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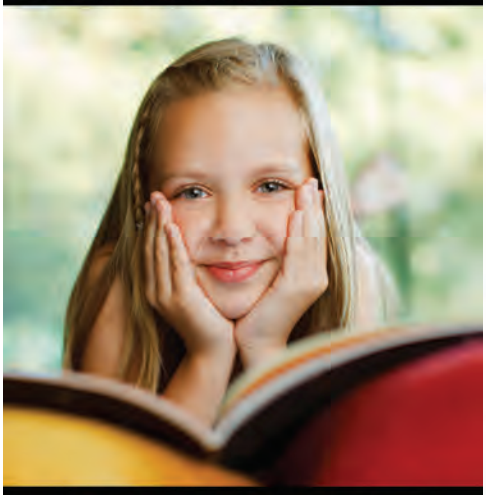

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www.citycentrehouston.com/event/independence-day-fireworks-spectacular

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www.deerparktx.gov/1976/Fourth-Fest

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Firework Show 9:20 Pm
www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/381/July-4th-Celebration-July

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www.visitgalveston.com/blog/galveston-fourth-of-july-celebrations/?fbclid=IwAR32g45AVPdaiTjcjWxris77QbD71fRxqlUJWuYpgioPHQg29n26r1dh3GY

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www.facebook.com/events/998827770798069/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22external%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D]%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D

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Held at HCC Campus
4-9pm
www.missouricitytx.gov/997/Independence-Day-Festival

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12 pm Water Wars, 6 pm Parade, 9 pm Fireworks
www.nassaubay.com/568/Fourth-of-July

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www.pasadenatx.gov/760/July-4th

CELEBRATION TO FREEDOM
CITY OF PEARLAND

The City of Pearland has invited the community to its Celebration of Freedom, which will include live music, food trucks, activities, giveaways and a fireworks show. Pets are not allowed at this event, with the exception of service animals. Outside food and drinks, including alcohol, are allowed.
Held at Independence Park
Free Event however a wristband is required to participate in most rides and events.
6-10 pm
www.parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/celebration-of-freedom

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7:30-10 pm
www.facebook.com/events/first-baptist-church-pearland-tx/independence-day-family-celebration/1153080528811057/

FAMILY 4TH CELEBRATION
CITY OF ROSENBERG

It's all about patriotism, family, and fun when Rosenberg hosts the July 4th Celebration at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. This free event runs from 6 to 10 pm. Food vendors will be lined up selling cold treats and patriotic eats. Electric Circus is this year's band and will perform on the main stage from 6 to 9 pm. They will be playing a variety of music that will keep you moving and a'grooving.
6 -10pm
www.rosenbergtx.gov/217/Family-4th-Celebration

RED, WHITE AND BLOOM SUGARLAND
CROWN FESTIVAL PARK

Celebrate Independence Day at The Crown Festival Park with patriotic family fun and activities for all ages! We'll have a variety of great food, activities, photo opportunities, vendor booths, live musical entertainment and of course, a dazzling firework display to conclude the celebration.
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CITY OF WEBSTER

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Held at Texas Avenue Park. FREE 5 pm
wwww.cityofwebster.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=2125&month=7&year=2022&day=10&calType=0

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6-10 pm
www.woodlandsonline.com/evps/evitem.cfm?evid=151913

THROW A ROCKIN' BLOCK PARTY!

7 inexpensive & fun ways to jazz it up

By Laura Amann

An old-fashioned block party can be one of the true delights of summer. Getting the neighbors out and mingling is not only loads of fun but it helps keep your neighborhood safe by providing a sense of community and togetherness.

Play with a Theme

Food, decorations, games, even clothing, can all revolve around a theme. Fourth of July is an easy one. But Christmas in July is fun too. Break out those twinkle lights and lawn decorations! Consider incorporating a Rib Fest where everyone cooks, eats and judges a slab of ribs. If you're all fans of a professional or college sports team, think about a sports theme. One successful block party chose an Olympic theme one year. This would be the perfect year for that! Each household chose a country then made a flag, did a game and had some food from that country. Not only was it a great learning experience for the kids but they had fun playing some new games.

Block Banner

This is an activity and a decoration all in one. Cut a bed sheet in half and paint the block name. At the party, have everyone sign it and place their handprint on it. Hang it every year from two poles or trees.

