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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 Tuesday of every month at 6 pm

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

Held as necessary

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653-0033

EMERGENCY 24 HOURS
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FUTURE EVENTS

- **Holiday Family Fun Night** - Dec. 18 @ 6:00 p.m.
- **Snowflick In The Park** - "Polar Express"
Dec. 18 @ 8:15 p.m.
- **Daddy Daughter Dance Registration** - Jan. 4, 2016
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** - Feb. 27, 2016



The new online version of the
Hometown News
is available at:
www.liveoaktx.net/magazine



MAYOR'S CORNER

Merry Christmas

Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe that it is already time to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. What a great year we have had here in Live Oak. This past year has been a year of many accomplishments. Our community has drawn together even closer making Live Oak a wonderful place to call home and we continue to attract new businesses to our area. As we spend this Christmas season with our loved ones, we will reflect and count our blessings. But I ask you all to remember your neighbors and especially our elderly that live alone or are less fortunate. Please join us in contributing to the Fire Department Holiday Food Drive this year. You can drop off non-perishable food items at the Fire Department during business hours beginning November 2nd - November 30, 2015.

Since it is also the season of gift giving, I encourage you to “Shop Live Oak” and support our Live Oak businesses big or small. We welcome two of our newest businesses to the Pat Booker area; Starbucks located at 8151 Pat Booker which opened its doors in September and Taco Bell located at 8040 Pat Booker which will open by the end of November. While you’re out shopping this holiday season, stop by and grab a hot cup of java or a spicy taco. Some of the upcoming events we hope you and your family will support are the Shop Live Oak 5K Walk/Run and Polar Plunge on November 21st and Family Fun Night with Santa on December 18th. Also don’t forget to participate in the “12 Days of Christmas” for lovely prizes.

Good things are happening in Live Oak and our City is the place to be. It is a vibrant, pleasant and a fun place to shop, eat or just stroll along the sidewalks enjoying the sights. The new year promises to bring so much more; we are just getting started. As always, the City Council welcomes your comments, concerns, or questions. You can reach me at 210-792-7168. Remember, the best is yet to come and Happy Holidays!

*Mayor Mary M. Dennis
& Council*





Fix-Up Day Zone 4 **HUGE SUCCESS!**

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From the Office of
**Economic & Community
Development**

DONNA LOWDER
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated and helped the city crews with Live Oak Fix Up Day Zone 4. In total, we had approximately 94 volunteers from Northeast Methodist Hospital, Texas Roadhouse, UTSA students, Alamo Community College District students, Live Oak Citizens on Patrol, Rotary Club members, city staff and residents all sacrificing their Saturday morning in assisting ten residents with properties in need of a little care.



Volunteers were split into groups and spent the morning discarding trash and debris, painting, trimming limbs and repairing fences so that the resident would no longer be in violation of our Ordinances. When the volunteers were finished, they were treated to a complimentary lunch provided by Dana Garza and her staff from the Texas Roadhouse.

A special thank you to Robert and Lydia Platt for a generous gift card to assist with Fix Up Day supplies for the event. Thanks again to everyone who donated their time to improve this zone of the city. We appreciate your efforts in helping Live Oak stay one of the most beautiful places to call home and making this effort a huge success once again!

SERVICE RECOGNITION

The Economic Development Corporation, City Council and city staff proudly presented Concentra with a service recognition plaque for their loyal years of service to the citizens of Live Oak for over 25 years. Concentra is located at 12702 Toepperwein Road, Suite 120 in the IH35 Plaza. Mr. Allen Sexton, Director of Operations and several staff members were present to accept the service plaque. The City is proud to have a national health care company that provides occupational medicine, urgent care and physical therapy to the Live Oak residents and surrounding communities. Thank you for being a great neighbor!



GRAND OPENINGS



Diversity Learning Academy

Mayor Mary M. Dennis, City staff and Director Sonja Reynolds celebrated the grand opening of Diversity Early Learning Academy with a ribbon cutting ceremony in September. Several members of her staff and family were present for the occasion. The Academy accommodates children from infancy to preschool age groups. Ms. Reynolds also was a recipient of the Visual Improvement Program receiving a \$2,000.00 grant for new signage for her building. Congratulations and welcome to Live Oak!



Starbucks Coffee

Starbucks' much anticipated grand opening was held on September 24th with an official ribbon cutting ceremony held on September 28th for the Pat Booker location. City Officials, staff and members of Economic Development Corporation and Planning & Zoning joined Manager, Clarissa Lopez and her baristas for the ribbon cutting ceremony and all enjoyed a cup of coffee and assorted muffins and scones. So, if you have a coffee connoisseur in the family and are in need of a great holiday gift idea, stop by and shop the Starbucks store for flavorful coffees, teas or the new fall drink ware which are now available.

