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Congratulations!

Each Year the San Antonio Express News recognizes businesses and local favorites across 170+ categories, voted on by the people of San Antonio.

The votes have been tallied...here are your Live Oak WINNERS!

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL OUR WINNERS



BEST Seafood

#1 Sea Island Shrimp House

BEST Family Friendly Restaurant

#1 Sea Island Shrimp House



BEST Jewelry Store

#1 James Avery



BEST Financial Planning

#3 RBFCU Investments Group

BEST Investment Services

#3 RBFCU Investments Group



BEST Hospital

#1 Methodist Hospital Northeast



BEST French Fries

#1 Whataburger

#3 Burger Boy



BEST Mattress Store

#3 Factory Mattress



BEST Furniture Stores

#3 Ashley Furniture



BEST Taco

#1 Las Palapas

BEST Breakfast Taco

#1 Las Palapas



BEST Credit Union

#3 Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union



BEST Insurance Agent

#3 State Farm Insurance



BEST Theatre

#3 Regal Theatres

HELPFUL WEBSITES

EDUCATION

Judson ISD - JudsonISD.org

Northeast ISD - NEISD.org

Northeast Lakeview Collage - Alamo.edu/NLC/

Wayland Baptist University - wbu.edu/campus/san-antonio/

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Bexar Appraisal District - BCAD.org

Bexar County - Bexar.org

Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center - Home.Bexar.org/drc/

Emergency Preparedness - dhs.gov/topic/plan-and-prepare-disasters

MISCELLANEOUS

Randolph Metrocom Rotary Club - RandolphMetrocomRotary.org

Tri-County Chamber of Commerce - TxTriCountyChamber.org

PERSONAL SERVICES

Alamo Area Council of Governments - AACOG.com

Greater Randolph Area Services Program - GRASP211.org

Meals on Wheels - ChristianSeniorServices.org

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program - RACAP.org

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MAYOR MARY M. DENNIS



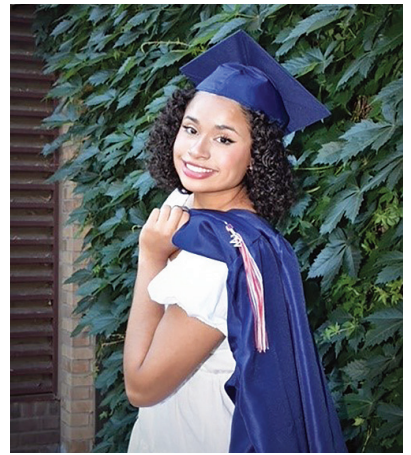
MAYOR MARY M. DENNIS & COUNCIL

The Premier Community to Live, Learn, Work, & Play.



Dear Residents,

Many graduates from our local school districts, college, and university will gather with families and friends over the next few weeks to celebrate graduations. This will be a symbolic transition from childhood to adulthood. As graduates, they must keep their eyes on the prize and prepare for the fantastic journey ahead. Most students have already been accepted into a college or university, the military, or a program to obtain a trade. This training will give our young people a chance at success once they leave the comforts of home. Council and I would like to congratulate the 2023 graduates and the families who have supported them throughout their lives in preparing for this special day. The best advice I as Mayor, can provide would be to tell them that great opportunities won't just happen, they have to create them. Congratulations to all local graduates!



This time of the year also begins budget season. City staff and City Council will begin reviewing the proposed budget through a series of workshops during the month of July. We encourage residents to take an active interest in the future of our city by attending the informative public meetings. It is vitally important for the public to understand the types and amounts of financial resources the city must spend, and in some cases, the limitations placed on how the funds may be spent. City Managers Glen Martel and Anas Garfaoui, in addition to Finance Director Leroy Kowalik, will be on hand to explain the organization of the city government and help answer budgetary and operational questions. All budget meetings will be posted on the city's website and on the bulletin boards located at City Hall.



Finally, City council and City staff are preparing for two upcoming events, Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 20th and Junior Fishing Day on Saturday, June 3rd. We hope you all join us in honoring all active and retired U.S. military personnel and in dipping your poles in the lake for the chance to catch the "big one" during Junior Fishing Day. Both events are family friendly and lots of fun!



You are always welcome to reach any of your City Council members or myself for comments, concerns, or questions at 210-792-7168. Remember, the best is yet to come to your Premier Community!

Mayor Mary M. Dennis & Council



ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

MAY 20TH
10:00AM




The City of Live Oak invites the entire community to join us as we honor all past and present members of the military. We welcome all military personnel, businesses, civic groups, non-profits and residents to participate in this exciting event.

If you are interested in being a part of this year's parade or would like more information, please contact Sherry at ssnell@liveoaktx.net or Cathi at cpiotrowski@liveoaktx.net.

PARADE ROUTE:

The Armed Forces Day Parade will travel down Forest Bluff, turn left on Toepperwein, right onto Leafy Hollow, left onto Welcome Dr., right onto Old Spanish Trail, and right onto Shin Oak Dr. The grandstand viewing area will be located at the Clubhouse parking lot, 7901 Shin Oak Drive.