Set the Mood

Volleyball and badminton are great for the sporty types but fun and funny activities really bring people together. Consider games with unlikely pairings: a parent and child relay race or grown-ups careening down the block on tricycles. A contest such as the limbo or hula hoop allows spectators and players to get involved. A watermelon or pie eating contest can be the highlight of the night. For easy pies, simply spray whipped cream into a pie pan, have people hold their hands behind their backs, lean forward, and dig in! The kids love watching their parents do it almost as much as they enjoy doing it.

Keep the Area Small

The block may be long, but don't use all of it. Set up just a section for food, eating and registration. Have a few tables, preferably long ones to encourage people to eat with other families. Stage a registration area with nametag and house numbers. As people pick up their nametag, have them write down their email addresses to help keep everyone in touch. You can decorate the area with balloons and festive tablecloths (especially fun if you have a theme!) Then use the rest for games, crafts and bike riding.

Mix and Mingle

Have a few pre-planned, traditional games to break the ice. Consider a Neighborhood Trivia Contest (who has gone skydiving? Who has lived in more than three states?) Collect a fact from each adult in advance. At the party, everyone must try to figure out who matches up with each fact. Plan a group photo and include a funny face shot. Email it to everyone later. Twenty questions remains a classic, for good reason (pin a celebrity on a person's back; they get 20 yes or no questions to determine the answer.) Don't get too unusual or shocking in the games; the idea is just to get people mingling and talking.

Talent Show

Now's the time to reveal those hidden talents! Maybe you have a guitarist on your street or a comedian. Encourage people to get together and plan out a short sketch or comedy piece. Even a talented animal could have a turn in the spotlight. You may be surprised at the type of talent all around you (or at people's willingness!) Use someone's front porch as a stage and shine a light on it. A good game of charades also makes use of the front porch stage.

After Dark

For this, just let the classics shine. Teach the kids how to play Ghosts in the Graveyard or Flashlight Tag. Light some sparklers. Bring out a fire pit and roast marshmallows. Sit back and enjoy the stars in your neighborhood.

Then, just think, in the morning you can relive many memories as you're all outside, pulling in lawn chairs and picking up balloon remnants.

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July 1

Moives At Wessendorff
Featuring Space Jam- A New Legacy
We want you in Downtown Richmond on July 1st! We begin our evening with our monthly Richmond Farmers Market in the Old Fire Station .We then bring MOVIES AT WESSENDORFF Free Outdoor Film featuring Space Jam- A New Legagy at Wessendorff Park! We have organized these screenings to provide a Free family event for residents and visitors. Rotary club of Richmond will provide free popcorn and the City will provide water. We encourage everyone to bring their own chairs and/ or blankets. Food trucks will be on site for food purchase., but attendees are welcome to bring their own food and drink!
So grab your family, friends, and lawn chairs or blankets and meet us in the park as we watch Space Jam- A New Legacy together. See you at the market and the movie!
4:30-8:30pm
www.richmondtx.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/7744/313?curm=7&cury=2022

Tribute to George Straight
Sugar Land Town Square
It's a tradition! Grab your two-steppin boots, pack up your lawn chairs and head to the Plaza for live country music from the amazing Tribute to George Strait. Having spent time at the Grand Ole Opry, Derek Spence shared the stage with folks including Shania Twain, Diamond Rio, Kenny Rogers, Trisha Yearwood, and Restless Heart. Not only does he sing George's tunes, he looks like him, too! This is a concert you won't want to miss.
8-9:30 pm
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/event/red-white-blues-brews-with-baker-street-pub/

July 2

Freedom Festival by Katy Heritage Society
Join us at our annual Freedom Festival at Katy Heritage Park. Activities, "The Sandlot" movie at 8:00 PM, food and more.
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July 3

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July 4

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The City of Katy and Typhoon Texas are partnering for another year of Patriotic fun! Guests are encouraged to come out and enjoy a day of 4th of July fun and entertainment at Typhoon Texas. Then, stick around for the Freedom Celebration fireworks show starting at 9PM hosted by the City of Katy and our generous sponsors*. Guests can view the fireworks from inside the water park, or, if you opt to spend the day outside of the park, you can view the fireworks from Katy Mills Mall.
Fireworks starts at 9PM
www.facebook.com/events/998827770798069/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22external%22%7D%2C%7B%22mechanism%22%3A%22search_results%22%2C%22surface%22%3A%22search%22%7D]%2C%22ref_notif_type%22%3Anull%7D

