST TAKAS PARK CIVIC CENTER	R
WONDERLAND OF AMERICAS at	
CROSSROADS MALL	4522 Fredericksburg

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

Hours of Early Voting are:

Monday, April 30, 2012 through Friday, May 4, 2012 from 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 10 am to 6 pm and Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 12 pm to 6 pm

Monday, May 7, 2012 through Tuesday, May 8, 2012, from 8 am to 8 pm

Election Day by personal appearance will be conducted on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at:

Edward E. Franz Elementary School 12301 Welcome Drive City of Live Oak, Texas 78233	Precincts: 4056 and 4100
Crestview Elementary School 7710 Narrow Pass Live Oak, Texas 78233	Precincts: 4054 and 4055
Olympia Elementary School 8439 Athenian Drive Universal City, TX 78148	Precincts: 4105 and 4113
Royal Ridge Elementary School 5933 Royal Ridge San Antonio, TX 78239	Precinct: 4115

Hours of Election Day Voting are: 7 am - 7 pm

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

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: **May 4, 2012**.

A SALUTE TO OUR BUSINESSES

For years, Economic Development Funds have been used to provide Live Oak with this news magazine. With our businesses experiencing such tremendous success, we felt it appropriate in this edition to pay tribute to a few businesses that have chosen Live Oak as their home.

RANDOLPH BROOKS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Sixty years ago, nine men pooled together \$45 to create a credit union on Randolph Air Force Base. Their goals were to save money, have access to affordable financing and create better opportunities for themselves, their friends and their families.

Years later, Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) continues to serve, following the mission of helping members improve their economic well-being and overall quality of life. RBFCU has served the Live Oak community for many years, with its first local branch opening in 1987. Since that time, the branch has had a facelift, but the friendly service has stayed the same.

The credit union relocated its corporate headquarters to Live Oak, moving into an 110,000 square foot corporate campus in 2004. With the credit union's operations and their distinctive presence, they also brought jobs to the City. RBFCU currently employs more than 1,100 staff members, with about half of those working in Live Oak. Construction is currently underway to expand the corporate campus and provide additional employment opportunities.

While the credit union continues to grow, so does its commitment to providing exceptional member service and financial options. For example, a few years ago, RBFCU began offering 10 cents cash back on each debit card transaction, as an added bonus and reward for members. Since that time, RBFCU has given more than \$21 million in debit card rewards back to its members. RBFCU will continue to be an outstanding corporate citizen to Live Oak for years to come. A listing of services they provide, as well as branch locations can be found at www.rbfcu.org.

Randy M. Smith - President & CEO





Big Green Gym Bus

Live Oak resident, Loryll Bailey is the owner and director of the Big Green Gym Bus (BGGB). The BGGB is a school bus that has been converted into a safe and fun gymnastics facility that has been operating in the City of Live Oak and surrounding areas since July of 2011.

The BGGB specializes in birthday parties for 2-6 year olds, and will bring the bus to you for a one hour party with tumbling and games, where all children receive an award and goody bag. The BGGB can also come to your church function, company event, or anywhere children want to have fun!

For year round fun, the BGGB runs a preschool and daycare fitness and tumbling program. They provide children with a safe, fun, educational and noncompetitive environment to enhance their confidence, self-esteem and to instill the importance of physical fitness. Loryll and the bus will travel to your child's preschool once a week for a convenient and structured workout. Weekly lesson plans are set to lively music as the children perform basic tumbling and movement activities with the aid of certified instructors. If you would like more information about bringing the Big Green Gym Bus to your childcare facility, contact Loryll Bailey at 210-787-8887, or on the web at www. biggreengymbus.com

Laser Legend

Representing our entertainment industry, Laser Legend opened its first location right in the heart of Live Oak's business district, at 1604 and Lookout Road in the Gateway Plaza Shopping Center. The combination of Noble Roman's Pizza, modern arcade games and the most advanced laser tag equipment in the galaxy has made this establishment the ruler by which all other laser tag businesses are measured.

