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# Walking club to host statewide walking event

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The Midland Walkabout Volkssporting Club will host a statewide event Aug. 2, that has never before been held here. Volkssport clubs from all across Texas will be walking the streets of our city, as well as Odessa and surrounding areas.

Twice a year the Texas Volkssporting Association (TVA) asks a volkssporting club to plan and organize the semi-annual meeting. Along with the meeting there is always a 10K walk that Saturday morning.

This year, the 10K walk will begin at the Junior League Building, 902 Dengar Ave., between 7-9 a.m. The finish time for the walk is no later than 12:30 p.m.

Those new to our city will have the chance to see the Bush Childhood Home, the duck pond at Wadley Barron Park and lovely homes in the Racket Club neighborhood. The Wildlife Preserve also will be an attraction. With our recent rains, the ducks might be out in full force.

Hopefully new visitors will be so impressed that they will either stay or come back to walk the nine walks the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club has sanctioned with the American Volkssport Association. These sanctioned walks are in Midland, Odessa, Stanton, Fort Davis, Monahans and Big Springs. Volkssporters are always looking for walks to take them through new areas where they can get AVA credit. Once here, many visitors will not leave without doing all the walks.

The Doubletree by Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 W. Wall St., will be the host hotel for the weekend and club member Bob Hicks will host a wine and cheese get together 5:30 p.m. Aug. 1 as the walkers gather. After the 10K the walkers will gather at the Junior League Building for a light lunch and the semi-annual meeting where officers will be elected. Helen Hull of Garland is the president for the TVA and Carolyn Peterson is the president of the Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club.

The TVA meetings date back to the early 1990s with the first meeting being held in Houston. Since then, many cities have been involved including Brenham, Granbury, Abilene, San Antonio, Plano, Dallas and Fort Worth.

For more information, visit [www.midlandwalkabout.org](http://www.midlandwalkabout.org).

