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The 78th Annual Miss Texas Pageant was held in Richardson last month.

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KDC breaks ground on Raytheon office complex

New state-of-the-art campus will house 1,700 employees

KDC broke ground last month on a 489,000-square-foot office complex for Raytheon at CityLine, the 186-acre mixed-use development in Richardson.

"Richardson is so proud to become the new home of Raytheon's Intelligence, Information and Services (IIS) operation," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "The addition of Raytheon reinforces our long-standing commitment to providing a supportive environment for the world's most innovative, tech-savvy companies, and represents one of the shining jewels in KDC's dynamic CityLine development. We are pleased to welcome Raytheon and its many outstanding employees, and we look forward to their contributions to our vibrant community."

Raytheon's new facility will consist of three campus-style buildings located at the southwest corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Wyndham Lane. The buildings will house 1,700 employees from the company's Jupiter Road complex in Garland and are designed to accommodate future expansion. The project is slated for completion in late 2015.



Ground was officially broken last month for the Raytheon office complex at CityLine. Pictured from left: City Manager Dan Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend, Council Member Scott Dunn, Mayor Laura Maczka, Raytheon IIS President Lynn Dugle, U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson and Council Members Steve Mitchell and Mark Solomon.

Construction of the 2.3 million-square-foot initial phase of the CityLine development began in summer 2013 with completion scheduled for 2015. The project features dense urban development

set in a comfortable environment with easy access to office, residential, retail, entertainment and parks.

At full build-out, CityLine will contain approximately six million

square feet of office space, two hotels, 3,925 multi-family residential units, 300,000 square feet of grocery, restaurant, entertainment and retail space, and three parks.

City acquires 26-acre property Land to be used for park facilities

It may be years before Richardson opens its next large park, but the City Council took a big step toward that goal in June by approving the purchase 26 acres of land at the southwest corner of Plano and Apollo roads. The tract is one of the few undeveloped pieces of land in the city greater than 20 acres, and its proximity to Huffhines Park and Huffhines Recreation Center will allow for good synergy.

"It's important we took the opportunity to buy the land today to provide space for future improvements," said Richardson Deputy City Manager David Morgan. "With Richardson more than 90 percent built out, undeveloped land is very limited."

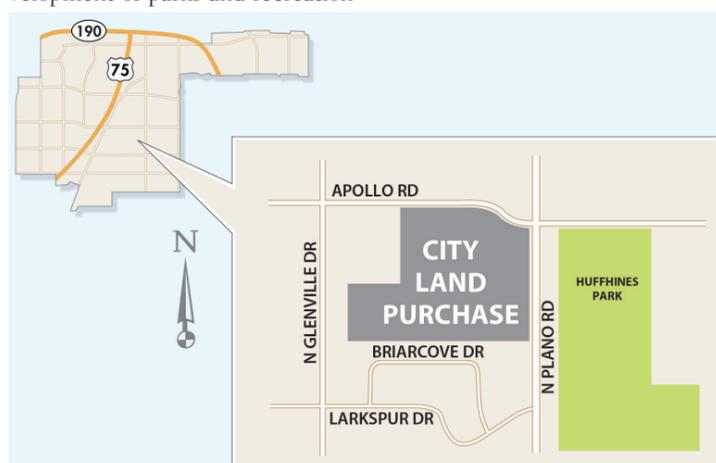
The land could be used for several projects identified as priorities in the 2010 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, a long range guide to help with the development of parks and recreation

facilities in Richardson. Possibilities include a natatorium, lighted sports fields, aquatics center, skate park, indoor sports complex or several other options.

Large-scale projects on the land will most likely be funded through future bond programs, and it will likely be many years before any construction is underway.

"Over the next few years, the City will complete master planning work on the land," Morgan said. "We'll study our long-term needs for parks and recreation facilities and determine what components would fit best on the 26 acres."

The City will sell \$5.6 million in debt to purchase the land owned by the Trident Company, a metal distributor established in 1962 by Tom Bentley and located for decades adjacent to the property. The land had been transferred to the Bentley family trust, and the family recently decided to sell it.



City alters watering schedule

The City of Richardson has altered its irrigation schedule and the change went into effect July 19. The change allows for an every other week watering schedule instead of two times per month (see calendar below).

The City had previously allowed both odd and even addresses to water on the first and third weekend of the month. Even addresses were allowed to water every first and third Saturday while odd addresses were assigned every first and third Sunday.

The change will help to alleviate possible strains on the City's water distribution system during peak demand periods.

Lawn watering is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or during periods of rain.

The altered schedule meets guidelines set by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) that allows every other week watering.

For more information visit cor.net/waterconservation.

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4

Lawn Watering Schedule

August 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		

- 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)

Under Modified Stage 3 water restrictions, lawn irrigation is prohibited from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or during periods of rain.

September 2014						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2014						
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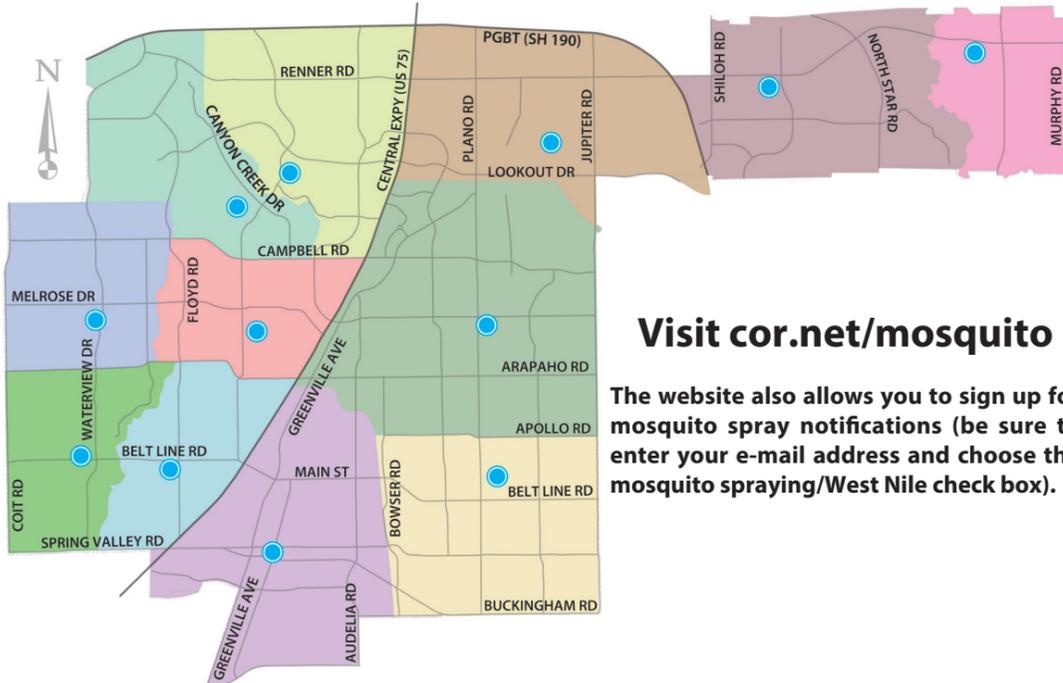
For more information on water restrictions, visit cor.net/WaterConservation or call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

Budget work session and hearings available online and TV

A tentative schedule calls for the City Council to hold a budget work session Aug. 11 and budget hearings Aug. 18 and Aug. 25 at City Hall. The Council is scheduled to vote to adopt the 2014-15 budget at its Sept. 8 meeting. The meetings are open to the public and will be broadcast live on the Internet at cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99.

