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Area lake levels are extremely low

As North Texas continues to weather one of the worst droughts on record, many lakes are at their lowest point at the beginning of the summer than they have been for many years—or, in many cases, ever.

Among the hardest-hit water suppliers in the region has been the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which provides water to Richardson. Because of this, a twice-monthly lawn watering schedule is needed to stretch the limited resources as long as possible.

"Since we implemented the twice-monthly schedule last fall, it has proven to be effective in reducing water use in Richardson and exceeding our conservation goals as we deal with this unprecedented event," said Richardson Assistant City Manager Don Magner. "We understand our residents' concerns, but it is critical that we conserve water so we have the resources available for basic life and safety needs through the end of the current drought."



Lavon Lake, the main supplier of water for Richardson, is 11.65 feet below normal.

Residents are able to water on the first and third Saturday or Sunday of the month, depending on their address. (See lawn watering schedule on page 2 of this publication.) Lawn watering is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Denise Hickey of the NTMWD said that part of the reason NTMWD has been affected worse than other water providers is that an adequate amount of rain has simply not fallen into the watersheds of lakes that the District has rights to use. Also, water from

Lake Texoma was unavailable to NTMWD for five years because of an infestation of invasive zebra mussels, so the District had to rely more heavily on its other lakes, magnifying the effects of the drought.

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Additional water supplies part of NTMWD's long-range plan

With a growing population in the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) service area, the District has for decades looked to the future, planning for additional water supplies that would be adequate both in normal conditions as well as during periods of drought.

NTMWD updates its long-range plan every five years, refining estimates for demand as well as future options to meet that demand. And such long-term planning is needed because of the cost and the time involved in building a new reservoir or pipeline.

In recent years, NTMWD has added new resources through contracts for water from Lake Tawakoni, as well as water from the East Fork Wetland Project. And for more than a decade, NTMWD has been engaged in planning for a new lake, the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir in Fannin County.

"Many of our customers have asked about our plans to secure additional water supplies to keep up with the growth in the NTMWD region," said Tom Kula, NTMWD Executive Director. "There are long-term water plans in place for meeting future water demands. Just as the region's water requirements due to growth—110 percent in the past 20 years—have been met, the future needs will be met with improved conservation and a variety of recommended water supplies."

The permitting process for a new reservoir is very thorough and lengthy, requiring detailed studies for environmental impacts, stream flow impacts, legal issues and other considerations. Planning often takes decades.

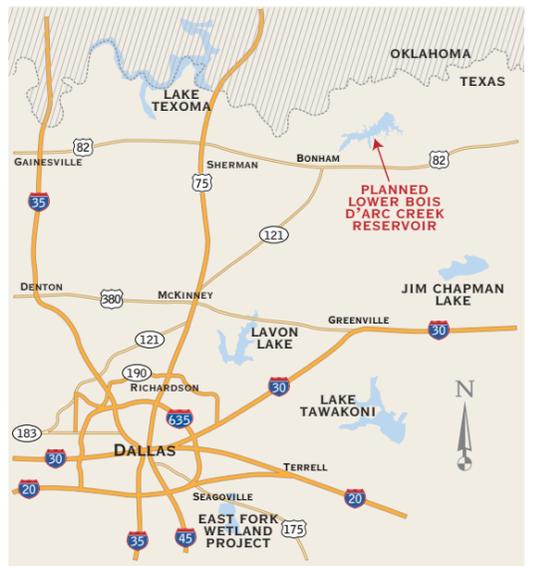
As a member city, Richardson is closely involved in the District's long-range planning.

"We are in constant contact with the District, working to be sure that our residents and businesses have safe, clean water today and in the future," said Richardson Assistant City Manager Don Magner. "Through our representation on the District's Board as well as the communication on the staff level, Richardson has played an important role in the District since the day it was founded more than 50 years ago."

NTMWD Public Relations and Water Conservation Manager Denise Hickey said that the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir is advancing well, with property acquisition nearly complete and the permitting process underway. Construction is estimated

to begin in 2017, with completion tentatively scheduled for 2020. In all, NTMWD will spend more than \$675 million to build the new lake, which will eventually provide more water than Lavon Lake does.

Other future supplies include adding to the water NTMWD is allowed to use from Lake Texoma, as well as building Marvin Nichols reservoir in Northeast Texas and a variety of other strategies including increased conservation and more efficient use of existing supplies



and facilities. (Visit ntmwd.com to see more about the District's future plans.)

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Water flowing from Lake Texoma pipeline, but Stage 3 restrictions are still needed

They're only the size of a fingernail, but tiny zebra mussels created an enormous problem when their 2009 discovery in Lake Texoma forced the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) to stop pumping water from the reservoir, which provides 28 percent of the district's supply.

The mussels don't affect water quality, but they are considered an invasive species and aren't permitted to be moved across state lines. Because part of the NTMWD's pumping station lay in Oklahoma after an update to the state boundary line in 2000, it became illegal for the District to pump water from the reservoir to

its 1.6 million customers in Texas once the mussels were found. The timing couldn't have been worse for NTMWD, which provides water for Richardson and

dozens of other communities, as severe drought conditions led to falling water levels in its other lakes.

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Landscape watering limited to twice per month

Due to ongoing drought conditions, lawn watering is limited to twice per month, based on the last digit of the address. **No watering with sprinkler systems is allowed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

Lawn Watering Schedule

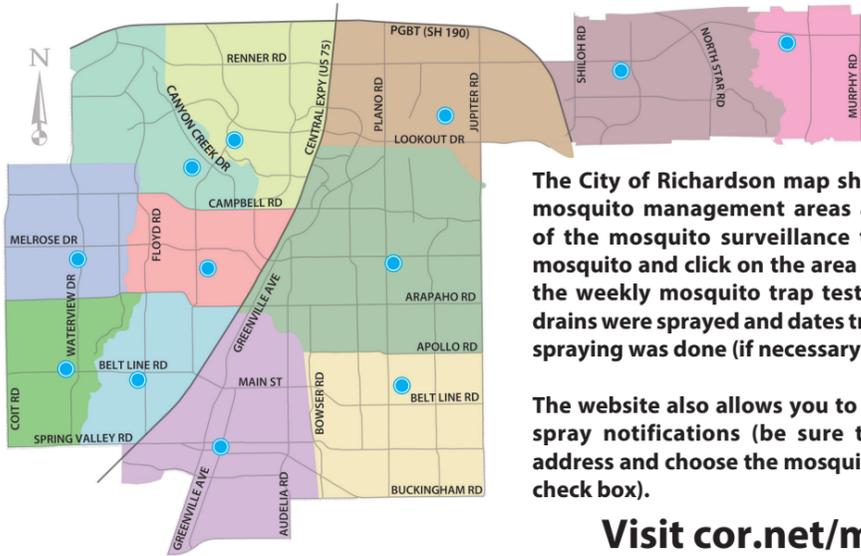
WATERING SCHEDULE	
Even addresses (Ending in 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0)	1st and 3rd Saturdays
Odd addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9)	1st and 3rd Sundays

July 2014						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
August 2014						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
September 2014						
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27	28	29	30			
October 2014						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

■ Water days for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0) ■ Water days for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil. All watering with irrigation systems is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Find information online about mosquito control activity



The City of Richardson map shown indicates the 12 mosquito management areas and the 12 locations of the mosquito surveillance traps. Go to cor.net/mosquito and click on the area where you live to see the weekly mosquito trap test results, dates storm drains were sprayed and dates truck-mounted ground spraying was done (if necessary).

The website also allows you to sign up for mosquito spray notifications (be sure to enter your e-mail address and choose the mosquito spraying/West Nile check box).

Visit cor.net/mosquito

Sanitation schedule/recycle make-up days

Due to the Independence Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Friday, July 4. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up days
Thursday, July 3	Wednesday, July 2
Friday, July 4	Thursday, July 3

City facilities close for holiday July 4

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library, Animal Shelter, Gymnastics Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center	July 4
Tennis Center	Closes 4 p.m. July 4

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including *Richardson Today*, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, the Police Department and Richardson's community events. You can also view CITYV videos on YouTube. Visit cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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Requesting an Accommodation

The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service or activity, are requested to contact:

Susan Mattison, ADA Coordinator
972-744-0908
1621 E. Lookout Dr.
Richardson, TX 75082
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Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Laura Maczka
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Our area has been in a drought for several years now, and at least in the short term, it doesn't appear that things will improve. That is why, with our lakes at historic low levels, we must all do our part to make sure that every drop of water we use is consumed wisely.

Thankfully, we did see some rain in May and June. It was enough to quench our lawns' thirst for a bit, but unfortunately it was far short of what we need for the drought to end. In fact, to date, 2014 is still one of the driest years on record in North Texas.

That is why, at the direction of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), Richardson is continuing to limit lawn watering to twice per month. With this small sacrifice—and the diligence to follow the restrictions—we can continue as a community to exceed our conservation goal and stretch our water resources as far as we can.

