



Restaurant MONTH!

JULY - AUGUST 2015

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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 each month at 6:00 pm prior to City Council Meeting

Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings:

Held as necessary

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Business Luncheon, Live Oak Justice Center, July 23rd, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Coffee with Cops, Whataburger, July 23rd, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Swim-N-Smores, Live Oak Pool, July 23rd, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Labor Day Luau, Live Oak Pool, August 24th, 3:00 - 6:45 pm

Shin Dig on Shin Oak, Saturday, September 26th, 4:00 - 10:00 pm



Minute with the Mayor



Dear Citizens,



Well, summer has arrived! The weather has warmed up and our children are enjoying their vacation from school, books and homework. I hope you all will take some time with your families to enjoy our breathtaking parks, walking trails or maybe cool off at the pool located at the clubhouse. We are so very fortunate to have such fantastic amenities right here in our city!

We were all disappointed when the Shin Dig on Shin Oak was cancelled last month due to the rain, but I'm very happy to announce that it has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 26th, so be sure to mark your calendars for this fun event!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who came out to the polls and took part in the election process. Congratulations to Mr. Anthony Brooks. He is our new City Councilman, Place 3.

I'm happy to announce Live Oak just opened their new Acorn Room. This "community friendly" room is located off the lobby of City Hall. It's a cozy place where staff can meet with citizens in a more relaxed environment. Citizens are also welcome to access the internet on our free WiFi or public computer. Seniors of Live Oak (SOLO) have two book cases that they are filling with books to accommodate a "Take a Book, Leave a Book" book swap. Please stop by City Hall and check out our latest addition.

It's "Restaurant Month" here in Live Oak, so be sure to look inside the center spread of this magazine for some fantastic coupons to many wonderful restaurants right here in our fabulous city!

Lastly, thank you all for allowing me the wonderful opportunity to serve as your mayor. I am available for comments or concerns at 210-792-7168. Remember, the best is yet to come!

*Mayor Mary M. Dennis
& Council*

FROM THE OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL

& they lived happily ever “ARF”TER... “FUR”EVER HOMES FOUND!

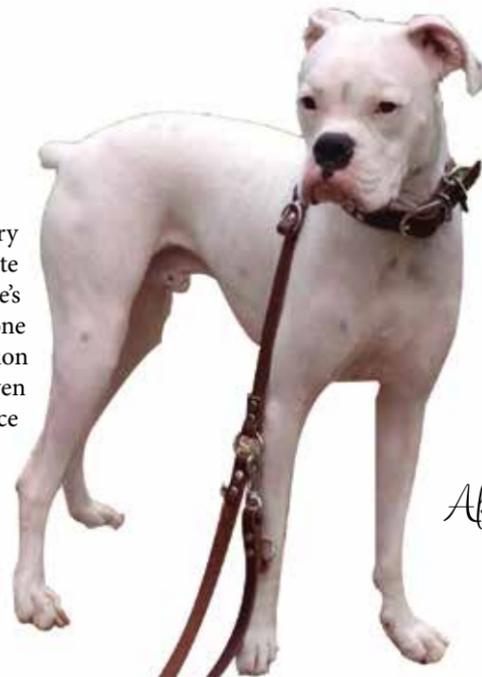
So many times animals are left to roam the streets, dirty, hungry and unloved and uncared for. Here at the city’s Animal Control Facility, our goal is to find forever homes for each and every one of these sweet animals. Below you will find what makes our job here so satisfying and heartwarming.



Before

OLIVER VON WIGGLEBUTT

Charlie came into our facility last year back in February and we had him for almost a month. Typically white Boxers are born with some kind of defect. In Charlie’s case he was born deaf, which would explain why no one came in for him. We reached out to an organization called Austin Boxer Rescue (ABR) where he was given the name Oliver Von Wigglebutt!! He is now a Service Dog for a little boy and his family!



