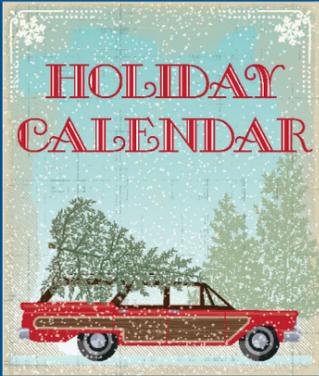


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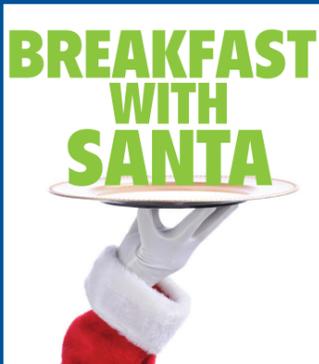


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**Recycle Bags
Offered at Station #6**
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Blue recycling bags will be available for purchase at Fire Station #6 the first Saturday of the month beginning Dec. 6.



**Breakfast with
Santa at Huffhines
Recreation Center**
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Boys and girls ages 2-5 can share breakfast with Santa Dec. 18.

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Santa's Village offers "Hometown Thursdays"

Every December thousands of lights flood the Richardson Civic Center lawn, illuminating a charming fantasyland. Santa's Village opens the first Saturday in December following the lighting of Richardson's towering pecan tree that stands in front of the City Hall/Civic Center. Santa's Village is officially open 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 6-7, 11-14 and 18-21.

This year Santa's Village is pleased to offer Dec. 11 and 18 as "Hometown Thursdays," evenings that will be reserved exclusively for Richardson residents and will require a FREE ticket for admission. Beginning Dec. 1, the free tickets may be picked up at Huffhines and Heights recreation centers, or City Hall. A maximum of eight tickets may be picked up per family, and documentation (a water bill or driver's license) must be shown as proof of residency. Santa's Village is held at the Fountain Plaza at City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., and is free and open to all visitors on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Dec. 6-7, 12-14 and 19-21 with no ticket required.

Each evening the Village is open, Santa arrives at 6 p.m. on a blaring fire truck. He is accompanied by Mrs. Claus, who hands

out cookies to children in the Bakery. But, she also helps Santa look his best by curling the beard each night before his appearance at the Village.

Santa's House provides the jolly old elf a temporary abode where he will greet thousands of very good children. Santa's home away from home is actually two structures—one for Santa's throne where he greets all the little boys and girls, and another, Santa's workshop, that makes waiting in line to see the big fella more fun.

The Village is staffed by dedicated volunteers for 10 nights and City staff members estimate that about 30,000 people come to the Village each season. Santa's Village is a Richardson tradition for the young and the young-at-heart who still believe in the magic of Santa. As you stroll through the Village, enjoy 16 charming houses filled with fun and festive activities for the entire family. Have your picture taken with Santa; pick up some of Santa's magic reindeer food to leave for Rudolph on Christmas Eve; visit the North Pole Police Station; stop by and see Frosty; play an instrument; try on firefighting equipment and receive mini-physicals for a favorite



stuffed animal; pet Santa's puppies and kittens; mail a letter to Santa and possibly see a puppet show. All these and more are available when you come to Santa's Village.

Entertainment is scheduled each night the Village is staffed,

adding to the festive atmosphere of lights, laughter, music and the joy of the holiday season. The entertainment schedule is listed on page 9 of this publication, or see cor.net/SantasVillage.

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.

Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established by Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 5, 2015. Locations listed are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

- Custer Park
700 W. Renner Rd.
(near the tennis courts)
- Recycle Center
102 N. Cottonwood Dr.

- 1500 Apollo Rd.
(near the Huffhines Tennis Center courts)
- Breckinridge Park
5200 Park Vista Rd.
(near the baseball complex)

If you prefer to throw the boxes away, place them inside a black bag so you do not advertise that you have a new computer or TV in your home. For more information about preventing crime or to make your home and neighborhood safer, please contact the Richardson Police Department at 972-744-4955.

"Tree Cycle" your Christmas tree



Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital landfill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to "tree cycle" their unflocked Christmas trees.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 30, 2015, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.
2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting.

Tree cycling guidelines

- Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day. (Your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4111 if you are unsure which day is your BABIC day.