Fun has no age limit! No matter how old you are, or how old you get, you should always plan a handful of fun activities into your day. Outside, inside, or in the community, fun can be had anywhere!

Fun in the Sun If the sun is out and shining then why not enjoy a little bit of nature? Luckily, there's so much to do in the great outdoors. Getting a little vitamin D from the sun and fresh air for the lungs can go a long way.

the Live Oak Civic Club

Meetings & Events

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Local civic clubs are a great way to get involved and meet your neighbors

Humane Society of Live Oak

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 at the Live Oak Clubhouse. For more information contact: Stephanie Cottrell at 210-862-7786 or email at humanesocietyofliveoak@gmail.com

Greater Randolph Area Kiwanis Club

Mendell Morgan, President
P.O. Box 2305
Universal City, Texas 78148
210-355-8562
www.graks.org
Chartered April 25, 1975

Live Oak Village Garden Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1p-3p at the Live Oak Clubhouse. For more information contact: June Adair at 210-843-7150 or Jo Anna Wheeler at 210-655-1036

LOCAP - Live Oak Citizens Assisting Police

Volunteers must attend and graduate from the Live Oak Citizens Police Academy. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Justice Center Training Room. For more information: locap@liveoaktx.net

LOLA - Live Oak League of Arts

Promoting interest in all art mediums through education and to develop our league's artistic skills while exploring new concepts and utilizing that knowledge to promote the arts within our community. For more information visit us on Facebook - search Live Oak League of Arts.

Metrocom Optimist Club of Live Oak

"Helping Youth Achieve Potential". For tax deductible donation information call 210-241-0279

Seniors of Live Oak

For all Live Oak residents age 50 or older. Join us for fun and fellowship at any of our events listed including our **Seniors of Live Oak WALK & TALK**.

- Tuesdays we walk in Live Oak Park
- Thursdays we walk in Woodcrest Park
Walks Begin at 8am



For more information about the Seniors of Live Oak "SOLO" please contact **Peggy Krieger at 210-757-3236**
Pets on leash are welcome

MAY 2023

- 04 Seniors of Live Oak - Evening Potluck**
Begins at 5:30am at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 08 Seniors of Live Oak - Games Day**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- Humane Society of Live Oak - Meeting**
From 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 10 Seniors of Live Oak - Lunch at 11:30am**
Meet at Cracker Barrel - 6330 N. Interstate 35
- 15 Seniors of Live Oak - Park Stroll & Lunch**
Begins at 10:00am at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 16 Live Oak Village Garden Club - Meeting**
Begins at 6:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 17 LOCAP - Meeting**
Begins at 7pm in the Police Department Training Room
- 22 Seniors of Live Oak - Book Club**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 25 Seniors of Live Oak - Games Day**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

JUNE 2023

- 01 Seniors of Live Oak - Barbeque**
Begins at 5:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 12 Seniors of Live Oak - Games Day**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- Humane Society of Live Oak - Meeting**
From 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 14 Seniors of Live Oak - Lunch at 11:30am**
Meet at Pompeii Grill - 16109 Nacogdoches Rd
- 19 Seniors of Live Oak - Potluck & Bingo**
Begins at 11:30am at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 20 Live Oak Village Garden Club - Meeting**
From 1pm - 3pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 21 LOCAP - Meeting**
Begins at 7pm in the Police Dept Training Room
- 26 Seniors of Live Oak - Book Club**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse
- 29 Seniors of Live Oak - Games Day**
Begins at 1:00pm at the Live Oak Clubhouse

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MEMORIAL DAY
— REMEMBER & HONOR —



MAY 2023

- 01 First Day of Military Appreciation Month
- 02 National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 04 National Day of Prayer
- 05 Cinco de Mayo
- 06 **Shred Day**
9am-Noon in Fire Dept. Parking Lot
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- Election Day**
- National Nurses Day
- 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 20 **Armed Forces Day Parade**
See page 5 for details
- 29 Memorial Day

JUNE 2023

- 03 **Junior Fishing Day**
7am-11am at the Live Oak Park Lakeside
See page 15 for details
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth Day
- 26 **Jr. Police Academy**
See page 16 for details

JULY 2023

- 04 Independence Day
- 12 **13th Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon**
See page 18 for details
- 23 Parents Day

AUGUST 2023

- 07 Purple Heart Day
- 19 National Aviation Day



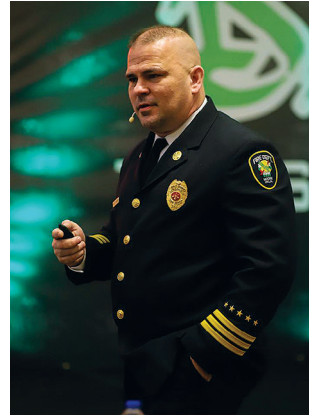
You can *Livestream all regular City Council, EDC, Planning & Zoning, Board of Adjustments & Parks and Recreation meetings from our website. The Board of Adjustment/Planning & Zoning meetings are held as necessary. Please call Isa Gaytan at 210.653.9140 ext. 2213 with any questions.



