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— Central Edition —



The Houston Lebanese Festival, ArBOOretum and a Big Saturday at Discovery Green

SEE THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

Fall is in full swing. Go make a memory this weekend.

PICK YOUR WEEKEND

Four ways to spend the weekend of October 17-18, at a glance.

WITH THE KIDS

Zoo Boo at the Houston Zoo

Also: The Great Pumpkin Contest (page 3)

Also: KBR Kids Day on the bayou (Sun)

DATE NIGHT

Asia to the World at Miller

Also: Screen on the Green, Beetlejuice (Sat)

SHOP LOCAL

Flea by Night, Discovery Green

SOMETHING FREE

Energy Day Festival downtown

The Great Pumpkin Contest

Free for kids ages 4-12, and the entry form is working now



Tried to enter and the form wouldn't load? It's fixed.

Sorry about that. If you got our text and the form wouldn't open, please try again. Download your child's free coloring page, color it in, and send it back. Three age groups (4-6, 7-9 and 10-12) and three winners in each. First place takes a $25 Target gift card, a Halloween art kit and a Coloring Champion Certificate; second and third win a Fandango or Marble Slab card. One entry per child, sent in by a parent or guardian, judged anonymously. Winners announced on Halloween.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 11:59 PM CT

Free to enter at movelivelovetx.com

movelivelovetx.com/little-artists-club

GET THE COLORING PAGES

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Saturday, October 17



Houston Lebanese Festival

Sat & Sun, 12 to 10 PM
Midtown Park, Midtown

Live concerts, Lebanese food, vendors and a kids' area. $25 general admission, or $10 if you buy at the gate before 4 PM. Kids under 10 free.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



ArBOOretum

Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM
Houston Arboretum, Memorial Park area

A trick-or-treat nature trail, birds of prey shows at 11 and 2, pumpkin decorating and train rides. Register ahead: $25 now, $30 on the day.

EVENT DETAILS



Energy Day Festival

Saturday, 11 AM to 3 PM
Sam Houston Park, Downtown

Free. Hands-on science demos and experiments for school-age kids, set among the park's historic homes at the edge of downtown.

EVENT DETAILS



Flea by Night

Saturday, 6 to 10 PM
Discovery Green, Downtown

Free to browse. An after-dark market of local makers selling vintage, handmade and repurposed goods, art and food, with food trucks on site.

MARKET DETAILS

Saturday, October 17, Continued



Affordable Art Fair Houston

Fri to Sun; Sat 11 AM to 8 PM
George R. Brown Convention Center

The fair's first Houston edition: original art from local and international artists, priced $100 to $12,000. Family hours 11 AM to 1 PM on the weekend.

FAIR DETAILS



Asia to the World

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

Free. New dance works mixing Asian dance, hip hop and ballet. Free covered-seat tickets go online at 10 AM Friday; the hill needs none.

SHOW DETAILS



Screen on the Green

Saturday, 7 to 9 PM
Discovery Green, Downtown

Free. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice on the park lawn, right next to Flea by Night. Bring a blanket; costumes are welcome.

MOVIE DETAILS



Zoo Boo

Fri to Sun, open until 9 PM
Houston Zoo, Hermann Park

A pumpkin lantern tunnel and the Tangled Web Trail, plus an after-dark Spooky Forest with s'mores. Zoo Boo comes with admission; evening hours cost extra.

ZOO BOO DETAILS

Community Roundup



Halloween at the BOO!seum

9 AM to 5 PM at Children's Museum Houston, included with admission. Saturday wraps up the It's a Ghost! scavenger hunts, and Sunday is Potions, Brews and Ooze, a slime-and-chemistry day. Free family night: Thursday, October 29, 5 to 8 PM.

Coming Up Next Weekend

The free M-K-T Hike, Bike & Fright Fest is Saturday, October 24, 2 to 5 PM in the Heights: a costume trick-or-treat trail for kids and dogs. The Cy-Woods FFA Fall Craft Market runs October 24-25 at the CFISD Exhibit Center on Telge Rd.

Early Voting Starts October 19

Early voting for the November 3 election runs Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 30.

Greater Houston: prices held, the payment didn't

HAR's September numbers are out. The median held at $325,000, homes took 58 days to sell, and inventory rose to 5.5 months. Rates averaged 6.86%. See the Real Estate Corner for what it means for you.

More This Weekend

Friday night, Neon Nostalgic plays 1980s hits in sync with the original videos at Miller Outdoor Theatre (7:30 PM, free). Saturday from noon, the Nigeria Cultural Parade & Festival fills Discovery Green with food, music and dance, free. And the Houston Pumpkin Festival is open all weekend: see the Featured Event.

Sunday, October 18

Shopping downtown, a free day on the bayou, and a last look at the alebrijes.



Black on the Block Houston

Sunday, October 18 • 1 to 7 PM, POST Houston. More than 100 Black-owned brands under one roof, with a food court, bars and DJs. $15 to $20, card only; kids 12 and under free. Parking at POST is paid, so rideshare or walk.

KBR Kids Day on Buffalo Bayou

Sunday • 11 AM to 3 PM at The Water Works, Buffalo Bayou Park. Free with registration. Nature activities, face painting, birds of prey and a Halloween dance-off, so wear a costume. Free parking at Lot H, 1643 Memorial Dr.

