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## Minute with the Mayor

### Dear Citizens of Live Oak,

This is a thank you for the privilege of serving as Mayor to the best city ever! I have had the honor of meeting many of you, and I appreciate your support and encouragement. We are very fortunate to have a great team of employees who work daily to insure our well-being.

Congratulations to Leroy Kowalik, Finance Director and the entire finance department for their exceptional commitment to the City. The City of Live Oak has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fourth consecutive year. This is the highest award given in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and is a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Thanks to all who participated in the City Wide Garage Sale. It was a great way to make some money and move some of those items that were lying around your garage. Thanks to Mayor Pro Tem Ed Cimics for initiating that program. The Movie in the Park was awesome and it was a beautiful evening, enjoyed by nearly 900 neighbors. Thank you to all who made that night a success. For the neighbors who came out for National Night Out, thank you for the great food and fellowship and congratulations to the Live Oak Lady Disc Golfers for their win in the tournament in Round Rock, Texas. They are doing their part in letting others know about our beautiful city.

As we enter into this holiday season let's be thankful for our family and friends. Let us also remember the sacrifices being made by our soldiers and their families. I am available to talk to any citizen or to receive concerns and suggestions. To reach me you can call City Hall at (210) 653-9140, my cell phone at (210) 792-7168, or my email at [yourmayormary@yahoo.com](mailto:yourmayormary@yahoo.com).

### Mayor Mary M. Dennis



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Gerry Galindo - Assistant Fire Chief



By following the simple guidelines of "TLC" Safety (Tree, Light and Candle), your family's holiday season will remain memorable for the right reasons.

# Holiday Food Drive

Nov 1- Dec 8, 2011 - Live Oak Fire Department



**Please help us make this year's Holiday Food Drive another success** by donating non-perishable food items from November 1-December 8, 2011! Items may be dropped off at the Fire Department during regular business hours. Holiday Food Baskets will be delivered from December 12-16th. With the assistance of JISD's HOSA group and the Live Oak Disc Golf Alliance, the Live Oak Fire Department was able to deliver food to 46 Live Oak families in 2010.

## Celebrate the Holidays Safely with "TLC"!

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), December and January are the peak months for the overall number of home fires, deaths and injuries. Families should be aware that each year an average of 240 home fires start with Christmas trees and an additional 1,300 begin with various other seasonal decorations.

### "T" is for Tree

Families must be mindful of unintended dangers when decorating with a Christmas tree. Following a few simple safety guidelines can prevent fires from happening:

- When using a real tree, cut 1-2 inches off the bottom and place the tree in water as soon as possible.
- Remember to keep your tree base filled with water at all times. A tree's needles can dry out and catch fire easily.
- Place your tree a safe distance (at least 3 feet) from fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, heating vents and other heat sources.

### "L" is for Lights

Holiday lights, extension cords and other electrical items may pose potential safety hazards. Keep these safety tips in mind when using electrical decorations:

- Carefully inspect electrical decorations. Cracked sockets, and frayed, bare or loose wires, can cause a serious electric shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items with new, UL-LISTED decorations.
- Do not connect more than three light string sets together. Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have a maximum of 50 bulbs connected together.
- Turn off all electrical light strings and decorations before leaving your home or going to bed.

### "C" is for Candle

Candles are responsible for 71% of December home fires that begin as a result of improper decorating practices. Follow these safety tips when using candles:

- Never leave a room where candles are lit. Always blow them out!
- Keep candles away from decorations, curtains, bedding, paper, furniture and other combustible materials.
- Keep candles out of the reach and path of children and pets.

# Holiday Fun in Live Oak!



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM LIVE OAK PARKS & RECREATION!

*Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator*



### LETTERS TO SANTA

The North Pole Mailbox will be in City Hall beginning November 1st. This is an opportunity to get those Christmas wish lists straight to the Jolly OL'Fellow! Parents,

fill out the information sheet located next to the mailbox, and make sure that it accompanies your child's letter to Santa. Letters without an information sheet or incomplete address make it difficult for Santa to respond. All letters must be turned in no later than December 2nd.

### HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT



Santa Claus is coming to town...on a fire truck!!! Holiday Family Fun Night and the visit with Santa will take place on Friday, December 9th. The fun kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at the Live Oak Clubhouse and Santa will visit with the children from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Professional photos will be made available for purchase, however feel free to bring your own camera. Refreshments provided, so don't miss the festivities.