Black lights illuminate Laser Legend's two tiered arena as teams

square off across a 5,500 square foot war zone. Gamers snap into ballistic vests and flash lasers across interior terrain to determine bragging rights. Tracked on the guns' information display, real time scoring helps players track their progress during 15 minute contests. Foam core barriers over obstacles provide safety and cushion gamers as they dive for defensive positions.

An arcade of over 4,000 square feet houses 42 attractions, to include air hockey and many other newly released interactive games. Arcade cards track prize tickets and credits allowing for the "greenest" arcade operation, with no wasted paper.



Weekly specials throughout the school year make Laser Legend even more affordable. Also available for birthday parties, Laser Legend keeps kids coming back for more. Parents even have a menu of their own, including salads, breadsticks, wings, wraps and party trays.

Laser Legend is Live Oak's party headquarters for all groups. Support this unique local business by contacting their friendly staff at 210-444-9025 or visiting them on the web at www. laserlegend.com and facebook.com/laserlegend.

Ragtime Southwest Player Piano

Everyone has seen the Ragtime Player Piano truck driving through the neighborhood. Headquartered in Live Oak, Ragtime Southwest is a full service piano conversion company owned by longtime resident John Talbot, a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant. Ragtime Southwest is a premier supplier of player pianos, nickelodeons and many more automated instruments. Since opening in 1995, John has been repairing, refinishing, tuning and converting old pianos into players, for sale to the public.

As an example of his restoration efforts, Galveston Island's iconic military band organ "Katy Lou" was spared damage from Hurricane Ike when the storm left 17 feet of water in the downtown area. Fortunately, when the storm hit Galveston,

Katy Lou, a 1917 Wurlitzer Band Organ was being restored to original condition at Ragtime Southwest. Mr. Talbot can be reached at 210-241-5352 or on the net at www.player-piano.com.



John Talbot - Owner, Ragtime Southwest

This is a small sampling or our City's attractions and we are proud of all our local businesses. To find out how Live Oak can help you support or advertise your business, please contact Jordan Matney at 210-653-9140 ext. 286 or at jmatney@liveoaktx.net.

Attention Live Oak Business Owners

If you are a business owner located in Live Oak, please join the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation Tuesday, April 3rd from 11:30-1:30 at the Live Oak Civic Center for our annual business luncheon. This fully catered appreciation luncheon will be free for all local business owners. This is a fantastic opportunity to network with other business owners and discover opportunities available through the City of Live Oak. In addition, an educational session will be hosted, with a topic to be determined. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Jordan Matney, Economic & Community Development Manager at 653-9140 ext: 286 or email: jmatney@ liveoaktx.net



Join Shop Live Oak Today!

Shop Live Oak is a free service provided to our business owners and residents. Any business

owner interested in joining Shop Live Oak can do so by visiting the link on the front page of our website. Once registered, businesses owners can edit their page to feature all important information, upcoming specials and post coupons. Residents may visit the Shop Live Oak page by following the link on our website and find out the latest information about our local businesses. For questions or to request assistance, please contact Jordan Matney at 210-653-9140, ext. 286 or email: jmatney@liveoaktx.net.

SALES TAX SUCCESS

Live Oak Finance Department, Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director

The City of Live Oak is very proud to have many diversified businesses with our boundaries. The unique combination of businesses has made our economic problems in Live Oak more manageable. Of the nation as a whole, Texas, and particularly our region, has felt the brunt of the economy much less than other states. This is evident by the comparison of the monthly sales tax dollars returned to the City from the State Comptroller. These are the sales tax dollars that are reflective of the overall health of the economy in our City, as well as the surrounding area. Here are a few financial facts pertaining to sales tax volumes returned to Live Oak by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts:

Calendar Year	Amount Returned to Live Oak	% Change
2007	5,510,297	
2008	5,482,595	- 0.50%
2009	5,460,407	- 0.40%
2010	5,684,738	4.11%
2011	5,916,740	4.08%

Over the past two years, 20 out of 24 monthly payments received by the city were higher than the year before. This paints a positive picture for the City of Live Oak and the businesses that call our city home. We understand that the economy has different effects on different businesses, but overall, we are standing strong against this current economic situation.

