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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

Shin Dig on Shin Oak: Saturday, May 16th, 4-10 pm

Memorial Day Parade: Saturday, May 23rd, 10 am

Pool Opens: Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th, 1-7:45 pm

Jr. Fishing Day: Saturday, June 6th, 7-11 am

Restaurant Month: August 1-31



Minute with the Mayor



Dear Citizens,



Mayor Mary M. Dennis and Elizabeth Ramirez @ Easter Egg Hut)



I hope you all have been enjoying this beautiful springtime weather! With summer soon approaching us, we have so many exciting events on the horizon. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who volunteered for our third annual Live Oak Fix Up Day. We were able to help many of our Live Oak families in need and I know they really appreciated everyone's efforts! I would also like to thank all the sponsors who generously donated gift cards and supplies, and of course, to all of our wonderful staff at the City who assisted in making this very important day possible.

Election Day is right around the corner on May 9th. Please be sure take part in the election process and exercise your right to vote.

Please mark your calendars for the annual "Shin Dig on Shin Oak" on May 16th! There will be music, fun, food and entertainment for all ages. See page 11 for more detailed information on this wonderful family event! With summer right around the corner, the Live Oak pool will soon be open for business! There have been some changes regarding pool passes. See detailed information on page 10.

The Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday, May 23rd. Please show your appreciation and support to those veterans and soldiers' families who have died serving our country's armed forces so that all of us may continue to live in freedom.

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for believing in me and allowing me to serve as your mayor. I am available for comments or concerns at 210-792-7168. Remember, the best is yet to come!

*Mayor Mary M. Dennis
& Council*



ELECTION DAY

DÍA DE ELECCIONES

Election Day by personal appearance will be conducted on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at: (El día de elecciones por asistencia personal será llevado a cabo el sábado 9 de mayo de 2015 en:)

**Edward E. Franz
Elementary School**
Precincts: 4056, 4100 and 4158
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Crestview Elementary School
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**Hours of Election Day Voting are:
(Horas de Votación del Día de Elecciones :) 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
(07 a.m.-7:00 p.m.)**



Looking for Citizen Volunteers for Boards and Commissions

Have you ever asked yourself what you can do for your community? What about community service in the form of volunteerism? Your time is precious, and so is community involvement. The City of Live Oak is actively looking for citizen volunteers who would enjoy participating in local government in the form of Boards and Commissions. If you are a citizen of Live Oak and interested in community service, we would love to have you on board. Currently, we are seeking volunteers for Board of Adjustment, Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission.

There is no special knowledge required to become a Board or

Commission member, just a willingness to serve your community and give a few hours of your time. In turn, you will learn a great deal about your city, camaraderie and a sense of accomplishment that only comes with volunteering. All Boards and Commission members serve for two years, with an option to serve additional years. You must be a citizen of Live Oak and be eighteen years old.

If you are interested, please visit our website www.liveoaktx.net or contact the City Secretary at 210-653-9140 extension 213 for a Volunteer Application.

Alarm Permits

Anyone with an active alarm system in their home or business located within the City of Live Oak must obtain an alarm permit, City Ordinance Chapter 19, Article IV. The permit allows the police department to have access to names of key holders and contact information that is needed during a response to an activated alarm. The fee for a residential alarm permit

is \$10.00 per year. The permit is required to be renewed annually and information should be verified and updated to ensure accuracy. Alarm permits and renewals may be obtained at the Live Oak Police Department located at 8022 Shin Oak Dr. The application and renewal form can also be found on the City website, www.liveoaktx.net, under the Police Department



From the Office of Development Services

By Kenneth Steiner, Building Official

Throughout the upcoming 2015 Home Town news magazines, I will be covering several code requirements you must know as a homeowner before having work done in your homes. Each news magazine will have a different code topic in the hopes of assisting you. The first topics described in this article are Plumbing and Fuel Gas, both of which have the most frequently asked questions in our office.

In the current 2015 International Plumbing Code (IPC), adopted by the city, there is a max water pressure that should not be exceeded. This is due to most all fixtures for residential are made to properly operate at a water pressure of 80 psi maximum. Any pressure exceeding the maximum 80 psi can damage your plumbing fixtures immediately or over a short period of time. Below the International Plumbing Code (IPC) states:

604.8 Water pressure-reducing valve or regulator. Where water pressure within a building exceeds 80 psi (552 kPa) static, an approved water pressure-reducing valve conforming to ASSE 1003 or CSA B356 with strainer shall be installed to reduce the pressure in the building water distribution piping to not greater than 80 psi (552 kPa) static.