Annual Christmas Parade presents Candy Canes and Christmas Carols

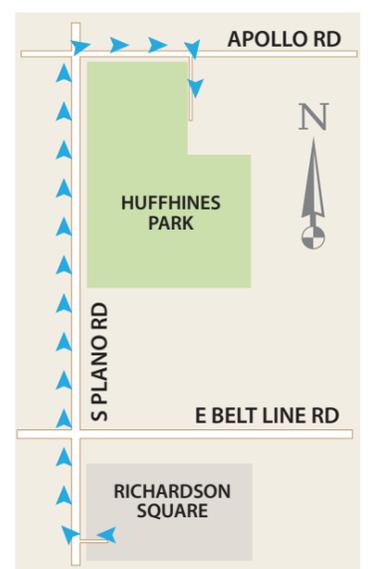


Richardson residents, the wait is over and the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade has finally arrived. You've waited through months of preparation and an unplanned yearlong postponement—thanks to inclement weather last December—but the time has finally come for a "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols" themed parade!

The parade is produced by the City of Richardson and will have more than 100 entries including floats, marching units and bands representing civic clubs, schools, churches, homeowners and neighborhood associations and area businesses. With as much anticipation as this parade has built, there's no doubt that it will be the perfect way to kick off the holiday season.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 and will travel north on Plano Road from Richardson Square to Apollo Road, turning

right on Apollo and ending in the Huffhines Park ball field parking lot. The Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson, a decorated war hero and native Texan.



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City moves to every other week watering Lawn Watering Schedule

The City of Richardson has implemented modified Stage 3 winter water restrictions that call for every other week watering until further notice.

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.

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February 2015						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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



Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be **NO** solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday Dec. 25 or Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015. The table below shows the **recycle** makeup days.

Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Dec. 25	Friday, Dec. 26
Friday, Dec. 26	Saturday, Dec. 27
Thursday, Jan. 1	Wednesday, Dec. 31

City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court	Closed Dec. 24-25, Jan. 1
Richardson Public Library and Richardson Animal Shelter	Closed Dec. 24-25 Closes 5 p.m. Dec. 31 Closed Jan. 1
Recreation Centers and Senior Center	Close 5 p.m. Dec. 24 Closed Dec. 25 Close 5 p.m. Dec. 31 Closed Jan. 1
Tennis Center	Closes 3 p.m. Dec. 24 Closed Dec. 25 Closes 3 p.m. Dec. 31 Closed Jan. 1
Gymnastics Center	Call 972-744-7860 for hours.
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Closed Dec. 25

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 CITV videos on YouTube. Visit cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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Requesting an Accommodation

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

Susan Mattison, ADA Coordinator
972-744-0908
1621 E. Lookout Dr.
Richardson, TX 75082
ADACoordinator@cor.gov

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

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There's just no time like the holidays, and I am always reminded how wonderful our city is when I see all of the amazing events we have to celebrate this time of year!

One of my favorite holiday traditions is our annual Christmas Parade. This year will mark the 42nd year of the parade, which will take place along Plano Road in east Richardson beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 6. It is, of course, followed by the parade awards ceremony that evening that is held at Santa's Village on the Fountain Plaza in front of the Civic Center on Arapaho Road. The event is in its 25th year and has become a tradition that is passed down from generation to generation of Richardson residents.

New this year, our Parks and Recreation Department is trying a new program called Hometown Thursdays! It sets aside the first and second Thursday of Santa's Village just for Richardson residents.

Richardson also has a number of arts groups that are putting on special performances this holiday season. The Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Richardson Community Band, Richardson Theatre Centre and Repertory Company Theatre highlight this year's schedule of holiday-themed performances. From holiday music to performances of classic plays, the arts groups in Richardson have the holiday season covered and help make Richardson the special place that it is.

And if you think no holiday season is complete without taking in "The Nutcracker," the Eisemann



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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Center has you covered. Four ballet companies will be performing the Russian classic this month, with Richardson's own Tuzer Ballet also performing excerpts at the Richardson Public Library on Dec. 6.

I know there will be a lot of information on these events and how to go to them in this edition of *Richardson Today*. I hope you find something that you and the whole family can enjoy!

As another year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

Park facilities win design award

What every visitor to the new Richardson Heights Recreation, Aquatic and Gymnastic centers already knows was recently confirmed when the City of Richardson received a Recreation Facility Design Excellence Award from the Texas Recreation and Park Society.

The award was given to the Parks Department for the reimagining of the former Heights Rec Center, which also housed the gymnastics center, and the old Arapaho Pool. From what were once the oldest parks facilities in the City, arose three stunning new developments that boast sustainability, tradition and functionality.