Independence Day Festival
City of Missouri City
Missouri City's patriotic tradition offers plenty of fun and excitement for the whole family. Attendees can enjoy a variety of free entertainment, carnival games, live musical performances, tasty treats from local vendors; and close out the evening with an amazing fireworks display.Held at HCC Campus
4-9pm
www.missouricitytx.gov/997/Independence-Day-Festival

Family 4th Celebration
City of Rosenberg
It's all about patriotism, family, and fun when Rosenberg hosts the July 4th Celebration at Seabourne Creek Nature Park. This free event runs from 6 to 10 pm. Food vendors will be lined up selling cold treats and patriotic eats. Electric Circus is this year's band and will perform on the main stage from 6 to 9 pm. They will be playing a variety of music that will keep you moving and a'grooving.
6 -10pm
www.rosenbergtx.gov/217/Family-4th-Celebration

Red, White and Bloom Sugarland
Crown Festival Park
Celebrate Independence Day at The Crown Festival Park with patriotic family fun and activities for all ages! We'll have a variety of great food, activities, photo opportunities, vendor booths, live musical entertainment and of course, a dazzling firework display to conclude the celebration.
Gates open at 5 p.m. Entertainment, food and activities will take place from 6 - 8:45 p.m. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9 p.m.
6-10 pm Gates open at 5 pm
www.sugarlandtx.gov/915/Red-White-and-Boom

Fourth of July at Constellation Field
Spend your Independence Day with the Sugar Land Space Cowboys! Head to the ballpark early for our BP Pullover giveaway presented by Houston Methodist for the first 2,000 fans and stay for Tyler's Amazing Balancing Act and a spectacular fireworks show after the game. Gates open at 4:30 PM and first pitch is set for 6:05 PM - we'll see you there!
https://www.milb.com/sugar-land/events/july-4

July 5

FREE Admission at the Houston Zoo
Free daytime admission to the Houston Zoo is provided once a month, on the first Tuesday of each month, from open until closing. Online reservations are required for all guests and members during this time. Tickets will not be available at the gate. Online reservations are required.
9am-5pm
http://www.houstonzoo.org

July 8

Opry on the Square
Sugar Land Town Square
Come out to enjoy Country Now and Then, featuring country favorites that will appeal to all generations of country music fans! Grab your lawn chairs and two-steppin' boots!
7:30 pm
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/events

July 15

Sugar Land Sing Along Karaoke
Sugar Land Town Square
Warm up those vocals, because it's Karaoke time in the Plaza! We're giving you a chance to be the star and sing your heart out on the big stage. Grab your singin' family and friends and come hang out with us for a fun and interactive evening. Jupiter will be on the Plaza serving beer & wine for $5/each.
7:30-9:30 pm
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/events

Katy Summer Nights-Movie in the Park
City of Katy
Come out to family-friendly flicks under the stars. Bring your chairs, blankets, food and drinks for an evening the whole family will enjoy. The movie will begin at sundown. Please, no alcohol, glass or pets.
Held at VFW Park
8-10pm
www.cityofkaty.com/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/6877

Parents' Survival Night
Little Gym of Sugar Land Missouri City
3-12y
Pricing: $27 members, $32 non-members
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM
www.thelittlegym.com/SugarLandMissouriCityTX/events-more-fun/drop-ins-events

July 16

Katy Market Day
100 vendors, food trucks, beer garden, inflatables for the kids and all our wonderful Antiques and Boutique shops will be open!
Downtown Katy
5717 Second Street
10 am- 4 pm
www.katymarketday.com

Parent's Night Out
Holy Covenant First United Methodist Katy
4-8 pm
www.hckaty.org/church-calendar

July 17

Kids Let's Party Fest
The Ultimate Anti- Bullying Music Concert Experience held at Buffalo Bayou Park
www.kidsletsparty.com

July 20

Cinco Ranch Library presents "Marine Micro Ballet" Performance for children
In conjunction with the Summer Reading Challenge, Fort Bend County Libraries will host a special children's program, "The Aquarium: A Marine Micro Ballet," on Wednesday, July 20, beginning at 2:00 and 3:00 pm, in the Meeting Room of the Cinco Ranch Branch Library, located at 2620 Commercial Center Blvd in Katy.The performance is for students entering grades 1 through 5 ONLY. A free ticket – available one hour prior to each performance – is required for admission.2-3 PM
www.myneighborhoodnews.com/community-events/cinco-ranch-branch-library-presents-marine-micro-ballet-performance-for-children-detail-s-450-1658293200

