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HOME TOWN NEWS



THE CITY OF

LIVE OAK, TEXAS

PETS ON PARADE

SHIN DIG ON SHIN OAK

SMOKEY & HIS BANDIT

JUNIOR FISHING DAY

MAY - JUNE 2013

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OFFICIAL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings:

2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings:

1st Monday of each month at 7 pm unless the first Monday is a holiday, then the meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Board of Adjustment Meetings: *Held as necessary*

Economic Development Corporation Meetings:

Last Monday of every month

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

Held as necessary

FUTURE EVENTS

Farmer's Market

Tuesday's 9 am – 2 pm @ The Civic Center Parking Lot

May 25th: Memorial Day Parade 10am

Shin Dig on Shin Oak 3pm-10pm

May 27th: Summer Splash Luau: Live Oak Pool 1:00pm

June 1st: Junior Fishing Day: Live Oak Lake 7am - 11am



Minute with the Mayor



Dear Citizens,

Behind my house I am blessed with a green space where animals gather and call home. A favorite way for me to spend my Saturday mornings is to have a cup of coffee on the patio and watch the deer and animals in their natural environment. It is commonly known that animals are good for our souls and interaction with loving attentive pets can

enrich the quality of life for people of all ages, especially those with needs.

I would like to thank the group from Russia, Serbia, Ukraine and all their surrounding countries, who visited Live Oak in March, to watch a demonstration on how we maintain our streets. Our Public Works Department spent the afternoon

with them showing off crack sealing techniques and discussing issues regarding street maintenance.

We know that it is the election time of year and I would like to encourage every resident to become involved with the election process and get out and vote. Along with the City elections, there is a Judson Bond issue that

is very important to all of us, and we have some Charter amendments on the ballot that will impact the way we at the City do business. I am available for comments or concerns at 210-792-7168 or by email at yourmayormary@yahoo.com. The best is yet to come.

*Mayor
Mary M. Dennis*



Pets on

Animals are a large part of our daily lives, and Live Oak is much like other cities who have programs and locations that are specifically devoted to the care, housing and habitats of animals.

BIG HEARTS IN LIVE OAK

The quickest way to many people's hearts is through their pets. There have been so many pet adoption success stories here in Live Oak that we have followed over the years. Most recently, the Duchess of Live Oak was featured in the November/December 2012 Hometown News. The Duchess recently made a return visit to Live Oak and we are happy to report that she is living the life of luxury we all hoped for her with her new family.

Among those working for the City of Live Oak, we have our own success stories. The City Hall Receptionist, Laureen Satabe, is a through and through pet lover. Already the owner of Sugar, a terrier mix a little over a year old, Laureen volunteered to foster another terrier mix from our shelter that looked like the perfect sister to Sugar. Of course, being the animal lover that she is, the fostering lasted all of one weekend and Laureen is now the proud dog mom of two little girls, Sugar and Spice!

Lori Logan, who works in the Utilities Department, is already a dog mom of two. When a litter of approximately two week



old kittens turned up at Animal Care and Control and needed 24 hour care, Lori quickly offered up her home to foster the kittens. She wakes every four hours each night to bottle feed the hungry litter. The kittens stay at Animal Care and Control during the day while Lori is at work. All five kittens will be available for adoption in approximately four weeks, so stay tuned if you are interested in adopting!

Another recent success story is that of the Dockery Family and Princess. Princess had been featured on our Facebook page for several weeks and was not only one of the most beautiful cats at our facility, but also one of the friendliest. The Dockery's were looking for a new addition and picked up Princess several weeks ago at the shelter. She has quickly become a part of the family and living happily with their two teenaged girls.



Parade

This Hometown News is devoted to the animals who call Live Oak home. We hope that you find this information interesting and please share it with a furry friend.

LIVE OAK ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

After all of these heartwarming stories, who wouldn't love a new furry creature hanging around the house? Our staff at the Live Oak Animal Care and Control Facility would like to encourage you to look into pet adoption. At our facility, there are many sweet, loving animals that need a place to call home. We have all sizes and breeds available and we are sure you will find the perfect pet for you and your family. Not only is the process for adoption easy and convenient, you will be providing a loving and safe home for an animal that so desperately deserves one.

