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A Look Ahead at **September and October**

As fall rolls in, it's a great time to pause and look at what's coming up in Live Oak. September and October are always busy months, packed with important reminders, community events, and opportunities to come together.

What's Happening in September

We kick off the month by celebrating Labor Day and all the hardworking people who help keep our city running especially our amazing city staff. It's also back-to-school time! Please drive carefully in school zones and keep an eye out for students and crossing guards.

September is National Preparedness Month, making it the perfect time to check your emergency supplies, update contact info, and talk with your family about safety plans in case of storms or other emergencies. Need help? Our fire and police departments are always here to guide you.

Behind the scenes, we're wrapping up the city budget for the next fiscal year. Our city council and staff have been working hard to make sure we continue focusing on the things that matter most: quality of life, safety, and thoughtful growth all while being careful stewards of your tax dollars.

What's Coming in October

October kicks off with one of our favorite community events: National Night Out. It's a fun evening where you can meet our first responders, reconnect with neighbors, and celebrate the strong community spirit that makes Live Oak so special.

We'll also be observing Fire Prevention Week (October 5–11), supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and encouraging everyone to stay on top of their health especially as we enter flu season.

And let's not forget the fun! Shin Dig on Shin Oak is set for October 11, and there will be plenty of Halloween activities around town. We'll be sharing information on safe, family-friendly trick-or-treating events soon so stay

Even if the weather hasn't cooled off yet, we're already preparing for winter. That includes making sure our roads, utilities, and public safety services are ready in case of severe weather. You can stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts at www.liveoaktx.net under the "I want to" tab just click on "Emergency Notification (CTY)."

Thank you for being part of what makes Live Oak such a great place to live. Whether you're attending an event, serving on a board, or just sharing a wave with a neighbor, every little connection helps. And as always we believe the best is yet to come!

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council

Live Oak's Interim Fire Chief Graduates with Top Honors

The City of Live Oak is proud to share some exciting news Interim Interim Fire Chief Keith Drewry has graduated summa cum laude from Sam Houston State University, earning his Master of Public Administration (MPA). This achievement highlights his dedication to both education and public service.

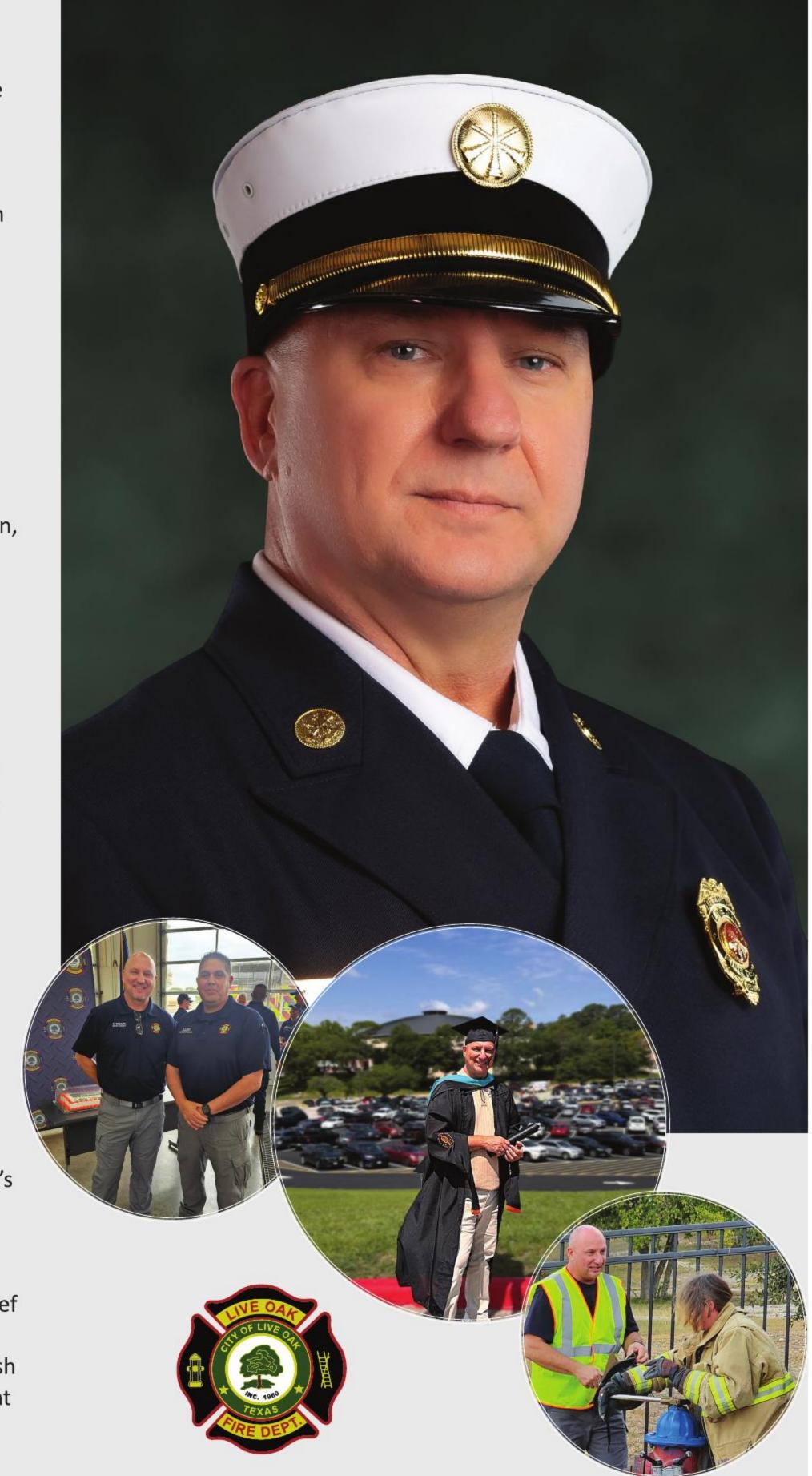
Interim Chief Drewry brings more than 27 years of experience to the fire service. He's known for his strong leadership, commitment to safety, and passion for serving the community. While earning his degree, he focused on public administration, emergency management, and community engagement skills he's already putting to good use here in Live Oak.

And the journey doesn't stop there.

This fall, Interim Chief Drewry will attend the prestigious Harvard Kennedy School of Government to pursue a Public Leadership Credential (PLC). The program is designed to strengthen leadership skills in policy, governance, and ethical decision-making. His time at Harvard will give him new tools and insights that he'll bring back to help further improve public safety and community resilience in Live Oak.

Interim Chief Drewry's commitment to learning and growth is an inspiration not just to the fire department, but to our entire community. His journey shows what's possible with hard work and a heart for service.

Please join us in congratulating Interim Chief Drewry on this outstanding achievement. We're excited to see all that he'll accomplish next both in the classroom and right here at home in Live Oak.



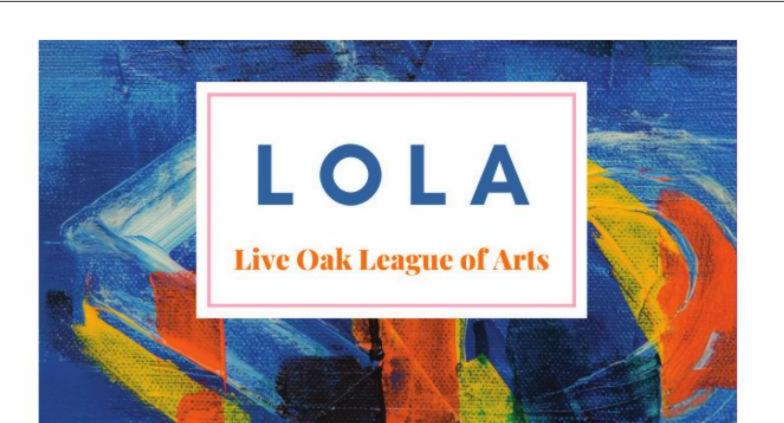
Live Oak Civic Club Meetings & Events

All events are subject to cancellation

Find a Club • Get Involved • Stay Active

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





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. We are a group of amateur artists that enjoy art in all its forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

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ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Boys and girls aged 5-17, embark on exciting journeys, learn valuable skills, and make lifelong friends.

We meet at Live Oak First Baptist Church on Monday nights

Monday Nights | 6:30pm Girls & Boys 11-17 Tuesday Nights | 6:30pm | Boys and girls age 5 to 10

JOIN US IN LIVE OAK AND DISCOVER THE THRILL OF SCOUTING!