The Richardson City Council's budget retreat held July 15-16 was recorded and is available for viewing online at cor.net/budget.

Find information online about mosquito control activity



Visit cor.net/mosquito

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).

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).

Sanitation schedule/recycle make-up days

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Sept. 1. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up days
Monday, Sept. 1	Tuesday, Sept. 2
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Wednesday, Sept. 3

City facilities close for holiday Sept. 1

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library, Animal Shelter, Gymnastics Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center	Sept. 1
Tennis Center	Closes 4 p.m. Sept. 1

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.



Richardson Today Staff

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Richardson is a great place for many reasons, one of them is our award winning parks and recreation opportunities. Our programs have benefitted greatly during the past few years thanks to the recent 2010 Bond Program that has brought the new Gymnastics Center, new Heights Recreation Center, new Heights Family Aquatic Center, and other new parks and playgrounds.



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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All of these projects have come together after decades of planning and community input created through our Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan is a living document that outlines priorities and amenities that this community desires most, and lays out the groundwork for how to make that happen.

I'm happy to say that in June we took another significant step towards progressing the Master Plan when the City Council unanimously approved the purchase of 26 acres of land located across from the Huffhines Recreation Center near the intersection of Plano and Apollo roads. This acquisition is important because the site is one of the few parcels of undeveloped land left in Richardson and its central location makes it easy to access from all corners of Richardson.

It's too early to know exactly what the land will be used for, but possibilities include a natatorium,

athletic fields, a skate park, indoor sports complex and several other options identified as priorities in the 2010 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan.

As a former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, I know that it takes years of careful planning to create the types of iconic parks that are known and loved in Richardson. I am excited about the opportunities this site presents for the future and believe that it will keep our recreational offerings among the best in the region.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka

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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.

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
ADACoordinator@cor.gov

Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

PARKS & RECREATION BRINGS YEAR-ROUND FUN!



WILDFLOWER! ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Beginning in 1993, the Wildflower! Festival has blossomed from a small celebration of the wildflowers planted around the City to a three-day gala featuring major bands on multiple stages, arts, exhibits and family fun as well as a highly regarded singer/songwriter contest.

Third weekend of May • Galatyn Park • WildflowerFestival.com



COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL

This juried art show highlights the work of more than 200 artists from around the country who are onsite throughout the prestigious event. Started more than 40 years ago, the Cottonwood Art Festival also features fun festival food and creative art activities for children.

Twice each year on the first Saturday and Sunday of May and October, Cottonwood Park
CottonwoodArtFestival.com



CHRISTMAS PARADE

For more than 40 years, Richardson has been the site of a fun and festive community parade that kicks off the holiday season. Bands, floats, and excited, giggling children wave along the route followed by Santa who rings in the holiday spirit.

First Saturday in December, route alternates years along Plano Road and Coit Road.
cor.net/Parks



SANTA'S VILLAGE

The charming, sparkling fairyland that is Santa's Village comes alive each year to delight children of all ages. Visitors are welcome to walk around and take pictures at the beautifully decorated village throughout the holiday season.

Three weekends in December, starting on the first Saturday, 6-9 p.m., front lawn, City Hall
cor.net/Parks

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

The Richardson Corporate Challenge is an Olympic-style event for employees of area businesses. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics Texas.

August through October, various venues
cor.net/cc



HUFFHINES ART TRAILS

Huffhines Art Trails, created in 1976, is one of the best arts and crafts shows in North Texas. Live entertainment, fun food and creative children's activities make Huffhines Art Trails an annual favorite for Richardson residents.

Fourth weekend in October, Huffhines Park
HuffhinesArtTrails.com



FAMILY FOURTH

Sparks boom at the annual Fourth of July event held each year on America's birthday. Gates open at 6 p.m. with families invited to bring a picnic and enjoy the patriotic music and festivity shared with neighbors and friends. Breckinridge Park, cor.net/Parks

Annual Corporate Challenge brings friendly competition



The "Great Walk" is part of the Corporate Challenge opening ceremonies and awards points to teams for number of participants.

Hundreds of local athletes have been hard at work training for an annual competition with gold medals, bragging rights and fundraising dollars on the line. Richardson's Corporate Challenge will pit more than 12,000 competitors on 53 teams from 55 companies against each other in an Olympic-style competition benefiting Special Olympics Texas.

The participants will compete in 24 events—which include everything from flag football to dominoes—over the course of 10 weeks at facilities in and around town.

"Corporate Challenge provides a fun way for the competitors to build trust and teamwork with their co-workers and get to know other people who work in Richardson," said Kyle McClure, Corporate Recreation Manager for the City of Richardson. "It's a wonderful event, because at the same time they are raising funds for Special Olympics Texas, an outstanding organization that enriches the lives of people with intellectual disabilities through sports and athletic training."

In its 16-year history, Corporate Challenge has donated \$1.4 million to Special Olympics Texas, with a portion of the funds going to the local Richardson Roadrunners team. The event raised about \$184,000 in 2013, and organizers are hoping to top that total this year.

"We are pleased to welcome a record number of competitors this year, and we are hoping that translates into a record donation from Corporate Challenge to Special Olympics Texas," McClure said.

The event will kick off with the Opening Ceremony, scheduled for Aug. 15 at Galatyn Park. The festivities will include the Great Walk, team tailgate parties, a Special Olympics parade and the official lighting of the torch.

Competition will begin Aug. 16 with volleyball and continue through Oct. 11 with a bowling tournament. Teams will compete for points and gold, silver and bronze medals in all sports in six divisions based on the size of the company. At the end of the competition, the team with the most

points (which are also earned through participation numbers) will win its division.

Corporate Challenge will conclude Oct. 17 with the Closing Ceremony, where winning teams will receive their trophies and other awards will be presented. The event will also include the final competition, cake decorating, and a check presentation to Special Olympics Texas.

Learn more about Corporate Challenge and check out a complete schedule of events online at cor.net/cc.



Kickball is a favorite event in Corporate Challenge.

City's multi-use trail system provides inter connectivity



Central Trail

Richardson residents have frequently identified multi-use trails as their top amenity for parks and recreation, and the City's constantly expanding network now provides more options than ever before.

The City offers more than 40 miles of trails and walkways that stretch throughout Richardson. They offer a safe and scenic way for walkers, joggers and bicyclists to get around town for exercise, fun or transportation.

"Our residents have made it clear that they value multi-use trails for exercise and transportation. The City is committed to building on our already robust trail system to connect destinations throughout Richardson and beyond," said Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Roger Scott.

Many City trails border Richardson park and recreation facilities, including recreation centers and sports fields, but future plans call for a trail system to connect all City parks and eventually tie into other trail networks in the region.

Richardson took a big step toward this goal with the recent extension of the Central Trail, which officially opened with a ribbon cutting in June. The \$4.5 million project extended the trail from its

previous end at the Arapaho Road DART station to the southern City limit, where it is expected to eventually tie into the City of Dallas trail system.

The Central Trail will soon grow again when another extension is constructed through the CityLine development, which is expected to be complete in the summer of 2015. Once complete, it will serve as the central spine to Richardson's trail network and run from city limit to city limit, eventually connecting to trails throughout the region.

