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Registration for Richardson's 42nd Annual Christmas Parade is available online. Deadline to register is Nov. 26.



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The City and the Richardson ISD held a joint groundbreaking with more than 500 participants for the new Northrich Park.

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## City plans Spring Creek Nature Area expansion

Last month, the Richardson City Council authorized a purchase/sale agreement and an economic development agreement clearing the way for acquisition of nearly 60 acres of land from Galatyn Properties Ltd. consisting of members of the Margaret Hunt Hill family. Acquisition of the four parcels, which adjoin the existing Spring Creek Nature Area, will enable the City to more than double the nature area's current size.

The property is seen as a critical purchase serving to preserve land and provide additional passive recreation amenities in the heart of one of Richardson's fast-growing mixed-use corridors. Once the purchase is complete, the City will begin long-term planning to identify future nature area enhancements, which could include expanding the existing hike and bike system to the new parcels.

"This nature area expansion represents an exciting step forward for our community," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "We are grateful to the Margaret Hunt Hill family for their thoughtful stewardship of this historic land, and for giving us the opportunity to dedicate it permanently to the public's enjoyment. Through this

acquisition, we will be further enhancing one of Richardson's most wonderful attributes—access to a variety of recreation opportunities, and hardwood-forest habitat, right in the heart of our community."

The City will pay \$11 million for the land, financed through the issuance of a certificate of obligation (C.O.) bond. The sale is contingent upon a successful rezoning of other Margaret Hunt Hill family-owned parcels near the DART Galatyn Park Station. Galatyn Properties Ltd. has rights to develop up to 2,267 multifamily units on the land parcels the City will acquire.

As condition of the land purchase agreement, Galatyn Properties Ltd. proposes to shift those multifamily development rights to parcels located closer to the light rail station, while also reducing the maximum number of authorized units to 1,850—an 18 percent reduction. The City will also provide utility infrastructure improvements, plus property tax and agricultural rollback tax rebates, on the parcels where rezoning is proposed.

"Not only will this agreement help us preserve a unique natural environment, but it also supports



Map of parcels City plans to purchase from Galatyn Properties Ltd.

our long-term vision for strategic development of the adjacent urban centers," Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson said. "Expansion of the nature area nicely complements the CityLine, Caruth, and Galatyn Park Urban Center property developments nearby, and by shifting the multifamily development rights, we can better locate the multifamily units to enhance our transit-oriented development

focus. It's a timely purchase that makes a tremendous amount of sense for Richardson."

Richardson's City Plan Commission and City Council will consider the proposed rezoning of the Margaret Hunt Hill family's developable land parcels this fall. The land sale for the nature area expansion is expected to close by the end of 2014.

## Work begins on Santa's Village



At a time when most people are rushing out to buy last-minute Halloween candy, a crew from the City of Richardson's Parks and Recreation Department is preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus and his helpers.

Santa's Village, the miniature holiday town composed of 16 dwellings, begins taking shape next to Richardson City Hall each year during the last week of October. It takes about two weeks to construct all of the buildings and another few weeks to spruce them up and decorate before visitors start arriving in early December.

"One of the biggest challenges of setting up Santa's Village is making sure each dwelling is placed in the exact location," said Randall

Morris, a City of Richardson parks specialist who has helped put together the attraction since it began in 1989.

This year, Santa's Village will offer a special resident's night, dubbed "Hometown Thursdays." Richardson residents wishing to attend "Hometown Thursdays" on Dec. 11 or 18 will be able to receive up to eight free tickets that will be available at City Hall and the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers beginning Dec. 1. Residents must bring documentation (a water bill or driver's license) to show proof of residency.

Santa's Village will remain free and open to all visitors on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from Dec. 6-7, 12-14 and 19-21.

### Santa's Village Operating Hours

Dec. 6-7	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 11-14 (Dec. 11 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 18-21 (Dec. 18 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.

## City alters schedule Nov. 1 to every other week watering

The City of Richardson has implemented modified Stage 3 winter water restrictions effective Nov. 1 that call for every other week watering.

The modification follows guidance from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which is facing critical shortages in its water supply due to below average rainfall and declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier, and will monitor water supplies through the winter to determine the level of needed restrictions to take place after March 31, 2015.

Residents may water anytime on allowed watering days. Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil.

For more information visit cor.net/waterconservation.

## Lawn Watering Schedule

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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)

Every other week

COR.net/WaterConservation  
972-744-4220



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## Richardson's 42nd annual Christmas Parade is Dec. 6 Congressman Sam Johnson is Grand Marshal

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 6 for the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade produced by the City of Richardson, benefitting the NETWORK of Community Ministries. The theme for this year's parade is "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols." Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes and floats. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square on Plano Road to Apollo Road and will disband at the Huffhines Ball Field parking lot. Groups of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in this festive tradition! Registration forms may be downloaded online by going to [cor.net/ChristmasParade](http://cor.net/ChristmasParade). Deadline for registration is Nov. 26.



The Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson, a decorated war hero and native Texan. Following his distinguished military career, Johnson established a home-building business in North Dallas and served in the Texas State legislature.

### Friend of the Parade

Would you like to become a "Friend of the Parade"? For a \$50 donation payable to The NETWORK of Community Ministries, you and your immediate family will have preferable bleacher seating, reserved parking and hot beverages and refreshments. Please send your check, payable to: The NETWORK, to Kelli Keath, City of Richardson Community Events, 2100 E. Campbell Rd. Suite 100, Richardson, TX 75081. All gifts made through this event represent a gift to the entire NETWORK of Community Ministries mission and are tax deductible.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson, Barbara Cottone at [Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov](mailto:Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov) or call Kelli Keath at 972-744-4588.

## Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be **NO** solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28. The table below shows the **recycle** make-up days.



Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Nov. 27	Wednesday, Nov. 26
Friday, Nov. 28	Saturday, Nov. 29

## City facilities close for Thanksgiving

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court	Closed Nov. 27-28
Richardson Public Library	Closes 5 p.m. Nov. 26 Closed Nov. 27-28 Reopens Saturday, Nov. 29
Richardson Animal Shelter	Closed Nov. 27-28 Reopens Saturday, Nov. 29
Recreation Centers, Tennis Center, Gymnastics Center and Senior Center	Closed Nov. 27 Reopens Friday, Nov. 28
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open

### 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 com-

munity events. You can also view CITYV videos on YouTube. Visit [cor.net/SocialMedia](http://cor.net/SocialMedia) for a full listing.



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### Receive City news updates by e-mail

Sign up to receive the City's "Week In Review" e-mail, which is sent each Friday, as well as to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and information about weather-related activities and the West Nile virus. Visit [cor.net/ENews](http://cor.net/ENews), and select the options you would like to subscribe to.



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I wanted to take the opportunity this month to write about the amazing announcement we were able to make in October that the City is pursuing the purchase of nearly 60 acres of land to expand the Spring Creek Nature Area.

Until last month, there may have been a lot of people who did not know that the land located southeast of the intersection of Renner and Plano Roads was actually waiting for development. The City currently only owns about 50 acres of the site, but we hope to more than double the size to about 110 acres by the end of the year.

