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"Helping Professionals Get Back to Business"

Sales Tax Holiday:

August 7-9

This year's Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 7-9. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates for the sales tax holiday are set by the Legislature. Subject to certain criteria, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, by telephone or mail. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. To read the fine print, visit TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Back to School Roundup Serving Tarrant County

*Thursday, August 20, 8am-2pm
Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth*

The 11th annual Back to School Roundup, presented by Walmart and Sam's Club, is a one-stop shop to prepare the whole family for the start of school. The roundup provides pre-registered students in grades (Pre-K through 12th) who live in Tarrant County and meet specific income requirements with free school supplies as well as health, dental and vision screenings, immunizations, haircuts and information on education, health and social services. More than 10,000 students from 20 Tarrant County school districts will be given school packets.

Registration for the round-up is being held across the county at various locations each day through August 15. For more information, visit backtoschoolroundup.org or call 2-1-1. **Don't have a child to register but want to help?** Visit the website to make a donation; just \$50 provides a student with school supplies, immunizations, health and vision screenings, free haircut and much more.

UTA Rolls Out Zipcar Car-Sharing Program

Zipcar, a subsidiary of Avis Budget Group, is at many universities, including TCU, UT Austin and UT Dallas, and was launched at the University of Texas at Arlington on February 4. This new car-sharing program is open to members 18 and older who have been licensed drivers for at least a year. Officials say the program will help those who don't own vehicles and lend to the university's efforts to create a greener campus. Joining costs \$25, and users pay \$7.50 an hour or \$69 a day to reserve one of the vehicles parked on campus. Included in the cost are gas, insurance, 24-hour roadside assistance and wireless technology.

The Parks at Arlington Presents Free Kids Shows

If you haven't visited Summer Kids Kamp, the final show is set for 11am-2pm on August 20 on the lower level in Macy's court. Children enjoy performances by fun characters and participate in a variety of free activities, including face painting and balloon artists. Adults must stay with children during the activities. For more information, visit www.theparksatarlington.com or call 817-467-2757.

Galleria Dallas' Showtime Saturdays Presents Magic Mike Williams

13350 Dallas Parkway, Dallas, 75240
Every Saturday this month from 11:30am to 12pm, DFW children and families are invited to enjoy the amazing FREE entertainment provided by Galleria Dallas and friends from Slappy's Playhouse. Mike Williams, half comedian and half magician, will be sure to entertain with his sleight of hand tricks and comedy magic. Shows are located near the Children's Play Place and Nordstrom on Level 3. For more information, visit www.galleriadallas.com.

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.

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President & CEO

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

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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 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 & Discount Pricing:

- **Saturday, August 29 at 6pm**
Cowboys vs. Minnesota Vikings
Lower Levels (1-3) **\$53** /
Upper Level (4) **\$21**
- **Thursday, September 3 at 7pm**
Cowboys vs. Houston Texans
Lower Levels (1-3) **\$43** /
Upper Level (4) **\$16**

Go Discover with GoPass

North Texas is bursting with dining, shopping, cultural institutions and performance venues that are easily DARTable—and the free GoPass app makes discovering them even easier.

Whether you are traveling by rail, bus or both, you've got a great travel tool literally at your fingertips. You can purchase DART passes on the app, and learn when the next bus or train will arrive or leave from any station. The app features a trip planner to help you get to your destination, and even offers a section highlighting local events accessible by transit.

You also can adventure beyond the DART Service Area—a GoPass Regional Pass is good on the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) to Fort Worth, the buses of the Fort Worth T, and the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) system, which includes the A-train between DART's Trinity Mills Station and downtown Denton.

Download the GoPass app from the App Store or the Google Play store. Once it's loaded, you'll create an account and link a credit card for payment. To purchase a ticket, simply open the GoPass app, choose your fare and enter your password. Activate your passes before you board and you're good to go!



Sea World Summer Nights

Extend your SeaWorld® day into an exciting night with later hours and new shows through August 16.

Get ready for a brand-new ski show, **Hydro Power 2.0**, where Ski Lake captures the audience's attention with non-stop action including water-based stunts and comedy capers in a variety of individual and ensemble performances.

Watch **Shamu's Celebration: Light Up the Night**, where you can experience the sea as it transforms after sunset. This night show at Shamu Theater features colorful splashes from the park's "biggest" stars, high-energy music and sea-inspired illuminations that will have the entire family dancing.



Families are encouraged to attend **Sesame Street® Bay of Play® Block Party** - A family-friendly

street "party" where guests can sing and dance along with all of their Sesame Street friends. Plus, be sure to catch other summertime favorites, including **Sea Lion High** and **Azul**.

Finish your night by attending **Sol Celebration**, an end-of-night finale show featuring singers, dancers, and musicians that burn the floor with their Latin-inspired dance moves, screamin' trumpets and elaborate costumes. This show takes place each evening under SeaWorld's signature arches.