In addition to multi-use trails, the City offers 15 miles of bike lanes that have been selected based on scenic and safety value. In recent months the City completed the installation of bike lanes on Owens, Yale and Collins boulevards, adding nearly four miles to the system.

Both bike lanes and multi-use trails are designed to provide inter connectivity between different areas of Richardson for recreation and transportation. A map and more information about multi-use trails and information on bike lanes can be found at cor.net on the Parks Department and the Traffic and Transportation web pages.

Richardson's bike lanes seek to promote safety

More than 600 miles of city streets wind through Richardson and all of them are legal for bicyclists to ride along. To promote safety, however, the City has designated certain roadways as signed bike routes and installed more than 15 miles of bike lanes that bicycle riders are encouraged to use. These bike lanes and bike routes, along with the City's multi-use trails, make up a bicycle transportation network that provides bicyclists with access to most areas of the city.

The City's first bike lanes opened in 2009 along Custer Parkway and Grove Road. The popularity of these lanes led to the creation of additional bike lanes in 2010-2013 on Waterview Drive and portions of N. Collins Boulevard, Apollo Road, N. Yale Boulevard, and Canyon Creek Boulevard. Bike lanes were added this year along E. Collins Boulevard, Owens Boulevard, and the remainder of Yale Boulevard. Additional bike lanes are expected to be added in other parts of the City as funding becomes available.

"Bike lane locations are selected with the safety of bicyclists and motorists in mind," said Assistant Director of Development Services Dave Carter. "The network is eventually expected to include 18 miles of dedicated bike lanes and will tie into bike routes and trails in surrounding communities, providing a safe, healthy transportation option."

Two Types of Lanes

Two types of bike lanes currently exist in Richardson: buffered and non-buffered bike lanes. Buffered bike lanes are for roadway segments without houses facing the street and consist of a seven-foot bike lane next to the curb. It includes a "Bike Lane" sign and is separated from the travel lanes by a buffer marked with painted chevrons. On-street parking is not allowed on these roadways.



The non-buffered bike lanes are typically used where houses face the street and parking must be provided. In that case a non-buffered bike lane is 5 feet wide and located between the travel lane and a 7-foot wide parking area.

Bike Routes

The City has also designated about 16 miles of roadways as bike routes. These streets do not have a dedicated bike lane, but they are marked with "Bike Route" signs and provide the safest course between bike lanes, trails and other destinations.

The busiest roads in Richardson are legally open to bicyclists but are not promoted as routes for their use. Some of these streets, such as Renner Road, are marked with "Share the Road" signs to remind motorists to watch for bicycles and to give them the same rights as any other vehicle. The Texas Transportation Code states that "a person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a driver operating a vehicle." Bicycles, per state transportation code, are not allowed on controlled access roadways, which in Richardson are US 75 and the President George Bush Turnpike.

Although bike lanes and routes seek to promote safety, the best defense is for everyone on the road to stay alert and aware of their surroundings. Motorists are not per-

mitted to drive their vehicles in a bike lane but they are allowed to cross the bike lane markings to turn into a driveway or to park. Motorists must yield to the bicyclists in the bike lanes because they have the right of way. "Just like a pedestrian in a cross-walk needs to always look both ways before stepping out into the street," Carter said, "bike lanes provide a designated area of the roadway for bicyclists and help inform road users where to expect bicyclists, but they do not replace the responsibilities of all road users to be alert to the traffic conditions around them and look for bicycles and motor vehicles."

The City has developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Trailway Master Plan to guide future development of bike lanes, bike routes, and multi-use trails through Richardson. It is designed to meet the needs of recreational riders who prefer to stay on trails, serious athletes, and those who rely on a bike for transportation and desire to ride the most direct on-street route.

Learn more about biking in Richardson, view an animated video clip on bicycle lanes and find links to local biking groups at cor.net/bikes.

Parks and Rec Director Michael Massey retires



Michael Massey

Richardson's Parks and Recreation Department Director Michael Massey will retire from the City of Richardson effective Aug. 28.

Massey joined the City in 1985 as a Park Planning Intern, then became a full-time employee in May of 1986 as Park Projects Planner. He was appointed to the Director's position on Dec. 1, 2001. Since then, he has been a part of, or led, Richardson's major park projects including:

- The Parks and Recreation Open Space Master Plan;
- Creation of Keffler Ball Park, Huffhines Ball Fields, Durham Park, Galatyn Plaza with fountain;
- Prairie Creek Park projects including Discovery Point, Waterfalls, and two pedestrian bridges;
- Creation of Santa's Village;
- 22 years of the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival;
- Replacement of the Huffhines and Heights Recreation Centers;
- Replacement of Arapaho Pool which was turned into the

- Heights Family Aquatic Center;
- Development of Breckinridge Park;
- Development of the Spring Creek Nature Area;
- Expansion of the Central Hike and Bike Trail;
- Expansion of Richardson's 42 miles of hike and bike trails;
- Transformation of Cottonwood Park.

"Working for the City of Richardson has been such a blessing for me and my family," said Massey. "Richardson is a fine community with first-class leadership in City Council and City Management. Leaving the City of Richardson was a difficult decision because the City employees are like my family and the citizens are intelligent, caring individuals who value the services provided them. I am so grateful to have had a long career here."

Now, with nearly 30 years working with Richardson, Massey says he is looking forward to taking his experience and helping to bring similar such facilities to other communities.

"I enjoy park planning and city planning, where a vision becomes a good idea, and a good idea becomes public consensus, and public consensus becomes a community goal. Goals lead to great projects, which make a community better. That is what I will be doing with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture (BRS) as the Texas Regional Director, helping to plan community projects from a vision to an achieved goal, thus making a community better. In my experience, BRS is the best at helping communities improve their services."

During Massey's tenure, the City of Richardson has achieved many awards for its festivals and park development projects. In 2011, the City's Parks and Recreation Department was awarded the Gold Medal from the Texas Recreation and Park Society. The award honors communities that demonstrate excellence in long-range park planning, park and recreation resource management, and agency recognition.

Massey has been a leader in the state and the region by serving as president of his professional associations, the Texas Recreation and Park Society and the Southwest Park and Recreation Institute.

"Michael is one of the best in the business and has brought a level of experience that our community will benefit from for years to come," City Manager Dan Johnson said. "Michael has a mastery of both the art and science of great parks and recreation services. On behalf of a grateful community, we wish him the very best in this next phase of his career."

The search for Massey's replacement will begin immediately, but will take several months to complete.

Richardson's Parks and Recreation Department's responsibilities include care of 1,700 acres of land, park planning, recreation and events, recreation and older adults, athletics and aquatics, community events, and the convention and visitors bureau. Activities for the department include: the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival, Cottonwood Arts Festival, Huffhines Art Trails, Richardson's Family Fourth of July Celebration, Santa's Village and the annual Christmas Parade.

Human Resources Director Marty Brennan retires



Marty Brennan

Richardson's Director of Human Resources Margaret "Marty" Brennan has announced she will retire at the end of August, completing a 28-year career with the City.

Brennan began her career with the City of Richardson in 1986. She has particular expertise in grievance and complaint procedures, personnel policies, benefits, recruitment, training, risk management and Civil Service procedures.

