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Live Oak Home Town News

The Live Oak Civic Center located near the intersection of Interstate 35 and Loop 1604, is the premier meeting facility in northeast Bexar County. It is the focal point for hundreds of yearly shows, such as arts and crafts, antiques, computers, various trade shows, along with business seminars and wedding receptions.

For a schedule of upcoming events and rental information, visit the Civic Center section of the City Web Site, or contact staff at the numbers listed above.

#### **OFFICIAL MEETINGS**

**City Council Meetings:** 2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings: 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 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:** (held as necessary) Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings: (held as necessary) **FUTURE EVENTS** Senior Citizens Trip - Rodeo Grounds 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 9, 2011 Daddy Daughter Dance - Live Oak Civic Center 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011 **CITY HOLIDAYS - Offices Closed** New Year's Eve — December 31, 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 17, 2011 Presidents Day - February 21, 2011

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## City Hall News

#### Matthew Smith, City Manager

It is amazing how quickly a year can slip by in a City that seems to have so many events and activities throughout the year. From the success of our 50th Birthday Celebration in April to the Holiday Family Fun Night in December, this year has been filled with milestones that marked many successful stories and achievements. In this newsletter we have decided to provide a "Year in Review" to look back on the many functions celebrated by the City. We hope that you take this opportunity to share in our reflection and plan to provide the City with continued support for the next year which promises to be even more extraordinary.

## Economic Development

Over the past year the City has continued to grow residentially and commercially. At least 140 homes were constructed and sold when combining Bridlewood Park and Auburn Hills. In addition to businesses that expanded or remodeled their structures, 28 new businesses located within Live Oak city limits, resulting in welcoming ribbon cuttings, several in cooperation with the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce.



The Economic Development Corporation funded several more projects, including parks improvements (new irrigation system in Woodcrest Park, upgraded roofs on the clubhouse, the youth building, and the large pavilion), since our parks continue to attract visitors from areas outside of Live Oak. Repairs and upgrades to the swimming pool and clubhouse interior will be evident in early spring. A new electronic marquee was installed at City Hall to expand efforts to keep our public informed, and the Toepperwein marquee was updated. 40-acre feet of Edwards Aquifer water rights have been purchased and dedicated to meet the needs of new or expanding businesses.



#### Three of four new economic development programs were implemented to help our business

**community.** First, Buxton Company is providing us a thorough analysis of Live Oak's habits as customers to help attract businesses that could succeed in Live Oak. Second, we contracted with WebQA to offer the ShopsQA program, which will enable visitors to the City's web site to select an icon, view every business in Live Oak, and any information connected to the business. Third, the Economic Development Corporation is funding a Business Directory that will list every business in Live Oak with their contact information. This directory will be available to any resident and business in Live Oak and will be distributed throughout the region surrounding San Antonio. The fourth program will be implemented in January 2011.

The EDC Board and staff continued efforts to market the City to businesses, organizations, and agencies in the Alamo region.

### Minute with the Mayor Mary M. Dennis, Mayor

#### Happy New Year Everyone!

We commemorated Live Oak's first 50 years by "Celebrating 50 Years of Community" in April with an extra night of activities and the burying of a time capsule at City Hall. There will be some interesting finds for those who open the capsule in 50 years. As the City reflects on 2010, we can be proud of so many accomplishments, which you will notice as you read through this newsletter. The City is fortunate to have knowledgeable staff who are dedicated to improving our community's services and amenities, so we can continue to attract businesses and residents. The City Council and I look forward to more accomplishments in 2011!

#### Live Oak Home Town News

## **City Secretary Office**

#### Debby L. Goza, City Secretary

#### 2010 Election

The 2010 Election process was very successful and with the coordinated efforts of the Bexar County Election Department, the office of the City Secretary and the Civic Center Manager, we turned a corner into a new era where the election process will better serve the citizens. Through these efforts, we refined these procedures with the new location to ensure the city's future election process would only get better. One example of this successful new process was the use of the Live Oak Civic Center for the City's early voting location. The Civic Center is located in a highly accessible location of our city and is easily recognized by all citizens, thus offering an exceptional opportunity to vote in a spacious venue. The future vision of the City Secretary's Office is to strive for a "one stop" voting process allowing for both early voting and Election Day voting to be held at this same venue for all future voting/election events. The 2011 Election process will begin in December 2010, with several meetings with the Bexar County Election Department to determine the Election Calendar of Events. Early voting this year will begin May 2, 2011 through May 10, 2011 and Election Day will be May 14, 2011.