### HO-HO-HO HOLIDAZE CAMP FOR KIDS

Children ages 5-10 are invited to participate in plenty of winter fun at the Ho-Ho-Ho Holiday Camp! We will make plenty of arts and crafts, bake up some delicious treats, and play plenty of exciting games. The camp will take place on December 19th, 20th and 21st from 8:00 a.m. - Noon. Registration begins December 1st in City Hall, and the cost to attend is \$7.00 per day. Space is limited, so be sure to register early so that your little elves don't miss out on all the fun!

## Holiday Recipes

### BIG FAT CHEWY CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

#### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup unsalted butter, melted  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
1 egg  
1 egg yolk  
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

#### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheets.
2. Sift together the flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, cream together the melted butter, brown sugar and white sugar until well blended. Beat in the vanilla, egg, and egg yolk until light and creamy. Mix in the sifted ingredients until just blended. Stir in the chocolate chips by hand using a wooden spoon. Drop cookie dough 1/4 cup at a time onto the prepared cookie sheets. Cookies should be about 3 inches apart.
4. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes in the preheated oven, or until the edges are lightly toasted. Cool on baking sheets for a few minutes before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

### CAKE MIX COOKIES (Great Recipe for the Kiddos)

#### Ingredients

1 - 18.25 ounce box cake mix (any flavor)  
1/2 cup margarine or butter  
2 eggs  
1-2 cups of \*\* (chocolate or any flavored chips, nuts, coconut, raisins, or candy)

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease cookie sheet(s). Mix together cake mix, margarine or butter, and eggs in a large bowl. Stir in 1-2 cups of\*\*. Drop by rounded tablespoons on cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from pan and cool on wire cooling racks. (Optional: Top with M&M's before baking or ice when cooled).

## PROTECT OUR WATER SOURCE

Did you know the storm drains in our City flow to our City Lake and wetland areas, and not a waste facility? Many people are unaware that grass clippings, used motor oil, and other waste products dumped into storm drains or streets pollute lakes and water sources.

Our storm drainage system is designed to direct the flow of excess water from our streets and properties during rainy weather. This water is not filtered, and, although our drains do have grates that keep out some of the larger debris, small debris is allowed to go through and flows into the system.

Some towns have special reminders like "If You Dump It, You Drink It", "The Drain is Just For Rain", and "Don't Feed the Storm Drain" to help their citizens to remember not to wash pesticides, soapy water, motor oil and other household chemicals near or into the storm drains.

### What can you do help the situation and be part of the solution?

- Never dump anything near or into a storm drain or drainage channel, including grass clippings.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides only when less toxic methods have failed. Read and follow the directions on the label for use, clean-up, and disposal.
- Clean up after your pets, disposing of pet feces in a plastic bag in your trash can and not leaving it on the lawn.
- Recycle your motor oil and other disposal products. Many automotive supply stores and oil changing companies offer this service.

With your help, we can keep pollutants out of our lake and downstream creeks and rivers.

## WATER SAVING TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Repair leaking faucets, nozzles, pipes, and toilets. When you do have to water your lawn and garden, do so in the evening or early morning. Use mulch around plants and shrubs to help retain moisture. Sweep clippings and leaves instead of using the hose. Obey all water bans and regulations.

## 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? 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.



## PET OWNERS

Two of the major challenges presented to today's Animal Control Officers are pet overpopulation and increased integration of wild animals into suburban communities. Both issues are becoming more difficult to manage as the numbers in both areas continue to rise. Many animal shelters run at capacity trying to keep up with the influx of stray dogs and cats. Wild animals are losing their habitats to new residential, business, and educational development projects. Live Oak is no exception to these unfortunate trends, and the real solution rests with the pet owners within the community.

Every pet owner can help with the overpopulation issue by having their pet spayed or neutered. This will reduce unwanted litters, strays, and prevent possible future health issues. You can also help with the wildlife problem by not leaving dog or cat food outside.