"Marty has brought tremendous insight and ability to our municipal organization and her talents are going to be missed," said City Manager Dan Johnson. "There is not one person who works for the City who has not met her and enjoyed her engaging personality, and, though we're sad to see her go, we'll enjoy the mark she has made for years to come."

The Human Resources (HR) Department administers the civil service rules and manages the compensation plans and benefits for the City's 954 full-time and 396 part-time employees. HR is also responsible for employee recruitment, risk management and City-wide testing and training. Under Brennan's direction, the department received the 2011 Innovation Award from the Texas Municipal League.

"It was an honor and a thrill to work every day with the employees of the City of Richardson, they are the best on earth!" Brennan said. "As I move forward into retirement, I know that the members of the HR Department will continue to provide a high standard of service. This organization truly values its employees and it shows in the work they do and the teamwork they display. I feel honored to have been a part of it."

Brennan received her bachelor of science in business degree from the University of Tennessee and completed post graduate studies at the University of Tennessee College of Law. She holds the personnel administrator's certification from Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) and the certified professional designation from the International Personnel Management Association-Human Resources. She is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class VII, Richardson Citizens Police Academy, is a member of the Dallas Human Resource Management Association, the Texas chapter of the Public Risk Management Association, the American Society for Training and Development and served on the board of directors for The Counseling Place from 2003 until 2009.

Brennan and her husband, Mark, live in Plano. She has two children, Susan Brennan Stern who teaches French at John Paul II High School in Plano, and Matthew Brennan who is a civil engineer at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

City accepting applications for Charter Review Commission

The City is accepting applications for the Charter Review Commission through Sept. 1. The commission will be appointed by the City Council in September and October and is expected to meet twice a month for six to nine months to examine the City Charter and recommend changes, if necessary.

Applicants should be able to commit the required volunteer time for board service as well as show an interest in the specific workings of the commission. Board members must be qualified voters of the City who have been residents of Texas for at least one year and residents of the City for at least six months, hold no elected public office and are not in arrears in taxes or other liability due to the City.

Learn more and download an application at cor.net.

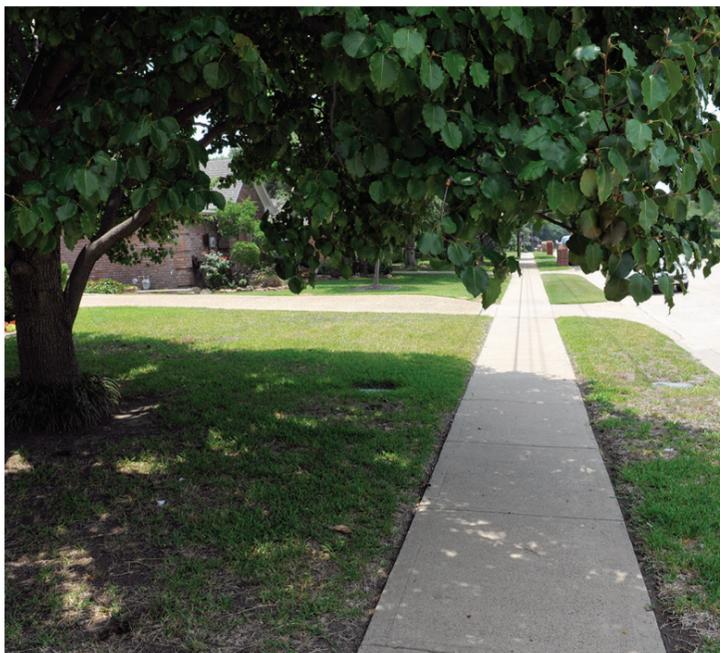
Neighborhoods love trimmed trees

A nice early morning or late evening walk along the sidewalk in your neighborhood can be relaxing as well as healthy. But the experience can be spoiled if you have to duck under or walk around low-hanging tree limbs.

The City of Richardson requires residents to maintain trees on their property so that the overhang is kept to a minimum of 7 feet over sidewalks.

Residents are also required to trim trees to a minimum of 9 feet above the top of the street curb, 11 feet above the street gutter and 14 feet above the street surface at the outside edge of the parking lane.

Please do your part to help make walking and driving through Richardson neighborhoods enjoyable and safe.



The branches on this tree need to be trimmed to a minimum of 7 feet over the sidewalk.

City hosts Miss Texas Pageant



Miss Texas Monique Evans

In the last decade, the Eisemann Center has become the premiere venue in Richardson for comedy, dance, concerts, drama, and as of last month, the state's top beauty pageant.

The iconic Miss Texas Pageant made its debut in Richardson from July 1 to 5 and brought a packed crowd to the Eisemann Center each night of the competition. The crowning of the new Miss Texas, Monique Evans, and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen, Cassidy Brown, took place in front of a sold out audience the final night of the pageant, with attendance averaging more than 800 patrons during the preliminary events.

"Attendance was strong throughout the entire week," said Bruce MacPherson, Managing Director of the Eisemann Center. "We were delighted with the final numbers and with the overall week of activities associated with this important event. We're hoping for a long relationship with the Miss Texas Pageant."

The event sold out all of the rooms at the Renaissance, its host hotel located next to the Eisemann Center, and visitors overflowed to the Marriott Residence Inn and other local hotels during their stay in Richardson. Pageant organizers said the proximity of the Renaissance to the Eisemann Center and professionalism of the hotel staff and City leaders made Richardson an easy choice to host the event.

"As a resident of Richardson, I was ecstatic to have the opportunity to work with the City leaders, the Renaissance and the Eisemann Center in bringing the Miss Texas event to my hometown," said Jan Mitchell, Executive Director of the Miss Texas Pageant.

After hosting a successful pageant, Richardson is hoping to be selected as the location for the event next year and beyond.

Back to School Information



2014-15 Richardson ISD Calendar

Aug. 25 Classes begin	March 9-13 Spring break
Sept. 1 Labor Day holiday	April 3 (Holiday or snow make-up day)
Oct. 13 Student holiday	May 25 Memorial Day holiday
Nov. 24-28 Student holiday/Thanksgiving	June 4 Classes end
Dec. 19-Jan. 5 Winter break/student holidays	June 5 Snow make-up day
Jan. 19 Martin Luther King holiday	June 7-8 Graduation
Feb. 16 Student holiday	

Chamber honors new teachers Aug. 13

Teachers new to the Richardson Independent School District will be welcomed and honored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Aug. 13.

The New Teachers Luncheon will be 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel – Dallas/Richardson.

Prices are \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for non-members. The featured speaker is Judge Tonya Parker of the 116th Civil District Court of Dallas County.

For more information or to donate a door prize for the new teachers, call 972-792-2820.



RISD calls for school supplies

The RISD Partners Program is in need of your help! To help families in need and to reduce the number of students who return to school in the fall without school supplies, the Partners Program will collect new school supplies for delivery to schools through Oct. 1. Cash or check donations are also accepted.

Contact RISD Community Relations Coordinator Amanda O'Neal at 469-593-0307 or amanda.oneal@risd.org. Donated school supplies can be dropped off at the RISD Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays.

Crossing guards needed

Do you know someone who could use extra income—a college student, a homemaker, a retired person? The City currently has openings for school crossing guards or crossing guard substitutes for the coming school year.

Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. They must be able to work three hours a day, enjoy children and working outdoors. Beginning salary is \$9 per hour.