The Live Oak Fire Department hosted this year's Dagum Fire Texas Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn. Top-notch Firefighters from all over the United States attended the incredible, informative week of training both on-hands training and classroom sessions. We are grateful for the local business sponsors that made the event a huge success. A big thanks to Jordan Ford, RBFCU, Golds Gym, and Red Hot Signs.

Without your generous sponsorships, the conference would not have been the success that it was.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!



MOVIE
in the **PARK**



This year's twist on the annual Easter egg hunt was a success! It was held a little later in the day, combined with food truck tasty grab and go foods and beverages, DJ music, and wrapping up the evening with the Movie in the Park, featuring Peter Rabbit 2. We would like to thank some of our sponsors for this year's Eggstravaganza & Movie in the Park. The folks from Hilton Garden Inn, Olympia Hills Family Dental, Texas Roadhouse, the Podiatry Group of South Texas, and the Dear Agency all stepped up and sponsored the event providing for more giveaways for all attendees. Team Live Oak would like to thank each of you for your generous donations and for making this year's event a successful, and fun event for all.



DAWN DEAR



CONGRATULATIONS TO LIVE OAK RESIDENT

GWEN ESTRADA!Gwen was the lucky winner of a \$100 Gift Card to
AT HOME!**GWEN ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS & WON!**

Q1.

How often do you use the Live Oak LOCAL section of the magazine?

I read the local section of the magazine when I get it every month, and I use it sporadically throughout the month to reference back to things I saw in it.

(Love getting coupons!)

Q2.

What Category in the LOCAL section do you reference the most?

I would have to say that I reference (and look most forward to) the Parks and Rec section the most often each month! There's always useful information and I love to see what events they have coming up! (I also have to confess that I remove the schedule for recycling and bulk pick up every month so I can keep it on my fridge! Maybe I should have said that?)

Q3.

Where do you keep your copy of the Hometown News?

I keep my copy of Hometown News by my coffee pot... when it isn't on my kitchen table!

Q4.

What do you like best about the magazine?

My favorite part of the magazine is learning about the new businesses in the area. I love to support the Live Oak Community! I have lived here for 11 years and love that the growth has not changed the vibe of my little area!

Q5.

What is your favorite Live Oak business?

My favorite business in Live Oak is Country Home. Even though my son no longer goes there, they were AMAZING in helping resolve a situation that could have resulted in tragedy! Love them!!!

That being said I also LOVE walking the aisles in AT HOME.

**SEE PAGE 28 FOR DETAILS!**

What a bunch of fun, talented, and competitive teams LOCAP had for their first ever Cornhole tournament. There was fun for everyone. The proceeds from the event will go to the Live Oak Police Department's Blue Santa Christmas program to help out less fortunate youth in the community by purchasing Christmas toys.

We would like to thank our wonderful Live Oak business sponsors for their generosity and service to the Live Oak community. A big shout out to: LOL Liquors, Olympia Hills Family Dental, Hampton Inn, Northeast San Antonio Kiwanis, RBFCU, Charlene HAAS, Interstate Batteries, Donut Kolache Palace, Williams Confectionery, At Home, VFW Post 8315/South Central Cornhole, Roy Medical Uniforms, L&L Dr. Home Care Inc., Spirit Heart Child Care Center, City of Live Oak, Jeff & Peggy Sue Fiske Family, Twin Peaks Live Oak, Linda Gorham, Pollo Picosito, Bonnie Tullgren, BJ's Restaurant, Chuy's, HD Supply, & Hot Worx.

Live Oak appreciates your constant dedication and service to the Premier Community to Live, Learn, Work, and Play!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 WINNERS!**1st Place Winners**South Central Cornhole Association
Phillip Kreiser & Meaghan Harris**2nd Place Winners**G&Z Bags
Gabe Rivera & Zane Grey**3rd Place Winners**Texas Truck Hub
Bryan Landwehr & Paul Flores

RBFCU 

Community Shred Day



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH from 9am-12noon
in the Fire Department Parking Lot



YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

A FREE SERVICE THAT ALLOWS FIRST RESPONDERS TO HAVE A DETAILED MEDICAL HISTORY ON THOSE PATIENTS THAT ARE SPECIAL NEEDS AND/OR HIGH ACUITY.



WHO IS QUALIFIED:

- ✓ Deaf/Blind
- ✓ Pacemaker/ LVAD/ External Defibrillator
- ✓ Seizure Disorder
- ✓ TBI
- ✓ Special Needs: Autism, Cerebral Palsy
- ✓ Immune Compromised
- ✓ Oxygen Dependent
- ✓ Stroke History with Deficits
- ✓ Active Chemo/ Radiation
- ✓ Extensive Psych History
- ✓ Anything else that requires a higher acuity of care consciousness

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

Contact Amy Anderson
 (210) 619 - 1430
 aanderson@schertz.com
 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building 7



SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, July 12th

13th Annual
Business Appreciation Luncheon
Celebrating Our Heroes!

Live Oak  See pg. 19 for details



SHINDIG 2023
September 23rd

Free Smoke Detectors!

LOFD, RBFCU, Home Depot & the American Red Cross teamed up to offer

FREE SMOKE DETECTORS, including installation to Live Oak residents.