Many people believe that pets in shelters are "undesirable." In reality, most shelter pets are victims of family tragedies, unfortunate circumstances or irresponsible owners. The current economic downturn has dramatically increased the number of people who, through no fault of their own, have found themselves with no alternative but to turn over a beloved pet to a shelter.

At the Live Oak Animal Care and Control facility, there are many precious dogs and

cats just waiting for someone to take them home. Every animal is screened for specific temperaments and behaviors to ensure each family finds the right pet for their lifestyles. Our pet adoption fee is \$60.00, which includes canine or feline booster vaccinations, heartworm tests, rabies vaccinations, deworming exams, spay or neuter and a microchip.

Stop by the Animal Care and Control facility at 8001 Shin Oak Drive (between the Fire Station and the Public Works building) and we are certain you will find a place in your heart and in your home for a sweet dog or cat. We are open Monday thru Friday from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM and Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. For more information, please call 210-653-9140, ext. 228. For additional ease in finding adoptable pets, please visit the City of Live Oak's Facebook page where we feature lost and adoptable pets each Friday.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PET LICENSES

If you already own a cat or dog over three months of age and reside in Live Oak, please remember to obtain a pet license from us. For pets with proof of their annual rabies vaccination, the fee is \$5.00 for non-sterilized dogs and cats. Licenses for spayed or neutered dogs and cats are only \$2.00.

If your pet is spayed/neutered and micro-chipped, the license is FREE! Licensing not only aids the Animal Care and Control staff with the pet population in Live Oak, but it allows for easy and quick reuniting of families with their lost pet.

Contact our facility if you need further information regarding pet licensing at 210-653-9140, ext. 228.

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GROOMINGDALE'S

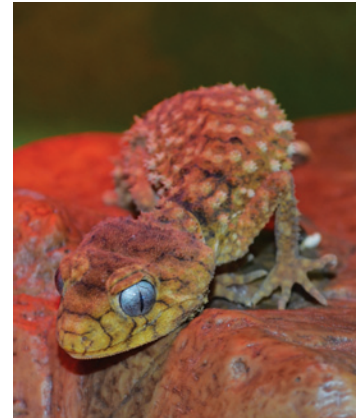


Those who are already pet owners may wonder where our cover model got her stunning hair and makeup done. The answer is simple, none other than Live Oak's own Groomingdale's Pet Salon, located at 12315 Judson Road in the Village Shopping Center across from Northeast Methodist Hospital. Maris is a regular customer of Groomingdale's where she receives a bath, a blowout, her nails trimmed and many other grooming tricks!

Elisha and Tiffany provide extraordinary and loving services to all their clients and provide professional pet styling and services for all sizes and breeds. They even donate their time and services to animals in need at our animal shelter. For more information about Groomingdale's, you can reach them by phone at 210-657-0577, Tuesday-Saturday.

HUMANE SOCIETY

The Live Oak Humane Society is looking for volunteers! The group meets each third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Live Oak Clubhouse at 7901 Shin Oak Dr. and membership dues are only \$11 per year. For more information about helping our four legged friends, please email the Live Oak Humane Society at LiveOakHumaneSociety@gmail.com.



REPTILE PETS DIRECT

If all things furry are not up your alley, you can always swing by Reptile Pets Direct, located at 8101 Pat Booker Road, at the intersection of Loop 1604 and Pat Booker behind Blondes, Brunettes and Redheads for a cold blooded pet. Reptile Pets Direct has any reptile you may desire from lizards, snakes and

chameleons, to crocodilians, tortoises, turtles, amphibians and even spiders and insects.

The 2200 square foot reptile specialty store provides the reptile owner or future owner with all of their caging, bedding, feeding and lighting needs. The owners have a large internet

based reptile business as well on www.reptilepetsdirect.com. The retail location is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12:00-7:00 PM and Sunday, from 1:00-5:00 PM. For more information, visit them online, on Facebook or call the store at 210-277-7225.