July 22

Dancing under the Stars with Fred Astaire
Sugar Land Town Square
Break out your dancing shoes and join us in the Plaza for a night of Dancing Under the Stars with Fred Astaire Dance Studio instructors. This month's focus will be Country dance! 7-9 pm
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/events

Parents Survival Night
Little Gym of Katy
Enjoy some much-needed adult time!
Ages 3-12
Pricing: $36 members, $42 non-members
www.thelittlegym.com/KatyTX/events-more-fun/drop-ins-events

July 29

Nola Nights Ft. Zydeco Dots
Sugar Land Town Square
Come out and let authentic New Orleans music take you on a historical journey through the Crescent City tradition with live music from The Zydeco Dots, a fun-loving, hard working, talented Houston-based group that plays a dancin', rockin', bluesiana blend of zydeco rhythm and blues.
7:30-9:30 pm
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VBS Guide

JULY 11-15

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH KATY

9:00 am – 12 noon

Enjoy fun-filled Bible exploration, crafts, games,

Worship, and more. VBS is a highlight of the summer for our church and community in Katy, TX and the

surrounding area.For Children who have completed grades K–6. FREE!

www.trinity-katy.org/vbs

CELEBRATE LIFE CHURCH

6-8:30 pm Free

www.wecelebratelife.org/vbs

CLAY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

This year's VBS Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. In summer 2022, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us–His creation–to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him. Ages 3 -5th grade 9 am-12pm

www.clayroad.org/register-for-vbs

JULY 12-16

CHRIST CHURCH

At Olympion, kids are challenged to join God's team and run the Race of Faith with wholehearted love and obedience to God. There will be Bible Stories, Scripture Memory, Songs, Skits, Crafts, Games, and Snacks. The week will close with our Olympion Finale on Friday, July 16 at 6:30 PM and family members are invited to come and see what was learned during the week. Please download the Parent Information Booklet below for more information.

8 am-noon

$10 per child or $35(Family of 4 or more) and includes a tshirt.

www.cckpca.org/vbs

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West Houston

River Park Splash Pad
Sugar Land

Splash Pad at the Plaza adjacent to Smart Financial Centre
Sugar Land

Children's Memorial Hermann Play Land at Constellation Field
Sugar Land

Marian Park Splash Pad
West Houston

PUBLIC POOLS

Municipal Pool at City Park
Sugar Land

Jones Creek Ranch Park Pool
Richmond

Quillian Center Pool and Noah's Ark Pool
West Houston
$8 per person

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Galveston
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Palm Beach at Moody Gardens
Galveston
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Typhoon Texas Waterpark
Katy
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Pirates Bay Water Park
Baytown
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www.ReadingIsCritical.com
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

5 TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME INDEPENDENT

BY JULIA GARSTECKI

Creating independent children takes a combination of effort and strategy, but it is possible to do this with even very young children. Try the following tips, and you might find yourself arriving somewhere on time, or better yet, finishing your coffee before it gets cold.

Arrange Snacks. Instead of the constant barrage of "Mom, can I have a ……", make it easy on yourself. Place a basket of child friendly snacks in an easy to reach place. When I buy peanuts, pretzels, or crackers, I prebag them into toddler friendly amounts. These, along with granola bars, go into our snack basket placed on the bottom shelf in the pantry. I cleared out the bottom bin of our refrigerator and placed yogurt, string cheese, and snack sized bags of carrots, celery and small apples. The only question I have to answer is "Can I have a snack?" They know what they are allowed to have and where to retrieve it.

Proper placement of coats and shoes. I bought adhesive hooks and placed them at the appropriate height by our door, and I have a canvas box color coded for each child. In the winter these boxes hold hats, mittens, and scarves. In the summer they contain sun hats, sun glasses, and sun block. Any "car toys" also go into these boxes. When it's time to go somewhere, they gather whatever they need with no help from me. If any of these items are left on counters, they get tossed into the appropriate box and the kids know where to find it.

