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— South Edition —



Opa! Greek Festival, Fall Fest and Shakespeare

SEE THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

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 where to say thank you, starting this weekend.



Five ways to say thank you

- Sat, Nov 7: Pearland Veterans Day Walk, Pearland Natatorium & Recreation Center. Ceremony 8:30 AM, then a 4K walk. $25 at the door; under-17s free with an adult.
- Sat, Nov 7: VCG Freedom 5K & Kids 1K, Stevenson Park, Friendswood. 5K about 7:45 AM; $35 adults, $20 youth.
- Sat-Sun, Nov 7-8: Salute to Military Service & First Responders on the Kemah Boardwalk, with a JROTC competition and static displays.
- Fri-Sun, Nov 6-8: The Clear Lake Greek Festival is free for military and veterans with ID.
- Wed, Nov 11: League City's Veterans Day Ceremony & Luncheon. Free BBQ lunch while it lasts.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 11 AM-1 PM

League City Veterans Day Ceremony

Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center, 400 W Walker, League City

EVENT DETAILS

Friday, November 6



Clear Lake Greek Festival

Fri 5-9 PM, Sat 11-9, Sun 11-6
Clear Lake Park, 5000 NASA Rd 1, Seabrook

Greek food, pastries and dancing, plus games and face painting for kids. $5; free for military, veterans, first responders, kids under 12, and Friday before 6.

EVENT DETAILS



Lone Star Rally

Thu-Sun, Nov 5-8
The Strand, Pier 21 and the Seawall, Galveston

One of the country's biggest motorcycle rallies, with 40+ bands, vendors and car shows. Free general admission. Expect heavy downtown and Seawall traffic.

EVENT DETAILS



Live Music at Moody Gardens

Fri 6:30-9:30 PM and Sat 6-9 PM
Moody Gardens Hotel, 1 Hope Blvd, Galveston

Cindy Perkins plays Shearn's on Friday with dinner (reservations required), and Josh Galvan plays the hotel lobby Saturday night.

EVENT DETAILS

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Friday Night Flicks: The Notebook

Fri 5:30-8 PM
Helen Hall Library, 100 W Walker St, League City

A grown-ups' movie night (ages 18+) in the Library Theater. An easy, low-key date night.

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, November 7



Shakespeare in the Park

Sat 7-9 PM
League Park, 512 2nd St, League City

Clear Creek Community Theatre performs A Midsummer Night's Dream under the oaks. Free. Bring a lawn chair and a cooler.

EVENT DETAILS



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ABNC Fall Festival

Sat and Sun, 10 AM-4 PM
Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd

Wagon rides, blacksmithing, butter making and a pie-eating contest. $14 adults, $10 ages 4-12 and seniors. Parking $5, or a free shuttle from UHCL Lot D.

EVENT DETAILS



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Kemah Boardwalk Salute

Sat and Sun, Nov 7-8
Kemah Boardwalk, 215 Kipp Ave, Kemah

The Boardwalk's annual JROTC competition, plus military and first-responder displays. Free to walk the Boardwalk; rides and food are extra.

EVENT DETAILS



Space Center Family Overnight

Sat and Sun, Nov 7-8
Space Center Houston, 1601 E NASA Pkwy

The Veterans Day edition of Space Center Houston's family overnight. Registration is required; see the page for details and pricing.

EVENT DETAILS

More This Saturday

4th Annual San Leon Oyster Fest, Sat 11 AM-9 PM

All-you-can-eat raw oysters, plus fried and grilled while they last, with vendors, live entertainment and a Kids Zone at Pier 6, 113 6th St, San Leon. Kids 10 and under get in free; buy tickets on the event page.

Alvin Rotary Novemberfest Car & Bike Show, Sat 7 AM-4:30 PM

The 22nd year at National Oak Park, 118 S Magnolia St, Alvin: antique cars, trucks and motorcycles compete for 130+ trophies, plus a tribute to veterans, food trucks, live music and a Kids Zone. Rain or shine.

Family Fall Festival, Seabrook, Sat 10 AM-12:30 PM

A free morning at Anchor Point Hope Community, 1905 Capri Lane: bounce house, ice cream truck, crafts, giveaways and drawings for a car seat and a high chair. Free parking.

Heading to Galveston? Plan around the rally.

The Lone Star Rally fills The Strand and the Seawall all weekend. For rides and an arcade over the Gulf, the Pleasure Pier is open Fri 4-8 PM, Sat 12-9 PM and Sun 12-7 PM.