Thank You KITTY HAWK ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Kitty Hawk Animal Hospital (owned by Dr. Randy Cottingham) has been servicing the Live Oak Animal Control/Shelter since February 2010. Dr. Richard Kline makes visits to the shelter on a bi-weekly basis to examine the shelter pets and prescribe treatment as needed. The pets are also brought to their clinic for routine care and surgery.

Pets on Parade

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Meet Terry Phillips

Live Oak's New Animal Control Supervisor

Terry comes to us all the way from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he has been taking care of animals since the age of 17. Terry started his career with animals working as a kennel attendant for the Pennsylvania ASPCA. He soon became operations manager and later worked as an animal control officer. He has appeared on the television show "Animal Cops" on Animal Planet. He is a dedicated employee who gives 100 percent to the animals and the staff that works alongside him. He has performed every function in animal shelters at one time or another. His wife is from Texas, and as Terry says, "I am very proud to call this my home now as well."

BIRD WATCHING IN LIVE OAK

The San Antonio Audubon Society has listed Live Oak's Lake and Main Park as one of only 28 designated bird watching locations in the San Antonio Metro Area. The park's open areas, lake and woods make it the perfect location for a diverse mix of some of the 2,031 species of birds in Bexar County. The birding habitats of Live Oak can be broadly described as Post Oak Prairie or Blackland Prairie. The Audubon Society's web site provides a check list of birds that are common, uncommon and rare to our region. A comprehensive explanation of this process can be found at their web site at: <http://www.saaudubon.org/>.

Several photographers in Live Oak photograph the variety of bird species in the park. The photographs in this issue were provided by Live Oak resident and bird watcher Calvin Smith. In addition to photographs, there has been interest within the City to find a group who would be interested in journalizing or documenting the various bird species in our City. This would be a wonderful project for a Scouting Troop, a social organization or even an individual with an interest in Avian Science. For more information, please feel free to contact Scott Wayman at 210-653-9140 ext. 261 or swayman@liveoaktx.net.





Meet Smokey and His Bandit

Please help us by welcoming the newest officer to the Live Oak Police Department. The recent addition of a K-9 Unit to our police force has already made an impact in the community. Canine Smokey is a 4 year old German Sheppard from Holland that is trained to locate illegal narcotics and individuals who commit crimes or flee from police. Smokey is certified by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA) as well as the United States Customs and Border Protection K-9 Units Federal Standards. In addition, Smokey is trained to provide protection to his handler when a threat exists.

In times of need, Smokey is available for service to the City of Live Oak and our surrounding cities. He has already been used by Live Oak and neighboring cities that have contributed to multiple narcotics

related arrests and the seizure of over \$13,000.00 in illegal substances.

Even though Canine Smokey has a job to do, he still has the personality and social behavior of the average dog. He is accustomed to being around and socializing with the general public and sincerely enjoys being around people. He has proven to be a great match for the City because of his high level of competence, matched with his loving spirit and dedication, which meets the expectation of every Live Oak Police Officer.

Smokey and his handler, Officer David Prieto will continue to work towards the deterrence in crime within the region and you can look forward to hearing us boast of his successes in the future.



SUMMER Splash

Let's kick off summer Live Oak style, with the traditional pool luau! Come celebrate the pool opening on Memorial Day, **May 27th**. The pool will open at 1:00 p.m. and the "Summer Splash Luau" will begin at 3:00 p.m. with food, drinks, music and giveaways. Regular admission rates of \$2.00 for Live Oak residents and \$5.00 for non-residents apply. (See more information on page 12.)



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Memorial Day



Memorial Day is celebrated each year on the last Monday of the month of May. Memorial Day was established to honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Previously known as Decoration Day, the holiday emerged after the American Civil War and has been extended to honor all Americans who have fallen in the service of our country.

