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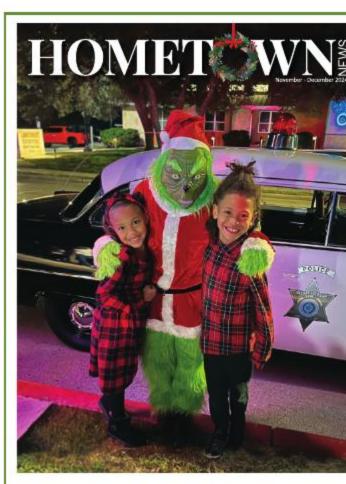
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Live Oak Awarded Title of Scenic City



Scenic City

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Scenic

Live oak was recently awarded the title of "Scenic City" by the non-profit Scenic Texas organization. The Scenic City Certification Program recognizes cities for their demonstrated commitment to high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and spaces with a mission to support and recognize Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public spaces. The Scenic City Certification Program provides a proven, highly regarded tool to Texas cities for assessment, evaluation, and recognition of infrastructure standards.

As of 2023, there were 85 certified Scenic Cities in Texas. Cities are certified at one of five levels: Recognized, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum, with Live Oak being awarded the Silver level with its initial award. Live Oak received credit for recent and ongoing improvements to roadway beautification, enhancements to community parks and trails, improved landscape and signage regulations and community driven beautification efforts. The formal award was presented to Live Oak at the Texas Municipal League (TML) conference, held in Houston, in October.

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HELPFUL WEBSITES

EDUCATION

Judson ISD - JudsonISD.org Northeast ISD - NEISD.org

Northeast Lakeview Collage - Alamo.edu/NLC/

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

GOVERNMENT

Bexar Appraisal District - BCAD.org

Bexar County - Bexar.org

Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center - Home.Bexar.org/drc/ **Emergency Preparedness -** dhs.gov/topic/plan-and-prepare-disasters

MISCELLANEOUS

Waste Management - WM.com or 800.800.5804 Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club - Randolph Metrocom Rotary.org Tri-County Chamber of Commerce - TxTriCountyChamber.org

PERSONAL SERVICES

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

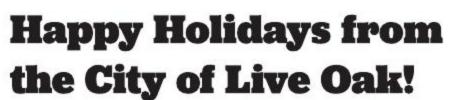
Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program - RACAP.org

HOMETOWN NEWS November - December 2024









Whether you are a longtime resident or new to our community, I'm glad you are taking a moment to read this edition so you and your family can remain connected to the people and activities that are ramping up around town as we make our way through the holidays and into the New Year.

In the weeks and months ahead, you will see many opportunities for you and your family to engage with neighbors and friends from around Live Oak. Our Down-Home Christmas event will soon be upon us, and it's one of the most fun festivities we enjoy as a community. There are many activities planned for the kids along with a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. They will be ushered in with lights and sirens on one of Live Oak Fire Department's newest shiny red fire trucks.

If you would rather get involved by volunteering at one of the events, Live Oak has the perfect opportunity for you. To learn more about volunteer opportunities with a community event, reach out to Courtney Weese, Recreation and Special Events Manager, at 210-653-9140, extension 2235 or cweese@ liveoaktx.net.

Be on the lookout for a feature article in the upcoming March/April edition of the Hometown News that looks back on the history of events and gatherings in and around Live Oak as we celebrate the 65th anniversary of our premier community. In the featured article, you will discover so many of today's celebrations and traditions are deeply rooted in



and through events that have been enjoyed for decades. This is just another example of how Live Oak works tirelessly with the residents to honor our heritage and to prioritize the long-held tradition of city-wide events and festivals. Strength in community has always been and will continue to be the heartbeat of this incredible place we all call home.

Stay in touch with the current happenings around town, upcoming events, and everything else you will need to feel connected to our premier community to live, learn, work, and play. I look forward to seeing you soon, and remember, the best is yet to come! As your Mayor, I'm always available at 210-792-7168 if you have any questions or concerns.

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council



















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all events are subject to cancellation

Live Oak Civic Clubs

Meetings & Events

Local civic clubs are a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors

Find of Club, Get Involved

Meetings & Events

GRAK - GREATER RANDOLPH AREA KIWANIS CLUB MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING:

1st Tuesday of the month-Noon at Biff Buzby's MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:

3rd Sunday of the month-5PM at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

210-355-8562 | www.graks.org

HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:

2nd Monday of the month-6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Cottrell at 210-862-7786 humanesocietyofliveoak@gmail.com

OCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE MONTHLY EVENING MEETING:

3rd Wednesday of the month

November's meeting starts at 7pm at the Justice Ctr Training Rm Decembers meeting starts at 6pm at the Justice Ctr Training Rm Volunteers must attend/graduate from Citizens Police Academy. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

locapnews@gmail.com

LOLA - LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS

Promoting interest in all art mediums through education and to develop our league's artistic skills while exploring new concepts and utilizing that knowledge to promote the arts within our community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US ON FACEBOOK:

Search Live Oak League of Arts

LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

MONTHLY AFTERNOON MEETING:

3rd Tuesday of each month- 1pm-3pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jo Anna Wheeler at 210-655-1036.

SCOUTING AMERICA

Adventure awaits! Boys and girls aged 5-17, embark on exciting journeys, learn valuable skills, and make lifelong friends. Join us in Live Oak and discover the thrill of Scouting! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Frank Herring at 210-548-2693

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK

For all Live Oak residents age 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events listed including our Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK.

- · Tuesdays we walk in Live Oak Park at 9am
- · Thursdays we walk in Woodcrest Park at 9am

Pets on leash are welcome FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Knisley AT 210-655-4566

NOVEMBER 2024

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Clubhouse

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK SOUP NIGHT @ 5:30pm-Live Oak Clubhouse

HSOLO - HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK MEETING @ 6:30pm-Live Oak Clubhouse

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK

LUNCH @ 11:30am - Meet at Chilli's-14570 Forum Pkwy SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK @ 11:30am LOVGC - LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB NO MEETING THIS MONTH

LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE MEETING @ 7:00pm-Police Dept Training Room

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SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK BOOK CLUB @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Clubhouse

DECEMBER 2024

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LOCAP - LIVE OAK CITIZEN ASSISTING POLICE MEETING @ 7:00pm-Police Dept Training Room

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK Christmas Tamales/Chilli @ 11:30am-Live Oak Clubhouse

SOLO - SENIORS OF LIVE OAK GAMES DAY @ 1:00pm-Live Oak Clubhouse

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

Fun has no age limit!

No matter how old you are, or how old you get,

you should always plan a handful of fun activities into your day.

Outside, inside or, in the community, fun can be had anywhere!