The threat of rabies increases with the rise in the suburban wildlife population. All pet owners must insure their pets are properly vaccinated against rabies. All pet owners are also required to obtain a city pet license. Live Oak recognizes both 1-year and 3-year rabies vaccinations. Just bring in the certificate of rabies vaccination to City Hall or the Animal Control Facility. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

# Illegal Dumping Onto Land or Into Water

*Code Compliance- John Dalton*

Illegal dumping is a growing problem across the state and throughout the City of Live Oak. In the most common form of illegal dumping, people dump waste at remote locations or on an undeveloped property instead of in a landfill. There is no typical "illegal dumper", it can be anyone.

Illegal dumping is not only aesthetically unappealing, it can pose a threat to human health. Rats, mice, mosquitoes, and flies can all carry disease and are attracted to unkempt areas that contain food scraps. Water resources such as ponds, lakes, and our aquifer, can also become polluted.

Regulations regarding illegal dumping can be found in the Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) Chapter 365, Section 012, Litter Abatement Act. The following penalties apply:

**Class C Misdemeanor** - Litter of 15 pounds or less, or a volume of 5 gallons or less.

**Class B Misdemeanor** - More than 5 pounds, but less than 500, or a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 cubic feet.

**Class A Misdemeanor** - Over 500 pounds but under 1,000 pounds, or litter from a commercial entity weighing more than 5 pounds or having a volume greater than 13 gallons.

**State Jail Felony** - Over 1000 Pounds.

## How You Can Help:

- Always dispose of your own litter properly and encourage others to do the same.
- Do not transport unsecured debris in the back of a vehicle. Debris flying out of trucks is subject to the same penalties.
- Spread the word to friends and neighbors that illegal dumping is a crime.
- Do not drain your pools into the city streets or on private property. It must be drained into your sewer flush out pipe.
- Any home improvement project debris should be properly disposed in a landfill.
- Do not dispose of grass cuttings or tree branches over your fences into utility easements or the city streets.
- You can report illegal dumping within the city limits by calling the communications center at 210-653-0033, twenty-four hours daily.

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## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

*Gary Woppert - Emergency Manager*



### **This year may very well go down in the history books as the year with the most disasters nationwide.**

We have seen it all! Fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, and winter storms with snow and ice have occurred across the country, not to mention the persistent drought across Texas. In fact Texas has seen all of the other ones too! Fortunately we haven't seen them all in Live Oak! In fact we have been pretty lucky here in the City except for the drought. We had a little ice and snow back in February however we haven't had any severe thunderstorms, earthquakes, floods, or serious wildfires in the City so far this year. Hopefully we can make it through the next couple of months without any major incidents.

If you recall September was National Preparedness Month and hopefully everyone not only took some time to remember the events of September 11th, 2001, but also took some time to get better prepared. All citizens should have a family disaster plan along with some essential supplies on hand. If a family member is disabled or may require assistance, make sure you include that in your plan and don't forget about your pets! Include them in the plan. For additional information regarding family disaster planning you are encouraged to visit the following web sites. The national site is [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and locally, [www.readysouthtexas.gov](http://www.readysouthtexas.gov). In addition the Texas Division of Emergency Management has a new web site that includes some great on-line videos. That site is [www.texasprepares.org](http://www.texasprepares.org). You can also visit the Emergency Management Section of the City's web site or contact Gary Woppert at 653-9140, ext. 379, via e-mail at [gwoppert@liveoaktx.net](mailto:gwoppert@liveoaktx.net), or stop by the office in the fire station during normal business hours.

### **New Emergency Alert System**

The current Emergency Alert System (EAS) has been around for many years however it will soon be replaced by the Intergrated Public Alert and Warning System or IPAWS. This new system will include the latest technology including the capability to send messages to cellular phones and e-mail in addition to notifying all radio and TV stations. According to federal officials the system will not be fully operational until sometime next year; however a test has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th, 2011, tentatively at 2:00 PM.

### **Connect CTY Telephone Alert System**

Just a reminder! Citizens – Have you signed up for the Connect CTY telephone alert system? All residents with a listed telephone number should already be included, however if you have an unlisted telephone number you are not included. In addition if you would like to add cellular numbers, text messaging or e-mails, you may do so by simply going to the city web site. Under City Services click on Connect CTY item for a direct portal to the system along with some additional information on it. Just follow the simply instructions. As a reminder there are NO individual costs for this service.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sgt. Jesse Barela - Live Oak Police Department

# Residential and Business Alarm Ordinance Amended

Ordinance Number 1451 amending Chapter 19, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Live Oak was passed, approved and adopted on May 31, 2011 ([www.liveoaktx.net](http://www.liveoaktx.net), Code of Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 19, Article IV).