Firework Fridays will take place at 9pm on Friday Nights through August 14 and the sky over SeaWorld's Ski Lake will burst with color. Grab a seat inside Ski Stadium or pick your favorite spot around the lake to watch the show as Friday nights end with a bang. The eight minute spectacular display is set to a foot-stomping soundtrack that's sure to get you moving and cheering.

Contact your concierge for discount tickets!

Dallas Arboretum

Dollar Days

8525 Garland Road, Dallas TX 75218
August 1-31

The Dallas Arboretum offers \$1 general garden admission and \$2 Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden admission to all guests for the month of August as the dog days of summer bring August Dollar Days, presented by Time Warner Cable. As a part of August Dollar Days, there will also be \$1 and \$2 food and drink items including hot dogs, juice boxes, root beer floats and more. Tickets must be purchased at the gate in order to receive this special offer and parking is available at a discounted rate of \$8 online only at www.dallasarboretum.org.

On Saturday, August 15, it's Time Warner Cable Day at the Dallas Arboretum. From 9am to 3pm in Rosine Hall, paid garden guests are invited to participate in crafts, hands-on science experiments, photo opportunities at the Time Warner Cable Welcome Wall and much more.

Dallas Zoo Makes Way for New Dinosaur Exhibit

Dinosaurs have come back to life in Dallas. A collection of 26 animatronic dinosaurs are hiding in trees and skulking near walkways at the Dallas Zoo. And dinosaur puppets are featured in a show, Dinosaur Zoo Live, five days a week. The Giants of the Jurassic exhibit, which opened in April, offers visitors a chance to interact with long-lost species.

As part of the \$500,000 display sponsored by the Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District, several zoo features have been rethemed. For example, the SOAR wildlife show will be called DinoSOAR and highlights the connection between dinosaurs and modern-day animals.

The Dinosaur Zoo Live puppet show first toured Dallas last year and captured the interest of the zoo's executive director, Gregg Hudson. The Dallas Zoo is one of the first in the country to host the show, which is put on by Erth, an Australian theater company. The show presents the dinosaurs as though they were alive and aims to teach the audience about their behavior.

When the exhibition ends after Labor Day weekend, all the dinosaurs at the zoo will return to extinction. So, contact your concierge to order discount tickets and plan your visit soon!

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz Exhibit

FREE Admission, Open Daily through August 21; Tower Gallery 636 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051; 817-410-3185;

www.GrapevineMuseums.com

Follow the yellow bricks to explore science, art and history in this larger than life pop-up book exhibition. L. Frank Baum wrote a magical story, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, published in 1900, with original art by W. W. Denslow. In no time, it became a national sensation and a cultural icon as the foremost American fairytale. Now it is also an experiential traveling exhibition created by Great Explorations Children's Museum of St. Petersburg, Florida. This larger than life pop-up book exhibition dazzles the eyes and stimulates the mind using creativity, play and exploration. Visitors literally step into the pages of the story at each exhibit section designed as an open book. Science, art and history are explored through the wonder of this timeless story with hands-on activities and interactive exhibits such as puppets of Oz with a message of tolerance, the Tin Woodsman sharing physiology of the heart, and Scarecrow allowing visitors to pick his brain! This exhibition is supported in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and is endorsed by the International Wizard of Oz Club and the L. Frank Baum Family Trust.

Fantasy in Sand presents

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

Running through August 23; Located at Parking Lot F by Globe Life Park in Arlington

- Intricate, hand-crafted sand sculptures
- 3 million pounds of sand
- The largest indoor sandbox in Texas
- Experience it all inside a giant, air-conditioned tent

Fantasy in Sand is Arlington's must-see, summer attraction for families. This unique attraction showcases 16 scenes from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* carved as sand sculptures, some of them 20 feet tall! Internationally-renowned sand sculptors have recreated iconic characters and scenes from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, including the witches, Dorothy, Toto, the flying monkeys and the Emerald City, in intricate detail.

Additionally, crowds will love the accompanying America the Beautiful event, which will display the nation's most beloved icons carved in sand. It took 13 international sand sculptors 14 days to create the the Fantasy in Sand experience. Don't miss out! Tickets on sale at www.FantasyInSand.com.

Uptown Farmers Market at West Village

3699 McKinney Ave, Dallas 75204

West Village presents the newest Dallas farmers market, in partnership with Uptown Dallas, every Saturday through October from 8am to Noon. The market will take place at West Village in the South Alley, located in the heart of the district in front of Mi Cocina and the Magnolia Theatre. In addition to food vendors, there will be food trucks parked along Lemmon Avenue and live music from Dallas musicians. All of the vendors grow or produce their own food within a 150-mile radius of Dallas, including fruits, vegetables and specialty food items.