Contact Frank Herring at 210-548-2693

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT



GREATER RANDOLPH AREA KIWANIS CLUB

MONTHLY LUNCH MEETING

3rd Tuesday of the month - 6:30pn **IHOP** @ The Forum FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 210-355-8562 | www.graks.org

SEPTEMBER 16th **Monthly Meeting**

OCTOBER 21st **Monthly Meeting**

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB MONTHLY AFTERNOON MEETING

3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm - 3pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

> FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Jo Anna Wheeler at 210-655-1036

SEPTEMBER 16th

Monthly Meeting 1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse OCTOBER 21st

Monthly Meeting 1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse



FOR THE LOVE OF ALL ANIMALS

HUMANE SOCIETY of LIVE OAK MONTHLY EVENING MEETING

2nd Tuesday of the month - 6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE

LIVE OAK CITIZENS ASSISTING POLICE

MONTHLY EVENING MEETING

3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm

at the Justice Ctr Training Room

To become a member you must first attend/graduate

from Citizens Police Academy

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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OCTOBER 15th

Monthly Meeting

6:30pm | Justice Center

Training Room

Brandon at 936-537-6452 | humanesocietyofliveoak@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 9th

Monthly Meeting 6:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 17th

Monthly Meeting

6:30pm | Justice Center

Training Room

OCTOBER 14th

Monthly Meeting 6:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 8th

Games Day 1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 15th

Potluck

11:30am | Live Oak Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 17th

Lunch

11:30am | Meet at Sea Island 8223 Agora Pkwy

SEPTEMBER 22nd

Book Club

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

SEPTEMBER 24th

Ladies Breakfast

8:30am | Meet at Las Palapas

SEPTEMBER 25th

Games Day

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse



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:

Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK

• Tuesdays | 8am in Live Oak Park

• Thursdays | 8am in Woodcrest Park

Pets on a leash are welcome FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Pat Perrone at 210-371-1158 or Roger Knisley at 210-241-9384

OCTOBER 2nd **SEPTEMBER 4th**

Sandwich/Salad Night 5:30pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

OCTOBER 6th

Games Day

Hot Dog & Beans Night

5:30pm Live Oak Clubhouse

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

OCTOBER 13th

Potluck

11:30am | Live Oak Clubhouse

OCTOBER 15th

Lunch

11:30am | Meet at Chili's 14570 Forum Pkwy

OCTOBER 20th

Book Club

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

OCTOBER 23rd

Games Day

1:00pm | Live Oak Clubhouse

OCTOBER 29th

Ladies Breakfast

8:30am | Benny's Tacos

405 Pat Booker Rd

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City of Live Oak

Meetings, Events, & Holidays

SEPTEMBER 2025

Labor Day

(City Offices Closed)

City Council Meeting

7pm in Council Chambers

Patriot Day

Fall Plant Sale See page 14

Budget Workshop - EDC

6pm at City Hall

Budget Workshop - City

7pm at City Hall

Economic Development Meeting

6pm in Council Chambers

City Council Meeting

7pm in Council Chambers

OCTOBER 2025

National Fire Prevention Week Begins

Parks and Recreation and Tree Care Board

6pm in Council Chambers

Shindig On Shin Oak

See page 18-19

EDC Special Meeting

6pm in Council Chambers

City Council Meeting

7pm in Council Chambers

Pet Pawlooza

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Butterfly Festival See Page 14

Economic Development Meeting

Cancelled

City Council Meeting

Cancelled

Halloween

December 24th-25th

FUTURE DATES

November 1st Community Shred Day November 2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends November 7th Texas Arbor Day

Veterans Day (City Offices Closed) November 11th November 27th Thanksgiving Day (City Offices Closed) November 28th

Thanksgiving Holiday (City Offices Closed) Christmas Observed (City Offices Closed)





210-653-9141

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 210.653.9142 with any questions.



Be Stormwater Smart









SHOUT OUT

to Wayland Baptist MadWomen Marketing & Aspire at Live Oak!

A huge thank you for teaming up during this year's Mega School Supply Drive.

Thanks to their joint efforts, families in our community are getting a strong start to the new school year. All donated supplies were delivered directly to our local elementary schools, making a real impact where it matters most. We're proud to have partners who step up and support Live Oak families in such a meaningful way.







Embracing Technology Together

A big thank you to Wayland Baptist University for graciously opening one of their conference rooms to host the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce's monthly learning session.

Chamber members, business leaders, and City partners came together to explore the tricks and tools of ChatGPT, guided by none other than Executive Director Becki Babcock herself. These sessions have become a great opportunity to learn, collaborate, and stay ahead in a fastmoving world.

We're grateful for the partnership with Wayland Baptist University and proud to see our community showing up, asking questions, and embracing new technology together.

Looking forward to next month's session!







Calling Live Oak Businesses

Live Oak businesses are invited to participate in the 2025 12 Days of Christmas Secret Santa giveaway. For more information or to express interest, please contact Myedc@liveoaktx.net.

Together, we can bring holiday cheer to unsuspecting recipients!



Cops, Kindness, & **Texas Roadhouse Ribeyes:**

Serving Up Support for Special Olympics Texas

We're beyond grateful for the incredible support at this year's Tip-A-Cop Special Olympics fundraising event where with your help, \$4,518.40 was raised to support the Special Olympics Athletes! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at Texas Roadhouse Live Oak and showed up for Special Olympics-Texas. Your kindness, encouragement, and generosity truly made the night special. Our Live Oak Police Department officers were honored to stand beside other law enforcement partners, serving a community that always leads with heart.

Big thanks to the Texas Roadhouse team for your energy, hospitality, and dedication to such a meaningful cause. Together, we're making a difference one plate, one smile, and one act of kindness at a time.



Coffee Break

with Black Rifle Coffee

There's nothing like a hot cup of coffee during a long shift, and thanks to Black Rifle Coffee Company, our Live Oak Fire Department is well-stocked with just that. Their recent donation of coffee products was a thoughtful and much-appreciated gesture that gave our first responders an extra boost during their long hours serving the community.

We're grateful for Black Rifle's support and generosity. It's encouraging to see local businesses stepping in with simple acts of kindness that mean so much. On behalf of the City of Live Oak, thank you for fueling the heroes who keep us safe every day.









CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT Kimberly Fendley The lucky winner of a \$100 GIFT CARD to **Home Depot**

KIMBERLY ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!

- Q1. How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine? Once a month.
- Q2. What category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most? Eat and Drink (any sub-section).
 - Q3. Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News? On my dining table

Q4. What do you like best about the magazine?

Not any one part in particular, though I'll admit to looking to see if there's going to be a plant sale soon every once in awhile.

> Q5. What is your favorite Live Oak business? **HOME DEPOT**

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY! SEE PAGE 38



QUICK FACTS

- · Results from rain, snow, coastal storms, storm surge, and overflows of dams and other water systems.
- Develops slowly or quickly.
- · Flash floods can come with no warning.
- · Causes outages, disrupts transportation, damages buildings, creates landslides.

WORDS TO KNOW

FLOOD WATCH:

A message that flooding is possible and to listen to local radio or TV news and weather for more information. You may receive an alert on a cell phone.

FLOOD WARNING:

A message that flooding will occur soon, if it hasn't already, and to move to higher ground or evacuate immediately.

FLASH FLOOD:

A flood that can happen within minutes or hours of heavy rainfall, a dam or levee failure, or city drains overflowing.

LEVEE/DAM:

A manmade structure to contain or prevent water from moving past a certain point.

KEY MESSAGES

- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water
- Determine your best protection based on the type of flooding
- Evacuate if told to do so
- Move to higher ground or a higher floor
- Stay where you are

FEATURED PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

- Protect your property from floodwaters & purchase flood insurance.
- Plan for sheltering where you are and for evacuation.
- Evacuate if advised.
- Seek high ground (flash floods) or stay on high ground.
- Avoid walking or driving in floodwaters
- Turn Around, Don't Drown®

Depth and velocity is not always obvious; the ground or road may suddenly wash away and hidden dangers may exist; DO NOT ATTEMPT TO EVACUATE THROUGH FLOOD WATERS.

Know how to avoid injury from debris, contaminated water, carbon monoxide poisoning, electrocution, and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Seek professional review or inspection of structures and utilities before entering buildings that have been flooded.

I-35 NEX Central -Three Year Lookback

The I-35 Northeast Expansion (NEX) Program covers approximately 20 miles of I-35 from N. Walters Street, near the Frost Bank Center, to FM 1103 (north Schertz) in Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe Counties. The I-35 NEX Program including Central, South, and North projects involves the construction of two elevated structures that will carry two general purpose lanes and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction.

The elevated structures are being constructed between the existing I-35 main lanes and frontage roads. The construction is necessary to transition the elevated lanes and connectors with the existing highways, including revisions to ramps and frontage roads and accommodations for drainage, utilities, signs, and other highway improvements.

The I-35 NEX Central project is in the third year of construction and is more than halfway complete. This project aims to enhance safety and improve mobility in each direction



to accommodate the growing demand along the I-35 corridor in northeast San Antonio and the surrounding communities.

Construction began in June 2022, and significant progress has been made on the bridge elements for the elevated lanes:

- Drilled shafts are 81% complete
- Bridge columns are 74% complete
- Column caps are 58% complete
- Concrete bridge beams are 36% complete
- Steel girders are 27% complete

Only 13 of the 139 columns for the elevated lanes remain to be completed along southbound I-35 between Loop 1604 and Weidner Road, which spans a little over three miles. The I-35 NEX Central project is expected to be completed in 2027.