After



CREOLE

Creole also known as the “Springs Dog” finally came to Animal Control after almost a month of eluding Animal Control. Creole was a stray that was hanging around The Springs at Live Oak apartments. Creole was very shy and would not come to anyone including the residents. Animal Control set humane traps and were finally able to catch her late one evening. She was brought into Animal Control where she very frightened. The next day the Animal Control Officer was able to get in her kennel and sit down with the dog. Before long Creole was on her back wanting a belly rub. Animal Control was able to arrange for Creole to be transferred to South Texas Aussie Rescue. She was then transported to Houston. She was quickly adopted by a family that recently had lost their Aussie. Creole currently resides in Louisiana with her forever family.



BRUCE WAYNE

Bruce was a stray dog we picked from the field off of Cranbrook in October 2014. We reached out to several different rescues to try and get him adopted. Bruce is a dog full of energy and love. All he wanted was a home with a yard and a loving family. After being with us for a little over 6 months, Bruce’s prayers were answered. Bruce was adopted in March 2015 by a loving family here in Live Oak with a big enough yard to run off his energy.



BUSTER

Buster came to Animal Control as a 6 month old puppy. He was always passed up on adoptions for some reason. Over time he started to become very hyper because he was in the kennel all the time and also because he was growing up and needed a home with a yard. We were able to work with Homes for Pets to get Buster into the Starmark Animal Behavioral Center in Hutto, TX for behavioral training/agility

training. Buster was at the training facility for close to 2 months. He was finally adopted by a family. Unfortunately the family had to return Buster due to his size. Buster stayed here in Animal Control for a week when we received a call from one of the trainers at the training facility that heard about Buster’s failed adoption. The trainer was concerned for Buster and wanted to give Buster his forever home. The trainer drove down from Arizona 2 days later and officially adopted Buster. Buster is now a proud resident of The Grand Canyon State.

DUCHESS OF LIVE OAK

Hopefully some of you remember the Duchess of Live Oak. A couple of years ago, this puppy came into our facility and was a total mess. We gave her a day at the spa, complete with trimming and a bath from Grooming- dales in Live Oak and she was adopted the very next day! Her owners bring her back to visit us from time to time and everyone loves her! A true puppy success story.

DUCHESS



After



Before

Duchess was a boxer that we rescued from underneath a mobile unit at a construction site. With a careful approach we were able to pull her out and bring her to our facility. Duchess needed love and attention and definitely a bath because she had been sprayed by a skunk. I posted her profile and got several responses. We knew that when she would be adopted, she would go to a wonderful family. Duchess only spent a few days with us before she was adopted by a mother and her daughter here in San Antonio.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

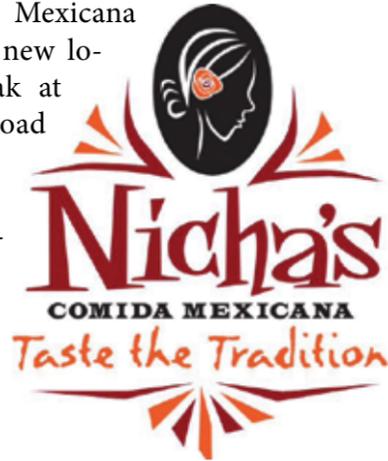
Jordan Matney, Assistant City Manager
Julie Palmer, Executive Assistant, EDC



The newest McAlister's Deli in San Antonio recently opened to the public in Live Oak! Located at 8121 Pat Booker Road, McAlister's serves a full menu of sandwiches, salads, spuds and their famous sweet tea. Open for dine in, take out or catering Monday-Thursday, 10:30 AM-9:30 PM, Friday and Saturday, 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM and Sunday, 10:30 AM - 9:30 PM, McAlister's is the perfect addition to the Live Oak palette. For more information, please visit them online at www.mistersdeli.com.

