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MAY - JUNE 2014

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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 at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

Held as necessary

FUTURE EVENTS

Farmer's Market: Tuesday's 9am-2pm / Alamo Colleges overflow parking lot next to Dairy Queen on Village Oak

Live Oak Pool Opening: For pool hours and information, see pages 10 and 11.

Shindig on Shin Oak: May 17th (see pg. 8)

Memorial Day Parade: May 24th (see pg. 9)

Summer Splash: May 26th: (see pg. 10)

Jr. Fishing Day: June 7th (see pg. 11)



Minute with the Mayor

Dear Citizens,



Anita Seaman's with a proclamation of retirement for 30 years of service

As we say goodbye to a beautiful spring and hello to another warm and wonderful summer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your mayor.

Election Day is right around the corner on May 10th and I would like to encourage each and every one of you go out and take part in the election process. Remember, your vote is your voice. We will have a general election and also four very important bonds issues to be decided upon. This Election information is listed on pages 4 and 5.

Along with these warmer months also come some wonderful family events for our community. The Shin Dig on Shin Oak was unfortunately rained out last year, but we will persevere once again and enjoy a spectacular event on Saturday, May 17th, and please don't forget our Memorial Day Parade on May 24th! Let's all show our appreciation to our veterans and the soldiers who died while serving our country, and the families who have supported them.

I am available for comments or concerns at 210.792.7168 or by email at yourmayormary@yahoo.com. The best is yet to come.



Mayor Mary M. Dennis



General and Bond Election Information

The City of Live Oak will hold a General and Bond Election on May 10, 2014. Early voting will be held between April 28 and May 6, 2014. The election will determine the Mayor, Council Seats 2 and 4 and whether or not the citizens wish to authorize the City to sell bonds to fund improvements throughout the City. For more information please visit our website @ <http://www.liveoaktx.net/> or stop by City Hall to pick up an election packet. If you have any questions, please call Debby Goza, City Secretary, at 210.653.9140 ext. 213.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 CITY WIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Bond language: "The issuance of not to exceed \$8,762,000 of City of Live Oak, Texas general obligation bonds for streets, bridges and sidewalk improvements, with priority given to repairs and improvements to Hunter Oaks Road, Dry Canyon Road and Bridlewood Subdivision streets, installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Forest Bluff Road and O'Connor Road, and improvements to streets identified in the Pavement Condition Index Study, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

The City has performed a Pavement Condition Index Survey (PCI) on all City streets to determine where work needs to be completed to repair current issues and minimize costs associated with maintenance. Based on the results of the PCI and other studies, 68 streets are in need of repair at this time. The repair techniques range from point repairs (potholes) to pavement reclamation to complete reconstruction.

Repairs and Improvements will focus on the following:

- Mill and Overlay of Dry Canyon Road
- Complete reconstruction of Hunter Oaks Road
- Installation of a street underdrain system and new pavement construction on many streets in the Bridlewood Subdivision.
- Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Forest Bluff Road and O'Connor Road.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 TOEPPERWEIN ROAD WIDENING

Bond language: "The issuance of not to exceed \$1,147,000 of City of Live Oak, Texas general obligation bonds for streets, bridges and sidewalk improvements, with priority given to widening of Toepperwein Road between IH 35 and Judson Road, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

This roadway currently consists of two oversized lanes along the body of the roadway. At the intersections on each end, there are three drive lanes and two turn lanes. There is limited or no stacking available leading into the turn lanes which renders them ineffective. Wait times for traffic at all intersections along this stretch of roadway are problematic during peak traffic periods. Enhancements have been identified to eliminate the excessive wait times around the hospital and for adjoining residents.



PROPOSITION NO. 3 PARK TRAILS AND BALLFIELD LIGHTING

Bond language: "The issuance of not to exceed \$700,000 of City of Live Oak, Texas general obligation bonds for designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping city parks and recreational facilities, with priority given to the construction of a walking trail around the lake in the main City park and the installation of lighting in and surrounding the sports fields in the main City park, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

Improvements will include:

- A five feet wide concrete extension of the existing park trail around the Live Oak lake with connections to the walking trails at the Northeast Lakeview College campus.
- Lighting of baseball, softball and football fields at the main City park.

PROPOSITION NO. 4 FITNESS PARK

Bond language: "The issuance of not to exceed \$3,233,000 of City of Live Oak, Texas general obligation bonds for designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving, and equipping City parks and recreational facilities, with priority given to the construction and equipment of a new fitness park, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

The Live Oak Fitness Park is proposed to be a one of a kind destination park to be located on Oak Terrace Drive adjacent to the Fire Station on City owned land, and promotes individual fitness and health with a range of options for physical activity: skating, biking, rollerblading, Parkour, family picnic areas, community gathering places and an amphitheater area.