If you have questions about the program or would like to participate in the program, contact the Live Oak Fire Dept. at 210.653.9140 x 2198.



Free Carbon Monoxide Detectors!

Kemeth Cole Mayfield
Carbon Monoxide Awareness Program

If you don't have a carbon monoxide detector in your home and you cannot afford to purchase one, please call the Live Oak Fire Dept. at 210.653.9140, ext. 2242.



Utilities Department

Fiscal Management – Water & Sewer Utilities

Every year during the budget process, City staff is tasked with analyzing the City’s Utility Funds for proper fiscal alignment. This analysis is a multi-step process that determines if the City’s utility rates are set accordingly to provide adequate revenues to cover all system expenses and debt liabilities and to maintain proper cash reserves necessary to provide high-level services to the customer.

There are many goods and services necessary to operate a premier water and sewer utility. The costs of these goods and services have been on the rise for the past year. It was determined an increase would be necessary to the water and sewer rates to cover the increases. At the February 14, 2023, council meeting, the proposed rate increases were presented and approved by City Council. The new rates went into effect on April 1, 2023, and will be reflected on the May 2023 billing cycles.

The City of Live Oak works very closely with the other utility providers in the area to help keep expenses down and rates very competitive. These providers are the San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority (CCMA), and the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). The City of Live Oak continues to provide a premier utility service to its residential and commercial customers with some of the lowest rates in the region. That is something we can all brag about.



For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.liveoaktx.net/how-do-i#utility-bills>.

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RECYCLE CALENDAR



MAY

	A		B		C		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31				

JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

BRUSH & BULK PICK UP

Recycle days are highlighted and marked by letters A - B - C
Route "A" is Wed/Sat trash routes
Route "B" is Mon/Thu trash routes
Route "C" is Tues/Fri trash routes



LIVE OAK POOL OPENS JUNE 3RD at 12:00pm

THE 2023 SUMMER POOL HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE: Tuesday-Sunday 12p.m.-8p.m., CLOSED on Mondays

JULY & AUGUST: Tuesday-Sunday 1pm-7:00pm, CLOSED on Mondays

POOL SEASON/HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



LIVE OAK POOL POLICIES AND ADMISSION INFORMATION

Daily pool admission is \$3.00 for Live Oak residents, and a driver's license must be presented as proof of residency. This will be the **ONLY** form of identification/residency verification accepted at the pool. Residents may also purchase a pool pass beginning May 22nd at the Public Works building, and the cost will be \$40 per person. Daily admission for non-residents is \$10.00 per person. The Live Oak Pool can only accept cash or personal checks, and no bills over \$20.00 are accepted. For more information regarding the Live Oak pool, visit the website at www.liveoaktx.net or call Cathi at 653-9140, ext. 2234, or Sherry at ext. 2200.

JOIN TEAM LIVE OAK!

The City of Live Oak is hiring lifeguards for the 2023 pool season, and we would love for you to join Team Live Oak! As part of the lifeguard team, you can enjoy the benefits of flexible hours, competitive pay, and a fun working environment.

The salary range is \$13.00-\$20.00, and the city offers certification reimbursement as well as incentive pay. Applications can be filled out online at www.liveoaktx.net. Don't delay, join the team today!

For more information regarding becoming a Live Oak Lifeguard or the reimbursement program, please contact Courtney Weese at 210-653-9140 ext. 2235 or email at cweese@liveoaktx.net.





Saturday | June 3rd | 7:00-11:00 a.m.



Girls and boys from 13 years and younger get your rods and reels ready
to join us for the Junior Fishing Day on June 3rd from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. for a fun filled morning of fishing. How many catfish will you catch? It could very well be the BIG one! All are encouraged to bring their own fishing equipment, however, those without a fishing rod may check one out on site on a first come, first served basis. Adult supervision is required for young children. Adults are not allowed to fish until the event concludes. Did you know June 3rd is National Fishing Day? For this one special day a fishing license is not required of anyone. Why not get out soak up some vitamin D and enjoy some fishing!

A BIG thank you to the Kiwanis for their generous donation!





Crime Fighting Has Taken Its Toll

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, he also proclaimed the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

586 officers killed in 2021. The massive decrease in line-of-duty deaths for 2022 is almost entirely related to the significant reduction in Covid-19 deaths.



Peace Officer Memorial
May 17th, 2023 at 6PM

In observance of
National Police Week

The Live Oak & Selma Police Departments cordially invite you to attend the ceremony honoring those police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

LIVE OAK JUSTICE CENTER
8022 SHINOAK
LIVE OAK, TEXAS 77823

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community.

Junior Police Academy

The Live Oak Junior Police Academy is held June 26th through 30th. Cadets attending the academy will experience various fields of police work. The cadets start the week by going through an obstacle course that is part of the police departments hiring process.

Cadets also receive hands on training in crime scene investigation and lifting latent fingerprints. Applications are still being accepted to be a part of the Junior Police Academy.