To watch the progression video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyXGjK_GJ8c



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RECYCLE CALENDAR

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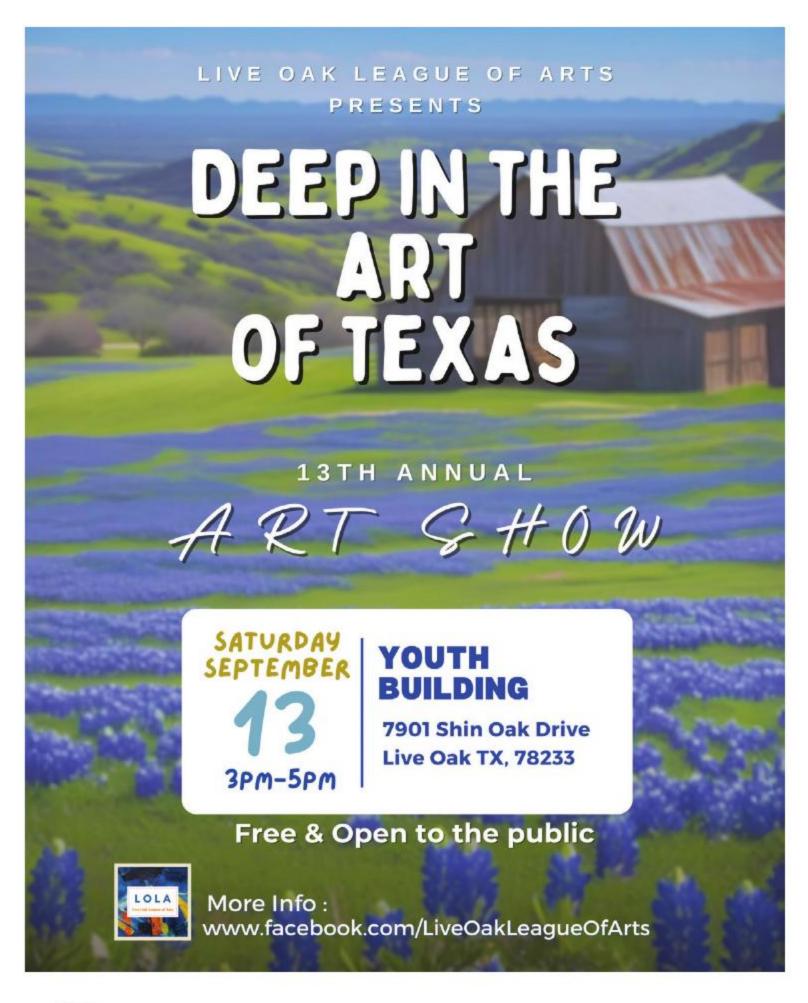
BRUSH & BULK PICK UP

RECYCLE DAYS ARE HIGHLIGHTED

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For Your Information =



The Live Oak Fire Department & Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union have teamed up to offer...

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS TO RESIDENTS OF LIVE OAK!

- YOU MUST BE A CURRENT RESIDENT OF LIVE OAK
 - OWN AND LIVE IN YOUR HOME
 LIVING ON A LOW INCOME
- *If you meet the criteria & wish to ask the fire department to come to your home & install a BATTERY smoke detector, call 210-653-9140, ext. 2379.

If your home has an interconnected smoke detection system, the Live Oak Fire Department will place a BATTERY smoke detector in the same area. The Live Oak Fire Department is unable to assist with interconnected smoke detectors.

WE WILL NO LONGER OFFER SMOKE DETECTORS TO WALK IN GUESTS.





For Your Information =



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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?

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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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Using the environmentally safe TakeAway Envelopes reduces the risk of unused prescription medications getting into the wrong hands and helps prevent accidental poisonings.



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A Trusted Voice for Live Oak Council Member Aaron Dahl, Place 5

Council Member Aaron Dahl (Place 5) brings a clear vision and strong commitment to Live Oak's continued growth. With a focus on strategic planning, sustainable development, and responsible expansion, he works to meet the needs of both current and future residents. His expertise in infrastructure, zoning, and economic development makes him a key advocate for thoughtful planning and innovation.

Originally from Stamford, Connecticut, Dahl showed early talent in both math and art and set his sights on becoming an architect at just eight years old. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from The Catholic University of America and gained experience in ADA compliance and commercial design while working in Washington, D.C. To pursue licensure, he moved to Texas and earned his Master of Architecture from Texas A&M University.

Dahl became one of the youngest licensed architects in Texas and later co-founded Acuform, a San Antonio-based firm now ranked among the city's top 10. As a founding partner, he leads operations and remains actively involved in each project.

A proud Live Oak resident for 20 years, Dahl has served on City Council for 14 years, combining his professional expertise with a deep commitment to the community.

Q1 - If possible, what advice would you give your younger self?

Don't get complacent. Take smart risks. I was a quiet, rule-following kid who focused on academics. That didn't change much in college. I became the steady one among friends and was often asked for advice, even by people I barely knew.

After college, I found the confidence to step outside my comfort zone. I was soon recognized as an accessibility expert and moved into a project management role typically held by someone ten years older. Though I enjoyed the work, I wanted more. I resigned and went back to school full-time for my professional degree. After earning my master's, I became licensed within a year and built a strong reputation in San Antonio. But I wasn't content working for others. Within a few years, I started my own

The risks paid off. Today, I'm doing what I dreamed of as a kid, growing my firm, taking on bigger challenges, and staying ahead in building design and construction.

Q2 - What led you to run for City Council, and how long have you served?

Initially, I wanted to help my community through my experience in planning and zoning. In 2010, an opening came up for an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. I applied and was appointed. While serving, I began attending City Council meetings more often and grew frustrated with the actions, or inaction, of one Councilmember. At the suggestion of a couple of other Councilmembers, I decided I could better represent the community.

In 2011, I ran for City Council, Place 5. The pillars of my campaign were economic stability, support for Police and Fire, and the beautification and enhancement of the city, values that have remained largely unchanged. The incumbent didn't seek reelection, and I won the campaign in May.

The past 14 years with the City Council have been highly educational and incredibly rewarding.

Q3 - Tell us about your hobbies or what you do in your spare time.

I enjoy spending time with my family and staying involved in the community. Between my work at Acuform and my role on City Council, free time can be limited, but I value creative hobbies, local events, and anything that allows me to unwind and recharge. I also enjoy exploring ways to keep up with trends in architecture and design, which often overlap with my passion for improving our city.

Q4 - What advice would you give someone wanting to get involved in local government?

Live Oak is shaped by its residents. From the Mayor to our boards and commissions, there are many ways to have a voice and help guide our city's future. I understand how busy everyone is, but the time commitment isn't as demanding as some might think. Depending on the board, meetings are once or twice a month (or less), and materials can be reviewed on your own time.

If you're interested in community leadership, start by reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the various boards and City Council. Attend a meeting or two to see how they operate, what decisions they make, and what issues are being discussed. Once you find a good fit, apply through the city. The City Council will consider your application.

Even if you're not ready to commit to a board, there are plenty of local organizations to join or support. At the very least, meet your neighbors.

Participation in your local community is a noble cause, and a worthwhile investment of your time.

Q5 - What do you love most about serving the residents of Live Oak?

So much of what the city does goes unnoticed. Most people are just happy to have responsive police and fire protection, clean water at their faucets, and trash picked up regularly. Live Oak excels at the fundamentals, and those essentials remain a top priority for the Council. Fortunately, thanks to a healthy amount of sales tax revenue, we're also able to go beyond the basics, investing in capital improvement projects that benefit our residents.

It brings me real satisfaction to see a major project completed, whether it's a new hiking trail, a playscape in our city park, or even the reopening of a reconstructed street. Seeing the joy and appreciation from residents who use and benefit from these improvements is the best kind of reward. It's confirmation that our time and efforts are making a difference.

Q6 - What has been the most rewarding moment while serving the premier community of Live Oak?

IKEA. There had been talk of this retail giant coming to the San Antonio area for years before I joined the City Council, but early in my tenure, the opportunity finally became real.

As with any major developer, IKEA considered several potential sites across various jurisdictions. It was Live Oak's responsibility to show them we had the ideal location, the right demographic, and leadership committed to the project's success.

Now, more than a decade later, Live Oak Town Center is still being developed, but the long-term benefits of that investment will continue to serve the community well into the future, long after my time on the Council.