Every year the City of Live Oak celebrates Memorial Day with several City wide activities. This year, activities have been expanded to include a street dance and festival following the annual Memorial Day Parade. The City of Live Oak's Memorial Day activities will take place on Saturday, May 25th, the weekend before Memorial Day.

As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, we invite you to take a couple minutes to walk through the Memorial Gardens at the corner of Shin Oak Drive and Oak Terrace, in front of the Fire Station and reflect upon

the monuments. Live Oak's tradition of honoring Veterans began in 1982 with the planting of a large oak tree at City Hall. This was followed by a Vietnam Memorial dedicated sometime before 2002, which was later moved to the Memorial Gardens at the Fire Station.

The Lion's Club continued the tradition of dedicating plaques recognizing Veterans who had served in all other military campaigns beginning with World War II in honor of WWII Veteran Colonel Toepperwein, who served as the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade in 2003. The WWII dedication was the first to be placed in the Memorial Garden. The following year, the Lion's Club dedicated the World War I Memorial and followed with each military campaign in the order in which they occurred. The plaques were relocated to their current position, in chronological order, a few years ago and two benches were donated as well.

SHIN DIG ON SHIN OAK



Please join us on **May 25th** in front of Live Oak City Hall, 8001 Shin Oak Drive for an old fashioned street dance. The Shin Dig on Shin Oak will start at 3:00 p.m. Live music starts at 4:00 p.m. with three bands, and lasts until the final band finishes at 10:00 p.m. We will have food and craft vendors, along with displays of public works equipment, fire and police vehicles. Games2U will provide a mechanical bull, zip-line, bungee trampoline and rock climbing wall.

(If you are under the age of 18, your parents will need to sign a waiver for these activities.) Live Oak's favorite Big Green Gym Bus will be providing fun and excitement for children ages 2 - 7 years. Admission is free; bring your lawn chairs and plan on staying for the evening. Please check our website at www.liveoaktx.net and Facebook for parking directions and updates on this exciting event.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The annual Memorial Day Parade will take place on **Saturday, May 25th, 2013**. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. in the Woodcrest subdivision on Forest Bluff, turns left onto Toepperwein, right onto Leafy Hollow, left onto Welcome, right onto Old Spanish Trail and right onto Shin Oak. The parade will conclude in front of the Fire Station, at the Memorial Garden.

At this time a short dedication will take place honoring those that have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Refreshments will be provided.



POOL NEWS

The pool will be open **June 1st & 2nd, and June 8th & 9th** from 1:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., with regular season getting underway on June 11th. During June the pool will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 7:45p.m. In July, the hours will be from 1:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., and the pool will be available for after hours private party rentals. The pool is closed on all Mondays, except holidays. If you are interested in reserving the pool for a private party, please call 653-9140 ext 200.

Residents, please remember to fill out a Resident Registration Card for the summer. You will need a driver's license or utility bill to sign up. This card will allow you to pay the resident daily admission rate of \$2.00 at the pool. Without the card, all guests at the pool will pay a \$5.00 daily admission rate!



JUNIOR FISHING DAY

Junior Fishing Day is **Saturday, June 1st** from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Live Oak Park Lakeside for ages 13 and younger. For a \$2 entry fee participants will receive a "T" shirt, the opportunity to catch a few catfish and a chance for prize giveaways. Adult supervision is required for young children. Please bring your own fishing equipment. Children without a fishing rod may check a fishing rod out on site on a first come, first served basis. Adults may assist but not fish until the event ends. Since June 1, 2013 is National Fishing Day, a fishing license is not required for anyone on this day only.

For additional information on recreation activities in Live Oak, contact Courtney Weese at 653-9140 ext. 235 or cweese@liveoaktx.net.





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2013 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day
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 Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes.
 Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.



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WATER CONSERVATION

Remember to follow the rules of Landscape-Water Conservation (Ordinance 1255) when watering your lawn and plants. When watering with a sprinkler, be careful not to water the sidewalk or the street. The City of Live Oak follows San Antonio Water Systems' (SAWS) water restriction rules and their critical periods of water reduction. NEW CHANGES FOR 2013 water restrictions include watering times 7-11 a.m. and 7-11 p.m. in Stages 2 through 4. Last Digit of Address and Watering Day: 0 or 1 = Monday; 2 or 3 = Tuesday; 4 or 5 = Wednesday; 6 or 7 = Thursday; 8 or 9 = Friday.