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City of live Oak Meetings, Events & Holidays

NOVEMBER 2024

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE BEGINS

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

9am - 12pm at the Fire Department

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Turn Your Clock Ahead One Hour

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE ENDS **BULK PICK UP BEGINS**

ELECTION DAY

VETERAN'S DAY City Offices Closed

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7pm in Council Chambers

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING CANCELLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CANCELLED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

City offices Closed

DECEMBER 2024

DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS

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PEARL HARBOR DAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7pm in Council Chambers

WINTER BEGINS

CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS DAY 25-26

City Offices Closed

NEW YEARS EVE City Offices Closed

JANUARY 2025

NEW YEARS DAY City Offices Closed

BEST OF LIVE OAK VOTING BEGINS

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

COMMUNITY ONLINE CALENDAR



Trash, Recycling and Brush/Bulk Collection Calendar located on page 15

> Questions? 800.800.5804

livestream

You can *Livestream all regular City Council, EDC, Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustments, Tree Care Board, & Parks and Recreation meetings from our website. The Board of Adjustment/Planning & Zoning meetings are held as necessary. Please call Isa Gaytan at 210.653.9140 ext. 2213 with any questions.

SHOPPING, DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Business

Directory



BJ's Restaurant & Serenity Oaks Assisted Living Memory Care

Gives Back

To say thank you to the Live Oak Police Department for keeping the business corridors safe, BJ's Restaurant and Serenity Oaks Assisted Living and Memory Care surprised officers with a special delivery of lunch and cool drinks on a busy and hot August day. Their generosity was appreciated, and the lunch and sweet treats were enjoyed by everyone working that day. The City of Live Oak is absolutely blown away by the amazing people and businesses that proudly serve the community every day. You all have a heart of gold.





Humane Society of Live Oak Fundraiser

BJ's Restaurant

BJ's Live Oak partnered with the Humane Society of Live Oak by hosting a fundraiser on October 7th. With every purchase of food and soft beverages during the fundraising event, BJ's generously donated 20% of sales to support the Humane Society's efforts. Patrons enjoyed delicious food in a fun atmosphere with family and friends while supporting the event whether they ordered online and take-out, or dined in. BJ's Restaurant and visiting patrons were champions, and we appreciate all the efforts in raising donations to benefit the Live Oak Animal Control.



National Night Out 2024

On October 1st, Live Oak Police and Fire Department personnel stayed busy with the annual National Night Out (NNO) community campaign. The event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, hoping to make our neighborhoods safer and enhance relationships. Live Oak HOAs and community neighbors hosted block parties and brought a true sense of community.

The evening was vibrant with cookouts and potlucks, filling the air with delicious aromas and laughter. Children played ball in the cul-de-sacs, their joy echoing through the neighborhood, while families mingled with Mayor Dennis and members of the City Council. Guests also had the chance to check out Live Oak's newest fire trucks, and a visit from McGruff, adding nostalgia and excitement to the night. A big thanks to the NNO business sponsors: Marco's Pizza, Springs at Live Oak, Madeira Apartments, and Mira Loma Apartments.







9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Patriots Day

Each year on September 11th, we remember a tragic event that forever altered the course of our country's history. Although the haunting memories of that day will remain with us, it's equally important to honor and celebrate the lives of those who were lost. While the past carries deep pain, we must never stop recognizing the courage and sacrifice of the heroes who emerged during those dark hours and days.

The Live Oak Fire Department, neighboring police and fire agencies, city officials, local business owners, and residents gathered on 9/11 to mark this day of remembrance. It was a time to honor the victims and celebrate the bravery of the first responders and military personnel who risked everything to save others.

The front lawn of the Live Oak Fire Station became a solemn



space where traditional music from the CESO Pipes and Drums set the tone for reflection. Attendees witnessed moving speeches, raising and lowering of flags, wreaths, recitation of prayers,

and moments of silence—all in tribute to those who gave their lives. Though these ceremonies may seem familiar, they serve as a powerful reminder: we must never forget those who perished, but also remember how we came together as a community and as a nation in response. This is the legacy they would want us to uphold. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Live Oak Community, Northeast Lakeview College, and all who participated in making this day one of honor and remembrance. Your presence helped make this commemoration truly meaningful.











Coffee with Cops

Wayland Baptist University (WBU) hosted a Coffee with Cops on October 2nd to create camaraderie with the Live Oak Police Department. Students strolled into the student break area inside the main lobby to have coffee and a side of sweet Danishes. It was a great opportunity to spend time with students and get to know what

is on their minds. Coffee with Cops is one of the longest running community engagement events that the Live Oak Police department offers. WBU also hosted a later Coffee with Cops session for the students attending night classes. Thank you WBU for the hospitality!

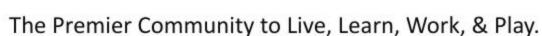






















Shindig Sponsors

Live Oak wishes to give a BIG SHOUT OUT

to the employees and families from: Black Rifle

Farmers Insurance Agency, Dunkin', Franz Leadership

Academy, Marco's Pizza, Olympia Hills Family Dental,

Raising Cane's, Realty One Emerald Group, The Podiatry

Group of South Texas, Stretch Zone, Waste Management, The

Alamo Community Disc Club, and Wayland Baptist University for

their partnership and volunteerism during the Shindig this year. The

community enjoyed the many carnival games and festival activities along

Coffee Company, BJ's Brewhouse, Dawn Dear

with the "swag" handed out during the event.





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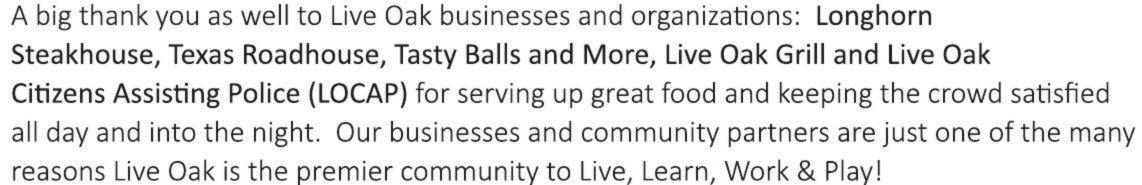








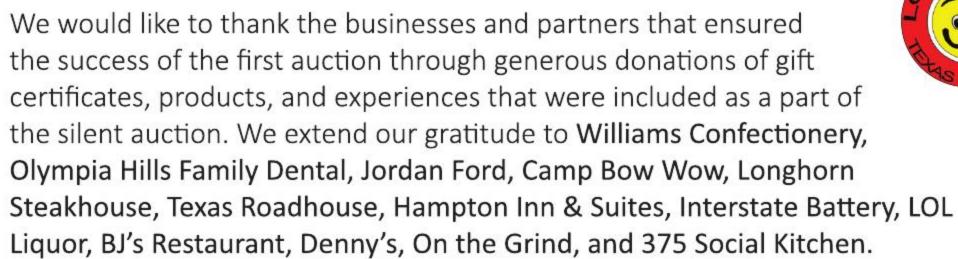


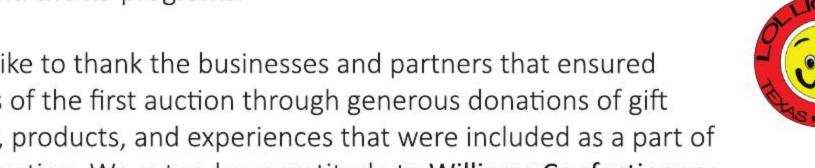


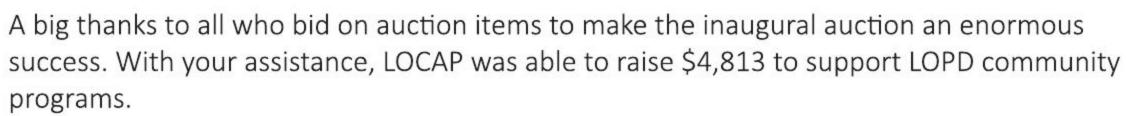
Shindig On Shin Oak 2024

LOCAP's Auction Supporters

The first inaugural LOCAP Silent Auction was added to the Shindig on Shin Oak festivities this year. The purpose of this LOCAP fundraiser was to raise monies to support the community programs of the Live Oak Police Department, such as the Junior Police Academy and the K9 programs.