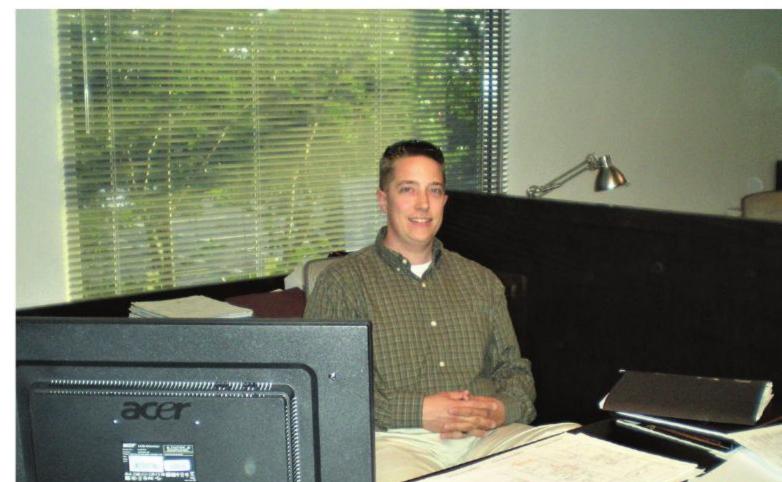


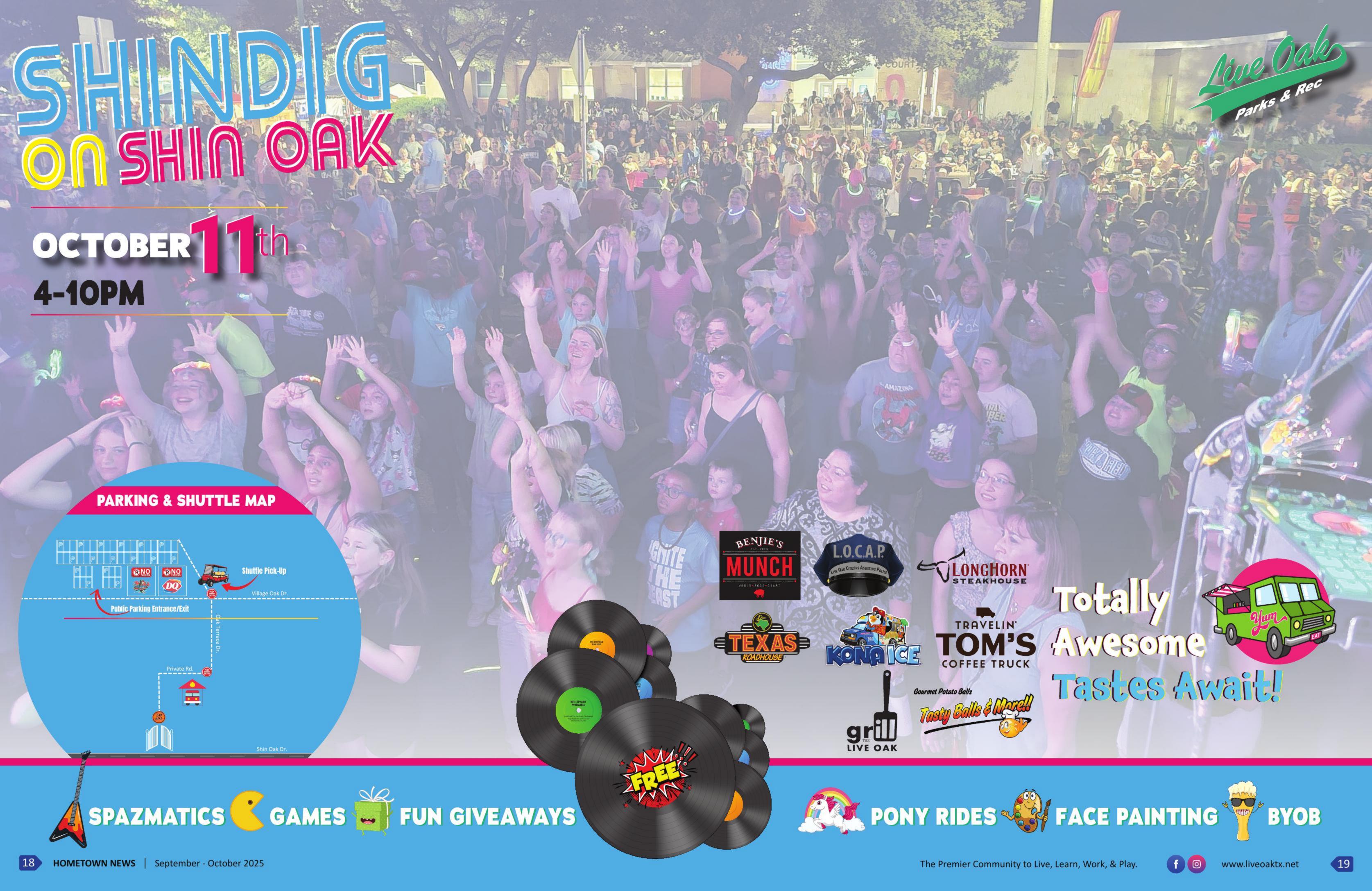


















Community and Connection: The Partnership Between the Live Oak Police Department and LOCAP

The partnership between the Live Oak Police Department and the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP) is a prime example of how citizen involvement can enhance public safety and community connection. LOCAP, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, began as an alumni group for Citizens Police Academy graduates and has grown into an essential volunteer force supporting the department in both outreach and operations.

Recognizing the increasing demands on law enforcement, the City of Live Oak created LOCAP to keep community engagement strong while easing the load on staff. LOCAP provides trained, dependable volunteers who assist with court sessions, public events, educational programs, and serve as liaisons between the department and the community.

From National Night Out and parades to the Junior Police Academy and Blue Santa, LOCAP members play a key role in event planning and execution. They are not just helping; they are part of the team, building trust and transparency along the way. Through monthly meetings with city and department personnel, they stay informed and involved in the broader work of local government.

One creative example of their hands-on support was the transformation of a retired department parade trailer into the "Live Oak Lock-Up," a fun, community-focused feature that debuted at the Armed Forces Day Parade. This project, done in partnership with Home Depot, showcased LOCAP's problemsolving spirit and community pride.

LOCAP's impact is both practical and financial. In a single year, members volunteered for more than 2,400 hours, freeing up staff for critical duties while maintaining a strong public presence. Their fundraising efforts, which brought in over \$10,000 in 2023, support initiatives ranging from wellness equipment for officers to youth education programs.

The partnership benefits both sides. Officers gain reliable support, while LOCAP members enjoy a deepened sense of civic purpose. They are treated as true partners, involved in planning, decision-making, and day-to-day operations that make city events run smoothly and with heart. This collaboration also strengthens the city itself. It brings people closer to their police department, boosts civic pride, and ensures Live Oak remains a safe and welcoming place for all. The visibility and approachability of the department, thanks to LOCAP, help build lasting community trust.

LOCAP represents the best of what can happen when police and the public work side-by-side with mutual respect and shared purpose. It is a project born out of necessity, sustained through dedication, and poised to have a lasting, positive impact on the City of Live Oak for years to come.



Want to get involved?

Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy are eligible to join LOCAP. It's a great way to stay engaged, serve your city, and make a real impact. To learn more about the next Citizens Police Academy session, contact the Live Oak Police Department.



Items shown are from a previous auction and does

not represent this years auction items.



There's a buzz around town, and for good reason!

The 2nd Annual Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police (LOCAP) Silent Auction is just around the corner, and it's shaping up to be bigger and better than ever.

What to Expect:

LOCAP volunteers are pulling out all the stops to bring you a fun-filled fundraiser featuring a wide variety of exciting auction items, including:

- Tickets to local attractions
- Themed gift baskets
- Car wash memberships
- Gift cards
- College football tickets
- Signed sports memorabilia
- Handcrafted goods...and much more!

When: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Where: Inside the Live Oak Justice Center

(Conveniently located across from the main stage and The Spazmatics concert!) During the Shin Dig on Shin Oak event

This is your chance to bid on something special while supporting a great cause. All proceeds benefit the Live Oak Police Department and important community programs like:

- Junior Police Academy
- Citizens Police Academy
- Blue Santa
- National Law Enforcement Week
- Wreaths Across America
- K-9 Unit

Want to donate an item?

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to contribute!

Email LOCAP at locapnews@gmail.com for details.

LOCAP is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, your donation may be tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Donation deadline: September 26, 2025

Mark your calendar now, you won't want to miss it!



15th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon Wrap Up

A sincere thank you and congratulations to this year's honorees recognized at the 15th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon.

The 2025 Pillar Awards

Realty One Group Emerald Community Partner of the Year

Jordan Ford

Corporate Partner of the Year, Best Dealership and 40th Anniversary

Texas Roadhouse

Business Partner of the Year, Best Steak and Best Chain Restaurant, and 25th Anniversary

We also proudly presented Keys to the City awards to The Meadows Apartments and Crestview Elementary in celebration of their 50th anniversary, an incredible milestone in their continued commitment to the Live Oak community.

These recognitions reflect the vital role our business partners play in the economic success and long-term vibrancy of our city. Thank you for investing in Live Oak.



EDC & Marketing Manager | Donna Lowder | PHONE (210) 653-9142

REALTY ONE GROUP EMERALD

2025 Community Partner of the Year



JORDAN FORD

2025 Corporate Partner of the Year 40th Anniversary Best Dealership



TEXAS ROADHOUSE

2025 Business Partner of the Year Best Steak Best Chain Restaurant





Anniversaries, Best Of Live Oak, & Sponsor Awards



54TH STREET 10 Year Anniversary Best Happy Hour



ASPIRE AT LIVE OAK Sponsor



AT HOME Sponsor



BELLISSIMA LASER HAIR REMOVAL Sponsor



BERMUDAS DAIQUIRIS TO GO Sponsor



BEST BUY 25 Year Anniversary



BIFF BUZBY'S BURGERS Best of Live Oak Local Restaurant Best Hamburger



BJ'S RESTAURANT Sponsor



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BUFFALO WILD WINGS 20 Year Anniversary Best Place to Watch Sports



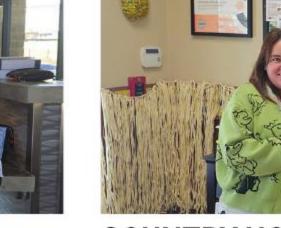
CAMP BOW WOW Sponsor



CIRCLE 786 30 Year Anniversary



COOKSHACK Sponsor



COUNTRY HOME LEARNING CENTER Best Daycare Facility





Anniversaries, Best Of Live Oak & Sponsor Awards



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DONUT KOLACHE PALACE 10 Year Anniversary



