

LiveOak



HOME TOWN NEWS



THE CITY OF

LIVE OAK, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2012

JUDSON EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

**Movie & Trivia in the Park:
September 22nd**

**National Night Out:
October 2nd**

**Safe Halloween:
October 31st**



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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*
- Charter Review Committee Meetings:**
2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm
- Citizen Code Compliance Committee Meetings:**
Every other Tuesday @ 6:30 (see Community Calendar)

FUTURE EVENTS

- Farmer's Market**
Tuesday's 9 am - 2 pm
- Town Hall Meeting on Preparedness**
Sept. 12 & 13th, 6:30 pm, Live Oak Fire Station
- Movie & Trivia in the Park:**
Sept 22nd, 7:30pm, Live Oak Main Park
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- Safe Halloween:**
Oct 31st, 6-8:30pm, Live Oak Main Park



Minute with the Mayor



This edition of our Hometown News highlights the multiple educational opportunities available in Live Oak. Texas schools have recently suffered substantial budget cuts forcing educators to be creative in the delivery of information to the youth of today. Higher education allows broad minded individuals the opportunity to advance in the work place.

The youth of Live Oak are fortunate to be educated in one of two school districts that are high ranking among similar districts in San Antonio. We are proud to claim both Judson and Northeast Independent School Districts as part of our community. Students who attend the Judson District

have the ability to matriculate from Crestview and Ed Franz Elementary Schools into the Judson Early College Academy. In partnership with Northeast Lakeview College, students have the ability to earn an Associate Degree while pursuing their high school diploma. I would like to say thank you to all teachers, educators and parents who help shape the lives of our future residents of Live Oak. Together we will continue to make Live Oak a great place to live, work and play. Please know that I am available to speak with any resident and can be reached on my cell: 210-792-7168 or email at yourmayormary@yahoo.com. The best is yet come!

(Photo) Mayor Dennis presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Student Council, Crestview Elementary

2012 City of Live Oak Recycle Calendar

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2012 Holiday's observed are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day
 Recycle Days are Marked by Letters "A,B,C".
 Route "A" is West/Sat trash routes.
 Route "B" is Mon/Thurs trash routes.
 Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes.
 On Thanksgiving day recycle will run the next day.



Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty and persistence.

- Colin Powell

Education for ALL Ages in Live Oak

Live Oak offers a variety of education options throughout the city, regardless of age. We are proud to support education opportunities ranging from early education and preschool through graduate level studies, all right here in our community. Please read on to learn more about the vast education services available right in your own backyard.

Country Home Learning Center Live Oak, Texas

Since 1989, Country Home Learning Center (CHLC) has earned a reputation in Live Oak for providing the very best in quality education. They offer programs for Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, 5-Year-Old/Excel Students, and an option for After School/Summer Camp. Some of the fun, yet educational, amenities that can be found at the CHLC Live Oak location are:

- 1950's Style Soda Shop
- Country Home Theater
- Computer Lab
- Adventure Jungle
- Indoor Playground
- Putt Putt Golf Course

- Gymnasium
- Resource Room & Library
- Arts and Crafts Center
- Waterpark and Wet Deck
- Soccer Field

Children grow as individuals as they journey throughout the different developmental, social, and academic stages of life. Country Home's most important objective is to provide students with many opportunities to succeed every day. Frequent successes in young children promote self-confidence and a higher self-esteem, which are vital to the learning process. Country Home Learning Center is located at 11909 Toepperwein Rd. and can be reached at 210.650-3115 or visit their website @ country-homelearningcenter.com



Country Home Learning Center, Live Oak

THE LEARNING ZONE

Live Oak, Texas

The Learning Zone has been an active business partner in the Live Oak community since the 1980s, when Bob Horton and Ron Mc Connell opened the doors in the newly built Albertson's Shopping Plaza. The Education Shop, as it was originally named, grew quickly and soon moved across the parking lot to a larger store on Village Oak Drive. Harvey and Cheri Rogers of Live Oak purchased the store in 1997 and continued serving the community until it was sold in 2006 to the Rendon family and the name was soon changed to Learning Zone. In March 2007 the store expanded and now occupies the entire strip center.



