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— Central Edition —



Last Call for Pumpkins, First Look at the Lights

SEE THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

Last pumpkins, first lights. Go make a memory this weekend.

Great Pumpkin Contest Winners

Congratulations, Courtney and Molly!

Thank you to every little artist who colored a spooky masterpiece for The Great Pumpkin Contest. Here are this year's first-place winners.



Courtney · 1st Place, Ages 4–6 (Pumpkin Patch Pals)



Molly · 1st Place, Ages 7–9 (Trick-or-Treat Crew)

A big thank-you to Matt Brown with Encompass Lending Group for helping sponsor this year's contest!

Next up: Christmas Color & Cheer opens November 27.

See the Little Artists Club

Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. Here's how Houston says thank you.



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Ways to honor those who served

- Ceremony and parade, Wed Nov 11: the ceremony starts at 10 AM on the City Hall steps, with a moment of silence at 11:00. The American Heroes Parade steps off at 11:30 AM from Dallas and Bagby. Free along the route.
- Holocaust Museum Houston: free admission for veterans, active-duty military and their families, Nov 11-16.
- Distinguished Artist Veterans Exhibit, Central Library (500 McKinney): free, work by veteran and active-duty artists, through Feb 4. Opening reception Sat Nov 7.
- Warrior Ruck/Run 5K/10K, Sat Nov 7 at No Label Brewing in Katy, benefiting VFW Post 9182. Run or ruck, and bring canned food for Katy Christian Ministries.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • CITY HALL, DOWNTOWN • 10 AM

Veterans Day Ceremony & Parade

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SEE THE DETAILS

Friday, November 6



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Night Market at Asia Society

Friday, 6-10 PM
Asia Society Texas, 1370 Southmore Blvd

Local Asian and Asian American vendors, a beer garden, dance, carnival games and karaoke. The outdoor market is free; indoor entry is $5.

EVENT DETAILS


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Why You Like It, at Miller

Friday, 7:30 PM
Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park

Composer Nolan Gasser and his band mix live music with the science of taste. Answer prompts in a free app and leave with your own playlist. Free.

EVENT DETAILS



Rojo the Jaguar Turns 2

Friday, 9 AM-noon
Houston Zoo, Hermann Park

Birthday enrichment at 11:30 AM and a keeper chat; wear red. Included with admission, and kids 12 and under get in free until 11 AM.

EVENT DETAILS



Duck Pond by Circa

Friday and Saturday, 7:30 PM
Cullen Theater, Wortham Center

An Australian circus turns Swan Lake into acrobatics, aerial work and a duck army. 75 minutes, recommended for all ages. From $29.

GET TICKETS

Saturday, November 7



Houston Pumpkin Festival

Final weekend, Fri-Sun, 10 AM-11 PM
Discovery Green, downtown

The bounce, giant slide, carousel, cruiser boats and hay maze, rides included. $28, kids 3 and under free. Buy online ahead.

GET TICKETS



Bollywood at Miller

Saturday, 7:30 PM
Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park

Houston's Got Bollywood: Bombay Express, a dance-theatre trip across India's regions in folk, semi-classical and fusion styles. Free.

EVENT DETAILS



Craft Community Day

Saturday, 11 AM-3 PM
Center for Contemporary Craft, 4848 Main St

Free hands-on activities and live demos from clay, book arts and basket guilds, plus open artist studios. Use street parking.

EVENT DETAILS



Oil Ranch Fall Fest

Fri 10 AM-2 PM, Sat 10 AM-5 PM
23501 Macedonia Rd, Hockley

A farm fall festival with a pumpkin patch; closed Sundays in November. Saturday is $25.95 online, $29.95 at the gate, ages 3 and up.

EVENT DETAILS

Community Roundup

Deep in the Heart: Free Texas Music, Saturday

Saturday, 7-9 PM on Discovery Green's Anheuser-Busch Stage: Dallas alt hip-hop from Cure for Paranoia, Houston garage-pop from Jumprope, and DJ Bloom. Free.