The design will include:

- Walking trails with benches and fitness stations
- Wheel friendly plaza and amphitheater
- Plaza and picnic area
- Parkour training area



FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City's current total tax rate is \$0.445401 per \$100 assessed value. Should each proposition pass, below are the estimated potential increases to the debt service portion of the City's tax rate:

Proposition	Potential Tax Increase
Proposition 1	\$0.074870
Proposition 2	\$0.010190
Proposition 3	\$0.006130
Proposition 4	\$0.027690
Total (Prop 1-4)	\$0.118880

Should all four propositions pass, the total estimated tax rate will be approximately **\$0.564281** per \$100 assessed value. This does not include any potential changes to the maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate.

* Under Texas law, the dollar amount of taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older who has filed an exemption application, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value. This excludes the value of any new improvements, such as additions or renovations that increase the value of such homestead. For taxpayers with an over-65 homestead exemption, there may be no change in the dollar amount of taxes due. If you have questions, consult with your tax professional.

Additional information and example photos for each of the four bond propositions can be found on our website: www.liveoaktx.net. In addition, complete bond election packages can be picked up at City Hall located at 8001 Shin Oak Dr. For more information, please call 210-653-9140.



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From the Office of Economic & Community Development

By Jordan Matney, Manager

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GARDEN RIDGE is now open in The Gateway Plaza Shopping Center! Located at 7613 N Loop 1604 E, Garden Ridge offers a vast assortment of home décor in their giant new location. The store is open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 AM-10:00 PM and on Sundays from 9:00 AM-9:00 PM. For more information, please visit them online at www.gardenridge.com.

Remember to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak! Follow the City of Live Oak on Facebook for all the most recent updates on our businesses.

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From the Office of Parks & Recreation

By Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator



Shindig on Shin Oak Saturday, May 17th

We're kicking off summer in style with the Shindig on Shin Oak! The fun takes place on May 17th in front of Live Oak City Hall, starting at 4:00 p.m. Take a stroll down Shin Oak and browse the various craft vendors, but make sure to stop and enjoy Touch-A-Truck! Climb up in a loader, or a shiny red fire engine, and enjoy the view from above.

Across from the fire station there will be games for the young and young at heart. Take a leap of faith on the zip line, or race your buddy on the 60' obstacle course. Feeling brave? Try out the 24' tall Vertical Rush, or massive Rock Climbing Wall. Treat the younger kids to an assortment of bouncy houses or the Mickey Mouse obstacle course that is sure to put a smile on their face.

When everyone is worn out from playing, swing by the police department for various demonstrations and vehicle displays. While there,

make sure to say hi to Live Oak's celebrity K9 officers, Smokey and Bolo!

Don't worry if you have worked up quite an appetite, food will be available for purchase from restaurants such as Texas Roadhouse, Biff Buzby's, Papa John's and Youz Guyz. Our very own Live Oak Optimist Club will be selling all kinds of beverages, while LOCAP will have ice cream available for purchase.

When the sun starts going down, gather with neighbors and friends for an old fashioned street dance under the stars. Music will be playing throughout the event, but you don't want to miss the evening activities! Kick up your shoes to our headlining act, recording artist Chris Story.

The music will keep you entertained until 10 p.m., and with free admission, you do not want to miss this event!