For more information, call Kathy Hennion at 972-744-4943.



2014-15 Plano ISD Calendar

Aug. 25 Classes begin	April 3 Spring holiday
Sept. 1 Labor Day holiday	April 6 Student holiday/snow make-up day
Nov. 24-28 Thanksgiving holidays	May 22 Student holiday/snow make-up day
Dec. 22-Jan. 5 Winter break/student holidays	May 25 Memorial Day holiday
Jan. 19 Martin Luther King holiday	June 5 Classes end
Feb. 16 Student holiday	TBD Graduation
March 9-13 Spring break	

RISD registration information

Elementary
Registration occurs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, through Friday, Aug. 15 at each elementary school. Please contact your attendance area school for registration hours and days after Aug. 16.



Secondary (grades 7-12)
For registration information, please contact your attendance area school.

Questions?

Please contact your school, visit risd.org or call 469-593-0000.

PISD registration information

Elementary (grades K-5)
Register at your child's assigned school between 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 12 or 13. No appointment necessary.



High school (grades 9-10)
New students should contact their schools to schedule appointments. Appointments will be scheduled between 9 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 5-7.

Senior high school (grades 11-12)

New students should contact their schools to schedule appointments.

Questions?

Please visit pisd.edu or call 469-752-8295.

Please bring the following documents to registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residence (gas, water, electric bill, or current lease)
- Parent Driver's License
- Current Immunization Record (visit risd.org/Immunization or pisd.edu/parents/health/immunizations.shtml for requirements)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Facial tissues
- Manila paper
- Construction paper
- Notebook paper (wide and college ruled)
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (one-subject and three-subject)
- Folders with pockets and brads
- #2 and mechanical pencils
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Black, blue and red pens
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks and Elmer's Glue
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Binders (2 and 3 inch)
- Composition books

PISD seeks volunteers

Support education in Plano ISD by becoming a Plano Partner! Volunteer applications are available at pisd.edu/about.us/partners.volunteers/index.shtml.



SCHOOL HOURS

Richardson ISD

469-593-0000

risd.org

Grades K-6

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Junior High

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Senior High

9 a.m.-4:10 p.m.

Plano ISD

469-752-8100

pisd.edu

Elementary

7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Middle School

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

High School & Senior

High School

9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Free Immunization Clinic

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

To be eligible for this free clinic, you MUST:

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

Hours

(by appointment only—call 972-744-4076 to schedule)

Tuesdays

4:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

A partnership of the City of Richardson, Methodist Richardson Medical Center and Junior League of Richardson

Sales tax holidays are Aug. 8-10

The annual tax-free shopping weekend will be Aug. 8-10. Sales tax will not be charged on clothing, footwear, school-related backpacks and school supplies from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8 to midnight Sunday, Aug. 10.

The exemption applies to each article of clothing, footwear, backpack or supply sold for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are purchased. (For example, two shirts purchased for \$80 each would be exempt, but a single shirt that cost \$120 would not.)

The sales tax holiday does not include sales of special clothing and footwear normally worn only for athletic activities or for protection. For example, basketball or tennis shoes are commonly worn for other activities,

so they may be sold tax-free during this period. But golf shoes are not normally used for other activities and will be taxed.

Tax will be due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items. Clothing and shoe rentals will also continue to be subject to state and local sales or use tax.

Backpacks for students are exempt from sales tax during this period. Even backpacks with wheels qualify as long as they can also be worn on the back in the traditional manner.

For more information, contact the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at 800-252-5555 or visit window.state.tx.us.

Cultural Arts & Community

Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd. • 972-744-7800

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Aug. 19

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

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.)

Aug. 21

HEALTH CONNECTION 10 a.m. "Taking Care of

Your Feet" Board Certified pedorthist Dick Greiner, associated with Texas Star Pharmacy in Plano, will discuss the primary maladies of the foot, along with proper foot care, types and fit of shoes and the importance of proper arch support. Do not let your hurting feet keep you from walking, take good care of your feet. (No fee.)

Sept. 17, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sept. 18, 1-4 p.m.

FLU SHOT CLINIC Mark your calendars for a flu shot clinic sponsored by the Senior Center and Maxim Health Care. Medicare will be billed for those with insurance coverage through Medicare Part B and some participating insurers, and not enrolled in a HMO. Medicare Part A participants and those enrolled in a HMO will be charged \$25 for their shot. You MUST present your Medicare card or participating insurance card for Maxim to bill for you. **NOTE:** We will start taking appointments Aug. 1. Please call 972-744-7800 to secure your day and time.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

What's New in Downtown Dallas

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

Sept. 4

- The new dazzling facilities of First Baptist Church, which includes their captivating fountains that entertain to music
- The new performing arts venues 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

Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Autumn in the Ozarks

Cost: \$1,297 double-occupancy (per person)
\$1,573 single-occupancy (per person)
\$200 deposit; full payment due by Aug. 29

Visit Fort Smith, Ark., and the Ozark Mountains as you travel via luxury motorcoach. Overnight accommodations will be at the Homewood Suites in Fort Smith and the famous Eureka Springs resort spa, the Crescent Hotel.

Itinerary:

- Private tour of Fort Smith and the fort
- Dinner and a private comedy show performance
- Scenic drive through the Ozark Mountains
- Visit to the new Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, funded by the Walton family

- Enjoy mineral bath spas at the Crescent Hotel in Eureka Springs
- Visit Thorncrown Chapel, the all-glass chapel in the woods
- Enjoy a private scenic tram tour of Eureka Springs
- Attend "The Passion Play," the well know outdoor drama on the life of Christ
- Stroll through the Eureka Springs Gardens
- Lunch on the Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Steam Train while you roll through the wooded countryside
- Be entertained by the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down, a family-style hillbilly comedy and variety act show with dinner

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit eisemanncenter.com or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

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

ELVIS ALOHA FROM HAWAII With Kraig Parker with the Royal Tribute Band and Orchestra. (8 p.m. Aug. 16. \$27-\$52. Visit TheKingLives.com.)

THE RICH-TONE CHORUS featuring Love Notes. (8 p.m. Aug. 23. \$15-\$35. Visit RichTones.org.)



Richardson Woman's Club Special Events & Bridal Open House

You are invited to visit the Richardson Woman's Club facilities and grounds, meet with service providers, and enjoy their samples.

Caterers (RWC-approved) • Speciality Cakes
Florists • DJs • Photographers

Thursday, Sept. 11
5:30-7:30 p.m.

2005 North Cliffe Dr.
Richardson, Texas 75082

RSVP: amyana2905@hotmail.com

RichardsonWomansClub.com

Richardson CIVIC CENTER

August Civic Center Events

**Dallas Morning News
Career Expo**
Aug. 12
expoexpertsllc.com

Lone Star Mint Show
Aug. 15-17
lsmint.com

The Richardson Civic Center offers a wide variety of accommodations for classes, seminars, corporate presentations, banquets, receptions and trade shows!

411 W. Arapaho Rd. • Richardson, Texas 75080
cor.net/civiccenter • 972-744-4090

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Aug. 2

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

Aug. 6

FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" by Robin Sloan. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

Aug. 12

LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Richardson Reads One Book Program—Collecting Books, presented by Steve "The Buy Guy" Leach.

Aug. 13

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBATTLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls" by Anton Disclafani. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.