The Learning Zone is much more than a teacher and school supply store. It also has a large supply of games and toys for kids of all ages that are not only educational, but fun! Parents are able to come by and find all necessary supplies that their students need for school projects in just one stop. The religious section of the store is also well stocked with activity books for all ages, stickers, bulletin boards and charts. The Spanish section is also full of many useful items.

The staff at the Learning Zone are all from the local area and are familiar with the latest trends in the world of education. They are always willing to help you find just what the customer is looking for. If it isn't in the store it can be ordered and there is no delivery charge. Drop in to see what they have to offer 8117 Village Oak Dr. Mondays-Thursdays 10:00-6:00 and Fridays-Saturdays 10:00-5:00 210-646-7990.

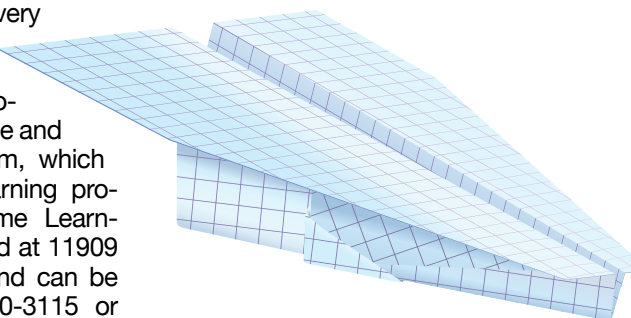


Judson Early College (JECA)

When Judson's Early College opened its doors in 2009, it was one of only two High School Early College programs in Texas to be located on a College Campus. Starting with 124 students, JECA provides Judson youth the opportunity to attend high school for

4 years, and graduate with an Associate's Degree. The school has been named "Exemplar" every year since its inception and this year, with a student enrollment of 451 kids, it will graduate its first class of seniors. Principal Yvonne Anglada can talk for hours about the leadership

qualities and the pride that she feels being a part of a school that was built from the ground up. Having been with JECA throughout the construction of the buildings, she takes great pride in the familial feeling that they instill in students throughout their educational process.





Northeast Lakeview College

“Right from the start” has been the motto of the college since its inception in 2002. Situated on 450 acres of land adjacent to the Live Oak Park and Lake, the college offers higher education opportunities for 6,000

students from Live Oak and around the region. As one of the newest community colleges in the nation, Northeast Lakeview provides a variety of degree plans, small, student focused environment and flexible course

schedules. Dedicated to be a center for educational excellence, Northeast Lakeview College combines innovative classroom instruction with hands-on experience to provide exemplary enrichment opportunities. The

continued growth of the campus promises to be the home soon for 15,000 students with intent of providing higher education for area high schools and in-career students.

University Center

Labeled as Alamo Colleges one-stop center for higher education, this campus is located 1.5 miles from the Northeast Lakeview Campus and features a wide variety of reasons why students should stay right in the Live Oak area to receive their Bach-

elors and Masters level education. Built as a partnership between Alamo Colleges and the Universities of the Incarnate word, Wayland Baptist, Texas State, St. Mary’s and Texas A&M San Antonio. 22 Bachelors and Master’s Degree Programs are offered in

Arts and Sciences and they specialize in catering to the highest demand industries and occupations. Wayland Baptist has located its Nursing School to the location as a primary daytime program and other courses make it easier for students to obtain

their teaching certificates. To register, potential students should contact the university of interest and inquire into the registration process for each university.



Live Oak League of Arts (LOLA)

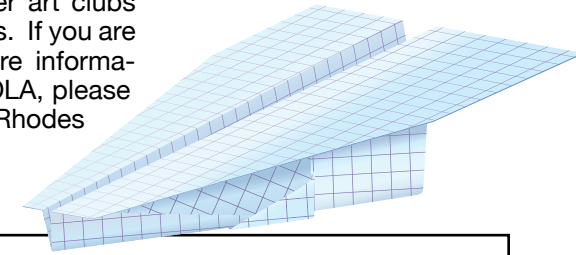
The Live Oak League of Arts (LOLA) began in 2009 under the direction of Ms. Beverly Hartman. After her departure, Ms. Laura Rhodes stepped in as President in the fall of 2010 and took responsibility of the league. LOLA was officially incorporated as a non-profit (social club) in 2011.

