



# Concierge Connection

*“Helping Professionals Get Back to Business”*

## HOW TO USE THE CONCIERGE SERVICE

### ORDER TICKETS MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The delivery day for your building is every Friday by 12:00 pm; **all orders must be placed by 2:00 pm on Thursday, the day before.**

### 3 WAYS TO ORDER

#### PHONE

972-770-4045

#### EMAIL

[services@conciergeconnection.org](mailto:services@conciergeconnection.org)

#### WEB

[www.cciservices.org](http://www.cciservices.org)

### WE DO NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH.

We do accept ALL major credit cards, debit cards and company checks.

*PLEASE have your credit card ready when calling. There is a \$25 NSF fee for all returned checks.*

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*(Please do not send ticket orders to this email.)*

## Sales Tax Holiday

**August 17 - 19, 2012**

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 17, 18 and 19 - the state's annual tax holiday. Layaway plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are also exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

### ***Clothing & Footwear***

Baby clothes, belts with attached buckles, boots (cowboy, hiking), caps/hats (baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), coats and wraps, diapers (adult and baby), dresses, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys (baseball and football), jogging apparel, neckwear and ties, pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts, shoes (sandals, slippers,

sneakers, tennis, walking), socks (including athletic), shorts, suits, slacks, and jackets, sweatshirts, sweat suits, sweaters, swimsuits, underclothes, work clothes and uniforms.

### ***School Supplies***

The 81st Texas Legislature passed HB 1801 (2009) expanding the list of items qualifying for exemption from Texas state and local sales and use taxes during the annual sales tax holiday in August. In addition to clothes, footwear and some backpacks, Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

**Qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):** Binders, book bags, calculators, cellophane tape, blackboard chalk, compasses, composition books, crayons, erasers, folders (expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila), glue, paste and paste sticks, highlighters, index cards, index card boxes, legal pads, lunch boxes, markers, notebooks, paper (loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper), pencil boxes and other school supply boxes, pencil sharpeners, pencils, pens, protractors, rulers, scissors, and writing tablets.

For additional information, log onto [http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98\\_490/tx98\\_490.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html). The site also includes information for purchasing supplies under a business account.

## Tarrant County Back to School Roundup

*Will Rogers Memorial Center*

**August 8, 8am-2pm**

The Roundup provides free school supplies, haircuts, health and dental screenings, and immunizations for children in prekindergarten through 12th grade. They will also have kid's activities, games, interactive demonstrations and community resource booths. To qualify, schoolchildren must be Tarrant County residents 4 to 18 whose families meet 2012 federal poverty guidelines. For additional information and locations, visit [backtoschoolroundup.org](http://backtoschoolroundup.org).



*Gaylord Texan Resort & Conference Center*  
(1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine)

**August 12, 10:30am-4:30pm**

Don't miss the Star-Telegram Bridal Show, Tarrant County's most spectacular and comprehensive bridal event! Couples can plan every detail of their dream wedding – from ceremony to reception – at the upcoming Star-Telegram Bridal Show. Wedding experts throughout North Texas are preparing for this very special event.

Couples will have the opportunity to preview brides' and bridesmaids' gowns, mother-of-the-bride ensembles and men's formal wear; book photographers, caterers and florists; decide on ceremony and reception sites; and reserve time for beauty and relaxation at elegant salons and spas.

All of these important resources gathered in one place at one time can help couples move through their preparations with minimum fuss and maximum satisfaction. The event lasts from 10:30am until 4:30pm. A bridal fashion show (2pm) will offer brides-to-be and their bridal parties a peek at the colors and designs that are setting trends. Bridal gowns will star in the show but bridesmaid dresses, mother-of-the-bride looks, men's formal wear and sparkling accessories will also take center stage. Admission is **\$8 (CASH ONLY)** and only **\$4** for valid Press Pass Members. Parking will be **\$5** per vehicle.

For your convenience, they have made special arrangements with the Passport Office to be at the show. Be sure to bring: Proof of U.S. Citizenship, Identification, Social Security Number, and two separate checks for application fees to the Tarrant County District Clerk and the Department of State. You must apply in person.