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The Donut Kolache Palace

The Donut Kolache Palace located at 11104 Toepperwein next to Papa John's Pizza opened their doors at the end of September ready for business. Owner, Amy Tun is eager to serve you handmade tasty donuts of all flavors, hot buttery kolaches, breakfast biscuit sandwiches, breakfast tacos and so much more. We encourage you to stop by and support your local small businesses.

Shop Live Oak 5K Walk/Run

There is still time to register for the second annual Shop Live Oak 5K, in support of Small Business Saturday and shopping locally, which will be held on November 21, 2015, 8:00 a.m. at the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Drive. The route will travel through the neighborhoods of Live Oak, travel one of our successful small business districts and finish at the Clubhouse. Early registration deadline is Thursday, November 5th for the \$25 registration fee but you may also register late from November 6th through the morning of the race, November 21st for a \$30 registration fee. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers in each age category. The event will culminate in a Polar Plunge in the Live Oak Pool! Come and join the fun!

Year End Wrap Up!

Our year in Economic Development Corporation was a huge success! There is no denying that a lot of work went into the planning and redevelopment of Pat Booker Road by attracting businesses such as Starbucks, 54th Street Drafthouse, Burger King, McAlister's Deli, Live Oak Soccer Zone, Taco Bell, Nicha's Comida and let's not forget the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center. All of which are thriving businesses within a short period of time in the Pat Booker area. Also, we are proud to announce that Live Oak will soon be home to a third administrative building, ACS III for Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union at the One Randolph Boulevard location. The proposed new building will include 194,000 square feet, five (5) story office building and a 928 car parking structure with four elevated levels. This will result in 400 new jobs for our area. In addition, we are very proud and excited about the revitalization of the Toepperwein/Judson area with so many of our small businesses participating in the Visual Improvement Program (VIP) for 2015. A total of nine businesses participated so far this year and were granted VIP grants to improve their property or buildings. We look forward to 2016 and what it has in store for us and our businesses.

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SHOP LIVE OAK 5K

in support of Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 8:00 AM

**Live Oak Clubhouse
7901 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX**

The second annual Shop Live Oak 5K, in support of Small Business Saturday and shopping locally, will begin at the Live Oak Pool and Clubhouse at 7901 Shin Oak Dr. The route will travel through the neighborhoods of Live Oak, travel one of our most successful small business districts and return to the Clubhouse. The event will culminate in a Polar Bear Swim in the Live Oak Pool!

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers in each age category:

Under 10, 11-13, 14-16, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+

Registration Information:

\$25/race participant

Early Registration Deadline: Thursday, November 5th

Late Registration Fee: \$30/race participant

(Late registration is November 6 through morning of race, t-shirts guaranteed only for those meeting the early registration deadline)





2nd Annual Shop Live Oak 5K Run/Walk



In support of Small Business Saturday
Benefitting the Tri County Chamber of Commerce

Runners of all abilities are invited out to help support our local businesses and join us for the first annual Shop Live Oak 5K! This event will be professionally managed with chip timing on a challenging, certified course.

Registration options:

Register online at www.athleteguild.com OR complete the registration form below and return with payment to: Live Oak City Hall, Attn. Julie Palmer, 8001 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX 78233. **Make checks payable to the Tri County Chamber of Commerce.**

Packet Pickup:

Packet pickup will be held Friday, November 20th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Live Oak Clubhouse, 7901 Shin Oak Dr., Live Oak, TX. Race Day packet pickup and late registration will be held the morning of the race, Saturday, November 21st from 7:00-7:45 AM.

Please make checks payable to: **Tri County Chamber of Commerce**. Early registration deadline is Thursday, November 5th. Payments made after November 5th will be \$30.00. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Sex: M / F

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL

Participant Agreement and Release

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the Shop Live Oak 5K 2015 and Polar Plunge (herein after the "Event") to be held on Saturday, November 21, in Live Oak, Texas, I, _____ (Print Name), intending to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators agree as follows:

I know that a 5K run/walk/obstacle course and Polar Plunge is a potentially hazardous activity and that I could be seriously injured. I am voluntarily participating in these activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and agree to assume any and all risks of bodily injury or property damage, whether those risks are known or unknown (including the inherent danger of the Event; the negligence or intentional acts of any person including myself; wearing inadequate apparel; dangerous ground conditions; spectator interference; natural causes; contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat, the condition of the road and traffic on the course - I understand that events may be held over public roads and facilities open to the public during the event and upon which hazards are to be expected; and all other causes of injury, damage or loss; all such risks being known and appreciated by me). I should not enter or run in this event unless I am medically able and properly trained. I understand that my consent to these provisions is given in consideration of the acceptance of this registration and for being permitted to participate in this event. I am a voluntary participant in this event, and in good physical condition.