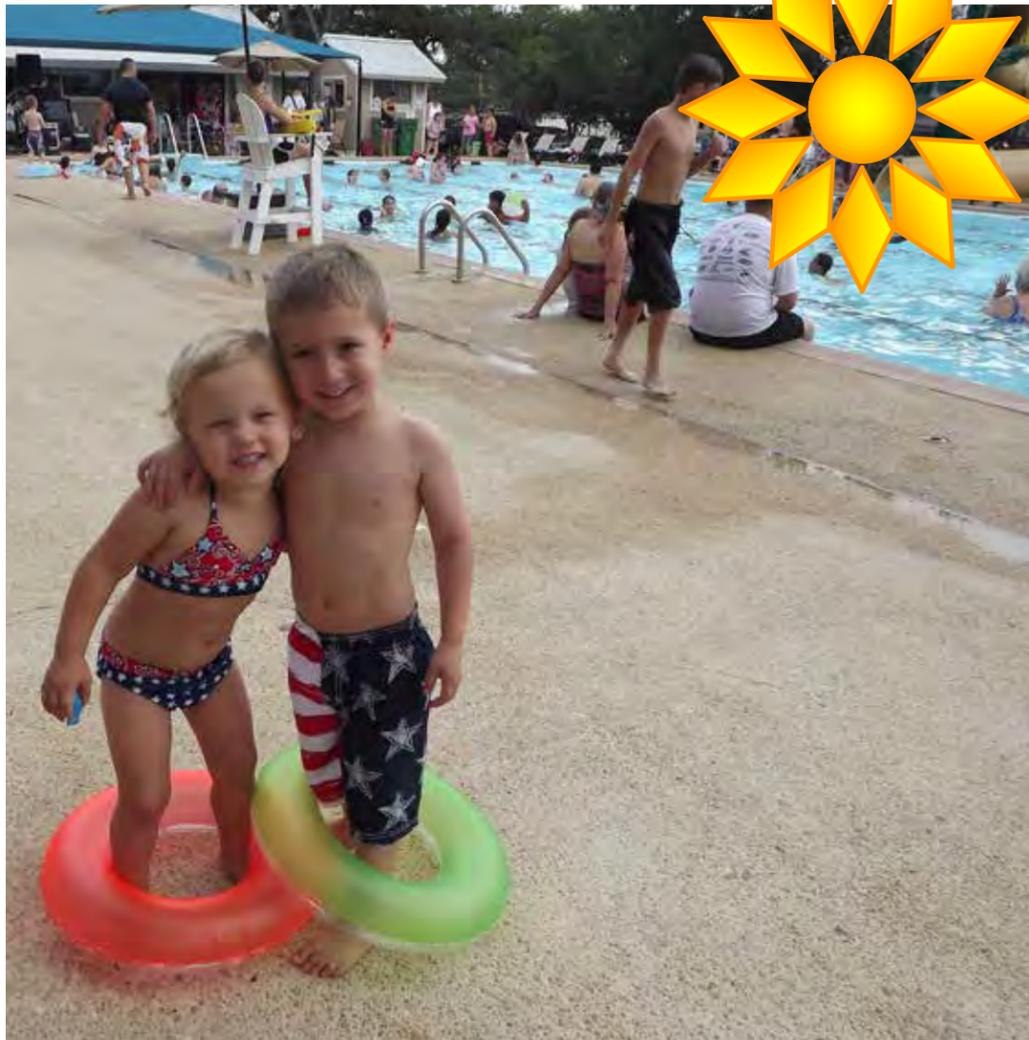


Memorial Day Parade Saturday, May 24th

A popular favorite among residents is the annual Memorial Day Parade. Where else can you see horses, fire trucks and floats pass right down your street?

This exciting event will take place on Saturday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. The parade will run from the Woodcrest subdivision on Forest Bluff, cross Toepperwein and travel through old Live Oak.

Want the most entertaining seat on the parade route? Grab a spot on the bleachers across from the municipal pool, where you are sure to be entertained by our mystery parade emcee! Show your American pride and join us at City Hall in a short dedication honoring our veterans. Refreshments will be provided, and we hope to see you there.



Summer Splash

**Monday,
May 26th**

You've been waiting all year long... the smell of sunscreen, kids in floaties clutching their new toys, the cool water as you take that first plunge...

The opening day of pool season is here!! Head on over to the Live Oak Municipal Pool and join us in our kick off to summer.

The pool will open on Memorial Day, May 26th at 1:00 p.m. and the traditional Summer Splash Party will begin at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments, music and giveaways.

Regular admission rates of \$2.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents apply. Come early if you want to guarantee entrance to the pool, once capacity is reached there will be a wait to gain admittance!

Summer Time at the Pool

**May &
June**

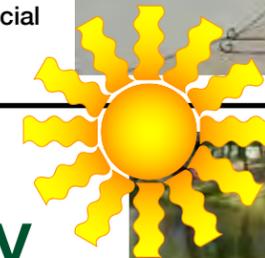
The pool will be open on May 31st & June 1st, as well as June 7th & 8th from 1:00-7:45 p.m.

The summer season will get underway on June 10th with regular pool hours. During the month of June the pool will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00-7:45 p.m. for public swim. During the months of July and August the pool hours will be decreased to 1:00-6:45 p.m. to allow for private pool party rentals. The pool will be closed every Monday during the summer except for holidays.

If you are interested in reserving the pool for a private party, please call 653-9140 ext. 200.

Don't forget to sign up for your Resident Splash Card! Residents of Live Oak may fill out a registration form at the pool, or in City Hall during regular business hours. You will need a driver's license or utility bill for proof of residency. This card is free, and will allow you to pay the resident daily admission rate of \$2.00 at the pool. Without the card, all guests will be charged the \$5.00 daily admission rate!

Plan on soaking up the sun this summer? Buy an individual or family pool pass! These passes may be purchased in City Hall during regular business hours beginning May 19th. The cost for a resident individual pass is \$35 and a family pass is \$105. This pass will grant you unlimited admission to the pool during the season, including all special events!



Junior Fishing Day Saturday, June 7th

Haul out the rods and reels, it's Junior Fishing Day at the Live Oak Park Lakeside! Children ages 13 and younger may join us for fishing on June 7th from 7:00 -11:00 a.m.

Live Oak residents will be granted FREE admission to this event, and non-residents will have a \$2 entry fee. This fun filled morning will grant children the opportunity to catch a few catfish and win a prize or

giveaway. You are encouraged to bring your own fishing equipment, however children without a fishing rod may check one out on site on a first come, first served basis.

Adult supervision is required for young children, however adults may not fish until the event concludes. Since June 7, 2014 is National Fishing Day a fishing license is not required for anyone on this day only!