Since the first recorded police death in 1786, there have been more than 23,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Currently, there are 23,229 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. The New York City Police Department has lost more officers in the line of duty than any other department,

with 954 deaths. Texas has lost 1,831 officers, more than any other state.

As of December 31, 2022, 226 federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty in 2022. This is a dramatic decrease of approximately 61% from the





We would like to send out a monumental “thank you” to our Live Oak Animal Control volunteers who have helped us immensely these past few years. We couldn’t do our jobs as well without them. From walking our dogs and getting them outside-time, and to working with them on a few behavior issues like walking on a leash, these amazing ladies mean the absolute world to us. Their loyalty and dedication to our shelter mutts and staff is unwavering and unforgettable. It takes a true heart to volunteer so much of your own personal time to a cause that is so incredibly important in our small Premier Community. We thank each of the dedicated volunteers and now close friends for all they have done and continue to do to support Live Oak’s wonderful pets at the Animal Shelter.



Heather originally comes from Austin but has since moved closer to the area. She has 3 years of experience in shelter volunteering and fostering. Heather retired as a registered nurse, married for 25 years and raised three sons to be promising young men. Her home is full of love with 3 dogs, 2 cats, and let’s not forget about her bunny! Since 2020 Heather has accumulated over 600 hours of volunteering at Live Oak Animal Control. Her hobbies include gardening, being active in a variety of sports, and walking shelter pups of all sizes. She does it all and never forgets to smile.

years of experience in volunteering for shelters in the northeast region. In 2002, Ann retired from teaching after 31 dedicated years. Ann and her wonderful husband have two children who are the light of their lives. Their amazing dog Sandy was adopted by the couple a number of years ago and enjoys the life of luxury. Ann has over 300 hours of volunteering with Live Oak Animal Control since 2020. Some of her hobbies include working with animals, hiking, walking, camping, and enjoying quiet time with a great read.



Deb is an impressive San Antonio native with 8 years of experience volunteering at different shelters throughout the area. In 2014, Deb retired from the Civil Service and began volunteering at shelters in early 2015. She enjoys spending time with her two children, three grandchildren, and a house full of furry babies (three dogs and two cats to be exact). Deb has over 400 hours of Volunteering on the books with Animal Control since 2020. Reading a great book, walking a shelter dogs, and camping with her family is just a few ways she unwinds.



Our wonderful, yet spicy, one of a kind Jane is from across the pond! She has volunteered with shelters for the last 13 years. She loves to live her life to the fullest and values her family, friends, and pets. Jane has dedicated over 250 hours to Live Oak Animal Control since 2020. Her favorite past time activities include reading, yard work, walking dogs, and solving jigsaw puzzles. Jane also likes to give us a hard time and keeps us on our toes every chance she gets!



Ann is originally from Cleveland Ohio and moved to Texas in 1958. She has lived in Texas long enough to be called a Texan. Ann has 14



Home Nutrition

On February 27th, City officials welcomed Home Nutrition to the community with an official ribbon cutting and customer appreciation celebration. Co-owners Kyle Brooke and Marisa Martinez celebrated with family, friends, and city officials, and they have pledged to serve the community of Live Oak with nutritional shakes and teas. "We are excited to be in Live Oak and look forward to being a great community partner and successful small business in the community," said Ms. Martinez.

If you want a healthy option for lunch or dinner or just need an energizing tea, stop by at 8142 Shin Oak Drive, Ste. 104.



restore

HYPER WELLNESS

Restore Hyper Wellness

Restore Hyper Wellness, the nation's leading provider of proactive wellness services, is now open in the Forum Shopping Center at 8235 Agora Parkway, Ste. 123. Some of the core services and benefits offered by Restore include Cryotherapy, Red Light therapy, Infrared Sauna, and Compression.