I KNOW THAT THIS EVENT IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY AND I HEREBY ASSUME FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT OR WHILE ON CITY STREETS OR OTHER ANY OTHER CITY PROPERTY FOR THIS EVENT, AND I HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND COVENANT NOT TO FILE SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF LIVE OAK, TX, ("RELEASEES") FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR CLAIMS I MAY HAVE ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE SUFFERED BY ME OR OTHERS, WHETHER SAME MAY BE CAUSED BY FALLS, CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, CONDITIONS OF THE COURSE, NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

If I do not follow all the rules of the event, I understand that I may be removed from the event. I give my full permission to the City of Live Oak to use any photographs, videotapes, or other recordings of me that are made during the course of this event.

Signature of Participant Date

Parent of Participant under the age of 18 Date

NOTE: Separate entry forms and signed waivers must be completed for each participant.




12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The city is pleased to announce the return of a special give-a-way for the holiday season. In an effort to support our local businesses and encourage citizens to Shop Live Oak, we will have a "12 Days of Christmas" contest featuring gift cards, prizes and fun from our local businesses! Make sure you like us on Facebook and follow along December 2-17 for your chance to win lots of fantastic prizes. Prizes will be awarded for simply being the first person to "like" a post or answering trivia questions. A very special thank you goes out to our sponsors. Remember to support your local businesses and Shop Live Oak!



*On the first day of Christmas,
my true love gave to me
... a Partridge in a Pear Tree*

Whether it's a Pear tree or a Christmas tree, stop by Home Depot's nursery and pick out a lovely tree or plant this holiday season! Don't forget the Christmas lights and decorations too! Home Depot has everything from flooring, paint, light fixtures, tools, appliances, and building supplies. Anything you need to spruce up for the holidays. Three lucky winners will receive a \$25.00 coupon to Home Depot!

*On the second day of
Christmas, my true love gave
to me... Two Turtle Doves*

When most people hear the name James Avery, they picture a beautiful hand-crafted dove in sterling silver or gold. Established in 1954, James Avery offers high quality, exquisite jewelry for all ages. Who wouldn't love to find a small package under the tree on Christmas morning, only to find a lovely piece of jewelry inside from James Avery! One lucky winner will win a \$50 gift card to James Avery.



Merry Christmas



On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Three French Hens

In honor of Three French Hens, Houlihan's invites you to dine with them for a tasty lunch or dinner. The menu includes delectable entrees, appetizers, vegetarian plates and yummy desserts. Stop by during the hustle and bustle of the holidays for Happy Hour with friends or family and enjoy some holiday cheer with a cocktail! One lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift card and one free appetizer certificate to Houlihan's!



On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me.... Four Colly Birds

Biff Buzby's is calling you and a friend over to enjoy one of their delicious entrees! They serve a wide variety of mouth-watering burgers, Chicken Fried steak, sandwiches, soups and salads. Also, you can't leave before trying one of their delightful homemade cobbler or ice cream desserts too! Biff Buzby's has it all! One lucky winner will receive two free entrees from Biff Buzby's.



On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me.... Five Golden Rings

Sponsored by Eva's Tanning & Cynthia's Alterations

Don't let the winter months fade your beautiful tan you worked so hard on during the summer, bring in the New Year with a golden tan from Eva's Tanning. One lucky winner will receive 5 free tanning sessions from Eva's Tanning. If you received a gold ring from a special someone for the

holidays and you hear wedding bells in 2016, one lucky Bride win a certificate for a wedding gown alteration from Cynthia's Alterations.



On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Six Geese-a-laying



Exhausted from a long day of shopping or entertaining, lay your head on one of these heavenly "Premium Memory Foam" pillows and you'll be dreaming about sugarplums before you can say "Kris Kringle". Mattress Firm is the place to visit if you are in need of bedding accessories or a new mattress. You'll be sure to find what you've been looking for! Two lucky winners will receive a "Premium Memory Foam" Pillow blended with natural coconut extract from Mattress Firm!



On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Seven Swans-a-Swimming

There's nothing like hopping into a nice, cool swimming pool during the hot Texas summers. Enjoy a free summer pool pass to our beautiful swimming pool located at the Live Oak Clubhouse. The pool is crystal clear, surrounded by beautiful grounds with plenty of seating and shade. We also have a baby pool for your little ones! The kids love our cool slide! We also have the best lifeguards in town! One lucky winner will receive a summer-long pool pass to the Live Oak Pool for the 2016 season!





On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Eight Maids-a-Milking

Dairy Queen has been a family favorite for the young and old with their signature creations! They offer a wide variety of flavors of ice cream blizzards and shakes, and so much more yummy goodness! Be sure to stop by during the holidays and pick up one of their delicious holiday ice cream cakes! One lucky winner will receive a family gift card pack of 4 Mini Blizzards from Dairy Queen.



On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Nine Ladies Dancing

Tired of the left overs already! Come out to Texas Roadhouse and enjoy a hand-cut steak, fresh baked bread or fall of the bone ribs.

Relax with and ice cold beer or their legendary margaritas while the Texas Roadhouse "Roadies" kick up their boots in a line dance! Two lucky winners will receive a free entrée from the great folks at Texas Roadhouse.