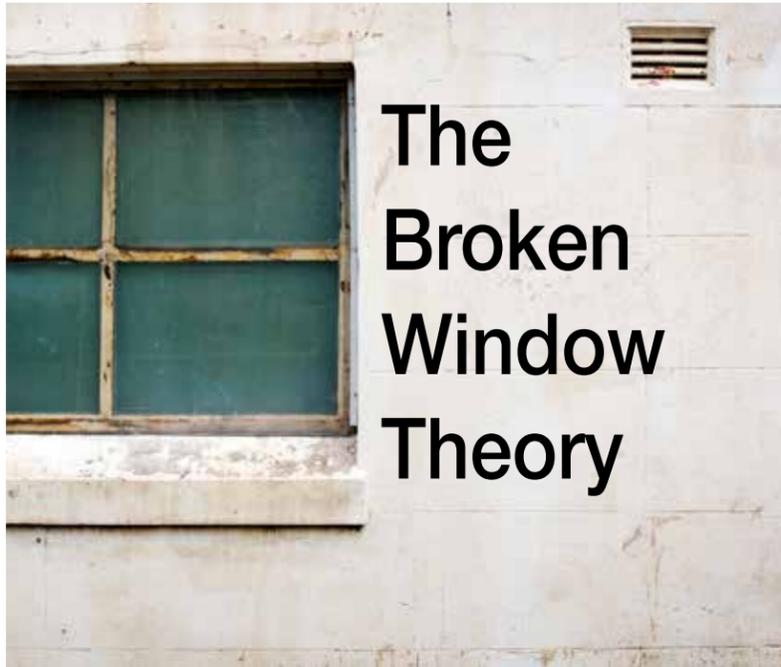
Plant Sale Saturday, May 3

Live Oak Village Garden Club's spring plant sale is Saturday, May 3rd from 9am-5pm at the Xeriscape garden which is located at Toepperwein, Judson and Sage Oak. There will be many tried and true flowering plants that you can't find in the stores, including hanging baskets. They will also have many vegetables and herbs. Craft vendors are welcome for \$20 a space. For more info call Jo Anna Wheeler at 655-1036.



Live Oak Police Department

By Corporal Frank Lara



The Broken Window Theory

Have you ever driven through a neighborhood and thought to yourself, "this would really be a nice area if it was cleaned up?" Most of the time when you see an area which has deteriorated, it was probably a very nice place to live and work at one time. So what caused the decline?

A concept called the Broken Window Theory came about in the early 1980s. It was developed by social scientists James Q. Wilson and George L. Killing. The theory eventually became part of community policing. The theory states if a small problem such as a broken window or trash on the street is left alone, the problem will grow. Studies showed this theory to be correct. Often times we see a vehicle partially disassembled in a driveway. Before you know it, the driveway has become a small junkyard with vehicle parts, oil stains and dead grass in the yard.

The same is true for a vacant house or building. Left unattended, the

vacant building will often draw graffiti, homeless persons and drug users.

What does this mean to you as a citizen? You can do your part in keeping your neighborhood or business area in good shape by working with property owners, city officials such as code enforcement, or by contacting the police when you see an area, residence, or building starting to decay in appearance. Notifying the appropriate persons will help maintain the appearance of the neighborhood as well as maintaining property values of your home.

If you see anything that would require the city's attention, please feel free to contact the City of Live Oak Code Enforcement at 210-653-9140, extension 245 or the Live Oak Police Department at 210-653-0033.



Peace Officer Memorial

Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Justice Center, 8022 Shin Oak Drive

In observance of National Police Week, the Live Oak Police Department invites you to attend the ceremony honoring those police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.



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From the Office of Public Works

By Mark Wagster,
Public Works Director

Stormwater Pollution

Prevention Tip: Avoid sweeping, blowing, or washing lawn cuttings and other debris onto the street or drainage channels. Debris from the street travels to drainage channels and eventually to the lake. Help us keep our lake clean!

Water Conservation

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

Brush Pick-Up

Waste Management has divided the city into two regions, labeled Green and Gold. Basically, the Green region is all of Woodcrest, Auburn Hills, and southeast of Leafy Hollow. All other residential customers are within the Gold region. The Gold region will be picked up, starting on the first Thursday of the month, and the Green Region will be picked up on the third Thursday of the month. Many times throughout the year, there is not an overabundance of brush placed at the curb so this could take up to a week to complete.



Development Services

By Ken Steiner, Building Official

How Can I Increase Property Value and Save Money?

Save Energy, Dollars and Increase Comfort

Even well-insulated homes can waste energy through air leakage or infiltration in the building shell. In fact, about 10% to 30 % of a typical fuel bill results from “accidental” air infiltration. Because air leaks occur around foundations, windows, chimneys and ducts, and utility entrances, weatherizing your home by caulking and weather stripping

can effectively reduce energy waste. This saves you money on fuel bills and pays back your weatherization costs in about one or two years with energy bill savings.

Weatherizing also reduces drafts, insects, pests, dust, moisture entry, deterioration, and noise.

Detecting Leaks

The biggest leaks are often hidden in the attic crawlspace. Carefully inspect for leaks, or hire a qualified weatherization or energy audit professional to conduct an inspection to determine the location and amount of leakage or how “tight” the home is.

Testing for leaks:

- On a cold, windy day, close all outside doors and windows. Turn on exhaust fans and the dryer to depressurize the home or temporarily seal a large fan in an open window to exhaust air. Use your hand, lightweight paper, or an incense stick to test for airflow around windows, doors, attic hatches, utility entrances, foundation and other areas including all walls. If you feel air or see smoke moving inside, you have a leak.