Currently, LOLA has 10 regular voting members and several associate members. They are always looking for more people to join them in sharing their love for art. Membership dues are \$3.00 per month. LOLA meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month and some 4th Saturdays at the Live Oak Youth

Building. They are currently looking into securing the Live Oak Club House one Thursday each month to hold evening painting sessions. In the future they would also like to offer a program just for kids that are interested in the arts. They recently held their first art show at the Live Oak Club House in May 2012.

LOLA also participates in community outreach, providing art related activities at Esplanade Gardens Nursing Home. They also helped procure donations for the City of Live Oak Arbor Day celebration and volunteered time and materials to the Seniors of Live Oak (SOLO).

LOLA has just started a Facebook page where you can find information about their group, art events in and around San Antonio, and links to other art clubs and organizations. If you are interested in more information or joining LOLA, please contact Laura Rhodes at 210.315.5351.



LOLA Calendar of Events:
August 25th: Field Trip/Workshop McNay Art Museum
September 6-9: Volunteer work, International Encaustic Artist Convention, San Antonio
October 27th: Sketching Workshop w/renowned painter & sculptor, Charles Ingram
Upcoming: “Rhapsody in Blue” LOLA’s next art show



LOLA Art Show, Live Oak Club House, May 2012



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International Campus - K - 5
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From the Fire Department
By Gerry Galindo, Assistant Fire Chief

This October 7th thru the 13th, marks our Fire Prevention week and our 41st annual Fire Prevention Week Parade. We are very excited to visit the elementary and day schools with our fire truck and great firefighters. Our

theme for the poster contest this year is "Have 2 ways out". We are always delighted and impressed with the many entries we receive and can't wait to see our Grand Champion's poster this year! We encourage teachers and

parents to put a bug in their children's ears about our theme early. The winner will receive an award as well as being invited to ride in Ladder 3, on the 13th of October, during our Fire Prevention Parade.

Remember to watch our website, www.liveoaktx.net, for the latest updates on our Poster Contest and our Fire Prevention Parade. We look forward to seeing you soon.

FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

IN THE KITCHEN:

- Never leave the kitchen unattended while cooking, and never leave a child alone while cooking
- Keep anything that can catch fire (like dish towels or wooden spoons) away from your stovetop

IN THE BEDROOM:

- Install smoke alarms in and outside of every sleeping area and test smoke alarms monthly
- Teach children what to do when they hear the sound of the smoke alarm
- Crawl low under smoke
- Touch doors before opening them; if the door is hot, use another exit
- Never go back into a burning building; children should be reminded not to stop or return for anything, such as a toy or to call 9-1-1
- Upon leaving the burning building, children whose clothes have caught fire should immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll back and forth quickly to extinguish the flames

AROUND THE HOUSE:

- Practice an escape plan with your child
- Teach young children not to play with matches or lighters. Lock up matches and lighters out of their sight and reach
- Keep all portable heaters out of children's reach and at least 3 feet away from flammable objects
- Avoid plugging several appliance cords into the same electrical socket
- Keep children away from candles and other open flames





From the Office of Emergency Management

By Gary L. Woppert, Emergency Manager

The month of September has been designated National Preparedness Month by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The theme or slogan for this year is simply "Pledge to Prepare." Basically we are asking all citizens to take the pledge and do the following: Learn about the hazards in the community; make a family disaster plan, and finally make an emergency supply kit.

In addition, citizens should always be prepared for severe weather events to include the possibility of tornadoes.

Designate a "safe" area within your home. Citizens should be aware of the warning systems in place along with shelter locations and shelter in place guidelines. Consider purchasing a NOAA Weather Radio and always maintain some basic emergency supplies like flashlights with extra batteries, a battery powered radio, a first aid kit, a fire ex-

tinguisher or two, and some bottled water and nonperishable food items for the entire family.

In the event of an evacuation remember the essentials, and only the essentials. You are not going to have time to pack! Prescription drugs might be required along with your ID, keys, etc. Also don't forget about your pets! Plan ahead. They may be safe at your home however, if they have to evacuate you will need to confine them in a crate or cage, you will need a leash, and don't forget about food. Pets are being planned for now but your pet must be contained and you must bring food along with a suitable dish for it and some water.

Take the "Pledge to Prepare" and make a plan and make a kit!