For more information and to sign up for a FREE Bridal Planner, visit [www.star-telegramweddings.com](http://www.star-telegramweddings.com).

## Stockyards Music Festival

Hank Williams Jr. is *Whisky Bent and Hell Bound* to bring the Stockyards Music Festival to life on September 2, by bringing a load of his rowdy friends with him, including Pat Green, Merle Haggard, Shooter Jennings, David Allan Coe, Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights, Whiskey Myers, Cody Johnson, Turnpike Troubadours and more.

The inaugural Stockyards Music Festival is too big to be contained indoors, and will be held in the North Forty field just a two-step east of Billy Bob's Texas, where events like the Red Dirt Roundup, Willie's Picnic and the Red Bull X-Fighters have taken place. Stockyards Music Festival will feature several places for patrons to escape the sun, including VIP Spaces, Sky Boxes, and Cool Zones. The Festival kicks off at 12pm (doors open at 11:30am) and will run through 11pm, featuring live music on two stages, transitioning from one stage to the next throughout the day and into the evening.

General Admission is **\$35** in advance or **\$45** at the gate. There are 2 levels of VIP ticketing for those who want a special concert experience. VIP **\$110** or Skybox **\$250** - with special service, prizes, and more. Tickets are on sale now at Billy Bob's Box Office, 817-624-7117 or [www.billybobstexas.com](http://www.billybobstexas.com). For concert information, visit [www.stockyardsmusicfestival.com](http://www.stockyardsmusicfestival.com).

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THE NORTHERN LIGHTS  
CODY JOHNSON  
WHISKEY MYERS  
DAVID ALLAN COE  
ADAM HOOD  
DEADMAN  
THE BIRD DOGS  
UNCLE LUCIUS

# casa mañana 2012-13 Broadway Season

## *Grease*

**September 15 - 23**

Everyone's favorite rock-n-roll musical is back! Put on your dancing shoes and hand-jive to the electrifying hits "You're the One That I Want," "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'" and more! Fall back in love with the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies to see why Grease is still the word. This show has mature subject matter and is not suitable for all audiences.

## *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

**October 12 - 28**

Play hooky with Tom Sawyer! Mark Twain's beloved novel comes to life in this new adaptation of the classic coming-of-age story. Tom, his best friend Huckleberry Finn and sweetheart Becky Thatcher find themselves in many raucous adventures, including late-night trips to the graveyard, exploring dark, mysterious caves and hunting for buried treasure. Join the mischievous crew in this thrilling, big-hearted adventure that is sure to stir the imaginations of the young and young at heart.

## *42nd Street*

**November 10 - 18**

Charismatic chorus girl Peggy Sawyer gets her big break when she replaces an injured Broadway star. This Tony Award-winning musical features unforgettable show tunes including "We're in the Money," "I Only Have Eyes For You" and "Lullaby of Broadway." With sparkling dance numbers and old-fashioned romance, this toe-tapping extravaganza has something for everyone.

## *Camelot*

**March 2 - 10, 2013**

Go back in time to a kingdom of knights, festivals and magic. Join King Arthur, Queen Guenevere, Merlyn the Magician, Sir Lancelot and the Knights of the Round Table as they take you on an adventure about love and faith, duty and chivalry, and hope and greatness. This romantic Tony Award-winning musical, featuring a score full of enchanting songs, is a must-see majestic event! This show is suitable for most audiences.

## *Miss Saigon*

**August 10 - 18, 2013**

This powerful pop opera is an emotional tale about forbidden love, the tragedies of war and the sacrifices made to achieve the American Dream. Tony Award-winning musical *Miss Saigon*, created by the visionaries behind *Les Miserables*, features a touching love story told through a series of sensational musical numbers including "Why God Why?" and "The American Dream." This show has mature subject matter and is not suitable for all audiences.