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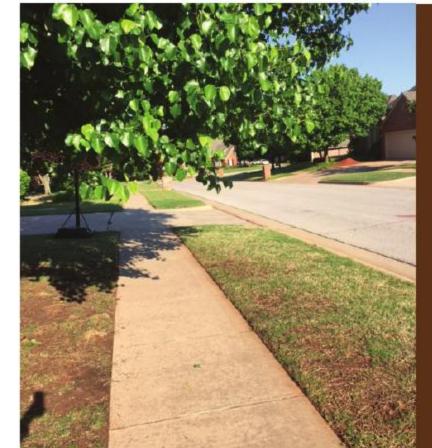
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Reminder!

"This is a seasonal reminder to all residents and businesses that tree maintenance doesn't just include trees on private property. Property owners are also responsible for tree branches extending from trees on private property that overhang streets and sidewalks. Leaves and branches must be cleared to a minimum height of 8 feet over a sidewalk and 13 feet, six inches over the street."



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Mental Health Support Resources



For information regarding Mental Health call the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline: 210-223-7233

24-Hour Crisis Hotline

For 12-Steps Recovery

call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 210-828-6235

Texas Health and Human Services

anxiety, stress or emotional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People can call the Statewide COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week toll-free at 833-986-1919.

Crisis Text Line

Are you feeling anxious about COVID-19? To get free confidential, 24/7 support for anxiety, text "HOME" to 741741.



Suicide Prevention Life Line

Free, confidential 24/7 support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for oneself and others 1-800-273-TALK



RBFCU

Community Shred Day







YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY! SEE PAGE 36

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENTS Jason Diaz and Noel Sanders They were the lucky winners of a \$100 Gift Card to **Donut Kolache Palace**

JASON & NOEL ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine? We use LOCAL section at least weekly for business contact numbers.

Q2. What Category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most? Eat & Drink. Because we're foodies!

Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News? Our family keeps our copy in the living room.

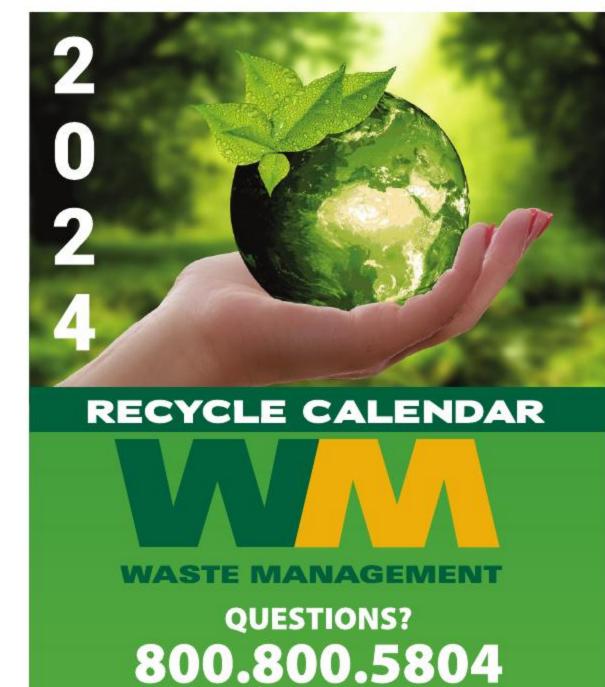
Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?

Jason says the quality of the paper and cover make Hometown News seems fancy, not just an ordinary mail magazine, which makes it more exciting to read. That's what he likes best.

Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business?

Donut Kolache Palace!





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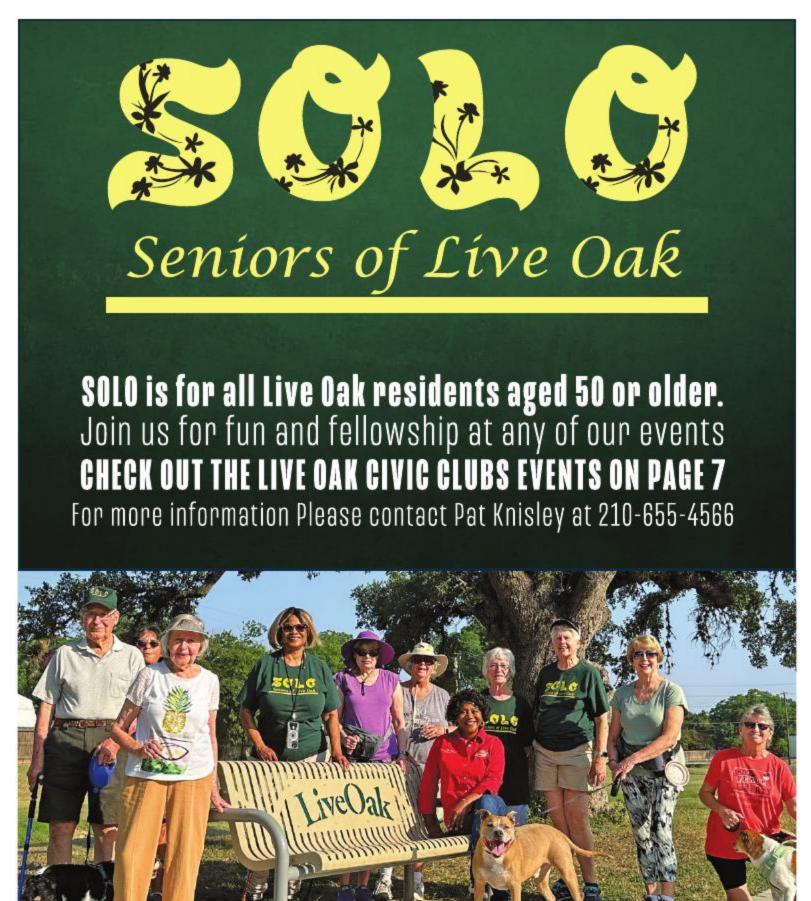
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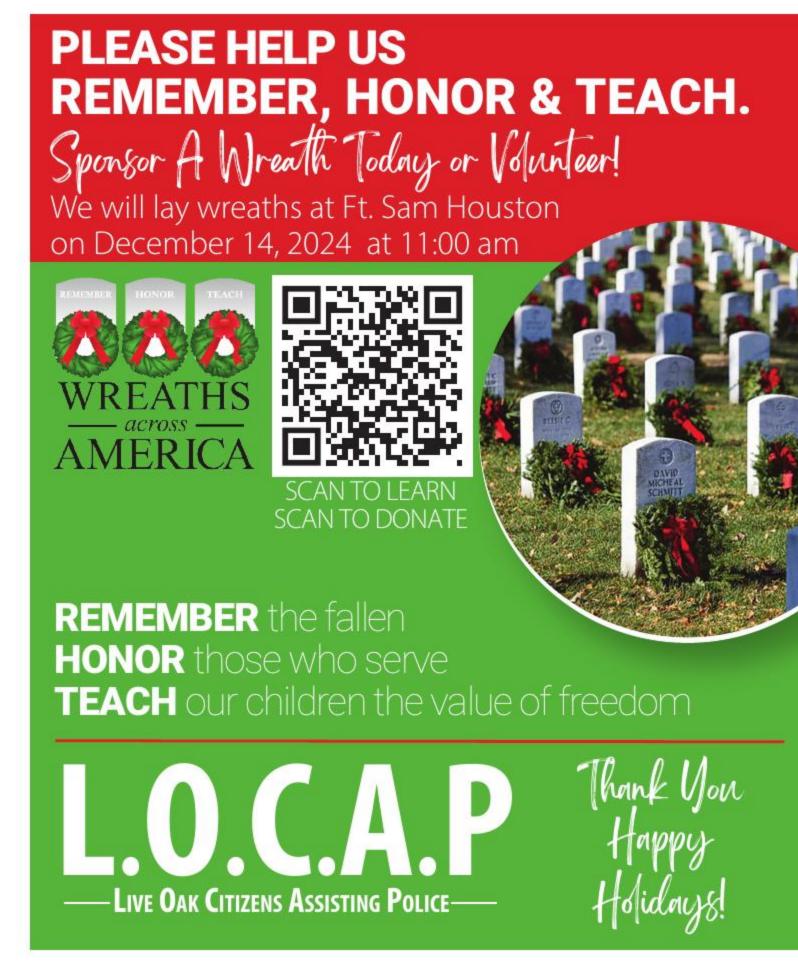
BRUSH & BULK PICK UP