This area of property has been on our radar screen for many years now, and when we noticed the "For Sale" signs go up earlier this year we knew there was finally an opportunity to see if we could purchase this important piece of property. We made contact with the Margaret Hunt Hill family, who own the property, and began negotiations for its purchase.

The family actually donated the first section to us in 1990, and still owns several parcels of land in and around the area at Galatyn Park. That also gave us an opportunity to work with the family to transfer, and even reduce, the development rights from the property we are purchasing to their other sites. It has all the makings of a win-win deal, and I am looking forward to the day we can officially say the land now belongs to the community.

I've been asked what the long-term plans are for the site. Our goal is to keep it the wonderful escape to nature that it is today, with passive recreation hike and bike trails that will be expanded into the new areas. But, there are long-range plans for more active recreation opportunities!



**Mayor**  
**Laura Maczka**  
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Earlier this year the City Council also authorized the purchase of 26 acres of land across Plano Road from the Huffhines Recreation Center. That will eventually allow the development of more active recreation opportunities that are outlined in our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, such as more athletic fields and perhaps a natatorium.

All in all, this year our community will be able to say that we've expanded our recreation capabilities by more than 80 acres! That is an amazing feat considering how valuable land is and how little open space is left in Richardson, and I am excited at the prospect of what these purchases will mean for future generations of this community.

Sincerely,

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](http://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](http://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**  
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Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.



# City's holds largest groundbreaking for Northrich Park



Rendering of Northrich Park



The City of Richardson and Richardson Independent School District held the largest groundbreaking in the City's history at Northrich Elementary School. More than 500 people, including all Northrich students, participated in the groundbreaking for Northrich Park. The park was approved by voters as part of the 2010 Bond Program.

In early 2015, all Richardson residents will live within a half mile of a park. The opening of Northrich Park will make this happen, completing one of the most important goals identified in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Northrich Park will be developed on an acre of land on the school yard of Northrich Elementary School on Custer Road. Consultants from Studio Outside designed the park, which will include a walking loop, pavilion, limestone benches, bear-themed playground and outdoor classroom. The City used input from nearby residents and Richardson ISD to help design the park.

The site is owned by Richardson ISD, which has collaborated with the City on the project. Last year the City and school district approved an agreement to allow park improvements to occur on RISD property.

"The great partnership between the City and Richardson ISD has brought a wonderful new amenity to a great neighborhood that has been looking forward to it for a long time," said Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Roger Scott. "Northrich Park honors the history of the school and the neighborhood and will provide a much-needed place for students and residents to gather and enjoy being outdoors."

The City held a groundbreaking for Northrich Park Oct. 30 with representatives from the City, RISD and Northrich Elementary helping to turn the ceremonial dirt.

The project is funded with \$750,000 approved by voters in the 2010 Bond Program. The new park is expected to open to the public by spring of next year.

The Northrich and Heights neighborhoods were the only

two identified in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan as being underserved by neighborhood parks. In June 2013 the City opened Durham Park in the Heights neighborhood.

## Parks to get new playground equipment

Four parks in Richardson are getting an upgrade as part of the 2010 Bond Program.

The parks—Custer, Glenville, Mimosa and Yale—will see their old playgrounds replaced with new equipment, said Kurt Beilharz, Superintendent of Park Planning. In the case of Custer Park, the playground will also be moved north to a location near the tennis courts and restrooms. The other three playgrounds will remain in their current locations.

The City held four public meetings in late October and early November where staff members received input from residents about the proposed playground designs.

"The average lifespan of a playground is about 12-15 years," Beilharz said. "As money becomes available, we want to replace older and outdated play equipment with



Conceptual rendering of Yale Park

new play equipment that is more interesting, challenging and fun."

The new equipment should refresh and rejuvenate the parks, giving new life to the older parks.

"Typically what we do with parks is have two separate play areas—one designed for 2-5 year olds and one for 5-12 year olds," Beilharz said. "At Custer, Mimosa

and Yale we will include new swing sets. At Glenville, because the playground is small and we don't have a lot of room, we are putting in a tire swing."

Work at the four parks will be carried out simultaneously. It is expected to begin this winter and be complete by early spring.

## New City entry signs to be placed at five locations

Five entrances to the City will be spruced up with the addition of entry signs. The signs, which welcome visitors and residents to Richardson, will be paid for with money from the 2010 Bond Program.

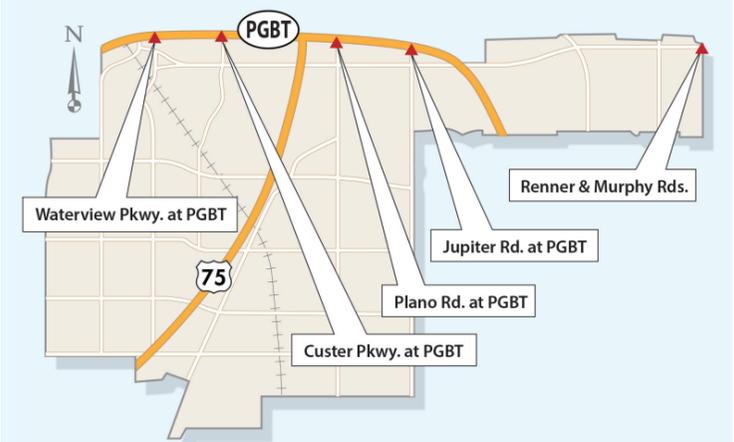
The five signs will be constructed areas where signs are not already installed. Their presence helps display the City's brand, and shows its commitment to its citizens, said Paul Nassauer, Park Planner.

The appearance of the signs will be consistent with the seven

signs already in place. They will have a cultured stone base with a cast stone upper section featuring blue letters.

Four of the signs will be installed along the President George Bush Turnpike. These signs will be at the Turnpike's intersections with Waterview Parkway, Custer Parkway, Plano Road and Jupiter Road. The fifth sign will be placed at the intersection of Renner and Murphy roads.

The signs should be installed by spring.



Conceptual rendering of Glenville Park



Conceptual rendering of Custer Park



Conceptual rendering of Mimosa Park

# \$190,000 is raised for Special Olympics Texas

The 17th annual Richardson Corporate Challenge, a 10-week, Olympic-style business competition, held its closing ceremony in October at Richardson's Civic Center and recognized the winning companies in each of six divisions. The winners in the size-based divisions were as follows: Division A—Raytheon; Division AA—Pioneer Natural Resources; Division B—Concentra; Division BB—Texas Capital Bank; Division C—Kosmos Energy; and Division D—L-3 Mustang Technology. Event officials also presented awards recognizing team spirit and outstanding company coordinators to various companies and their employees.

Richardson Corporate Challenge organizers announced that, over the last 17 years, more than \$1.5 million in cumulative donations has been raised for Special Olympics Texas, the event's beneficiary since its creation.

"We couldn't be more excited about the results of the 2014 Corporate Challenge," said Kyle McClure, Richardson's Corporate Recreation Manager. "The participating companies showed a dedication to the spirit of competition as well as the overall goal of raising as much money as possible for Special Olympics Texas. We are extremely proud and thankful for all the support we received from the area companies and look forward to continued success in the future."