NICHA'S COMIDA MEXICANA

Nicha's Comida Mexicana recently opened a new location in Live Oak at 7929 Pat Booker Road (formerly Mama's Café). Nicha's has been proudly serving San Antonio for more than 34 years and are excited to be a part of Live Oak in the newly remodeled space. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Monday-Thursday from 7:00 AM-10:00 PM and Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 AM-11:00 PM, Nicha's offers a full menu of homemade Tex-Mex dishes and drinks. For more information, visit them online at www.nichas.com.



Live Oak Fix Up Day, Zone 4!

The Zone 4 Cleanup effort will take place Saturday, September 12th! Volunteers (ages 18 and up) are needed! Download a volunteer waiver on our website at www.liveoaktx.net or contact Jordan Matney via phone at 210-653-9140, ext. 286 or email at jmatney@liveoaktx.net for more information.



LIVE OAK FIX UP DAY A SUCCESS!

The third Live Oak Fix Up Day was a huge success thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and donations. A very special thank you to our volunteer groups from **North-east Methodist Hospital, Randolph Air Force Base, UTSA, Northeast Lakeview College and Texas Roadhouse!** Over 150 volunteers cleaned up and fixed up eleven homes in Zone 3. They made a huge difference in 11 home owners lives and impacted the appearance of the entire neighborhood. We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful community.

An extra special thank you to our generous sponsors for this event as well:

- Waste Management
- Texas Roadhouse
- McCoys
- Target
- Home Depot
- The Platt Family



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Please join the City of Live Oak Economic Development Corporation for the Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon and education session and find out... **"What the City Does for You!"**

Thursday, July 23rd
12:00pm - 1:30pm

Live Oak Justice Center - Araiza Room located at 8022 Shim Oak in Live Oak

Complimentary lunch will be provided

Meet your city officials, members of the Economic Development Corporation and find out... **How WE Can Better Serve YOU And Your Business.**

Please RSVP by July 13th to jpalm@liveoaktx.net or by calling 210-653-9140 ext 219

FROM THE OFFICE OF PARKS & REC

By Courtney Weese, Rec. Coordinator

BE WISE AROUND WATER

Every summer, families flock to local swimming pools, vacation at beaches and spend weekends at the lake. Even if you don't leave home, a backyard swimming pool can be potentially fatal to persons of all ages. Here at the City of Live Oak community swimming pool, the lifeguards stand ready and alert to assist in water safety and rescue. If you will be venturing out to other sources of water, please make note of the following safety tips. As always, remember your sunscreen! Even a mild sunburn can turn a fun day into a very painful experience, as well as create lifelong complications.

If you are going to be visiting a beach this summer, the American Red Cross has a few safety reminders.

- Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a US Coast Guard ap-

proved life jacket in and around the water. No one should use any other type of flotation device unless they are able to swim.

- Don't dive headfirst-protect your neck. Check for depth and obstructions before diving, and go in feet first the first time.
- Pay especially close attention to children and elderly persons when at the beach. Even in shallow water, wave action can cause a loss of footing.
- While you're enjoying the water, keep alert and check the local weather conditions. Make sure you swim sober and that you never swim alone. And even if you're confident in your swimming skills, make sure you have enough energy to swim back to the shore.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has specific guidelines to be followed when it comes to

life jackets. Below are two very important rules to remember, not just in the summer but year round.

- All children under 13 years of age must be wearing a US Coast Guard approved life jacket in or on vessels under 26 feet.
- All vessels including canoes and kayaks must be equipped with one wearable Personal Flotation Device (PFD) for each person on board.

The CDC states that drowning ranks 5th among leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States, with 80% of people who die from drowning being male. Children ages 1-4 have the highest drowning rates. Research has found that taking formal swimming lessons and wearing life jackets will reduce the risk of drowning.



POOL NEWS

The weather is getting hotter, and the pool is the place to be! In July and August, the pool hours decrease slightly to allow for private pool parties. The whole family can still enjoy the water Tuesday – Sunday from 1:00- 6:45 p.m. If you have not yet registered for a Resident Splash Card, make sure to fill out the paperwork the next time you visit the pool. This card will allow you to gain entry to the pool for \$2.00, and non-residents may visit for \$5.00.