We are doing what we can to be sure that there is enough water to meet our basic needs. NTMWD is purchasing up to 60 million gallons per day from Dallas Water Utilities, and we thankfully have water once again flowing from Lake Texoma into the NTMWD system. Innovative thinking about how to create new water supplies led to the East Fork Wetland Project, and decades of planning will

pay off in 2020 when the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir begins operation.

Still, today we must conserve. I know that this can be difficult at times, but our community has done a fantastic job meeting our conservation goals. I'm proud of that fact, and I am confident that we will continue to meet this challenge.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka

Laura Maczka
Mayor



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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

Lake Levels Significantly Low

The four lakes that serve as the primary reservoirs for the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) have been significantly affected by the region's ongoing drought. In addition to four lakes (Lavon, Texoma, Chapman and Tawakoni), NTMWD receives water from the East Fork Wetland Project.

Lake Texoma

28 percent of NTMWD supply • 80 percent full as of June 22, 2014



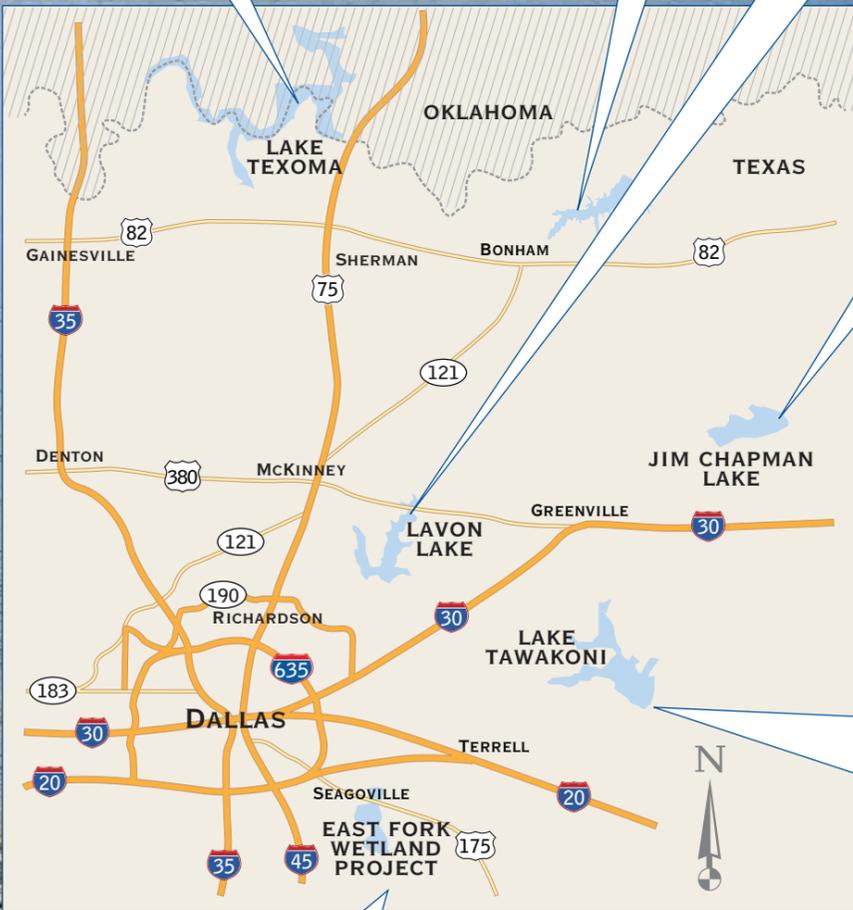
Lavon Lake

30 percent of NTMWD supply • 51.2 percent full as of June 22, 2014



Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir

This planned reservoir will have a surface area of 16,526 acres, a storage capacity of 367,609 acre-feet and will yield 113 million gallons per day.



Jim Chapman Lake

15 percent of NTMWD supply • 56.9 percent full as of June 22, 2014



Lake Tawakoni

8 percent of NTMWD supply • 68.1 percent full as of June 22, 2014

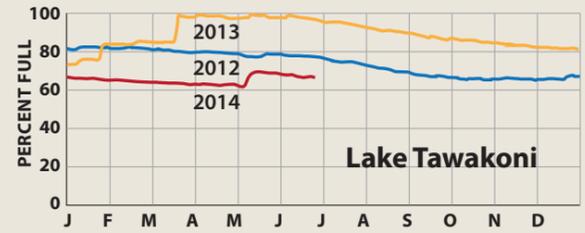
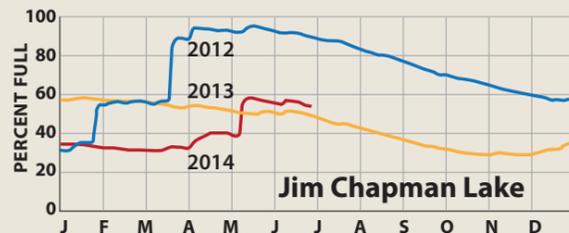
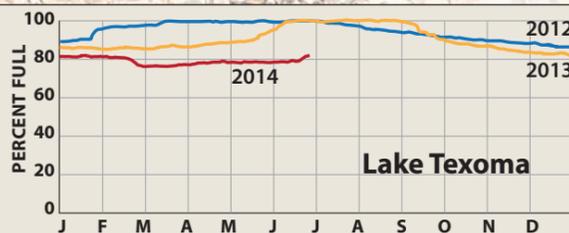


East Fork Wetland Project

- Project opened in 2009, significantly adding to NTMWD's water supply.
- Plants naturally cleanse water diverted from the East Fork of the Trinity River.
- After water filters through the wetland, it is pumped north to Lavon Lake.
- John Bunker Sands Wetland Center provides educational opportunities.

Major Supply Reservoirs	Full Lake Level*	Current Lake Level*	Feet Below Full	Provides % of NTMWD Supply
Lavon Lake	492	480.35	-11.65	30%
Jim Chapman Lake	440	432.55	-7.45	15%
Lake Tawakoni	437.5	428.83	-8.67	8%
Lake Texoma	617	610.48	-6.52	28%

*Feet above mean sea level



Area lake levels are extremely low

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NTMWD has called for its member cities and customers to reduce water use by more than 20 percent in order to get through the summer months. Because automatic sprinkler systems account for more than half of the water used this time of year, NTMWD is asking residents to only operate their sprinkler systems manually, to be sure that watering is only occurring when it is needed. Residents are also encouraged to delay replacing lawns and other landscaping until after drought conditions ease.

“Although the current situation seems dire, it is temporary. But because we do not know when this temporary situation will end, it is important that we all do our part to extend our current strained water supplies,” said NTMWD Executive Director Tom Kula. “We will be tested this summer as it will be tough to stay within the guidelines. We understand what’s at stake, and collectively we can do the right thing.”

In addition to the actions that the City is asking residents and businesses to take, Richardson is working to continue to reduce its water use and is exceeding conservation goals. The area the City waters has been cut from 650 acres to just 300 acres, and the areas that are watered at parks and City facilities are essential in order to protect structures that represent



Aerial photo of Lavon Lake in June shows the low lake level.

a large investment in public tax dollars, much like homeowners and businesses are allowed to do to protect foundations. Because of the large acreage that the City must water, many locations use alternative irrigation schedules.

Residents are encouraged to report violations via the MyRichardson mobile application or by calling 972-744-4111.

To enforce restrictions, the City’s Community Services Department has inspectors on duty 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Inspectors will proactively canvass neighborhoods and commercial areas to identify violations as well as respond to citizen complaints, which upon receipt will be dis-

patched to inspectors in the field for investigation/action.

Inspectors will also send notices when evidence of watering is observed. The purpose of the notice is to inform the violator that their sprinkler system is very likely operating on an inappropriate day or during an inappropriate time.

For a citation for a first offense, a defendant will not be required to appear in court. Instead, he or she may elect to plead “guilty” or “no contest” and pay a window fine of \$150. If a second (or subsequent) citation is issued or if a citation is written as an “aggravated offense,” the defendant will be required to appear before a municipal court judge.

Even with Lake Texoma pipeline, Stage 3 restrictions still needed

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Five years later, the completion of a 46-mile pipeline that leads directly to a new treatment plant in Wylie has water flowing from Lake Texoma once again. The \$300 million pipeline keeps supplies from Lake Texoma self-contained until it reaches the plant, eliminating the risk of spreading zebra mussels to other water supplies.

“Water treatment plants III and IV came online in May and we’re currently finishing construction on water treatment plants I and II,” said Denise Hickey, NTMWD Public Relations and Water Conservation Manager. “By the end of the summer we will be back up to full force and getting up to 75 million gallons a day from Lake Texoma.”