STORMWATER POLLUTION

Prevention Tip: avoid sweeping, blowing, or washing lawn cuttings and other debris onto the street or drainage channels. Debris from the street travels to drainage channels and eventually to the lake. Help us keep our lake clean! (City Ordinance 165)

FREE TOILET PROGRAM

Apply for your free toilet today.

Are you on the Live Oak (not SAWS) Water System?
Was your home built prior to 1992?

If the answer is YES to the above questions and you are not replacing an existing water saver toilet (1.6 gallon or lower), you are a candidate for a free water saver toilet. Please call Cathi Piotrowski at Public Works 210-653-9140, ext. 234 if you are interested.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Do you have old paint, pesticides, herbicides, batteries or fluorescent light bulbs; electronic waste such as computers, monitors and laptops, that need to be disposed of? Live Oak residents please call 1-800-HHW-PKUP (1-800-449-7587).

BRUSH PICK-UP

Waste Management has divided the city into two regions, labeled Green and Gold. Basically, the Green region is all of Woodcrest, Auburn Hills, and southeast of Leafy Hollow. All other residential customers are within the Gold region. The Gold region will be picked up, starting on the first Thursday of the month, and the Green Region will be picked up starting on the third Thursday of the month. Many times throughout the year, there are an overabundance of brush placed at the curb so this could take up to a week to complete.



SERVICE RECOGNITION *Awards*



The Economic Development Corporation continued its tradition of honoring our oldest businesses in Live Oak. **WHATABURGER**, located at 12806 IH 35 N, has been in business since 1985. They have recently undergone a menu and image makeover at the Live Oak location, so make sure you stop by try one of their delicious under 500 calorie menu items! For more information, please visit them online at www.whataburger.com or call the Live Oak location at 210-654-9405.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

Make sure you support local Live Oak businesses and remember to shop Live Oak! For information on various business incentives and recognition efforts, please contact Jordan Matney, Economic and Community Development Manager at 210-653-9140, ext. 286 or jmatney@liveoaktx.net.



The Economic Development Corporation recognized **LASER LEGEND** for their dedication to the military community of the region. Visit Laser Legend at 7505 N. Loop 1604 in the Gateway Plaza Shopping Center to view the Warrior Wall dedicated to service men and women from the region. For more information visit them online at <http://laserlegend.com/>, on Facebook or call 210-444-9025. Thank you Laser Legend for your continued support of the community!

NOW OPEN

Busy shopping in The Forum and don't want to drive all the way to the grocery store for those few items you need for dinner?

Now you can purchase groceries from the expanded and recently renovated grocery section at **TARGET** right here in Live Oak! In addition to traditional grocery items, fresh fruits and vegetables are now available as well. While you're there, make sure you stop into the new Starbucks location inside Target for your caffeine fix! Remember to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak!



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Live Oak Fire Department

By Gerry Galindo, Assistant Fire Chief



Dalmatian

The Official Firehouse Dog

The tradition of Dalmatians in firehouses dates back more than a century. When you think of a firehouse dog, chances are the image of a Dalmatian comes to mind. The breed has a proud tradition of serving with firefighters that has been documented back about 300 years to England. The Dalmatian has a natural calming effect on horses. Prior to motorized vehicles, horses were used to pull fire engines. Dalmatians helped the horses cope with the frightening situations they faced in their work, guarded the equipment from theft

and actively helped fight the fires and rescue people.