When you install a water pressure-reducing valve or a regulator, it is usually called a PRV and an additional part MUST be in place. This part is called an expansion tank. It acts like a shock to absorb hot water expansion. When a PRV is in place it makes your home a “closed system” which doesn’t allow for hot water expansion. The expansion tank does. This is usually installed on the top of the water heater and is ONLY

required when your home is a “closed system” and when a hot water storage tank is used. Another item that is required when you replace your water heater is an “Antisiphon Device.” 504.1 Antisiphon devices. An approved means which is described in the plumbing code, such as a cold water “dip” tube with a hole at the top or a vacuum relief valve installed in the cold water supply line above the top of the heater or tank, shall be provided to prevent siphoning of any storage water heater or tank.

Many questions have been asked about the flexible gas lines in homes that are used on water heaters and heating/ventilation units also known as HVAC. These lines are called “corrugated stainless steel tubing” (CSST). Here is how the code helps prevent fires from lightning strikes and arcing of electrical contact. The CSST is used on Fuel Gas, so the Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) regulates this.

SECTION 310 (IFGS) ELECTRICAL BONDING

310.1.1 CSST. Corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST) gas piping systems and piping systems containing one or more segments of CSST shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system or, where provided, the lightning protection grounding electrode system.

310.1.1.1 Point of connection. The bonding jumpers shall connect to a metallic pipe, pipe fitting or CSST fitting.

310.1.1.2 Size and material of bonding jumpers shall be not smaller than 6 AWG copper wire or equivalent.

310.1.1.3 Bonding jumper length. The length of the bonding jumper between the connection to a gas piping system and the connection to a

grounding electrode system shall not exceed 75 feet (22 860 mm). Any additional grounding electrodes used shall be bonded to the electrical service grounding electrode system or, where provided, the lightning protection grounding electrode system.

310.1.1.4 Bonding connections shall be in accordance with NFPA 70.

310.1.1.5 Connection devices. Devices used for making the bonding connections shall be listed for the application in accordance with UL 467.

This may have been a huge amount of information to decipher, but should you require clarification of the codes listed in this article or have any other related questions, contact my office at 210-653-9140, ext. 250.





From the Office of Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert,
Emergency Manager

Connect CTY Telephone Alert System

A reminder to all citizens regarding the City's telephone alerting system! If you have changed telephone numbers, got a new cellular phone number, or changed your e-mail, make sure you update this information in the data base.

All listed telephone numbers are included however those with unlisted telephone numbers are not. All residents are encouraged to add their unlisted phone number along with cellular numbers, text messaging numbers, and even an e-mail address if you desire.

If you want to update your numbers simply go to the City web site. Under City Services, select the Connect CTY item and follow the instructions. As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service and the data base is secure. In addition, this telephone alerting system will be used first in the event of a City emergency. Our communications center has direct access and an emergency message can be sent out in minutes.

Emergency Evacuations and Shelters

The citizens of Live Oak have been very fortunate in that we have never had a major incident or disaster that affected the community. Large numbers of citizens have never been evacuated and shelters have never been required. We all hope that continues however the City has plans in place should it ever be needed.

The City has an agreement with the American Red Cross to open shelters as they are the primary agency that handles this. They have agreements in place with many school districts and some other facilities. Our former civic center was on their list along with our clubhouse. Both locations were designated "short term" shelters only as neither facility was capable of supporting overnight stays. At the present time the club house is still available, however it could only be used for a small group of people.

Recently the City entered into another agreement for a temporary shelter location. We have partnered with the folks at Esplanade Gardens, located near the intersection of Toepperwein Road and Kitty Hawk. They have graciously agreed to be a temporary shelter for a small group of people should the need arise. They have a great facility and staff and they are located close by and are available 24/7.

Once notified of an evacuation the Red Cross will determine a shelter

location, however it does take a little time to establish one, especially at night or on weekends. In such an emergency, citizens may be sent to a "rally point" such as a parking lot. This could be one of the elementary schools, the clubhouse, the college campus parking lots, or some other location. Once the Red Cross determines where the shelter will be, citizens will be redirected there.