SWIM-N-S'MORES

Make plans to head out to the pool on Thursday, July 23rd for a special event, Swim-N-S'mores! The whole family can enjoy swimming and making s'mores from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. Regular admission rates apply, and capacity will be limited. Don't miss this fun filled summer evening, making memories with the family!



LABOR DAY LUAU

The pool will be open weekends only beginning the week of August 24th. Regular hours will be in effect on August 29th & 30th, and September 5th & 6th. The last day the pool is open will be Labor Day, September 7th. Make sure to join us for a splashin' good time. There will be music, food and some special giveaways. The pool will open at 1:00 p.m. and the Luau will be from 3:00-6:45 p.m. Don't miss this one last day to enjoy the pool!



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Nicha's COCINA
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Free Bean & Cheese Nachos with the purchase of \$20 or more.

The minimum amount excludes taxes and tip. Expires August 31st, 2015. One coupon per table. For one time use only.

It's Restaurant Month in Live Oak! We are so proud of our ever expanding dining options in the City, we wanted to feature our wonderful restaurants in this news magazine! Dining options abound for Live Oak restaurants ranging from Bar-B-Que to Thai food, Mom and Pop stores to national chains...there is something for every taste-bud. Many of these awesome establishments have submitted coupons that can be redeemed by YOU, our wonderful residents! We hope you enjoy dining in your fantastic city and don't forget to support our local businesses and Shop Live Oak! For a complete list of dining options in Live Oak, please visit our Shop Live Oak page on the City's website, www.liveoaktx.net.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

By Mark Wagster, Director

Reduce Storm Water Pollution

Everyone can help to reduce pollution levels in our creeks and streams. Here is a tip that you can use for 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.

- 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.



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Outdoor Water Saving Tips

Here are some great outdoor water saving tips to help you conserve water and lower your water bill:

- Water only when needed. Look at the grass, feel the soil, or use a soil moisture meter to determine when to water.
- Do not over-water. Water needs vary greatly by season, grass species and amount of shade, so keeping the same settings year-round will result in over-watering. As a general rule, three-fourths of an inch of water per week on St. Augustine or Zoysia grasses that are in full sun is sufficient for the summer. In the shade, these species only need one-half of an inch of water per week. Bermuda grass and Buffalo grass, both of which can only grow in full sun, require one-half of an inch per week. In the fall, spring and winter, these recommendations can be reduced or eliminated, depending on the weather.
- Water lawns early in the morning during the hotter summer months. Otherwise, much of the water used can simply evaporate.



Watering by hand-held hose or with a 5-gallon bucket is allowed any time, but water waste is prohibited at all times. Water waste occurs when: watering outside of approved time periods and allowing water to run onto the pavement.

- To avoid excessive evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water, rather than a fine mist. Sprinklers that send droplets out on a low angle also help control evaporation.

- Set automatic sprinkler systems to provide thorough but infrequent watering. Rain shut-off devices can prevent watering in the rain.
- Use drip-irrigation systems for bedded plants, trees and shrubs, or turn the flat, green soaking hoses upside down so the holes are on the bottom. This will help prevent evaporation.
- Be careful not to water the streets, sidewalks or driveways.

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).



FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES



By Ken Steiner, Building Official

RESTAURANT ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTIONS

The growing city of Live Oak contracts with Bureau Veritas North America Inc. to conduct the health inspections of 82 food establishments. Food establishments within the municipality of Live Oak are inspected twice a year. If unable to be inspected at this frequency, then inspections are prioritized by risk along with any complaints received throughout the year. Each year the establishments are required to renew their Food Establishment Permits and all food handlers employed by the establishment must have a completion certificate from a Texas Certified Food Safety Course on file with management.

give consumers an indication of a food establishment's sanitation level during an inspection performed by our Health and Safety Program Manager from Bureau Veritas. The inspection results give consumers a "snap shot in time" of an establishment's sanitation and procedures. It should not be assumed that the inspection results reflect how an establishment always operates. Consumers may draw their own conclusions from their personal experiences to each of the establishments.