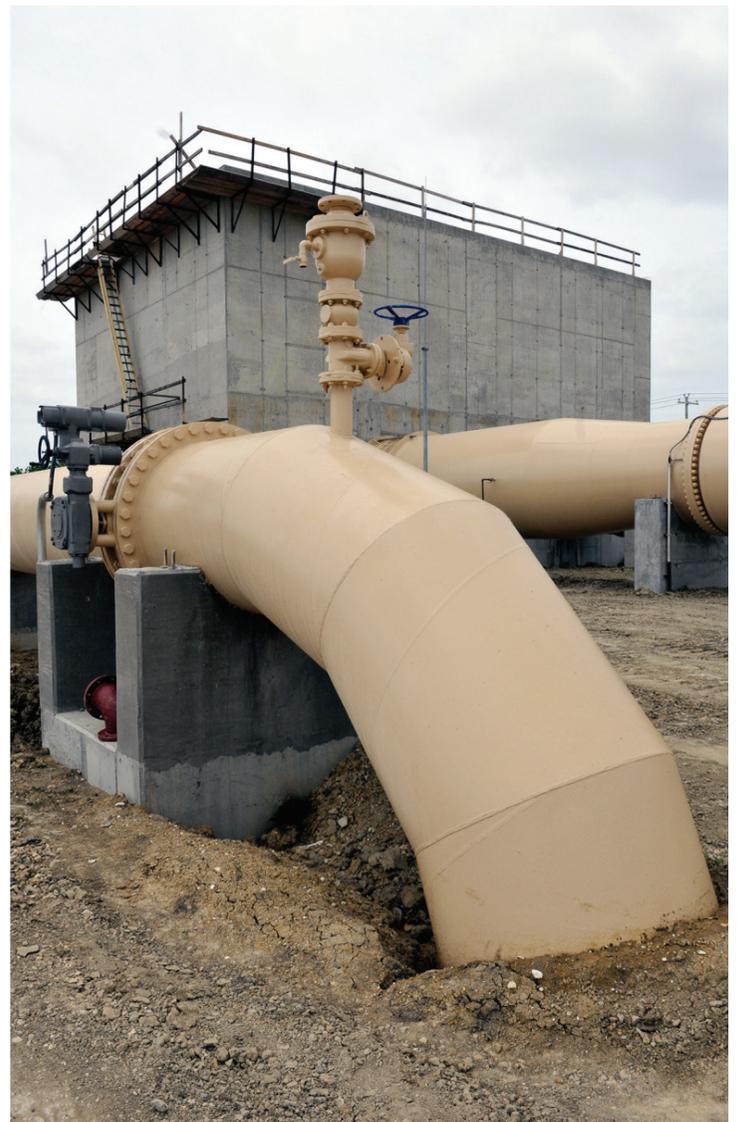
While this is welcome news to a region suffering one of the worst droughts in recent history, the restoration of Lake Texoma is not enough to ease water restrictions. Richardson, along with most other cities served by NTMWD, has limited outdoor watering to twice a month to ensure that the region

has enough supply to cover ongoing needs for public health, sanitation and firefighting capabilities.

Residents are urged to turn their sprinkler systems to manual and only water when needed. Outdoor irrigation accounts for 65 percent of water use during the summer months, Hickey said, and much of it is lost to improper watering techniques. NTMWD has asked its customers to cut water usage by 20 percent or more in an effort to reduce the risk of implementing Stage 4 restrictions, which ban outdoor watering altogether.

With the hottest, driest weeks of summer still ahead, lake levels are expected to continue their decline through natural evaporation. Now more than ever, the NTMWD is encouraging North Texans to do their part to extend the water supply.

“It’s good that Lake Texoma is coming back online, but without rain inflows our lake elevations continue to decline,” Hickey said. “We can’t change the drought, so we’ve got to do what’s necessary to get through this period.”



Stage 3 water restrictions FAQ

How much impact do restrictions really have?

During this drought, residents and businesses have made a difference in the amount of water they consume. Residential water use since watering was limited to twice monthly has fallen by more than 50 percent from when watering was allowed once weekly, and it is 15 percent below the level used during the last time twice-monthly watering restrictions were in place. These reductions have helped Richardson exceed the goal to reduce water consumption.

What is the City of Richardson doing to reduce its water use?

The City has reduced the area it waters from 650 acres to just 300 acres, to help meet or exceed the greater than 10 percent conservation goal. The areas that are watered at parks and City facilities are essential in order to protect structures that represent a large investment in public tax dollars, much like homeowners and businesses are allowed to do to protect foundations. Due to the high volume of water needed to cover these large areas, the City waters those areas on an alternative irrigation schedule to ensure that water pressure is maintained in the system for residents and businesses.

SMART Irrigation

The City has installed SMART irrigation controllers in 95 percent of Richardson’s parks. These high-tech devices use radio signals that allow Parks Department staff to automatically and manually control the irrigation systems from the office. Huffhines Park has 130 irrigation zones and each one can be independently programmed for watering time, duration and amount from a desktop computer. The technology also monitors water output at each location and will automatically shut down the system if it detects an abnormal usage amount, reducing the length of time for possible water loss from hours to minutes in the event of pipe damage.

Why does Richardson have a different schedule than other NTMWD cities?

The NTMWD has called for a 20 percent reduction in use and the current lawn watering schedule has proven to be effective in meeting or exceeding the conservation goal.

Residents are strongly encouraged to turn off their automatic sprinkler systems and to manually activate them to water only on their designated day when needed, as indicated by a “Dry” reading from their soil moisture meter.

Why doesn’t Dallas have the same water restrictions?

The current drought has not had as significant an impact on Dallas’s reservoirs. In addition, the inability to use water from Lake Texoma (28 percent of the North Texas Municipal Water District supply) since 2009 because of a zebra mussel infestation has put further strain on NTMWD reservoirs.

Why isn’t NTMWD building new lakes to expand its water supply?

Building new reservoirs is a lengthy and expensive process, and NTMWD is engaged in building and acquiring future water supplies. Planning has been underway for more than a decade to build the Lower Bois d’Arc Creek Reservoir in Fannin County, with construction estimated to begin in 2017 and reservoir operations beginning in 2020. The District has also identified future water resources such as new lakes and contracts for water from existing lakes.

Why didn’t the new pipeline from Lake Texoma solve our water issues?

The new pipeline allows NTMWD to resume using water from Lake Texoma. However, water from that lake must be mixed with water from Lavon Lake and other drought-impacted reservoirs because of its high salinity level.

How else can I conserve water?

Measure ground moisture (meters are included in Outdoor Water Conservation kits available from the City) and only water when your yard needs it. Residents and businesses are encouraged to turn their irrigation systems off and to only water when their moisture meter reads “Dry.”

How is Richardson enforcing restrictions?

A team of inspectors are on duty for approximately 18 hours a day, seven days a week. They proactively canvass neighborhoods and commercial areas to identify violations, as well as respond to citizen complaints. Complaints may be made by calling 972-744-4111 or by using the MyRichardson mobile app.

A notice of violation will be issued on the first offense, and a door hanger will be left documenting the violation. On a citation for a first offense, a defendant may elect to plead “guilty” or “no contest” and pay a \$150 fine. Second and subsequent violations will result in staff issuing a citation, which will result in a fine of up to \$2,000.

Water Conservation Kits

Help conserve water with the City of Richardson’s indoor and outdoor water conservation kits. You can purchase both kits at the Water Customer Service Office, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 101, and at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

Outdoor Kit

Beat the heat with the City of Richardson’s outdoor water conservation kits. The kit contains a deluxe seven-spray hose nozzle, a rain gauge and a soil moisture meter probe. Cost is \$5 each.



Indoor Kit

This kit contains 2 Earth Massage Showerheads, 2 Faucet Sink Aerators, 1 Toilet Tank Bank, 1 Swivel Kitchen Aerator, 1 Leak Detection Pack and 1 Flow Meter Bag. Cost is \$8 each.



Susan Allison is named Library Services Director



Susan Allison

Richardson Public Library's new Director Susan Allison embarked on her journey in library services when she was a senior at Richardson's Berkner High School and shelved books at the City's Library on weekends and during school breaks. She continued to work summers at the Library while in college at Baylor University, where she received her

bachelor's degree in education, and while working as a sixth grade teacher in Allen. She brought her love of books to her classroom as she checked out items from her own personal collection to the students. When a full-time position as Children's Library Assistant at the Richardson Library became available in 1983, Allison came home and has been faithfully serving patrons for 31 years.

"Susan has been a tremendous asset throughout her years of service to the City and will make a great addition to the Department Director team," City Manager Dan Johnson said when he announced Allison's promotion. "Building on our solid reputation for quality service at the Library, we are excited about Susan's leadership and innovation as we move into the next era of library services."

As Director of Library Services, Allison will oversee all aspects and functions of the Richardson Public Library, which has a

collection of more than 253,000 items including books, periodicals, and audio and video media. The Library staff is composed of 30 full-time employees and 42 part-time employees.

"I am honored to be able to serve our community as Library Director," Allison said. "This is an exciting opportunity and I look forward to leading a staff that shares a sense of pride and ownership in what they do for our patrons."