Cleaning up Toys. When our house was for sale, I needed to clean quickly for open houses and showings. To make this easier, I bought plastic tubs with lids. I wrote and printed pictures of which toys belonged in which tub. Even now when we entertain, I can stack them in a closet. You will need to practice sorting and cleaning with your children a few times, but eventually they will understand how the system works.

Helping prepare dinner. My children love to be mommy helpers, and at first this made a lot more work for me! We discovered jobs they can do easily. I replaced glass measuring cups with plastic ones, bought child friendly knives, and cleared a cabinet space for all of their cooking supplies. It is their job to wash lettuce and make salads. They get their own drinks now that cups have been placed at their level. They help set the table and know they are responsible for returning their dishes to the sink after eating.

Saturday morning sleep in. My oldest is a rooster. The minute the sun pops up, so does he. In the summer, sun and son rise at 5:30 A.M.. He enjoys Pop Tarts and sugar cereals, which I'm not a fan of. To create a win-win, I now leave trial size packages of sugar cereal next to a bowl in an easy to reach spot on Friday nights. When he gets up Saturday morning, he earns the cereal as long as he doesn't wake me up first. Once I had to put the cereal back in the pantry, but only once.

There you have it! Start by rearranging a few things to make it more "child friendly", take a week to teach these strategies and have the kids practice, and in time you'll find yourself actually finishing that load of laundry, being punctual again, or eating dinner at a reasonable time with the help of your kids!

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www.buffalobayou.org/event/jazzy-sundays-in-the-park-buffalo-bayou-park/2021-11-14/

LaCenterra Farmers Market

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

11 am- 3 pm

www.lacenterra.com/events

Tuesdays

Library Story Times

Maud Smith Marks Preschool Storytime 10:15

Katy Branch Library Baby Storytime 10:30 am

Cinco Ranch Branch Pajama Story Nights

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6 pm

www.hcpl.net

Wednesdays

Library Story Times

Maud Smith Marks Infant Storytime, 10;15 am

Katy Branch Library Potato Tots Storytime on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:30 am

Katy Branch Library Preschool Storytime 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Cinco Ranch Branch, School Age Programs 2-3 pm (Starting June 8)

Wednesdays & Thursdays

Cinco Ranch Branch Family Storytime

(Starting June 8)

10:15 and 11:30 am

Thursdays

Laughter Yoga at Central Geen

FREE 9-10 am

www.katy.com/events

FREE Thursdays at Houston Museums

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston courtesy of Shell Oil Company

5-9pm

www.mfah.org/visit/visiting-mfah-free

The Health Museum

2-7pm

www.houmuse.org/visit/the-health-museum

Houston Museum of Natural Science

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2-5pm

www.houmuse.org/visit/houston-museum-of-natural-science/

Children's Museum Houston

5-8pm

www.cmhouston.org

Library Story Times

Maude Smith Mark Branch Toddler Storytime 10;15 am

Cinco Ranch Branch Middle School Programs

Every Other Thursday, 3 pm

www.hcpl.net

Fridays

Fun and Fitness Gymnastics - Friday Night Fun!

7:30-10:30 pm

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Ages 5+,Members: $15 Non-members: $20

Team: $10

www.funfitgym.com

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Saturdays

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Every Saturday at 10:30 am

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1st Saturday of the month

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9am-12pm

www.homedepot.com/c/kids?cm_sp=vanity-_-Kids-_-JUL20

Westwood Gymnastics

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July 12th & 15th
July 26th & 29th

Dancers Day Out
July 6th & 7th

Gym Camp
July 18th - 22nd

Dance Camp
July 11th - 15th
July 25th - 29th

www.westwoodgym.com/events-calendar

Fort Bend ONGOING EVENTS

Sundays

Sugar Land Town Square Sundays in the Square Yes Yoga

YESyoga is hosting Sundays on the Square each Sunday! These FREE yoga classes will be led by Erin Cummings, owner of YESyoga, and will be a 60 minute vinyasa based class open to all levels of yogis. Please bring your own mat and water, no mats will be provided. We ask you to honor all guidelines with setting up your mat for social distancing and wearing a mask if you are within 6 feet of others.
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/event/sundays-on-the-square-with-yesyoga/all

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www.buffalobayou.org/event/jazzy-sundays-in-the-park-buffalo-bayou-park/2021-11-14/