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Sponsor

HERITAGE APARTMENTS 20 Year Anniversary



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Sponsor

HILTON GARDEN INN Best Hotel Sponsor



HAWAIIAN BROS

Sponsor

HOME DEPOT Sponsor



DAIRY QUEEN

Best Sweet Treat

DR. LINDSEY SCHLEPP, DDS **FAMILY DENTAL** 25 Year Anniversary Sponsor



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IHOP Best Breakfast



IKEA Best of Live Oak to Buy Furniture Sponsor



EVELYN'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT Sponsor



EXPRESSIONS NAILS & SPA 10 Year Anniversary



FIREHOUSE SUBS 20 Year Anniversary



INTERSTATE BATTERIES Sponsor



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FIVE STAR SALON 20 Year Anniversary



GOLD'S GYM 20 Year Anniversary Sponsor



GOODWILL 15 Year Anniversary



JIMMY JOHNS 15 Year Anniversary



JORDAN FORD 40 Year Anniversary



JUDSON ISD Sponsor



GNC (Forum) 25 Year Anniversary



GREAT HEARTS LIVE OAK Sponsor



GROOMINGDALE'S PET SALON 20 Year Anniversary



LAS PALAPAS Best Breakfast Taco



LET'S PLAY SOCCER ZONE 10 Year Anniversary



LITTLE CAESARS Sponsor







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POLLO PICOSITOS

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Best of Live Oak Fast Food Restaurant Sponsor



POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP

Sponsor

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REGAL LIVE OAK Best of Live Oak Entertainment Sponsor



MARCO'S PIZZA Best of Live Oak Pizza

Sponsor



MCALISTER'S DELI 10 Year Anniversary Best of Live Oak Sandwich Sponsor



REYCOM COMBAT GYM Sponsor



SALLY'S BEAUTY SUPPLY 25 Year Anniversary



SEA ISLAND Best Seafood



LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE

Sponsor

NORTHEAST 40 Year Anniversary Best of Live Oak Medical Service



N&B LAWN-HOME-GARDEN Sponsor



NAILS CARE (FORUM) 25 Year Anniversary



SERENITY OAKS ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE Sponsor



SPRINGS AT LIVE OAK 20 Year Anniversary Best of Live Oak Apartment Community Best Customer Service Sponsor



STARBUCKS 10 Year Anniversary Sponsor



NEW BALANCE 20 Year Anniversary



NORTHEAST LAKEVIEW COLLEGE Best of Live Oak Educational Facility



OLYMPIA HILLS FAMILY DENTAL Sponsor



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TEXAS ROADHOUSE 25 Year Anniversary

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THE DEAR AGENCY, INC.
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TWIN PEAKS
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WHATABURGER 40 Year Anniversary Best of Live Oak



WILLIAMS CONFECTIONERY
Sponsor



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Best of Live Oak Nail Salon
Sponsor





If you would like to be featured in the Hometown News Travels section of the magazine, just submit a high-resolution photo of you and the Hometown News at your travel location to dlowder@liveoaktx.net.

The submittal should include your name and your location.









Methodist Healthcare Opens New Diabetic Foot and Ankle Institute –

Northeast Location

Live Oak is proud to welcome the Methodist Diabetic Foot and Ankle Institute's Northeast location to our growing medical community. Opening its doors on August 1, the new clinic brings expert, specialized care to residents managing the complex effects of diabetes on the lower extremities.

Located in the heart of Live Oak's medical corridor, the clinic expands Methodist Healthcare's footprint and delivers focused care for one of the most critical complications affecting people with diabetes: foot health. The institute's team of highly trained physicians and podiatric specialists offers advanced wound care, limb preservation, vascular screenings, diabetic foot management, and more—with the goal of improving outcomes and reducing hospital visits.

For residents of Live Oak and the surrounding communities, access to this level of care means earlier intervention, better education, and fewer long-term complications. For our city, it also represents another step forward in Live Oak's



commitment to supporting health-focused services that truly make a difference.

We're excited about what this clinic brings—not just in terms of services, but as part of the long-term investment Methodist Healthcare is making in Northeast Bexar County. Help us welcome Dr. Frank Leon and the entire Methodist Diabetic Foot and Ankle Institute team. We're glad you're here.



New Korean-Inspired Café Brings Bold Flavors & Community Vibes to Live Oak

K Café is bringing a fresh twist to Live Oak with its Koreaninspired coffee shop and eatery. Locals can look forward to specialty espresso drinks, creamy lattes, boba smoothies, traditional teas, and a menu that blends Korean flavors with everyday favorites.

From popular dishes like bulgogi, bibimbap, kimbap, and tteokbokki to breakfast staples such as pancakes, waffles, and eggs, K Café offers something for every appetite, any time of day.

The café is a labor of love from husband-and-wife team Jeff and Myong Bellitt. Myong studied specialty coffee and caféstyle desserts in Daegu, South Korea—a city celebrated for its vibrant café culture. Jeff, a U.S. Air Force veteran with 23 years of service and a current Department of the Air Force civilian, brings leadership and a deep sense of community to the venture.

More than just a place to eat or grab a drink, K Café is a welcoming space where guests can relax, connect, and experience Korean culture in a comfortable, local setting.

Whether you're a coffee lover or simply curious to try something new, K Café is ready to become your go-to spot for delicious food, great drinks, and a warm, inviting atmosphere.

On behalf of Mayor Mary M. Dennis, the Live Oak City Council, and City Administration, we extend a heartfelt welcome to K Café. We're proud to support veteran-owned businesses that reflect the diversity, passion, and community spirit that make Live Oak such a special place to call home.



CALLING ALL LIVE OAK **BUSINESSES!**

The Scarecrow Invasion is creeping back into town, and we want YOU to be part of the fun! Show off your creativity, your team spirit, and maybe even your spooky side by designing a scarecrow for display along the City campus this fall. Whether it's silly, sweet, or straight-up scareworthy, we can't wait to see what you come up with.



Application and Design Deadline: Friday, October 13th, by 5PM. Let's turn Shin Oak Drive into a festive fall wonderland, one scarecrow at a time! Applications are available now. Don't miss out on the fun!

- Your scarecrow should be designed to represent your business.
- Your scarecrow should include your business logo and submitted to City Hall after October 6th but no later than October 7th
- Drop off date is October 13th.
- Each scarecrow will be on display in front of the municipal complex on Shin Oak Drive from October 13th -31st.
- All entries will be judged on Tuesday, October 14th and the overall winner announced on Thursday, October 16th
- The winner will receive an award along with the honor of bragging rights!
- Entries may be picked up by November 3rd to adorn the fronts of your businesses for the remainder of the holiday season.

BE THE FIRST TO PARTICIPATE BY COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PROVIDED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE OR DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM FROM OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.LIVEOAKTX.NET WE HOPE YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AND DESIGN A SCARECROW.



Questions? Call Donna Lowder at 210.653-9140, ext 2219

3rd Place 202













Dusiness Name.	
Address:	
Contact Name:	Telephone:
Date:	_

I understand the City Of Live Oak may use photographs of the actual scarecrow entries and the name of the business entrant for publicity and promotion.

DROP OFF or MAIL THIS FORM TO: LOEDC/Scarecrow Contest/Donna Lowder, 8001 Shin Oak Drive, Live Oak, TX 78233

CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION:

Rusiness Name

Application deadline is Tuesday, October 13th, by 5PM.

Scarecrows and registration forms must be delivered to Live Oak City Hall, 8001 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, Texas 78233. For questions please call Donna Lowder, 210-653-9140, ext. 2219

All Scarecrows received will be on display in front of the municipal buildings along Shin Oak Drive from October 13th -31st.

SCARECROW SPECIFICATIONS:

- 1. Scarecrows must be able to sit or stand outside on props you provide. Each scarecrow must be sturdy construction, mounted and weather resistant.
- 2. Tastefully themed scarecrows with your business logo; business name & associated colors must be included.
- No lights or automation will be allowed.
- 4. Scarecrow construction must include some use of hay or straw.

The LOEDC members and staff will judge the designs and judge's decisions are final. Winner(s) will be announced October 16, 2025. Winners will be notified by phone. We would love to have pictures with the winners and their staff with the winning scarecrow(s).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND GOOD LUCK!



The Premier Community to Live, Learn, Work, & Play.

Live Oak Fire Department October is Fire Prevention Month:

Protect What Matters Most

As the seasons change and we head into cooler months, October serves as a vital reminder that fire safety begins at home. The Live Oak Fire Department is proud to join communities across the country in observing Fire Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about how to prevent fires and protect our loved ones.

This year's theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape," emphasizes the importance of having a home escape plan. Fires can move quickly, often in under two minutes, so knowing how to respond can mean the difference between safety and tragedy.

HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS TO KEEP IN MIND **DURING THE HOTTEST TIME OF THE YEAR:**

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year.
- Develop a home fire escape plan with at least two ways out of every room and a designated meeting place outside.
- Practice your fire drill with the entire family twice a year day and night.
- Keep items that can catch fire at least 3 feet away from space heaters, stoves, and fireplaces.

WE BELIEVE THAT PREVENTION SAVES LIVES!

Our firefighters are committed to educating the community. They are available for school visits, home safety checks, and public education events throughout the month.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE EVERY HOME IN LIVE OAK A FIRE-SAFE HOME.