In an emergency you will not have time to pack, however as a reminder citizens should take their wallets, purses with ID, keys, and put on the appropriate clothes. If you have infants bring along your baby supplies. Also if you have prescription medications take those too. These items are all very important and should be taken. Finally make sure you turn off any appliances like the stove, and then secure your home and proceed to the location where you have been directed. In closing, if an evacuation is ever ordered we ask that citizens comply and follow the directions provided.

For additional information regarding this matter contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Management Coordinator at 653-9140, Ext. 379, online at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net, or stop by the office in the Fire Station during normal business hours.

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Live Oak Police Department

By Officer Jonathan Gann



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

On January 17, 1980 Officer Alfredo F. Araiza badge #2508 made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of the citizens of Live Oak, Texas. On Wednesday May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. the City of Live Oak will come together as one to remember Officer Alfredo Araiza as well as the other brave men and women of law enforcement who have fallen in the line of duty. The memorial is held every year on the front steps of the Live Oak Police Department. The event draws in different law enforcement agencies from the surrounding area and will include the Live Oak Color Guard, Rifle Team and guest speakers. Please join us in honoring all of the brave law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty.

Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police

The mission of the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LO-CAP) Alumni Association is to support the Live Oak Police Department and to participate in activities that contribute to the well-being of the community. The Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police Alumni Association is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization and Texas Non-Profit Corporation.

Even though we are a small group, our "blue shirts" are beginning to make a name for themselves in the community. The following are but a few activities in which our volunteers participate:

- Assist with Municipal Court days and trials
- Yearly Candlelight Vigil and Police Week
- Parades
- Summer Youth Programs
- Christmas Grinch Patrol
- National Night Out Ride-outs
- Police Vehicle Auctions
- DEA Drug Take-Back Days
- Live Oak Clean-Up Days
- Blue Santa/Grinch/McGruff appearances at the Forum during the holidays

As is the case for any organization, we must have funds with which to function. These are a few of LOCAP's fundraising events throughout the year:

- Sell ice cream at the Jaguars' Youth Football games on weekends in the summer, during Movie in the Park, the Shin Dig on Shin Oak, and at Cibolofest.
- Sell sponsorships of Christmas wreaths for gravesites at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery
- Sell food and drinks at the Safe Halloween in the Park community event on Halloween night
- AND.....we have been known to dry and vacuum cars at the car wash!

Membership is made up strictly of graduates of the Live Oak Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is typically offered every spring. The 12-week training course touches on all aspects of a Police Officer's duties and responsibilities. There are several hands-on activities in which the students are privileged to participate during the course of the Academy.

Members will be involved with The Candlelight Vigil on May 13, the Shin Dig on Shin Oak on May 16, and the Memorial Day Parade on May 23 and with two court dates in June.

LOCAP can be contacted by leaving a message for us at the Live Oak Police Department.

From the Office of Animal Control Cat Owner Quiz



Do you keep your cat indoors?

Outdoor activity is great but should be limited to supervised activities such as walking on a leash and harness/collar or being confined in an outdoor play pen. Keeping your cat indoors will provide protection from predators like coyotes and other dangers such as cars, dogs and malicious people. Your cat is less likely to be exposed to infectious diseases and/or toxins, and your cat will not be hunting songbirds or other small animals.

Do you care for your cat's basic needs?

Daily feeding, fresh water and clean litter boxes. Scratching posts, perches, beds or other resting places, and toys are all important. Groom your cat regularly. Grooming should include regular brushing of the hair coat, nail trimming as necessary, ear cleaning as necessary, and tooth brushing on a daily basis.

Do you take your cat to a local veterinarian at least once to twice a year?

Cats need routine examinations, vaccinations, dental care, and more. Cat owners should spay or neuter their cats. This is the single most important part of being a responsible pet owner. The vast majority of cat owners should not be breeding their cats and the cats should be spayed or neutered.

Does your cat have a Microchip?

Owners should always microchip their pets so that in the event they become separated from their owners they can be reunited.

If you answered yes to these questions, then you are an awesome and responsible cat owner!

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From the Office of
Parks & Recreation
 By Courtney Weese, Recreation
 Coordinator



Memorial Day Parade Saturday, May 23rd

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 23rd 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 up close to all the action. When the parade is over, don't forget to join us at the Fire Department parking lot for light refreshments.