Richardson Corporate Challenge is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, now in its 4th year of a six-year commitment as title sponsor.

This year alone, participating companies donated more than \$190,000, which was obtained through fundraising events and a major raffle program with three exciting "trips for two" provided by United Airlines. Hilton Properties joined United Airlines by providing

hotel stays for the six lucky winners. A portion of the fundraising proceeds are earmarked annually for the local Richardson Roadrunners Special Olympics team as well as Special Olympic organizations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

"Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and the City of Richardson have been so supportive of Special Olympics Texas and our athletes for so many years. It's amazing to see what can happen when businesses and community choose to embrace and support individuals with intellectual disabilities," said Margaret Larsen, President and CEO, Special Olympics Texas. "The funds raised by Corporate Challenge and its participants will improve thousands of lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities across Texas through physical fitness, inclusion activities and free health screenings that most would not otherwise receive. On behalf of our athletes, their families and our coaches and volunteers: Thank you!"

More than 12,000 employees from 55 DFW-area companies participated in this year's Rich-



ardson Corporate Challenge. The Challenge lasts over two months and features 23 events ranging from athletic sports such as softball, basketball and flag football to non-athletic contests such as darts, billiards and miniature golf. The Richardson Corporate Challenge is the only one of its kind in Texas, and is believed to be one of the three largest multi-day Corporate Challenge events in the U.S.

Registration for the 2015 Richardson Corporate Challenge is now open to companies of all sizes in the DFW area. Companies interested in signing up should visit the competition's website, [cor.net/cc](http://cor.net/cc), or contact Kyle McClure at 972-744-4585. The cost for participation ranges from \$2,200 for companies with fewer than 349 employees, to \$2,700 for companies with 350 or more employees.

## Dog park construction begins



Richardson Dog Park

It's been about two decades since the first dog parks began popping up in the Metroplex, and next year Richardson will join the list of cities offering that amenity. While some might say it's been a long time coming, years of careful study have allowed park planners to look at what works—and what doesn't—at established dog parks. They believe that knowledge will lead to one of the best dog parks in the area right here in Richardson.

"Developing a dog park has been a top priority for the City of Richardson for many years," said Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Roger Scott. "The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan identified a dog park as the fourth most-needed parks facility in Richardson, and that need will be soon be fulfilled thanks to years of deliberate planning. A big thanks goes to Oncor and TxDOT for allowing the City to use their land for this facility and we believe Richardson residents will be thrilled with what this new park has to offer."

The six-acre site is under and along the President George Bush Turnpike west of U.S. 75. Construction on the dog park is expected to begin this month with a planned opening in the spring. It will include separate areas for large and small dogs, an area for private rentals that can host a "dog birthday party," and an area for sedentary dogs, such as pets that are recovering from surgery or enjoy a slower pace of life. The park will also have a central plaza with restrooms, shade structures and open space with different textures that include grass, decomposed granite, stone and logs.

"Development options are extremely limited on land located beneath a highway," Scott said. "It's a win-win for the City and the State that the 40,000 or so dogs that live in Richardson and their owners will be able find enjoyment on an isolated piece of land that can be designated for better use without taking away an area from an existing park."

## Seniors' Net accepting holiday donations

The holiday season is upon us and Seniors' Net is once again providing holiday baskets for its aging clients. Donations of personal care items and food are being accepted to fill 200 holiday baskets. Personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, lip balm and cotton swabs are welcome. In addition, food items such as corn, green beans, mushroom soup, cornbread mix, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, Jell-O, fruit and much more are being gathered to brighten the holiday spirits of our elderly neighbors.

If you, your church group, neighborhood association or employer are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause and bring a smile to a senior during this holiday season, please call Seniors' Net Coordinator Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8889 ext. 125.

## City's mosquito control efforts are year round

After record-breaking numbers in 2012 and slightly lower counts in 2013, the City of Richardson had only two mosquito pools that tested positive for the West Nile virus from April to October of this year. While several areas of North Texas continued to be active with the virus present in the 2014 mosquito population, it is evident that efforts made by Richardson Health Department staff are bringing results.

"Our mosquito management program has evolved to meet the challenges of the West Nile virus," Richardson Health Director Bill Alsop said. "We have made adjustments to our mosquito surveillance system and incorporated methods such as using larvicide and other measures to eliminate possible mosquito breeding areas to stop the problem at the source."

While this time of year typically marks the end of the peak mosquito season in North Texas, it will not mark the end of the Richardson Health Department's efforts to monitor for and protect the public from the West Nile virus.

As part of the enhanced mosquito management program, Health Department staff will continue to conduct some surveillance through the winter and into the early spring, before the full program again gets underway as temperatures warm back up.

Throughout the year, Richardson staff work in conjunction with other cities and health agencies in the Metroplex to mitigate the spread of West Nile virus. Addi-



The City's Health Department staff drains stagnant water to reduce areas where mosquitoes could lay eggs.

### During 2014, the Health Department:

- Set 325 traps.
- Sent approximately 7,000 trapped mosquitoes to labs for testing.
- Was notified of 2 mosquito pools that tested positive for West Nile virus.
- Conducted 6 mosquito spray missions, covering 203.5 square miles.
- Used approximately 500 pieces of mosquito larvicide.
- Investigated 275 mosquito-related complaints.

tional measures taken in Richardson include:

- Earlier monitoring of mosquito populations using traps strategically placed in the city.
- Residential pool abatement, to reduce areas where mosquitoes can breed.
- Surveillance and treatment of the storm drain system.
- Closer collaboration among departments to reduce areas where water can become stagnant.

- Deploying fish that eat mosquito larvae, and increasing the areas where larvicide is used.
- Improving the adulticide response by working with a private contractor that can provide additional ground spraying capacity.
- Collaborating more closely with regional partners to provide an improved response.

The West Nile virus is transmitted by a bite from a mosquito that's already carrying the virus, but not all mosquitoes are capable of carrying or transmitting the disease. In North Texas, the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito is greatest from July to October. Not everyone who gets bitten by an infected mosquito will get the virus, and it's rare for people to become very sick if they do develop symptoms from the disease.

For more information about the City's mosquito management program and measures residents can take to protect themselves, visit [cor.net/mosquito](http://cor.net/mosquito).



The storm drain system is treated during peak mosquito season.

## Council approves open air market regulations



New regulations are in place to regulate open air markets in the City. The regulations were unanimously approved last month by the City Council and will allow markets to sell a variety of both food and non-food items.

"This is a community asset and is something that is very popular in the community," said City Health Director Bill Alsup. "We want to ensure it stays that way. At the same time, we want to provide some formal guidance with some flexibility for not just our current operator, but also for any future operators or applicants at various locations."

Proposed markets will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, Alsup said. Things such as the number of vendors, the ratio of food to non-food vendors, hours of operation and whether concessions would be allowed on site may vary from market to market depending on the market's proposed location.

When looking into whether to approve a market, the City will

consider a number of items including proximity to existing markets, traffic flow around the proposed site and whether the applicant can adequately provide protection, public order and security.

Similar to a traditional farmers market, open air markets in Richardson will be allowed to sell food items including produce, honey, eggs, dairy, meats, frozen fish and concessions. Non-food items including arts and crafts, and live plants, are also approved for sale. No animals will be allowed to be sold or adopted at the market.