While every effort is made to keep the information accurate and up to date within each facility, the City of Live Oak is not responsible for discrepancies between information recorded

in our in-house database and the inspection reports posted on food establishment premises. The patron must recognize that inspections are occurring continuously. As a result, scores provided may occasionally differ from the most current inspections. If you have a complaint against any of our establishments, the City provides a Health/Food Complaint form on the website for your convenience. The complaint will be handled promptly by an inspector within 24 hours of this department receiving the complaint form. A follow up report will be provided to the complainant as a courtesy. Should you have any questions on any of the provided information, please do not hesitate to contact our offices at 653-9140, extension 244.

WHAT OUR SCORES MEAN

Our establishments include a wide variety of food industries, such as restaurants, delicatessens, school cafeterias, Daycare Facilities, Fitness Centers, Hotels, Theater concessions, convenient stores, Farmers markets, bakeries and bars. If no violations are found, a score of 100 is achieved. If more than 30 points are lost, a re-inspection is required and corrections must be made to bring the score above 70, in accordance with the State Health and Live Oak Sanitation Codes. If subsequent inspections score below 70, compliance actions will be taken (see sample below).

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT RESTAURANT SCORE INFORMATION

The inspection scores are designed to

LiveOak *City of Live Oak*

Health and Sanitation Inspection Certificate

Date: _____ Health Inspector: _____

In compliance with Live Oak Code of Ordinances Chapter 11, Article II, Division 1, Secs. 11-16 through 11-20. An inspection certificate shall be issued and a copy shall be posted by the health inspector at some conspicuous location on the premises where it will be clearly visible to all patrons.

(Name of Establishment) (Address)

Having been inspected by the City Health Official for semi-annual Health and Sanitation the establishment named above has scored the following Grade:

- Grade A - Attain a sanitation score of 85 or above
- Grade B - Attain a sanitation score between 70 and 84
- Grade C - Below 70 on the sanitation inspection

FROM THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



By Gary L. Woppert, Emergency Manager

EMERGENCY FOOD & WATER SUPPLIES



In the aftermath of a major incident or a disaster, citizens affected may be in need of many things. Food and water are usually at the top of the list, along with ice, clothing, baby supplies, and various other things. Providing this can be a major challenge for any jurisdiction as we simply don't have the resources or personnel. Fortunately there are many disaster relief organizations that can help out.

The American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are familiar to most people but there are many other organizations known as VOAD's. That stands for "Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters." There are too many to name but these agencies have many volunteers and the equipment to prepare hot meals for thousands. These organizations have large trailers or tractor trailer trucks holding complete kitchens along with food supplies. They can serve meals to citizens as well as the emergency responders working the disaster.

There are other organizations that can

provide clothing, laundry services, hot showers, cleaning supplies, and even pet care. Some agencies actually have the capability to provide child care so the parents can file disaster claims or clean-up their property.

In addition to providing food and water, sometimes citizens simply need water or ice to keep their refrigerators or freezers cold. When this becomes necessary, a special place can be set up called "Points of Distribution Sites" or PODs for short. A POD Site is simply a location like a parking lot or even along a street where citizens in their vehicles can drive up and receive bags of ice and cases of bottled water. Sometimes food is also available and other services too. These sites can be set up quickly, however obtaining supplies and the needed manpower can take a little time.

There are many possible locations around the City such as the school parking lots, the City Hall parking lot, and even the City Park could be

used. These sites are set up close to a disaster area but not in the disaster area. Therefore a site will be selected that will meet the needs at the time and it may also depend on the number of people that may be in need.