**Contact your concierge to purchase single tickets and save the per ticket service fees!**

**Purchase 2012-2013 Broadway Season tickets at 40% off or Broadway Flex at 33% off for Grease, 42nd Street, Camelot, and Miss Saigon: visit [www.casamanana.org](http://www.casamanana.org).**

## Paragon Outlets in Grand Prairie

**I-20 Exit at Great Southwest Parkway  
GRAND OPENING AUGUST 17!**

Save up to 65% on your favorite brands with over 100 stores including: Bloomingdale's The Outlet Store, BCBG MAX AZRIA, Coach Factory, Cole Haan, DKNY, Gap Outlet, Guess? Factory Store, Hugo Boss Factory Store, J. CREW, Juicy Couture, Kate Spade, Kenneth Cole, Nike Factory Store, Saks Fifth Avenue off 5th, Tommy Hilfiger.

► For more information, visit [ParagonOutletsGP.com](http://ParagonOutletsGP.com)



## Concierge Connection Exclusive

Have you visited the new Cowboys Stadium yet? If not, here's your chance to take your family to an affordable live game! A limited supply of tickets will be available to these two pre-season games for **\$15/\$20 each** (upper 400 level seats) or other areas (levels 1-3) at **\$35/\$45 each** while supplies last. Contact your concierge for more details on placing orders for these two specific games. Should you be interested in regular season games throughout the year, call your concierge for pricing.

- **Saturday, August 25 at 7pm**  
**Cowboys vs. St. Louis Rams**
- **Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30pm**  
**Cowboys vs. Miami Dolphins**



## Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers 2012 Season is going strong! Discounted tickets range from **\$8-\$37 off** of the regular price and depend on your game date selection, section preference, and availability. Individual tickets are on sale to the general public. **Your concierge has order forms available—contact us to place your order!**



## MORE DISCOUNT TICKETS & PASSES!

We have many discounts to theaters, sporting events, attractions, etc.; however, due to space limitations in our newsletter, we update and post those to our website on the 1st of each month. To access this list, please log onto [www.cciservices.org](http://www.cciservices.org) and click on the **newsletter tab** at the top of the page, then scroll down to the hyperlink that says **Discount Tickets** to view or print a copy.

## Entertainment Passbooks

**All the Fun. Half the Price.** We will be carrying Dallas and Fort Worth Entertainment Passbooks again this year at **\$30 each**. With hundreds of half-off and two-for-one coupons, the Entertainment Passbook is the best way to save money on dining, shopping, attractions and much more! This year's book will contain \$25 bonus cards to be used at **restaurant.com**. We expect to receive our shipment by mid-August, so contact your concierge for a copy.

## KRLD RESTAURANT WEEK

### AUGUST 13-19, 2012

*Preview August 10-12,*

*Extensions August 20-September 2*

Don't miss out on the 15th Annual KRLD Restaurant Week presented by Central Market! Select from over 125 restaurants and enjoy a fabulous three-course dinner for just **\$35 per person**. For each prix fixe dinner purchased, participating restaurants will make a \$7 donation to the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas or Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth to benefit families in need. Over the years, KRLD's Restaurant Week has raised millions for local charities. You can help by making your reservation and enjoying a delicious dinner out!



### **Restaurant Week Preview and Extensions**

Experience KRLD Restaurant Week before anyone else during Restaurant Week Preview (August 10-12), when three-course meals will be offered for **\$43**. A number of participating restaurants are extending the \$35 promotion for an extra week (August 20-26) or two (August 27-September 2).

### **Central Market Fourth Course**

Central Market shoppers who spend \$25 or more will receive gift certificates (while supplies last) that they can exchange at participating Restaurant Week restaurants for an additional course. Certificates will be accepted as long as the restaurant is participating in KRLD Restaurant Week.

Several of the KRLD Restaurant Week chefs will be demonstrating how to make their Fourth Course and giving samples as well. Check back for details on the schedule for the chef demonstrations at the Central Market near you.

For Restaurant Week, including the preview and the extensions, ordering off the regular menu is not included in this special price. Beverages, tax, and gratuity are also not included. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. The participating restaurant list can be viewed at **OpenTable.com**. You may make your reservation by calling the restaurant, or reserving online at **OpenTable.com**.