"Creating the new open air market ordinance was a great example of working through the process of creating an ordinance with input from many parties including City Council, market operators, citizens and vendors," Alsup said. "The end result is a set of regulations that allow flexibility for the market operator, while ensuring the activity remains an asset to the community."

## "The Wall That Heals" memorial makes stop at UTD Nov. 20-23

"The Wall That Heals," a traveling 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is coming to the University of Texas at Dallas during the third week of November.

UT Dallas will host "The Wall That Heals" around the clock beginning Thursday, Nov. 20 through Sunday afternoon Nov. 23 on the east lawn of the Eugene McDermott Library.

A public ceremony to remember those who died in the Vietnam War and to honor all U.S. Armed Forces personnel will be held at the site Friday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m.

For more information visit [utdallas.edu/evites/wall/](http://utdallas.edu/evites/wall/).

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
invites you to honor the fallen of the Vietnam War at



THE WALL THAT HEALS  
Thursday, Nov. 20 — Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014



## EDGE Awards to recognize local businesses

Eight local businesses will be recognized at this year's Richardson EDGE awards luncheon for their impact on the Richardson community. This annual event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Dallas-Richardson, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend this 30-year tradition.

EDGE is the economic development growth and expansion initiative of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP). Each year, REDP, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Rotary Clubs recognize Richardson individuals, companies and organizations that have achieved extraordinary success and/or made a significant investment in Richardson. Register to attend the luncheon at [richardsonchamber.com](http://richardsonchamber.com).

**This year's recipients are as follows:**

**Commercial Real Estate Project Award: Raytheon**

Raytheon broke ground on three buildings totaling 489,000 square feet in KDC's CityLine development and will relocate 1,700 jobs from the Garland location by the end of 2015.

**Community Involvement Award: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas**

Since its founding more than 80 years ago, Blue Cross and Blue



Shield of Texas has made a commitment to core values which include community support and active volunteerism.

**Environmental Award: EnTouch Controls**

EnTouch Controls specializes in energy management solutions for service providers, schools and retail/restaurants, leading to a significant energy savings and environmental impact.

**International Business Award: Afrah Mediterranean Restaurant**

Afrah began as a bakery in 2002 and has grown to one of the most popular and well-known Mediterranean restaurants in North Texas.

**Newcomer Business Award: Associa, Inc.**

Associa, Inc. expanded to Richardson in 2014, leasing 60,000 square feet in the redeveloped building owned by Fobare Commercial at 1225 Alma Rd. It brought 600 employees to Richardson.

**Public/Non-Profit Educational Award: UT Dallas ATEC Program**

The UT Dallas Arts and Technology (ATEC) and Visual Arts program is generating an unmatched talent pool of digital content designers, researchers, artists and developers in Richardson.

**Richardson Loyalty Award: Fossil, Inc.**

Fossil, Inc. was selected for the Richardson Loyalty award in recognition of their 30th year in business and for their ongoing commitment to be in Richardson.

**Richardson Entrepreneurship Award: DFW Excellerator**

This international business incubator and accelerator has facilities for growing technology-based start-up ventures in both Richardson and San Jose, Calif. and offers more than 8,000 square feet of co-working and office spaces for entrepreneurs, start-ups and freelancers with an additional 6,000 slated for phase II.

## Free composting seminar is Dec. 13

**Saturday, Dec. 13  
10 a.m.-noon  
Richardson Service Center  
1260 Columbia Dr.**

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Mary Tynes.

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting. She is the site editor of [mastercomposter.com](http://mastercomposter.com) and publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile" about composting.

She has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Please contact Victoria Sum at 972-744-4410 to make reservations, as space is limited.

**A simple way to process the leaves of fall**

1. If your mower has a bag, mow the leaves into the bag until it is full. If you don't have a bag on your mower you will have to rake.
2. Dump the leaves into a large trash can.
3. Remove the shield from your weed trimmer and place it half-way down into the leaves.
4. Fire up your weed trimmer and move it up and down. The

string acts like a blender and reduces the leaves to about 25 percent of their original volume. Add more leaves.

5. The leaves can then be spread around shrubs or into your compost pile.
6. If you still want to send the leaves to the landfill, put a bag into the trash can before you add the first batch of leaves.
7. This process takes a little more time to get everything set up, but it is a good lesson to teach your children about recycling our natural resources.



## Railroad crossing repairs to briefly close traffic lanes

The Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) will begin its final railroad crossing upgrade project Saturday, Nov. 15 along Centennial Boulevard between Audelia Road and Buckingham Road. All lanes of traffic will be closed for approximately four days during the construction upgrades.

The upgrades include replacing old rubber crossing panels with new concrete panels. Upgrades at four other crossings—Custer Road, Lookout Drive, Spring Valley Road and Buckingham Road—were initiated over the past two months. Two other crossings in the City, located at Campbell and Arapaho roads, already contain concrete panels.

Electronic road signs have been placed at each crossing location one week prior to work taking place to inform commuters about detours.



# Calendar

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

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

**Nov. 7-8**  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday Nov. 7-8. Mark your calendars to find that special holiday gift at the bazaar.



**Nov. 25**  
**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** Noon  
 Let's share Thanksgiving together! Join us for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's. Dinner will be served at noon at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., in the Grand Hall. Dave Tanner is back and will entertain us with his dinner music and another of his special programs. Cost: \$8.50.



**Nov. 11**  
**A VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE** 1-2 p.m.  
 Join us in honoring all those who fought for our freedom and the way of life we enjoy today. We will host a reception of cake, coffee, music and a time to visit. The Presentation of Colors will be made by American Legion Post 321.

**Dec. 3**  
**RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT** 7:30 p.m.  
 The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert to start off our holiday season. Do not miss a toe tapping evening that has been a Senior Center holiday tradition for over 20 years. Refreshments served after the concert. No fee.

**Nov. 20**  
**HEALTH CONNECTION** 10 a.m.  
 Michael Doley with Texas Financial and Health Awareness, LLC will offer a presentation on making educated decisions regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Supplemental Insurances before the Dec. 7 enrollment deadline. He will have on hand technology that can scan your prescriptions for the top 5 prescription provider plans for your individual prescription needs. Please bring your prescription bottles with you if you would like to take advantage of this service. Refreshments will be served.

**Dec. 8**  
**"THE BELLS OF CHRISTMAS" WITH JOY DAVIS** 1 p.m.  
 Joy Davis will present "The Bells of Christmas." This presentation gathers together the stories behind the writing of several of our most beloved Christmas Carols. The stories will bring a renewed meaning of the Christmas Carols we enjoy every Holiday Season.

### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**Nov. 19**  
**The Kimbell Museum Presents Faces of Impressionism: Portraits from the Musee d'Orsay**  
**Cost: \$20**  
 Explore the character and development in French painting and sculpture from the late 1850s through the first of the 20th century. Caillebotte, Cezanne, Degas and Monet are among the approximately 70 masterworks on exhibit. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 10:15 a.m. and leave the museum at 3 p.m. Enjoy lunch at the museum's Buffet Café. Lunch is not included

**Dec. 5-8**  
**A Culinary Charleston Christmas**  
 Limited travel spots left. Please call 972-744-7810 for more information.



