

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; [please pick up your tickets no later than 4:00 pm that same day.](#)

All orders must be placed by 2:00 pm on Thursday, the day before, to make the Friday delivery.

3 WAYS TO ORDER

PHONE

972-770-4045

EMAIL

services@conciergeconnection.org

WEB

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.

Candace Rozell
President & CEO

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

Sales Tax Holiday

August 9-11, 2013

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 9, 10 and 11 - 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/duffel/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/taxholiday/d/tx98_490_print.html. The site also includes information for purchasing supplies under a business account.

Entertainment Passbooks

All the Fun. Half the Price.

We will be carrying Dallas and Fort Worth Entertainment Passbooks again this year at **\$25 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! **We expect to receive our shipment by mid-August, so contact your concierge and order yours today.**

Cut College Textbook Expenses

This textbook shopping program site can save students hundreds of dollars a year on the cost of books for college. Christian Genco paid about \$1,200 for college textbooks one semester and decided that was enough. The next semester, Genco decided to shop online and after a couple of days of searching, he found books for \$800-\$900. Genco liked the fact that the books were cheaper online, but was dismayed that it took two days to find the best deals. Genco, then a student at SMU, went to work. Using computer coding and information already available on the Internet, he created a program that automatically searched for the lowest priced textbooks he needed. After graduating in May, he continued to fine tune the program, which has evolved into a free service for college students called **textbooksplease.com**. Genco's website offers college students a chance to compare prices for textbooks with a series of computer clicks. The program pulls books from a variety of retailers or shopping sites such as **amazon.com**. Genco said he gets an "affiliate's fee" from retailers to help maintain the website.

From the Star-Telegram

Texas Art Collector Show and Sale of Early Texas Art

August 9-10

Fri, 5pm-9pm & Sat, 10am-5pm
Fort Worth Community Arts Center
1300 Gendy, F.W. 76107

At the 2013 Texas Art Collector Show and Sale of Early Texas Art, dealers will present Early Texas Art (up and into the 1970s) for show and sale. Admission is FREE. For more information, visit **www.texasartcollector.com**, call Eric Miller at 214-997-3302, or email eric@vintagepromotionsllc.com.

Dallas Children's Theater presents its 30th Anniversary Season: Hats Off to 30!

North Texas Professional Premiere of Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat

Based on the book by Dr. Seuss

September 20 - October 27

At last, he's here, for the first time in Dallas, that fun-loving cat in the red-and-white hat. "Why do you sit there like that?" Experience all the wacky, zany joy that has made this one of the most treasured rhyming books of all time. A very special theatrical event enjoyed by all ages!

Location:

Dallas Children's Theater
Rosewood Center for Family Arts
5938 Skillman Street
Dallas, Texas 75231

Performance Dates and Times:

Fridays, September 20 & 27, 7:30pm
Saturdays, September 21 & October 5, 1:30pm
Saturdays, September 28 & October 12, 19, 26, 1:30pm & 4:30pm
Sundays, September 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30pm & 4:30pm

DCT 30th Anniversary Birthday Party on Saturday, September 21

In addition to the show, DCT will provide a FREE community birthday party with family friendly activities after the 1:30pm show on Saturday, September 21 in celebration of the theater's 30th birthday. DCT festivities will be filled with food, fun, giveaways and much more!

Regular Ticket Prices: \$13 - \$40

Tickets are available on-line at **www.dct.org**. Season Subscriptions are also available now - subscribe for best value!

Contact your concierge for discount tickets: \$15 (Section B) or \$21 (Section A) and no service fees if left at will call

NOTE: The regular price \$13 tickets are in (Section B) for the 4:30pm Saturday performances only.



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 **\$21** each (upper 400 level seats) or other areas (levels 1-3) at **\$51** 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.



Pre-Season Games:

- Saturday, August 24
Cowboys vs. Cincinnati Bengals at 7pm
- Thursday, August 29
Cowboys vs. Houston Texans at 7pm

Concierge Pricing:

- Lower Levels (levels 1-3) **\$51**
- Upper Levels (level 4) **\$21**

Polar Ice House

Grapevine

Inside Grapevine Mills Mall (Entry 6)
3000 Grapevine Mills Pkwy
Grapevine, TX 76051
972-874-1930

www.polaricehousegrapevine.com

Beat The Heat Summer Special through August

If outside temperature reaches over 100 degrees or more...



enjoy **FREE SKATE RENTAL** (Monday-Thursday). Public skate session times are (Mon-Fri) 11:15am-1:15pm and 3:15pm-5:15pm; (Sat) 1:15pm-3:15pm, and (Sun) 2pm-4pm. Every Friday and Saturday night (7:30pm-9:30pm), Polar Ice House is transformed into the "coolest" party in town: the house lights go down, the strobe lights come on, and a DJ comes out on the ice to spin some tunes.