Changes to POOL PASSES and SPECIAL

Plan on soaking up the sun this summer? Buy a pool pass! These passes may be purchased in City Hall during regular business hours beginning May 4th. The City of Live Oak will no longer be offering family pool passes, but have instead discounted the individual pass. Residents can now purchase an individual pool pass for only \$30. This pass will grant you admission to the pool during the season, including all special events!

The pool will be open for regular operating hours this Memorial Day. There will not be a Summer Splash party held this year, but instead stay tuned for some NEW and EXCITING events happening at the pool!! Be on the lookout for detailed information coming in the July newsletter.

Summer Season at the Pool

The pool will be open on May 30TH & 31ST, and the summer season will get underway on June 6 with regular operating 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.

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!

Want to enjoy the pool after hours? Book a private pool party!! For more information and to make reservations, please call 653-9140 ext. 200.

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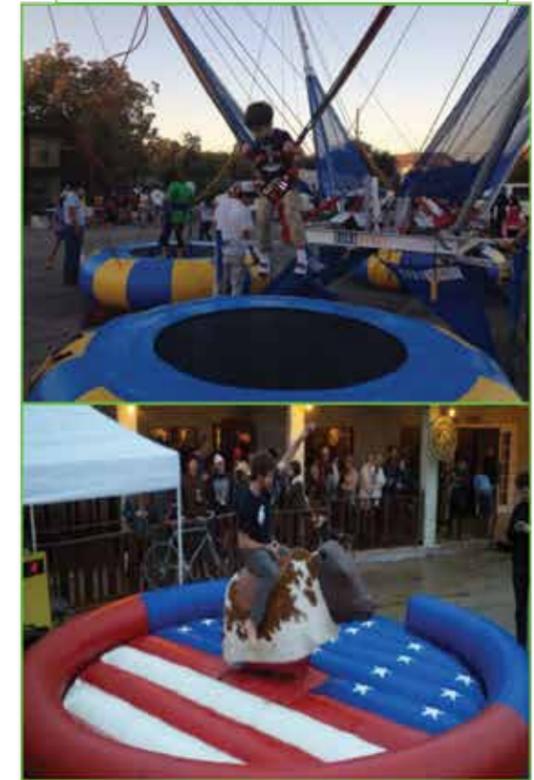
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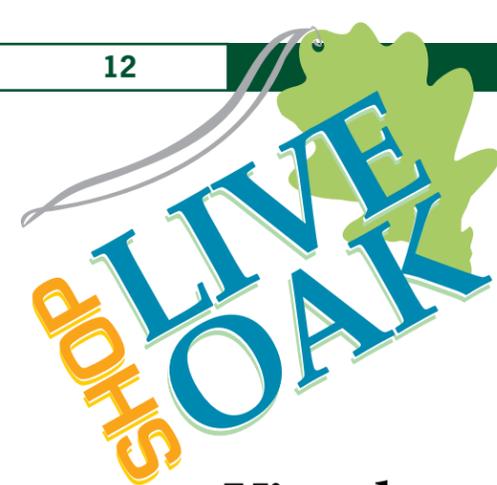


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Visual Improvement Program

The City of Live Oak Economic Development Corporation has made some new changes to their Visual Improvement Program (VIP). The Visual Improvement Program was put in place to assist businesses with improving the appearance of the building's façade, which includes: painting, landscaping, signage, re-surfacing or striping of parking lots; anything that aids in the improvement of the visual appearance of the business.

A grant of \$2,000.00 is awarded to the business after being approved by the EDC Board. Each business fills out a Visual Improvement Program (VIP) application. They must receive three contractor bids and permission from the landlord or owner. The application along with photos of the recommended improvements will go before the EDC Board at their regularly scheduled meeting and at that time will be determined whether it meets their approval. If approved, the city will pay the contractor directly a deposit of \$1,000.00 to start work on the project.

After the work is completed and meets all city codes, the contractor is paid the remaining \$1,000.00. The business applicant is responsible for any overage of that amount. This program has helped many business owners offset the cost in making improvements.