RECYCLE DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

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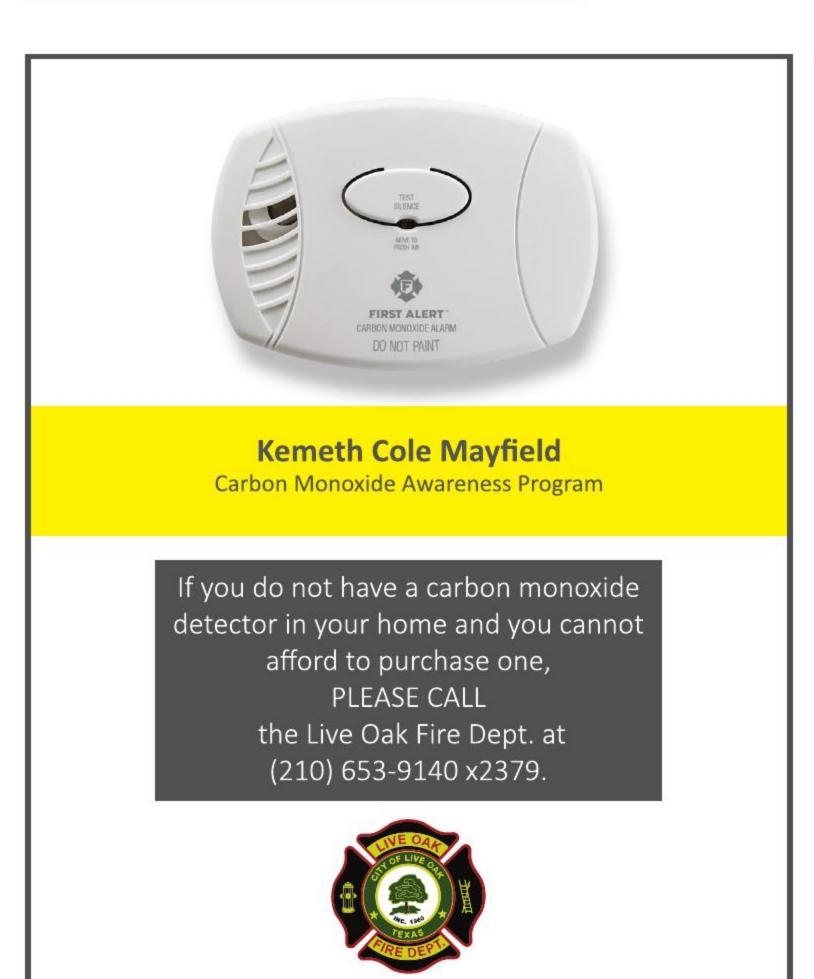




November 3, 2024 at 2:00 am

- Set your clocks back one hour.
 - Check and replace smoke detector batteries.





For Your Information =



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

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ENVELOPE AFTER IT IS MAILED?

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

ARE TAKEAWAY ENVELOPES SAFE?

Yes, the TakeAway Envelopes are safe. Using the TAE is safer then flushing or throwing the medications in the trash. Incinerating the medications limit the environmental damage that medications can have by preventing them from polluting our drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends incineration as the method of drug destruction, which meets the Department of Enforcement Agency's (DEA) standard.

CAN NEEDLES OR INHALERS GO IN THE ENVELOPE?

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

WILL ANYONE SEE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

No, once you seal the TakeAway Envelope it is incinerated unopened.

Questions: Please contact Danielle Campbell at 713.743.7016 or email dscampbe@central.uh.edu

Website: bit.ly/ThePREMIERCenter

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He's Making a List and Checking it Twice

The Live Oak Police Department, with the help of Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP), will be bringing Blue Santa to Live Oak again this holiday season! Children from families who might not otherwise have a present to open on Christmas Day can receive wrapped Christmas gifts from Blue Santa based on wish lists provided by their families.

Applications to receive Christmas gifts are available on the City's website and at the Police Department from November 1st through December 2nd. Applicants must be residents of Live Oak and must submit proof of residency (such as a utility bill) with their completed application. The application deadline is Monday, December 2nd, no later than 5:00 p.m. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. Approved families will visit with Blue Santa, enjoy refreshments, and receive their Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 14th.

Donations for the Blue Santa Program are always encouraged and welcomed so those in need may have a joyous holiday season. Donations received will go toward assisting Live Oak families. For more information about Blue Santa or to donate, please contact the Live Oak Police Department at 210-945-1700 or stop by the Justice Center at 8022 Shin Oak Drive. LOCAP is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization. Our membership supports the Live Oak Police Department and its community activities.







Scammers Will Target Anyone – **Even the Deceased**

Identity theft is the last thing on your mind after losing a loved one. Still, some criminals take the opportunity during a vulnerable time to steal and use a deceased person's identity.

Follow these tips to reduce the risk of a deceased person from having their identity stolen:

- Send copies of the death certificate to each credit reporting bureau and ask them to put a "deceased alert" on the credit reports.
- Review the deceased taxpayer's credit report for questionable credit card activity.
- Leave sensitive information out of the obituary.

In most instances, criminals gain information about deceased loved ones through information found in the obituary. Obituaries and death notices are prowling grounds for scammers. Avoid putting too much information in an obituary, such as birth date, address, mother's maiden name, or other personal details that could be useful to identity thieves. Thieves can quickly use the information

from the obituary to redirect mail to open new lines of credit in the deceased person's name.