“Our attendance has gone way up at our new facilities and it’s really been a great thing for our community,” said Spencer Doyle, Superintendent of Recreation. “Designers wanted the projects to blend with the neighborhood around them so they incorporated mid-century modern architecture, but they also brought in some modern sustainable items like smart lighting and additional windows that let in more natural light to decrease our energy footprint.”



Richardson Gymnastics Center

“Every department in the City operations had a hand in the overall design of these facilities to make certain that they were efficient and thorough in their design,” said Roger Scott, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation. “And every public input meeting provided great insights from the community on what was most needed for the enjoyment and use of these facilities.”

The Richardson Gymnastics Center has received the Silver Level rating from Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) and the Heights Recreation Center is awaiting final confirmation it has also received Silver LEED certification. LEED is a sustainable building certification program that honors best-in-class building strategies and practices.



Heights Recreation Center

Since opening, the gymnastic programs have received a 68 percent increase in membership, the recreation center has seen a membership increase of 100 percent and the aquatic center saw a 328 percent rise in season pass revenues.

In 2008, Heights Park underwent a master planning process, and the facilities were given high priority for renewal. The project became a significant portion of the City’s 2010 Bond Program. The City was able to take advantage of remarkably low bond rates and advantageous construction costs and the value received for dollars spent may likely never be seen again.

City parks and recreation staff were highly involved in each step of the design process—from the initial programming phases that established the types and sizes of the spaces, to the site planning, to the detailed walkthrough of each room to make sure they accommodated all functional requirements.



Heights Family Aquatic Center

42nd Annual Christmas Parade presents Candy Canes and Christmas Carols

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Later that evening, the parade’s award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall/Civic Center Complex, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Be sure to stay after the award ceremony for the City’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa’s Village.

“There was a long wait for the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade after last year’s parade was canceled due to a storm,” said Robbie Hazelbaker, Assistant Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. “But we are more than making up for it this year as City staff brings an extra dose of holiday cheer to the citizens of Richardson.”

Planning for the parade usually starts in August and continues into December. With more than 100 entries and multiple volunteers, coordinating the event is a large task. But, it’s a task Barbara

Cottone, parade coordinator, has taken part in for the past several years. She said this year’s event boasts more than 45 volunteers and hundreds of hours of planning to ensure the parade goes on without a hitch—weather permitting, of course.

“This event is the biggest in the city this holiday season, and we know families will love what they see,” Cottone said. “There is a little something for everyone as children of all ages will once again be reconnected with the magic of Christmas.”

The parade is made possible by the many sponsors including Rudolph Sponsor Richardson Rotary Clubs. Reindeer Sponsors include: Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Haystack Burgers and Barley, Amegy Bank, Christensen Tire and Automotive, Raising Canes, Richardson Family YMCA, Credit Union of Texas and Richardson Dentistry. Toyota of Richardson

will supply the trucks for parade sponsors to ride in while the North Texas Mustang Club will provide vehicles and drivers for dignitaries. The Hospitality Sponsor is Panera Bread.

Richardson residents can watch a video replay of the parade throughout the holiday season on Richardson’s Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99 beginning Dec. 16 through Jan. 15. Please see table below for air times. The program can also be seen on demand at cor.net/cityv. The parade video will be posted under the “CITV Specialty” tab.

Parade air times	Dec. 16-Jan. 15
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Sat. & Sun.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson, Barbara Cottone at Barbara.cottone@cor.gov or call Kelli Keath at 972-744-4588.

Symbolic check represents volunteer hours



Mayor Laura Maczka (left) receives a ceremonial check from Altrusa International, Inc. President Gloria Sandoval.

Also at the event, Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow.

Of the 27 women nominated, the winners were: Dawn Hayes (Small Business), Jo Staffelbach Heinz (Corporate), Kay Waggoner (Education), Laurie Garvie (Non-profit), Susan Allison (Government) and Caitlin Lucas (Woman of Tomorrow).



Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson held its 11th annual awards luncheon Oct. 31. During the event, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka was presented a ceremonial check for \$334,550, representing the more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time invested in the city by the organization.

Richardson’s Altrusa International, Inc. provides support to many agencies, including the Richardson Public Library, Animal Shelter, RISD and NETWORK of Community Ministries. It also helps make the Richardson Reads One Book event possible.



Pictured from left: Dawn Hayes, Jo Staffelbach Heinz, Kay Waggoner, Laurie Garvie, Susan Allison and Caitlin Lucas.