Mondays

Playtime in the Plaza with Jolly Trolley

The tremendous, tumbling, tossing, traveling trolley is coming to Town Square every Monday! Welcome aboard a trolley to enjoy a magical moment of play for up to two hours. Drop the kids off and enjoy some afternoon me-time while they watch your children.
12-2 pm Ages 18 months to 5 years
Fee $15 for 30 minutes, $20 for 1 hour.
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/event/playtime-in-the-plaza-with-the-jolley-trolley/all/

Sugar Land Branch Library Middle School Program

3 pm (Starting June 13)

Sienna Branch Pajama Night Story Time

6:30 pm–Story Time for the week.
This activity will NOT take place on June 20; the library will be closed for the holiday.

University Branch School Age Programs

2:30 pm (starting June 6, Library closed 6/20)

Tuesdays

George Memorial Summer Family Programs

2:30 pm (Staring June 7)

Sienna Branch Summer Family Programs

(Starting June 7) Tuesdays 2 pm A free ticket, which is required for admission, will be available one hour before the show

First Colony Summer Family Programs

2 pm (Starting June 7)

Mission Bend Middle School Program

1st and 3rd Tuesday at 2 pm

University Middle School Programs

2nd and 4th Tuesdays 2:30 pm

Cinco Ranch Pajama Story Nights

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6 pm

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Fulshear Branch Family Storytime 10:30 am (Starting June 7)
Fulshear Branch School Age Programs Tuesdays 2 pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Sienna Branch Family Storytime 10:15 am (Starting June 6)
First Colony Branch Family Storytime 10:15 am (Starting June 7)
Mission Bend Branch Family Storytime 10:15 am (Starting June 7)
University Branch Family Storytime 10:30 am (Starting June 7)

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sugar Land Branch Library Family Storytime 10:30 am(Starting June 7)

Wednesdays

Sugar Land Branch Library Family Programs 5 pm (Starting June 8th)
Mission Bend Branch Pajama Night Storytime Every Other Wednesday 6:30 pm
Albert George Branch School Age Programs 3 pm (Starting June 8)
Cinco Ranch Branch School Age Programs 2-3 pm(Starting June 8)

Wednesdays and Thursdays

George Memorial Branch Family Storytime 10;15 am (starting June 8)
Albert George Branch Family Storytime 10;15 am (starting June 8)
Cinco Ranch Branch Family Storytime 10:15 & 11:30am (Starting June 8)

Thursdays

FREE Thursdays at Houston Museums

The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston courtesy of Shell Oil Company
5-9pm
www.mfah.org/visit/visiting-mfah-free
The Health Museum
2-7pm
www.houmuse.org/visit/the-health-museum
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Permanent Exhibits Free on Thursdays
2-5pm
www.houmuse.org/visit/houston-museum-of-natural-science/
Children's Museum Houston
5-8pm
www.cmhouston.org

George Memorial Pajama Night Storytime

6 pm (Starting June 9th)
First Colony Branch Middle School Program Every Other Thursdays 3 pm
Mission Bend Branch School Age Programs 3 pm
Albert George Branch Middle School Program 2nd Thursday 2 pm
Cinco Ranch Branch Middle School Programs Every Other Thursday 3 pm

Fridays

Free fitness in the Plaza

Sugar Land Town Square Boot Camp with Cida Fitness 9-10:00 am, Mommy & Me with Inspired Fitness 9:30 - 10:30 am, Zumba with Cida Fitness10 - 11:00 am
www.sugarlandtownsquare.com/events

Saturdays

Saturday Farmers' Market Fulshear, TX

The Fulshear Farmers' Market offers a vast array of produce and food products that were grown or produced within a 200 mile radius of Fulshear. The lineup includes seasonal vegetables and fruit, fresh seafood, Artisian breads, pastured Red Wattle pork, Dorper lamb, Certified Grassfed Wagyu beef, farm eggs, free range chicken, pies, cookies, pastas, granolas, dried fruit and nuts, Houston Chili Pepper Festival award-winning salsas, soaps, toiletries, Cold-pressed juices, local honey, fresh quail and quail eggs, pecans, local wines, kombucha, BBQ sauces, pickles and canned goods, Indian food, heat and eat meals, locally roasted and blended coffees, plants, and more. You will always find a delicious food truck or two, as well.
www.fulshearfarmersmarket.com

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