For additional assistance visit one of these web sites: www.ready.gov, www.readysouthtexas.gov, www.texasprepares.gov

In addition you can visit the Emergency Management section of the City Web Site for more information or stop by the Office of Emergency Management, located in the Fire Station, during normal business hours.

For some first hand information, see the next article!

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September Town Hall Meetings on Preparedness

The Office of Emergency Management will be hosting two (2) "Town Hall" meetings on Family Preparedness on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 12th and 13th, 2012, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Live Oak Fire Station.

We will review the potential hazards that may affect the City along with making a family disaster plan. We will discuss having a communications plan, the need for basic supplies, shelters and sheltering in-place, evacuations, and other related issues such as tornado safety. Numerous checklists and brochures will be available on these topics along with weather related items and terrorism.

If you are interested in attending we would like to hear from you ahead of time so we can get an idea of how many folks may attend for planning purposes. You can contact Gary Woppert at 653-9140, Ext. 379 or by e-mail at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net.

From the Office of Parks & Recreation

By Courtney Weese, Recreation Coordinator

LABOR DAY LUAU

Join us for some fun in the sun, and enjoy one last day at the pool on Monday, September 3rd! The pool will open at 1:00 p.m., with some extra excitement (light refreshments, music, and giveaways) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Regular admission rates of \$2 for Live Oak residents and \$5 for non-residents apply, except for season pass holders. Limited capacity, come early.



MOVIE IN THE PARK

Live Oak's annual Movie in the Park will be on Saturday, September 22nd at 8:00 p.m. "Despicable Me" will be the featured movie. Come early with your blanket or chair at 7:30 p.m. for movie trivia, giveaways and entertainment. The Jaguars will have the concession stand open, and LOCAP will be selling ice cream to benefit the police department. Check the marquees and website for further details.



SAFE HALLOWEEN

Come out to the Live Oak Main Park on October 31st for a spooktacular time! Games for children ages 0-4 years are from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; 5 years and older 6:30-8:30 p.m., and the costume contest starts at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!!

There are many ways to further enhance your education, and participating in community service is among the best! Many colleges and universities look not only at a student's academic achievements, but also how they have served the community. Live Oak offers many opportunities year round for students and adults alike to participate in exciting programs, and receive recognition while doing it. If you would like to volunteer to assist with any of the above mentioned programs, please call Courtney Weese at 653-9140 ext. 235.

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From the
Office of
Public
Works
By Gerry Galindo,
Assistant Fire Chief

A Citizen's Guide to Understanding Stormwater

WHAT IS STORMWATER RUNOFF?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

WHY IS STORMWATER RUNOFF A PROBLEM?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

Education is essential to changing people's behavior. Pollutants entering the drains will be carried untreated into a local waterbody. Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Don't pour them onto the ground or into storm drains.

LAWN CARE

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

AUTO CARE

Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants through the storm sewer system. Dumping automotive fluids into storm drains has the same result as dumping the materials directly into a waterbody.

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

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UNDERSTANDING STORMWATER

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PET WASTE

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING

Permeable Pavement — Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff. **Rain Barrels** — You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito-proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.

Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales — Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.

Vegetated Filter Strips — Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

*Stormwater information is based on literature by the United States Environmental Protection Agency

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).

CLEAN UP WEEK September 23, 2012

It is time for the bi-annual Fix-Up, Pick Up, and Clean Up Week beginning September 23rd. You must have all your unwanted "treasures" near the curb by Sunday, September 30th.

BULK TRASH PICK UP

The City will begin picking up items on Monday, October 1st. Remember, no hazardous waste will be picked up.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE September 28th - 30th

The City Wide Garage Sale begins Friday, September 28th through Sunday, September 30th! Thank you all for participating in this community sale! Best of Luck and Happy Selling!



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?

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.



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From the Office of Development Services

By Kenneth Steiner, Building Official

Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule - EPA

Did you know that today over one million children in the U.S. have been poisoned by lead from old paint? Home repairs that create even a small amount of lead dust are enough to poison your child and put your family at risk. If you live in a home or apartment that was built prior to 1978, make sure you renovate right with a contractor that is Lead-Safe Certified.

