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WEEKLY

LOCAL LIFE. STRONGER NEIGHBORS. A BRIGHTER HOUSTON.

— Central Edition —



**Pumpkins Downtown, Polo in Memorial and a Free
Tejano Night**

SEE THIS WEEKEND'S EVENTS

October is here. Go make a memory this weekend.

Family First. Texas Roots. We've Got You Covered!™

PICK YOUR WEEKEND

Four ways to spend the weekend of October 3-4, at a glance.

WITH THE KIDS

[Lonestar Safety Fest](#)

Also: Cy-Fest (Sat)

Also: Zoo Boo (all weekend)

DATE NIGHT

[Polo's International Cup](#)

Also: Southern Smoke (Sat, 21+)

SHOP LOCAL

[First Saturday Arts Market](#)

SOMETHING FREE

[Festival Chicano](#)

Saturday, October 3



Lonestar Safety Fest

Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM
Typhoon Texas, Katy

Free, and in its 10th year. Kids climb on fire trucks and see helicopters up close, and firefighters race a 100-foot hose drag in the Combat Challenge.

FEST DETAILS



First Saturday Arts Market

Saturday, 11 AM to 6 PM
540 W. 19th St., Houston Heights

Free, and now in its 22nd year. Local artists sell original paintings, photography and jewelry, usually with live music and a food truck nearby.

MARKET DETAILS



Katy Rice Harvest Parade

Saturday, 9 to 10 AM
Downtown Katy, around City Hall

Free. Floats and local groups roll through Old Town to kick off Katy's biggest festival, which fills the town square the following weekend.

PARADE DETAILS



Cy-Fest 2026

Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM
Lone Star College-CyFair, Cypress

Free, with free parking. A pumpkin patch, a hands-on STEAM Zone, bounce houses and food trucks at the college's 19th annual fall festival.

FEST DETAILS

Saturday, October 3, Continued



Original Greek Festival

Saturday, 11 AM to 10:30 PM
Annunciation Cathedral, Montrose

The 60th year, and Saturday is the final day. Greek food and wine, folk dancing and cathedral tours. \$10 for adults, free for kids 12 and under.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Komen Race for the Cure

Saturday, 5K starts at 8 AM
Sam Houston Park, Downtown

A 5K run or walk along Allen Parkway, with a 1-mile option, for breast cancer research. The 7 AM survivor parade is the moment to see. From \$35.

RACE DETAILS



Southern Smoke Festival

Saturday, 4 to 8 PM
Discovery Green, Downtown

About 100 chefs and bartenders serve all night, and the money raised helps food and beverage workers in crisis. Ages 21 and up, \$225.

TICKET DETAILS



Festival Chicano

Saturday, 7 PM
Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park

Free Tejano under the stars for Hispanic Heritage Month, with David Lee Garza y Los Musicales. The lawn is open seating; covered seats need a free ticket.

SHOW DETAILS

Featured Event



THIS WEEKEND AND THROUGH NOVEMBER 8

Houston Pumpkin Festival · Discovery Green

Fifty-plus pumpkin varieties, a giant jack-o'-lantern bounce pillow, and every ride included.

\$28 Weekends

\$18 Monday to Thursday

10 AM to 11 PM

Friday to Sunday hours

Under 3 Free

Runs through November 8

Discovery Green's Lindsey Waterside Landing has become a full-blown pumpkin patch, with pink-lit trees, a 30-foot slide, a carousel, bumper boats and kayaks, and every ride included in the ticket. It's cashless with no time slots, but walk-up sales can pause when the festival hits capacity, so buying ahead is the safer bet on a busy Saturday.

[GET TICKETS](#)

[PLAN YOUR VISIT](#)

Pumpkin season is short in Houston. This is the easiest place to catch it without leaving the city.

Community Roundup



Katy Rice Harvest Festival

October 10 and 11 • Historic Town Square, 901 Avenue C, Katy. Live music, a carnival, more than 100 vendors and food trucks, all benefiting Rotary Club of Katy scholarships. This Saturday's parade is the kickoff.

Houston Cinema Arts Festival

October 1 to 11 • venues across the city, including both theaters at the MFAH. The festival's 18th year brings premieres and film-and-art programs, and some screenings are free.

41st Heights Fun Run

Saturday, October 10, 7 AM • Marmion Park, 1800 Heights Blvd. A 10K, 5K and kids' 1K that raise money for Heights beautification. Packet pickup is this Sunday, 8 AM to 4 PM, at the Heights Fire Station.

Greater Houston: more to choose from, a slower pace

The Houston-area median sale price eased to \$330,000 in August, homes averaged 54 days on market, and inventory held at 5.3 months. That is the most balanced this market has looked in years. See the Real Estate Corner for what it means locally.

More This Weekend

The Monster Mash costume contest at LaCenterra (Sat 6 PM, Katy), Katy Beer Garden's Oktoberfest (Sat), Festival de la Hispanidad at The Katy Gardens (Sat, free), and the Boardwalk at Towne Lake's Goes Pink kickoff (Fri 6:30 PM, Cypress).

The Great Pumpkin Contest

Our Halloween Coloring Contest for kids ages 4-12 is open now



Three age groups, three free coloring pages, real prizes

Download your child's free coloring page, color it in, and send it back. Pumpkin Patch Pals (ages 4-6), the Trick-or-Treat Crew (7-9) and the Haunted House Artists (10-12) each have their own page. First place in every group wins a \$25 Target gift card, a Halloween craft kit and a Coloring Champion Certificate; second wins a \$15 Fandango card and a sketch pad; third wins a \$10 Marble Slab card and a mini coloring book. One entry per child, submitted by a parent or guardian, and 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

Sponsored by Matt Brown, Encompass Lending Group

Friday Night & Sunday

Bookends for the weekend, from a free movie under the stars to an afternoon of polo.



