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LOCAL LIFE. STRONGER NEIGHBORS. A BRIGHTER HOUSTON.

— South Edition —



ARToberFEST in Galveston, a New CabooseFest and Boo on the Boardwalk in Kemah

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

Boo on the Boardwalk, Kemah

Also: The Great Pumpkin Contest, free for ages 4-12 (page 3)

Also: CabooseFest at the Railroad Museum (Sat)

DATE NIGHT

Haunted Harbor Tour, Galveston

Also: Hops and History in Pearland (Sat)

SHOP LOCAL

ARToberFEST on Postoffice Street

SOMETHING FREE

Hocus Pocus at the Menard House

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



ARToberFEST

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 galleries, with food and live music. $10; kids 12 and under free. Supports The Grand 1894 Opera House.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



CabooseFest

Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM
Galveston Railroad Museum

The museum's new fall festival: caboose hayrides, a pumpkin patch, a pie contest and a singalong. Adults $15, kids $10; hayride $10 extra.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Boo on the Boardwalk

Fri 5 to 8 PM, Sat 2 to 8 PM, Sun 1 to 8 PM
Kemah Boardwalk

Free trick-or-treating, crafts and a kids' costume contest Saturday evening. The Little Boo fun house ($6) is the gentle haunt for small kids.

EVENT DETAILS



Creepy Crawlers Night Hike

Saturday evening, timed groups
Armand Bayou Nature Center

A not-scary Halloween hike to meet bayou critters, spiders and bat calls. $15 a person; book a slot, wear closed-toe shoes, bring bug spray.

HIKE DETAILS

Saturday, October 17, Continued



Haunted Harbor Tours

Saturday, 4 PM and 5:30 PM sailings
Pier 22, Galveston Historic Seaport

A 90-minute cruise on Galveston Bay with guides telling the island's real haunted history, researched by Galveston Historical Foundation. $35; book ahead.

TOUR DETAILS



Hocus Pocus at the Menard House

Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 PM
1605 33rd St., Galveston

Free. An outdoor showing in the backyard of Galveston's oldest surviving home. Bring a blanket or reserve a chair; costumes welcome.

MOVIE DETAILS



Hops and History, Pearland

Saturday, tours at 7 and 8 PM
Starts at Vallensons' Brewing

Actors tell early Pearland stories on a short walk to Old Settler's Cemetery and back. $25, presale only, two drink tokens included.

TOUR DETAILS



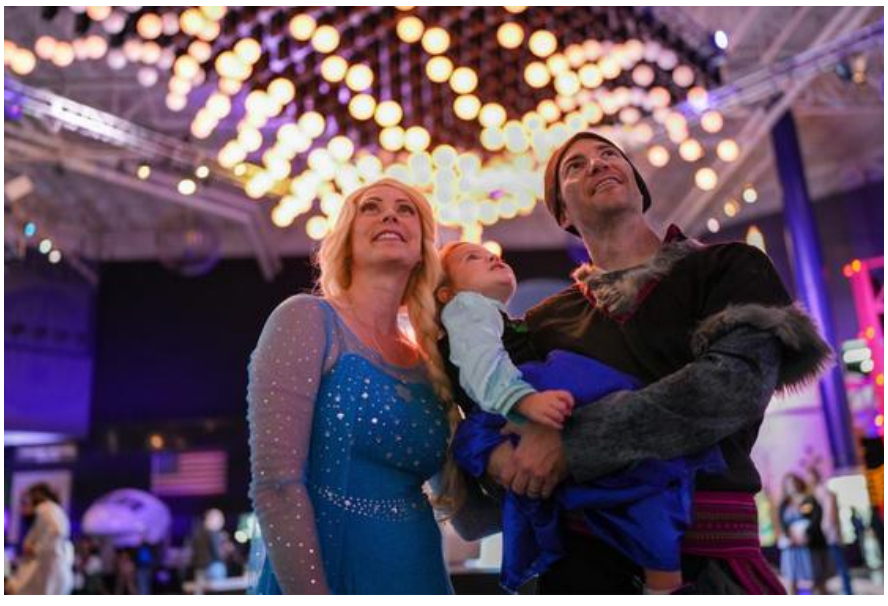
Bishop's Palace, Basement to Attic

Saturday, 11 AM to 12:30 PM
1402 Broadway, Galveston

A small-group tour into rooms usually closed to visitors at the 1892 landmark, including Mrs. Gresham's studio. $40; book ahead.

TOUR DETAILS

Community Roundup



Galaxy Frights at Space Center Houston

Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25, and Saturday, October 31. Space-themed Halloween with trick-or-treat stations through the museum and photo spots. Costumes encouraged; included with admission.

Coming Up Next Weekend

Island Oktoberfest is October 23-24 at First Lutheran Church in Galveston, free. On Saturday, October 24, Seabrook has a Costume Paw Parade at Meador Park and Webster a free Halloween Carnival at Texas Avenue Park. Wings Over Houston flies October 31 and November 1.

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

The Walk to End Alzheimer's on Stewart Beach (Sat, registration 8 AM, free to walk), the Murder & Mayhem walking tour of League City's historic district (Fri and Sat, $15, ages 12 and up, book a day ahead), Alvin College's "And Then There Were None" (Fri and Sat 7:30 PM), and a Teen Boo Bash at Helen Hall Library (Fri 5 PM, free, register first).

Sunday, October 18

Art downtown, a bridge run at sunrise, and one more afternoon on the Boardwalk.



ARToberFEST, Final Day

Sunday • 10 AM to 4 PM on Postoffice Street between 21st and 23rd. A last look at the juried art and craft booths, steps from The Grand 1894 Opera House it supports. $10; kids 12 and under free.

Boo on the Boardwalk, Sunday

Trick-or-treating 1 to 8 PM and live music 5 to 9 PM at the Kemah Boardwalk. Free to attend; rides and parking cost extra.

Toughest 10K Galveston

Sunday, 7:30 AM start. About two-thirds of the course runs over the I-45 causeway to Tiki Island and back. No parking at the start: take the free shuttle from the 59th Street lot.



Plan ahead: Island Oktoberfest is next Friday and Saturday in Galveston.

Worth Your Drive



Texas Renaissance Festival

Sat and Sun, 9 AM to 8 PM
Todd Mission, past Magnolia on FM 1774

This weekend's theme is 1001 Dreams. Sunday is the budget day: kids 5-12 get in free. No entry after 7 PM.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Kingwood Oktoberfest

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

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

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Houston Pumpkin Festival

Fri to Sun, 10 AM to 11 PM
Discovery Green, Downtown Houston

A storybook pumpkin patch downtown with rides and boats included. $28 on weekends, free for 3 and under; buy online first.

FESTIVAL DETAILS



Houston Lebanese Festival

Sat and Sun, noon to 10 PM
Midtown Park, Houston

Concerts, Lebanese food, vendors and a kids' area. $25, or $10 at the gate before 4 PM; kids under 10 free.

FESTIVAL DETAILS

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.

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

OPEN THE MAP

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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 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 wondering what your current home would sell for, give us a call. We'd rather walk you through the real numbers than tell you what you want to hear.

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.

★★★★★

“Excellent experience. Our home sold in 6 days for full asking price, mainly because of Peter and Vicki's expertise in marketing and pricing the home on the market. We will definitely use them again.”

Mike T.

Seller • 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

CENTRAL EDITION

Houston's inner loop, Katy, Cypress and Hockley. This week: the Houston Lebanese Festival in Midtown, ArBOOretum, and a full Saturday at Discovery Green.

READ THE CENTRAL 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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