



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.

Should you need tickets prior to your Friday delivery, please contact us for a location nearest you to pick up your order.

PLACE ORDERS:

texasconciergeconnection.com

CONCIERGE REQUESTS:

services@conciergeconnection.org

QUESTIONS:

214-935-9700, ext. 1

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Concierge Connection

"Helping Professionals Get Back to Business"

Make a Note

Please be advised the concierge desk will close at 3pm on Friday, September 4 and remain closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Labor Day Vintage Train

September 7 at Grapevine Vintage Railroad

Celebrate the end of summer on this special excursion! This family-friendly excursion will be a great way to stay cool! Step into the past. Serviced by two vintage locomotives, the railroad is a must for any train enthusiast. "Puffy," the oldest continuously operating steam engine in the South, and "Vinny," a 1953 GP-7 diesel locomotive, chug along the track, carrying passengers looking to travel in style. These excursions will take place dependent upon the arrival time of the Cotton Belt Route train to Fort Worth and tickets will be sold on a walk-up basis ONLY.

Train will depart Grapevine at 11:20am for the Stockyards. Trinity River Excursion will depart at 1pm. For more information, visit www.grapevinetexasusa.com/event/gvrr-labor-day-train/21231.

Stockyards

Championship Rodeo

**Recurring weekly on Friday & Saturday
Cowtown Coliseum**

The Stockyards Championship Rodeo is back every Friday and Saturday at 8pm in the Cowtown Coliseum! You can feel safe taking your family to see the live rodeo action while organizers take the highest precautions on enforcing social distancing between groups and requiring facial covering throughout the performance. This is the perfect event for the whole family!

The Rodeo is a competitive sport involving a series of riding and roping contests derived from the working skills of the American cowboy. It is usually broken down into two categories: timed events and rough stock

events. The rodeo is fun and exciting for fans and athletes!

The events are held in the world-famous Cowtown Coliseum - the home of the world's first indoor rodeo. The rodeo features tie-down roping, break away roping, team roping and barrel racing and rough stock events such as bull riding. On Saturday nights, more rough stock events are added like bronc riding, bareback and ranch bronc riding. The doors open at 6:30 and the rodeo starts at 8pm and lasts for 2 hours. Price: Adult GA \$27.00, Children GA \$15.00. For more information, visit www.stockyardsrodeo.com/events/stockyards-championship-rodeo.

Texas Made Modern: The Art of Everett Spruce

**Through November 1 at Amon Carter
Museum of American Art**

Experience the Texas landscape like you've never seen it before. The most celebrated painter from Texas in the first half of the twentieth century, Everett Spruce (1908-2002) was widely collected by museums across the country, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and more. His modern, visionary landscapes countered the mythic images of Texas as only a land of cattle and cowboys. Over time, however, with the rise of Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art, Spruce and his work fell into obscurity.

Texas Made Modern: The Art of Everett Spruce resurrects Spruce's career and returns it to its place in the history of American art. Featuring fifty works from fifty years, the exhibition traces the evolution of Spruce's art as he adapted his style and subjects to the era in which he worked. The exhibition and its accompanying catalog bring to light Spruce's role as not only a key figure in the development of modern art in Texas but as a vital contributor to the narrative of modernist landscape painting in America. For more information, visit www.cartermuseum.org/exhibitions/texas-made-modern-art-everett-spruce.

Census Bureau to End Data Collection Early

The Census Bureau said the ability for households to respond online, by phone, or by mail will stop a month early at the end of September so it can meet an end-of-the-year deadline to turn in numbers used for rewarding congressional districts. The census helps determine how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed and how many congressional seats each state gets. More than a third of U.S. households have not yet responded to this once-a-decade head count.



Why is it important?

Every 10 years, mandated by the Constitution, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government.

Data from the census provide the basis for distributing money annually to communities across the country to support vital programs – impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, roads and bridges, emergency response, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. By taking the time to respond you will help to ensure the State of Texas is properly represented and funded for the next 10 years.

What information will be requested?