First Saturday Arts Market, in the Heights

Saturday, 11 AM-6 PM at 540 W. 19th St. A free, juried monthly market of local artists along 19th Street. Rain date is the second Saturday.

Guided Nature Hike, Houston Arboretum

Saturday, 10-10:45 AM. Free, first come first served; parking is $6.50. Heads up: the Arboretum is closed most of Sunday for the Kidney Foundation Walk.

Greater Houston: prices held steady in September

HAR's September numbers: the median held at $325,000, homes took 58 days to sell, and inventory rose to 5.5 months. See the Real Estate Corner for what it means for you.

Coming Up: Diwali at Discovery Green, November 14

Next Saturday, 4-10 PM downtown: henna, Bollywood dance lessons and Indian food. Details on the Discovery Green page.

Sunday, November 8

A tree festival at the Botanic Garden, a race in Cypress, and the last day for pumpkins.



Standing Tall: A Texas Tree Festival

Sunday • 9 AM-4 PM, Houston Botanic Garden, rain or shine. A Texas Arbor Day family festival with tree crafts, guided walks, pecan-milk tastings, a sapling giveaway and live music. $20 adults; $16 kids, students, seniors and military. Free parking.

Also Sunday

The Cypress Half Marathon & 5K starts at 7 AM, with a Kid's K for ages 12 and under. The Houston Symphony plays Shostakovich's Ninth at 2 PM at Jones Hall. And it's the Pumpkin Festival's last day.

Final weekend at Dewberry Farm in Brookshire: rides, a corn maze and fireworks Saturday and Sunday.



All Weekend Long



Sugar Land Arts & Music Festival

Fri 5-9 PM, Sat noon-8 PM, Sun noon-5 PM
Sugar Land Town Square, 15958 City Walk

Over 100 juried artists, live music including Ambrosia and Yacht Rock USA, a wine garden and local restaurants. Free this year.

EVENT DETAILS



Shostakovich's Ninth, Jones Hall

Fri and Sat 7:30 PM, Sun 2 PM
Jones Hall, downtown

The Houston Symphony plays Shostakovich's Ninth Symphony with Yoonshin Song. Prelude talks start 50 minutes before each show. From $29.

GET TICKETS



Museums on Us, Children's Museum

Sat and Sun, 9 AM-5 PM
Children's Museum Houston, Museum District

Bank of America, Merrill and Private Bank cardholders get one free general admission with card and photo ID.

EVENT DETAILS



Home Sweet Home Exhibit

Open Fri-Sun, 10 AM-5 PM
Julia Ideson Building, 550 McKinney

Free. Historic maps, sales brochures, postcards and photos showing how Houston's neighborhoods were built. Through December 23.

EVENT DETAILS

Featured Event



HOUSTON'S HOLIDAY SEASON STARTS FIVE STORIES UP

Winter Wonderlawn at POST Houston

The Skylawn at POST Houston, 401 Franklin St, downtown

Opens Fri, Nov. 6

Runs through January 10

$8 to $15

Mon-Thu $8, Fri-Sun $15

6 & Under Free

Lights, trees and Santa's village

Winter Wonderlawn opens Friday, November 6, on the five-acre Skylawn rooftop at POST Houston downtown. The rooftop is covered in thousands of lights, with two 35-foot Christmas trees, forests of candy canes, a Santa's village and new holiday sculptures, including a 100-foot Polar Express. POST Market's food hall is downstairs for dinner before or after. Tickets are needed for the rooftop after 5 pm. Before Thanksgiving they're $8 Monday through Thursday and $15 Friday through Sunday, and kids 6 and under get in free. After Thanksgiving, Santa visits on Sunday evenings with real falling snow.

GET TICKETS

CALL THE TEAM

Thinking about a move close to downtown? Call the team at (713) 805-6247.