In closing, the aftermath of a disaster can be trying times for everyone and that is why all citizens need to be prepared for an emergency. A "Family Disaster Plan" is vital along with having some basic supplies on hand such as food and bottled water for a minimum of 3 to 5 days for each person. In a real disaster it can take several days to establish the needed assistance depending on the size. For additional information contact Gary Woppert, the Emergency Manager at 210-653-9140, Ext 379, or on-line at gwoppert@liveoaktx.net.

FROM THE LIVE OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT

By Lt. Matt Malone



Coffee WITH COPS

and communication between the police department and the citizens we serve. With this in mind, in August of 2014, the department began to participate in a program called "COFFEE with COPS."

In today's world of electronic communication, things are often missed, or not understood due to a one dimensional nature. The best means of com-

munication always has been and always will be the face to face conversation. The program provides the opportunity for officers and citizens to discuss any topics of interest involving the community. It is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the officers that work your neighborhoods and business districts. There are no agendas or guest speakers. The format is open and gives citizens the op-

portunity to ask questions, tell us about problem areas, let us know what we are doing right and areas we could improve upon.

Our next Coffee with Cops will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015 from 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. at Whataburger, located at 12806 N. Interstate 35, Live Oak, Texas. So come join us for a cup. We would appreciate the

The Live Oak Police Department is always looking for new ways to interact and communicate with the citizens of Live Oak. We understand that a safe community involves more than the officer on the street. A safe community is developed through the cooperation



LOCAP volunteers have been to court several times this year already. We "go to court" twice a month to assist in Municipal Court. We take our responsibilities very seriously and have been trained on the importance of professional conduct and confidentiality. We assist in any way possible, which may include walking clients to the front window after the judge has imposed a ruling/fine, or even

with "crowd control." If you have ever walked into the Justice Center on court days, you know how busy, crowded and hectic it can get!

Other activities in which we have participated this summer have included the Law Enforcement Memorial Vigil, tying blue ribbons on light posts on Shin Oak in front of the Justice Center to commemorate Law

Enforcement Week, and tossing candy from the Citizens on Patrol vehicle during the Memorial Day Parade.

Membership in LOCAP is made up of Citizen's Police Academy alumni. The 12-week course is typically offered once a year in the Spring. For information on the Academy, or on LOCAP, please contact the Live Oak Police Department.

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LIVE OAK FIRE DEPARTMENT



By Gerry Galindo, Assistant Fire Chief

Attached Garage Fire Hazards

Garage fires are a present danger, particularly during the growing and mowing season. Our purpose with this article is to give you tips to help guard against a fire happening in your garage. Garage fires do happen, and we'd like you to make sure that a fire cannot easily spread to the rest of your home.

Why do many garages pose a fire hazard?

Where are you most likely to do any welding, or any work on your car? These activities require working with all sorts of flammable materials. Water heaters and boilers are usually stored in garages, and they can create sparks that may ignite fumes or fluids. Car batteries, too, will spark under certain conditions. Oil and gasoline can drip from cars. These fluids may collect unnoticed and eventually ignite, given the proper conditions. Flammable liquids, such as gasoline, motor oil and paint are commonly stored in garages. Some other examples are brake fluid, varnish, paint thinner and lighter fluid.

The following tips can help prevent garage fires and their spread:

If the garage allows access to the attic, make sure a hatch covers this access. The walls and ceiling should be fire-rated. Unfortunately, it will be difficult for untrained homeowners to tell if their walls are Type X fire-rated gypsum. A proper inspector can examine the walls and ceiling to make sure they are adequate fire barriers. The floor should be clear of clutter. Loose papers, matches, oily rags, and other potentially flammable items are extremely dangerous if they are strewn about the garage floor. Use light bulbs with the proper wattage, and do not overload electrical outlets. Tape down all cords and wires so they are not twisted or accidentally yanked.