Aug. 15

LIBRARY CLOSED

Staff in-service day.

Aug. 18

WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. "You Talkin' to Me? How to Write Better Dialogue in Your Fiction" presented by Scott Morgan.

RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK PROGRAM

7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. A discussion of Sheryl Sandberg's book "Lean In," facilitated by the Junior League of Richardson in partnership with the Library.



LEAN IN
WOMEN, WORK, AND THE WILL TO LEAD
SHERYL SANDBERG
"GOD OF FACEBOOK"
"The Business Journal of the Year" - The Times

Aug. 19, 26

LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Team of Rivals" presented by Richard Cudlipp.

Aug. 20

THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBATTLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Behind the Beautiful Flowers" by Katherine Boo. Call Penny Manly at 972-744-4350 to register.

Aug. 26

FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBATTLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?" by Jeanette Winter-son. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.

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

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Aug. 1

DINOSAUR GEORGE 1:30-2:15 p.m., 2:30-3:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. For children in grades K-6. (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)



Aug. 2

PEROT MUSEUM: SUPERHERO SCIENCE 2:30-3:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. For children ages 5+. (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25

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

Aug. 9

ZOOFARI! 11 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. For children ages 5+. (Required free tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)

Aug. 17

TALES FOR TAILS 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. Read to live dogs. For children in grades K-4.

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.



Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail.

Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions on the Dining Page online at cor.net/dsdl.

Shelter dog gets adopted in Wisconsin

Some dogs have all the luck. Walter may have more than his share.

Walter is a dog who once lived in Mesquite. His owners decided they couldn't take care of him anymore and also decided that he had his best chance at a new life in Richardson.

Walter's owners brought him to the Richardson Animal Shelter, but Shelter staffers sadly told Walter's owners that they cannot accept dogs from other cities, lest the whole shelter be filled up all the time. Walter's owners didn't seem to care about the Richardson rules. That night, they left him tied to a tree near the Shelter's front door. They left him with some towels and a bag of food.

The next morning, City of Richardson Animal Shelter staffers couldn't miss Walter on their way into work. So Walter got a place at the Shelter after all.

"We contacted the Mesquite shelter and gave them as much information as we had on his owners, which wasn't much," said Noura Jammal, Animal Services Resource Coordinator. "We hoped they would issue an abandonment citation. Nothing ever happened that we know of," she added.

Walter was unneutered and the shelter staff had no idea about his vaccination history, so he was neutered and got all of his shots. He was ready for adoption in March. But Walter, who is (maybe) a heeler/German shepherd mix, was also about 8 years old, and has black fur. These are not big selling points among adoptive families who tend to think they want a puppy or very young dog and many of whom tend to shun animals with black fur (black dog syndrome).

So even though Walter was ready for a new home, new owners were not appearing.

The Shelter staff did what they could. Walter was featured prominently on the Shelter's Facebook page and he was Pet of the Week May 16 in the weekly Richardson news e-mail blast. And somehow, through the miracle of the Internet, the image of Walter and the story of his plight made their way to a dog lover in Wisconsin, Heidi Endres.

Endres and her husband Bob have been rescuing dogs for more than 30 years. Though they used to adopt puppies, a few years ago they decided to focus on older, black, mixed breed dogs because they have difficulty being adopted.

"Walter fit our criteria pretty well," Endres said. "We like to be a safety net for dogs that aren't moving for whatever reason." Heidi lives in the country three hours from Milwaukee and the property has fenced runs for the 12 dogs who live there (there are also two cats). Endres said Walter is beautiful, smart and adjusting well to his new home and siblings. He was taken from Richardson to Wisconsin via a volunteer network of people who transport dogs around the country in order to help dogs who otherwise might be euthanized to find adoptive families. Heidi and Bob have participated in the volunteer transport network and Walter's picture came to her through the transport e-mail communications.

Shelter Staffer Jammal said that Walter is not the first Richardson Shelter dog to find a home somewhere far away through the transport network, but he is the first older dog to do so. "People are prejudiced against older dogs," she said, "but they can be some of the best pets. They are good with other pets, they've already gone through the puppy stage and they're great on a leash."



The dog named Walter came to the Richardson Animal Shelter under unusual circumstances and left the same way. Adopted pets offer lots of love and are always available at the Shelter.

Heidi and Bob strongly concur. Heidi has even written a book about her adventures with adopted animals called, "I never met a dog I didn't like: True, entertaining and educational stories about rescue dogs and cats" by Miranda McAdams (her pen name) with photography by Bob. It's available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble. "Walter isn't in this book but he may be in the next one," she said.

"So many things had to happen to give Walter a second chance," said Dennis Wooten, Assistant Director of Health-Animal Services. "I'm extremely proud of the

job Noura and the rest of the staff did to make this happen. The city manager and of course the City Council deserve credit for providing the Shelter the support that allows staff to explore these opportunities. What a great team effort."

Lovable pets are available at the Richardson Animal Shelter every day of every week. Fees are \$35 for puppies six months or younger, \$20 for kittens; \$25 for adult dogs and \$15 for adult cats. See cor.net or call 972-744-4480. The Shelter is open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

NNO block party registration begins Aug. 6

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event in Richardson will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7 and the theme remains "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." This is the event that encourages neighbors to "turn on your porch light, go outside, and meet your neighbor." This is the 31st year of National Night Out, the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program that stretches across all 50 states, U.S. territories and military installations around the world. This year also marks the 31st year of Richardson's local Neighborhood Watch Program, a self-help initiative that partners residents with their police department in crime-fighting efforts to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.

Another goal of National Night Out is to increase Neighborhood Watch participation across the city. Neighborhood Watch Leaders are encouraged to seek out and invite those who may not have an

organized Neighborhood Watch on their street to join in the fun and fellowship, and to find out the advantage of having a Neighborhood Watch on their own block. NNO is the opportune time to start one. Anyone interested in hosting a block party and starting a Neighborhood Watch can download the NNO block party packet from the police department website, richardsonpolice.net, beginning Aug. 6, or a "hard copy" of the packet can be picked up from the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

National Night Out is a very exciting event which draws the community together in partnerships to fight crime. This October, Richardson will continue its outstanding participation in the annual event. For more information on

Richardson's NNO 2014, visit the website at richardsonpolice.net and click on the NNO logo. For more information about National Night Out or the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



"Empty the Shelter Day" is Aug. 16

The Richardson Animal Shelter is joining cities around the Metroplex for "Empty the Shelter Day," an effort to find homes for adoptable pets. On Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

area animal shelters will offer free adoptions.* Visit emptytheshelter.org for more information.

*Other fees and participating shelter times may vary.

Richardson Police Department hosts public safety expo Sept. 6

The Richardson Police Department will host a pre-"National Night Out" event for the residents of Richardson and anyone interested in reducing crime and learning how to make their home a safer place.

A public safety expo will be held Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. The event is open to the public.

Representatives from Home Depot, Lowe's, ADT Security, United States Army, Care Flight, North Texas Auto Theft Task Force, along with many others will

be there to display safety and security products, answer questions and provide information to make you safer.

The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be on hand to answer any questions and provide valuable information on crime trends in the area.

There will be police, fire and military vehicles to view along with a visit from the Care Flight Helicopter. Food and drinks will be available for purchase and there will be activities available for all ages.