The RRP Rule (Renovations, Repair and Painting Rule): Certified Renovator Responsibilities:

- Perform work and direct lead-safe work practices.
- Penalties, Steep fines are levied for violators \$37,500
- Maximum removal inside 6 sq. ft., and 20 sq. ft. outside
- HUD project's maximum removal 2 sq. ft.
- Fines may be levied if compliance is not met.

Information for Property Owners of Rental Housing, Child-Occupied Facilities:

Property owners who renovate, repair, or prepare surfaces for painting in pre-1978 rental housing or spaces rented by child-care facilities must, before beginning work, provide tenants with a copy of EPA's lead hazard information pamphlet: Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools.

Owners of these rental properties must document compliance with this requirement; EPA has a sample of pre-renovation disclosure form that may be used for this purpose.

Property owners who perform these projects in pre-1978 rental housing or spaces rented by child-care facilities must be certified and must follow the lead-safe work practices

required by EPA's Renovation, Repair and Remodeling rule.

To become certified, property owners must submit an application to EPA. The Agency has up to 90 days after receiving a complete request for certification to approve or disapprove the application.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A homeowner is defined as someone living on the property; if they are performing the work, the homeowner will be exempt from the rule. However, you have the ultimate responsibility for the safety of your family or children in your care. A property owner is defined as someone that owns the property but does not reside at the location; they will have to comply with the rule.

Information for Homeowners Working at Home: If you are a homeowner performing renovation,

repair, or painting work in your own home, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323) and ask for more information on how to work safely in a home with lead-based paint.

We will have more information about this topic on our website to include a short video.

Contact our office with questions on this article or any other topic at 210-653-9140, extension 244.

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From the Office of Animal Services

By Tammie Belmonte, Animal Control Supervisor

The Importance of Keeping Your Dog on a Leash

For most pet parents living in an urban or suburban setting this normally goes without saying. However, every now and then you'll have a pet parent who doesn't fully understand the consequences of letting their dog run around the neighborhood. Not only is it in the best interest for you as a pet parent to keep your dog on a leash to remain friendly with your neighbors, it is also in the best interest for your pet's general well-being.

Possible Issues:

Finding New Friends

Dogs are natural explorers, so even if you live out in a more rural setting, your dog could find some new not-so-wonderful pals. An example of this could be stumbling upon a family of skunks and returning home extra stinky!

Licking and Eating Things They Shouldn't

How often have you had to tell your dog "don't eat that" or seen them licking their paws? A lot, right? If you're not around to monitor and tell them "no", your pet could eat something that could make them sick or worse. This could be anything from wild animal droppings, to licking fertilizer off of their paws from tromping through your neighbor's newly-fertilized lawn.

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

...and if they're not inside a fence, a leash is a good second best. If you let your pet roam freely, you can surely expect to have some angry neighbors. Whether your pet destroys a prized flower, leaves a "present" in your neighbor's lawn, or simply annoys the neighbor's pets, the result will be the same - angry neighbors.

Stray?

Often when people see a dog running off lead, with no person in sight, they

tend to think the dog is lost and will call the local animal control officer to come pick up the dog. Imagine seeing your dog hauled off by the local animal control officer simply because you weren't paying attention to him or her.

Car + Dog = BAD

The worst thing that could happen is a driver doesn't see your dog as they roam freely in the neighborhood. Even if your street isn't that busy, it only takes one car and poor timing to cause a tragedy no one ever wants to be a part of. Dogs can be severely injured or killed by the slightest of run-ins with a vehicle.

Even if your dog is under strong verbal command, it's too easy for them to have

"selective hearing" when running about off lead. Many times this can result in a scuffle with another dog, another person who does not introduce themselves to your dog properly, or even having a strong prey drive and going after a stray cat into a busy intersection.

Maintaining control of your dog and being a responsible pet owner helps to stomp out negativity in the community as a whole. Some breeds have developed poor reputations simply because a few had negligent owners.

Do yourself, your neighbors, and your furry little a friend a favor and just keep them on a leash!

“JOHN'S JULY 19TH CAR ACCIDENT...”

Dear friends,

At first, John didn't even know what hit him.

At least not right away. It was July 19th. He was stopped in traffic when it happened; he was 'whacked' from behind by someone not paying attention. The impact wasn't all that hard, just hard enough to bend in John's bumper a bit. I guess they call that a 'fender bender.'