If there is a door that connects the garage to the living area, consider the following:

Do not install a pet door in the door! Flames can more easily spread into the living area through a pet door, especially if it's made of plastic. Does the door have a window? Make sure the window is fire-rated.

The door should be self-closing. While it may be inconvenient, especially while carrying groceries into the house from the car, doors should be self-closing. You never know when a fire will happen, and it would be unfortunate to accidentally leave the door open while a fire is starting in the garage. Check the joints and open spaces around the door. Are they tightly sealed? Any openings at all can allow dangerous fumes, such as carbon monoxide or gasoline vapor, to enter the living area.

Concerning items placed on the floor, you should check for the following:

Store your flammable liquids in clearly labeled, self-closing container, and only in small amounts. Keep them away from heaters, appliances, pilot lights and other sources of heat or flame. Never store propane tanks indoors. If they catch fire, they can explode. Propane tanks are sturdy enough to be stored outdoors. In closing, there are plenty of things that you can do to prevent garage fires from spreading to the rest of the house, or to keep them from starting in the first place.

CELEBRATING STAFF!

Congratulations to Officer Jonathan Gann. He received an award from the San Antonio Chapter of ASIS International on May 13, 2015 for going above and beyond the call of duty in service to the community and outstanding service and valor.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY - AUGUST
2015



CITY MEETINGS

City Meetings/Council Chambers		
July 6	Parks & Recreation Meeting	7:00 pm
July 14	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm
July 28	EDC Meeting	6:00 pm
July 28	City Council Meeting	7:00 pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

July 2	Salad Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00 pm
July 8	Lunch @ Nicha's: 7929 Pat Booker Rd.	11:30 am
July 13	Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00 pm
July 20	Potluck & Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse	11:30 am
July 27	Book Club & Sack Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse	11:00 am
July 30	Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00 pm
Tuesdays:	Walk & Talk/Live Oak Park	8:00 am
Thursdays:	Walk & Talk/Woodcrest Park	8:00 am

For more information contact Roger Knisley @ 655-4566.

LIVE OAK CITIZEN'S ASSISTING POLICE

Meet Third Wednesday of Each Month		
July 15	Regular Meeting: Justice Center Training Room	7:00 pm

For more information contact M. Atkinson @ miatkinson09@aol.com.

LIVE OAK VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB (LOVGC)

Meet Third Tuesday of Each Month		
July 21	Regular Meeting	1-3 pm

For more information contact June Adair @ 843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler @ 655-1096.66.

LIVE OAK LEAGUE OF ARTS (LOLA)

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

LIVE OAK HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet Second Monday of Each month: Live Oak Clubhouse/Open to Public		
July 13	General Meeting	6:30-7:30 pm

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 23	Annual Business Luncheon: Live Oak Justice Center	12:00 - 1:30 pm
July 23	Coffee with Cops: Whataburger	8:30 - 10:00 am
July 23	Swim-N-Smores: Live Oak Pool	6:30-8:30 pm

SOUTH TEXAS FARMERS' MARKET

Every Tuesday: Alamo Community Colleges Parking Lot 7900 Pat Booker Rd. 9 am - 1 pm



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City Meetings/Council Chambers		
August 3	Parks & Recreation Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00 pm
August 11	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00 pm
August 15	EDC Meeting: Council Chambers	6:00 pm
August 30	City Council Meeting: Council Chambers	7:00 pm

SENIORS OF LIVE OAK (SOLO)

August 6	Salad Night: L.O. Clubhouse	5:00 pm
August 10	Games Day: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00 pm
August 12	Lunch @ Shang-Hai: 2935 Pat Booker Rd.	11:30 am
August 17	Pot Luck & Bingo: L.O. Clubhouse	11:30 am
August 24	Book Club @ Sack Lunch: L.O. Clubhouse	1:00 pm
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August 10	General Meeting	6:30-7:30 pm

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept 7	Labor Day Luau: Live Oak Pool	3:00 -6:45 pm
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