## Amendments include:

- The non-refundable fee of \$50 per year is required for each permit or renewal of permit for private residence, commercial establishments, and financial institution.
- An alarm user shall be subject to fines for signaling of a false alarm by a burglar alarm system if at least three other false alarms have occurred during the preceding 12-month period. The amount of the penalty for the signaling of a false alarm may not exceed:
  1. \$50, if the location has had more than three but fewer than six other false alarms in the preceding 12-month period;
  2. \$75, if the location has had more than five but fewer than eight other false alarms in the preceding 12 month period;
  3. \$100, if the location has had eight or more other false alarms in the preceding 12-month period.

The City may suspend or refuse to renew an alarm system permit for any violation of this article. The City may revoke or refuse to renew the permit of an alarm system that has had eight or more false alarms during the preceding 12-month period.

## Duties of Alarm System Company include:

1. Notification to occupant of the applicable law relating to false alarms;
2. How to prevent false alarms;
3. How to operate the alarm system.

Please complete the residential or business alarm permit application (available at the Justice Center and [www.liveoaktx.net](http://www.liveoaktx.net) under document library/police), remit payment of \$50 and deliver or mail to: Live Oak Police Department, 8022 Shin Oak, Live Oak, TX 78233. Please call Police Administration at 210-945-1700 for further information.

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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

*Ken Steiner, Building Official*



### Do you have a Lawn Irrigation system?



If your answer is yes, you should have a device located somewhere on your property which may look similar to one of these images.

Their primary function is to prevent cross contamination of the city's potable water system. National water codes and guidelines call for approved backflow protection on all lawn sprinkler systems and the backflow protection be tested yearly and maintained in working condition. At installation, it is the property owner's responsibility to provide the proper Live Oak Backflow Test & Maintenance (T&M) form with the test results for recording purposes. Each year a letter and Backflow T&M report form will be mailed to the property owner as a reminder to provide the City with the annual test results.

This is required by Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the following adopted Plumbing Code:

International Plumbing Code

608.16.5 Connections to lawn irrigation systems. The potable water supply to lawn irrigation systems shall be protected against backflow by an atmospheric-type vacuum breaker, a pressure-type vacuum breaker or a reduced pressure principle backflow preventer.

30 TAC 290 Subchapter D: Rules and Regulations for public water systems 290.44(h) (1) No water connection from any public drinking water system shall be allowed to any residence or establishment where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists unless the public water facilities are protected from contamination.

Contact Ken Steiner at 210 653-9140 extension 250 for additional information on this subject.

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# NORTHEAST METHODIST HOSPITAL

## “Just What the Doctor Ordered”

*-Scott Wayman, Assistant City Manager*

Walking into the Northeast Methodist Hospital after its renovation, I was amazed at the friendly improvements to the lobby. I was visiting a sick friend and nothing surprised me more than when the friendly attendant directed me to the second hallway of the Emergency Department. “Second hallway?” I asked, “When did you all get two hallways?”

Having grown up with Live Oak, I can remember a time when the Emergency Room section of the hospital was two rooms, one with patients and one with worried family members. I had a hard time believing that there could have been such a tremendous growth for this beautiful facility that caters to the residents of our entire region.

The hospital was built on the hallowed grounds of the once famous Judson Four Drive-in Theater. It opened its doors in 1985 as Village Oaks Hospital by its owner, the Hospital Corporation of America. In 1995 it became part of the Methodist Healthcare System and the name was changed to Northeast Methodist Hospital. In 2004, they conducted a “skybreaking” ceremony to kick off their significant expansion project. Under the watchful eye of the hospital’s Chief Executive Officer Mark Bernard, its capacity increased to 174 hospital beds and significantly upgraded its services for intensive and emergency care.

Playing a significant role in the economic growth that has been experienced by northeast Bexar County, the hospital has had to keep pace with the increasing demands of a growing region. Many of these increasing demands influence the residents of the region directly. Methodist Healthcare offers free HealthBus transportation that is available for residents who live within the zip code areas near the hospital, and Hospital employees give back to the local communities by donating their services in civic events that take place throughout the region. Last May, several of the nursing staff contributed their time helping with the children’s games for Live Oak’s Park Day, sponsored by our Parks and Recreation.