The City recognizes the benefits received from our commercial partners. Our businesses are an integral part of the overall health of the City and we are grateful for the support we receive from the business community.

CITY OF LIVE OAK NOW ON FACEBOOK

In keeping up to date with Social Media, you can now find The City of Live Oak on Facebook. Stop by for a visit to find out what's happening in our fine City! Don't forget to "Like" us and "share" our information with your Facebook friends and family!







Our Mayor and a few of Live Oak's City Councilmembers wanted to share some of their favorite recipes with you. Enjoy!

GRANDMA'S POUND CAKE

Mary M. Dennis, Mayor

- 3 cups Cake Flour
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups Sugar
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 3 stick of Butter (softened)
- 3 tsp. vanilla flavoring

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs one at a time. Add cake flour, whipping cream and vanilla. Pour in tube pan and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes in preheated 350° oven.

ED'S LIP SMACKING GOOD CHICKEN

Ed Cimics, City Council, Mayor Pro Tem, City Council, Place 4

4 chicken breasts

2 cans Cream of Chicken or Cream of Mushroom Soup 1 soup can filled with Dry Vermouth (not sweet) Noodles or Rice (optional)

Brown chicken breasts in skillet with butter, brown on both sides. Don't fully cook. Remove the breasts. Pour 2 cans of the cream soups into the skillet and mix with the "browning" butter. Fill empty soup cans halfway with the Dry Vermouth, stirring left-over soup in can. Pour into soup and butter mixture stirring over med/high heat. Add the chicken breasts back into the pan, cover, simmer and cook till breasts are fully cooked. Stir frequently, continuing to sample the gravy/sauce. When done, get rid of the chicken and enjoy the gravy/sauce (just kidding) I LOVE the gravy and it "smells" SOOOO good! Goes great with rice or noodles. Enjoy!

LORETTA'S CAJUN SHRIMP JAMBALAYA

Loretta Kusek, City Council, Place 1

2 cups Raw Shrimp
3⁄4 Stick Butter
1 chopped Onion
2 Tbs. Season All
1 chopped Bell Pepper
6 oz. jar Mushrooms (Drained)
2-3 Green Onion Tops (optional)
1 can Beef Broth
1-1/2 Cup Raw Rice

Mix all ingredients, put in rice cooker and let cook. Note: Chicken, fish, ham, spicy sausage or any shell fish may be substituted for the shrimp.

BOB'S HERB GRILLED VEGETABLES

Robert "Bob" Tullgren, City Council, Place 2

- 1/2 cup Swanson's Chicken Broth
- 1 green, 1 red, 1 yellow or orange peppers
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed dried thyme
- 1 medium zucchini, thickly sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 medium yellow squash, thickly sliced
- 1/2 large red onion, thickly sliced
- 2 cups large mushrooms

Mix broth, thyme and black pepper. Brush vegetables with broth mixture. Place vegetables on lightly oiled grill rack over medium-hot coals. Grill 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender, turning and brushing often with broth mixture. Makes 10 servings (increase quantity as needed).



Severe Weather Season

The first day of spring is just around the corner and with it comes are annual severe weather season. Usually that is! In 2011 we had very few severe weather events and watches and warnings were seldom issued by the National Weather Service. Our biggest problem was the lack of rainfall which led to extreme drought conditions throughout the state which resulted in some devastating wildfires! Fortunately we closed out 2011 with a rainy December which has improved conditions in some parts of the State.

The weather outlook for the region for the spring and into summer calls for temperatures to be above normal and precipitation to be slightly below normal. The La Nina condition continues in the Pacific Ocean and that will influence our weather here in South Texas for the foreseeable future.