When fire equipment became motorized, Dalmatians continued to help on fire trucks at actual fires. Dogs have helped deploy equipment and even run into burning buildings and located victims to be rescued. Today, in many large cities, the Dalmatian stills stands guard on the fire truck while at the scene of fires and rescues. In its long history in the Fire Service, there are many reports of how Dalmatian have even rescued trapped firefighters.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has had

their own beloved Dalmatian for 62 years. His name is Sparky. Sparky's appearance has changed somewhat over the years but he has remained the same loveable spokes-dog for NFPA. Sparky has a great website (<http://www.sparky.org/>) with many games that teach fire safety as well as being funny and entertaining. He even has his own book, "Sparky the Firedog" and stars in his movie "Sparky and the Run Away Robot." The Live Oak Fire Department has enjoyed utilizing Sparky as a tool to help educate our local children and adults about fire safety.



Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert, Emergency Manager

Storm Damage Prevention

We are currently in severe weather season and hurricane season will begin on June 1st. We have seen a few storms and we have experienced some very high winds that have caused a considerable amount of damage. Fortunately most of it has been minor, such as tree branches, a few fences and a lot of lost roof shingles. Some damage was more significant. At least one large patio cover was destroyed along with a backyard shed and some siding.

Severe storms with high winds can damage your home. However, in some cases, it could have been prevented. Trees should be trimmed on a regular basis and any tree that appears diseased or dead probably should be removed, especially if they could damage your home. Fences in need of repair may fall over, which would allow your pets to escape. Old metal sheds and patio covers that are in poor condition can literally be blown apart and may

cause other damage to your property.

Finally, when severe storms are predicted you can "storm proof" your property. Outdoor patio furniture, children toys, hanging plants, etc., may become flying objects. Prior to a storm, make sure these items are secure or pick them up and move them indoors.

As a reminder, the best way to stay in tune with the weather

is with a NOAA weather radio, available from most electronic stores. They are fairly inexpensive and can alert you to the potential for severe weather day or night. For additional information contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Management Coordinator at 653-9140, Extension 379, on line at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net, or stop by the office in the fire department building.



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Connect CTY Telephone Alert System

Have you signed up for the Connect CTY telephone alert system? All residents with listed telephone numbers should already be included. However, if you have an unlisted telephone number you are **not** included. In addition we highly encourage you to add cellular numbers and text messaging to the system. In the event of a serious emergency this may be the only way the City can provide lifesaving information to you.

If the power is out and telephone lines are down, many citizens will not be able to receive any messages regarding the emergency unless your cellular numbers are listed in our system. To add numbers simply go to the city web site. Under City Services - click on Connect CTY for a direct portal to the system along with some additional information on it. Follow the simple instructions.

As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service. For additional information contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Manager, at 210.543.9140, ext. 362.



Code Compliance

By John Dalton

Critters!

In South Texas our grass and weeds grow all year long even through harsh winters and drought seasons. High grass can also harbor rodents, skunks, snakes and other nuisance "critters". We have already had a report of a skunk spraying a local pet due to the high grass from the adjacent neighbor's yard. We ask that property owners continue to keep their grass below the twelve (12) inches in height to reduce this problem. Property owners and tenants are responsible for keeping their lawns mowed to the edge of the roadway.

In addition, please help us keep the trash and debris that is accumulated in public view to a minimum. Excessive trash can attract cats, dogs and other rodents. The fines for these violations are substantial and we ask that you do your part to make Live Oak a more beautiful city. Citations can be issued daily for the violation and the dollar amounts can be high. Homeowners can also contact the Utility Department at 210-653-9140, extensions 225 or 226 for dates on brush and bulk item pick-up.

Reporting Complaints

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



Chex Mix Puppy Chow

- 9 cups Chex
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- ¼ tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 1 ½ cup powdered sugar

Put cereal in large bowl. Melt chocolate chips, peanut butter and butter. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Pour over Chex cereal. Put in large plastic bag with powdered sugar and shake well to coat. Spread mixture evenly on wax paper and allow to cool.

Let's COOK Live Oak!

In a salute to our pets and all animals,
try some of these tasty dishes!
Yes, they are for human consumption!