The census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who was living in your household on April 1, 2020. They will never ask for social security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

Strict federal law protects your census responses. The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data. **You can learn everything you need to know about this quick and easy survey by visiting 2020census.gov.**

Walmart Movie Nights

Through October 21

Drive-ins are back in the spotlight and Walmart wants to be one of them. They will be turning 160 store parking lots into outdoor theaters, including 14 in North Texas. Walmart's movie tour, which launched nationally on August 14 will run through October 21. There will be free showings of family-friendly movies. Actress Drew Barrymore will serve as a host for each event – either virtually or in-person at one surprise location. Store parking spaces will act as movie theater seats for cars and will be socially distanced. Each car requires one ticket, reserved in advance, and it must have access to FM radio to hear the audio. In addition to Drew Barrymore there will be other guests who will appear randomly at one location and virtually for others. Some of those include LaBron James, Peter



Berg, Jenifer Garner, and Chrissy Metz. Attendees are encouraged to bring your own snacks. All showings start at 7:30pm. **For more information and to sign up for FREE tickets, visit thewalmartdrivein.com.**

The remaining North Texas showings and dates are as follows:

- Sept 1-2: Roanoke, 1228 N. US Hwy 377
- Sept 4-5: Bedford, 4101 State Hwy 121
- Sept 8-9: Grand Prairie, 2225 W. Interstate 20
- Oct 2-3: McKinney, 2041 Redbud Blvd.
- Oct 6-7: Irving, 1635 Market Place Blvd.
- Oct 9-10: Irving, 4100 W. Airport Frwy.
- Oct 9-10 – Rockwall, 782 E. Interstate 30
- Oct 13-14: Denton, 2750 W. University Dr.
- Oct 13-14: Wylie, 2050 TX-78
- Oct 20-21: Murphy, 115 W. FM544

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Music and a Movie

September 11 at 7pm (Gates open at 6:30pm)

Farmers Branch Historical Park

2540 Farmers Branch Lane, 75234

Please park at The Counter Source, 12400 Ford Road

This free event will have the band Infinite Journey live on stage starting at 7pm showcasing the music of Journey, followed by a movie "The Wedding Singer" shown on the big screen at sundown around 8:45pm. There will be temperature checks at the gate and masks are required at all times for ages 10 and older. Attendance will be limited to 500 people. Seating on the meadow will be within circles marked on the lawn to ensure safe social distancing. Portable restrooms, spaced 6 feet apart, will be disinfected throughout the event and hand sanitizer stations will be available. The concessionaire has taken all necessary extra precautions and encourages contactless payments. Coolers are welcome, but no outside alcohol is allowed onto the premise. Beer and wine are available for purchase. For more information, visit www.farmersbranchtx.gov/1377/Music-and-a-Movie.



The Big Texas Read

Every 2 Weeks on Wednesdays (7-9pm)

Online via Zoom

The Big Texas Read is a virtual, state-wide reading series Writing Workshops Dallas has launched with Gemini Ink in San Antonio to get us through the pandemic and beyond. So far, TBTR has received coverage in *Poets & Writers*, *Forbes*, *The Dallas Morning News*, and the *San Antonio Express-News*. Plans are to feature a diverse selection of authors from across our great state. For more information, visit <https://writingworkshops.com/pages/the-big-texas-read>.

The State Fair of Texas presents Creative Arts Virtual Contests

CREATIVITY COMES HOME

The State Fair has announced additional new virtual Creative Arts contests for 2020 and you better believe they're excited to see the creativity Texans will carve up this year. A total of seven contests, 4 arts & crafts related and 3 cooking related, await blue ribbon seekers – are you ready for the challenge?



Arts & crafts contest categories include face masks, nail art, sidewalk chalk art and themed decorated mantles/shelves. Typically, their cooking contests award cooks based on the taste of their items. This year, the virtual competitions will award contestants based on their decorating and design skills.

VIRTUALLY A CONTEST FOR EVERYONE

The new virtual contests are divided into three categories: 2020 State Fair of Texas, "Celebrating Texas Icons"–themed, Big Tex–themed, and Texas–themed. All ages are welcome, with specific age divisions for child, junior, or adult offered in each category. There are more ways to participate in other creative arts contests and youth contests. For more information, visit <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/creative-arts-competitions/creative-arts-virtual-contests>.