John's neck was sore at first, and he had a headache. He went to the emergency room just to make sure, and they told him nothing was broken. They gave him a prescription for muscle relaxers. He had the car fixed, and settled with the other guy's insurance company. He didn't think much about it, until...

Two months later, John's lower neck started to hurt. He noticed he was having headaches almost every day. At first, he never even related the car accident to the problems.

Finally, John's friend suggested a doctor that he knew. That doctor examined him, and found that the accident was the likely culprit. Like the ER doctor, the new doctor found that John's neck wasn't broken. But it was wrenched out of alignment, causing the stress and symptoms. The doctor gave John some specific care, and soon enough, John was back to his old self. That new doctor that helped John was a chiropractor.

My name is Dr. Drew Czerminski, a chiropractor right here in Live Oak. The story above is a collection of dozens of scenarios we see in our office. Helping people who have been legitimately hurt in car accidents is part of what we do. If you've been hurt, and need help, we'll do our very best for you. Our assistants can help you through any of the paperwork, and we'll do our best to help you regain your health with conservative, drugless care.

You've probably seen our office. It's the state of the art clinic on Toepperwein Road, next to the Dollar General store. When you make an appointment, we'll go over your information, do whatever tests need to be done. We'll help you figure out before any of this if your car insurance will pay, or whether the fees will come from the "at fault" person's insurance. Our job is to get you better as best as we can. Feel free to call us for a no-cost, no-obligation consultation at 210-599-9570.

Thanks and God bless.
Dr. Drew Czerminski
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Live Oak Police Department

Citizen's Police Academy

The Live Oak Citizens Police Academy (LOCPA) is a community-oriented policing initiative that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that face law enforcement efforts in their community. The program helps local residents better understand police work and strengthens the relationship between the community and police department.

The goal of the LOCPA is to strengthen police-citizen relationships; to enhance communication; and reduce crime in the City of Live Oak. Typically, classes are held Thursday evenings for a twelve (12) week period unless there is a special exercise that requires a schedule modification.

After a brief orientation and history of policing, additional subject material covered will be:

- City Governance
- Police Emergency Communications
- Texas Crime Information Center
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Investigation/Forensics
- Patrol Tactics
- Traffic Stops
- Use of Force
- SWAT
- Drug Enforcement
- Firearms

Classes are typically held in a classroom. However, there will be a few occasions when class will be held outside. Trips may be made to the firearms range, conducting simulated building searches or in the field conducting simulated traffic stops. Safety equipment will be provided when necessary.

If you are interested in joining the Citizens Police Academy, stop by the Live Oak Justice Center to pick up an application or contact Sergeant Jesse Barela at 210.945.1705 or email jbarela@liveoaktx.net for application details.

Finance Department

By Kathy Schobinger,
Purchasing/Budget Coordinator



CITY OF LIVE OAK TAKES AUCTIONS ONLINE

The City of Live Oak have partnered with GovDeals' online auction solution to conduct online sales of their surplus items. Live Oak is now among more than 270 other Texas governments that have opted to participate with online auctions.

The City's first auction is targeted for early September 2012. The auction will feature office furniture, electronics, tools, and other miscellaneous items. "After careful consideration we determined GovDeals will help us to liquidate our surplus items quickly and efficiently as well as save space," said Kathy Schobinger, Purchasing Coordinator. "The online auction provides an open and fair process. By using the online auction method, we save on the soft costs including fewer staff hours and resources to manage the auction."

Bidders can register to participate in this auction free of charge at www.govdeals.com. More information can be found by visiting the City website at www.liveoaktx.net

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The City of Live Oak has a Drainage Maintenance Program. This program is intended to insure that our drainage systems, both man-made and natural, are maintained in order to insure adequate drainage in certain areas. As a result of this program, the entire drainage system is inspected once a year as well as after every substantial rain event. As always, we are interested in the observations of our citizens. If you should have a concern regarding our city's drainage system, or if you are aware of a potential threat or blockage to our drainage channels, please don't hesitate to contact Scott Wayman at 210-653-9140 ext. 261.



Let's COOK Live Oak!