Public Works

Cathi Piotrowski, Administrative Assistant



**Remember These Fun Events?** 





The Annual Car Show will not take place this year due to the first weekend falling on New Years Day, Saturday, January 1, 2011. However, we will continue this great event on January 7th and 8th in 2012.

The Daddy Daughter Dance is coming soon! "SPRING FLING" is the theme for this year, and there are plenty of new surprises in store for all those attending. Dads and their daughters can enjoy a special evening designed just with them in

mind. There will be a DJ, refreshments, flowers and wonderful treats for the little ladies. The dance will be held at the Live Oak Civic Center on Saturday, March 5th, from 5-7 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$7.00 per person; registration and payment can be made in City Hall during regular business hours. Registration will be held from January 24th - February 28th.



Let's Rodeo San Antonio!! Senior citizens have the opportunity to enjoy a fun filled day at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Grounds. Come enjoy good company and great western fun on Wednesday,

February 9th. We will leave the Live Oak Clubhouse parking lot at 9:30 a.m., so please be on time! Registration begins on January 19th.



**Senior Fitness Classes** will be held on Fridays, January 7th and 21st; February 4th and 18th. Meet at the Live Oak youth building at 9:00 a.m. prepared for an enjoyable workout!

**"Spring Fever" Spring Break Camp** is just around the corner. Make sure to look in the next newsletter for important registration information.

For additional information or questions regarding these programs, please contact Courtney Weese at 653-9140 ext. 235



A Christmas tree drop off site will be available across from the Live Oak Clubhouse (7901 Shin Oak Dr.) until Monday, January 31, 2011. Please remove all tinsel or other decorations before you drop off your tree.

#### Live Oak Home Town News



Oil and antifreeze from leaking cars pollutes. When it rains, water runs over the ground and picks up oil, antifreeze, and other pollutants and carries them to our streams and lakes. Please keep your vehicle in good working condition.



Water we save is water we don't have to buy. So it's important we do everything we can to decrease our water consumption. Plumbing fixture retrofits, water saver landscapes, and improved habits are all things that will help us make low water use a part of every person's everyday life.



The Edwards Aquifer Authority recently awarded two matching fund grants to the Live Oak Water System for community water conservation projects. The grants are \$12,500 for a system-wide leak detection testing of water lines and \$20,000 for a water efficient toilet replacement program. The program is limited to 400 water efficient toilets. The program is for single family residential customers on the Live Oak Water System with homes built prior to 1992 (other restrictions apply). For more information, an application, and program eligibility guidelines, check the City's web site www.liveoaktx.net "What's New" or call Public Works at 210-653-9140 ext. 234.



**LOCAL BUSINESSES JOIN NOW!** The City of Live Oak announces a new initiative called ShopsQA to promote local businesses to its citizens. The service provides all local businesses with a link on the city's website that directs citizens to new webpages designed and updated by each local business.

Call Carol Buttler at 210-653-9140 (286) for more Information

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Gary Woppert, Emergency Manager

#### **Emergency Management**

The New Year is upon us and looking back on 2010 it was a very safe and prosperous year for the City, including the Office of Emergency Management. With the exception of Tropical Storm Hermine it was a quite year. There were no significant incidents during the year however we still were busy. The entire emergency management plan was reviewed and re-certified by our new mayor in June 2010 and currently the Regional Mitigation Action Plan is being updated through the Alamo Area Council of Governments. Monthly training was held for all departments and numerous employees attended training relating to emergency preparedness. In closing, we hope 2011 will be just as safe as 2010.

#### **Disaster Supply Kits**

The importance of having a Family Disaster Plan cannot be overstated. While the possibility of having a real disaster in our City is remote, the potential is there. In addition to having a plan, the question frequently asked is - Do I need a disaster supply kit? The answer is Yes and No! As part of your plan, you should assemble the supplies needed; however, do you really need a kit?

