



Capt. Steve Zarych, who leads the beach walks, discusses a man-o-war with visitors on a recent outing.

Guided walks are free

Curious visitors and residents interested in learning more about what washes onto the beaches of Mustang Island may join the free monthly guided beach walks.

The City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department offers the walks on the fourth Friday of each month. The walks should help satisfy beachcombers' curiosity about all the "stuff" that washes ashore along the beaches of

Mustang Island.

The walks start at 9 a.m. by the red flag next to Horace Caldwell Pier.

Pam Greene, community program coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department, suggests wearing appropriate shoes, bringing a container in which to hold the treasures you find, "and getting ready for a morning of fun in the sun."

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 749-4158.

Shuttle ferries workers, shoppers

The city of Port Aransas and the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) are offering commuters and visitors another chance to get a ride to work or shop this summer.

The ferry shuttle - a bus that starts and ends at the Port Aransas ferry ramps and runs through the city - will run through Sept. 14.

The bus will operate Thursday through Sunday only. Morning buses will run from 7 a.m. until

10 a.m.; afternoon buses start at 2 p.m. and run until 5 p.m.

The shuttles are designed to let commuters park in the Texas Department of Transportation park and walk lots on Harbor Island, ride the ferries across as pedestrians, and then take the shuttles to work from the ferry landing. This way ferry waiting lines are avoided.

Most of the commuters are expected to come from Aransas Pass and Ingleside, but shuttles are also available to visit Port Aransas shops and restaurants.

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