Allison received a master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas and she also earned a graduate certificate in local government management from UT Dallas' School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences. After starting her career with the city in 1983, she was promoted to Children's Librarian in 1987, named Youth Services Supervisor in 1995 and promoted to Assistant Director of Library Services in 2008.

Allison has played a key role in the development of several innovative programs at the Richardson Public Library including: Digital Drop-In, Books-by-Mail, Book a Librarian, Lapsit, Explorers, Young Authors & Illustrators, and Read for Others. Allison served on the steering committee for Richardson Reads One Book and is co-author of *Journey to Gameland: How to Make a Boardgame from Your Favorite Children's Book* and *Creature Features: a Program Guide for the Texas Reading Club*.

"Our Library offers something for everyone and covers all age groups," Allison said. "I am extremely proud to have played a part in the development of many of the programs we provide. I have enjoyed every day I have worked at the Library because every day is different. I love what I do and this is home."

Allison served as president and is currently a member of the board of directors for Richardson

Reads One Book. She has served on numerous advisory boards and committees including the Texas Library Association (TLA) Lariat Reading List committee and the Christina B. Woll Memorial Grant committee for TLA. She is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, TLA, American Libraries Service to Children, Young Adult Library Services Association, and the Library Leadership and Management Association.

Allison is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XII and served as a leadership advisor and on the curriculum committee. She was a nominee for Outstanding Woman of Achievement by Altrusa International of Richardson, received the Billy Meyer Distinguished Service Award/Civil Servant from the Richardson Jaycees, and the Siddle Joe Johnson Award (Outstanding Children's Librarian in Texas) from the TLA.

Budget retreat open to public, broadcast live

The City Council's annual budget retreat meetings will be streamed live on the City website at cor.net and broadcast live on the City's cable TV station.

The Council's budget retreat meetings are scheduled for July 15-16 at the Richardson Woman's Club, located at 2005 North Cliffe and should start at 6 p.m. each day. The budget retreat is open to the public. In addition to the live streaming and broadcast, the meetings will be available on demand on the City's website, cor.net, and on the City cable access

station on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Replay broadcasts of the budget retreat will be aired at 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 10.

The City Council will hold a budget work session Aug. 11 and budget hearings Aug. 18 and Aug. 25 at City Hall. The Council will vote to adopt the 2014-2015 budget at its Sept. 8 meeting. The meetings are open to the public and will be broadcast live on the internet and the City's cable TV channel.

Steve Benson retires after 27 years



Steve Benson

Richardson's Director of Library Services, Steve Benson, retired from the City of Richardson on June 30, after nearly 27 years of service to the community.

Benson joined the Richardson Public Library staff as a librarian in 1987, served as Librarian II-Dynix System Administrator from 1994 to 1996, and Librarian II Supervisor, Technical Services from 1996 to 2006. He was promoted to Assistant Director in 2006 and Director in February 2008.

"The Library has always been and will continue to be a tremen-

dous asset to the Richardson community, and I am honored to have been able to serve as its Director for the past six years," Benson said. "I'm going to miss seeing the people—interacting with the staff and our patrons."

Benson and his wife, Cynthia, plan to travel extensively in their retirement. Cynthia Benson is also retiring at the end of the month, after nearly 23 years of service to the City. She is the computer operations supervisor in the Information Technology Services Department.

"I'm looking forward to being able to take a road trip—just to throw some stuff in the car and drive for a few hours," Steve Benson said. "And I'm looking forward to having the time to read a lot more."

He said that he was proud of the improvements in technology at the Library during his time, including the catalog system and, most recently, an RFID-based materials management system that was part of the 2010 Bond Program. City Manager Dan Johnson said he was thankful for the work that the Bensons have done for the City.

"All of us in Richardson wish Steve and Cynthia well, and both of them have made such tremendous contributions to the City and to the Richardson community," Johnson said. "During Steve's tenure, use of the Library has grown significantly, and that's in large part to the work that he has done to embrace technology and to add innovative programs and services."

Benson holds a master's of public administration from the UT Dallas, a master's of library science from the University of Wisconsin and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin.

He is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, Texas Library Association and the American Society of Public Administrators. He has served on the boards of NETWORK of Community Ministries, Richardson Reads One Book and Richardson Adult Literacy Center. Benson is a Leadership Richardson graduate and completed the Richardson Citizens Fire Academy. He is also a member of the Richardson Rotary Club.

Senior Awareness Day is Aug. 1

The Sixth Annual District 112 Senior Awareness Day (co-sponsored by State Representative Angie Chen Button and the Garland Senior Activity Center) will be held Friday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Atrium at the Granville Arts Center located at 300 N. 5th St. in Garland.

Senior Awareness Day is put on to educate the seniors of Richardson, Garland, Sachse, Rowlett and Dallas of community resources available to them as well as to provide them with some great entertainment.

The event is free to the public and will include exhibitors, entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. For more information, please call 972-234-8980 or e-mail 2014seniorawarenessday@gmail.com.

Miss Texas Pageant comes to Richardson July 1-5

For the first time in its 78-year history, the Miss Texas Pageant will be held in Richardson to crown the state's representative in the Miss America Pageant.

Miss Richardson, Tailor Cook, and Miss Richardson Outstanding Teen, Amanda Higginbotham, visited a City Council work session last month and received proclamations from Mayor Laura Maczka. They will join more than 100 other contestants in the Miss Texas and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen pageants, which will be held July 1 to 5 at the Eisemann Center. All of the contestants will make appearances in different areas of the city during their time in Richardson.

Contestants in the Miss Texas pageant will participate in evening wear and swimsuit competitions

and demonstrate their talents and interview skills. Preliminary rounds will take place at 7 p.m. July 1 to 3. The new Miss Texas Outstanding Teen will be crowned at 2 p.m. and Miss Texas will be announced at 7 p.m. July 5. Tickets for all events are available by calling 972-744-4650 or online at eisemanncenter.com.

The Miss Texas pageant exists to provide personal and professional opportunities for young Texas women. To become Miss Texas, a contestant must first win a local competition, a process requiring personal commitment, hard work and talent. The winner of the Miss Texas competition will compete for the title of Miss America at an upcoming national pageant. Learn more at misstexas.org.



Pictured left to right are: Council Members Kendal Hartley, Scott Dunn and Mark Solomon, Mayor Laura Maczka, Amanda Higginbotham, Tailor Cook, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend and City Council Members Paul Voelker and Steve Mitchell.

Calendar

Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd. • 972-744-7800

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Please call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.

July 3
FOURTH OF JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 2 p.m. Mark your calendars to join us in celebrating our country's birthday with a good ol' fashioned ice cream sundae with all the toppings. (Cost is \$1.)

July 15
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH 10:45 a.m. We will head to Spring Creek Barbeque this month. (Cost is \$.50 for the van trip, plus your lunch. Please RSVP.)

July 24
HEALTH CONNECTION 10 a.m.
"Maximize Your Space with Personal Organizer Allison Venuto" Maximize your space and get organized in your home. Join us in the discussion on the steps to take to fully utilize the space in your home. You will leave with a list of practical advice and tips to help you get started. (No fee.)

Aug. 20
SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER 7 p.m.
 Accomplished violinist Lev Kardonsky is back by popular demand to help us bid farewell to summer. He performed for operas, ballets and theaters in the Soviet Union before coming to the United States and playing for the Fort Worth Symphony and Opera and has received numerous awards for his accomplishments, including the Bicentennial Award and a nomination for a Grammy. This is a do-not-miss evening. Coffee and dessert will be served after the concert. Please purchase your tickets in advance. (Fee: \$3.)

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Sept. 4

What's New in Downtown Dallas with Rose-Mary Rumbley

Cost: \$89
 A motor coach will depart the Senior Center at 9 a.m. Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley, one of Dallas' most sought-after speakers, will lead an eye-opening tour around downtown Dallas to discover what's new in this rapidly changing area.

Highlights include:
 • See Dallas from the top of the newly remodeled Reunion Tower.

Travel Trip Show

1 p.m. July 22

Byron Cain with Heritage Tours will hold a travel show to discuss fall travel opportunities to Arkansas and Charleston, as well as the downtown Dallas tour with Rose-Mary Rumbley.



Klyde Warren Park

- The new dazzling facilities of First Baptist Church, which includes their captivating fountains that entertain to music.
- The new performing arts venue in the Dallas Arts District.
- Klyde Warren Park, built over Woodall Rodgers Freeway.
- The new developments in West Dallas arising near the new Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge.

Library 900 Civic Center Dr. • 972-744-4350

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

July 2
FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Brown bag lunch to discuss summer reading. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
 The Library will be **closed**.

July 5
DEWEY KNIT? 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Adult knitting program. Call 972-744-4355 for information.

July 9
SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.

July 16
THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter. Call Penny Manly at 972-744-4350 to register.