The concept of having a supply kit was designed so that should there be a need to evacuate your home, you would take the kit with you, which would contain the necessary supplies. If our City was located near the Gulf, a kit would be needed; however, the need to actually make up a disaster supply kit here in South Texas is probably not necessary. Instead, families should insure they have the necessary supplies on hand should a serious incident occur. Some basic supplies that you should maintain are bottled water and food items for at least three (3) days for each family member. Some type of battery powered lights; portable radio; and extra batteries, first aid kit, along with any other critical items such prescription drugs, baby supplies, etc.

In the event citizens must be evacuated, chances are it will be an emergency and you are not going to have time to pack! All citizens should be prepared for this just in case. The most important items to remember to take are your important necessities such as keys, wallet with ID, money, and possibly medication if it is critical.

If there are family members that have special needs then there may be some additional requirements. In the event power is lost medical equipment such as oxygen units may not work. As such a portable generator might be a wise investment. Also without power, most cordless telephones do not work. Always have at least one basic telephone in case of an emer gency. Please remember that the City cannot provide you with a generator and obtaining one in an emergency may to be difficult.

As a reminder, the City has a Special Needs Registration Program and we encourage citizens to sign up. Details are in the Emergency Management Section of the City Web Site. For additional information on preparedness planning and disaster supply kits you can visit one of the following. The national site is www.ready.gov and locally www.readysouthtexas.gov. You may also contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Management Coordinator, at 653-9140, extension 379, via e-mail at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net, or stop by the office in the fire station during normal business hours.

#### **Connect CTY Telephone Alert System**

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 simply instructions. As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service.

This telephone alerting system is designed to provide citizens and the business community with both emergency messages and other informational messages relating to city issues. If you have questions or for those without internet access, contact the Office of Emergency Management at



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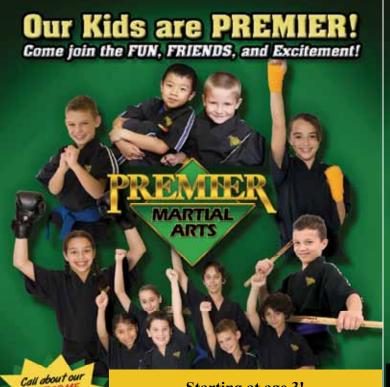
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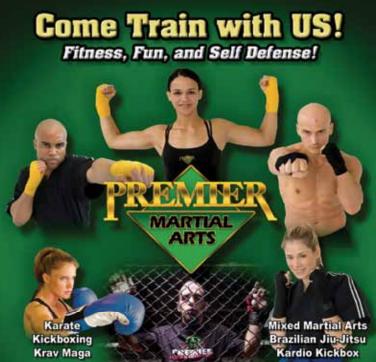
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#### New Year's Greetings from Your Police Chief!

2010 was another successful year at the Live Oak Police Department. Voted "Best Police Department in the MetroCom" in 2010, the men and women of our police department are proud to provide a high level of service to you. This was exemplified this past year by the many accolades we received regarding the outstanding performance of our officers. Not to be forgotten but the department was also recognized by the Alamo Area Council of Government (AACOG) for its continued commitment to law enforcement training in the San Antonio region.

The police department prevented and solved many crimes in 2010 as well as took some serious criminals off the streets. We were able to enter into a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigations and assign an officer to the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force. In an effort to improve public safety, we implemented a new sexual predator residency ordinance; and as we closed the door on 2010. We retired a long-tenured police employee which opened the door for internal advancement in the department. Two officers were promoted to the rank of sergeant and two were promoted to the rank of corporal. The department implemented its new hiring process and processed just under 100 police officer applicants to fill three internal vacancies.

In May, our department joined the Nation in remembering the fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. A Memorial Service was held on the steps of the Justice Center as a time to honor those officers and citizens who continue to serve our community by providing public safety. We also remembered Alfredo F. Araiza, our police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 1980 while pursuing two robbery suspects. By proclamation, the City Council granted the police department the authority to name the Justice Center training room in honor of Officer Araiza. His wife Mari was present for this occasion as well as being recognized during the City's 50th Celebration.

The department graduated Class 2010 of the Live Oak Citizens' Police Academy (CPA). As a result, the CPA graduates formed a corps of citizen volunteers called the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP), a volunteer in policing program designed to support the police department. The volunteers have been very active in many events for the City and we look for this program to expand in 2011.