Small Business Spotlight



SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT · NOVEMBER 2026

Lynn's Table: 30 Years, 11 Years and the Table They Built

Chefs Matthew and Jessica Lynn · Old Town Spring

Long before there was a Lynn's Table in Old Town Spring, there were two young chefs who met in culinary school. This year Matthew and Jessica are celebrating 30 years of marriage and 11 years in business, and if you stop in on any given day, you'll find them both there. Matthew is usually in the kitchen or stepping out to visit with a table. Jessica is somewhere between the dessert case, the dining room and the hundred other things that come with owning an independent restaurant.

Between the two of them, they bring more than 80 years of culinary and hospitality experience. Matthew has cooked for over 40 years, here and abroad. He's a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, trained in classical French technique, and he spent seven years teaching future chefs at Culinary Institute LeNôtre. Jessica got her start at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, went on to earn her degree from Texas A&M and graduated from the CIA too.

Here's the part of Jessica's story we love. She grew up quiet and shy, and never imagined she'd become the public voice of a restaurant. Somewhere along the way she found that voice, and discovered that making people feel welcome and cared for is one of the things that brings her the most joy. You feel that the minute you walk in.

It's also why they chose the words they did for their motto: Make yourself at home. They point to where the word restaurant comes from, the French restaurer, which means to restore or refresh. As Matthew puts it:

> *"From our kitchen to your table, every dish is prepared to nourish your body and lift your spirits. Relax, indulge, and allow us to restore you."*





Small Business Spotlight, Continued

Elevated comfort food, thoughtfully crafted

That's how Matthew and Jessica describe their food, and they're quick to say what "elevated" doesn't mean. It doesn't mean complicated, fussy or pretentious. It means paying attention: good ingredients, real technique and care in every step.

You can see it in what they choose to cook with. The beef is Texas HeartBrand Akaushi. The bread comes from Kraftsmen Baking right here in Houston. The ice cream is Tillamook. And there's something you won't find in their kitchen at all: a conventional deep fryer. Take the Chicken Fried Steak, which is about as Texas comfort food as it gets. At Lynn's Table it starts with beef tenderloin, gets hand-breaded, then shallow-fried in beef tallow. Same dish you grew up on, made the way a classically trained chef would make it.

That's really Matthew's gift. Forty years of training doesn't show up as food you need a dictionary to order. It shows up as a burger or a chicken fried steak that's simply better than you expected. The same hands that turn out a beautifully prepared Beef Tournedos or Filet Oscar are the ones breading that steak, and the same care goes into both.

An Akaushi burger and a chef's special sit comfortably on the same menu, because to Matthew they deserve the same attention. Serious technique, without taking the fun out of comfort food.

If you only know Lynn's Table as a lunch spot or a sandwich stop during an afternoon of shopping, dinner is where all of this really comes alive. There's a weekly rhythm you can plan around: that tenderloin Chicken Fried Steak, slow-roasted Prime Rib, All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Bolognese and Lobster Friday.

And please, save room. Dessert is Jessica's side of the table: cakes, pies, bread pudding, plus sundaes, milkshakes, malts and floats made with that Tillamook ice cream. Her latest love is the house-made fudge, and with the holidays coming she's working on seasonal flavors and gift selections made for sharing.

Thirty years in, they're still cooking, still dreaming up new dishes and new flavors, and still looking ahead. The invitation hasn't changed: Come hungry, stay awhile and make yourself at home.

Read the full story



Visit Lynn's Table

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(281) 353-9229 · lynnstable.com
Lunch: Tue 11 AM to 4 PM · Wed to Sat 11 AM to 4:30 PM · Sun 11 AM to 5 PM
Dinner: Wed to Sat 5 PM to 9 PM
Dessert Parlor: Tue 11 AM to 5 PM · Wed to Sat 11 AM to 9 PM · Sun 11 AM to 5 PM

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Real Estate Corner

Greater Houston Market Snapshot

$325,000

Median single-family sale price, September 2026, flat from a year ago

58 Days

Average days on market, up from 56 a year ago

Greater Houston sales slipped 5.7% in September to 7,030 homes while prices held: the median stayed at $325,000 and the average rose 0.7% to $421,311. Active listings climbed 6.3% to 40,192, or 5.5 months of inventory against 4.8 nationally. Mortgage rates averaged 6.86%, about $83 a month more on a median-priced home than a year ago. These are HAR's Greater Houston figures, not zone-level numbers.