July 21
WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Independent Publishing: The Holy Grail or the Emperor's New Clothes?" presented by Chris Keniston.

July 22
FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.

COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for info.

July 26
MAKE SECRET BOOKS! 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Mixed media workshop for adults and teens. Call 972-744-4393 to register. *Richardson Reads One Book program.*

CHILDREN/YOUTH

July 5
LEGO BOX OF BRICKS CHALLENGE
 1:30-2:30 p.m., 3-4 p.m. and 4:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)

July 7, 14, 21, 28
FAMILY STORYTIME
 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

July 9
BLOW A BIGGER BUBBLE WITH BERNADETTE
 2:15-3 p.m. and 3:15-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Ages 5+.
(Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)
BEGINNING BUBBLES 4:15-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Ages 0-4. (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)

July 18
BENTO! LUNCH ON US! 2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For teens in grades 6-12. Call 972-744-4358 to register.

July 19
SILLY STUFF CLOWN SHOW WITH BOOCOOS THE CLOWN 2-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.

July 31
WILDLIFE ON THE MOVE: "COLD-BLOODED CREATURES" 2-3 p.m. and 3:15-4:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. Live animals! (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)

Altrusa seeks Outstanding Women

Altrusa International of Richardson is accepting nominations for its 2014 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon being held on Oct. 31 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. The nomination deadline is July 31.

Outstanding Women of Today is a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Categories for nomination are: Corporate, Education, Government, Non-profit, Small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination forms are available online at altrusarichardson.com.

ESL Tutor Training Workshop

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 16
Richardson Public Library
 Please register by Aug. 14.
 Call 972-644-5119
 or e-mail director@ralc.org.



Richardson Civic Organizations

Special Interest Groups

- AARP Chapter 1651**
972-234-2815
- Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association**
972-744-5750
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**
972-690-4075
- Helping Agencies Serving Richardson**
972-239-3501 or <http://hasr.org/about/>
- League of Women Voters of Richardson**
972-470-0584 or lwvrichardson.org
- National Active and Retired Federal Employees Eppard Chapter #1273**
972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922
- Plano/Richardson Coin Club**
214-287-4817
- Richardson AnimaLuv**
richardsonanimaluv.org
- Richardson Humane Society**
972-234-5117
- Richardson Community Band**
richardsoncommunityband.org
or info@richardsoncommunityband.org
- Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club**
972-386-6041
- Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association**
214-762-2304 or abwa-richardson.org
- Richardson Poets' Group**
214-478-4870
or richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

- Richardson Red Hat Chapter**
972-744-7800
- Richardson Retired School Personnel**
214-890-6989
- Richardson Wireless Klub**
k5rkw.org
- Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society**
972-231-1005
- National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group**
214-477-7214
- Woman's Center in Richardson**
972-238-9516
- Seniors' Net**
972-234-8880 ext. 115
or dchildre@thenetwork.org

Civic Groups

- Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.**
972-495-8930
- Exchange Club of Richardson**
972-680-8613
- The Junior League of Richardson**
jlrtx.com
- Richardson Central Kiwanis Club**
214-739-5610
- Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge**
972-234-2485
- Richardson Central Rotary**
972-690-0637
- Richardson East Rotary**
972-442-5295

- Richardson Host Lions Club**
972-385-3321
or e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost
- Richardson Kiwanis Club**
richardsonkiwanis.com
or steagle@sbcglobal.net
- Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**
972-235-5667
- Richardson Rotary**
972-690-0637

Social Groups

- Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club**
972-239-4078, 972-671-8331, 972-239-3977 or 214-226-2887
- Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club**
972-235-1400 or texasreelers.org

Family Groups

- Canyon Creek Moms Club**
972-690-7609
or canyoncreekmomclub.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—East**
momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—West**
momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Support Groups

- Dallas Amputee Network**
972-470-0505
- Better Breathers Club—American Lung Association**
214-916-5120, ext. 5133
or rohi.puri@fundltdc.com

- DFW Spondylitis Support Group**
degrowkingsley@gmail.com

Toastmasters Groups

- Hallelujah High Toastmasters**
vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net
- Richardson Evening Toastmasters**
214-534-0885
- Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters**
972-387-4709
- Richardson Noon Toastmasters**
469-235-3586
- Texins Toastmasters**
214-566-4086 or texins.freetoasthost.org
- Veterans Groups**
- Richardson American Legion Post #368**
972-479-1505
- Richardson VFW Post 8627**
972-671-8627
- Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627**
972-231-0495
- Korean War Veterans**
972-279-7000
- North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530**
rrizzo206@yahoo.com
- World War II Veterans**
214-361-6294
- Military Officers Women's Club**
972-644-6871
- Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter**
972-437-2345

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit eisemanncenter.com

or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

MISS TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Miss Texas and Texas Outstanding Teen (7 p.m. July 1, 2 and 3; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 5. \$25-\$75. Visit MissTexas.org.)

G FOUR PRODUCTIONS *Menopause the Musical* (7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays July 23-Aug. 22; 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays July 26-Aug. 24. \$41.50-\$46.50. Visit GFourProductions.com.)

AFRIK AIR African Muzik Magazine Awards. (8 p.m. July 26. \$62-\$152. Visit affrimma.com.)



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cor.net/civiccenter • 972-744-4090

RCT goes pink with “Legally Blonde”

Repertory Company Theatre is tickled pink to present *Legally Blonde the Musical* July 18-27 as part of its summer musicals series.

Based on the hit movie, *Legally Blonde the Musical* is a fresh and effervescent evening of musical fun, stylishly wrapped up in a smart pink bow! Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for teens. Call 972-690-5029. Repertory Company Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd.

RTC presents travel revue

The Richardson Theatre Center will present *Secrets Every Smart Traveler Should Know*, based on the best-selling book from Fodor’s.

This hilarious revue offers travel tips and cautionary tales certain to tickle the ribs—or chill the spine—of anyone who has ever set foot outside of his or her own hometown.

The show runs July 25 through Aug. 10. Showtimes and prices are:

- 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$23)
- 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays (\$25)
- 2 p.m. Sundays (\$23)

For tickets, call 972-699-1130. Richardson Theatre Centre is located at 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. Visit RichardsonTheatreCentre.net.

“Menopause The Musical®” plays at Eisemann Center

The international hit show *Menopause The Musical®* will play the Eisemann Center for 35 performances, July 23 through Aug. 24. *Menopause The Musical®* is a groundbreaking celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived “The Change.” Tickets can be purchased at eisemanncenter.com or by calling 972-744-4650.

Now celebrating 13 years of female empowerment through hilarious musical comedy, *Menopause The Musical®* has evolved as a “grassroots” movement of women who deal with life adjustments after 40 by embracing each other and the road ahead.

Set in a department store, four women meet by chance while shopping for a black lace bra at a lingerie sale. After noticing unmistakable similarities among one another, the all-female cast jokes about their woeful hot flashes, mood swings, wrinkles, weight gain and much more. These women form a sisterhood and unique bond with the entire audience as they rejoice in celebrating that menopause is no longer “The Silent Passage.”

The laughter-filled 90-minute production gets audience members out of their seats and singing along to parodies from classic pop songs of the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s.

City holds public art workshop



Members of the community participated in a workshop June 11 to provide input to help develop a Public Art Master Plan in Richardson. Visit cor.net/CAMP for more information about the Public Art Master plan and the arts in Richardson.

Richardson Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations

Neighborhood and homeowner associations fulfill many important roles in the areas they represent, and are a valued resource and asset for the City.

Richardson residents can benefit from membership in a neighborhood or homeowner association in the following ways:

- HOA presidents meet monthly with City Council members and City staff for updates on the latest City news and initiatives and for idea sharing. This news is disseminated to all members of the HOA.

- HOA representatives participate in regularly provided leadership training offered by the City. The information supplied to those in attendance enables HOA leaders to more effectively organize and communicate with their respective organizations.

- HOA membership promotes social opportunities and crime watch activity in neighborhoods.

For more information on forming a homeowner/neighborhood association, call 972-744-4180 or visit cor.net/cs.