In regards to severe weather the months of March, April, and May tend to be our severe weather season and as such the Texas Governor has proclaimed the week of February 19th – 25th, 2012, as "Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas.

The National Weather Service (NWS) will issue watches or warnings whenever storms have the potential for high winds reaching 58 MPH (50 knots) and hail one (1) inch in diameter. In addition, severe thunderstorms are capable of producing tornadoes with little or no warning. In our region another potential hazard is flash flooding! Fortunately in the City we do not have any low water crossings however there are many around the area and within Bexar County. Always remember the slogan "Turn Around and Don't Drown."

The best way to stay in tune with the weather is with a NOAA weather radio, available from most electronic stores. They are fairly inexpensive and can alert you day or night if severe weather is threatening. Next to radio and television broadcasts, NOAA weather radios have been credited with saving many lives, especially late at night when few people are watching TV. Citizens unfamiliar with these radios are encouraged to stop by the Office of Emergency Management, located in the fire station, during normal business hours for a demonstration.

Connect CTY Telephone Alert System

Just a reminder! Citizens – Have you signed up for the Connect CTY telephone alert system? All residents with listed telephone numbers should already be included, however if you have an unlisted telephone number you are not included. In addition if you would like to add cellular numbers, text messaging or e-mails, you may do so by simply going to the city web site. Under City Services click on Connect CTY item for a direct portal to the system along with some additional information on it. Just follow the simple instructions. As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service.

Business Disaster Planning

In the event a disaster impacts the business community, statistics have shown that 1 out of 3 businesses may never reopen. This is especially true when small businesses are involved! In many cases the reason for this is simply the lack of planning and sufficient insurance coverage. Large companies and big box stores normally have a department that handles disaster preparedness along with other functions such as risk management. In some cases a storefront business may be undamaged however they might be located within a disaster area and may be without utilities and customers for an extended period. Destroyed or damaged records and computer data can put a company out of business if back-up records are unavailable. While federal assistance may be available following a disaster, it may not be sufficient and the time factor may leave the business owner with little choice. Rebuilding or relocating may not be an option and subsequently they become a statistic!

For additional information regarding disaster planning and examples, you are encouraged to visit the following web sites. They are www.ready.gov, www.readysouthtexas.gov, and www.texasprepares.org. You can also visit the Emergency Management Section of the City's web site or contact Gary Woppert at 653-9140, ext. 379, via e-mail at gwoppert@ liveoaktx.net, or stop by the office in the fire station during normal business hours.

Daylight Savings Time 2012

Daylight Savings Time 2012 will begin on Sunday, March 11th and end on Sunday, November 4th. In March, clocks are moved forward one hour from 2 am standard time to 3 am daylight savings time, and in November, clocks are moved back one hour from 2 am to 1 am standard time. The phrase "Spring Forward, Fall Back" is a helpful reminder of these time changes





"Local Businesses Going Green"

Hats off to Kohl's Department Store and Nissan Dealership for "Going Green"! Kohl's recently installed an Electric Vehicle Charging Station in their parking lot. These charging stations are "popping up" in public and private parking areas and along Texas roadways, to provide convenient charging stations so that electric vehicle owners can re-charge

virtually anywhere. Live Oak's Nissan dealership also provides a charging station for their new electric vehicles sold; currently it is not for public use. Both Kohl's and Nissan see advantages to providing these EV Charging Stations as a new marketing tool that demonstrates they are environmentally responsible businesses.

These electric vehicles charging station systems are set up in either an EV Charging Station connected directly to the solar energy coming directly off the panels, or connected to the electric meter.

Users on the network are provided with a RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) tag that they carry on a key ring that only works in the proximity of a charging station. If you are an electric vehicle owner, you can now locate EV Charging Stations on Google maps prior to a trip by laptop or smart phone.

We have learned that the benefit behind these systems is that the major share of the monthly user subscription revenue paid in by the users is returned to the host location operators. This is how Kohl's Department store and the Nissan Dealership cover their electric costs and overhead to maintain and monitor the EV Charging Stations system. Everyone involved is a winner.