## VISIONS: The Women's Expo to

### Celebrate 23rd Year

*Dallas Market Hall, August 25-26*

VISIONS: The Women's Expo, the largest and oldest event in the southwest dedicated to women brings to Dallas Market Hall two days of shopping, bargains, fashion, food, entertainment, cosmetics, travel, vacation and free health & beauty screenings. Local style expert Victoria Snee will be discussing how to look your best with her book, *The Beauty Buzz*. Attendees can indulge themselves with facials, hair styling, teeth whitening, free and fun entertainment, and enrich their soul with a number of volunteer opportunities. So grab your girlfriends, bring your family, and get ready to have fun, shop, sample and taste. Now in its 23rd year, VISIONS introduces cutting-edge products, services, education and entertainment as a beacon of ideas and shopping for women in Texas. Show hours are (10am-6pm) on Sat, and (11am-5pm) on Sun. Ticket prices are **\$10** for adults, **\$8** for seniors (60+), and children under 12 are FREE. You may purchase a ticket on the website for Saturday, August 25 ONLY at **\$8**, Sunday for **\$5** or a two-day pass at **\$16**. For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit **www.visionsexpo.com**.



## The Otis Uduebor Sickle Cell

### Foundation 5K & Family Day

On Saturday, September 22, The Otis Uduebor Sickle Cell Foundation will host its annual "5K & Sickle Cell Family Day" from 9am to 4pm at Bachman Lake Park, 3500 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75220. The festivities will start with a 5K run/jog/walk (registration starts at 9am and race starts at 10am) followed by the 4th annual family-style picnic in the park. This event includes inspirational speakers, health information, mentor opportunities, food, fun, games, music, prizes and activities for all ages. It is designed to connect sickle cell families with each other and increase public awareness of sickle cell disease.

All food and festivities are FREE to the public! There is a **\$25** registration fee to participate in the 5K (includes t-shirt). Proceeds raised through the 5K help support the Otis Uduebor Sickle Cell Foundation in their on-going mission to provide programs like Sickle Cell Family Fun Day and will also benefit efforts to raise funds to provide free sickle cell screening in the North Texas area. Pre-register by September 19 online at **www.theotisfoundation.org** or by phone at 800-455-8949 to be eligible for the grand prize give-away! Free food is served on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available; simply email [contactus@theotisfoundation.org](mailto:contactus@theotisfoundation.org) if you are interested.

## NewlyMaid Up-Cycling Program

### *Say "I do" to bridesmaid dress-swap website*

NewlyMaid is an up-cycling program that gives women a major discount on cute little black dresses in exchange for old bridesmaid frocks. Tons of people have taken advantage of NewlyMaid's offer to score an affordable, wearable dress and donate their barely used frocks to charity. Here's how it works:

**Step 1: Buy yourself a brand new little black dress at a discount.** There are a variety of flattering dresses on the site, including the on-trend lace Natalie (\$75); the Tina (\$70), a matte jersey with asymmetrical hem; or the one-shoulder Jennifer (\$69) to name a few. The price is significantly lower than retail because it reflects the trade-in of your old, gently used dress.

**Step 2: Pick the dress you want to ditch.** NewlyMaid accepts not only bridesmaid dresses but also mother-of-the-bride, maid-of-honor and even prom dresses. The dress must be made by a bridal dress manufacturer and be in good condition, with zippers and clasps working and no stains, rips or pulls visible. It does not have to be dry-cleaned!

**Step 3: Receive your new dress and mail back your old one.** Your new dress will come packaged with a pre-paid shipping mailer so you do not have to pay shipping to send in your old dress. Place your old dress in it and send it back to NewlyMaid. Then the company will get your dress to Clothes4Souls, a charity that brings shoes and apparel to people in need around the world. (Dresses in perfect or near perfect condition are given to young women in the U.S. who want to go to prom but can't afford a new dress. Less-perfect used dresses are sent to business owners overseas who repair them or use the fabric to make something completely new. Those garments are then resold, which benefits the small-business owners, their families, and community at large). It's a win-win!

**Step 4: Enjoy!** Wear your new little black dress and enjoy the extra room in your closet.

**NOTE: This promotion is only valid until August 15. Use code (4MYLBD) when ordering. In addition, receive a \$10 coupon to the Dessy Accessory Store.**