Bereavement frauds take advantage of grieving family members by contacting them, posing as government workers with an offer, or maybe a request that seems believable and related to the person's death. Once scammers have your loved one's information, they can use it for several frauds, including funeral assistance, tax, credit, and Medicare fraud. Ensure you know the unsettled debt that the family member may have left behind. Being familiar with the loved one's finances before their death is key to not being caught off guard by scammers claiming the deceased owes money.

Once your loved one passes away, it's important to have the death recorded with Bexar County as soon as possible. The first documentation the surviving family member needs to obtain is multiple copies of the death certificate. You can do this by visiting Bexar County's Vital Records office at 100 Dolorosa, Suite #104, San Antonio, Texas 78205, or by calling 210-335-3009.



IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM

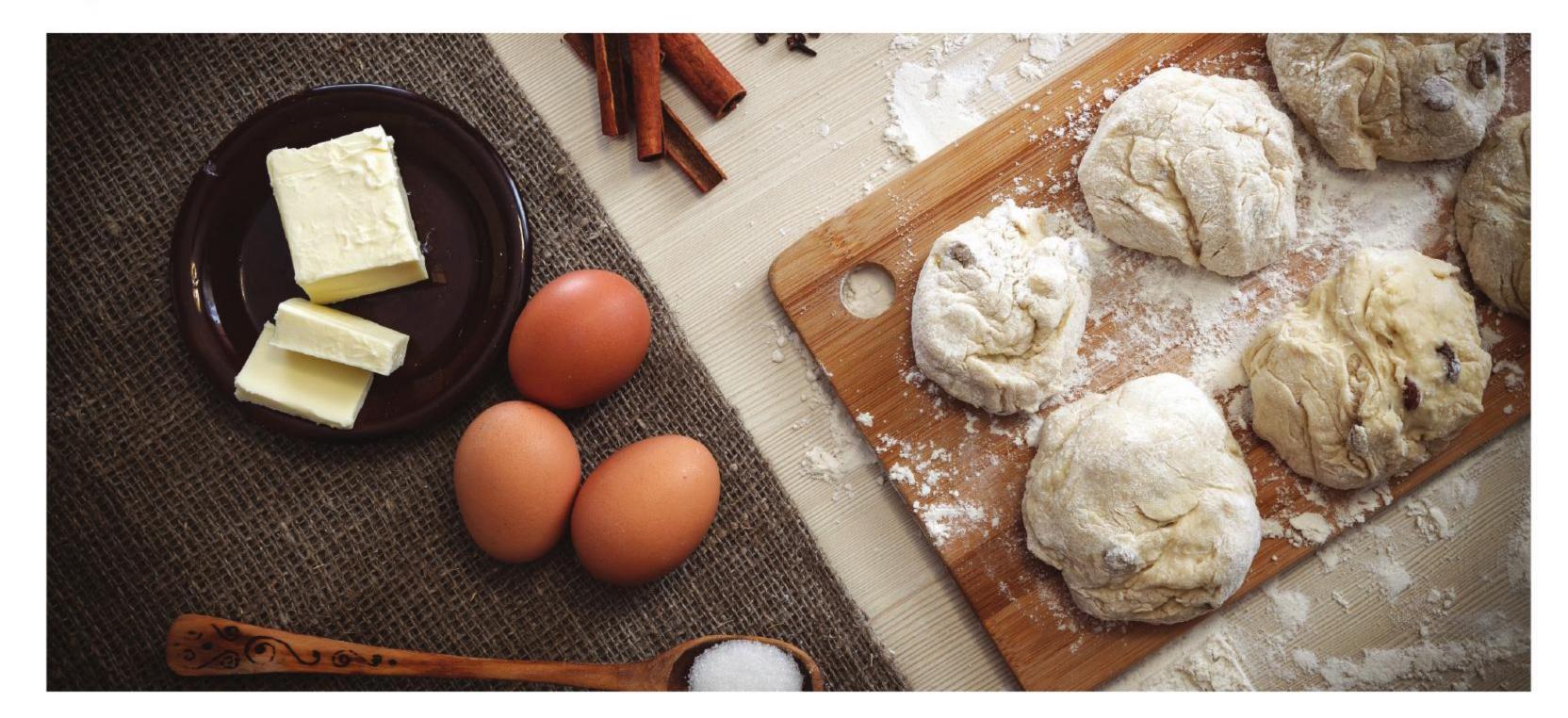
CONTACT US AT 210.653.0033











Safety First - Holiday Cooking Safety

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, and festive feasts. However, the joy of holiday cooking can quickly turn into a hazard if safety precautions are not taken. As we gather around our kitchens to prepare delicious meals, let's remember a few essential safety tips to ensure our festivities are fire free.

Stay Attentive.

Never leave cooking food unattended. It's easy to get distracted with guests and activities, but staying in the kitchen while cooking can prevent potential accidents.

Keep a Clean Space.

Ensure your cooking area is free from clutter. Keep flammable items such as oven mitts, towels, and wooden utensils away from stovetops and other heat sources.

Use Timers.

With multiple dishes being prepared, it's helpful to use timers to keep track of cooking times. This can prevent food from burning and reduce the risk of fires.

Handle Frying with Care.

When frying, use a deep fryer with a thermostat control. Never overfill the fryer with oil, and always monitor the temperature to avoid overheating.

Keep Children and Pets Away.

Establish a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and cooking areas to prevent accidental burns and spills.

Have a Fire Extinguisher Ready.

Ensure fire extinguisher(s) are accessible in the kitchen. Know how to use it, and never use water to extinguish a grease fire. Instead, smother the flames with a lid, baking soda, or a fire extinguisher designed for kitchen fires. Check Smoke Alarms.

Test your smoke alarms to ensure they are working correctly. Replace batteries, if necessary, and consider installing alarms in key areas such as the kitchen and dining room.

By following these simple yet vital safety tips, we can enjoy our holiday meals without incident.

Let's make this holiday season a safe and joyous time for everyone.

Happy Cooking and Happy Holidays!

SCAN for more holiday safety tips



Stay Connected

The City of Live Oak has a telephone alerting system (CTY) that is designed to provide emergency messages and informational messages related to important city issues for our citizens and business community.

To receive these important emergency notifications, scan the QR code. When the "YELLOW" link on your phone appears, click it.

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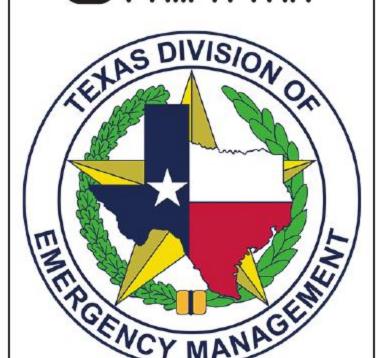
The State of Texas offers Texans the option to register with the STEAR program, a FREE registry that provides local emergency planners and responders with additional information on the needs of their community.

Registration is VOLUNTARY and DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Please scan the QR code to the right.

Emergency preparedness is your own responsibility. Take the time to start preparing now. Visit WWW.READY.GOV for more information.



















Restaurant Month Winner 2024

Restaurant Month 2024 was a hit! The Diner's Bingo game continues to grow, and we were thrilled to witness such an outstanding level of participation this year. The winner was selected in a random diner card drawing on September 1st, and this year's Restaurant Month Diner's Bingo winner was Hilda & Mario Navarro. EDC Manager Donna Lowder presented the lucky couple with a \$500 gift card to their favorite participating restaurant, Longhorn Steakhouse.