Floodplain management program targets risk reduction and preparedness

In Texas, floods can occur at any time of year and cause more damage and loss of life than any other natural hazard. To reduce the risk of flooding in Richardson, the City provides services and information to homeowners, businesses and the public as part of the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program.

The program provides information on flood preparedness and prevention, flood safety and flood insurance. Regulation of floodplain development, preservation of open space and storm drain system maintenance are also part of the services provided through the program. More information about the program can be obtained at the Capital Projects page on the City website, cor.net, or by contacting the City of Richardson Capital

Projects Department at 972-744-4280.

Preparedness, Protection

- Preparation for severe storms and floods should include maintaining a working flashlight and battery powered radio or television to monitor the latest storm information.
- Flood protection may involve improving lot grading, flood proofing buildings or simply keeping streams and drainageways clear of debris, fences and dense vegetation that may obstruct the flow of stormwater. Engineers from the Capital Projects Department can provide site-specific assistance to property owners who request additional information regarding flood prevention measures. Requests for assistance can be made by calling 972-744-4280.

- Dumping of debris or fill in creeks or streams should be reported to the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

Flood Safety

- City staff can offer safety tips and information that will help protect lives and property in the event of a flood. For example, one of the most important flood safety tips for drivers is "do not drive your car into high water." Many deaths associated with floods occur as a result of vehicles and passengers being washed off roadways. Most vehicles can be easily swept away in just two feet of rushing water.

Flood Insurance and Information

- All properties in Richardson are eligible to obtain flood insurance policies, which cover damages

due to flooding. Such damages are not covered by standard homeowner's policies. Flood insurance policies must be purchased 30 days in advance of the effective coverage date. Additional information regarding flooding, flood maps, optional and mandatory flood insurance requirements can be obtained at <http://maps.cor.gov/floodplains/floodplains.html> or from the Capital Projects Department. The department also has elevations certificates for some properties on file. These certificates provide

important data related to flood insurance.

Regulation of Floodplain Development and Other Services

- Construction, re-grading or placing fill near streams or drainageways may require City review and permits. Often, the City of Richardson has information that is used for planning, construction or home improvements that is more detailed or recent than the Federal Emergency Management Agency has published for insurance purposes.

Prior to purchase of or construction on a property near a stream or drainageway, contact the Richardson Capital Projects Department to obtain additional floodplain management information and local regulations. The planned modifications or construction will be reviewed so that flooding problems can be avoided. Call Capital Projects at 972-744-4280.

972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Pools close for season Aug. 10
Heights Family Aquatic Center
will be open additional days

Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville, and Terrace Pools will close for the season after operational hours on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Heights Family Aquatic Center operating dates and hours:

Dates	Hours
Monday, Aug. 11 to Friday, Aug. 15	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17	Noon to 9 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 18 to Friday, Aug. 22	1-8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24	Noon to 9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30 and Sunday, Aug. 31	Noon to 9 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 1	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Come in, meet our instructors and discover what the City has to offer



Saturday, Aug. 23 • 1-4 p.m.
Heights Rec Center • 711 W. Arapaho Rd.



Demonstrations by many of our instructors will be performed in the exercise and dance studio

Classes include gymnastics, arts, technology, drama, dance, martial arts, fitness, sports, and more!



Richardson Parks & Recreation



Sherrill Park Golf Course
 2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

Junior Golf Camp

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Aug. 4-8 and Aug. 11-15
Cost per session: \$260

The Performance Golf Academy at Sherrill Park offers instruction to junior golfers of all skill levels. Our groundbreaking approach is to teach golf in a fun, non-intimidating environment. The goal of the class is to teach junior golfers a game that they can enjoy for a lifetime.



Junior Golf Camp includes:

- 20 hours of instruction (3-5 hours of course time)
- A Learning Center hat and bag tag
- Lunch and snacks each day

Sherrill Park's annual City Championship is Aug. 30-31

Sherrill Park Golf Course will hold its annual City Championship Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 30-31. The tournament will be played on Course 1 and Course 2.

Entry fee will be \$150, or \$80 and 2 punches if you have a resident punch card. The cost includes green fees and cart. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The tournament will be flighted by handicap,

and it is preferred that entrants have a verifiable USGA handicap. Trophies and awards will be given for all flights, as well as a ladies' flight. The resident champion will have his name inscribed on the Pro Shop trophy and will take home a championship plaque.

For more information, contact the Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416.

Huffhines Tennis Center
 1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
 Aug. 18-Sept. 12
 Meet twice per week for three weeks.
 \$60

Adult Leagues
 Sept. 8-Oct. 24
 Sign-up begins Aug. 18.
 \$30

Summer Slam Tennis Camps
 For players ages 5-16 years of all skill levels.
 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
 Aug. 4-8 and 18-22
\$150 for full week or \$40 daily
 Register online:
 cor.net/parksonline

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, March 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, 972-669-8909
- Debbie Willens, 248-705-2795

DOG SPLASH DAY!

Richardson AnimaLuv

Saturday, Aug. 16
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Terrace Pool, 300 N. Lois Ln.

\$5 per dog, humans free

Concessions and canine fun!

No pre-registration required, but pool capacity will be monitored for fun and safety.

Must have current rabies vaccination to enter.

Humans will be responsible for their dog's behavior.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Benefitting the Richardson Animal Shelter
 RichardsonAnimaLuv.org



Register NOW!
Richardson Soccer Association
Fall 2014 Season!

- The 2014 Fall Season begins in mid-September.
- Seasons are typically 6-10 games. Kids as young as 3 years old can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2015.)

How to Register:

Online: richardsonsoccer.org

In Person:

651 N. Plano Rd. #421

(Between Arapaho and Belt Line)

Monday-Thursday: 1-6 p.m.

972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*

Regular Registration: Aug. 1-15

Late Registration: Aug. 16-22

Wait List: Begins Aug. 23

*Special requirements for new players and those outside of the City of Richardson. Players must live in ZIP codes 75080, 75081 or 75082 to participate. Late and Wait List registration requires \$10 late fee.

Visit richardsonsoccer.org to register online!



CITY OF RICHARDSON 2014 CORPORATE CHALLENGE

SAT., AUG. 30

\$20 per rider

\$10 per passenger

(minimum suggested donation)

Start & Finish Location: Galatyn Plaza

Approximately a 90 mile group ride

900 E. Lookout Dr., Richardson, 75082

Registration begins: 7:30 a.m. Kickstands up: 9:30 a.m.

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

For registration visit: www.COR.net/GreatRide

For additional questions: Donna.Leach@COR.Gov • 972-744-4092

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 7. 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 7 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 \$85 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 Sept. 1. 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 Aug. 19 and Aug. 26 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, Aug. 4 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, Aug. 4 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, TBA 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, TBA from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

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 and 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.

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 welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

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:

Aug. 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Aug. 21	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:

Aug. 4 and 7	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 18 and 21	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 16 and 23	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. Next quarter will start Oct. 13.

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. (10 a.m.-noon beginning Sept. 4) 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
This is an intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Call the instructor Yolanda Chacon at 972-744-7800. Next class starts Sept. 4. Class is 1-2 p.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 class or call 972 744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

Health Connection

Join Board Certified Podiatrist Dick Greiner to discuss “Taking Care of Your Feet” Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. He will discuss the primary maladies of the foot, along with proper foot care, types and fit of shoes and the importance of proper arch support. 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.