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

### ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p><b>Nov. 7</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL</b> 10 a.m.-noon Basement Training Room. *Richardson Library Card needed to register.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 8</b>  <b>PREP, PLANT &amp; PLAN - WINTER GARDENING IN TEXAS</b> 1-2 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 12</b>  <b>SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Art Forger" by Barbara Shapiro. Call 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 14</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: Job Searching on the Internet.</b> 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. *Richardson Library Card needed to register.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 17</b>  <b>WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 18</b>  <b>RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION</b> 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Tina Bohlman - Plein art watercolor.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 18</b>  <b>FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. Call 972-744-4352 for info.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 19</b>  <b>THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal" by Jeanette Winterson. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 19</b>  <b>COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP</b> 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for info.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 20</b>  <b>RICHARDSON HISTORICAL &amp; GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY</b> Basement Program Room. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Call 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 21</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: Internet 101.</b> 10 a.m.-noon Basement Training Room. *Richardson Library Card needed to register.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 26-28</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE</b>                  The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26, and will be closed all day Nov. 27-28.</p>

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

<p><b>Nov. 9</b>  <b>TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS!</b>                  3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 10, 17, 24</b>  <b>FAMILY STORYTIME</b> 6:45-7:15 p.m.                  Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 15</b>  <b>OLYMPIAN DAY OF DEITIES &amp; DELIGHTS</b> Basement Program Room. 2-4 p.m. For children ages 7 and up.</p>	

*The Richardson Civic Center takes great pride in providing the best in service while offering a variety of accommodations. Whether you need a large or small meeting room for a class, seminar or corporate presentation, a large ballroom for a banquet or reception or the entire building for your trade show, the Richardson Civic Center will certainly meet your needs.*

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### Operation Christmas Child around the corner

Operation Christmas Child collection week is Nov. 17-24. The Richardson drop off location for Operation Christmas Child is Trinity Bible Church, 400 W. Campbell Rd. Drop off hours are 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Nov. 17-22, 1-5:30 p.m. Nov. 23 and 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 24. Donors can use an empty shoe box or a small plastic container. The box may be wrapped (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. The donor determines whether their gift will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old.

Fill the box with gifts that will bring delight to the child. Gifts suggestions are school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, hard candy/mints/gum, hair clips, toy jewelry, socks and T-shirts. Don't hesitate to include a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family in a separate envelope. A \$7 donation for each shoe box is requested to help cover shipping costs. By making the \$7 donation on-line you can print and tape a bar-code to the box to track it to its destination. More information can be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ.



## Eisemann Center Presents season continues

The 2014-2015 season of Eisemann Center Presents continues with a rescheduled performance from Ben Vereen and a performance of Hansel and Gretel.

Visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com) for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.



Ben Vereen

### "Steppin' Out Live" with Ben Vereen

8 p.m. Nov. 8  
Tickets: \$39-\$56

Ben Vereen brings his blend of artistry, combining a homage to Broadway, Frank Sinatra and a special tribute to Sammy Davis Jr. to the Eisemann Center. His performances are filled with song and dance, life stories and humor.

Tickets from the postponed Oct. 11 performance will be honored.

### Steve Solomon's "Cannoli, Latkes and Guilt! The Therapy Continues ..."

8 p.m. Nov. 13, 14, 15  
2 p.m. Nov. 15, 16  
Tickets \$38-\$45

Just in case you've missed one of Steve Solomon's award-winning My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish ... comedies, he is back with a hilarious show featuring the very best comedy bits from his earlier three shows—plus loads of new comedy pieces. Steve's shows have been seen by more than three quarters of a million people worldwide. So prepare to spend an evening of laughs with one of America's best storytellers and dialecticians.

### "Hansel and Gretel"

2:30 p.m. Nov. 16  
Tickets \$13-\$23

Join us in this wondrous retelling of The Brothers Grimm fairy tale of parents, children, and witches. Hansel and Gretel stray from the path which invari-



Hansel and Gretel

ably leads you to a Witch's gingerbread house. Produced by Theatre IV. Book and lyrics by Douglas S. Jones and music by Ron Barnett.



The Hit Men

### The Hit Men

8 p.m. Nov. 22  
Tickets \$39-\$55

You loved Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Tommy James and the Shondells. Carly Simon. Cat

Stevens. Elton John. Jim Croce. Come see The Hit Men, an amazing look back through rock and roll history featuring former members of these megastar acts performing your favorite songs—from "Oh What a Night," "Who Loves You," "Sherry" and many other Four Seasons hits, to "Peace Train," "Crocodyl Rock," "Leroy Brown" and "Mony Mony." You'll know every word in every song in this night of mega hits—a night of mega-hits by the artists you heard on the original records, listened to on the radio, watched on TV and saw in concert.

The Hit Men will regale you with stories about what it was like on the road and in recording sessions with Frankie, Tommy, Carly, Cat, Jim and Elton. Relive the glory days of rock and roll with The Hit Men. You'll leave the theatre saying "Oh, What a Night!"

### A Darlene Love Christmas: Home for the Holidays

7:30 p.m. Dec. 2  
Tickets \$38-\$56

It's no wonder *The New York Times* raves: about Darlene Love, writing, "Darlene Love's thunderbolt voice is as embedded in the

history of rock and roll as Eric Clapton's guitar or Bob Dylan's lyrics." Through the years, Love has continued to captivate audiences with her stage presence and sensational performances. In 2011, Love received her industry's highest award when she was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Her Christmas show is a mixture of 1960s hits and Christmas songs including her #1 holiday classic, "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)."



Darlene Love

## Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com) or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

### ISLAMIC ART REVIVAL SERIES PRESENTS EXPERIENCE 2014

(10 a.m. Nov. 9. \$10. Visit [islamicartrevival.com](http://islamicartrevival.com).)

### RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "The Orchestra Grows Up" Family Concert 2014. (2 p.m. Nov. 9 \$6-8. Visit [richardsonorchestra.org](http://richardsonorchestra.org).)

### PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, presents "The Rite of Spring," along with Emanuel Borok performing Brahms' "Violin Concerto." (8 p.m. Nov. 15. \$9-\$75. Visit [planosymphony.org](http://planosymphony.org) or call 972-473-7262.)

### CHAMBERLAIN PERFORMING ARTS' "THE NUTCRACKER"

Maria Kowroski and Tyler Angle from the New York City Ballet star in this performance. (7:30 p.m. Nov. 28, 2 p.m. Nov. 29-30. \$12-\$100. Visit [chamberlainschoolofballet.com](http://chamberlainschoolofballet.com).)

### THE VOCAL MAJORITY CHORUS PRESENTS "NORTH BY NORTH POLE: SHENANIGANS AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP"

(8 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 7, and 2 p.m. Dec. 7. \$15-\$49. Visit [vocalmajority.com](http://vocalmajority.com).)