We appreciate partnerships from the wonderful restaurants who participated in this year's game: Marco's Pizza, Pollo Picosito, Papa John's Pizza, Black Rifle Coffee, Evelyn's Mexican Restaurant, Longhorn Steakhouse, Hawaiian Bros, The Cookshack, Crawfish King, Dairy Queen, Little Caesar's Pizza, and IKEA. Without you and your PREMIER servers, the game's success wouldn't be possible.



ENJOY TWO MONTHS OF DELICIOUSNESS WITH THE BEST EATERIES IN TOWN PARTICIPATING IN THE 2025 RESTAURANT MONTH DINER'S BINGO GAME. THE JULY/AUGUST EDITION OF THE HOMETOWN NEWS WILL BE YOUR NEXT CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 GIFT CARD TO YOUR FAVORITE LIVE OAK EATERY.



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Dr. John C. Aniemeke, DDS, MS **Receives the Prestigious H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian Award**

Live Oak Periodontics & Implant Dentistry

Live Oak is fortunate to have many talented physicians, dental & oral professionals, surgeons, and medical professionals serving our community and the surrounding Northeast region. Dr. John Aniemeke, a distinguished periodontist, dedicated community leader, and Bethel Covenant Assembly of God lead pastor, has been honored with the 2024 H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian Award. This esteemed recognition is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to humanitarian efforts, reflecting Dr. Aniemeke's lifelong dedication to serving others.

Dr. Aniemeke's impact extends far beyond his successful dental practices in San Antonio. With a passion for improving the lives of those around him, he has led numerous outreach initiatives, both locally and internationally, providing essential dental care to underserved populations and fostering community development through faith-based programs. His work embodies the spirit of the H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian Award, which celebrates those who selflessly contribute to the betterment of humanity.

Under Dr. Aniemeke's leadership, his church has grown into a vibrant community hub, welcoming over 1,000 attendees weekly. His influence as a mentor, pastor, and healthcare provider has inspired countless individuals to pursue excellence in their fields while remaining committed to compassionate service.

"I am deeply humbled to receive this award," said Aniemeke. "It serves as a reminder that our greatest achievements come from the ways we touch the lives of others. I share this honor with my family, my church, and the incredible teams I work with daily."

Dr. Aniemeke's contributions to both his profession and community continue to set a high standard for humanitarian



work, earning him respect and admiration across various sectors. The H. Dalton Conner Humanitarian Award, presented annually, recognizes individuals who have made significant, lasting impacts in their communities through their humanitarian efforts.

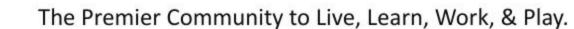
During a recent special ceremony at Bethel Covenant Assembly of God, where Dr. Aniemeke serves as lead pastor, Mayor Mary Dennie presented Dr. John with a special award from the City of Live Oak for his humanitarian efforts, dedication and ongoing commitment to providing the best care to his patients. The City of Live Oak extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr. John for his esteemed accomplishments.

















Wayland Baptist University hosts 40th Anniversary Celebration

Wayland Baptist University (WBU) celebrated 40 years of service to the greater San Antonio area with a public reception on September 18th. Mayor Mary M. Dennis, members of the City Council, and City administrators and staff were present to congratulate Dr. Glenn Simmons, Executive Director and Campus Dean, on the University's accomplishments of serving the higher educational needs of San Antonio and South Texas for the last four decades. In honor of the event, Mayor Dennis presented Dr. Simmons with the Key to the City during the ceremony.

Guests in attendance had the opportunity to connect with current and former faculty, staff, alumni, representatives from local chambers of commerce, the Bexar County Military and Veterans Services Center, area businesses, law enforcement agencies, and other distinguished guests. They also had the chance to learn about the diverse academic programs that the University offers to both the community and its students.

Since its opening in 1984, Wayland-San Antonio has been dedicated to serving the community through its nontraditional degree programs, including law enforcement personnel, veterans, and active service members. Wayland-San Antonio strongly focuses on adult learners and upholds the University's mission of providing an academically

challenging education within a distinctively Christian environment. Congratulations, WBU, on your continued success, and here's to many more years of achievement!







Methodist Outpatient Surgery Center Opens

On September 27th, Mayor Mary M. Dennis welcomed the team from the Methodist Outpatient Surgery Center during the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Guests were provided complimentary tours of the beautiful surgical center, which was found to be a modern yet comfortable environment where patients would receive treatment with care and ensure easy patient access. Methodist Healthcare's newest outpatient surgical department is located at 12500 Judson Road, conveniently next to Methodist Hospital Northeast within the Methodist Plaza II medical office building.

The 23,000 square foot outpatient surgical department will include multispecialty surgical care for breast surgeries, as well as colorectal, gynecology, orthopedics, reconstructive plastic surgeries, and robotic surgeries. The facility has four spacious operating rooms and two technologically innovative robotic platforms to elevate care in Northeast San Antonio.











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

Hometown News Travels Winners

Congratulations to the Mendoza Family of Live Oak, Texas, for winning this year's Hometown News Travels competition! Martin, Charlyn, and Yeshua Mendoza travelled 8,757 miles with the Hometown News all the way to Palawan, Philippines. They travelled to several of the island areas during their trip, including Honda Bay Island, Starfish Island, Cowrie Island, and Puerto Princesa City. Palawan, Philippines, is best known for its white sand beaches, turquoise waters, coral reefs in every color, and beautiful limestone rock formations. The Mendoza Family was awarded the \$100 gift card for travelling the farthest with the City's magazine.

> We invite you all to travel with the current edition of the Hometown News in 2025 and share your photos with us at myedc@liveoaktx.net for your chance to win. A big thanks to everyone who participated in the 2024 Hometown News Travels competition. Winners each year will be announced inside the November/ December edition. A big thanks to everyone who submitted photos during 2024.





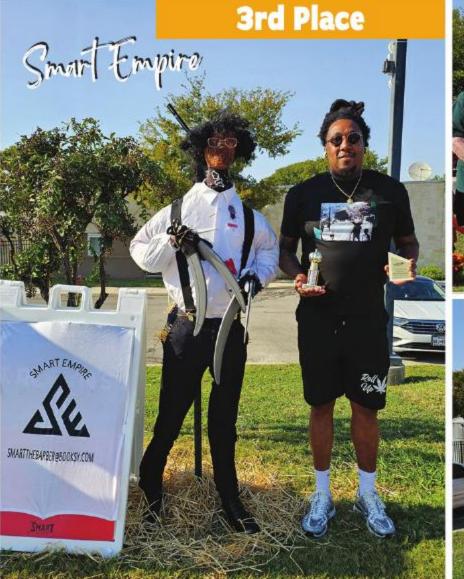








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Live Oak Family Dentistry Wayland Baptist University