- Make sure carbon monoxide alarms are working and that any backdraft problems are handled by a heating and ventilation professional.



Where to Caulk:

- Caulking compounds are used wherever two different materials or parts of the house meet. Caulk cracks and joints in a home’s interior first, to limit air infiltration, and then exterior cracks and joints to further weatherize and protect the structure. Seal any crack between the home’s shell and the outdoors, and between heated (or cooled) spaces and unconditioned spaces, such as an attic. Start in the attic if there is sufficient air intake to any combustion appliances.

Exterior Caulking:

- Around window and doorframes. Do not caulk the storm window weep holes shut as they allow moisture that gets behind the storm window to escape.
- Between two different siding materials.
- Where siding meets the foundation.
- Corners and angles where siding materials meet.
- Around roof skylights, vents and chimney flashing. Areas around hot stacks or chimneys need sheet metal and high-temperature fire rated caulks.
- Around faucets, pipes, wiring, cables, outlets, or vents or any place that utilities penetrate the exterior walls.

Once you have sealed your home, by just putting a fresh coat of paint on the exterior will increase your property value. There is a reader’s digest article on 10 ways to increase property values and this is one of 10 ways.

By sealing your home, you also comply with the 2012 International Residential Code Section 3 para. 301.17, (Rodent proofing). Buildings or structures and the walls enclosing habitable or occupiable rooms and spaces in which persons live, sleep or work, or in which feed, food or food products are stored, prepared, processed, served or sold, shall be constructed to protect against the entrance of rodents this also falls under the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the City.

If you require additional information or have questions about this article, please contact my office, Monday through Friday at 210-9140, extension 250.



Go Green and Recycle!

Please help support Live Oak's Recycling Program! This program is implemented with no rate increase for the citizens or expenses to the City and 100% of the revenue from the sale of residential curbside recycling will be returned to the City of Live Oak! The recycling program is clean, simple and above all, beneficial to our environment and city.

WHY Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle? You will . . .

- Conserve Earth's limited natural resources
- Save money by reducing unnecessary purchases and reusing items
- Reduce the need for landfills and their associated costs
- Reduce ecosystem destruction caused by resource extraction
- Reduce the amount of energy required to make new products
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
- Help create jobs at recycling centers and in the transportation industry
- Sustain the environment for future generations!

Materials that CAN be recycled:

Paper: Most types of paper, such as ad circulars, catalogs, carbonless paper, dry goods packaging with liners removed (example: cereal, pasta, rice, beer/soda cartons) envelopes, file folders, flattened cardboard, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, office paper, paperback books, paper bags, paper towel/toilet paper cores, phone books, non-metallic gift wrap.

Plastics: Labeled #1 through #7. Look for the recycling symbol on the bottom. Remove lids and rinse any remaining food or liquids from containers or trays. Examples include: beverage bottle, shampoo and lotion bottles, meat trays, condiment bottles, prescription and medicine bottles, plastic grocery bags tied together into bundle.

Glass Bottles and Jars All Colors: Remove lids and rinse all food, and liquids. Examples: beverage bottles, food and condiment bottles and jars.

Metal Cans: Aluminum, steel and tin beverage and food cans, rinse all food or liquids, aerosol cans, empty and remove nozzle, baking tins, rinse and remove remaining food.

Flattened recyclable plastic or metal containers will conserve recycling bin space and reduce the chance of material blowing out of the bin.



Materials that CAN'T be recycled:

- Auto Parts and Motor Oil Containers
- Clothing and Shoes
- Coat Hangers - plastic and wire
- Diapers
- Plastic Utensils
- Tissue / Toilet Paper

Remember, all materials that are not recyclable should be placed in your normal trash/garbage container (or disposed of in accordance with law, such as batteries, tires, etc.)

Recyclable materials do not have to be sorted prior to placing them in the bins or at curbside. Recyclable materials that will not fit into a bin may be placed beside the supplied bin as long as it is contained in some manner (Tying, boxing, etc.)

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: 1-800-449-7587

Recycle Bin Information:

Bins are owned by Waste Management and are assigned to a residence, not to the customer. Recycled materials are picked up every two weeks. They are to be left at the residence should the customer move to another location. The taking of a recycling bin by anyone other than an authorized representative of Waste Management could be considered theft and may result in criminal charges being filed against the person removing the bin.

Recycle Bin Loss Procedure:

Any theft, loss, or destruction of a recycling bin must be reported to the police department as soon as noted by the customer. The Police Department will forward a copy of the report to the Utility Billing Department. The Utility Billing personnel will notify Waste Management of the theft, loss, or destruction and will request replacement of the bin which will be accomplished by Waste Management as soon as possible.

Waste Management 1-800-800-5804
City of Live Oak 210-653-9140
City of Live Oak Police 210-653-0033



City Management

By Scott Wayman
Assistant City Manager

Flood Insurance Regulations, Not Perfect, but Better

On behalf of our citizens who have been adversely impacted by new flood regulations, city officials, along with your legislative representatives, have been working to provide some relief to the new regulations that were passed in the last legislative session.