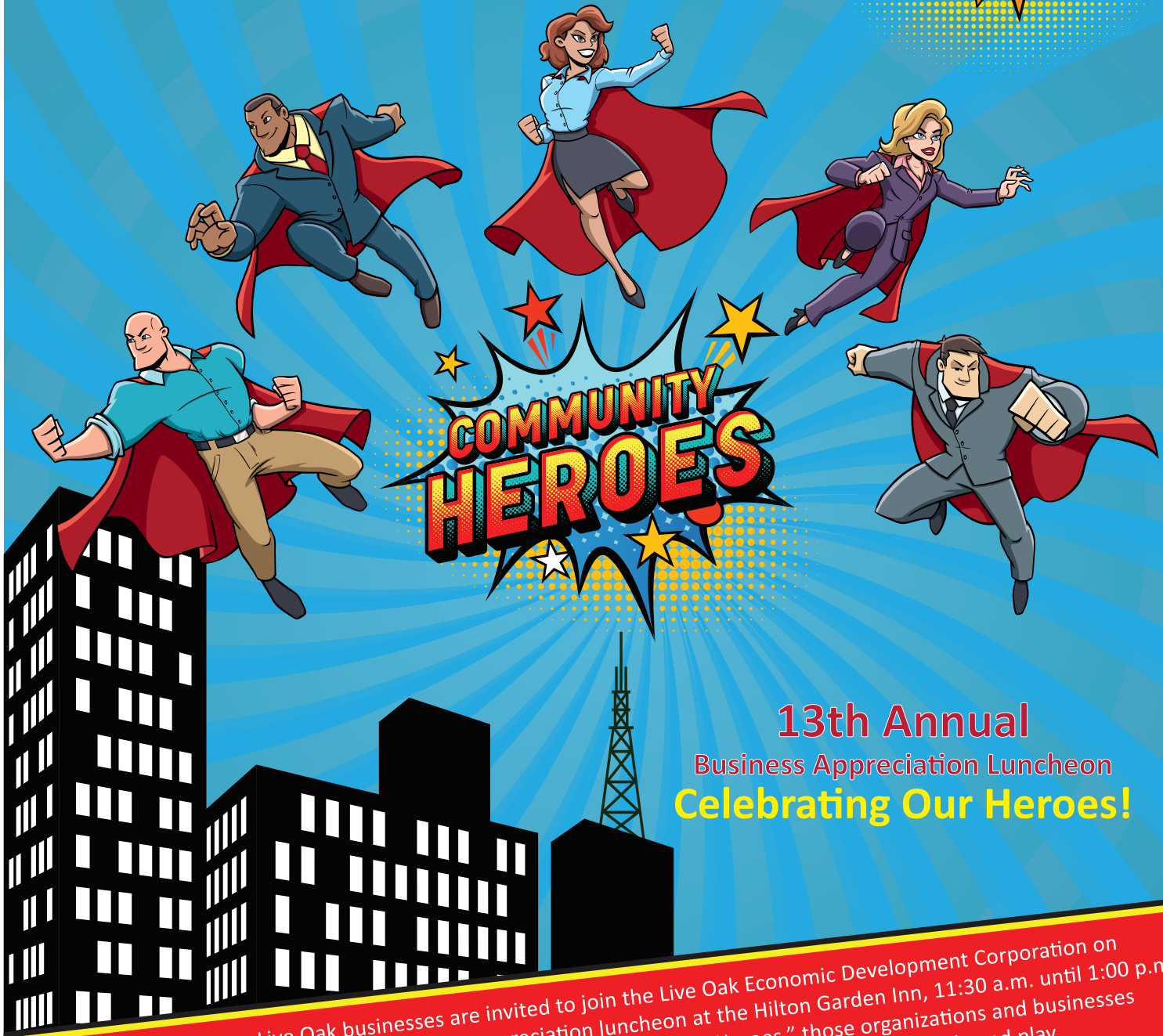
Mayor Mary Dennis, members of Council, and city staff all gathered to celebrate and welcome Restore on March 31st with an official ribbon cutting ceremony. Guests enjoyed a tour of the facilities and light refreshments. "Live Oak is the premier community because of businesses like Restore and the services they offer to our residents and the surrounding communities," said Mayor Mary Dennis.

Whether you are looking to decrease inflammation, optimize your sleep, or boost energy, the Restore team is ready to support you every step of the way. For more on Restore Hyper Wellness in Live Oak, contact 210-549-6555 or visit www.restore.com. Their friendly experts will help you become the best version of you by creating a customized plan.



SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, July 12th



13th Annual
Business Appreciation Luncheon
Celebrating Our Heroes!

Live Oak businesses are invited to join the Live Oak Economic Development Corporation on Wednesday, July 12th for an appreciation luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn, 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This year, Live Oak is celebrating its "Community Heroes," those organizations and businesses that enrich the places where their own employees live, learn, work, and play.

Businesses will receive anniversary awards, sponsorship awards, and Best of Live Oak awards while enjoying a complimentary lunch on us. Come let us celebrate you and thank you for choosing Live Oak. Mark your calendars for July 12th and watch for your special invitation.





Do You Have What It Takes?

A Live Oak Firefighter requires dedication, hard work, long hours of training, and a passion to help others. Firefighting is no easy task, and it takes a self-disciplined person to work for a rewarding career. If you are interested in joining Team Live Oak, contact us at 210-653-9140, ext. 2241 or 2242. COME EARN IT!

When and How to Use Fire Extinguishers

Always put your safety first, if you are not confident in your ability to use a fire extinguisher, get out of your residence and call 911.