Porcupine Meatballs (Baked)

- 1 ½ pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2/3 cup long-grain rice, uncooked
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- ½ cup water
- 1 large can (15 oz.) tomato or spaghetti sauce
- ¼ cup finely chopped onion
- 1 cup water
- 1 tsp. seasoned salt
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Mix ground beef with rice, ½ cup of water, chopped onion, seasoned salt, garlic powder and pepper. Shape ground beef mixture into 1 ½ inch balls. Place the meatballs in an ungreased 2 quart baking dish. Mix the remaining ingredients and pour over the meatballs. Cover and bake at 350° for about 45 minutes. Uncover and bake meatballs 15-20 minutes longer. May be served on top of rice, pasta or mashed potatoes. Serves 4-6.

Easy Turtle Candies

- 12 oz. unwrapped soft caramels
- 6 oz. (about 1 ½ cups toasted pecan halves)
- 8 oz. chocolate chips

Heat oven to 300°. Cover cookie sheet with foil and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Arrange the pecans halves in clusters of 3 or 4. Place a caramel in center of each pecan and bake just until candy is melted (9-10 min). Caramels may also be melted in microwave and spooned on top of pecans. Melt chocolate chips in microwave or over a double boiler. Spoon the melted chocolate over the caramel layer. Allow candy to set fully at room temperature or refrigerate for 30 minutes. Bring candy to room temperature before serving so caramel will soften.



CITY MEETINGS

- May 6 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- May 14 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- TBA EDC Meeting: Council Chambers 6:00pm
- May 28 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- May 13 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
- May 20 Bingo/Pot Luck Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse 11:30am
- May 23 Last Thursday Games-O-Rama @ L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
- May 27 Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse 10:00am
- Tuesdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ L.O. Clubhouse 9:00am
- Thursdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Woodcrest Park 9:00am

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet Second & Last Wednesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- May 8 Luncheon (BYOD) 11:30am
- May 8 Facebook Help Clinic @ Clubhouse 6:30pm
- May 29 Dinner (BYOD) 6:30pm
- For more information call Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167 (Ages 21 and up)

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- May 21 Regular Meeting 1:00pm -3:00pm
- May 24 Peace Garden Dedication@ Xeriscape Garden After M.D. Ceremonies
- For more information contact Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

- May 11 Museum Field Trip 11:00am

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- May 15 Live Oak Clubhouse 6:30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 25 Memorial Day Parade 10:00am
- May 25 Shindig on Shin Oak: 8001 Shin Oak Drive 3pm-10pm
- May 27 Summer Splash Luau: Live Oak Pool Pool opens @ 1pm, Luau 3pm

FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday at Civic Center Parking Lot 9am-2pm

CITY MEETINGS

- June 3 Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- June 11 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm
- June 24 EDC Meeting: Council Chambers 6:00pm
- June 25 City Council Meeting: Council Chambers 7:00pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

- June 10 Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
- June 17 Bingo/Pot Luck Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse 11:30am
- June 24 Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse 11:00am
- June 27 Last Thursday Games-O-Rama: L.O. Clubhouse 1:00pm
- Tuesdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ L.O. Clubhouse 9:00am
- Thursdays: Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Woodcrest Park 9:00am

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

- Meet 2nd & Last Wednesday of each month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- June 12 Luncheon (BYOD) 11:30am
- June 20 Facebook Class Part 2 @ Clubhouse 6:30pm
- June 26 Dinner (BYOD) 6:30pm
- For more information contact Loretta Kusek@ 657-7167 (ages 21 and up)

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

- Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month @ L.O. Clubhouse
- June 18 Regular Meeting 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- For more information contact Jo Anna Wheeler@ 655-1036

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

- June 8 Tole Painting introduction: Youth Building 11:00am
- June 20 Monthly Art Night: Clubhouse 6:00pm

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

- June 13 Pet Treat Seminar: Clubhouse 7:00pm
- June 19 Meeting: Live Oak Clubhouse 6:30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

- June 1 Junior Fishing Day: Live Oak Lake 7:00am – 11:00am
- June 1-2 & 8-9 City of Live Oak Pool Opens 1:00pm – 8:00pm
- See pool news on page 12 for regular days & hours

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