## Civic Art Society welcomes local plein air artist

The Richardson Civic Art Society will hold its next program meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Tina Bohlman, a native Texan plein air artist, will demonstrate her technique in watercolor painting. Over the past 35 years, she has earned numerous awards and Best in Show titles. She is president of the Outdoor Painters Society and founder and chairman of "Paint Historic Waxahachie." Some of

her work can be viewed on her website at [tinabohlman.com](http://tinabohlman.com).

RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement on third Tuesdays from 6:45-8:45 p.m. Visitors may attend meetings at no charge. Anyone is welcome to sign up for membership. For more information, visit [richardson-arts.org](http://richardson-arts.org). RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

## Arts, crafts part of annual Holiday Bazaar

The Senior Center Holiday Bazaar will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

The popular Senior Holiday Bazaar features handmade arts and crafts of all varieties, including jewelry, quilts, ceramics, paintings, doll clothes, needle works, and many other craft items created by local seniors ages 55 plus.

The Senior Center concession will be offering hot dogs, chili, taco salad and nachos (just to mention a few food items), for all to try. For more information, call 972 744-7800. Admission is free.



The Senior Center's annual holiday bazaar is a popular place to find handmade arts and crafts of all varieties.



## RCT celebrates

### "Lights of Broadway"

Repertory Company Theatre continues its season with "Lights of Broadway," at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson.

If you are tired of turkey and football, treat your guests to an evening of the best songs from Broadway in a casual, entertaining atmosphere. Tickets are \$15 and include the dessert bar. For tickets call 972-690-5029.

## AARP seeks

### Tax-Aide volunteers

Do you like to help others and provide needed services? If so, become an AARP Tax-Aide and provide a service that prepares tax, answers tax questions and provides free Electronic Tax Return filings. The training is free and equipment is provided. If you have computer skills and would like to be one of these well trained volunteers and live in the Richardson area, please call Terry Wolfe at 972-437-5663 for more information.

## Seniors' Net

### hosts seminars

Seniors' Net hosts free seminars each month on topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars are held 10 a.m.-noon at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Nov. 18  
Long Term Care

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit [thenetwork.org](http://thenetwork.org). NETWORK will be closed Nov. 26-28.

NETWORK was founded in 1985 and provides health and emergency services to children, low-income families and senior citizens in need within Richardson ISD.

## HASR to recognize Volunteer of the Year on Nov. 11

The Helping Agencies Serving Richardson Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 North Cliffe. The featured speaker will be Larry Zacharias, police chief at The University of Texas at Dallas.

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

## National Night Out winners announced, 7,000 pounds of food donated to NETWORK

The City of Richardson held its annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Oct. 7, and almost 200 registered neighborhood parties participated and helped collect more than 7,000 pounds of food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food bank.

This was the 25th year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. The event promotes awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement.

The following is a list of the 2014 NNO Neighborhood winners:



**Honorable Mention**  
Sage Valley: Tim Judson

**3rd Runner Up**  
Royal Crest 400: Melvin Floyd and Andy Laurence

**Honorable Mention**  
The Reserve at Sharp Lane: Kris Voelker

**Higher Caliber Award**  
Atria Richardson: Lauren Aldridge

**Multi-Family**  
La Mirada Apts: Maria Mendez

**West Side**

**Overall Winner**

200 Canyon Valley Dr.: Cynthia Francis

**1st Runner Up**

Prairie Creek: Luke and Shannon Burton and Patricia Stoll

**2nd Runner Up**

Richardson Heights: Debbie Ford

**3rd Runner Up**

Wood Crest/Canyon Brook: Bob and Marita Walsh

**East Side**

**Overall Winner**

Richland Meadows: Bo Lin

**1st Runner Up**

North College Park, Collage Park, Glenville Park and Town North (combined)

**2nd Runner Up**

Breckinridge Park-East: Jim Bailey, Randy Roland and David Pouletti

## Health Department staff attends workshop

Representatives from the National Environmental Health Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Environmental Health were in Richardson recently to present a workshop to more than 50 public health officials, pest control operators and entomologists.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers only four of these free workshops a year," Richardson Health Director Bill Alsop said. "Because of our active relationship with the participating expert organizations, the City was chosen as a host location. The class provided a unique opportunity for our Health Department staff members to

receive valuable and informative training at no cost."

The three-day workshop was titled "Biology and Control of Vectors and Public Health Pests: The Importance of Integrated Pest Management" and featured presentations, field exercises and discussions led by nationally-renowned entomologists, rodentologists, integrated pest management (IPM) experts and environmental health professionals.

The workshop also featured interactive group activities and group discussion on a variety of important topics including:

- Integrated pest management
- Vector-borne diseases of public health importance

- Control methods for rodents, mosquitoes and ticks
- Bed bug biology, control and interactive inspection
- Pesticides and "green" pest control
- Housing and lodging pests
- Food service pests

The field exercises included a kitchen crawl, building perimeter inspection and interactive bed bug inspection.



Bed Bug

## Compost Yard Waste & Save Landfill Space



**Do It Yourself**

Mulching and composting provide nutrients needed for a healthy lawn. You'll save time and money by not having to use fertilizers in your yard or buying bags to dispose of the trimmings.

Grass clippings can be left on your lawn—they'll break down quickly.

Leaves can be shredded (with a mulching lawnmower or your regular lawnmower) and mulched.

If you have a compost pile or bin, grass and leaves can be added to help your whole garden.

**Bag Them Up**

Brush and yard trimmings can also be turned into mulch and compost through Richardson's Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) program.

Schedule a BABIC pickup.\* Be sure to mention you have yard trimmings for compost. Your BABIC pickup day is the same as your recycle day.

Put leaves and grass into a **compostable** bag and leave them by the street in front of your home. (Compostable paper or plastic bags may be purchased at local home improvement stores.)

**Be Sure To...**

Use a **compostable** bag. Regular plastic and biodegradable bags are not compostable and will be taken to the landfill. The City's blue recycling bags are not compostable.

Separate brush from bulky items (appliances, furniture, etc.) if you are having both picked up.

\*To schedule a pickup, call 972-744-4111, visit [cor.net/Recycling](http://cor.net/Recycling) or use the MyRichardson App (download at [cor.net/MyRichardson](http://cor.net/MyRichardson)). For more information, visit [cor.net/Recycling](http://cor.net/Recycling) or [cor.net/BABIC](http://cor.net/BABIC).

# CITY WIDE PET DAY



**Tenth Annual**

**Saturday, Nov. 8**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Huffhines Park**  
Gazebo area  
200 N. Plano Rd.

**Free Parking! Free Admission!**  
Live entertainment with David Kleven (aka Critterman), Jay Johnson and the Berkner Ramblers.

## Recycle or dispose of cooking oil properly

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and many of us will celebrate with the preparation of a special meal for family and friends. But when the feast is over and it's time to clean-up, cooking oils should be disposed of properly.

Richardson residents are asked not to dump cooking grease or oil down the sink because it can clog sewer pipes. If your sewer line becomes clogged, it can back wastewater into your home. Clogged pipes farther downstream in the sewer system can cause wastewater to overflow into streets and yards or to back up into other homes.

Excessive amounts of grease and oil can also cause problems at the wastewater treatment plant by interfering with processes used to clean wastewater. Oil and grease should never be dumped into a storm drain. Unlike wastewater, stormwater flows into drain pipes that receive no treatment, so oil dumped into storm drains will pollute local streams.