On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... Ten Lords a Leaping

For the Lords and Ladies of Live Oak, who may have eaten one too many helpings of pumpkin pie and are having a hard time fitting into their favorite tights and knickers, Gold's Gym is giving away certificates to shed those extra holiday pounds. One



lucky winner will receive a three month membership and three lucky winners will receive one month membership to Gold's Gym!



On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... 11 Pipers Piping

If you've had a long day of shopping and don't feel like cooking, pick up or stop by for one of Gino's East original Chicago Deep-Dish piping hot pizzas and homemade mozzarella sticks. Sit back, relax and enjoy one of their delicious pies. For those of you eating light, they offer soups, sandwiches, salads and a gluten free pizza. Eleven lucky winners will receive gift certificates from Gino's East Pizza.



On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me... 12 Drummers Drumming

Follow the sound of the Little Drummer boy drumming to three of Live Oak's best restaurants. 54th Street Drafthouse is serving up spicy wings, drumettes and Gringo Dip just for you to enjoy. One lucky winner will win a package of three buy one entrée and get the second free along with three free Gringo Dip and Chips. Also, two lucky winners will win a free breakfast and lunch for two from Flaco's Burgers and Tacos. Hooligan's Bar & Grill will be giving one lucky winner a \$25.00 gift certificate to enjoy their great food, Poker Night or live music. Come and get it!





Operation Grinch

The Live Oak Police Department will be conducting “Operation Grinch” in retail areas again this year. We will be out in force with high visibility and under cover units patrolling these areas. Your safety is our concern. Remember that we also need your help. A partnership between citizens and police is the best crime deterrent. If you see criminal or suspicious activity please report it to the Live Oak Police Department at 210-653-0033 or call 911 in emergency situations.

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From the Office of
**Live Oak
Police
Department**

LT. MATT MALONE

HOLIDAY CRIME PREVENTION

The months of November and December bring the holiday season. Family gatherings, traveling and busy schedules are the norm for many people during this time. Even though many of us become very busy during this time, it is important to remember that the safety of your family and home are critical.

If you are traveling, remember to have a friend or neighbor watch your home and pick up any newspapers or packages that have been delivered to your door. If possible, have interior lights on a timer to keep the appearance of activity in the home. Also, contact the Live Oak Police to place your home on the "Out of Town Watch" list.

While out shopping be aware of your surroundings. Watch for suspicious behavior or activity such as people who may be watching you leave your vehicle or a business, or someone looking into parked vehicles. Be sure to secure your vehicle. Make sure your vehicle is locked and any valuables, bags or packages are out of sight. If you are out at night be sure to park your vehicle or walk in well-lit areas.

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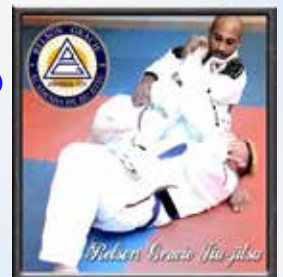


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ADOPT A PET

UPDATE FROM THE LIVE OAK ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER DERRICK FRANCIS

Our 2015 year was a complete success! To close out the year, here are just a few of the dogs that were recently adopted from our shelter and now are enjoying their new homes! We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our forever families and volunteers that made this year a huge success.

Helena

Helena was a stray we picked up wandering outside in a residential neighborhood. After a brief examination, we discovered she was born blind. After being at our facility for nearly three months our very own Animal Control Officer; Cathy Budzinski opened her arms and her home to provide Helena a new home. She is comfortably settling in at the Budzinski household with their dog "Rocky" who is also going blind.

Penelope

Penelope was left behind by her original owner in an abandoned house for 4 months in Converse. She was brought into our facility malnourished and weak. It took us a few months to get her back to her natural weight but now Penelope is full energy and looking forward to her new life with her forever family.

Jackie

This pup, named after Jackie Robinson, was roaming the streets of Converse looking for his next bite to eat. Lucky for him he was picked up by Converse Animal Control and brought into our facility where he received a meal and fresh water twice a day. Jackie's new owner who once lived in Hawaii now has a lifelong companion by her side.



Isabella

Isabella was left behind in the parking lot at Kohl's. This sweet little pit bull was eventually adopted by a family who owns an older pit bull. Isabella now has a loving family and a big brother to run around and play in the yard with.

Mindy

Mindy was discovered running around in our city park. We had hoped an owner would eventually come forward to claim her but we had no such luck. After being in the facility for a few weeks, Mindy was finally adopted into a family with acres to run and explore safely!

Gunner

After running loose on Toepperwein Road, Gunner was brought into the facility by a concerned resident. He was yet another pup who may have been abandoned by his owner. Gunner's adoption day finally came when a loving family whose son is currently serving our country came in to give him a forever home. Gunner now "Gunney" enjoys the spoiled yet disciplined life with his new family!!