HASR volunteers are recognized

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) honored 15 Volunteer of the Year nominees in five categories at a luncheon Nov. 11.

Award winners were:

- Community Leadership:** Kim Quirk, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center
- Humanitarian:** Mayra Gonzalez, nominated by Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Education:** Mary Osentowski, nominated by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson
- Group/Business:** Richardson Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 105 nominated by The Counseling Place
- Dot McCalpin Founder’s Award:** Mimi Tanner

HASR’s mission is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson through better communication, coordination and co-

operation among agencies in the community.

For more information, visit HASR.org.



Pictured from left: Sgt. Jimmy Holley, President of Richardson Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 105, Mayra Gonzalez, Kim Quirk and Mary Osentowski.

When winter weather hits the streets, it is always safety first

Safety No. 1 concern when making trash/recycling decisions

Richardson residents typically have their trash and recycled materials picked up, rain or shine. But what happens when icy weather makes driving conditions hazardous? When dangerous conditions are imminent, the City considers the safety of employees and residents before making a decision on whether to send trucks out on their regular residential/commercial collection routes.



“Our standard operating procedures require our supervisors to make field inspections to determine if the roads are safe to start the collections,” said Darryl Fourte, Public Services Director. “We may delay our decision for several hours, but we try and make a decision by 10 a.m. and safety is what all of our decisions are based on first.”

With the exception of the storm in December 2013, the City has not had to cancel multiple collection days in a row. With twice-per-week residential trash collection, makeup days are not scheduled, and the trash that would have been collected on the canceled day is picked up on the resident’s next scheduled pick up day.

Recycled materials are scheduled for collection once per week. Makeup days are scheduled as soon as the weather conditions improve and deemed safe, especially since the City does not want residents to miss recycle collections in consecutive weeks.

Brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) locations that were unable to be collected due to poor conditions are collected as soon as possible, typically the following day depending on weather conditions.

During inclement weather, the City will post cancellation information on its website and social media, and also send out an e-mail to residents who have subscribed to the City’s e-mail notification list via cor.net. For information on the City’s trash and recycling collections, visit bit.ly/1EAuYjP.

Storm debris removal is a top priority

When severe storms roll through Richardson, residents and business owners are often left with storm debris strewn across their property. Once residents have placed the debris at the front curb, the City’s Public Services Department springs into action to ensure the debris is cleared in a timely manner.

For less severe storms, the City picks up debris using its traditional brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) schedule. These pickups are made once per week on the resident’s regularly scheduled BABIC day.

“If it is not a major event we know the loads will be heavier, but it is still the responsibility of each resident to call the City and let us know the debris has been placed at the curb,” said Ryan Delzell, Solid Waste Operations Superintendent.



In the case of more severe weather, such as the December 2013 ice storm, things operate a little differently due to the high volume of debris that will need to be cleared.

“Last year we picked up all of the debris on one daily route before moving onto the next one, even if that took more than one day,” Delzell said. “For our Monday section we would run every single street and pick up every single item left at the curb whether it was called in or not, before moving onto the Tuesday routes.”

Once a full sweep of the City has been completed, workers repeat the process until all debris is cleared. In December 2013, when more than 50 percent of all residences had debris, workers covered the City street-by-street for 24 days.

To schedule a BABIC pick up, residents should call 972-744-4111, fill out an online request form at bit.ly/1GTmfNy or use the MyRichardson smartphone app, which is free through both the Apple App Store and the Google Play store.

City’s sand truck fleet is ready for icy weather

As the days get shorter and fall transitions into winter, the chances of hazardous, ice-covered roads increase with each passing day. The City is prepared for icy weather, with sand trucks that can be deployed when needed.

“We have nine sanding routes in the city,” said Heather Cerda, Street Maintenance Superintendent. “The first places they are going to sand are bridges, overpasses and major intersections. All 17 sanders will be out, and we have additional resources in the water and parks departments should they be needed. Even though a road has been sanded, we may need to go back and sand it again if it keeps raining and refreezing.”

When precipitation and freezing temperatures are expected, the Public Services Department communicates with the City’s Office of Emergency Management to track the surface temperatures of the roads. When the temperatures drop to freezing or below, trucks are sent on their designated routes.

“We will run the 12-hour shifts until they are no longer needed,” Cerda said. “Last December, we had three days straight where we ran the 12-hour shifts because the weather didn’t clear up.”