The City of Live Oak is proud to be one of the first Metrocom cities to host several electric charging stations demonstrating technological advances. If your business is interested in becoming a host location, you can find a request form and additional information at www.ev-chargeamerica.com.



Whether you work in a financial institution or some neighborhood business, and whether crime rates are up or down, it's in everyone's interest to protect their business from crime. Here are a few steps you can take.

• Greet people who enter your business—personal contact can deter crimes.

• Target hardening—make sure that security measures, such as lights, alarms, and security personnel, are not only in place but are clearly visible and activated.

• Light it up—keep all areas used by patrons well-lighted to deter criminal activity. Make sure that the main activities within your business can be clearly viewed from the street. Check the parking lot for good lighting and unobstructed views.

• If your business has a safe, be sure it is fireproof and securely anchored. Remember to change the combination when an employee who had access to it is no longer employed by your business.

• Share crime prevention tips with patrons by posting them in your store.

• Use the three concepts of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) to deter criminals' interest. These are natural surveillance, natural access control, and territorial reinforcement. Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed so that you can see trouble before it walks in the door. Deter vandalism and show pride in your community with "thorny" plants and vines.

• Get involved with Business Watch and encourage other local businesses to do the same.

• Know what to do in case of an emergency. Fire exits and evacuation routes should be clearly marked. Fire extinguishers and medical kits should be well-stocked and checked regularly. Plan drills so that all employees know what to do in case of an emergency. Have different emergency plans in place for different types of emergencies.

• Learn how to be a good witness. Take note of gender, ethnicity, age, height, weight, hair color and length, and description of clothes and shoes.

• If you are ever the victim of a robbery, comply. Give up your money or your merchandise—don't give up your life.

Just a reminder that the Live Oak Police Department conducts business surveys, and provides personal safety briefing.



Recreation Coordinator - Courtney Weese



MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES & FUN FOR ALL AGES!

The City of Live Oak Parks and Recreation invites you to spend Saturday, May 5th in the main park enjoying a wide variety of outdoor activities, music, food and fun! Bring out the entire family, there is something to please everyone!

The festivities kick off at noon with the Guns-N-Hoses Softball Game and concludes with an old fashioned marshmallow roasting and S'mores. Food and beverages will be available for purchase throughout the day; with proceeds benefiting Live Oak youth and civic organizations.

LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 6:30 PM

JASON ALLEN: Austin's Recording Artist with a country voice of pure gold will provide entertainment for all ages. Opening band: Floodgage

CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & ATTRACTIONS BOUNCY CASTLE & GIANT SLIDE, BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE GAMES 2U will provide: Rock Climbing Challenge Wall Dodgeball "Gaga" Pit Angry Bird Launcher Field Game Basketball Battle Bounce

MORE FUN EVENTS:

"Guns-N-Hoses" Battle of the Badges: Softball game between the Live Oak Police and Fire departments. Starts at 12 noon.

Punt, Pass & Kick Contest: Boys and girls ages 5-17, adults 18 and up.

"Touch-A-Truck": Get close up and personal with some of those favorite trucks: loaders and backhoes!

Adventure Quest: Obstacle course and games for children 6 years and younger

"Combat Challenge" & "Officer Training": Agility courses (Fire & Police Department) all ages welcome to participate!

Board Games & Horseshoes: facilitated by SOLO (Seniors of Live Oak)





EASTER EGG HUNT

Everyone hop on down to the Live Oak Main Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 1st. The hunting will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the main city park. This is a free event geared towards children 12 years and under. Remember to bring a bag or basket for your child, and don't forget the camera! Don't be late, once kicked off, the event is typically over in less than five minutes!