1 Arapaho Heights	24 Greenwood Hills	46 Reserve At Sharp Lane
2 Berkner Park	25 Heather Ridge Estates	47 Richardson Crossing Estates
3 Brand Park	26 Heights Park	48 Richardson Crossroads
4 Breckinridge Farms	27 Highland Terrace	49 Richardson Heights
5 Breckinridge Park Estates	28 Hills Of Breckinridge	50 Richland Meadows
6 Canyon Creek	29 J.J. Pearce	51 Richland Park/Oaks
7 Canyon Creek Ridge Condos	30 Knights Bridge Estates	52 Rosehill Estates
8 Carrington Estates	31 Knolls Of Breckinridge	53 Saddlebrook
9 Clear Springs Place	32 Knolls Of Canyon Creek	54 Sharp Estates
10 College Park	33 Lakes Of Buckingham	55 Sharp's Farm
11 Cottonwood Creek	34 Mackenzie Meadows	56 Sherrill Park
12 Cottonwood Heights	35 Mark Twain	57 Southpointe
13 Creek Hollow Estates	36 Marlborough Square	58 Spring Park
14 Crowley Park	37 Millwood Creek Condominiums	59 Town North Park II
15 The Crown	38 Morningstar Meadow	60 University Estates North
16 Custer Trails Condominiums	39 Moroney Farms	61 Villas Of Buckingham
17 Duck Creek	40 North College Park	62 Waterfall Crossing
18 Enclave Of Breckinridge	41 Northgate Village Condominiums	63 Waterford Villas
19 Estates Of Breckinridge Creek	42 Northrich	64 Waterview Preservation
20 Estates Of Prairie Creek	43 Owens Park	65 Woodhaven Townhomes
21 Fairways Of Sherrill Park	44 The Pinery	66 Woods Of Springcreek II
22 Glenville Park	45 Reservation	67 WyndSOR Estates
23 Greenfields		68 Yale Park

Keep grass clippings in yard, out of street

Grass clippings can serve as a nutrient-rich fertilizer in both desirable and undesirable ways.

Put to good use, they can improve the health of your yard. But allowed to go into gutters and storm drains, they can feed algae that deplete oxygen in creeks and other waterways, killing fish and other aquatic life. Some leaves and vegetation can fall into creeks naturally—too much makes conditions perfect for the breeding of mosquitoes. Intentionally blowing or throwing yard waste off any property and especially into a creek is illegal dumping and a finable offense.

“No matter whether it’s you or your gardener, remembering to take care of yard clippings the right way is important to protecting our waterways,” said Bill Alsup, Richardson Health Department Director. “There is a City ordinance that prohibits blowing, sweeping or hosing clippings and leaves into the street or storm drain, both because of the environmental harm and because they can clog our storm drains.”

One of the best ways to use grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Mowed grass cut to less than an inch in length with mulching blades decomposes quickly, returning useful nutrients to the yard. Less than a third of the grass should be mowed at any time to keep the grass healthy, especially during the summer when heat can stress the grass.

Another use for leaves and clippings is in a compost bin, which can benefit your entire garden while keeping a useful resource from taking up valuable landfill space.

Learn more about preventing pollution of our creeks and ponds at cor.net/waterquality. For more information about using grass clippings, visit cor.net/recycling.



Vets donate time for low-cost rabies clinic

The City of Richardson Animal Shelter would like to thank the following members of the Richardson Veterinary community for their generous donation of time and services for this year’s Rabies Vaccination Clinic. With their help, more than 120 pets were vaccinated.

- Buckingham Plano Rd. Veterinary Clinic - Dr. Philip Lorenz, DVM
- Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital - Dr. Erica Erickson, DVM
- VCA Pet Doctor Animal Hospital - Dr. Cleveland Manley, DVM
- Arapaho Road Animal Clinic - Dr. Terry Perkins, DVM

- Heritage Square Animal Clinic - Dr. Bob Bodenhamer, DVM
- Dr. Gary Brantley, DVM
- Dr. James Marshall, DVM
- Dr. Ed Hotz, DVM - Assistant Fire Chief

The rabies shot provided is the very minimum veterinary care your pet should receive. Any of these veterinarians can easily protect your pet from deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper and feline leukemia. Routine deworming and flea protection are all part of keeping your pet a healthy and happy member of your family.

Most importantly, don’t forget to put that tag on your pet—it’s the best insurance to get your pet returned safely!

Immunizations available for students

School starts Aug. 25, and it’s time once again to start thinking about back-to-school shots. Through a grant program, the City of Richardson, in cooperation with the Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson, provides a free immunization clinic open to children living in Richardson or attending Richardson schools.

To be eligible for this clinic, you MUST:

- be a Richardson resident or an RISD student;
- be 18 years old or younger; and
- NOT have private health insurance that covers immunizations, or NOT be enrolled in CHIP.

The conditions of the grant program stipulate that the clinic cannot administer vaccines once a child has reached their 19th birth-

day, regardless if they started a series with this clinic.

The clinic is located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. The hours are:
Tuesdays
4:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call 972-744-4076 for a required appointment.

FEMA issues new Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Dallas County

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently completed a multi-year effort to update flood risk information for communities in Dallas County and will issue new maps for flood insurance rate purposes. The new maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), identify areas of high, moderate and low flood hazard and are used as part of the National Flood Insurance Program. The updated maps will be used to determine flood insurance rates beginning July 7.

The flood risk update completed by FEMA is a culmination of the most comprehensive study of flood hazards for Dallas County in more than 25 years. The last FEMA update of flood insurance information for Richardson was completed in 2001. At that time, mapping features were updated but flood levels were not restudied. The new study includes a detailed analysis of flood levels for most of the creeks within Richardson. The study and mapping utilize more detailed and up-to-date topographic data and incorporate creek and bridge improvements that have occurred since the last update. The area of high risk within Richardson has been reduced by more than

18 percent as a result of the updated information. The more accurate flood risk information from the new study will be used by insurance agencies, homeowners and mortgage companies for insurance rating purposes to determine the proper rate for policies based on flood risk. The study and maps also provide a broad-based awareness of flood hazards within a community which may be used as a planning tool to reduce the risk of future flooding.

As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program, all properties in Richardson are eligible to obtain flood insurance policies. These policies cover damages due to flooding which are not covered by standard homeowner’s policies. Policies must be purchased 30 days in advance of the effective coverage date.

As the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps take effect July 7, the insurance rating and coverage requirements may change for some properties. Additional information regarding optional and mandatory flood insurance requirements can be obtained at cor.net/floodmaps or by calling the City’s Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280.

CPAAA awards scholarships

Five outstanding area high school students who are children of Richardson Police Department employees were recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).

Katja Cannon (daughter of Sgt. Keith Cannon), Haley Craig (daughter of Crime Scene Supervisor Jeff Craig), Holden Meckfessel (son of Police Records Supervisor Lisa Chaney), Sarah Scott (daughter of Lt. Mike Scott), and Patti Tomlinson (step-daughter of Officer Chip Mitchell) each received the award that will help them to continue their education.

Since 2006, the Alumni Association has provided \$17,500 to 21 students

Cannon attended North Garland High School and will attend the University of Oklahoma majoring in history.

Craig attended Dallas Christian High School and will attend the University of Arkansas majoring in English.

Meckfessel attended Lakeview Centennial High School (Garland ISD) and will attend Baylor University majoring in biology (pre-med).

Scott attended Wylie East High School and will attend the University of Oklahoma majoring in animal sciences.

Tomlinson attended Rockwall High School and will attend Belmont University (Nashville, TN) and major in music publishing.



Pictured left to right are: Katja Cannon, Patti “Nikki” Tomlinson, Holden Meckfessel, Sarah Scott and Haley Craig.

Shelter offers free ID tags and collars for adopted pets

The Richardson Animal Shelter is now placing collars and ID tags on all adoptable pets. The collar and tag will be free with adoption, but anyone can purchase collars, leashes and tags at the Shelter.

- Personalized tags: \$2**
- Large collars/leashes: \$5**
- Small collars/leashes: \$3**

By providing personalized tags and placing them on each adopted or reclaimed animal, the Shelter can immediately improve the likelihood that those animals, if lost, will be reunited with their owners. ID tags personalized with the owners’ contact information make it possible for the general public who find tagged strays to return the animals to their owners without involving a Shelter or animal control agency.



Help for your landscape from Texas A&M AgriLife

Classes are free (rain barrel classes cost \$50 per barrel) but you must complete the online registration form. All classes will be at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Building C, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252. For more information, call 972-231-5362 or go online to Dallas.TAMU.edu/Courses.

How to Operate Your Sprinkler System #113 Tues., July 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Is your sprinkler system turning on the wrong day? Did your city give you a warning? Learn how your sprinkler system operates and its components as well as how to program and reprogram your sprinkler controller utilizing the best and most efficient ways to water your landscape such as the “soak and cycle” method and other water efficiency practices.

Sprinkler System Quick Fixes #111 Tues., July 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn basic hands-on repairs and maintenance to home automatic sprinkler systems. A properly functioning sprinkler system saves you time, money and water!

Drip Irrigation DIY #105 Tues., July 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Learn how to install drip irrigation tubing from your faucet or how to convert an existing zone to drip. Drip irrigation is the most efficient irrigation method and is essential to sustainable landscapes. Drip irrigation for foundation watering will also be covered.



972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Sherrill Park Golf Course

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Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.

2014 Tournaments

- July 20: 3/4 Scramble
- Aug. 30-31: City Championship
- Sept. 21: Two Man Event
- Oct. 19: 6-6-6
- Nov. 16: Two Man Event
- Dec. 7: Year-End Two Man Event



To book tee times and to tour both courses, visit sherrillparkgolf.com

Golf It Up

The Golf It Up program provides instruction for the new golfer to the intermediate player with varying levels of skill. Golf It Up for the beginning and intermediate player includes eight hours of instruction. For questions, call Sherrill Park Golf Course at 972-234-1416 visit sherrillparkgolf.com or e-mail spgolf@cor.gov.