Last Day for the Alebrijes at Discovery Green

Eight 20-foot alebrije sculptures by Mexican artists, inspired by Mexican folk art, are free to see all day in the park. Sunday is the final day, so go before they leave.

Also Sunday: day two of the Houston Lebanese Festival in Midtown, noon to 10 PM.



Worth Your Drive



Texas Renaissance Festival

Sat and Sun, 9 AM to 8 PM
Todd Mission, northwest of Houston

Jousting, music and food across the grounds, weekends through November 29 plus the Friday after Thanksgiving. No entry after 7 PM; buy tickets online ahead.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Kingwood Oktoberfest

Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM
Holy Comforter Lutheran, Kingwood

German food, local craft beer, polka and folk dancers, plus a kids' train and inflatables. $10 adults, $5 ages 3-12; food and drinks are extra.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



ARToberFEST, Galveston

Sat 10 AM to 5 PM, Sun 10 AM to 4 PM
Postoffice St., Downtown Galveston

A juried fine art and craft festival on two blocks among the downtown galleries, with food and live music. $10; kids 12 and under free.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Boo on the Boardwalk, Kemah

Fri to Sun, afternoons into evening
Kemah Boardwalk

Free trick-or-treating, kids' crafts and a costume contest Saturday, plus a gentle haunted fun house for little ones. Rides and parking extra.

EVENT DETAILS

Featured Event



A PUMPKIN PATCH IN THE MIDDLE OF DOWNTOWN

Houston Pumpkin Festival · Discovery Green

A storybook patch with rides and boats, a few blocks from the office towers.

Fri-Sun 10 AM-11 PM
Through November 8

$28 Weekends
3 & Under Free

Rides Included
Food is extra

The Houston Pumpkin Festival turns Discovery Green into a storybook pumpkin patch through November 8. Weekend tickets are $28 a person ($18 Monday to Thursday), and kids 3 and under get in free. The ticket covers the rides and the cruiser boats; food is extra. Walk-up tickets depend on capacity, so buy online before you go. On Saturday evening, pair it with Flea by Night and Screen on the Green, both free and in the same park.

GET TICKETS

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Downtown garages fill up on weekend evenings, so come early or ride METRORail downtown.

Small Business Spotlight



SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT · OCTOBER 2026

Wolfden Collective

Sarah & Cory Miller, Owners
Photography & Graphic Design

> *“The best photos don't always come from perfectly posed moments, but from the laughs, little in-between moments, and pieces of your personality that make your story yours.”*



Hi, I'm Sarah, the photographer and creative behind Wolfden Collective. I've had a camera in my hands since high school and have been professionally photographing people and their stories since 2014. What started as a love for photography has grown into something that feels much bigger to me — a way to help people see themselves, their relationships, and the seasons of life they're in through honest, meaningful imagery. I'm a wife, a mom, a creative, and someone who genuinely believes the best photos don't always come from perfectly posed moments, but from the laughs, little in-between moments, and pieces of your personality that make your story yours.

Professionally photographing people and their stories since 2014

Small Business Spotlight, Continued



Wolfden Collective is a photography and creative studio focused on imagery that feels like you. I photograph couples, families, individuals, seniors, maternity, personal branding, and intimate celebrations, while also offering creative design services through my husband Cory. Our goal is to create work that feels intentional without feeling stiff or overly polished — images and designs that feel personal, comfortable, and a little bit like home. Whether I'm documenting a growing family, helping someone feel confident in front of the camera, or creating imagery for a small business, I want the experience to feel relaxed, guided, and genuinely human.

A FEW FAVORITES FROM SARAH'S WORK











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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 our free pumpkin patch map.

The 2026 Pumpkin Patch Map



28 pumpkin patches, farms and fall festivals, on one map.

We put every pumpkin patch, farm and fall festival we could find from Conroe to Galveston on one interactive map, with this year's dates, hours and admission for each. Filter by the kind of outing you want or by your side of town, then tap a pin for directions. 17 of the 28 are free to walk into.

FREE PATCHES

Church and community patches where you only pay for the pumpkins you take home.

FARMS & MAZES

Destination farms with corn mazes, hayrides and animals.

FALL FESTIVALS

Bigger events with rides, food and live music.

OPEN THE MAP

movelivelovetx.com/pumpkin-patches

Most patches close October 31, so go while the pumpkins are good.

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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.

★★★★★

“We bought a house here in Texas while still living in Massachusetts. Both went above and beyond our expectations and provided exceptional market knowledge. They provided detailed video walk-throughs of the properties we had interest in and were in constant contact with us keeping us in the loop every step of the way. They expertly managed this long distance transaction.”

Luzlin O.

Buyer, relocated from Massachusetts • as shared on movelivelovetx.com/success-stories

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: Kingwood Oktoberfest, a Wildflower Festival in The Woodlands, and Frankenstein at the Crighton in Conroe.

READ THE NORTH EDITION

SOUTH EDITION

Webster, Clear Lake, Pearland, Alvin and Galveston. This week: ARToberFEST in Galveston, Boo on the Boardwalk in Kemah, and Hocus Pocus at the Menard House.

READ THE SOUTH EDITION

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

A NOTE FROM OUR FAMILY

Support Something Local This Weekend.

Grab lunch at a locally owned spot. Wave at your neighbors. Let the kids get grass-stained at the park. None of it needs to be complicated. It just needs to be yours.



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