Mira Loma Staff and Residents Assist with 2011 Holiday Food Drive

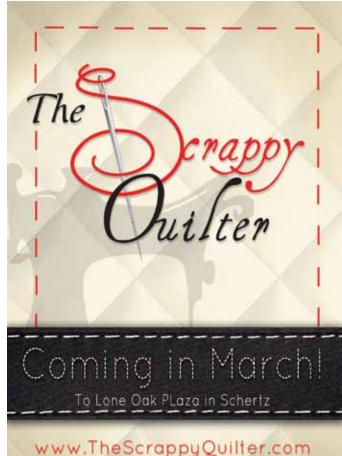
By Assistant Fire Chief Gerry Galindo

For more than 20 years, the Live Oak Fire Department's annual Holiday Food Drive has assisted families through difficult times by delivering Holiday Food Baskets. The food baskets contain donated non-perishable food items. The LOFD supplements the food baskets with a few perishable staples such as butter, eggs, milk, bread and a turkey.

Mrs. Patti Vickers and the staff of Mira Loma deserve special thanks for providing assistance during the 2011 Holiday Food Drive. Upon learning how it is often difficult to find enough sturdy boxes, the staff at Mira Loma volunteered to assist with this essential task. Within 30 minutes, Mira Loma made arrangements to obtain all of the necessary boxes and delivered them directly to the Fire Department. Mira Loma also volunteered to be a food collection point for those residents who desired to make donations. To further encourage their residents to make non-perishable food donations, the staff of Mira Loma created several incentives including a raffle for a Walmart gift card for the resident who donated the most items.

Due to the generosity of all who donated, thirty-seven Live Oak families received food baskets, making the 2011 Holiday Food Drive another success.





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

It is time for the bi-annual Fix-Up, Clean-Up, and Pick-Up Week! The week of April 8th is Clean-Up week with the City Wide Garage Sales on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 13 – 15, 2012. You must have all your unwanted "treasures" near the curb no later than Sunday evening, April 15th for curbside Bulk Pick-Up week. Waste Management will only go down each street one time. Remember not to cover the sidewalk or your water meter with your items.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR HOSTING A GARAGE SALE?

Citizens of Live Oak are not required to have a permit for a weekend garage sale. If you have signs out advertising the garage sale, the signs must not be placed or affixed to any light poles, fences or placed in any easement. If you place the sign on private property, you must obtain permission from the property owner or homeowner. The signs must be removed no later than 24 hours after the garage sale. The signs must include the dates, location, and the time of the sale.

POLLUTION PREVENTION

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

WATER CONSERVATION

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

FREE TOILET PROGRAM

Apply for your free toilet today.

Are you a single family residential customer living in the City of Live Oak?

Are you on the Live Oak Water System?

Was your home built prior to 1992?

If the answer is YES to the above questions and you are not

replacing an existing water saver toilet (1.6 gallon or lower), you are a candidate for a free water saver toilet. Please call Cathi Piotrowski at Public Works 210-653-9140, ext. 234 if you are interested.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Do you have old paint, pesticides, herbicides, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs; electronic waste such as computers, monitors and laptops that need to be disposed of? Live Oak residents please call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587).

PERSONAL TRASH CONTAINERS

For those of you who use personal trash containers, other than the ones provided by Waste Management, please be sure to write your address on it. Sometimes they end up on other people's property or roll down the street when we have high winds and this will help in getting your container back to you. Thank you for keeping our City clean!!

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SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR OUR **SENIOR CITIZENS**

MEALS ON WHEELS: Delivers hot meals to the homes of the elderly and sick Monday thru Friday. Please call 735-5115 and ask for "Outreach Department" for more information.

TRANSPORTATION: Methodist Hospital System provides free pick up and return to your home for citizens on the "Health Bus" and "Well Waldo Wheels for Children" having appointments at Methodist Hospital or Methodist affiliated physician's offices. Call: MHS-Ride (647-7433) 48 hours in advance of your appointment to schedule transportation.

FOOD BANK: R.A.C.A.P. (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program) Operates a Food Bank available to Live Oak residents. Located at 307 Pfeil, Schertz, Texas. Call: 658-1613

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES: www.angelfoodministries.com By having food from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discount, Angel Food Ministries is able to provide families with approximately \$65 worth of quality nutritious food for \$30.