- Mondays, July 7-28**
6-8 p.m. • \$140
- Wednesdays, July 9-30**
6-8 p.m. • \$140
- Saturdays, July 12-Aug. 2**
3-5 p.m. • \$140
- Sundays, July 13-Aug. 3**
3-5 p.m. • \$140

Ladies Golf League seeks players

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels. The league plays on Tuesday mornings through October. If you would like to enjoy a round of golf and meet a great group of ladies at the same time, this is the place for you. For further information, please contact Nancy Stubbs at 972-669-8909 or Debbie Willens at 248-705-2795.

Richardson Summer Camps!



Visit cor.net/CORCamps for information. Register online at www.cor.net/parksonline.



Richardson's Family 4th of July

July 4, 6-10:15 p.m., Breckinridge Park

All entertainment takes place on the stage located near Entrance B

6:15 p.m.: Infinite Journey – The Music of Journey
8:45 p.m.: The Richardson Community Band's annual Patriotic Salute Concert! Fireworks begin after the concert. Food concessions will be available.

Breckinridge Park is located just south of the intersection of Renner and Brand Roads in northeast Richardson. On-site parking is very limited. Beginning at 6 p.m., the City of Richardson will provide free round-trip shuttle service from the Rockwell-Collins International Campus located at the SE corner of Renner and Shiloh roads. No pets allowed on the shuttle—only service dogs. The last shuttle to the park will depart at approximately 9:15 p.m. Return shuttles will begin after the fireworks show.

If thunderstorms develop prior to the event, the event may be delayed or cancelled. Please call the event hotline at 972-744-4581 for a status report.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

July 21–Aug. 8
Aug. 18–Sept. 12



Private lessons available

Summer Slam Tennis Camps

Come have summer fun at Huffhines Tennis Center! The Tennis Center is offering summer tennis camps for players 5-16 years of age. The camps are for all levels, from beginner to advanced.

Bring a tennis racquet, a hat/visor and a small snack. If you don't have a racquet, the Tennis Center has demo racquets to get players started, and proper size of racquet will be selected.

Hours: 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$150 for a full week \$40 daily

July 7-11
July 21-25

Aug. 4-8
Aug. 18-22

2014 City of Richardson Aquatics

Heights Family Aquatic Center*

Open: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; noon-9 p.m. Sat., Sun.
709 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7856

Canyon Creek Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m.
Closed: Mon.
600 Aspenwood Dr.
972-671-0185

Glenville Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m.
Closed: Tues.
500 S. Glenville Dr.
972-671-0187

Cottonwood Pool

Open: 1-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri.
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Tues.
1321 W. Belt Line Rd.
972-644-7156

Terrace Pool

Open: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Mon.
300 N. Lois Ln.
972-671-0190

All children under 7 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older in a swimming suit. The adult must be in the water within arm's reach at all times while the child is in the pool. If your child limits his/her use to the baby pool areas, you must remain with your child, but it is not necessary to wear a swimsuit.

Day Cares: The City of Richardson has specific guidelines for day care centers and other groups of children who visit our pools. To register your group, please call 972-744-7893.

2014 Richardson pool and Aquatic Center fees

	Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools*	Heights Family Aquatic Center**
Daily resident admission	\$2	\$4
Daily non-resident admission	\$4	\$8
Season pass (resident)	\$30	\$45
Season pass (non-resident)	\$40	\$65
Family pass (up to 4 people; resident only)	\$100	\$150

* Not good for admission to Heights Family Aquatic Center.

** Heights Family Aquatic Center season passes may be used for admission to **any** City pool. Must be purchased at Heights Family Aquatic Center, Heights Recreation Center or Huffhines Recreation Center.

No charge for children ages 3 and younger. Resident admission to Heights Family Aquatic Center requires proof of residency. Visit cor.net/parks or call the Aquatics Office at 972-744-7892 for more information.



Private Party Reservations

Private Party Reservations are available throughout the summer. Call 972-744-7892.

Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools

Number of people	Rental Fees
1-25	\$100
26-50	\$125
51-75	\$150
76-100	\$200

Heights Family Aquatic Center

Number of people	Rental Fees
Up to 100 people	\$300
101+	*

*Price for 101+ people is \$25 per additional 25 people up to a maximum of 600. Example: A party with 101-125 people is \$325; 126-150 people is \$350; etc.

"Number of people" includes EVERYONE who enters the gates including non-swimmers. Parties must have one adult (over 18) for every 10 children (7-17 years) and one adult for every three children under 7 years. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR GLASS CONTAINERS. Reservations must be made and paid in full one week in advance. All reservations are dependent upon staff availability and weather conditions.

Heights Family Aquatic Center will also offer 90-minute **pavilion reservations** during public hours. The cost is \$25, plus admission for party-goers.

Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd. 972-744-7800

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tue., Thurs., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Sat., 1-5 p.m.

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Great Family Storytelling
This three-day workshop will not be held during the summer months and will start back up in September. Date TBA.

Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC Quilting
This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to “catch up” on their quilt tops. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Ceramics
Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your supplies and pay firing fees.

Fun with Oils
A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month.

Oil Painting
Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this four-week class is \$50.

Becky Parks Art Lessons
Monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month.

Adult Piano Lessons
Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$65 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

New!! Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This six-week class costs \$10. Classes will resume Sept. 3.

Fundamentals of Windows
You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts July 7. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be July 22 and July 29 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, July 7 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102
This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, July 7 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 101
A beginners' class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn what the buttons and icons can do for you! Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. You will learn how to update to iOS 7, use Control Center, Notification Center, AirDrop, multitasking, FaceTime and more. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, July 19 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 102
This class will cover storing contacts, taking and sending pictures, adding helpful free programs to your iPhone, camera improvements, the new look for Safari, Siri and face time. Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, July 19 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55 and older. This facility is especially designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enrichment and fellowship. Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. So, for the benefit of all patrons, the Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, are welcomed to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

Facebook 101
This is a beginner's class to learn the basics of Facebook. Sign up and open a Facebook account, log in/out, explore Facebook pages: home, timeline/wall, insert profile and cover images, set notifications, find/invite friends. Bring iPad or tablet to class Saturday, Aug. 16, 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$30 without.

Facebook 102
Class will cover finding and inviting friends on Facebook, organizing lists, controlling the newsfeed, controlling post visibility, block and unfriend, sending and receiving private messages, chat, using like, sharing posts and photos, tagging someone and privacy settings. Bring iPad or tablet to class Saturday, Aug. 16, 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$30 without.

AARP “Smart Driver” Program
Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reductions. Please check with your insurance company for percentage of reduction. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center:

July 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
July 17	6-10 p.m.

Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal
Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

July 7 and 10	6-9 p.m.
July 21 and 24	6-9 p.m.
July 19 and 26	1:15-4:15 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$27 with membership; \$30 without membership. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Plus Square Dance
Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter.

Just “A” Dance
The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance. \$48 per quarter, 7/14-9/22.

All Position Line Square Dance Lessons
Class date TBA. Fee is \$90 for 18 weeks and class is held 7-9 p.m.

Plus Square Dance Lessons
Classes start July 29 for 15 weeks. Cost is \$65 per person before Aug. 5, \$75 after.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Next class will start July 29. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

Conversational French
Bon jour! This beginner's class provides a solid introduction to the French culture and language. Those wanting to refresh their speaking skills are welcome. Instructor Serge Schragin has taught ESL at Richland College and taught high school French for 11 years. The next eight-week session starts Sept. 3 and is 1-2 p.m. \$48.

Intermediate Conversational French
For those that have some knowledge of the French language or have taken the Beginners Conversational French class, Intermediate Conversational French will be the class for you. This eight-week session will start Sept. 3. Class time is 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$48.

NEW!!! Pocket Billiards Class
Ted Swanson, recognized with the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, will offer individually scheduled two-hour classes tailored for the student's needs. Classes will be held Saturdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are available. Please register before day of scheduled classes or call 972 744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

Health Connection
“Maximize Your Space with Personal Organizer Allison Venuto. Join us July 24 at 10 a.m. for the discussion on the steps to take to fully utilize the space in your home. You will leave with a list of practical advice to help you get started. No fee.

Happy Birthday Party
Fall birthdays (Sept., Oct., Nov.) will be celebrated Sept. 29.

Pool Tournaments
Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Senior Bowling League
The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2013-2014 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

Tennis League
Richardson's Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men's group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For information, call 972-744-7870.

Senior Golf League
The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

Senior Table Tennis
Serious players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

Richardson Public Library
The Richardson Public Library provides the Richardson Senior Center with books on CD and large-print books.

The Vintage Dance Club
The following calendar lists the dates for this month's dances.