LOCAP Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police

Christmas Spirit to Honor Veterans

Among the many activities in which LOCAP (Live Oak Citizen's Assisting Police) is involved, the Christmas season is our special time to remember our veterans, especially those who rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

We are seeking sponsorships for wreaths that will be placed on veterans' graves during a nationwide remembrance ceremony on December 12, 2015. Last year, over 17,600 wreaths were placed locally at Ft. Sam.

The Wreaths Across America™ program began at Arlington National Cemetery in 1992. Now, ceremonies are held simultaneously at hundreds of locations nationwide. In 2014, with the help of thousands of individual and corporate sponsors and volunteers, over 700,000 wreaths were donated and placed at over 1,000 participating locations, including at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. By offering sponsorships to the public, Wreaths Across America™ hopes that one day every veteran's resting place will be adorned with a wreath. We need your help to make this a reality.

To sponsor a wreath (they are \$15 each), please call 210-844-2773 or stop by the Live Oak Police Department for an order form located in the lobby. Your wreath sponsorship places a wreath on a Veteran's grave and helps to fund Veteran and educational outreach. The public is invited to come out and help with placing the wreaths on the graves. If you wish to participate, be at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery by 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th.

LOCAP will also be participating with the Grinch Patrol at the Forum and with the Blue Santa Program (we accept cash donations to assist less fortunate

families with Christmas presents) during the Christmas season. So be on the lookout for Blue Santa and the Grinch. They will be hanging around the Forum! Stop by and say hello!

Membership in LOCAP is made up of Citizen's Police Academy alumni. The 12-week free course is typically offered once a year in the spring. For information on these and other activities in which LOCAP participates, please contact the Live Oak Police Department.

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Beginning November 2nd through November 30th the Live Oak Fire Department will collect non-perishable food items for our annual Holiday Food Drive. The hours we accept donations are our business hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm. The generosity, in years past, has been overwhelming and much appreciated. Please take a moment to make sure items donated are not past the recommended shelf life.

The food will be delivered to Live Oak families in time for the Christmas holiday season. Thank you for making our past Holiday Food Drives' a great success.

FIRE PREVENTION

CANDLE SAFETY



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires - and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

Technology is ever changing and that also applies to candles. We now have the option to purchase flameless candles that look and smell (in some cases) like real candles! If you don't want to purchase flameless candles for the holidays, please take a moment to read our candle safety tips.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people sleep.
- Blow out candles when you leave a room or go to bed.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Put candles on a sturdy – uncluttered surface.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down – put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- NEVER use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach.

The Live Oak Fire Department would like to wish our community a happy and safe holiday season. Please join us in observing caution and fire safety while enjoying festivities with your friends and family.



Letters to Santa

Santa is making his list and checking it twice! We know the kids have been making their wish lists all year long, and it's time to mail those letters off to the North Pole. Please pick up the Santa letter form in City Hall, or print off of Facebook. Once completed, return to the North Pole mailbox located inside City Hall. In order to ensure Santa receives all the letters in time, the mailman will collect all letters by December 4th!

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this
year. For Christmas I would
like _____

Love,

Parents

Please fill out this short form and return to the mailbox located inside City Hall by December 1, 2015. Santa will send your good little boy or girl a letter back!

CHILD'S NAME: _____

M / F

CHILD'S AGE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

*For questions,
please call Courtney Weese
at 653-9140 ext. 235.*

Holiday Family Fun Night & Snowflick

“Here comes Santa Claus, Here comes Santa Claus, right down Santa Claus Lane...” Holiday Family Fun Night is back, and better than ever! Spend an entire evening enjoying festivities in the Live Oak Main Park, on December 18th. Santa Claus will come down Santa Claus Lane (Park Drive) at 6:00 p.m. and make his way down to a picturesque scene next to our lake. Here, he will visit with the good girls and boys until 9 p.m. Feel free to warm up with some hot chocolate or let the kids make some reindeer food while you wait. Professional photos will be available for purchase, however feel free to bring your own camera and capture this magical moment.



Wait, the merriment doesn't stop there! We might not have any snowflakes in Texas, so we are bringing you a **SNOWFLICK!** That's right; beginning at 8:15 p.m. on the baseball field we will be showing the movie "Polar Express." Bring your chairs, blankets and grab the mittens because this will be a most magical winter evening you don't want to miss!!

PARENTS - Please feel free to dress the kiddos in their pajamas, or Christmas best, however remember the entire event will take place outdoors. We encourage you to bring a change of clothes if necessary, to enjoy the Snowflick.*

BLUE SANTA PROGRAM

Live Oak Police Department is now accepting monetary donations for the Blue Santa Program.

Live Oak Police Department will sponsor a limited number of Live Oak families (must prove current residency) as recipients of the program and children will receive age and gender appropriate gifts. For the safety of the children we will not be accepting actual toys or presents this year.