Get ready to register and submit a photo of your masterpiece online starting Monday, September 21 through Sunday, October 4. Then be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, October 9 when they announce the winners on their website, www.bigtex.com, and on the Fair's social media channels.

First in Texas: WRR Radio's Centennial Celebration Exhibit

10am-9pm daily through September 16

NorthPark Center

8687 N. Central Expressway

Dallas, TX 75225

As part of a series of events surrounding its centennial as the first licensed radio station in Texas (and second in the country), WRR is celebrating a century of service to North Texas listeners with a special exhibit, *First in Texas: WRR Radio's Centennial Celebration*. Curated in partnership with Dallas Municipal Archives and NorthPark Center, this compelling display will highlight the central position of WRR in the Dallas and North Texas community – from its origins in public safety as fire and police dispatch, to its many decades of music programming as an AM station, to its stature today as the premier Classical FM station for a 100-mile radius.

The display will feature a collection of historical images from the past ten decades, plus rare photos of the many local and international luminaries who have served as advocates for the station. It's an exhibition promising to delight both fans of broadcast history and arts lovers. For more information, visit www.wrr101.com.

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.

Virtual Tour: The Fight for Civil Rights in the South

Daily through January 14

Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum -

Online through Matterport

300 N Houston St, Dallas, TX 75202

www.dhhrm.org

Experience the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum's current special exhibition, *The Fight for Civil Rights in the South*, virtually! *The Fight for Civil Rights in the South* combines two prestigious photography exhibitions covering the African American struggle for civil rights and social equality in the 1960s – *Selma to Montgomery: Photographs by Spider Martin* and *Courage Under Fire: The 1961 Burning of the Freedom Riders Bus*.



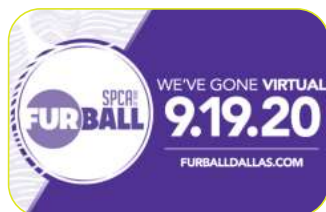
Now through January 14, 2021, virtually at
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=YmS3U5qCjaC>.

Fur Ball 2020

September 19 at 6:30pm

SPCA of Texas

Fur Ball 2020 will be held on Saturday, September 19 at 6:30pm. And this year, the SPCA of Texas' gala is going virtual for the first time due to COVID-19 with a program that is sure to inspire and uplift the spirits. The one-of-a-kind virtual experience will feature mission-focused stories, entertainment and gratitude, all with a focus of raising important funds for the SPCA of Texas in support of their critical work in our community through live and silent auctions packed with fabulous items, the always-exciting Pony Up for Paws and more.



Visit www.FurBallDallas.com for details about this reimagined event.

Keep Your Lapsed License to Vote!

And Information on Renewal Options

Renewing your license may take several months, but you can use an expired one to vote. The Texas Department of Public Safety, which issues licenses, said the two-month closure of driver's license offices



across the state has created a backlog of people who need to renew their licenses. However, the state's voter identification law allows voters to cast a ballot with a license that has been expired for up to 4 years! Voters over 70 can use any expired license. There are also other options for voting, including a U.S. Passport, Military ID with photo, U.S. Citizenship Certificate with photo, Texas Handgun License, Texas Personal ID card issued by DPS, and Texas election ID certificate issued by DPS. For additional questions about voter ID rules, visit **VoteTexas.gov**.

To address the backlog, the Department of Public Safety began offering renewal services by online appointment at all driver's license offices across the state. The new system allows people to make appointments up to 6 months in advance. It also added some Saturday appointments for renewals and replacements at some offices. In densely populated areas, some offices may already be booked up for months so officials encourage Texans to check availability in surrounding areas where there is less demand. There are also a large number of people who are eligible to renew online. To find out if you are eligible to renew your license online, call 1-866-357-3639 or visit **texas.gov**.

The Department offers help to people who may need it under the Americans with Disabilities Act. To get help, you should access the "Assistance for People with Disabilities" section on the department's website and fill out a form. Once that request is filed, a department employee will contact you to make accommodations for an in-person appointment. To access this form, visit **dps.texas.gov/driverlicense/customer_service/ada.aspx**.