July 5	Bill G Band
July 12	Doc Gibbs
July 26	Gary Lee

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are \$5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College
Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from computers to art to history and more! Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or log on to richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Next meeting is Aug. 4. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

Sing-A-Long
Come and sing your favorite melodies at our sing-a-long at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

Robin's Nest Craft Store
For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest Craft Store in the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



The Photography Club meets the first Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. No fee. Join others that love to capture the world through the lens of a camera. Your photos will be on display monthly and judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place by patrons at the Senior Center.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, all are welcome.

Reelers Square Dance
The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person.

Needleworks
Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chess Club
The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

Password and Mental Aerobics
Monday at 10 a.m.

Bingo
Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter.

Let's Play "42"
Regular "42" games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. New players welcome.

Photography Club
If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures, how about joining a photography club to share ideas and know-how? You do not have to own professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. No fee.

Tatting
Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch. We have supplies for you to start and meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

Games

Canasta
Thursday, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge
Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge
Friday, 10 a.m. If you are interested in taking bridge lessons please call 972-744 7800.

Bunco
Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage
Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg
Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, Rummi-Cubes, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.

Yarn Arts
A group of like-minded people meet together to do yarn arts Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

Services

City of Richardson Transportation Service
Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

The Seniors' Net
The Seniors' Net helps seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880. The Seniors' Net "Loaves of Love" program allows seniors residing within the Richardson ISD to shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is now open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

First Richardson Helpers
First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of bathroom grab bars and outdoor hand rails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FRH provides assistance with code enforcement issues. To request service please call the 24-hour hot line at 972-996-0160 or send an e-mail to info@FirstRichardson-Helpers.org.

Blood Pressure Checks
Free blood pressure screenings are available Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Chair Massage

Lavona Kirtley, our chair massage therapist, offers chair massage on Tuesday mornings. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new FREE program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café will meet the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is July 3.

iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center July 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to provide screening for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Wednesday of every month from 9-10 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 for your appointment.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Counselors are available the first Friday of every month. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment.

Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$40 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities
Call Scarlett at 972-744-7811 for various volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center.

RSVP Volunteer Program Help Needed!!!

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, but do not know where to start, how about becoming a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a "Richardson Rowdies" volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various non-profits throughout Dallas and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Michael Gondran at 214-525-6167.

Fitness

WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues with summer WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at JJ Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month.

Summer WaterAerobic Classes are held at two locations.

3 punch card options.

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

Punch card can be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

Rise and Shine: Cottonwood Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F

Designed for the intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Cottonwood Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind. This class is for all ages including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: JJ Pearce High School Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested. For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Aerobic Exercise

Exercise classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Renata Racher teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class fee is \$2 for her class.

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered the first Monday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; first Wednesday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Fee is \$20 or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. of the month for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Tai Chi for all Ages

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is \$7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

Zumba Gold

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. You will learn easy-to-follow moves to zesty music in a party upbeat atmosphere. Classes are held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee is \$5.

How is your balance?

Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$60 each with a six-session commitment (\$90 each session for couples). Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population (seniors) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

Senior Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration begins July 1 for Richardson residents only. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who are active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Aug. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate.

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tax ID#: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____

Any special requests? _____

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Aubrey
Beg. Line Dance	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$11/Month	Halvorson
Int. Line Dance	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Int./Adv. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

Civic Art Society donates painting

The Richardson Civic Art Society (RCAS) continued its tradition of purchasing the winning artwork from its biggest annual art show and giving it to the City of Richardson in acknowledgement of the City's support.

The City Council and Library representatives accepted the gift on behalf of the City in June. This year's Best in Show winner of the RCAS 48th Annual Regional Exhibit was Gaylord O'Con, for his painting "Sunset on Canal Street, New Orleans."

RCAS is a local group of artists that works to support visual arts in the community. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the basement of the Richardson Public Library. Meetings are open to the public. For more information and a schedule of exhibitions and activities, visit richardson-arts.org.



City Council members and representatives from the Richardson Public Library with Richardson Civic Art Society members.

Bento Bento Bento
Build a bento box lunch on us!
Friday, July 18
2-3:30 p.m.
For teens grades 6-12 only
Basement Program Room

It's the ultimate play-with-your-food afternoon. We supply the food, containers and tools to shape it; you bring the creative brain that makes it all work!



Register at 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

2014 SUMMER READING CLUB



REGISTER: Get your official log in the Youth Services Department and receive a special bookmark!

READ: 5 BOOKS
EARN A CERTIFICATE AND A SPECIAL Star Reader STICKER! SEE YOUR NAME ON THE READING CLUB BOARD! EARN A Reader Raffle ENTRY FOR PRIZES! (Richardson ISD students who read at least 5 books by Aug. 9 will have letters of recognition sent to their schools.)

READ EVEN MORE: The more you read, the more Reader Raffle entries for prizes you'll receive! (Reading logs due by Aug. 9; prizes awarded after Aug. 9).

For more information call 972-744-4358.

Co-sponsored by the Texas State Library, The Friends of Richardson Library, and the Richardson Public Library.

SUPERHERO SCIENCE

*Saturday, Aug. 2
2:30-3:15 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Children only, grades 2 and up

Presented by:
Per[O]t
Museum of Nature and Science

It's a bird, it's a plane
— no, it's
SUPERHERO SCIENCE!
Discover the real science of superheroes in this interactive show.

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department on Saturday, Aug. 2, beginning at 10 a.m. First-come, first-served.

Funded in part by the Friends of Richardson Library and the City of Richardson, through the City of Richardson Arts Commission.

Explorers Club

There's a fun summer in store for you

Presentations **Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.**

Activities **Richardson residents**
Crafts & **3rd-5th grades**
Books! **Registration required!**

JULY 3 NO PROGRAMS

JULY 10 OUT OF AFRICA: Beat your heart out as you learn about the music and culture of West Africa with hands-on drumming.

JULY 17 PALS WITH PAWS: Meet the Therapy Dogs of North Texas and discover the benefits service dogs provide humans.

JULY 24 CAMP READ-ALONG: End Explorers Club in traditional camp style! Skits, camp songs and s'mores.

ATTENTION PARENTS of Explorers Club members: PLEASE ARRANGE TO MEET YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m. AFTER EACH PROGRAM.

Registration and valid Richardson Library card required; register by phone at 972-744-4358, or in person in the Youth Services Department.

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All the way from San Antonio:
TRAVELING DINOSAUR EXHIBITS with

Dinosaur George

Experience prehistoric life forms from all over the world, an incredible display of DINOSAUR SKULLS, and even unusual creatures from "Prehistoric Texas"!

*Friday, Aug. 1
1:30-2:15 p.m. —OR— 2:30-3:15 p.m.
Basement Program Room
For children in grades K thru 6th

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department on Friday, Aug. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Saturday
July 19
2-3 p.m.

Basement Program Room
All ages welcome

Juggling • Plate Spinning
Magic • Balancing Tricks
and Much More!

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department on Saturday, July 19, beginning at 10 a.m. First-come, first-served. For information call 972-744-4358.

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LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGE!

What can you build with a box of LEGOs?

Join us and let your imagination soar!

Saturday, July 5 1:30-2:30 p.m. —OR— 3-4 p.m.
First Floor Program Room —OR— 4:30-5:30 p.m.*

*Free ticket required and will be available from Youth Services at 10 a.m. July 5. For ages 6-10 only. LEGOs provided.

For more information, please call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Storytimes for children in age groups from 6 weeks old through second grade will continue through early August. Storytimes (excluding It's Elementary! and Family Storytime) are for **Richardson residents only** with a valid Library card. Registration is required. Visit Youth Services or call 972-744-4358.

With Bernadette the Bubble Lady

Beginning Bubbles

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere!

*Wednesday, July 9
4:15-4:30 p.m.
Just for the younger kids!
Ages 0-4 years old
Basement Program Room

Blow A Bigger Bubble

Be WOWED by tiny bubbles that get bigger, and bigger and bigger!

*Wednesday, July 9
2:15-3 p.m. OR 3:15-4 p.m.
Ages 5 and up
Basement Program Room

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department on Wed., July 9, beginning at 10 a.m. First-come, first-served.

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CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

At the Richardson Public Library

FREE!

Sundays, Sept. 7-Nov. 23
2-5 p.m.

FOR THESE CLASSES YOU MUST:

1. Have a valid Richardson Library Card.
2. Be a legal resident.
3. Have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least five years (three if married to a U.S. citizen).
4. Have no criminal record.
5. Pass a basic Level 1 English test. (By appointment only.)
6. Make a 12-week commitment to the class.

Advance registration by Aug. 15 is required. Please call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368.

MIXED MEDIA WORKSHOP

...CREATE...

TURKISH MAP Fold Books

Secret Books

Registration for this FREE workshop begins July 8. Call 972-744-4393 to register.

July 26

Basement Program Room All materials provided!
Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ADULTS & ages 13+

Richardson reads One Book