GRASP: (Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc.) Call: 658-6351, 250 Donalan, Converse, TX 78109

 Client Social Services: Senior Services, Congregate Meals, Transportation and other activities. A monthly flyer of events and menu is available at the center.

• Lunch: They provide lunches at the Community Center Monday thru Friday at 11:30 am. Donations are accepted for lunch.

• Daily activities: The Community Center has daily activities and has a monthly program that also lists additional community center sponsored activities, trips, etc.

• Transportation: Is offered to and from the center for Live Oak residents. Call one day in advance @ 658-6351. They begin picking up at 8 am and return you home starting at 1:30 pm.

• Food Pantry: Is available at the Community Center. Citizens can use it two times a year and need to call to set up an appointment.

ASC ALAMO SERVICE CONNECTION:

www.alamoserviceconnection.org (210) 477-3275 ASC links seniors and people with disabilities to information about longterm services and support, both public and private. Get Answers, Find Services, and Obtain Benefits.

AACOG ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

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2012 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2012 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day Recycle Days are Marked by Letters " A,B,C".

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MARCH

MAR 3-4 - TEXAS REPTILE EXPO (Tremblay Exhibit Hall)

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Morning Star PUPPY SHOW and SALE (Rough Rider Room) Variety of Puppies, Pet Supplies, and Pet Toys.

Show Hours: Sat & Sun 10am-5pm Admission: Adults \$8.00 (Kids 10/younger \$3)

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK DAY CONVENTION (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Meet and Greet other Scrapbook Enthusiasts! Share Ideas, Work on Albums and Gift Projects - Saturday: 9am-6pm For Event Info & Participation, Contact: Brenda Leach (210) 289-2277

MAR 17-18 - 51st ANNUAL FIESTA OF GEMS - SHOW & SALE (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Silver Craft, Gemstones, Faceting, Lapidary, Crystals, Minerals, Jewelry, Fossils, Dinosaur,Exhibits & Demonstrations. Presented by: The Southwest Gem & Mineral Society. - Show Hours: Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday 10am -4 pm Admission: Adults: \$5 / Military & Seniors: \$3 / Student w/ID: \$2 / Kids under 12: .50¢

MAR 18 - Howard Lau's SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES (Rough Rider Room) PSA Graded Cards, Assorted Sports Categories, Collectors' Albums and Supplies. Event Hours: Sunday, 10am-4pm Admission: \$1.00

MAR 21 - San Antonio MILITARY JOB FAIR (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) New Job Opportunities! Many Corporate & Government Employers Looking To Hire Now! Wednesday: 9:30am-2pm Free Admission - Open To The Public

MAR 24-25 - TEXAS GUN SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) BUY! SELL! TRADE! Independent Dealers - Variety of Firearms! Wholesale Ammunition! Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm Admission: \$7.00 (Kids 12/ under - Free)

BEADING HOUSE JEWELRY SHOW (Rough Rider Room) FREE ADMISSION Assorted Loose Beads, Gems, Findings & Jewelry Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm

Morning Star PUPPY SHOW and SALE (Rocket Room)

Variety of Puppies, Pet Supplies, and Pet Toys. Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-5pm / Free Admission

MAR 31 - COMPUTER SHOW & SUPER SALE (Tremblay Exhibit Hall)PC Units-Laptops, Various Brand Printers / Monitors / Software / Peripherals / Manuals, etc. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Admission: \$4.00

APRIL

MAR 31 - APR 1 - EXOTIC BIRD, PUPPY & PET SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Variety of Birds & Puppies for Sale. Pet Foods, Supplies, Cages, Pet Toys, more. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 9am-4pm Admission: \$4.00 (Kids 6 & younger, Free)

APR 6-7-8 - 5GEM-FAIRE SHOWCASE - (Exhibit Hall)