STAY SAFE, LIVE OAK, BECAUSE FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

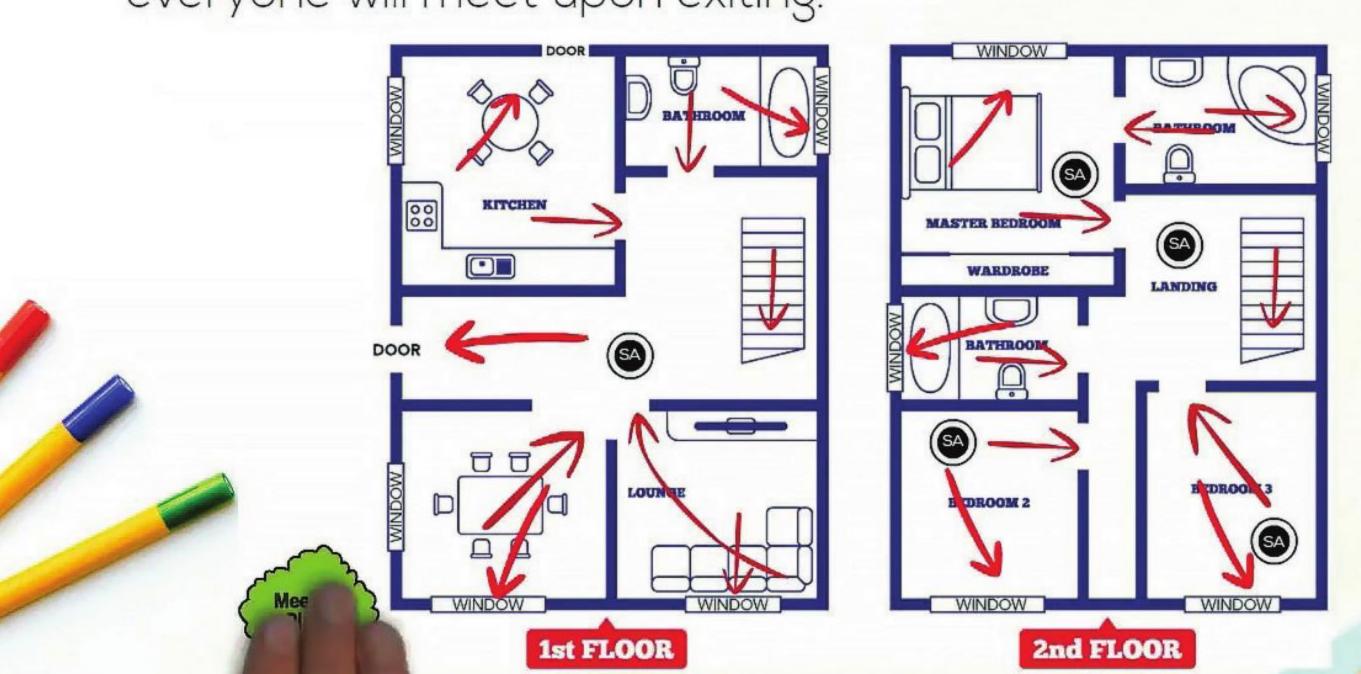
FOR MORE RESOURCES OR TO SCHEDULE A VISIT, PLEASE **CONTACT US AT (210) 653-9280 OR VISIT** WWW.LIVEOAKTX.NET/FIRE.







Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home where everyone will meet upon exiting.



Community Preparedness is Key as Summer Hazards Approach

Each September, National Preparedness Month reminds us of emergencies and how they can happen anytime and anywhere.

BEING PREPARED CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

This year's focus is on personalized preparedness, recognizing that you and your family face unique challenges in times of crisis. Whether it's extreme weather, power outages, or evacuation scenarios, taking a few simple steps now can help you respond confidently when the unexpected strikes.

ASSESS YOUR NEEDS

Preparation starts with understanding your risks and personal requirements. Do you rely on medical equipment that needs power? Do you have mobility limitations? Are there pets in your household who will need care and transport during an emergency? Begin by identifying the specific challenges you and your loved ones may face. A thoughtful self-assessment will help tailor your emergency plan, so it specifically works for you, not just the average person.

PREPAREDNESS ISN'T ONE-SIZE FITS ALL. IT'S PERSONAL.

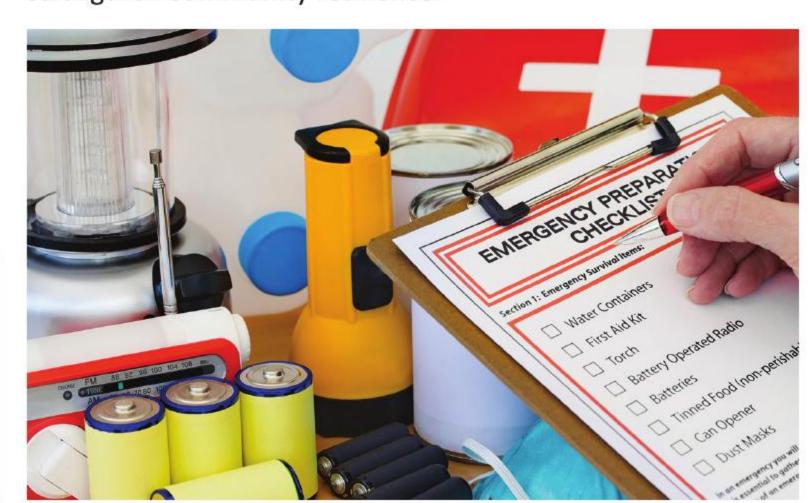
This National Preparedness Month, take the time to assess, plan, and connect. Because when we prepare together, we're all stronger.

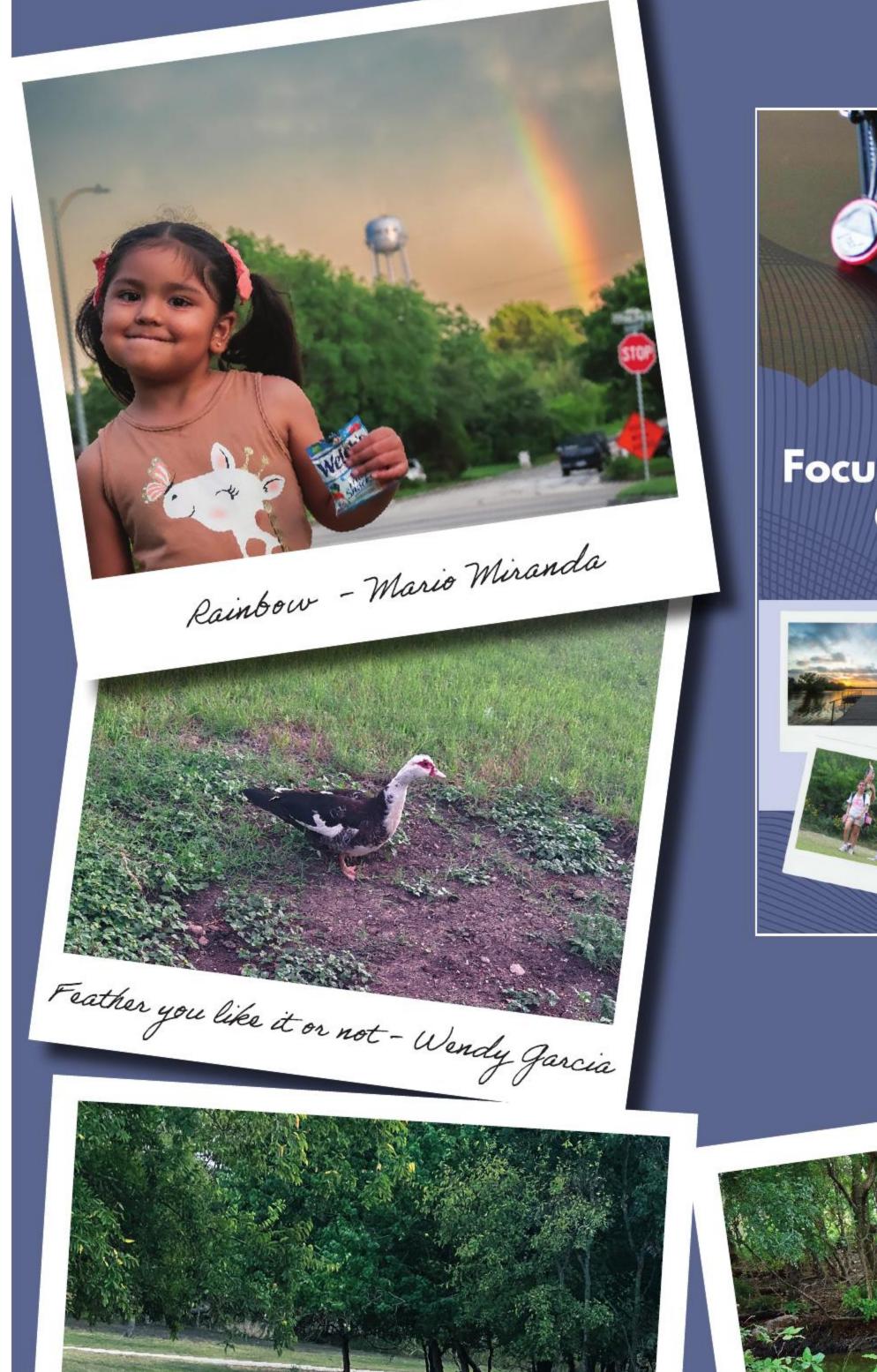
MAKE A PLAN

Once you know what you'll need, build a comprehensive emergency plan. Outline evacuation routes, shelter locations, and communication methods. Don't forget to assemble an emergency preparedness kit with essentials like water, nonperishable food, medications, flashlights, pet supplies, and important documents. Make sure your kit is easy to access and regularly updated to meet your current needs.