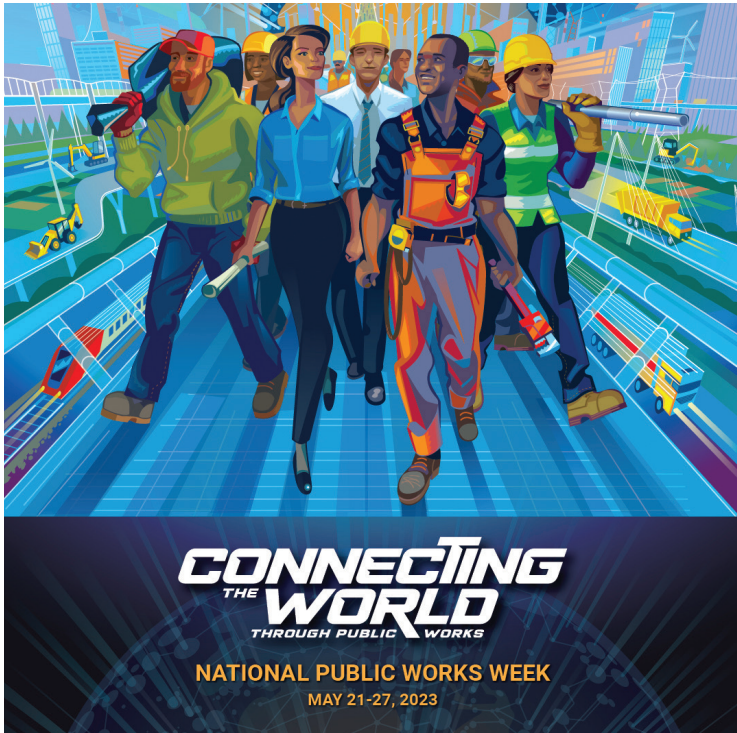
The Live Oak Fire Department cautions you to evaluate the use of the fire extinguisher and to ensure:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the home.
- The Fire Department has been called.
- The fire is small, not spreading, and there is not much smoke.
- Your back is to an exit you can use quickly.
- You remember the acronym **PASS**:

PULL THE PIN.
AIM LOW AT THE BASE OF THE FIRE.
SQUEEZE THE HANDLE SLOWLY.
SWEEP THE NOZZLE SIDE TO SIDE.

- REMEMBER, NOT ALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WILL WORK ON EVERY FIRE. For home use, the NFPA recommends a multi-purpose extinguisher (ABC type) large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy that it will be difficult to handle.





National Public Works Week May 21 – 27 Team Live Oak's Superheroes

National Public Works Week is observed during the third full week of May to recognize the importance of Public Works. There are multiple employees in our City that make up our Public Works Department, and we would like to highlight their duties and the amazing job they do.

The utilities crew keep the water running in our homes while you and I are sleeping. These employees often work through long stretches of shifts and are always on call for emergencies. On holidays, someone is ready to step away from their family gathering after receiving a phone call from dispatch to repair a water main break, leak, or stoppage.

The streets and storm-water crew responsibilities include preventative maintenance such as street sweeping, pavement rehabilitation, and keeping storm drains clear. The crew, along with the Assistant Director of Public Works, put in many long shifts to plan for and accommodate any emergencies that arise. These individuals will be out spreading sand on the streets early in the morning if we have freezing temperatures or placing barricades for areas of flooding. Weather doesn't wait for 8 to 5 working hours!

Have you driven out to the park lately to enjoy the new Acorn playground, or to take a long stroll around the lake, or play a round of disc golf? Our parks crew does an outstanding job of maintaining over 100 acres of parkland, and the municipal

swimming pool, and assisting with special events. These men are working hard to keep Live Oak's park system premier.

Our fleet crew is another part of Public Works one might not think about. These employees keep City automobiles, heavy equipment, and rescue vehicles in top condition and ready to go.

The responsibility of providing facility operations and maintenance of all city buildings falls on the Facilities Manager. Facilities staff are constantly making routine improvements such as painting, repairing HVAC units, or securing contractors for a larger project or repair.

Our Recreation and Special Events Manager works hard developing and implementing one of a kind city-wide, special events. In addition, she oversees the Municipal swimming operations, city facility usage, and youth sports. She is the liaison for civic groups within the City. It takes incredible planning and organization to get an event started. One single event can take months of preparation. The next time you and your family are enjoying a city event in our streets or park, step back, look around, and notice the things going on around you. You will see the coordination of many volunteers and city employees making the event possible.

Administrative personnel also play a huge role in the day-to-day operations of Public Works. These employees are the first friendly faces you will see if you visit the Public Works building. On any given day, you will see staff answering and directing calls, processing work orders, managing the electronic marquees, and administratively assisting supervisors in a variety of ways.






Finally, our Department Managers and Supervisors prepare reports related to Public Works activities. They are involved with administrative work, dealing directly and in depth with citizens, employees, city engineers, other department managers, consultants, contractors, city administrators, and City Council in problem resolution. They also oversee all city contracts from new buildings to street construction projects.

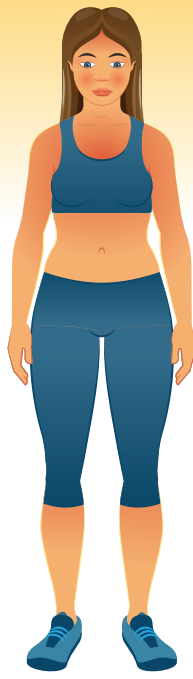
We would like to recognize these fine men and women for the outstanding jobs they do on daily basis. If you happen to see any of these fine men and women out and about working in the neighborhoods or by the Municipal Complex, give them a shout out or high five. Let them know how much they are appreciated each day! They truly are some of our finest heroes who make the City of Live Oak a great place to live, learn, work, and play!