The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act (H.R. 3370) is headed to the president for signature and will, among other things, limit the Federal Emergency Management Agency's ability to raise premiums; repealing the "pop up" to current rates on

residential properties; and restoring the "grandfathering" of certain properties.

The Texas Municipal league worked with other state leagues and the National League of Cities spearheaded reform efforts at their National Convention.

If you have any questions as to how this new law will impact you, or other questions about floodplains within our City, please contact Scott Wayman at 210-653-9140 ext. 261.



Fire Department

By Gerry Galindo
Assistant Fire Chief

National EMS Week

National EMS Week is May 18th through May 24th. This year's theme is "EMS: Dedicated for Life." This is the opportunity for EMS practitioners to bring awareness to the public about what EMS is and what it can do for them.



We know that our health care system must be ready at a moment's notice to respond to threats to the public's health. Time and time again, disaster after disaster, EMS responders across the country have risen to that challenge, whether the community is impacted by a hurricane, wildfire, flood, bombing, chemical plant explosion, or pandemic flu.

and 911 communications to provide rapid medical care and safe transportation to those who are ill or injured. They also play a significant role in our nation's response to natural and man-made disasters. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and paramedics can provide most of the initial and subsequent treatments that an emergency department would.

In recent disasters, we have witnessed EMS responders providing triage on the scene in bombings, floods, fires, airline disasters and many other scenarios. Dozens of EMS responders give their lives every year in the service to our communities and our nation. Those who remain continue to take pride in being the people we can depend on even in difficult and dangerous situations.

For traumatic injuries, their primary responsibility is to immediately perform interventions that correct life-threatening conditions and then provide rapid transportation to the hospital for definitive care, while managing the patient's pain.

We are thankful for Live Oaks own EMT's on staff and continue on a daily basis to benefit from their many "Life Saving Skills."

EMS agencies work closely with other emergency response agencies- including police, fire,

Annual Fire Prevention Parade

This past fall our computer system was compromised and we lost our contacts for the annual Fire Prevention Parade. We don't wish to overlook any of our parade participants. Even though it is later in the year, if you would like to join us in this year's Parade (October 11, 2014) or if you know of any establishment, civic groups or people that would like to participate please feel free to contact me Gayle Wilkinson at gwilkinson@liveoaktx.net or 210-653-9140 ext. 386.



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From the Office of Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert,
Emergency Manager

How to Prepare for a Power Outage

We are currently in severe weather season and hurricane season begins on June 1st, 2014. Severe weather events are frequently the cause of power outages due to lightning strikes and high winds. Traffic accidents and equipment malfunctions can result in outages as well. In addition, rolling blackouts can occur when the power grid cannot support the demand. Outages may last only a few minutes; a few hours; and in rare cases several days.

As such it is very important that all citizens and the business community are prepared for an outage. While some businesses have back-up generators very few home owners do and subsequently we are left in the dark. While outages are an inconvenience for most of us, they can present a life safety issue for some if they depend on power for medical equipment. These individuals need to have a back-up power supply or another plan.

Citizens should always have battery powered lights with extra batteries on hand, along with a portable radio to keep abreast of the news. Some other tips include: If you have an electric garage door opener make sure the manual release is in working order. Keep your car(s) gas tank at least half full since gas pumps require power to operate. Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed during the outage. If you have a large freezer, consider keeping some plastic containers with frozen water. This will help to keep things cold! You can move some of them to the refrigerator if necessary. One important issue relating to this matter! If medication is kept in your refrigerator be extra careful. If it gets warm, check with your physician or pharmacist before using it.

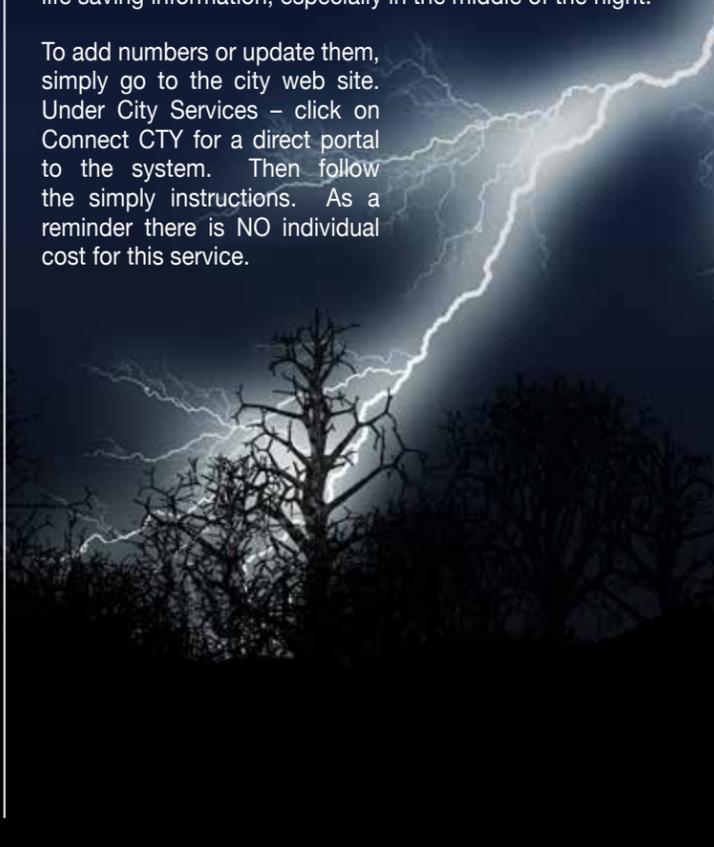
In closing, when conservation is requested keep your energy use low by following the energy savings tips they provide. In addition, make sure you consider blackouts in your family preparedness plan and have the necessary supplies on hand to be ready.