Visions Women's Expo

August 23-25

Dallas Market Hall

2200 N. Stemmons Freeway

Experience a world of products and services in a show designed just for you! After 24 years... a whole new VISIONS: More to see, more to learn, more to do! Your days are filled with work at home and at the office. You're being counted on for family management, business management, and so much more. You deserve time just for you. And the new VISIONS experience is that place.

- Experience the latest in beauty, fashion, food, and wellness.
- Emerge rejuvenated from pampering treatments.
- Be enlightened as you interact with experts in health, beauty, cooking, home improvement, finance, and much more.
- All new this year! Visions will be hosting a VIP preVIEW event on Friday, August 23 from 6-9pm, offering drinks, hors d'oeuvres, giveaways and live entertainment. Come walk the red carpet, meet the sellers, preview the days ahead and plan your shopping and pampering strategy!

Join the celebration, as the largest and longest running women's expo in the Southwest is reborn! One day admission tickets for Saturday or Sunday are **\$15** and the VIP Friday night preview event is **\$25**.

Add these dates to your calendar now:

- VIP Preview Event: Friday night, August 23, 6-9pm
- Saturday, August 24, 10am-6pm
- Sunday, August 25, 11am-5pm

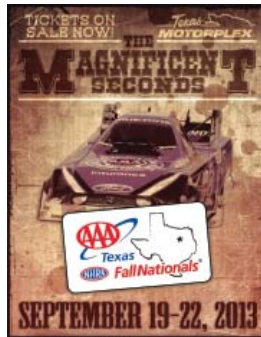
28th Annual AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals

September 19-22

Texas Motorplex (7500 N. Highway 287, Ennis, TX 75119), 972-878-2641 or 800-MOTORPLEX, www.texasmotorplex.com

Texas Motorplex is proud to offer clients of Concierge Connection a **25% discount on all individual day tickets and Super Seat ticket packages to the 28th annual AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals on September 19-22. Adult ticket prices start as low as**

\$15! Featured on ESPN, AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals draws the biggest names in racing to one of the nation's premier drag racing tracks just 35 minutes south of downtown Dallas.



DRAG RACING is the quickest and fastest form of motorsport. Cars exceed speeds of 320 mph. Engines roar with 8,000 horsepower. Flames blast out of the pipes, propelling drivers as quickly as 100 mph in less than half a second. All of that can be seen at Texas Motorplex!

The AAA Texas NHRA Fall Nationals will feature the nation's best racers, including John Force and his up-and-coming daughter Courtney, Fort Worth native and Top Fuel winner Spencer Massey, the return of Top Fuel champion Larry Dixon and many more stars. The event is the second of six playoff events in the NHRA's Countdown to 1 championship playoff system.

SCHEDULE: Gates open at 10am on Thursday, Sept. 19, with sportsman qualifying runs between 10am-6pm; 8:30am on Friday, Sept. 20, with sportsman qualifying starting at 8:30am and professional qualifying at 2pm and 5pm; 7:30am on Saturday, Sept. 21, with sportsman eliminations starting at 8am and final professional qualifying at 11am and 2pm; 8:30am on Sunday, Sept. 22, with pre-race ceremonies at 10am and final professional eliminations at 11am.

DISCOUNT TICKETS: Use this SPECIAL LINK (<http://texasmotorplex.com/corporate-concierge/>) to access discount tickets! After selecting your seats, enter this PROMOTION CODE (cc2013) before you check out to receive your discount. We look forward to seeing you at the races!

The Dinner Detective

August 10 & 17, September 7 & 14

Boasting sold-out shows across the U.S.

The Dinner Detective's unique approach to the genre includes hiding its actors among the guests, leaving everyone a suspect in this thrilling and hilarious evening out. Hosted in the ballroom at the Embassy Suites Market Center, *The Dinner Detective* is the perfect night out for couples, birthday parties, corporate events, or just people looking for an alternative form of entertainment. Group discounts are available! Admission includes a four-course meal, interactive dinner show, prizes and more!

For more information:

Embassy Suites Dallas Market Center
2727 Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207
Mike McLendon, 800-421-7305
www.thedinnerdetective.com/sites/dallas

24th Annual Yellow Rose Classic Car Show

August 10-11

Sat, 10am-9pm & Sun, 10am-6pm

Will Rogers Memorial Center

3401 West Lancaster Avenue, FW 76107

Admission for this event is **\$12**; kids 12 and under are FREE. For more information, call 817-595-6900 or visit yrcs.ntmc.org.