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Heat EXHAUSTION

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-  Cool, Pale or Clammy Skin
-  Nausea or Vomiting
-  Rapid, Weak Pulse
-  Muscle Cramps



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During the upcoming summer months, temperatures can reach dangerous levels. With the high heat index, temperatures can be particularly hazardous for children, the elderly, those with special needs, and pets. In addition to discomfort and fatigue, extremely high temperatures can cause heat cramps, exhaustion, and stroke. To protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors, please familiarize yourself with the following terms and symptoms:

- Stay out of the sun. If you must be in the sun, wear sunscreen.
- Avoid overexertion and strenuous outdoor activities.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes that cover as much skin as possible to prevent sunburn.
- Consume plenty of non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated fluids. Water, diluted juices, and electrolyte solutions are best. Stay away from carbonated drinks.

- Avoid alcohol.
- Stay in the shade or under awnings as much as possible.
- Keep rooms well-ventilated with air conditioners and fans. Keep your windows open if you don't have a fan or air conditioning.
- If you are in need of a box fan and cannot afford one, contact (210) 653-9140 ext. 2379 to inquire about PROJECT COOL. This program loans out box fans while supplies last.
- Cool down with periodic cool baths or showers.
- Never leave children, the elderly, or those who require special care during periods of intense summer heat.
- Make a special effort to check on your neighbors during a heat wave, especially if they are seniors, young children or people with special needs or if they live alone.
- Seniors and others who may be sensitive to extreme heat should contact friends, neighbors, or relatives periodically throughout the day.
- Seek help if you feel symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

Live Oak Emergency Management would like you to remember:

If you are in need of a smoke detector and meet the qualifications, you may be eligible to have a smoke detector placed in your home. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- You are a current resident in Live Oak.
- You own and live in your home. RENTAL PROPERTIES DO NOT QUALIFY.
- You are living on a low income.

If you meet these requirements and would like the fire department to come to your home and install a smoke detector, (NOT INTERCONNECTED) call the Live Oak Fire Department at (210) 653-9140 x2379 or send an email to rluna@liveoaktx.net.





City Permits

You may have noticed bright green permits posted around your neighborhoods. The bright green paper you've noticed in the windows are City permits. Permits are issued by the City to ensure the quality of the projects in town are safe, constructed properly, and allowed. The permit process protects the resident having the work done and the neighbors close by. A permit must be posted in a conspicuous location and visible from the public right of way throughout the entirety of the project until completion. Below are some frequently asked questions:

Q. Do I need a permit to build on or make changes to my property?

A. If you are adding, altering, or modifying a building (including the roof), fence, electrical, irrigation, plumbing, air conditioning of your residence, adding a new structure like a pool or shed over 200 square feet in size, a building permit is required. A permit is not required for painting, sheet rock repair, replacing a toilet or sink as long (as the P-trap is not removed or altered), and installing phone or Internet cables. These are just a few of the exemptions found in the International Residential Code 2021. For the complete list of exempted items, visit this website for free access to our adopted International Code Council books at <https://codes.iccsafe.org/codes/i-codes>

Q. Do I need a permit to plant trees or decorative plants in my yard?

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Q. Do I need a permit for temporary storage on my property such as PODS?

A. Yes, temporary storage units such as P.O.D.S require a permit that is good for 30 days. The unit must not be placed in the grass.

Q. Does my contractor apply for the permit when I hire them to do a project?

A. This question is asked often. If the property is your homestead, you may obtain a building permit for alterations or additions to your residence. However keep in mind that you are now liable for all the work complying with code and will be taking responsibility for the workers on your property.

Work governed by the State of Texas such as electrical, plumbing, air conditioning, and Irrigation must be permitted by the contractor licensed by the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. You cannot obtain a permit for anyone other than yourself. Therefore, you must do the work mentioned in this section, not someone else who may offer you a great deal if you obtain the permit from the City. If the work is done improperly, it can cost you much more than the money in the end.

Lastly, building permits are not transferable. If you change contractors, a new permit must be obtained. If you do hire a contractor, make sure they post the green permit in a visible location. Protect yourself. There are many good contractors in the Live Oak area, but unfortunately, there are those who will take advantage of you. If you have a question about a home project or work being done at your home, please contact the Development Services Department who will help you find an answer to protect you and your property. Call 210-653-9140 Extension 2244 and speak with one of our helpful permit technicians or email the building official at cbo@liveoaktx.net.

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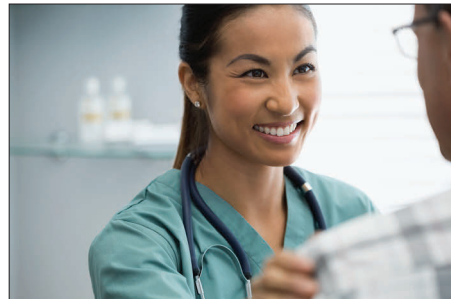
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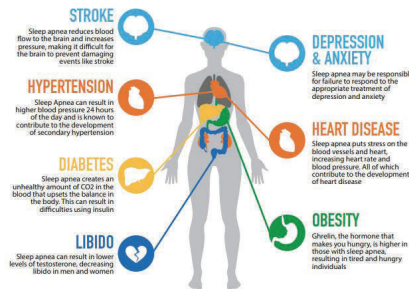
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