International Cup at Houston Polo Club

Sunday, October 4 • 4 PM
Houston Polo Club, 8552 Memorial Dr.

A U.S. Polo Assn. match with a player parade, live music and the champagne divot stomp at halftime. Tickets run \$18 to \$40, and the onsite Lymbar serves Argentine- and Brazilian-inspired bites. An easy date night.

Neighborhood Nights: Coco in Memorial Park

Friday, October 2 • 7:30 PM, Clay Family Eastern Glades. A free screening of Pixar's *Coco* on the lawn, with free popcorn while it lasts and food trucks on site. Bring a blanket and get there a little early.

Sunday Afternoon: Houston Bluesfest

Sunday, October 4 • music 4 to 8 PM at POST Houston. Fifth Ward legend Trudy Lynn headlines the fourth annual festival, with tickets from about \$29. A free acoustic preview plays Saturday at 3 PM at Cactus Music.

Also Sunday: Houston Ballet's Manon closes with a 2 PM matinee at the Wortham.



All Weekend Long



Oil Ranch Fall Festival

Sat 10 AM to 5 PM, Sun noon to 5 PM
23501 Macedonia Rd., Hockley

One ticket covers the pumpkin patch, hayrides, pony rides, a petting zoo, fishing and mini golf. Kids 12 and under get a free pumpkin in October.

FARM DETAILS



Zoo Boo at the Houston Zoo

Daily 9 AM to 5 PM, until 9 PM Friday
Houston Zoo, Hermann Park

A Pumpkin Lantern Tunnel, the new Tangled Web Trail and the Scary-Go-Round carousel, all included with zoo admission. Costumes welcome.

ZOO DETAILS



Karbachtobberfest, Final Weekend

Friday to Sunday, 11 AM to 10 PM
2032 Karbach St., Houston

Free to get in. Brats, stein-hoisting contests, wiener dog races and live bands close out three weekends of Oktoberfest at the brewery.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Alebrijes at Discovery Green

On view all weekend, through Oct. 18
Discovery Green, Downtown

Free. Eight 20-foot, brightly painted sculptures of Mexican folk-art spirit animals stand around the park, an easy add-on to a Pumpkin Festival visit.

EXHIBIT DETAILS

Small Business Spotlight



SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT · OCTOBER 2026

Wolfdan 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 Wolfdan 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.

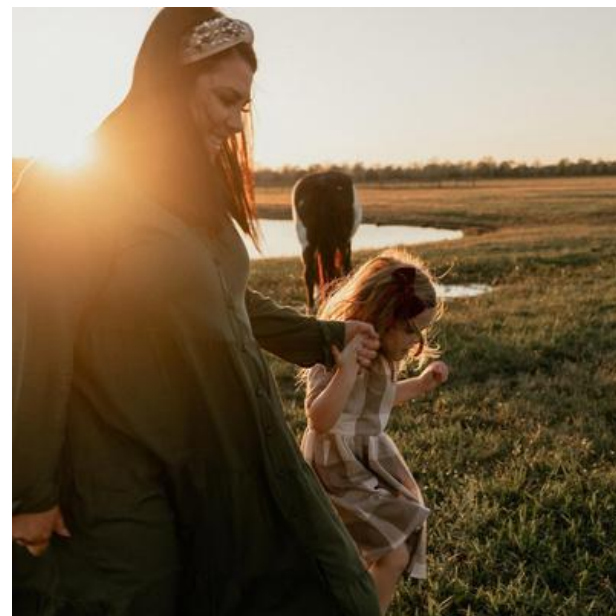
Professionally photographing people and their stories since 2014

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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Greater Houston Market Snapshot

\$330,000

Median single-family sale price, August 2026

54 Days

Average days on market, up from 52 a year ago

Sales fell 11.5% year over year in August, the sharpest drop of 2026, but prices barely moved: the median slipped \$5,000 and the average actually rose. With 5.3 months of inventory, this is the most balanced the Houston market has been in years.

What This Means For You

FOR BUYERS

More time to decide, more room to negotiate. With fewer buyers competing for each listing, you can ask for repairs, ask for closing cost credits, or just take a breath before writing an offer.

FOR SELLERS

The drop in closings is worth taking seriously without overreacting to it. Prices held up, which means well-prepared, realistically priced homes are still finding buyers.

Curious what these numbers mean for your specific home? Turn the page. We've got a featured listing and our direct line right here.

Do One Local Thing This Month.

You don't need a special occasion to support local. Buy something from a local maker. Try a restaurant that isn't a chain. Take the family to a park you haven't visited yet. None of it has to be complicated. Spending a little time and money close to home is one of the simplest ways to keep this area feeling like a community instead of just a zip code.

SHOP LOCAL

Grab lunch or coffee from a small business instead of a chain.

VOLUNTEER

Give an hour to a local library, food pantry, or animal shelter.

SAY HELLO

Introduce yourself to a neighbor you haven't met yet.

It doesn't take a small town to feel like a community. Just a few small choices.

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 was very helpful from the first time we spoke and had a list of homes for me to see within days of our first contact. He took the time to listen to me to find homes that most suited my needs."

Cheryl C.

Renter, Memorial, Houston • 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: Meet the Fleet, the P-6 Farms fall fest opening, and Eagle Fest at the Pavilion.

[READ THE NORTH EDITION](#)

SOUTH EDITION

Webster, Clear Lake, Pearland, Alvin and Galveston. This week: Oktoberfest on the Kemah Boardwalk, the League City Village Fair, and a haunted harbor cruise in Galveston.

[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.



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