Following an ice storm, street sweepers from the City’s Parks and Recreation Department are deployed to remove the sand. In December 2013, the sweepers removed enough sand to cover more than 100 football fields.



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Richardson ISD Administration Building | 400 S. Greenville Ave. | Richardson TX, 75081 | www.risd.org/100

CRC next meeting Dec. 17

Last month, the Charter Review Commission (CRC) began holding public meetings to discuss and review the City’s Charter.

The City Council appointed the CRC in October, and tasked it with reviewing the City Charter and submitting a final report containing any recommended revisions.

The Commission is expected to meet regularly through late spring before delivering its final report. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in the City Council Chambers and discussions will cover Articles 5 and 14—Recall, Initiative and Referendum.

For information, visit bit.ly/133EnVt.

Water tower rehab begins

The Renner Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project began last month for a tank that was built in 1992, and is now in need of some maintenance and updating to keep it performing well.

The rehabilitation project is expected to be complete in approximately three months. During that time, a new water mixing system will be installed inside the tower, the tank will be repainted, and a major water valve will be replaced.

Temporary antenna towers have been installed to support cellular service. These will be removed once the rehabilitation project is complete.

For more information, please contact Richardson’s 24-hour response center at 972-744-4111.



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this holiday season

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HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 2	Darlene Love	Love for the Holidays	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$38-\$56
Dec. 4	The Vocal Majority Chorus	Shenanigans at Santa's Workshop	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$15-\$49
Dec. 5	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 5	The Vocal Majority Chorus	Shenanigans at Santa's Workshop	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$15-\$49
Dec. 6	42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade		Plano Road from Richardson Square to Apollo Road	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 6	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$14-\$22
Dec. 6	Tuzer Ballet	Excerpts from The Nutcracker	Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.	4 p.m. & 5 p.m.	Free
			Free tickets available at the Library on Dec. 6. First come, first served.		
Dec. 6	Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village		City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6 p.m.	Free
Dec. 6	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 6	UT Dallas	38th Annual Holiday Sing	Arts and Technology Building, 800 W. Campbell Rd.	8 p.m.	Free
Dec. 6	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Holiday Classics	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$12-\$89
Dec. 6	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 7	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$14-\$22
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Dec. 7	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 7	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 8	RCT Theatre	Twilight Cabaret: Christmas in Paris	RCT Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd.	8 p.m.	\$10
Dec. 10	Cookies and Carols	The Class Act	Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.	1 p.m.	Free
Dec. 10	Richardson Community Band	Holiday Concert	Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 12	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 12	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 12	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 13	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 13	The Contemporary Chorale	Christmas with the Chorale	St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd.	2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 13	Richardson's Band Woodwind Trio	Christmas Music	Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.	4:45 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	RLB Productions	Joy to the World Concert	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 13	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 14	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 14	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 14	Lone Star Wind Orchestra	Parade of the Toys	Dallas City Performance Hall, 2403 Flora St., Dallas	2:30 p.m.	\$10-\$40
Dec. 14	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 18	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 18	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 19	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 19	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 20	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 20	David Moran	Holiday dulcimer concert	Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.	4:45 p.m.	Free
Dec. 20	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 20	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 21	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 21	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd.	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 21	Plano Symphony Orchestra	Home for the Holidays	St. Andrew UMC, 5801 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$9-\$47
Dec. 21	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 22	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$77
Dec. 23	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$77



Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

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. \$3.

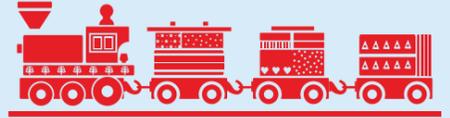
Dec. 10
COOKIES AND CAROLS 1 p.m.
 Enjoy an afternoon of a "tried and true" holiday tradition. You bring a plate of your favorite holiday cookies to share, and we will provide the hot chocolate. The Class Act will be here to entertain you with a special holiday program. No fee, but please bring holiday cookies to share.

Dec. 10
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. Refreshments served after the concert. Free. (Please note that the date of the show has changed from Dec. 3 to Dec. 10.)

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Dec. 17
Out to Lunch

Our next out to lunch will be at The Cheese-cake Factory. Cost is \$2 for van trip. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!