For additional information you can contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Management Coordinator at 653-9140, Extension 379, on line at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net or stop by the office in the Live Oak Fire Station during normal business hours.

Connect CTY Telephone Alert System

Have you signed up for the Connect CTY telephone alert system? If you have a listed telephone number you should be included, however if you have an unlisted number you are NOT. In addition, citizens are encouraged to include cellular numbers and text messaging numbers. In the event of a serious emergency this may be the only way the City can provide you life saving information, especially in the middle of the night.

To add numbers or update them, simply go to the city web site. Under City Services – click on Connect CTY for a direct portal to the system. Then follow the simply instructions. As a reminder there is NO individual cost for this service.



CELEBRATING STAFF!

Detective Sergeant Seamans Retires

Last month, the City of Live Oak saw the passing of an era in Law Enforcement with the retirement of Detective Sergeant Anita Seamans. Sgt. Seamans announced her retirement and stepped down after more than 30 years as a Public Servant to the citizens of this City and the region. Anita has served the City as a patrol officer, criminal investigator and crime scene expert. There are many other official actions that most people aren't aware of.

Sgt. Seamans commenced her police career in 1983 at a time when women in law enforcement weren't as common as they are today. She quickly rose through the ranks of the City as a field training officer, a tactical unit member and commander, as well as lead crime scene investigator, in many high profile cases within the City. She obtained a "Master's Peace Officer's" Certification, but did not let her education stop there. Having attended the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy in 2011, she also recently completed the Doctoral program at Our Lady of the Lake University with a Doctorate degree in Philosophy.

With all the academic attention, however, her working case load never faltered. Her abilities were so recognized by others that she was asked to serve on a synthetic drug taskforce with the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration, as well as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Innocent Images" Taskforce, focusing on protecting children from internet predators.

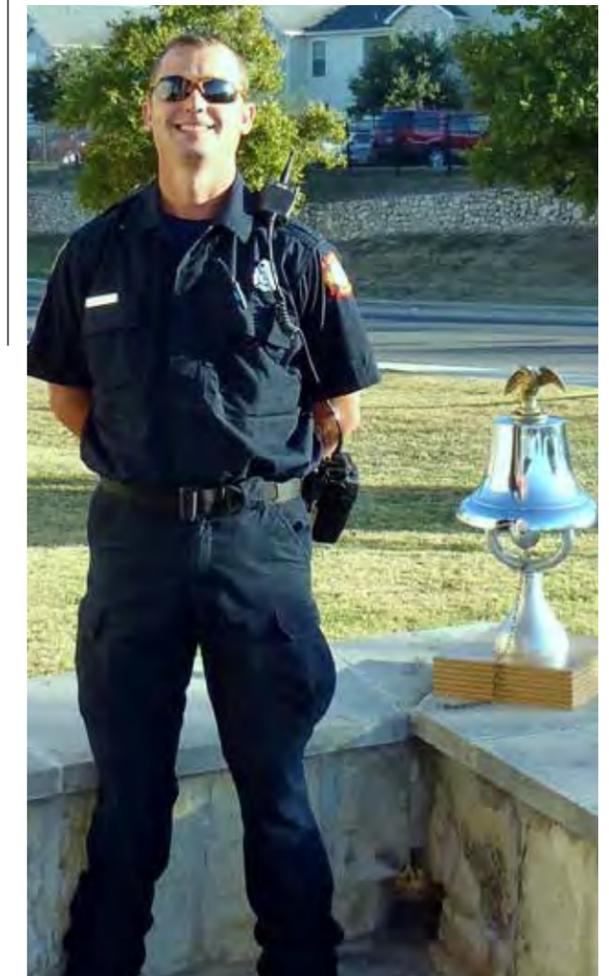
After her retirement date, Anita rested one whole day before resuming her teaching at the Alamo Area Council of Government's Law Enforcement Academy. She has helped further the education standards of police officers, teaching all over Texas, the United States, and as far away as the University of Oxford, England and the American Samoa Islands. She currently teaches at several Universities throughout San Antonio and is considered an expert in handwriting analysis and other aspects of Criminal Investigations.