How I-35 NEX Safely Speeds Up Bridge Construction

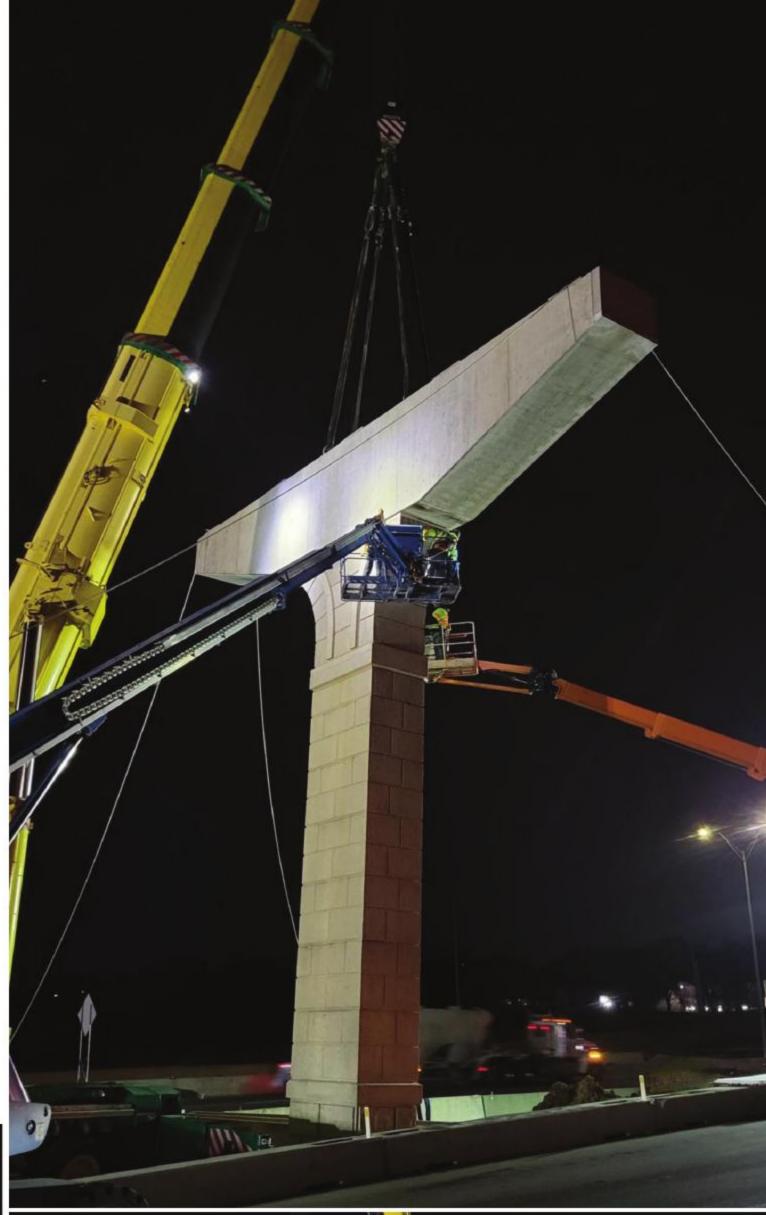


Did you know that Texas has over 55,000 bridges? As the nation's largest bridge inventory owner, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is always looking for innovative ways to speed up bridge construction safely. One such solution is using precast concrete column caps on the I-35 NEX project.

Precast concrete column caps are cast, cured away from the construction site, and installed on top of the column. They accelerate construction and improve worker safety over traditional cast-in-place column caps. The concrete used for precast column caps undergoes more rigorous testing than cast-in-place concrete, making the structures stronger and more durable.

Precast column caps also improve worker safety by reducing the amount of work conducted off the ground, thereby limiting exposure to hazardous work environments. It also reduces the time workers are exposed to heavily trafficked areas. Precast bent caps require fewer workers than cast-in-place construction, which helps improve overall safety.







PuroClean of Northeast San Antonio









The Benefits of Trees: **Enhancing Our Lives and Environment**

As we celebrate Texas Arbor Day on November 1, 2024, we think it's important that the community understands the importance of trees for our environment, well-being, climate, and economy. Trees are more than just beautiful additions to our landscapes and play a crucial role in enhancing our environment and improving our quality of life. Here are some key benefits trees offer:

Environmental Impact. Trees function as natural air filters by absorbing pollutants and releasing oxygen, which helps combat air pollution and improve overall air quality. They also play a vital role in reducing greenhouse gases by sequestering carbon dioxide, thereby mitigating climate change.

Climate Regulation. By providing shade and releasing moisture through a process called transpiration, trees help regulate temperatures, reducing the urban heat island effect. This cooling effect can lower energy consumption for air conditioning and make outdoor spaces more comfortable.

Water Management. Trees improve water quality by preventing soil erosion and reducing runoff. Their root systems help absorb and filter rainwater, decreasing the risk of flooding and reducing the burden on stormwater systems.

Wildlife Habitat. Trees offer essential habitats for countless species of birds, insects, and other wildlife. They provide food, shelter, and nesting sites, contributing to biodiversity, and supporting local ecosystems.

Health and Well-being. The presence of trees has been linked to numerous health benefits. Green spaces and tree-lined environments encourage physical activity and relaxation, reduce stress, and promote mental well-being. Studies have shown that access to nature can lead to improved mood and cognitive function.

Aesthetic and Economic Value. Beyond their practical benefits, trees enhance the beauty of our communities. Well-landscaped areas with trees increase property values, attract businesses, and create more appealing and enjoyable public spaces.

Incorporating trees into urban planning and personal landscapes is a powerful way to create healthier, more sustainable environments. By appreciating and protecting the trees around us, we contribute to a better quality of life for ourselves and future generations.

The 2024 Texas Arbor Day theme is TreeT Texas Well; Trees Treet Texas Well through countless benefits. Celebrate Texas Arbor Day on November 1st by exploring how you can treet trees well.

(Urban and Community Forestry, 2024)

Appreciation Done Right

It goes without saying that retaining and attracting talent is key to running a successful business or in our case, a city. As such, employee loyalty is the City's most valuable asset, and we appreciate all of Team Live Oak! In this edition of the Hometown News, we celebrate the following employees who reached an employment milestone during 2024.