Cooking grease that is at room temperature and solid, such as bacon grease, lard and vegetable shortening, may be placed in the trash. Small quantities of liquid



cooking oil should be placed in a sealed container with an absorbent material such as paper towels, shredded newspaper or rags before it is disposed of in the trash. The absorbent material keeps the oil from leaking out of the garbage truck, which can also cause environmental problems.

Reusing turkey-fryer oil saves money and reduces the amount of waste produced. Consider using peanut oil to fry your turkey because it can be filtered and reused several times before its quality deteriorates. For storage, pour the used oil back into the original container. Large quantities of cooking oil, such as from a turkey fryer, require special handling in disposal. Liquid wastes are generally not accepted by trash haulers or sanitary landfills. Even when placed in a sealed container, the oil is likely to

leak out during handling because of the heavy equipment used by the hauler and the landfill operator.

Restaurants and other food service facilities must pay to have cooking grease picked up for recycling. Richardson residents can help protect the environment by taking unwanted turkey fryer oil to the Dallas Area Home Chemical Collection Center. The Center is located just two miles south of Richardson at 11234 Plano Rd. The phone number is 214-553-1765 and hours of operation are posted at [bit.ly/1wIomk5](http://bit.ly/1wIomk5).

Used cooking oil is not a hazardous chemical, but the Home Chemical Collection Center can make sure that it is handled properly. Cooking oil received by the Center may be blended through an industrial process and reused as fuel. Other recycling locations throughout the Metroplex can be found at [ceasethegreasentx.com](http://ceasethegreasentx.com).

Residents can be a big help in protecting homes and the environment from problems caused by improper disposal of grease and oil. For more information contact the Health Department at 972-744-4080 or visit [cor.net/health](http://cor.net/health).

**Richardson Woman's Club**

## Holiday Bazaar

### Bake Shop & Luncheon

No Admission Charge

**Nov. 14, 15, 16**  
**Holiday Bazaar**  
**11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Founders Hall**

**Nov. 15, 16**  
**Luncheon**  
**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Club House**

*Dessert only—3-5 p.m.*

**Exclusive Preview Day**  
Friday, Nov. 14 • various unique vendors

**Lunch (choose from 2 menus) \$13 • Dessert \$3**  
coffee and tea provided

**Homemade Baked Goods • Gift Ideas • Many Exciting Vendors**

**RichardsonWomansClub.com • 2005 N. Cliffe Dr., Richardson 75082**

# Santa's Village

**City Hall Fountain Plaza**  
**Dec. 6-7, 11-14, 18-21**  
**6-9 p.m.**

FREE Admission  
 FREE Parking  
 Small fee for concessions

Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Santa! Remember, Dec. 11 and 18 are "Hometown Thursdays" and are open to Richardson residents only. Tickets can be picked up beginning Dec. 1 at Heights and Huffhines recreation centers, or City Hall.



## Urban Naturalist program continues with four winter walks

Four walks are planned for the winter in Breckinridge Park, located on North Brand Road just south of Renner Road, as the City of Richardson revives its Urban Naturalist program, last active several years ago. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go to cor.net/parksonline. No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in this area of the park, so plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Each walk is restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

us these opportunities. But what is the real value of natural open space areas in a busy urban environment? If you haven't read Richard Louv's "Last Child in the Woods" or "The Nature Principle," you are in for a real surprise. Becky Rader, previously the chief naturalist for the Dallas Museum of Natural History and currently consultant on natural resource management, will lead us on an interpretive walk and discussion in where we will discuss what it is that makes these special places really valuable to us all. It is more than you think!

### Birds of Winter Saturday, Feb. 14 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Winter in North Central Texas is host to several migrating bird species, many of which reside in Breckinridge Park along with the resident bird population. Master Birder Janie Henderson of Audubon Dallas will guide us through the different habitats of the natural area in search of the sights and sounds of these many various bird species. Binoculars are not required for this tour but are highly recommended. This walk is divided into two groups of 12 each starting at the same time.

### Trout Lily Discovery Walk Saturday, Feb. 21 10-11:30 a.m.

A magnificent opportunity awaits those adventurous enough to walk with Texas Master Naturalist Jim Varnum in a tour of Breckinridge Park in search of the truly unique Trout Lily, which is one of the first early bloomers of spring in unique natural areas. The blooms of the Trout Lily, or dog-tooth violet, last only a very short while and are easily overlooked in their natural setting, but these are the premiere plant announcing the approaching spring bloom of other natural wildflowers in the park.

### Nature Photography in the Winter Saturday, Jan. 17 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Join nature photographer and professional artist Larry Ammann on a winter morning walk to learn about nature photography and tips to capture images of birds, plant and animals in their environment. Larry has recently shared the featured artist role in a showing on the Green Mezzanine of the Eisemann Center and is this year's featured artist promoting the photography contest. Please bring your camera along for an enjoyable venture into the natural areas of Breckinridge Park with a truly fine artist and Richardson resident.

### Value of Natural Open Space Saturday, Jan. 24 8:30-10:30 a.m.

We all recognize a walk outdoors is beneficial to our wellbeing in so many ways; mentally, physically, emotionally and socially. In doing so, we have placed an individual value on open space areas for giving

### Upcoming Golf Tournaments

Two team tournaments are scheduled for Sherrill Park Golf Course before the end of the year.

On Nov. 16, a two-man tournament will be held, followed by the year end two-man tournament on Dec. 7.

Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. in Richardson. For information or to confirm details on each event, call 972-234-1416. For more information, visit sherrillparkgolf.

### Lessons offered at Tennis Center

Lessons for juniors and adults are available at the Huffhines Tennis Center. Group lessons are available in three-week blocks at a cost of \$60-\$108. Private lessons with the center's instructors are also available in 30 minute or one hour blocks.

The Huffhines Tennis center is located at Huffhines Park, 1601 Syracuse Dr. Fees are \$2 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance. For information, visit bit.ly/1Bz1frE.

## Letter from Santa Request Form

Send your child a personalized letter from Santa Claus at Santa's Village! For children ages 1 month and older. Each letter is addressed specifically to the individual child and sent from our own Santa's Village, on very special stationery! No registrations taken after Dec. 5 to ensure delivery before Christmas Eve. Letters will start being mailed the last week of November. Please use the form below. Please use a separate request form for each child. Forms may be copied.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name child goes by \_\_\_\_\_

Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

One or two items requested for Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is for a letter from Santa only. The City of Richardson does not provide the items requested.*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your telephone numbers:  
 Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mail request to:  
 Letter from Santa  
 200 N. Plano Road  
 Richardson, TX 75081

**Registration #79513**

\$5 fee per letter by check or Money Order, payable to City of Richardson

MasterCard or Visa card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GOBBLE

## 2014 5k & Family Fun Run



# HOBBLE

**Saturday, Nov. 22**  
**Galatyn Park**  
**2351 Performance Dr.**

**Race Day Schedule:**

- ..... 7 a.m. ....
- Registration/Check in opens
- ..... 8:30 a.m. ....
- Fun Run/Walk starts and Kid Zone opens
- ..... 9 a.m. ....
- 5K starts
- ..... 10 a.m. ....
- Presentation of awards, Kid Zone closes

To register online or for more information go to:  
**GobbleHobble.com**

Presented by:




# SPIRIT RUN

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## SATURDAY NOV. 8

### LOUDEST & PROUDEST 5K ON EARTH

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**GALATYN PARK**  
 RICHARDSON, TEXAS

**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 1.0**  
 L.E. Taylor, author of *Elgan and Grace-A Twentieth Century Saga believes*, “everyone has a story to tell.” This workshop will stimulate and strengthen the brain through personal recall of life experiences. Whether you’re a wannabe family legacy writer or a seasoned lit-major from way back... you will discover you do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. This workshop offers secrets and insights to help you get started. Next four-week session starts Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

**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 start Jan. 7.

**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 Dec. 1. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$55 without membership.