What This Means For You

FOR BUYERS

The payment moved, not the price. Get a lender's quote at today's rate before you fall for a house. With more listings and slower sales, you have room to negotiate.

FOR SELLERS

Prices are holding, but buyers are fewer and slower. Price where September's closed sales support it, and plan your carrying costs for about 58 days on market.

Read our full October market report at movelivelovetx.com/houston-market-report. Then turn the page for the holiday kickoffs coming up.

The Holidays Start Here



Four holiday kickoffs to put on the calendar.

Houston's holiday season gets going the week after next. Here are four big traditions starting between November 12 and 20.

NUTCRACKER MARKET, RELIANT CENTER

Nov 12-15. Thu 10 AM-8 PM, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Tickets $25-$60.

ICE AT DISCOVERY GREEN

Opens Fri Nov 13, through Jan 18. Buy online ahead; Cheap Skate Mondays are $9 with skates.

TXU ENERGY ZOO LIGHTS, HOUSTON ZOO

Nov 19-Jan 3, 5:30-10:30 PM. New: Candy Cane Lane, s'mores and nightly snow.

CITY LIGHTS TREE LIGHTING, DOWNTOWN

Fri Nov 20, 5:30-8 PM at Avenida Plaza, with the tree lighting at 6:15. Free.

CITY LIGHTS

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Meet Your Team

The Move Live Love TX Team™ • CB&A, Realtors®

Peter Royster

Team Lead • CLHMS, ALHS, ABR, e-PRO

Peter has 22+ years in real estate, mortgage lending, and construction. He was inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame in 2016 and the CB&A Champions Club Hall of Fame in 2022.

Real estate is truly a family business for Peter. He and Vicky are husband and wife, and that partnership is why clients get one team, not a handoff. Family comes first for him, at home and at the closing table.

22+ YEARS

Real estate, mortgage & construction

Vicky Royster

Pricing Strategist • MRP, PSA

Vicky has 6+ years of real estate experience and runs the pricing strategy behind every listing, making sure homes are priced to actually sell.

Vicky brings that same family-first mindset to every listing. She and Peter built this business together, and she believes a home sale should feel personal, because for the people living it, it always is.

6+ YEARS

Real estate experience

Together, the team has earned CB&A's Platinum, Diamond, and Elite Club awards year after year. Ask their clients, though, and they'll tell you it comes down to something simpler: honesty, communication, and treating every family like their own.

★★★★★

“Peter helped us purchase our home in 2014 after more than a year searching, several offers rejected on homes going over asking price, and 2 other realtors giving up on our search. We were so thankful for his patience and the personal attention he gave us. We still see them every year for their client holiday movie event and they have even recently provided many references for contractors for a planned remodel of our kitchen. Their help and care continues well beyond signing your mortgage contract!”

Charlee M., first-time buyer

Also This Week

Texas Roots Weekly comes out in three editions every week. Know someone in another part of the area? Send them theirs.

NORTH EDITION

The Woodlands, Spring, Conroe, Magnolia, Tomball and Kingwood. This week: Pavilion Palooza, a Renaissance Festival costume weekend and a Veterans Day flyover in Conroe.

READ THE NORTH EDITION

SOUTH EDITION

Webster, Clear Lake, Pearland, Alvin and Galveston. This week: The Clear Lake Greek Festival, Armand Bayou's Fall Festival and Shakespeare under the oaks.

READ THE SOUTH EDITION

Every edition is free, and forwarding one costs nothing at all.

A NOTE FROM OUR FAMILY

Enjoy Your Weekend, Neighbor.

Thank you for reading Texas Roots Weekly. Enjoy your weekend, and if you ever have a real estate question, we're always a call or text away.



We'll see you around town. Go make some memories this weekend.
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