30 Years of Service

Robert Johnson - Fire Department

25 Years of Service

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20 Years of Service

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15 Years of Service

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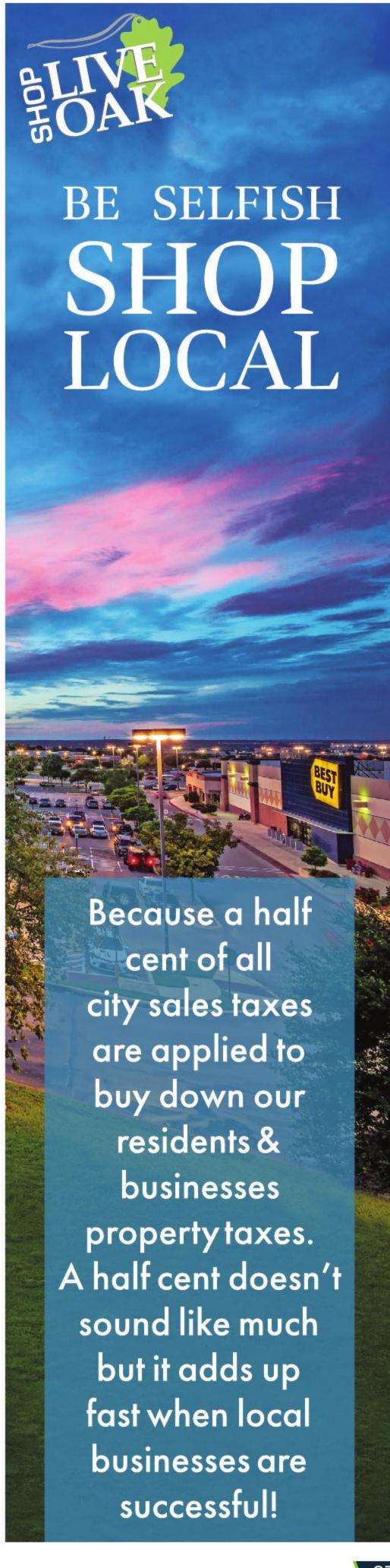
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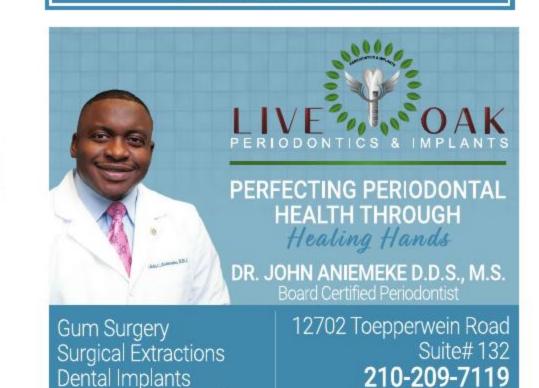
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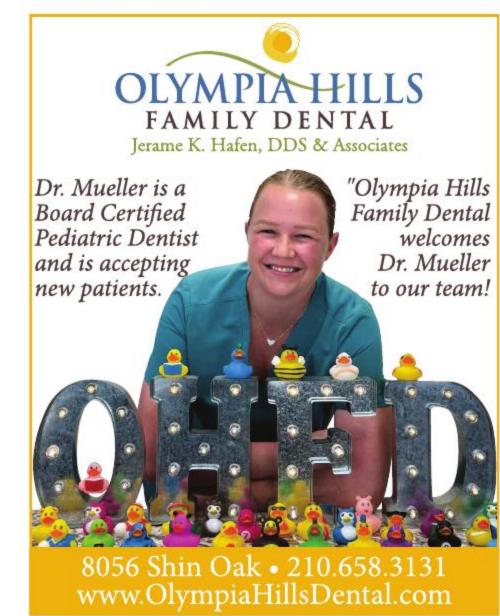
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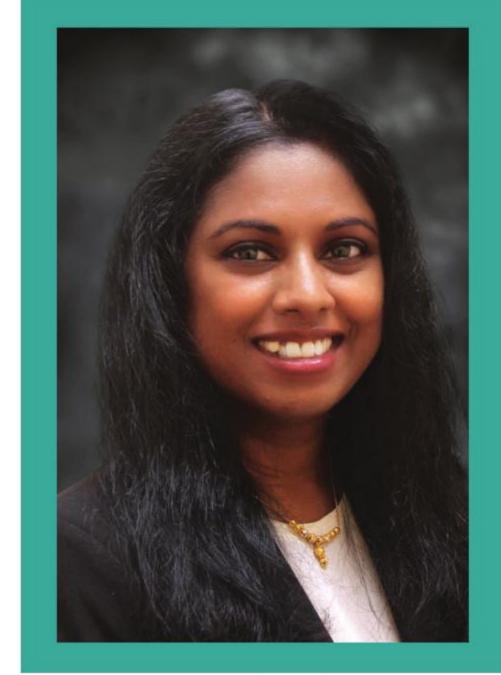
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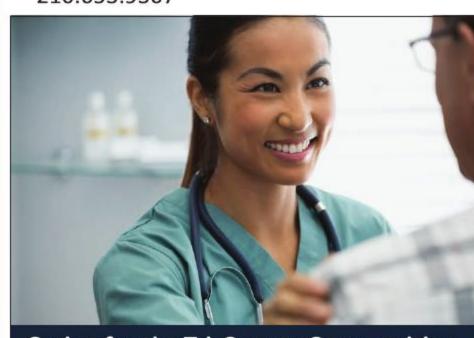
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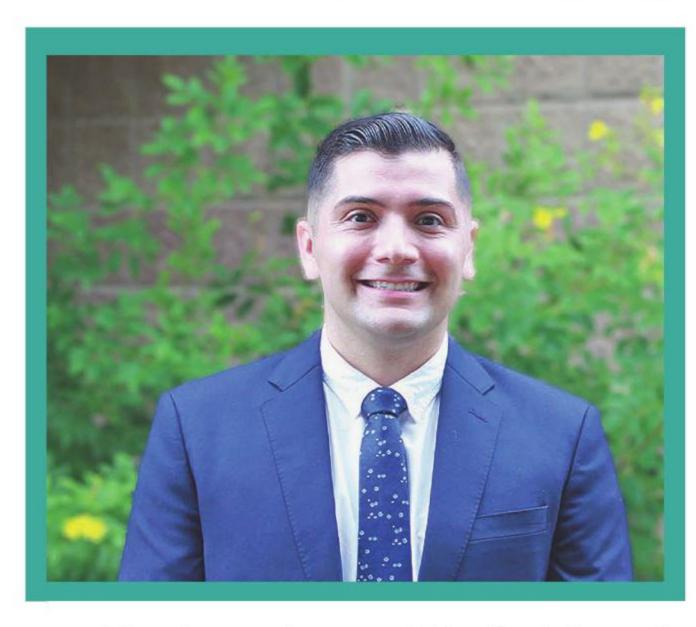
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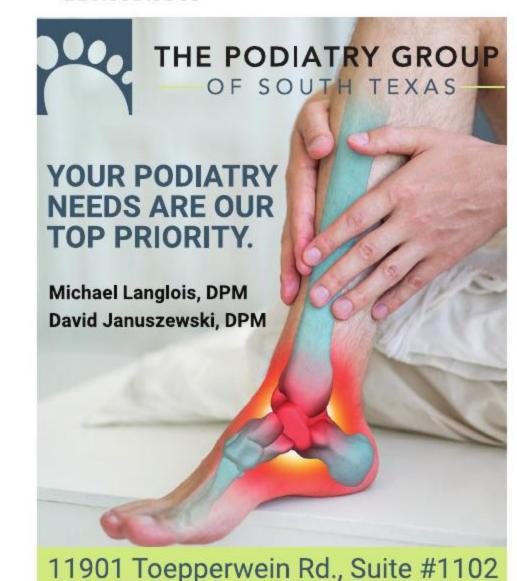
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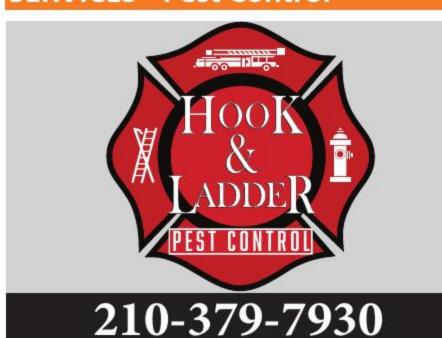
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