**Internet Usage**  
 In this class you will learn about such things as internet service providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The next two-week session starts TBA from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

**Create a Website**  
 This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, You Tube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts TBA from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session 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. The next two-class session will be Nov. 18 and Nov. 25 with a class from 9 a.m.-noon or an 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, Nov. 3 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, Nov. 3 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

**iPhone iOS 8, 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 8 operating system. Learn about new changes to the keyboard, interactive notifications, iMessage, iCloud Drive and more. Bring iPhone to Class Saturday, Nov. 15 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$35 with membership, \$38 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 welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

**iPhone iOS 8, 102 and 103**  
 102 will cover the photos app on the phone to edit pictures, and how to take better videos. 103 will feature the new iPhone Health App. Learn how to use the app to keep all your health related information in one place on your phone. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Nov. 15 from 3-4 p.m. (102) and 4-5 p.m. (103). Cost is \$35 with membership, \$38 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, TBA, 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$28 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, TBA, 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$28 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:

Nov. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	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:

Nov. 3 and 13	6-9 p.m.
Nov. 17 and 20	6-9 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.

**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 started July 29 for 15 weeks. Cost is \$75.

**Conversational Spanish**  
 Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. The next eight-week class session will start Jan. 8, 2015 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

**Crochet**  
 Classes are taught Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

**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 are 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.



**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.

**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.

Nov. 1	Doc Gibbs
Nov. 22	Bill G Band
Nov. 29	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.

**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.

**Programs**

**Health Connection**  
 Michael Doley, with Texas Financial and Health Awareness, LLC will offer a free presentation Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. on how to make educated decisions regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Supplemental Insurances before the new Dec. 7 enrollment deadline. Q and A time will be available and he will bring new technology capable of scanning your prescriptions for your top 5 prescription provider plans. Please bring your prescription bottles with you if you would like to take advantage of this service. Refreshments will be served.

**Happy Birthday Party**  
 Winter birthdays (Dec., Jan., Feb.) will be celebrated Dec. 29.

**Pool Tournaments**  
 Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Due to Friday pool tournaments, open play is from 3:30-5 p.m. only.

**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.

**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



## Senior Holiday Bazaar—Nov. 7-8

The 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, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop in and shop early for special handmade holiday gifts.

### 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 Nov. 3. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

### Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m.

### Bingo

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

### 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.

### 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

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### 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.

### 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 Senior Net "Loaves of Love" program has expanded! Seniors residing within the Richardson ISD may shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays 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, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-996-0160 or send an e-mail to info@FirstRichardsonHelpers.org.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Nov. 6.



### 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.

### RSVP Volunteer Program Help Needed!!!

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, 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 WaterAerobic instruction in the Fall. 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 or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). 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.

### 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 9:45 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

### Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Class is 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.

### 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 (older adult) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

### Pickle Ball League Are you interested?

The Senior Center would like to start a Senior Pickle Ball League. If you are interested and would like more information, please call 972-744-7810.

## 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

# BookLetters

## Sign up for Bookletters

Did you know that you can have newsletters with the latest information about forthcoming books, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks delivered right to your e-mail?

Through BookLetters you can be informed about your favorite genre: mystery, science fiction, romance, children's books and more. You can also receive "What's Happening @ the Library," a listing of all the Library events for adults happening during the

month. Or, you can sign up for "Kidz Can Do" which provides regular updates about children's programs.

If you see an interesting book or other item, BookLetters allows users to instantly access each item in the Library's online catalog to check on availability.

To sign up online for any BookLetter go to the Library's website: richardsonpubliclibrary.com and click on BookLetters under "For Adults."



### DOWNLOAD audiobooks, eBooks

#### Download audiobooks and eBooks with Overdrive

The Library offers you best-selling and classic audiobooks and eBooks available 24/7 from the Library's website, RichardsonPublicLibrary.com.

You can browse the collection, check out with your Library card, download to PC, Mac, Kindle and most mobile devices. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including iPod, Sony Reader and many others. Some audio titles can also be burned to CD to listen on-the-go. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

This new service, powered by OverDrive, is guaranteed to include something for everyone and is free with your Library card. For more information go to richardson.lib.overdrive.com.

## Winter Gardening Prep, Plant & Plan

Presented by award-winning Master Gardener **Chrissy Cortez-Mathis**

**Saturday, Nov. 8  
1-2 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

**FREE**  
No registration required

For information, please contact Vrena at 972-744-4376.



The library will close at 5 p.m. on Nov. 26 and be closed Nov. 27 and 28 to observe the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Visit Santa's Library in ...

# Santa's Village

Fountain Plaza (behind the Library)  
**6-9 p.m.**  
Dec. 6-7, 11-14 and 18-21

### Get 1-on-1 help with "Book a Librarian"

Whether you need assistance with a specific research project or simply need a personalized introduction to the Richardson Public Library, you can sign up for the Library's "Book a Librarian."

The service offers a free 30- to 60-minute appointment with a knowledgeable librarian.

To set up an appointment, call 972-744-4355 or complete the appointment form online at cor.net/library. Appointments are also available in Spanish, Russian and Polish.

Among the topics "Book a Librarian" can assist with are:

- Finding a book to read/reading advice.
- Introduction to Library services.
- Research, databases, eBooks, etc.
- Genealogy.
- Richardson history.
- Internet basics and technology help.
- Job searching or applying for a job.

## OLYMPIAN DAY of Deities & Delights

Fans of Greek Mythology and *Percy Jackson and the Olympians!*

Thou art invited to meet the greats—Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hera, Aphrodite and Ares. Learn about those who frequent Olympus from the gods and goddesses themselves, and partake in games and activities of mythological proportions!

**Saturday, Nov. 15**

**2-4 p.m.**

For ages 7 and up  
Basement Program Room



## FAMILY STORYTIME

Family Storytime is a year-round, drop-in storytime for all ages; no registration and no residency required.

**Mondays  
6:45-7:15 p.m.**



## Tuzer Ballet Company

performs excerpts from

# the nutcracker

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

**4-4:30 p.m.  
or  
5-5:30 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

**A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of two presentations. Limited tickets will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. First come, first-served.**

For all ages, no registration required. For more information, please call 972-744-4358

## Tales for Tails

Read to real dogs from **Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!**

**Sunday, Nov. 9  
3-4 p.m.**

For Readers in Grades K-4  
Children's Program Room



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