ENGAGE SUPPORT NETWORKS

Emergency planning doesn't have to be done alone. Build a trusted support system that includes family, friends, caregivers, neighbors, and even members of your place of worship. Share your plan with them and ask how you can support each other during an emergency. Knowing someone has your back and you have theirs can ease anxiety and strengthen community resilience.









Submit Your Photos

- Must be taken in Live Oak
- Amateur or Pro Photos
- Provide Contact Info
- Published in the Hometown News magazine

Capture the Beauty of Live Oak!

Email to info@liveoaktx.net











OCTOBER 3RD - 5TH

GOT JUNK?

YOUR TRASH COULD BE SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE!

We do not require garage sale permits within the city limits of Live Oak. If you would like to participate, please contact Jymie Perna at jperna@liveoaktx.net or 210-653-9143 opt. 8, no later than 4:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 to place your items and information on the City of Live Oak Facebook page.

WHAT INFORMATION ARE WE COLLECTING AND **PUBLISHING?**

- Street address
- Dates and hours your items will be available for sale
- Main items you are selling

WHAT ABOUT GARAGE SALE SIGNS?

- With neighbor's permission, in their yard
- In your own yard
- NOT in the city right of way
- NOT against curbs
- NOT against the street side of the sidewalk
- All signs must be removed no later than 24 hours after your garage sale ends

WHAT ABOUT THE STUFF YOU DON'T SELL?

Bulk pick-up begins on Monday, October 6th, 2025. You can place your bulk items at the curb no sooner than Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, and no later than Sunday, October 5th, 2025 Citywide bulk pick-up can take up to TWO WEEKS to complete.

WM WILL PASS BY YOUR RESIDENCE ONCE

Do not cover the sidewalk or water meter with your bulk items, and do not block your items by parking vehicles in front of them.

EXAMPLES OF BULK ITEMS:

Chairs, sofas, mattresses, tables, empty water heaters, lawn furniture, appliances with Freon® removed, carpet (cut into 4 foot bundles), sinks, toilets, AND MORE!

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Televisions, computer monitors, window units, portable A/C units or anything else that contains freon, tires, vehicles, and parts, gasoline, oil, and filters, batteries, glass, construction debris from a contractor, concrete, brick, asphalt, and roofing, hazardous materials, or waste.

BRUSH REQUIREMENTS:

- Branches and tree trimmings must be no greater than six inches (6") in diameter and be cut, tied, and bundled in four foot (4') lengths weighing no more than forty to fifty pounds (40-50 lbs.).
- Leaves and lawn clippings are allowable if bagged and remain within the total monthly limit of six (6) cubic yards.

EXTRA BAGS OF TRASH:

Residents who have extra bags of trash must place a pink tag on each bag. To purchase pink tags, please visit City Hall or call Utility Billing at 210-653-9141.

For more information on what is considered acceptable or not, please visit our webpage at www.liveoaktx.net and find the Waste Management button under the Public Works Department page.

You can also find information regarding At Your Door Special Collection by visiting www.wmatyourdoor.com

BULK PICK-UP BEGINS:

October 6th

ave you ever watched water run down a gutter or pool on the side of the road during a storm? What happens to all the water? Most stormwater—the water from rain and snow-runs over the land and down a storm drain. The water flows through a network of underground pipes and open channels directly to our streams, rivers, and lakes. That's why keeping stormwater clean is vital to the health of our waterways, community, and even our economy.

KNOW WHAT'S IN THE **FLOW**

When water flows off our property after a storm, what's on our lawns, roads, buildings, and parking lots flows with it. The water that doesn't soak into the ground picks up oil, litter, fertilizer, and other unhealthy items along its way that wind up in our rivers, lakes, and streams

Water pollution can start on your property in ways you cannot see, but that affect your health and the whole community downstream. Watching what we put in our storm drains and

Pollution travels downstream and winds up in our rivers, lakes, and streams. Soap Yard waste grease Storm sewer system

on our property makes our rivers, lakes and streams cleaner, healthier, and more enjoyable. And by investing in solutions to manage stormwater, we help make our community a safer, greener, healthier, and more enjoyable place to

Stormwater is the water that flows over the ground after it rains, snows, or sleets. It can become polluted as it runs over hard surfaces and flows downstream.



Scan to learn more



REDUCE STORM WATER POLLUTION



ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste in an unpermitted area, such as in the back of a yard, along a stream bank, in an alley, in a public right-of-way or at other off-road areas. Pouring quid wastes or disposing of trash down storm drains is a form of illegal dumping that can also qualify as an illicit discharge.

Litter is often the result of poorly managed trash. This trash is carried by wind or rain into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, or river.

For more information on stormwater or to

report any pollution in our streets or storm

drains, please call the Stormwater Hotline:

(210) 653-9140, EXT. 2224 OR

EMAIL emcnew@liveoaktx.net

This tip is based on information from the U.S.

515 Busby Drive, San Antonio, TX 78209

Engineering Inc.

TIPS FOR DEALING WITH TRASH

- Never litter. Put trash in the appropriate bins and do not leave trash next to- or on top of an overflowing bin.
- Take these steps to prevent trash from escaping from your outdoor trash bins on collection day:
- Keep your lid closed and do not overflow the trash bin. Put trash outside shortly before pickup.
- The city has authority to assess fines for illegal dumping.

BE STORMWATER SMART



Know What Happens When It Rains

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY

As storm sewer systems across the country age and continue to be tested by extreme weather, many communities are investing in green infrastructure as a resilient and effective approach to managing the impact of stormwater. Green infrastructure practices such as rain gardens, green roofs, and permeable pavements help reduce and treat stormwater where the rain falls while providing numerous community benefits

\$EPA

Innovative green infrastructure solutions are wise investments that complement more traditional sewer system components. Together they can work efficiently and effectively to manage the impact of stormwater and bring value to communities.



https://www.liveoaktx.net/departments/public-works/storm-water



Tell us and you could win

gift card to any Live Oak business



QUESTION 1: How often do you use the **LOCAL** section of the magazine?

QUESTION 2: What category in the **LOCAL** section do you reference the most?

QUESTION 3: Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?

QUESTION 4: What do you like best about the magazine?

QUESTION 5: What is your favorite Live Oak business?



ANSWER THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS & YOU COULD WIN!!!!!

Please be sure to include your full name, physical address and a phone number.

Email your answers to: Contact@MadWomenMarketing.com

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 22nd

- The winner will be notified by email and will have 48 hours to claim their prize otherwise a new winner will be chosen.
- We'll meet at your favorite Live Oak business for a photo op and, to present you with your \$100 gift card.
- The photo will appear in the Sep/Oct 2025 issue of the Hometown News.
- The winner will be chosen and notified by the end of September 2025

APARTMENT COMMUNITIES

Arbor at Centerbrook 210.668.3880 Aspire at Live Oak 210.320.0573 Heritage Apartments At Live Oak 210.590.9976 The Peaks at Live Oak 844.977.2276 **Meadows Apartments** 210.899.5040 Mira Loma Apartments 210.651.1120

Madeira Apartments At Live Oak 210.749.8172 Oak Forest Heights

281.203.5189 Springs at Live Oak 210.653.4450 Villas at Mira Loma 210.653.7500

AUTOMOTIVE - Maintenance

Big O Tires 210.566.1000 Cooper's Car Wash 8079 Village Oak Drive Discount Tire 210.566.6270 Jay's Car Wash 210.325.0916 ProCare Automotive & Collision 210.551.0340

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CHILD CARE

Country Home Learning Center 210.650.3115 Kids R Delightful 210.946-5437 Kindercare Learning Center #940 210.653.8255 Live Oak Head Start Center 210.599.4678

CHURCHES

Live Oak First Baptist Church 210.656.8200 Livingway Christian Church 210.637.5000

New Beginnings Int'l House of Worship 210.385.6987 New Life Missionary Baptist Church 210.655.2591 The Purpose Church ThePurposeChurch.com Unity of the Faith Christian Ministries 210.400.4882

CLEANING

Angel Maids | Angel Pro 210.251.3200 Prime Time Restoration 210.656.3469





EAT & DRINK - Asian

BB.q Chicken 210.257.5096 Hoka Hoka Fuku Japanese Restaurant 210.233.1888 Kobe Teppan & Sushi 210.634.9333 Sukhumvit 77 Thai Restaurant 210.314.3644 Ten Seconds Yunnan Rice Noodle 210-616-2202 Umiya Sushi & Seafood Grill 210.314.3690

EAT & DRINK - Bars & Grills

54th Street Restaurant Drafthouse 210.657.5400 Beer Goggles 210.867.3436 BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse 726.262.0390 Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar 210.653.8903 Garden Grille & Bar 210.412.5923 Hawaiian Bros Island Grill 210.308-5533 The Break Room 210-473-0325 Twin Peaks 210.955.9586