Saturday morning: walk or run for veterans

The Pearland Veterans Day Walk and the VCG Freedom 5K in Friendswood both start early. Details on page 3.



Kids dig for treasure at the Clear Lake Greek Festival, open all weekend in Seabrook.

Sunday, November 8

STEM Day at Space Center Houston, a Forrest Gump 5K in Kemah and the Greek Festival's last day.



National STEM Day

Sun 10 AM-4 PM, Space Center Houston, 1601 E NASA Pkwy • Hands-on STEM activities all day, included with general admission. Astronaut Scholar Karly Liebendorfer speaks at 12:30, and NASA Alumni League authors, including astronaut Jim Wetherbee, sign books 10 to noon.

Run Forrest Run 5K, Kemah Boardwalk

Sun 9 AM, packet pickup from 8. A waterfront 5K hosted by Bubba Gump that benefits the Gary Sinise Foundation. Costumes encouraged: the Forrest look-alike contest at 10:30 has free-shrimp prizes.

Last day of the Clear Lake Greek Festival

Sunday 11 AM-6 PM in Seabrook. ABNC's Fall Festival also runs 10-4.



Veterans Day is Wednesday. Thank a veteran this week.

Worth Your Drive

Big weekends in the North and Central editions, if you're up for a drive.



Texas Renaissance Festival

Sat and Sun 9 AM-8 PM (North)
21778 FM 1774, Todd Mission

Heroes & Villains weekend, with a costume contest for your alter ego. Kids 5-12 get in free on Sunday.

EVENT DETAILS



Winter Wonderlawn Opens

Opens Fri, Nov 6 (Central)
POST Houston, 401 Franklin St

Holiday lights on the five-acre Skylawn rooftop, with the skyline behind. Before Thanksgiving: $8 Mon-Thu, $15 Fri-Sun; 6 and under free.

EVENT DETAILS



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Pavilion Palooza: World Tour

Sat 10-5, Sun noon-5 (North)
Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, The Woodlands

The former Children's Festival: eight world-themed zones, inflatables, touch-a-truck and stage shows. $10; 2 and under free.

EVENT DETAILS



Houston Pumpkin Festival

Final weekend: Fri-Sun 10 AM-11 PM (Central)
Discovery Green, downtown Houston

Bounce, giant slide, carousel, boats and a hay maze, rides included. $28; 3 and under free; timed tickets online.

EVENT DETAILS

The Holidays Start Here



Four ways to kick off the season, starting next weekend.

The Bay Area and Galveston light up from November 13. Popular Polar Express times sell out, so book that one early.

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDE, GALVESTON

Nov 13-Dec 23, Galveston Railroad Museum. $40-$135. Wear your pajamas.

GALAXY LIGHTS, SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

Select nights from Nov 14, 6-10 PM. $19.95-$27.95; 3 and under free.

GALVESTON ARTWALK

Sat, Nov 14, 6-9 PM. Downtown Galveston galleries, free to visitors.

HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS, MOODY GARDENS

Nightly from Nov 21, 6-10 PM. A mile-long trail of 2 million+ lights, ICE LAND and an ice rink. Lights Trail from $24.

Tap any event name above for dates, times and tickets.

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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

307 Gentry St, Spring, TX 77373
(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 a featured listing and our direct line.

Featured Listing



LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

7000 Seawall Blvd #324 · Galveston

Furnished, turnkey, and steps from the Gulf.

$230,000
825 Sq. Ft.

1 Bed
Built 1996

1 Bath
Fully Furnished

A third-floor condo at The Dawn on Galveston's Seawall, sold fully furnished and turnkey. Tile floors throughout, granite counters, crown molding, and a private covered corner balcony. The gated community has two pools, a spa and a fitness center, and the beach is a short walk across Seawall Boulevard. Short-term rentals are permitted, so it works as a weekend place, a full-time home or an income property.

SEE THE LISTING

CALL THE TEAM

If this looks like it could be your next address, or you're thinking about a move of your own, give us a call. We're always happy to talk it through.

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.

★★★★★

“I can always count on Peter and Vicky. They are great with our kids. They have helped us buy and sell multiple homes. They give sound advice while also letting us get what we prefer. It's always an easy process with them, which I appreciate.”

Casey & Family

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

CENTRAL EDITION

Houston's inner loop, Katy, Cypress and Hockley. This week: the last weekend of the Pumpkin Festival and the opening of Winter Wonderlawn at POST Houston.

READ THE CENTRAL EDITION

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

A NOTE FROM OUR FAMILY

Thanks for Spending Time With Us.

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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