LEMON BARS

Terry Fitzpatrick,
President SOLO

- 2 cups flour
- Grated rind of 1 lemon
- 3/4 cup melted margarine
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cups confectioner's sugar
- 5-6 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 4 Tbsp. flour

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix flour, margarine and confectioner's sugar. Pat into bottom of 9x13x2 pan. Bake 15-20 minutes-just until a hint of brown appears. Mix dry ingredients. Add lemon juice and eggs. Mix well and pour over hot crust. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar and cut into bars.

JELLO CAKE

Angela McFadden,
Utilities

1 box White cake mix
Strawberries (fresh or frozen)
3 oz. (small package) Strawberry Jell-O
One small container of whipped topping

Follow the instructions for the cake mix and bake as directed. Mix the Jell-O packet using package di-

rections. Instead of adding an extra cup of cold water, substitute 6 large ice cubes to chill Jell-O quicker. Using a straw or the end of a wooden spoon, poke holes all over the cake. Using a baster, squirt Jell-O into the holes. Place cake in the refrigerator and let chill for several hours.

After cake is chilled, top with whipped topping and strawberries. This cake is light and very delicious! (Ask Scott Wayman, Live Oak Asst. City Manager) Note: You may substitute Jell-O flavors and fruit. Enjoy!

BANANA PUDDING

Jackie Malloy,
Accounting Supervisor

- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1 lg. (12 oz.) Cool Whip
- 3 c. milk
- 1 box vanilla wafers
- 1 lg. box vanilla instant pudding
- 6-8 bananas

Combine Eagle Brand milk, pudding mix and milk. Fold in Cool Whip. In order, layer sliced bananas, vanilla wafers and pudding mixture. Repeat until all is used. Makes about 3 quarts. You may spread more Cool Whip over the top for decoration, if you wish.

LOW FAT KEY LIME PIE

Vickie Steenbeke,
Court Clerk

- 1 reduced fat graham cracker crust
- 8 oz. container fat free whipped topping
- 1 small box sugar free lime Jell-O
- (2) 6 oz. containers lime yogurt
- ¼ cup boiling water

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in yogurt with wire whisk. Fold in whipped topping with wooden spoon. Spread in graham cracker crust. Chill for 2 hours.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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CITY MEETINGS

Sept 10	Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00 pm
Sept 11	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	8:00 pm
Sept 11	Citizen Code Compliance Committee: Council Chambers	8:00 am
Sept 12	Charter Review Committee: Council Chambers	7:00 pm
Sept 24	EDC Meeting: Council Chambers	6:00 pm
Sept 25	Citizen Code Compliance Committee: Council Chambers	8:00 am
Sept 25	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00 pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

Sept 10	Games Day: Clubhouse	1:00 pm
Sept 17	Bingo/Pot Luck Lunch/Installation New Board	11:30 am
Sept 24	Book Club: Clubhouse/Luncheon	10:00 am
Sept 27	Last Thursday Game-o-Rama: Clubhouse	1:00 pm
Tuesdays:	Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Club house	8:00 am
Thursdays:	Walk-and-Talk: Meet @ Woodcrest Park	8:00 am

LIVE OAK MATURE ADULTS (LOMA)

Meet Second & Last Wednesday of Each Month		
Sept 12	Luncheon (Bring Your Own Dish): Clubhouse	11:30 am
Sept 26	Dinner (Bring Your Own Dish): Clubhouse	6:30 pm
Anyone interested in joining LOMA, please contact Loretta Kusek @ 657-7167 (Ages 21 and up)		

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 3	Labor Day Luau, Live Oak Pool (pool opens 1:00 pm)	3pm-6:45 pm
Sept 22	Movie and Trivia in the Park: "Despicable Me" Live Oak Main Park	7:30 pm
Sept 23	Clean Up Week	
Sept 28, 29, 30 (Fri-Sun)	City Wide Garage Sales: Resident's Homes	

FARMERS MARKET

Every Tuesday:	Civic Center Parking Lot	9 am - 2 pm
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Oct 31	Safe Halloween Event at Live Oak Main Park	6 pm - 8:30 pm

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SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1-3 AMERICANA INDIAN & WESTERN ART & JEWELRY SHOW (Rocket Room) Unique Handcrafted Items! Art-Jewelry-Paintings-Pottery-Bracelets-Clothing, etc. Hours: Fri: 10am-9pm, Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm, Mon. 11am-7pm, Free Admission

