River Oaks News

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River Oaks News Holiday Schedule

Did you know that we publish 51 consecutive digital newspapers every year?

The only week we do not publish, and close the office is the week of Christmas!

The offices of Suburban Newspapers, Inc. located at 7820 Wyatt Dr. in White Settlement will close Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Dec. 26, and will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1 for New Years Day, but we will publish the first edition of 2026 on that day!

There will be no newspapers on Dec. 25. The deadline to appear in the Jan. 1 digital publications is Monday, Dec. 29 at 2 p.m.

The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.

For more information, email us: suburbannews@sbcglobal.net.

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Unofficial Runoff Election Results

Voters in the City of River Oaks elected Leigh Ann Turner to the Place 3 seat in the runoff election on Dec. 13, according to the Tarrant County Elections website.

With all precincts reporting and 190 votes cast, Turner won 119 votes, or 62.63 percent. She defeated Sherrie Uptmore Dast, who received 71 votes (37.37 percent).

Election results are unofficial until votes are canvassed at an upcoming River Oaks City Council meeting.

From Protecting Animals of White Settlement

Give a Shelter Pet a Christmas to Remember

Protecting Animals of White Settlement (PAWS) is inviting the community to give a temporary gift of love this holiday season through its "Home for the Holidays" foster program, offering shelter pets a chance to spend Christmas in a warm, welcoming home.

The short-term foster initiative allows families and individuals to take a dog or cat home for Christmas, providing comfort and companionship during one of the busiest times of year for animal shelters. PAWS will supply all necessary items, making it easy for first-time and experienced fosters alike to participate.

Under the program, participants can visit the PAWS shelter on Dec. 22 or Dec. 23 to select a foster pet to take home for Christmas. Foster pets are scheduled to be returned to the shelter on Dec. 26 or Dec. 27, unless a foster family chooses to pursue adoption.

Shelter officials say the program benefits both animals and the shelter. Pets enjoy a break from the shelter environment, while staff can focus resources on animals that remain in care. Time in a home also helps pets decompress, socialize and show their true personalities, which can improve their chances of adoption.

PAWS encourages community members who may not be ready for a long-term commitment to consider holiday fostering as a meaningful way to support animals in need. By opening their homes for just a few days, participants can make a lasting difference in an animal's life.

More information about the "Home for the Holidays" foster program is available by visiting the PAWS shelter during the designated dates.

Dear Readers,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you and your loved ones have good health, success and joy in 2026. Thank you for letting us share your accomplishments, preserve your memories and promote your businesses in our newspapers. We truly could not do this without you and look forward to continuing our friendships in the new year.

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The owner is Sampath Konedi.

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From the City of River Oaks

Food Bank Day at River Oaks Event Center Dec. 19

Food Bank days are usually held the second and fourth Fridays of each month, but December dates have been changed to observe the Christmas holiday.

Participants are requested to start lining up no earlier than 8:30 a.m. at the River Oaks Event Center, located at 5300 Blackstone Drive, and to remain in their vehicles. *(click here to view route)*

The City would like to remind drivers not to block residents' driveways or cross streets, in case police or emergency services need access.

For more information or questions, call 817-732-5885.

From the City of River Oaks

Holiday Closures, Adjusted Trash Schedule for Christmas Week

City officials have announced holiday operating changes for Christmas week, including temporary closures and modifications to trash collection services.

River Oaks City Hall and the Event Center will close at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will remain closed Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Normal business hours will resume the following week.

Trash collection will also see temporary adjustments. Bulk trash service will not run on Wednesday, Dec. 24. Regular trash pickup scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 25, will be postponed to Monday, Dec. 29. Friday's regular collection on Dec. 26 will run as normal.

City officials encourage residents to plan ahead for the holiday schedule and wish the community a joyful Christmas season.

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Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation

Drivers Urged to Move Over or Slow Down for Tow Trucks and Other Emergency Vehicles

If you see tow trucks and other emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with their emergency lights activated, do you know what to do?

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the roadside.

Large numbers of travelers are expected on Texas roads during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and chances are, they may break down, get involved in crashes or be stopped by law enforcement. Pay attention to what's happening around you and be prepared to react quickly.

Tow truck drivers work hard every day to help people who are stranded on the side of the road. And, like everyone else, they are anxious to return home safely each night. Holiday memories are made when family gathers. Please do your part to make that happen for all.

Safety tips for driving this holiday season:

- Slow down and pay attention to what you're doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
- Don't drink and drive, even a little bit.
- Designate a (sober) driver.
- Stay off the phone! Designate a "co-pilot" to oversee the phone while you're driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Buckle up! All occupants of the vehicle, every trip. Most traffic crashes happen close to home.
- Traveling by motorcycle? Wear a helmet.
- Stay weather-aware. If it's snowy or icy, you'll need to slow down significantly so you don't slide on unexpected icy spots. If it's raining heavily, turn around and don't drown if water is running across the road. Only two feet of rushing water can sweep away a vehicle.
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded.

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From the River Oaks Police Department

Crime Report

The River Oaks Police Department reported the following incidents during recent weeks:

• On Nov. 17, officers investigated a hit-and-run crash in the 4800 block of River Oaks Boulevard.