Monetary donations of cash or checks payable to the Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police Alumni Association (LOCAPAA), which is a tax deductible IRS 501 (c) (3) organization, can be sent to the Live Oak Police Department, 8022 Shin Oak Drive, Live Oak, TX 78233.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on December 4, 2015.

Please direct questions to 210-945-1700. *Thank you.*



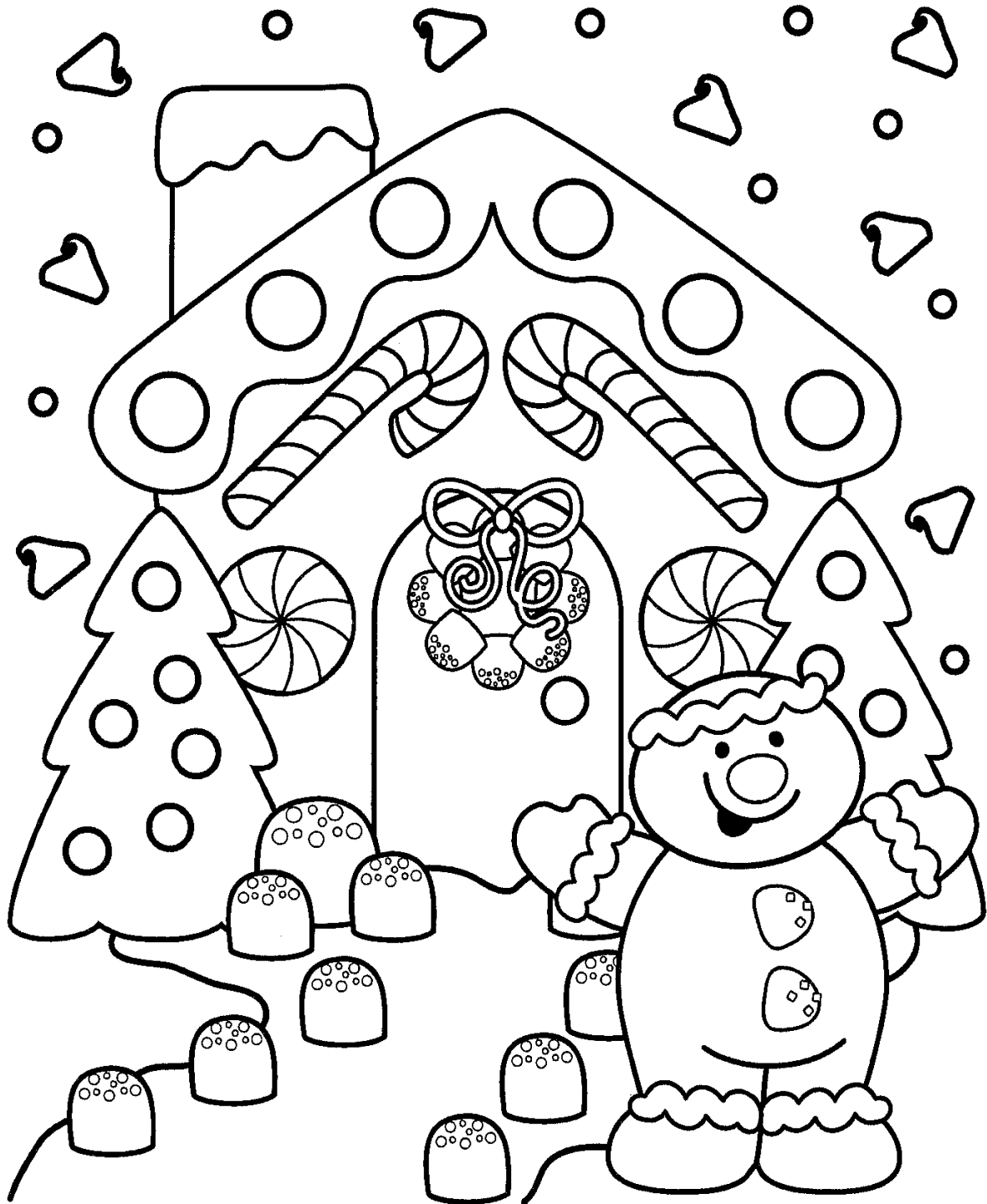
SAVE THE DATE

February 27th, 2016

The annual Daddy Daughter Dance is one of the most anticipated events of the year, and it is coming soon! Please look for more information in the January / February News Magazine, as registration will begin January 4th.

Winter Wonderland

Coloring Contest



Please fill out the form on the back side to complete your child's entry

Winter Wonderland

Coloring Contest

CONTEST RULES: Please color the Winter Wonderland scene in the most creative way you know how! Entries will be accepted in City Hall until December 11, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Coloring sheets can be turned in at the front desk during business hours, or dropped in the water payment drop box after hours.

Only ONE entry allowed per child. Winners for each age category will be announced at Holiday Family Fun Night on December 18th, and will also receive notification by phone. Prizes will be awarded for each age category and winners will be displayed in City Hall. Good luck!