Without a doubt, Sergeant Seamans can be proud of the positive influence she has had on the community she has

served throughout her distinguished tenure. She will be sincerely missed by every member of the City and we all wish her well and have little doubt that she will succeed in whatever path she crosses in her future.

Danny Klaus Receives National Paramedic Certification

Danny Klaus, Live Oak Firefighter, recently completed The National Paramedic Test after taking 32 college credit hours during a six month program at UTHSCSA. He has applied for his state of Texas Paramedic Certification.



Let's Cook, Live Oak!

Summertime Peach Dessert

This is an easy and delicious dessert that compliments any summertime meal! Serve with a dollop of whip cream or ice cream.

- 1 can (approx. 22 ounces) peach pie filling
- (Any fruit pie filling may be used)
- 1 package (1 layer size) white or yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup melted butter

Lightly butter bottom and sides of a 9-inch baking dish.

Combine cake mix, water, and egg; beat for 4 minutes on medium speed of electric hand-held mixer. Pour batter over the pie filling; sprinkle with coconut and pecans. Drizzle the butter over top of batter. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Serve warm.

Mexican Corn & Black Bean Salad

- 3 cups chopped lettuce
- 1 can Rotel, undrained
- 2 cans (8 3/4 oz) whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 Tbls. Canola oil
- 1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained and rinsed
- Shredded cheese

Toss together all ingredients, sprinkle with cheese and serve.

2014 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2014 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day
 Recycle Days are Marked by Letters " A,B,C".
 Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes.
 Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes.
 Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY - JUNE
2014



CITY MEETINGS

- May 5 Parks & Recreation Meeting 7:00pm
- May 13 City Council Meeting 7:00pm
- May 27 City Council Meeting 7:00pm
- May ?? EDC Meeting/TBA

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- May 7 Lunch @ Las Palapas 11:30am
 - May 12 Games Day: Live Oak Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - May 17 Trip to Traders Village Flea Market 8:00am
 - May 19 Potluck: Live Oak Clubhouse 11:30am
 - May 21 Trip to San Antonio Zoo/Picnic Lunch 9:00pm
 - May 26 Book Club: Knisley House 11:00am
 - May 29 Games Day: Live Oak Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - Tuesdays: Walk/Live Oak Park 8:00am
 - Thursdays: Walk/ Woodcrest Park 8:00am
- For more information contact Scott McKenna @ 599-9052

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet 2nd & Last Wednesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse (21+)
 - May 14 Lunch: BYOD/Speaker/TBA 11:30am
 - May 28 Dinner: BYOD/Comedy Night 6:30pm
- For more information contact Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse
 - May 3 Plant Sale: Xeriscape Garden: Toepperwein/Judson 9:00am - 5:00pm
 - May 20 Regular Meeting 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- For more information contact June Adair @843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

For information contact Laura Rhodes @ liveoakleagueofarts@gmail.com

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse (open to public)
 - May 12 Social & Refreshments 6:00pm - 6:30pm
 - General Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek @ 657-7167

SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 3 Spring Plant Sale (Live Oak Village Garden Club) 9:00am - 5:00pm
- May 10 Election Day 8:00am - 7:00pm
- May 14 Peace Officer Memorial : Justice Center 7:00 pm
- May 17 Shindig on Shin Oak: Shin Oak Dr. In front of PD & City Hall 4:00pm - 10:00pm
- May 24 Memorial Day Parade/City Offices Closed 10:00am
- May 26 Summer Splash: Pool opens 1:00pm
- Summer Splash Party Starts 3:00pm
- May 31 Live Oak Pool Open 1:00pm - 7:45pm

CITY MEETINGS

- June 2 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- June 10 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- June 24 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- June 30 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers 6:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- June 4 Lunch at Earl Abels 11:30am
 - June 9 Games Day: Live Oak Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - June 11 Aquarena Springs 8:30am
 - June 16 Potluck: Live Oak Clubhouse 11:30am
 - June 23 Book Club: Live Oak Clubhouse 11:00am
 - June 26 Games Day: Live Oak Clubhouse 1:00pm
 - Fridays: LO Sponsored Swimming 12:00pm
 - Tuesdays: Walk/ Live Oak Park 8:00am
 - Thursdays: Walk/Woodcrest Park 8:00am
- For more information contact Scott McKenna @ 599-9052

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet 2nd & Last Wednesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse (21+)
 - June 11 Lunch: BYOD/Speaker TBA 11:30am
 - June 25 Dinner: BYOD/Comedy Movie Night 6:30am
- For more information contact Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ Live Oak Clubhouse
 - June 17 Regular Meeting 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

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- Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse (open to public)
 - June 9 Social & Refreshments 6:00pm - 6:30pm
 - General Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- For more information contact Tom Kusek @ 657-7167

SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 7 Junior Fishing Day: Live Oak Park Lakeside 7:00am-11:00am
- June 1, 7, 8 Live Oak Pool Open 1:00pm - 7:45pm
- June 10 Live Oak Pool Summer Season begins (see pg. 11)

FARMERS MARKET

- May & June Every Tuesday: Alamo Colleges overflow parking/next to Dairy Queen 9:00am - 2:00pm



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