• On Nov. 19, police responded to a hit-and-run accident in the 900 block of Churchill Road. Later that day, an arrest for failure to identify was made in the 4600 block of Ohio Garden Road.

• On Nov. 20, officers investigated a theft of service in the 500 block of Winters Street and made an arrest for criminal trespass along Jacksboro Highway.

• On Nov. 21, police arrested a driver for driving while intoxicated in the 600 block of Roberts Cut-Off Road and investigated a hit-and-run crash in the 400 block of Hagg Drive.

• On Nov. 24, officers made a narcotics-related arrest in the 5100 block of River Oaks Boulevard.

• On Nov. 25, police investigated a report of a terroristic threat in the 5000 block of Almena Road.

• On Nov. 30, officers responded to an assault reported in the 1400 block of Glenwick Drive.

• On Dec. 1, police made a narcotics-related arrest at 4729 River Oaks Blvd.

• On Dec. 4, officers investigated a hit-and-run crash in the 5300 block of Blackstone Drive.

• On Dec. 6, police arrested a driver for driving while intoxicated in the 1600 block of Long Avenue and investigated a criminal mischief incident along Jacksboro Highway.

All incidents remain under investigation as applicable.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Leonard Northrup: Texas Inventor Who Helped Power the Solar Age

The 20th century was a time of great innovation and progress in technology. Some of the most significant breakthroughs were in the areas of energy, medicine, and electronics. Leonard Northrup was among these important inventors. In a life that took him from making saddles to making solar power, Northrup's own work with solar energy helped revolutionize the entire industry.

Leonard L. Northrup, Jr., was born in Houston in March 1918. His father was an inventor, and both parents had deep roots in Texas History. At a young age, he showed a fascination with detail and developed a strong work ethic. He worked for a time as a youth in his grandfather's saddle factory and later delivered newspapers. As a young man, the family moved to Dallas, where he graduated high school in 1936. Inspired in part by his father's love of science, he studied engineering. He stayed close to home for college, earning a degree at Southern Methodist University. He then went on to earn a masters degree in engineering at the University of Denver and a second masters degree, in business administration from Harvard University.

During World War II, Northrup served in the army corps of engineers. He continued to serve shortly after the end of the war, eventually rising to the rank of captain. He met his first wife Jane Keliher while in the army, and the couple eventually had three children together.

After he left the army, he began working for a Dallas-area machinery and aircraft parts manufacturer. Part of the company's business involved work on jet engines. In 1951, Northrup patented a process for cleaning jet engines much more quickly and efficiently. He followed it up with a 1954 patent for cleaning other small parts.

In the 1950s, he became fascinated with refrigeration and early efforts at air conditioning. He had become successful enough that he and his wife designed a new home for their family in Dallas. He incorporated an innovative air conditioning system for the house, one of the first homes in the state to have a central air conditioning system. He began building and selling air conditioners for cars, devices that would be installed in the trunks of cars with cool air piped inside. When his friend Curtis Mathes began his electrical products company in the late 1950s, Northrup began selling Mathes's air conditioning units for homes and apartment buildings.

By the late 1960s, he bought Mathes's air conditioning division as Mathes branched into televisions and electronics. Northrup found new ways to improve the efficiency of air conditioners. By the early 1970s, he had patented three new devices to improve electrical efficiency and heating and cooling. These inventions changed how Texans and millions of others across the South and West weather the heat of summer. Though others had created air conditioners and improved on them previously, Northrup helped make them much more efficient and widespread in homes across the country.

In the 1970s, he turned his attention to solar power as the nation faced a series of crises in the energy industry. Consulting with scientists and engineers, Northrup began building solar collectors to heat air. He also began using new materials, curved lenses, and new designs to concentrate the amount of solar energy collected. Northrup also began constructing solar power towers to collect focused solar energy and tracking mirrors to maximize the energy collected. He also began applying his solar innovations into practical commercial products through his company, Northrup Energy. His inventions included the first solar-powered water heaters and solar-powered air conditioners.

Between 1975 and 1978, he completed four patents on solar energy devices. Northrup also began working with photovoltaic hybrid energy systems, finding ways to incorporate solar cells into power generation. He garnered a great deal of respect within the solar industry, and by the end of the decade, his company merged with ARCO Solar. ARCO Solar later merged with BP Solar becoming the largest photovoltaic solar company in the world.

In his later years, her served on the Board of Trustees of Trinity University in San Antonio and began ranching. In the 1980s, he founded American Limestone, a company that sought new ways to use Texas limestone in construction. His first wife died in 1989, and he married Mernie Myers in 1992. Now past 70, Northrup continued to study solar energy and new types of solar technology. In 2006, at the age of 88, he received his fourteenth and final patent. It was for a process to desalinate water using simple evaporation.

Energized by the pursuit of knowledge, he continued to work until nearly his dying day. In February 2016, just weeks shy of his 98th birthday, he finally retired, content that his work was done. Sadly, his wife died just a couple of weeks later. And less than a week after he turned 98, Northrup died quietly in Dallas at his home, beloved by family and celebrated by colleagues for his triumphs in technology.

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PM - Clear, with a low around 50. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday, Dec. 20:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 78. S/SW wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
PM - Clear, with a low around 49.

Sunday, Dec. 21:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

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