From the Office of Economic & Community Development

Jordan Matney, Assistant City Manager
Julie Palmer, Executive Assistant, EDC

Service Recognition



THE HAIR FACTORY

Mayor Mary M. Dennis, members of the Economic Development Corporation and staff presented Denise Palmer and her daughter Bryanna with a service recognition plaque for operating their salon in Live Oak for over 30 years. The Hair Factory is a full service salon offering: haircuts, highlights, sets, perms, manicures, pedicures, sculptured nails, massages, and a wide variety of other services. Denise Palmer, owner and operator started doing hair at age 20. After 5 years of working for another salon, she decided to open her own shop. Denise states, "26 years later, The Hair Factory and myself are still going strong!" They supply customers with Scruples, Lanza, Big & Sexy, and many other beauty products. They are located at 12107 Toepperwein Rd. They can be reached at 210-654-6204 or visit them on Facebook or their website @ www.thehairfactory.com

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JAMES HEDGEPEETH TOEPPERWEIN PHYSICAL THERAPY AND SPINE REHAB, P.C.,

Mayor Mary M. Dennis, Councilman Ed Cimics, Planning and Zoning Commissioner Bill Umphlet, members of the EDC and staff presented a service recognition plaque to Mr. James Hedgepeth who has been practicing physical and assistive therapy in Live Oak for over 20 years. Mr. Hedgepeth and his staff are located at 11481 Toepperwein Road. Mr. Hedgepeth is dedicated to keeping the citizens of Live Oak healthy and active and we appreciate his devotion, dedication and long tenure in the City. They are located at 11481 Toepperwein Rd. and can be reached at 210-599-8903.



Annual Business Appreciation Lunch "What the City Does For You"

We're gearing up for our Annual Business Appreciation Lunch! This event is open to all Live Oak business owners and representatives. This year's event will focus on all City services available to our businesses. This free event is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow Live Oak businesses. Please RSVP to Julie Palmer at 210-653-9140, ext. 219 or jpalmer@liveoaktx.net and join us Thursday, July 23rd at noon at the Live Oak Justice Center.

Win a Shop Live Oak Basket of Goodies at the Shin Dig!

Be sure to visit the Shop Live Oak Booth at the Shin Dig on Shin Oak between 4:00 and 6:00 PM for your chance to win a basket full of goodies from your local Live Oak businesses! The winner will receive gift certificates and goodies from local Live Oak businesses and restaurants. Participants must bring in a receipt from any business here in Live Oak reflecting purchases made in the month of May, 2015 and they will receive a raffle ticket. The winner will be announced shortly before 7:00 PM. Must be present to win. Best of luck folks! See you at the Shin Dig!

Healing Hula

Kaipo Kalua, a Kumu, master teacher of Hula and Hawaiian Dance, teaches Healing Hula at Expressions Dance Studio. Kaipo was born and raised in Hawaii, and has danced and taught for over 40 years throughout Europe, Asia, and the USA. Healing Hula is a dance form that reflects many aspects of the Hawaiian culture; from days of ancient Hawaii through current modern day Hawaii. A variety of classes are available for different levels and interests. Expressions Dance Studio is located at 12702 Toepperwein Rd. For more information and class times, visit their website, www.healinghula.com. or contact Kumu Kaipo at healinghulaandchanting@gmail.com. Aloha!



Coming Soon!

We are very pleased to announce Nichas Comida Mexicana will be opening soon at 7829 Pat Booker Road in what was formerly Mama's Café. Nichas, which operates two other locations in San Antonio, serves family recipe Tex-Mex. For more information, please visit them online at www.nichas.com or on Facebook.



Save the Date!

The Live Oak Economic and Development Corporation has some wonderful events on the horizon. Please be sure to mark your calendars.

July 25: Annual Business Luncheon, Free to Live Oak business owners "What the City Does For You" Noon - 1:30pm at the Live Oak Police Department, Araiza Room. Please RSVP to jpalmer@liveoaktx.net

August 1 - 31: Restaurant Month

September 12: Live Oak Fix Up Day, Zone 4, 7:30am - Noon

November 21: Small Business Saturday Kickoff: Shop Live Oak 5K

December 1 - 16: 12 Days of Christmas

January 1: BEST OF LIVE OAK voting begins

For information regarding these events, please contact Julie Palmer @ 653-9140 ext. 219 or jpalmer@liveoaktx.net



Fire Department
By Gerry Galindo
Assistant Fire Chief

Excessive Storage Issues for the Fire Department

Our firefighters are sometimes faced with serious fires, injuries and deaths as a result of compulsive or excessive storage. This behavior is a threat, not only to the home owner, but the surrounding neighbors and those who respond to emergency situations.