Jaguar Cubs Luna & Estrella at Fort Worth Zoo

It's been a busy year for births at the Fort Worth Zoo—first a giraffe, then three lion cubs and then two jaguar cubs. Luna and Estrella, Spanish for moon and star, respectively, were born at the zoo May 11 and are the seventh and eighth jaguar births at the zoo since the opening of the Texas Wild! exhibit in 2001.

Luna and Estrella have a full-blooded sister, Sasha, who was born at the Fort Worth Zoo to Xochi and their father Pepito in 2013. Sasha now lives at the San Diego Zoo as part of the Jaguar Species Survival Plan. Luna and Estrella will stay at the Fort Worth Zoo for the next 12 to 18 months and then be moved to another zoo, as part of the SSP plan, to help maintain genetic diversity within the species. **If you plan to visit all of the new babies this year be sure to contact your concierge for discount tickets.**

Counselors Toastmasters

Does public speaking make you nervous? Does your job require you to speak and make presentations but have no experience? We have a solution for you!

Counselors Toastmasters meets at the Belo Mansion on Friday mornings at 7:30am. Their club is made up of all types of professionals...bankers, attorneys, accountants, investors, consultants, real estate, etc. They offer a relaxed, friendly, positive environment for you to practice public speaking. The only goal of Toastmasters is to make you a better public speaker. Why not give it a try? It could change the course of your career!

All guests are welcome. Please contact Scott Colvert at scolvert@trinityhunt.com for more information or to let him know you will be visiting.

Discount Ticket Listing

We 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.texasconciiergeconnection.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.

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DFW Restaurant Week:

August 10-16

Preview: August 7-9;

Extensions: August 17-31

As part of the 18th annual Restaurant Week, presented by Central Market, more than 125 of the finest local restaurants will offer a prix fixe dinner menu for **\$35-\$45** (beverage, tax and gratuity not included). 20% of each meal will be donated to the North Texas Food Bank (Fort Worth restaurants will donate to the Lena Pope Home). Select restaurants will also offer a **\$20** lunch option (beverage, tax, and gratuity not included), with \$4 going to NTFB or the Lena Pope Home. Make your reservations today!



Back with a new structure and lower price, diners can once again satisfy their mid-day appetites with 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. Spotlighting some of DFW's hottest lunch spots, a select number of establishments will offer special two-course lunches, priced at \$20 a person.

Many restaurants offer wine pairings and themed cocktails of their choice. Please note that beverages are an extra charge and not included in the special dinner pricing. Refer to the restaurant's DFW Restaurant Week menu or ask your server for details!

Restaurant Week Preview and Extensions

Experience DFW Restaurant Week before anyone else during Restaurant Week Preview dates of August 7-9. In addition, a number of participating restaurants are extending the \$35-\$45 promotion for an extra week or two (August 17-31).

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.

First Course: DFW Restaurant Week Kick-Off Party

Kick-off summer's hottest dining event on Thursday, August 6, at a new location with an exclusive "first taste" of DFW Restaurant Week at one of the Metroplex's most celebrated parties, complete with craft cocktails, gourmet fare at Sixty Five Hundred. Ticket sales benefit the North Texas Food Bank and Lena Pope, so there's even more reason to celebrate.

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 \$4-\$9) to the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas or Lena Pope Home in Fort Worth to benefit families in need.

AEG Live Southwest

Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie

1001 Performance Place, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tickets on sale now! Contact your concierge to save \$5 per ticket for the following. However, service fees do still apply to all AEG Live Southwest performances.

American Idol Live!

Top 5: Rayvon, Jax, Nick, Tyanna and Clark Trevor Douglas

Wed, Aug 12, 2015 - 7:30pm

Regular Price: \$43.50 - \$63.50

Discount Price: \$38.50 - \$58.50



Hank Williams, Jr.

Sat, Sep 5, 2015 - 7:30pm

Regular Price: \$39.75 - \$96.75

Discount Price: \$34.75 - \$91.75

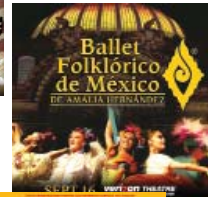


Ballet Folklorico

Wed, Sep 16, 2015 - 8pm

Regular Price: \$22 - \$56

Discount Price: \$21 - \$51



Alvin and The Chipmunks: Live on Stage!

Sun, Oct 25, 2015 - 2pm & 5:30pm

Regular Price: \$35 - \$40

Discount Price: \$30 - \$35

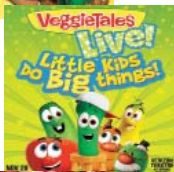


VeggieTales Live! Little Kids Do BIG Things

Sat, Nov 28, 2015 - 2pm

Regular Price: \$19.50 - \$45

Discount Price: \$14.50 - \$40



The Ten Tenors: Home for the Holidays

Fri, Dec 18, 2015 - 8pm

Regular Price: \$29.75 - \$49.75

Discount Price: \$24.75 - \$44.75



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