And the recognition received by the hospital continues to grow. Recently, the Texas Department of State Health Services designated Northeast Methodist Hospital as a Primary Level II stroke facility, demonstrating their commitment to providing superior care to stroke patients. To find out more about Northeast Methodist Hospital feel free to contact 210-757-7000 or visit [www.SAHealth.com](http://www.SAHealth.com). For more information on HealthBus, call 647-7433 (MHS-RIDE).



## Northeast Methodist Hospital Fast Facts

Northeast Methodist Hospital has played a major role in the phenomenal economic growth experienced in northeast Bexar County. Located in the city of Live Oak at Interstate 35 and Judson Road, Northeast Methodist Hospital has undergone a significant series of renovations inside and out. As a result, the hospital has been able to keep pace with the increasing demands of this growing community. Northeast Methodist Hospital has built upon its already well-deserved reputation by offering outstanding emergency care for adults and children, open heart surgery, cardiac catheterization, general surgery, orthopedics, in-patient rehabilitation, gastroenterology and cancer care.



## Hospital Highlights

- Northeast Methodist Hospital opened in 1985 as Village Oaks Hospital and became part of the Methodist Healthcare System in 1995. The hospital's name was changed to Northeast Methodist Hospital.
- The emergency department features 26 individual treatment rooms with cable television and 10 Fast Track rooms to help the staff care for patients with less urgent needs, but in a more timely fashion.
- The hospital offers free valet parking for guests but recently built a parking garage for employees and physicians to make more spaces in the surface parking lot available for patients and their families.
- Northeast Methodist Hospital features a comprehensive, coordinated, medically-based program in a hospital setting for those who require inpatient rehabilitation and 24-hour medical and nursing care. All therapy is provided by licensed physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech/language therapists in one-on-one sessions. The unit features 13 private rooms with home-like touches to help patients transition between being in the hospital and returning home.
- The staff at Northeast Methodist Hospital performs 500 cardiac catheterizations a month, putting it among the fastest growing heart services program in South Texas. Northeast Methodist Hospital is also unique in providing individualized education and guidance by a dedicated cardiac liaison nurse.
- Northeast Methodist Hospital provides compassionate care to cancer patients with physicians working alongside specially trained and certified oncology nurses, dietitians, caseworkers and chaplains. Team members work with individual patients and their families to help them cope during the process of diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy and/or radiation treatment.
- The Northeast Methodist Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, Heartbeat of the Hospital, contributes many hours taking care of the hospital's information desk, providing refreshments to family members whose loved ones are undergoing surgery and running the hospital's gift shop. Profits from the shop along with other sales helped to contribute \$20,000 of scholarship funds in May for students pursuing health care related careers.
- HealthBus is a free transportation program available to residents living in some ZIP code areas near Northeast Methodist Hospital. Please call MHS-RIDE (647-7433) to find out if you qualify and learn how you can take advantage of the convenient service.

# History of Northeast Methodist Hospital

- 1985 Village Oaks Hospital Opens; owned by HCA
- 1992 Acquired by Humana
- 1993 Formation of Galen Healthcare  
Merger of Galen Healthcare and Columbia Healthcare Corporation
- 1994 Merger of Columbia Healthcare Corporation with HCA
- 1995 Joint Venture with the Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas and Columbia/HCA creating Methodist Healthcare System of San Antonio, Ltd  
Name changed to Northeast Methodist Hospital
- 1997 Opening of Rehabilitation Unit
- 1998 Cardiology Unit expanded, Gastrointestinal Lab expansion
- 2002 Oncology Unit Opened
- 2004 A "skybreaking" ceremony kicks off expansion project; increasing the number of hospital beds from 120 to 156 and significantly upgrading heart services, intensive care and emergency care  
New Surgical Intensive Care Unit Opens
- 2005 New tower opens including main entrance, lobby, admitting area, gift shop  
Expanded Emergency Department opened  
Expanded Telemetry Unit opened
- 2009 Cardiac Catheterization Lab Expansion  
320 Space Parking Garage Added  
In-patient Rehabilitation Unit Renovated  
Sleep Lab Renovated  
Kidney Dialysis Unit Added  
Post Anesthesia Care Unit Added  
Chest Pain Accreditation
- 2010 25th Anniversary Celebration Held  
Joint Commission grants certification as a Stroke Center of Excellence  
Joint Replacement Academy Opens  
Total Hospital Beds: 174