What is Excessive Storage?

Collecting or keeping large amounts of various items in the home due to strong urges to save them or distress experienced when discarding them.

Many rooms in the home are so filled with possessions that residents can no longer use the rooms as designed. The home is so overloaded with things that everyday living is compromised.

Why is Excessive Storage an issue for the fire service?

Excessive storage can be a fire hazard. Many occupants die in fires in these homes. Often, blocked exits prevent escape from the home. In addition, many people who are storing excessive amount of items are injured when they trip over things or when materials fall on them.

Responding firefighters can be put at risk due to obstructed exits, falling objects, and excessive fire loading that can lead to collapse. Excessive storage of items makes fighting fires and searching for occupants far more difficult.

Those living adjacent to an occupied structure can be quickly affected when a fire occurs, due to excessive smoke and fire conditions.

We all, as a community, want a safe and beautiful environment to live in. Take advantage of our semi-annual community garage sale and large bulk pickup to tidy up our residences. Please continue to watch our Newsletter, City marquee and our website for the next semi-annual bulk pick-up.

From the Office of
Public Works
By Mark Wagster, P.W. Director

FREE TOILET PROGRAM

Apply for your free toilet today.

Are you on the Live Oak (not SAWS) 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.



WATER CONSERVATION

Remember to follow the rules of Landscape-Water Conservation (Ordinance 1255) when watering your lawn and plants.

When watering with a sprinkler, be careful not to water the sidewalk or the street. The City of Live Oak follows San Antonio Water Systems' (SAWS) water restriction rules and their critical periods of water reduction. Water restrictions (on your designated watering day by the last digit of address) include watering times before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. in Stage 1 and 7-11 a.m. or 7-11 p.m. in Stages 2 and 3. Stage restrictions begin when the 10-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to mean sea level at monitored well as follows: Stage 1, 660' (water once a week); Stage 2, 650' (water once a week) and Stage 3, 640' (water every other week). Last Digit of Address and Watering Day: 0 or 1 = Monday; 2 or 3 = Tuesday; 4 or 5 = Wednesday; 6 or 7 = Thursday; 8 or 9 = Friday. No watering on weekends.

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! (City Ordinance 165)



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).



THE FARMER'S MARKET IS BACK!!

South Texas Farmer's Market will be back in Live Oak starting in May, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be in the parking lot of the Alamo Community Colleges University at 7990 Pat Booker. Please stop in and meet these nice folks and buy some delicious home grown veggies and other goodies!

CELEBRATING STAFF! Officers Earn Certificates



Corporal William Feldtmose was awarded his Master Peace Officer Certification at the February 11, 2015 Departmental Meeting. Corporal Feldtmose has been serving the City since 2001.



Police Reserve Officer Benjamin Bott was awarded his Advanced Peace Office Certification at the February 11th Departmental Meeting. Reserve Officer Bott has been volunteering his time as a Police Officer to the City since 2009.



Nancy Kotzur, Deputy Court Clerk has recently received her Level I certification, from the Texas Municipal Court Clerks Educations Center. Nancy has done an excellent job as the Deputy Court Clerk for the Municipal Court, and plans on continuing her education hours. We would like to thank Nancy for her dedication to her job and congratulate her on her achievement.



From the Office of Code Compliance

John Dalton,
Code Compliance Officer

Making Our Neighborhoods a Better Place

302.4 Weeds, Grass and Limbs

With the warm spring weather turning into summer and an occasional shower, grass and weeds seem to thrive and grow at an exceptionally rapid rate! It is the responsibility of all residents and property owners to keep their lawns mowed to the edge of the roadway and free of weeds. Our Code Enforcement Officer is working diligently to remind our residents of this ordinance. Door hangers are left for residents who are not in compliance with this ordinance. The first warning is NOT A TICKET OR COURT SUMMONS. The initial warning reads as follows:

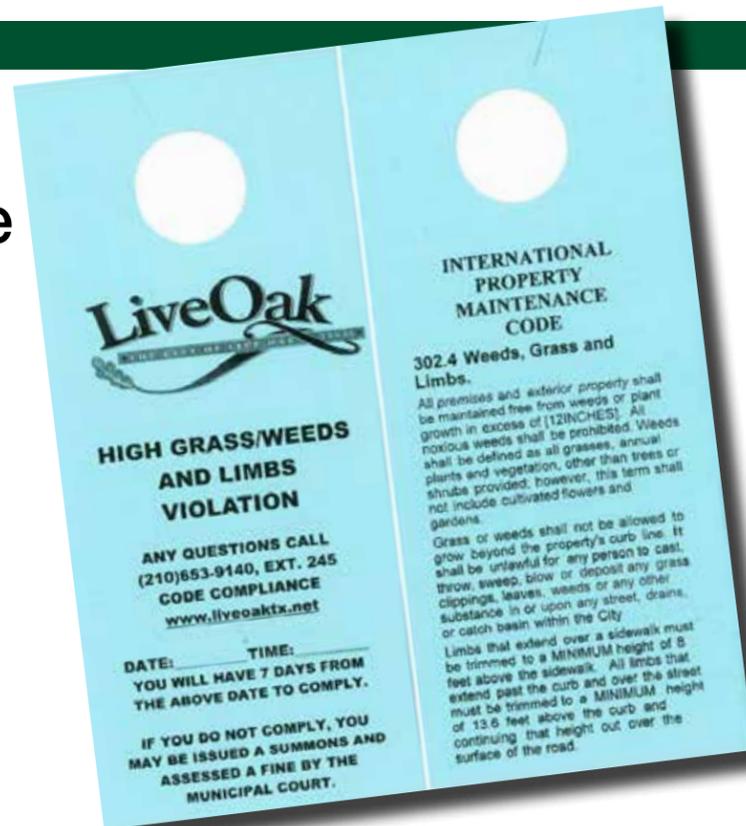
Residents will have eight (8) days to comply. Residents who fail to comply will receive a court summons issued on the eighth day following the violation notice. If at any time you are having problems complying with the notice, please contact the code compliance office and advise them of your situation. Should an additional violation notice be issued for the same violation within a 6 month period, a court summons

will be issued without a notice. In order to be in compliance, all weeds or grass cannot exceed 12" in height and may not grow over the curb. It is also unlawful for grass clippings, leaves, weeds or any other substance to be placed in or upon any street, drains, or catch basin.

The City's Code of Ordinances and Property Maintenance sections are in effect to raise the standards in Live Oak to help enhance our beautiful neighborhoods. Let's all do our parts in maintaining our lawns to help keep Live Oak such a beautiful place to call home! Thank you!

Reporting Complaints

Any complaints regarding code violations can be reported after normal business hours by calling 210-653-0033 or by contacting Code Compliance at 210-653-9140, extension 245, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. You may also inform us of violations by email at jdalton@liveoaktx.net.



Alarm Permits

Anyone with an active alarm system in their home or business located within the City of Live Oak must obtain an alarm permit, City Ordinance Chapter 19, Article IV. The permit allows the police department to have access to names of key holders and contact information that is needed during a response to an activated alarm. The fee for a residential alarm permit is \$10.00 per year. The permit is required to be renewed annually and information should be verified and updated to ensure accuracy. Alarm permits and renewals may be obtained at the Live Oak Police Department located at 8022 Shin Oak Dr. The application and renewal form can also be found on the City website, www.liveoaktx.net, under the Police Department tab.



Let's Cook, Live Oak!

Here are some delicious Memorial Day recipes guaranteed to satisfy everyone's taste buds!

Herb & Cheese Stuffed Burgers

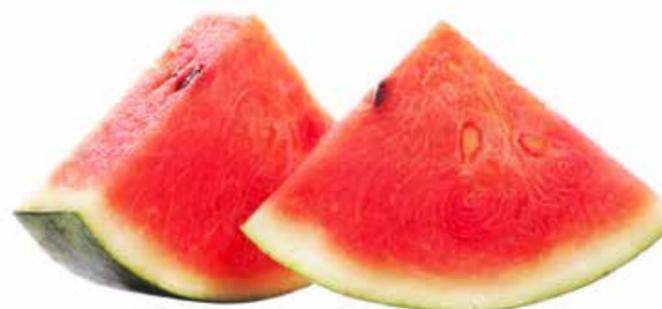
1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese	2 Tbls ketchup
2 Tbls cream cheese, softened	1/2 tsp salt
2 Tbls minced parsley	1/2 tsp dried rosemary, crushed
3 tsp. Dijon mustard, divided	1/4 tsp dried sage leaves
2 green onions, thinly sliced	1 pound lean ground beef
3 Tbls dry bread crumbs	4 split rolls, or burger buns

In small bowl, combine cheddar cheese, cream cheese, parsley and 1 tsp mustard; set aside. In another bowl, combine the onions, bread crumbs, ketchup, salt, rosemary, sage and remaining mustard, Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into eight thin patties. Spoon cheese mixture onto center of four patties; top with remaining patties and press edges firmly to seal. Grill burgers, covered over medium heat until internal temperature reaches 160°. Serve with condiments of your choice.