Aug. 2	Bill G Band
Aug. 9	Doc Gibbs
Aug. 23	Dave Brewer
Aug. 30	Tommy Chandler

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.

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.

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.

Robin Sloan discusses "One Book" selection

Robin Sloan, author of the 2014 Richardson Reads One Book pick, "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore," corresponded with Janet Vance, Richardson Reads One Book Board member and RPL Librarian, by e-mail to discuss his book.

being designed to take up our time. These services—Facebook, Twitter, BuzzFeed, the whole ad-supported web...they're not entirely on our side. (And the us here is humans with finite lifespans.) So, in response, I think we have to be thoughtful and disciplined about the digital stuff.

convenient, somewhat magical, solutions to problems. I thought the last-minute appearance of handy solutions was a clever homage to wizard stories or possibly video games. Are we as readers losing the ability to suspend belief?

I do think we are, in a very broad cultural sense, getting more sophisticated as readers and story-consumers, and I do think that sophistication manifests itself as an eye for realism: for complexity, contingency, shades of gray. Broadly, that's a good thing. But, as you say, there are certain genres and formats—and I think video games are a great example, particularly the sort of puzzle/adventure video games I grew up playing—in which a certain lock-in-key convenience is part of the appeal.

Clay and his best friend bonded over a shared love for the "Dragonsong Chronicles." Mr. Penumbra hired Clay to be his night clerk because he also liked Clay's favorite book. How do you think reading connects people? Does our use of digital devices for reading change the dynamic at all?

Reading connects people in all sorts of way, but my favorite connection is the one that spans generations. I love the idea of the dead whispering to us through their books, and also of being linked to other readers of the same book through history. It might be possible to preserve a website for centuries; we won't know for a while. The same goes for movies, even video games. But it is DEFINITELY possible to preserve a book—and that means not just keeping it in a sarcophagus but keeping it in circulation, out in the world, in new readers' hands and minds all the time. Every time I pause to really think about that, it gives me shivers. It's incredible.

Can you tell us something about the book that not many people know?

Oh, that's a good question. I think most readers detect that many of the characters' names have shades of meaning, Mr. Penumbra himself most obviously. What they might not realize is that the narrator's name has a secret of its own. His first name, Clay, is of course a nod to his mutability. His last name, though: Jannon. What's that all about? I won't give it away entirely. If people are curious, they can search "jannon typography mystery" and they will find a very interesting story indeed, one involving multiple mistaken identities. I almost wished I could include it in the book's plot, but I decided to leave it as an Easter egg, and an exercise for the reader.

Many of the books you describe are beautiful works of art—soft blue leather binding, shiny metal binding with embossed letters, etc. "Mr. Penumbra's" cover glows in the dark. Do you think that the future of the physical book lies in returning to more physically interesting or beautiful books?

I have to give full credit to the team at Farrar, Straus and Giroux for coming up with the glow-in-the-dark cover; I didn't know such a thing was possible (or economical) until they proposed it. And yes, while I am beyond bullish on the future of physical books, I do think they need to step up their game a little. A physical book printed in the 21st century needs to be really taking advantage of its materiality somehow. That doesn't have to mean glow-in-the-dark ink; it might be an interesting texture, some splash of color, some surprise on the spine. Something.

The reading room (and library) of the book's secret society, The Unbroken Spine, is located in a dark cave-like structure below the streets of New York. How do you envision the future of bricks and mortar libraries and bookstores?

I think the future doesn't look so different from the present, actually, and I say that because I think the really great libraries and bookstores have already begun to transform themselves quite dramatically, and successfully. They're not just warehouses for books anymore. They sell other products; they convene great conversations; they serve coffee. There's this myth that the business of libraries and bookstores was once simple, even easy, and now, thanks to the Internet and e-books, it's difficult. In fact, their business has always been difficult—and the great libraries and bookstores have been navigating that terrain with poise for decades and longer.

The reception for "Mr. Penumbra" has been overwhelmingly positive. There's been some criticism for giving your characters



Robin Sloan lecture information

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23
Where: Richardson High School, 1250 W. Belt Line Rd.
Tickets: Free. Available beginning Sept. 2. Call 972-744-4350 or visit the Richardson Public Library
More information: <http://onebook.cor.net>

Your idea for "Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" came from an interesting source. Tell us a bit about the "germ" of the idea for the book.

The seed of the story was a tweet—and, I have to admit, not even my own tweet. A few years ago, a friend of mine tweeted: "just misread '24hr bookstore' as '24hr bookshop'. the disappointment is beyond words." And, you know—it made me laugh. Then nod in agreement. The important thing is that I wrote it down, and then, a few months later, when I sat down to begin a short story, there it was, waiting at the top of my notes. That little scrap of an image. So I started to wonder, what would a 24-hour bookstore be like? What if you worked the late shift...?

You have described yourself as both a writer and a media inventor. The main character, Clay Jannon, shares these talents as he moves between the world of technology and the world of an old-fashioned bookstore. Do you and he have other things in common?

We're different in a lot of ways, but we definitely have our voice in common. If you got a long, loopy e-mail from me, it would sound just like a passage from Penumbra. With more typos. And emoticons.

I was amused that when Clay was unemployed, he was looking for jobs on the Internet and was so busy reading everything that looked interesting that he was distracted from the job hunt. He found his job at Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore the old-fashioned way—by pounding the pavement and talking to Mr. Penumbra in person. Do we rely too much on our electronic devices?

Yes, definitely. Now, it's important to establish, I'm no Luddite: I love laptops and smartphones, video game consoles, all of it. Above all, I love the Internet; in a lot of ways, it's my native country. But I do think we're getting to the point now where we have to find a balance. Increasingly, the services we use every day are

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

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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 972-744-4368.

Tales for Tails

For Readers in Grades K-4

Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

3-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17

Children's Program Room

For information, call 972-744-4358

Lunchtime Lectures

Team of Rivals

Aug. 19, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

you are welcome to bring your lunch

Basement Program Room
Please call 972-744-4393 for information.
Registration not required.

Presented by Richard Cudlipp
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SUPERHERO SCIENCE

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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.

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

*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.

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Back to school ZOOFARI!

What do a tamarin, a marmoset and a ring-tailed lemur have in common? Join us to find out!

***Saturday, Aug. 9**
11 a.m.-noon
Basement Program Room
Children ages 5+

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in Youth Services on Saturday, Aug. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Ahoy thar mateys!
Tis th' day to hear Sam Nash, PIRATE EXPERT, utter fascinatin' facts 'n dispel common myths 'bout bands o' pirates... an' score a swashbucklin' pirate prize!

Friday, Sept. 19
4-5 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Children ages 5+

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Lunchtime Lecture
Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch

Is my book worth something or is it just old?

Collecting REAL Books

Presented by: Steve "the Buy Guy" Leach
VP of training for Half Price Books

- Spotting valuable first editions
- Evaluating rare, vintage and out of print books
- Deciding what kinds of books to collect
- Finding books that are forgotten treasures

Tuesday, Aug. 12
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Richardson reads

Book Discussion:

Sheryl Sandberg's "Lean In"

Wednesday, Aug. 13
Coffee at 7 p.m.
Discussion at 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room

No registration required!
Everyone is welcome!

Call 972-744-4350 for more information.

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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 6

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