Discount Ticket Listing

We continue to offer discounts to many theater, sporting events, theme parks, and attractions; however, due to space limitations in our monthly newsletter, we cannot list all of them. You will find an updated discount listing posted to our website each month. Simply log onto www.texasconiergeconnection.com and click on the "newsletter" tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down to the hyperlink titled "Discount Tickets" to obtain a copy. In addition, many of you are unaware that you can utilize us for more than just discount tickets. We are a full service concierge company and can help you with many things on your to-do list. The management company/owners of your building have contracted us to provide these services to you. Although the services are complimentary for those of you who work in a building within our network, there will be a few things that require additional manpower and fees will apply. Those will be discussed prior to fulfilling your request. Let us know how we may be of assistance to you and consider it done!

DFW Restaurant Week: August 12-18

Preview: August 9-11; Extensions: August 19-September 1

Don't miss out on the 16th Annual DFW Restaurant Week (formerly known as KRLD Restaurant Week) presented by Central Market! Select from over 125 participating restaurants and enjoy a fabulous prix fixe three-course dinner for just **\$35 or \$45 per person**. Restaurants will be categorized by dinner pricing on **DFWRestaurantWeek.com** so that diners can easily make selections. While many restaurants will offer dinner for \$35, the new \$45 dinner option this year provides a way to continue to feature the finest restaurants, and for chefs to feature specially priced menus that are representative of their restaurants' established high-end cuisine, at a time when food costs are at a premium.



Back for a second year, diners can once again satisfy their mid-day appetites by taking advantage of the Cadillac Lunch Experience brought to you by Oak Farms Dairy. Impress business clients, colleagues or friends this August with a tasty lunch that also gives back. Spotlights some of DFW's hottest lunch spots, a select number of establishments will offer special three-course lunches, priced at **\$25 a person**.

Many DFW Restaurant Week participants feature fantastic bars in addition to great tasting cuisine. Some will showcase their mixology magic with a special cocktail that will be offered throughout their DFW Restaurant Week. Restaurants are also encouraged to offer wine selections or pairings and many are really outstanding, competing for an award from the DFW chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food (AIWF) for the best DFW Restaurant Week pairing! Please note that **alcohol is an extra charge** not included in the special prix fixe dinner price. A price list for accompanying wine pairings will be made available by each establishment.

Restaurant Week Preview and Extensions

Experience DFW Restaurant Week before anyone else during Restaurant Week Preview dates of August 9-11. In addition, a number of participating restaurants are extending the \$35-\$45 promotion for an extra week (August 19-25) or two (August 26-September 1).

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 restaurants for an additional course. Certificates will be accepted as long as the restaurant is participating in DFW Restaurant Week.

Ever wondered what products your favorite DFW Restaurant Week chefs love to use in the kitchen? New this year, several chefs are showcasing their preferred products that foodies can find at their local Central Market stores. These items are marked with a shelf talker explaining how the chef incorporates the product/ingredient along with a reminder to dine out during DFW Restaurant Week.

Additional Information

For Restaurant Week, including the preview and extensions, ordering off of the regular menu is not included in the special pricing. 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** or **DFWRestaurantWeek.com**. You may make your reservations by calling the restaurant, or reserving online at **OpenTable.com**.

For each prix fixe dinner or lunch purchased, participating restaurants will make a 20% donation (of \$5-\$9) to the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas or Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth to benefit families in need. The event has raised millions of dollars for the charities since its founding, raising a record \$760,000+ last year alone—a 9 percent increase in charity contributions compared to the previous year.

The Otis Uduebor Sickle Cell

Foundation 5K & Family Day

On Saturday, September 14, 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 5th 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). Register by **September 4** to qualify for early-bird and group discounts of **\$20** (individuals) or **\$17** per person (teams of 4 or more). 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 4 online at www.theotisfoundation.org or by phone at 800-455-8949 to be eligible for the grand prize give-away! Must be present to win. Free food is served on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available; simply email 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. Visit www.newlymaid.com. There are a variety of flattering dresses on the site, including the on-trend lace Natalie (\$70); the Kailey (\$65); a matte jersey Scarlett (\$72) 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 bridesmaids' dresses from ALL bridal industry brands including bridesmaid dresses, mother-of-the-bride, social occasion and even prom dresses. The dress should 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. Once NewlyMaid receives your old dress, it will be processed for donation to charity. NewlyMaid has partnered with Clothes4Souls, which will be the recipient of all garments in good wearable condition. Clothes4Souls brings shoes and apparel to people in need around the world. NewlyMaid is also currently working on a number of ways to recycle dresses by turning them into new filament for eco-friendly fabrics.

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