The age categories are as follows:

3-4 Years, 5-6 Years, 7-8 Years, 9-10 Years and 11-12 Years

Please complete the following, printing legibly.

NAME

AGE:

ADDRESS

PARENT'S NAME

PARENT'S PHONE #



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22 - OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 15

SALES START AT 12PM UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

CODE COMPLIANCE

Now is the time to begin trimming your trees. What you need to know

The City Code of Ordinances Chapter 18 section 302.4 addresses this subject and reads as the following:

Limbs that extend over a sidewalk must be trimmed to a MINIMUM of 8 feet above the sidewalk. All limbs extending past the curb and over the street must be trimmed to a MINIMUM height of 13.6 feet above the curb and continuing that height out over the surface of the road.

The City does provide free brush pick up. Depending on where you live, it may be either on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of



the month. You may contact the Water/Utility Department or the Code Compliance office for your scheduled day of pick up if you are not sure of the date.

Waste Management will pass through each street only once, all brush must be placed curbside prior to the first day of

scheduled pickup. The tree and shrub trimmings must less than or equal to 12 inches (12") in diameter and the pile may not exceed 12 feet (12') in length, 5 feet (5') in height and 5 feet (5') in width.

In addition to monthly brush pickup, Waste Management will collect brush that is cut and bundled on your second regular trash day of the week. Bundles may not exceed 4 feet (4') in length and 35 pounds in weight per bundle.

As a reminder, Waste Management is NOT responsible for the collections of work

completed by contractors. Tree removal and extensive tree trimming is the responsibility of the homeowner. For additional questions, please call Waste Management Customer Service at 1-800-800-5804.

Public Works will offer the annual Christmas tree drop off site across the street from the Live Oak Swimming Pool at 7901 Shin Oak. After your decorations and lights are removed, bring your tree to the site and drop it off. Once the trees are shredded it will be first come and first served for the free pine mulch.

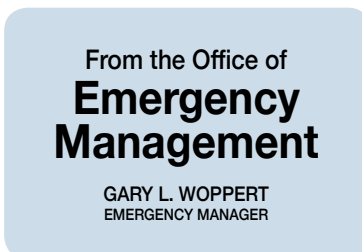
PUBLIC SAFETY

Pipeline Safety

In the United States, underground pipelines carrying a variety of products are located in many regions. Some are located in wide open spaces and others may be located in the right-of-way in a residential neighborhood. These pipelines are the safest way to move millions of gallons of petroleum products like gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, crude oil and natural gas within the nation. Accidents are rare but when they do occur, they tend to make the national news.

In the City of Live Oak there are no underground pipelines with the exception of natural gas lines that feed our homes and businesses. There are, however, pipelines in some of our neighboring cities. Pipelines routes are clearly marked with standardized signs that identify the company, the type of product, and a telephone number.

While leaks are rare the greatest danger is when a contractor hits one with a piece of heavy equipment



during a construction project. An explosion could occur along with a major fire or a deadly vapor cloud could result looking for an ignition source.

Even though we do not have any pipelines in the City, everyone should be familiar with the signs of a leaking pipeline. There are three (3) ways to detect a leak. Sight – Sound – Smell. You may see a pool of liquid, sometimes bubbling up, a vapor cloud or fog, discolored vegetation, an oily sheen, or even a small fire burning on the ground.

You may also hear a hissing or loud roaring sound near the pipeline, or you may smell a strange odor such as petroleum or rotten eggs. One important note! Natural gas in a pipeline is normally odorless and colorless.

The odor that we associate with natural gas is added later on and the chemical used is called Mercaptan.

If you detect any of these signs along a pipeline right-of-way contact 9-1-1 first and report it, then if there is a pipeline sign nearby, call the toll free number on the sign and give the operator your exact location and what you see, hear, or smell. DO NOT go near the leak or allow anyone else to get closer. Avoid open flame and DO NOT breathe any vapors.

In closing and as a reminder to everyone, never do any digging on your property until all utilities have been marked. State law now requires you contact the "One-Call-Center" by dialing 8-1-1 prior to doing any work. Normally they require a two (2) day notice. They will come to your property and mark any underground utilities on your property in the area where you intend to work. For more information visit www.call811.com or the Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration at www.phmsa.dot.gov.

Connect CTY Telephone Alert System

A reminder to all citizens regarding the City's telephone alerting system! If you have changed home telephone number, changed cellular phone number, or changed your e-mail, make sure you update this information in the data base. All listed telephone numbers are included however those with unlisted telephone numbers are not. All residents are encouraged to add their unlisted phone number along with cellular numbers, text messaging numbers, and even an e-mail address if you desire. If you want to update your numbers simply go to the City web site. Under City Services, select the Connect CTY item and follow the instructions. As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service and the data base is secure. In addition, this telephone alerting system will be used first in the event of a City emergency. Our Communications Center has direct access and an emergency message can be sent out in minutes.