It was an extremely busy year for the police department as we participated in many city sanctioned functions; the 50th Celebration, Arbor Day, Live Oak Car Show, Fire Prevention Parade, Halloween Hay Ride, just to name a few. Some crime prevention initiatives highlighted this past year were the Police Summer Youth Program, National Night Out, Blue Santa and the Citizen's Police Academy. Not to be forgotten are all of the extra service related activities our police employees participated in such as Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy, Texas Police Games ("Battle of the Badges") and the Rock and Roll Marathon.

Rounding out the year, the department was awarded a grant for \$153,000 to enhance the emergency radio system. This award will be utilized to comply with federal mandates to enhance radio communication in the Bexar County region.

So as we usher in 2011, we are excited to continue our commitment to provide you with a high level of service, which we believe is unparalleled to any other police department. We look forward to meeting and exceeding your expectations and hope that you have a Happy and Safe New Year!



Every great year usually begins with Resolutions and Development Services had a few of its own. Our 2009 goal of becoming the first "Green" department came into fruition in 2010 with a large scan project. It began with a 16'x18' plans review room filled with over 60,000 sheets of various types of building and fire plans. After nine months of tedious work, it became an empty room with 9 CDs and a small box of microfiche back-ups containing all 60,000 pages. The empty room was then converted into a secure workspace for staff after a small

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renovation re-using existing countertops. Move in date was November 15th.

The second portion of the "green" project was to replace the two "very used" department issued vehicles with "flex fuel" vehicles. Two Dodge single cab trucks were ordered and should arrive within the month of November. Our third resolution was to provide better plans review, building and health inspections for the city. The City approved a contract with Bureau Veritas of America (BV) which will provide numerous inspectors for our large commercial projects and improving our current system for Health inspections within our local restaurants and daycare facilities. The BV contract will allow extra time for the Building Official to concentrate on residential plans review, inspections and be afforded the time to assist Code Compliance with code violation issues.

Our last resolution fulfilled comes from the Code Compliance Officer in gaining compliance with 18-wheelers parking overnight at the Shin Oak Park and Ride and on Pat Booker Road between Mama's Café and the Civic Center. The compliance took many certified letters and man hours but the problems have been managed by State Laws and ordinances. The second portion of Officer Dalton's resolution was to have compliance with several large lot owners. Owners and bank institutions were contacted and the process begun. All property owners are now maintaining the high grass and weeds on a regular basis due to his due diligence.

As the successful year closes, Development Services has begun to compile as new list of "New Year's Resolutions" and we look forward to 2011. Our department will continue to strengthen our community by providing a safe environment by insuring compliance with our codes and ordinances.



#### NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE



## Dr. Reno's Spring Film Series

Dr. Reno's Spring Film Series will be on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm on the following dates:

February 1, 2011 March 1, 2011 April 5, 2011 May 3, 201 Theme to be announced



# Through unclaimed rebate funds, Texas is offering a new appliance rebate program?

Approximately \$10 million will be available for this program. Select "Helpful Links" on the City's web site to connect to the program.

http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org/ rebate/index.php

#### CPS has a Green Shade Rebate Program?

Select "Helpful Links" on the City's web site to connect to the CPS program.

The Economic Development Corporation is establishing the Visual Improvements Program (VIP) to help businesses fund "spruce up" projects and improve the City's overall image?

Connect CTY Telephone Alert System can contact you on your cell phone only if you sign up? Sign up today with Emergency Management 653-9140, Ext. 379.



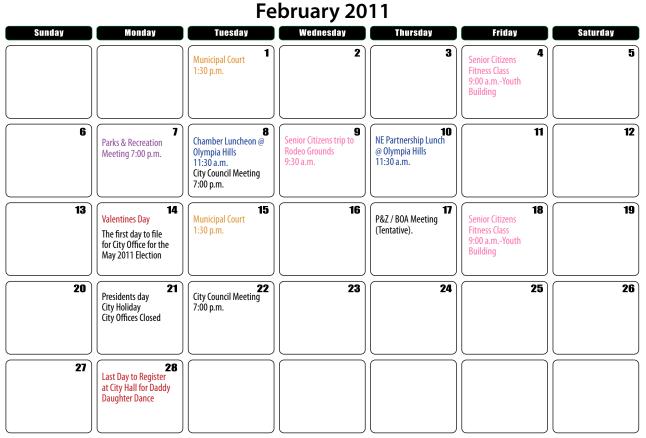






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