Cool and Creamy Watermelon Pie

1 pkg. (3 oz) watermelon Jello
2 cups cubed, seeded and drained watermelon
1/4 cup boiling water
1 graham cracker crust (9")
1 carton (12 oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed

In a large bowl, dissolve Jello in boiling water. Cool to room temperature. Whisk in whipped topping; fold in watermelon. Spoon into crust. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until set. NOTE: other Jello flavors and fruit may be substituted; mandarin oranges, peach, strawberries or cherries.



South of the Border Spicy Potato Salad

6 large red potatoes, cubed	1/4 tsp onion powder
1/3 cup vegetable oil	1/4 tsp cumin
1/4 cup cider vinegar	1 can (15 1/4 oz) corn, drained
2 1/2 tsp chili powder	1 can (2 1/4 oz) slice ripe olives
1 1/2 tsp hot pepper sauce	1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro
1 tsp salt	1 jalapeno, chopped

Boil potatoes until tender. Drain and place in large bowl. In a jar with tight fitting lid, combine oil, vinegar, sugar, chili powder, hot pepper sauce, onion powder and cumin; shake well. Pour over potatoes and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.

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Junior Fishing Day Saturday June 6th

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 6th from 7:00 -11:00 a.m. Live Oak residents will be granted FREE admission to this event (with official proof of residency), 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 6, 2015 is National Fishing Day a fishing license is not required for anyone on this day only!



2015 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2015 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.



CITY MEETINGS

City Meetings/Council Chambers	
May 4 Parks & Recreation Meeting	7:00pm
May 12 City Council Meeting	7:00pm
May 26 EDC Meeting - Cancelled for Memorial Day	
May 26 City Council Meeting	7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

May 7 Lasagna Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00pm
May 11 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00pm
May 14 Picnic in the Park: L.O. Rnd Pavillion	5:00pm
May 18 Potluck & Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse	11:30am
May 26 Book Club & Sack Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse	11:00am
May 27 Lunch at Cheddar's: 15284 IH 35 North	11:30pm
May 28 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00pm
Tuesdays: Walk & Talk/Live Oak Park	8:00am
Thursdays: Walk & Talk/ Woodcrest Park	8:00am

For more information contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566

LIVE OAK CITIZENS' ASSISTING POLICE

Meet Third Wednesday of Each Month
May 20 Regular Meeting: Justice Center Training Room 7:00pm
For more information contact M. Atkinson @ miatkinson09@aol.com

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse
May 19 Regular Meeting 1 - 3pm
For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

For meeting information, Visit them on Facebook: Live Oak League of Arts

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse/Open to Public
May 11 General Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
For more information contact Julie Peters at 846-5700 or email @ hum-soc-lo@att.net

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 2 Free Community Document Shred Day: L.O. Fire Dpt. Parking Lot	9am-12pm
May 4 First Day to purchase pool passes: City Hall	8am-5pm
May 9 Live Oak Elections	7am-7pm
May 16 Shindig on Shin Oak	4pm-10pm
May 13 Police Officer Memorial: Live Oak Justice Center	7:00pm
May 23 Memorial Day Parade	10:00am
May 25 Memorial Day/Pool Open	1pm-7:45pm

SOUTH TEXAS FARMERS' MARKET

Every Tuesday: Alamo Community Colleges Parking Lot
7990 Pat Booker Rd. 9am-1pm



CITY MEETINGS

June 1 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
June 9 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm
June 29 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers	6:00pm
June 30 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

June 4 Taco Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00pm
June 8 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00pm
June 10 Lunch @ Mr. Gatti's: 2921 Pat Booker Rd.	11:30am
June 15 Pot Luck & Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse	11:30am
June 22 Book Club & Sack Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse	11:00am
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SPECIAL EVENTS

June 6 Junior Fishing Day: L.O. Park/Lakeside	7am-11am
June 8 Live Oak Pool Opens	

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