NOV - DEC 2015

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



CITY MEETINGS/COUNCIL CHAMBERS

NOVEMBER

Nov 2	Parks & Recreation Meeting	7:00pm
Nov 10	City Council Meeting	7:00pm
Pending	EDC Meeting	6:00pm
Pending	City Council Meeting	7:00pm

DECEMBER

Dec 7	Parks & Recreation Meeting	7:00pm
Dec 8	City Council Meeting	7:00pm
Pending	EDC Meeting	6:00pm
Pending	City Council Meeting	7:00pm



SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

NOVEMBER

Nov 5	Soup Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00pm
Nov 7	New Braunfels Mkt	8:30am
Nov 9	Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00pm
Nov 11	Lunch @ Garcia's Restaurant: 3820 FM 3009	11:30am
Nov 16	Potluck and Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse	11:30am
Nov 23	Book Club: L.O. Clubhouse	11:00am
Tuesdays:	Walk & Talk/Live Oak Park	9:00am
Thursdays:	Walk & Talk/ Woodcrest Park	9:00am

For more information, contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566

DECEMBER

Dec 3	Soup Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00pm
Dec 9	Lunch at Sea Island: 8223 Agora Parkway	11:30am
Dec 14	Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00pm
Dec 21	Potluck and Bingo L.O. Clubhouse	11:30am
Dec 28	Book Club & Sack Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse	11:00am
Tuesdays:	Walk and Talk/Live Oak Park	9:00am
Thursday:	Walk and Talk/Woodcrest Park	9:00am

For more information contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566



LIVE OAK CITIZEN'S ASSISTING POLICE

Meet Third Wednesday of Each Month

Nov 18	Regular Meeting: Justice Center Training Room	7:00pm
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Dec 16 Regular Meeting:
Justice Center Training Room 7:00pm
For more information contact M. Atkinson @ miatkinson09@aol.com



LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month: Live Oak Clubhouse

Nov 17	Regular Meeting	1 - 3pm
Dec 15	Regular Meeting	1 - 3pm

For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1036



LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

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



HUMANE SOCIETY OF LIVE OAK

Meet 2nd Monday of Each Month:

Live Oak Clubhouse/Open to Public

Nov 9	General Meeting	6:30pm - 7:30pm
Dec 14	General Meeting	6:30pm - 7:30pm

For more information contact Julie Peters @ 846-5700 or email @ hum-soc-lo@att.net

NOVEMBER

Nov 21	Shop Live Oak 5K Walk/ Run & Polar Plunge	8:00am
Nov 2-30	Fire Dept. Holiday Food Drive Begins: FD Lobby	8:00am - 5:00pm

DECEMBER

Dec 1	12 Days of Christmas Begins
Dec 18	2015 Holiday Family Fun Night
Dec 18	Snowflick: "POLAR EXPRESS": Main Park Baseball field 7:30pm; Movie at Dark



SOUTH TEXAS FARMERS' MARKET

EVERY TUESDAY: Alamo Community Colleges
Parking Lot, 8300 Pat Booker Rd.
9am - 1pm

NEWS BRIEFS

TROUT FISHING

In December or January, Rainbow Trout will be stocked in the Live Oak Pond by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The pond is adjacent to the lake; enter from the City Park Lake access at Lone Shadow/Lazy Forest Dr. Corn kernels, garlic cheese, and salmon eggs make great bait. Appropriate License and bag limits apply. Check Marquees for fish arrival dates.

SAVE MONEY \$\$\$ ALL YEAR

Conserving water during December, January and February will save you money all year on your sewer rate.

THREE TYPES OF STORMWATER POLLUTION

Discharge of sediment, sludge and solids into the waterways from yards, streets, and parking lots leads to storm water pollution. The most effective way to reduce this problem is to prevent these pollutants from entering the storm water system in the first place.

- Litter, such as cigarette butts, cans, paper or plastic bags (sometimes called gross pollutants)
- Chemical Pollution, such as detergents, oil or fertilizers
- Natural Pollution, such as leaves, garden clippings, animal droppings, sediment and silt

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).

FREE TOILET PROGRAM

Apply for your free toilet today.

- Are you a single family residential customer living in the City of Live Oak?
- Are you on the Live Oak Water System, not SAWS (San Antonio 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.



e-Cycle Event
coming
April 2016

Sewer Winter Averaging

Each year the City of Live Oak averages the water consumption on your December, January and February water bills to recalculate your “Sewer Winter Average” charge. Once this calculation is determined, the new charge is in effect beginning the month of October and remains in effect for one year until the next re-evaluation period.

Refer to the chart below to find your winter averaging schedule. Please contact the Live Oak Utility Billing Office with any questions at 210-653-9140.

Zone 10	November 6, 2015 - February 5, 2016
Zone 15	November 10, 2015 - February 10, 2016
Zone 25	November 20, 2015 - February 19, 2016
Zone 30	November 24, 2015 - February 24, 2016

Questions? Call (210) 653-9140



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