America's Marketplace for Gems, Jewelry, Beads, Minerals, Crystals, Fossils, Supplies Fri:12n-6pm, Sat:10am-6pm, Sun:10am-5pm Weekend Pass: \$7 (Kids 12 & younger, Free)

APR 14 - ECKMAN'S CARD, COMIC & TOY SHOW (Exhibit Hall & Rocket Room) BUY! TRADE! SELL! New and Vintage Collectibles - Door Prizes Every Half-Hour Sat: 9am - 5pm Admission: \$5 (10/under-Free) Free Goodie Bags to the First 200 Customers

APR 21 - ALAMO EXHIBITION BIRD SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Variety of Birds on Exhibit and For Sale! Cages, Supplies, Books, Bird Seed, Toys, etc. Saturday: 9am-5pm Admission \$3.00 (Kids Under 12, Free)

APR 22 - Howard Lau's SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES (Rough Rider Room) P.S.A. Graded Cards - Assorted Sports Categories - Collectors Albums and Supplies. Sunday: 10am-4pm Admission \$1.00)

APR 27-28-19 - AMERICANA INDIAN/WESTERN ART & JEWELRY SHOW

- (Rocket Room) Unique Gift Items! Assorted Crafts: Jewelry-Paintings-Pottery-Clothing, etc. Fri. 10am-9pm, Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 10am-7pm FREE ADMISSION

APR 28-29 - TEXAS GUN SHOWS - (Exhibit Hall) BUY-SELL-TRADE! BUY! SELL! TRADE! Independent Dealers - Variety of Firearms! Wholesale Ammuniton Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm Admission \$7.00 (Kids 12/under - Free)

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Community Calendar

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CITY MEETINGS

MAR 5	Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7 pm
MAR 13	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7 pm
MAR 26	EDC Meeting: Council Chambers	6 pm
MAR 27	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7 pm

SENIOR INFORMATION

MAR 1	Walk-A-Thon: Clubhouse	10 am
MAR 6 & 8	Walk-A-Thon: Clubhouse	10 am
MAR 12	Games Day: Clubhouse	1 pm
MAR 13 & 15	Walk-A-Thon: Clubhouse	10 am
MAR 19	Bingo/Pot Luck Luncheon: Clubhouse	11:30 am
MAR 20 & 22	Walk-A-Thon: Clubhouse	10 am
MAR 26	Book Club: Clubhouse	1 pm
MAR 27 & 29	Walk-A-Thon: Clubhouse	10 am
MAR 29	Last Thursday Game-o-Rama: Clubhouse	11:30 am

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAR 1-5	Daddy Daughter Dance Registration: City Hall	8 am-5 pm
MAR 10	Daddy Daughter Dance: Live Oak Civic Center	5 -8 pm
MAR 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
MAR 17	St. Patrick's Day	

FARMERS MARKETMAR 6Farmers Market: Civic Center9 am-2 pmMAR 13Farmers Market: Civic Center9 am-2 pmMAR 20Farmers Market: Civic Center9 am-2 pmMAR 27Farmers Market: Civic Center9 am-2 pm



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SPECIAL EVENTS

APR 1	Easter Egg Hunt: Live Oak Park	1:30 pm
APR 3	Business Luncheon: Civic Center	11:30-1:30 pm
APR 8	Easter Sunday	
APR 8-13	Clean-up Week Begins	
APR 13-15	City-wide Garage Sale	
APR 16-20	Bulk Pick-up Week	

	FARMERS MARKET	
APR 3	Farmers Market: Civic Center	9 am-2 pm
APR 10	Farmers Market: Civic Center	9 am-2 pm
APR 17	Farmers Market: Civic Center	9 am-2 pm
APR 24	Farmers Market: Civic Center	9 am-2 pm

CITY OF LIVE OAK DIRECTORY

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OFFICIAL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings:

2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings:

1st Monday of each month at 7 pm unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Board of Adjustment Meetings: *Held as necessary*

Economic Development Corporation Meetings: *Last Monday of every month*

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings: *Held* as necessary

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