Sept. 1-2 BEADING HOUSE JEWELRY SHOW (Rough Rider Room) FREE ADMISSION - Assorted Loose Beads, Gems, Findings & Jewelry Hours: Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm

Sept. 7-9 CONTINENTAL ANTIQUES SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Quality Antiques-Reasonable Prices! Furniture-Jewelry-Clocks-Paintings-Books-Glass, more. Fri., 10am-6pm, Sat., 10am-6pm, Sun., 11am-4pm Admission: \$6 (Buy 1 Ticket & Get 1 Free)

Sept. 12 San Antonio MILITARY COMMUNITY JOB FAIR (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Find New Job Opportunities! Corporate & Government Employers Looking To Hire Now! Wednesday 9:30am-3:00pm Free & Open to the Public. Bring Copies of Your Resumé

Sept. 15-16 TEXAS REPTILE EXPO (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Variety of Reptiles and Amphibians For Sale! Feed & Supplies, Cages, Aquariums, Books, etc. Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm Adults 11+ yrs.: \$10.00 (Kids \$5, under 4yrs. Free)

Sept. 16 SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES (Rough Rider Room) Sun.10am-4pm Admission \$1.00. PSA Graded Cards, Assorted Sports Categories, Collectors' Albums and Supplies

Sept. 22 ALAMO EXHIBITION BIRD SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Variety of Exotic Birds for Sale! Large & Small Cages, Supplies, Books, Bird Seed, Toys, etc. Sat. 9am-5pm Admission \$3.00 (Kids, 12 & younger, Free)

Sept. 29 COMPUTER SHOW & SUPER SALE (Exhibit Hall) Sat. 9am-5pm Admission \$4.00. PC Units-Laptops, Various Brand Printers / Monitors / Software / Peripherals / Manuals, etc.

Sept. 29-30 BEAD JAMBOREE™ & JEWELRY SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Free Admission! Precious & Semi-Precious Stones, Handmade Glass Beads, Silver, Gold & Copper Beads, etc. Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 11am-4pm, Drawing for \$100 Shopping Spree each day.

Sept. 29-30 COMPANION PUPPY SHOW & SALE (Rocket Room) Variety of Breeds Available. Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm, Admission: \$4.00 (Kids 6 yrs & younger, Free)

OCTOBER

Oct. 6-7 A.M.R.E. MODEL RAILROAD TRAIN SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Model Railroad Items and Accessories. Layouts, Displays, Books, Videos, more. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm Admission \$7.00 (Kids 15 yrs & younger, Free)

Oct. 13 ECKMAN'S CARD, COMIC & TOY SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall & Rocket Room) BUY - SELL -TRADE! Great Selection of Vintage Collectibles. Door Prizes Every Half-Hour. Saturday 9am-5pm Admission: Adults \$5.00 (Kids 12/ younger, FREE!)

Oct. 20 HOLIDAY BAZAAR ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW "Deep in the Arts of Texas" Sponsored by Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club: Craft Items, Silent Auction, Raffles. Saturday: 9am-5pm Fundraiser Event Admission Donation: \$2.00 (Kids 12 & under Free)

Oct. 21 Howard Lau's SPORTS CARDS COLLECTIBLES (Rough Rider Room) PSA Graded Cards, Assorted Sports Categories, Collectors' Albums and Supplies. Event Hours: Sunday, 10am-4pm Admission: \$1.00

Oct. 26-28 BEAD RENAISSANCE & JEWELRY SHOW (Tremblay Exhibit Hall) Excellent Collection of Fine Quality Beads, Jewelry Items & Bead Crafting Supplies. Fri & Sat 10am-6pm, Sun.10am-5pm FREE ADMISSION Vendor Info: www.beadshow.com

Oct. 27-28 COMPANION PUPPY SHOW & SALE (Rocket Room) Variety of Breeds Available Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm, Admission: \$4.00 (Kids 6 yrs & younger, Free)

NOVEMBER PREVIEW

Nov. 3-4

Texas Reptile Expo -also- SW Sports Collectibles Show

Nov. 10

Computer Show & Super Sale

Nov. 17

Alamo Coin Club Show

Nov. 17-18

Companion Puppy Show & Sale

Nov. 24-25

Texas Gun Show -also- Beading House Jewelry Show

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