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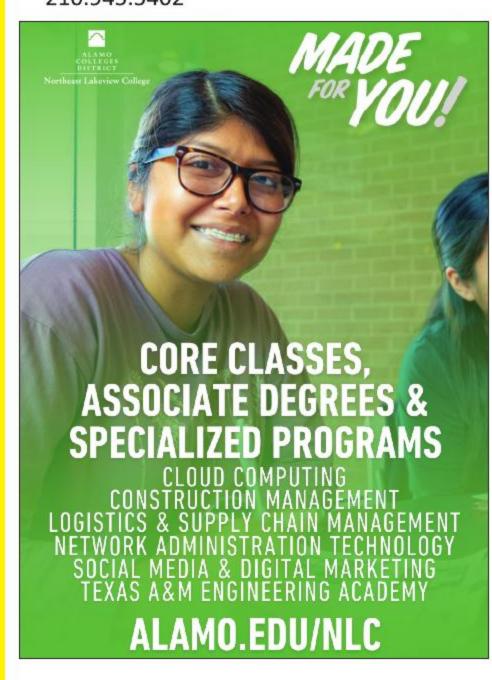
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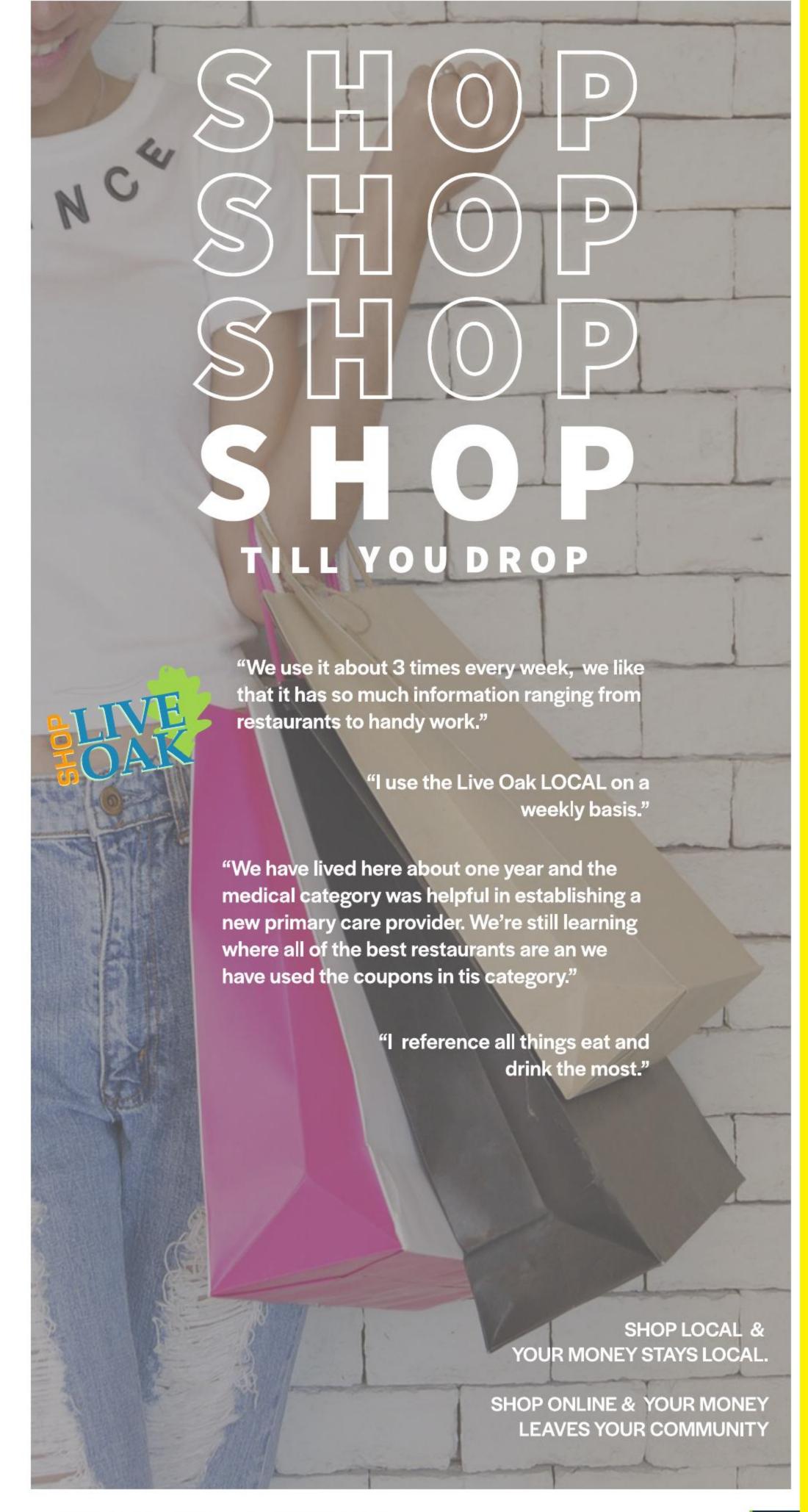
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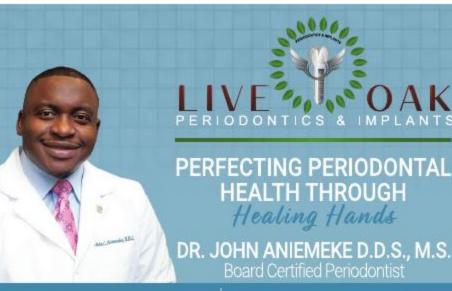
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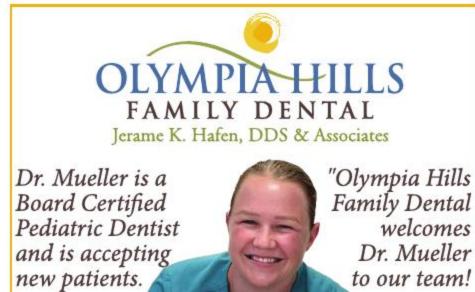
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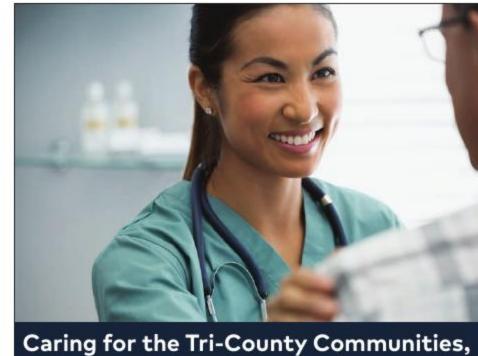
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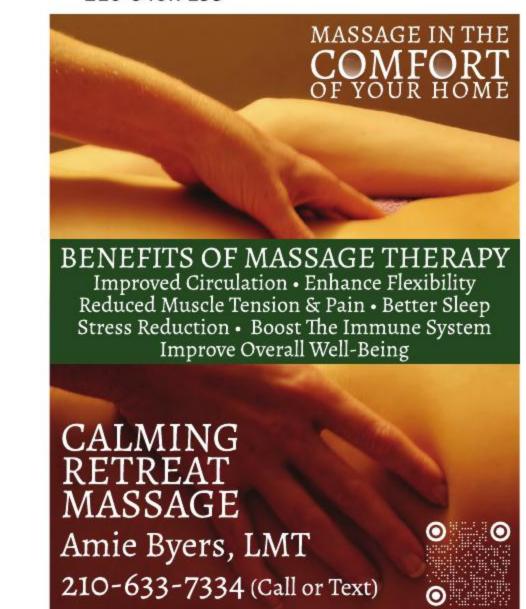
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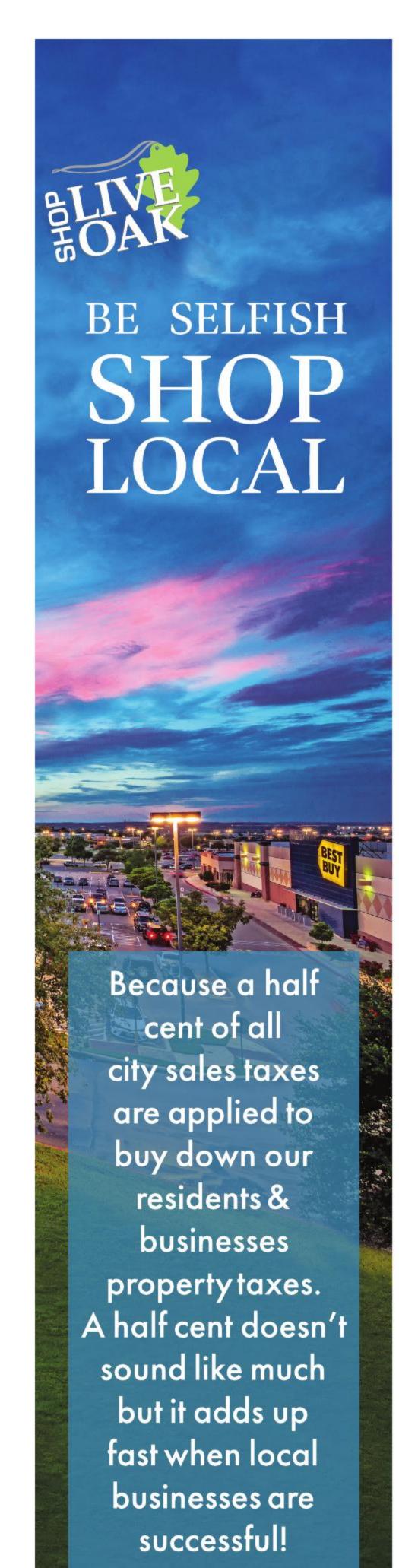
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