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# SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Delivers hot meals to the homes of the elderly and sick Monday thru Friday. Please call 735-5115 and ask for "Outreach Department" for more information.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Methodist Hospital System provides free pick up and return to your home for citizens on the "Health Bus" and "Well Waldo Wheels for Children" having appointments at Methodist Hospital or Methodist affiliated physician's offices. Call: MHS-Ride (647-7433) 48 hours in advance of your appointment to schedule transportation.

**FOOD BANK:** R.A.C.A.P. (Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program) operates a Food Bank available to Live Oak residents. Located at 307 Pfeil, Schertz, Texas. Call: 658-1613

## ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES:

[www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com) by having food from first rate suppliers at substantial volume discount, Angel Food Ministries is able to provide families with approximately \$65 worth of quality nutritious food for \$30.

**GRASP:** (Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc.) Call: 658-6351, 250 Donalan, Converse, TX 78109

- Client Social Services: Senior Services, Congregate Meals, Transportation and other activities. A monthly flyer of events and menu is available at the center.
- Lunch: They provide lunches at the Community Center Monday thru Friday at 11:30 am. Donations are accepted for lunch.
- Daily activities: The Community Center has daily activities and has a monthly program that also lists additional community center sponsored activities, trips, etc.
- Transportation: Is offered to and from the center for Live Oak residents. Call one day in advance @ 658-6351. They begin picking up at 8:00 am and return you home starting at 1:30.
- Food Pantry: Is available at the Community Center. Citizens can use it two times a year and need to call to set up an appointment.

## ASC ALAMO SERVICE CONNECTION:

[www.alamoserviceconnection.org](http://www.alamoserviceconnection.org) (210) 477-3275 ASC links seniors and people with disabilities to information about long-term services and support, both public and private. Get Answers, Find Services, and Obtain Benefits.

## AACOG ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

This organization, a resource to regional cities, offers many programs for our citizens. To learn more about services, call or check their website @ [www.aacog.org](http://www.aacog.org) Call (210) 362-5200

## SENIORS- COME JOIN US!

### Attention Seniors of Live Oak:

November and December has many fun-filled activities for you to enjoy. Everything from Games Day, Bingo, Pot Luck Luncheons, a Book Club, and more. Please check out the Community Calendar for event dates and times. See you at the Live Oak Club House!!! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to All!!!

Terry Fitzpatrick, *SOLO President* - 210.655.2200

## SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES

*Sponsored by Live Oak Parks & Recreation*

Senior exercise is now taking place on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. at the Youth Building. Come try out some exciting new ways to stay fit, as well as socialize with other seniors. There are a variety of "Senior Specialty" classes taking place in November, so be sure to check the calendar for these exciting new activities.

For information regarding Senior Exercise Classes, please call Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator at 653-9140 ext. 235.

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Coming To the North East On November 20th

## Adair Cooling & Heating

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# SOLO-Seniors of Live Oak Recognize Xeriscaped Yards

The Seniors of Live Oak (SOLO) Yard of the Month Committee decided to focus on Xeriscaped yards this August, due to the hot three digit weather we've been having. The YOM winners are: Area 1: Sandy Smith, 12206 Brownstone, Brentwood; Area 2: Jeryl & Marie Atkinson, 7618 Avery Road, Woodcrest; Area 3: Amy Flick, 14004 Dane Park, Bridlewood Park (tied with a neighbor from July) no xeriscaped yard for that new community; Area 4: Jeanne Celovsky, 103 Greycliff, North of Leafy Hollow; Area 5: Bill & Marilyn Lewis, 7729 Dry Canyon Trail, South of Leafy Hollow. Congratulations winners! Yard of the Month Chairperson is Gaynell Gainer, S.O.L.O. President, Terry Fitzpatrick.



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## NOVEMBER

**Nov. 5-6** - TEXAS REPTILE EXPO (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Large Variety of Reptiles & Amphibians. Cages/Aquariums/Books, Assorted Pet Supplies.

**Nov. 4-5-6** - SOUTHWEST SPORTS COLLECTIBLES SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Giant Selection of Old and New Sports Cards, Souvenirs and Autographed Collectibles.

Fri. 4pm-7pm, Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm (Famous Sports Celebrities on Sat & Sun) Admission \$5.00

**Nov. 12** - "Alamo Honor Flight" Fundraising Banquet & Fashion Show (Exhibit Hall) Proceeds pay the airfare "Honor Flights" to fly World War II Veterans from San Antonio, TX to Washington DC to visit and reflect at their National Memorials. Special Guest Speakers.

Saturday: Doors open at 6:00pm. For Ticket/Sponsorship Info: [www.alamohonorflight.com](http://www.alamohonorflight.com)

**Nov. 12-13** - Morning Star PUPPY SALE (Rocket Room) Variety of Puppies for Sale, Pet Supplies and Toys.

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-5pm Free Admission!

**Nov. 19** - "Alamo Honor Flight" Fundraising Banquet & Fashion Show (Exhibit Hall) Proceeds pay the airfare "Honor Flights" to fly World War II Veterans from San Antonio, TX to Washington DC to visit and reflect at their National Memorials. Special Guest Speakers.

**Nov. 20** - Howard Lau's SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES (Rough Rider Room) P.S.A. Graded Cards - Assorted Sports Categories - Collectors Albums and Supplies.

Sunday: 10am - 4pm Admission \$1.00.

**Nov. 26-27** - TEXAS GUN SHOWS (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) BUY-SELL-TRADE! Independent Dealers - Variety of Firearms! Wholesale Ammunition!

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Admission: \$7 Military & Law Discount (Kids 12/under, Free) Sunday: 10am - 4pm Admission \$1.00.

*Event Schedules, Hours & Admission are Subject to Change Without Notice*

## DECEMBER

**Dec. 2-3-4** - AMERICANA INDIAN /WESTERN ART & JEWELRY SHOW (Rocket Room) Unique Gift Items! Assorted Crafts: Jewelry-Paintings-Pottery-Clothing, etc.

Fri. 10am-9 pm, Sat. 10 am-9 pm, Sun. 10 am-7 pm FREE ADMISSION

**Dec. 3-4** - SHOWCASE OF ARTS & CRAFTS (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Various Vendors. Specialty Handcrafted Merchandise for Gift-Giving and Home Decor.

Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm Admission: Adults \$5 - Good Both Days! (Kids 12 and younger, Free)

**Dec. 10** - EXOTIC BIRD, PUPPY & PET SHOW (Rocket Room) Assorted Exotic Birds and Puppies For Sale! Cages, Pet Foods, Supplies, Pet Accessories.

Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm Admission: Adults \$4 (Kids 6 yrs and younger, Free)

**Dec. 10-11** - BEADING HOUSE JEWELRY SHOW (Rough Rider Room) Large Assortment of Loose Beads, Gems, Findings & Trunk Jewelry.

Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-4pm Free Admission [www.beadinghouse.com](http://www.beadinghouse.com)

**Dec. 17-18** - TEXAS GUN SHOWS (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) BUY-SELL-TRADE! Independent Dealers - Variety of Firearms! Wholesale Ammunition!

Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm Admission: \$7.00

**Dec. 18** - HOWARD LAU'S SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES SHOW (Rough Rider Rm) P.S.A. Graded Cards. Assorted Sports Categories, Collectors Albums, Supplies, more!

Sunday 10am-4pm Admission: \$1.00

## JANUARY 2012 PREVIEW

- Jan. 7-8... Live Oak Custom Car and Truck Show
- Jan. 13-14-15... Continental Antiques Show
- Jan. 21... Eckman's Card, Comic & Toy Show
- Jan. 28-29... SAMRA Model Railroad Train Show



# ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Live Oak Parks and Recreation Commission invites you to attend the Annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year we will meet on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 10:30 a.m., 8001 Shin Oak Drive. A representative from the Texas Forestry Service will be on hand to speak about tree maintenance, including guidelines for planting, pruning and watering trees as well as answer any questions regarding tree care. There will be light refreshments, and activities for children, so please join the entire community of Live Oak in recognizing this special day.

For information regarding any of the above mentioned programs, please call Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator at 653-9140 ext. 235 or email [cweese@liveoaktx.net](mailto:cweese@liveoaktx.net)

## 2011 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2010 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Years Day  
 Recycle Days are Marked by Letters " A,B,C".

Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes.

Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes.

Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.

**On Thanksgiving day and Christmas day recycle will run the next day**





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## NOVEMBER

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### CITY MEETINGS

- NOV. 7** Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers **7:00pm**
- NOV. 8** City Council Meeting: Council Chambers **7:00pm**
- NOV. 17** Planning & Zoning: Council Chambers **6:30pm**
- NOV. 28** EDC Meeting: Council Chambers **6:00pm**
- NOV. 29** City Council Meeting: Council Chambers **7:00pm**

### SENIOR INFORMATION

- NOV. 10** Senior Exercise Class: Youth Building **9 - 10am**
- NOV. 14** Games Day: Live Oak Club House **1:00pm**
- NOV. 24** Thanksgiving Day Luncheon w/Military Trainees **11:30am**
- NOV. 28** Book Club: Live Oak Club House **1:00pm**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- NOV. 12** Annual Arbor Day Celebration: 8001 Shin Oak Dr. **10:30am**
- NOV. 19** Free Bulk Paper Shredding by RBFCU: Civic Center **9-12am**

### FARMERS MARKET

- NOV. 1** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- NOV. 8** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- NOV. 15** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- NOV. 22** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- NOV. 29** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**

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### CITY MEETINGS

- DEC. 5** Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers **7:00pm**
- DEC. 8** Planning & Zoning Meeting : Council Chambers **6:30pm**
- DEC.13** City Council Meeting: Council Chambers **7:00pm**
- DEC. 26** (TBA) EDC Meeting: Council Chambers **6:00pm**
- DEC. 27** City Council Meeting: Council Chambers *(Tentative)* **7:00pm**

### SENIOR INFORMATION

- DEC. 12** Games Day: Live Oak Club House **1:00pm**
- DEC. 19** Bingo/Pot Luck Luncheon: Live Oak Club House **11:30am**
- DEC. 26** Book Club: Live Oak Club House **1:00pm**
- DEC. 29** Twelfth Day Gift Exchange, Music/Dance **11:30am**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- DEC. 9** Holiday Family Fun Night w/Santa: Live Oak Club House **6 - 9pm**
- DEC. 19/21** HO-HO-HO Holiday Camp Live Oak Club House: ages 5-10 **8am - Noon**

### FARMERS MARKET

- DEC. 8** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- DEC. 13** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- DEC. 20** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**
- DEC. 27** Farmers Market: Civic Center **9am - 2pm**

# CITY OF LIVE OAK DIRECTORY

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Trudy Whitfield.....653-9140 ext 201

## Recreation

Courtney Weese.....653-9140 ext. 235

## Water Department

Billing Office.....653-9140 ext. 225

## OFFICIAL MEETINGS

### City Council Meetings:

2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

### Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings:

1st Monday of each month at 7:00 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

### Free Bulk Paper Shredding *(sponsored by RBFCU)*

Civic Center, Saturday, Nov. 19th 9am – Noon

### Arbor Day Celebration (8001 Shin Oak Dr.)

Saturday, Nov. 12th 10:30am

### Holiday Family Fun Night with Santa

Friday, Dec. 9th 6 – 9 pm *(L.O. Club House)*

### HO-HO-HO- Holiday Camp: ages 5-10

Live Oak Club House Dec. 19-21 (Mon-Wed) 8am - Noon



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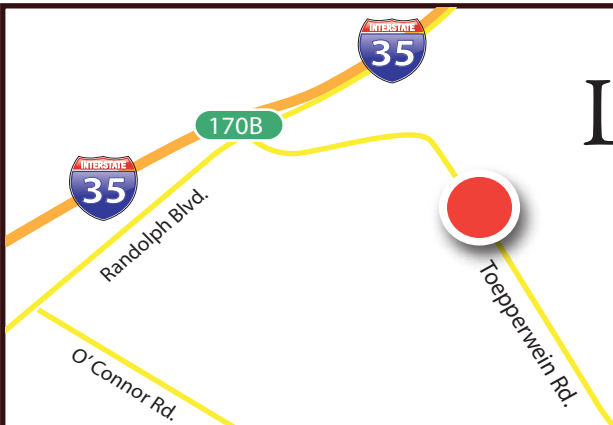


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