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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Dec. 6 DEWEY KNIT 2 p.m.-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.	Dec. 10 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walter. Call 972-744-4352 for information.	Dec. 15 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Dec. 17 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Art Forger" by Barbara Shapiro. Call 972-744-4376 for information.
Dec. 17 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for info.	Dec. 20 DULCIMER MUSIC BY DAVID MORAN 4:45-5:45 p.m. Second Floor Balcony.	Dec. 24-25 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE The Library will be closed all day Dec. 24-25.	Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE The Library will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day. The Library will be open regular hours beginning Jan. 2.

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 29 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.	Dec. 6 TUZER BALLET'S EXCERPTS FROM "THE NUTCRACKER" 4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. * Complimentary tickets available at 10 a.m. on Dec. 8.	Dec. 13 RICHARDSON BAND'S WOODWIND TRIO: CHRISTMAS MUSIC 4:45-5:45 p.m. Children's Department
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Richardson CIVIC CENTER

December Civic Center Event

Texas Stamp Dealers
 Dec. 5-6
 tsdastamps.com

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

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

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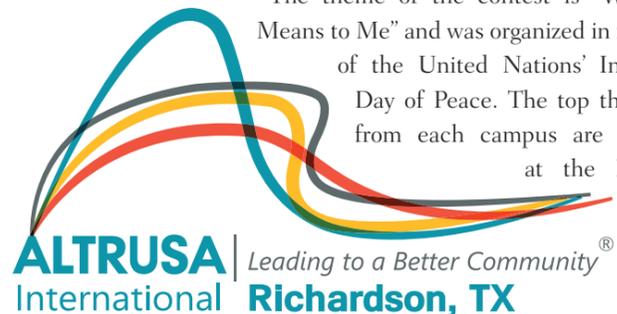
Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail.

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

Art contest entries on display at Library

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, the Richardson Arts Alliance and the Richardson Civic Arts Society, in partnership with Richardson ISD, are sponsoring an art contest for children in grades 4-6.

The theme of the contest is "What Peace Means to Me" and was organized in recognition of the United Nations' International Day of Peace. The top three entries from each campus are on display at the Richardson Public Library through Dec. 5.



Richardson Civic Organizations

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| <p>Special Interest Groups</p> <p>AARP Chapter 1651
972-234-2815</p> <p>Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association
972-744-5750</p> <p>Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
972-690-4075</p> <p>Helping Agencies Serving Richardson
972-239-3501 or hasr.org/about/</p> <p>League of Women Voters of Richardson
972-470-0584 or lwvrichardson.org</p> <p>National Active and Retired Federal Employees Eppard Chapter #1273
972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922</p> <p>Plano/Richardson Coin Club
214-287-4817</p> <p>Richardson Animaluv
richardsonanimaluv.org</p> <p>Richardson Humane Society
972-234-5117</p> <p>Richardson Community Band
richardsoncommunityband.org or info@richardsoncommunityband.org</p> <p>Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club
972-386-6041</p> <p>Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association
214-762-2304 or abwa-richardson.org</p> <p>Richardson Poets' Group
214-478-4870 or richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com</p> | <p>Richardson Red Hat Chapter
972-744-7800</p> <p>Richardson Retired School Personnel
214-890-6989</p> <p>Richardson Wireless Klub
k5rwk.org</p> <p>Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society
972-231-1005</p> <p>National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group
214-477-7214</p> <p>Woman's Center in Richardson
972-238-9516</p> <p>Seniors' Net
972-234-8880 ext. 115 or dchildre@thenetwork.org</p> <p>Civic Groups</p> <p>Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson
972-495-8930</p> <p>Exchange Club of Richardson
972-680-8613</p> <p>The Junior League of Richardson
jlrtx.com</p> <p>Richardson Central Kiwanis Club
214-739-5610</p> <p>Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge
972-234-2485</p> <p>Richardson Central Rotary
972-690-0637</p> <p>Richardson East Rotary
972-442-5295</p> | <p>Richardson Host Lions Club
972-385-3321 or e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost</p> <p>Richardson Kiwanis Club
richardsonkiwanis.com or steagle@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.
972-235-5667</p> <p>Richardson Rotary
972-690-0637</p> <p>Social Groups</p> <p>Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club
972-239-4078, 972-671-8331, 972-239-3977 or 214-226-2887</p> <p>Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club
972-235-1400 or texasreelers.org</p> <p>Family Groups</p> <p>Canyon Creek Moms Club
972-690-7609 or canyoncreekmomsclub.com</p> <p>MOMS Club of Richardson—West
momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com</p> <p>Support Groups</p> <p>Dallas Amputee Network
972-470-0505</p> <p>Better Breathers Club—American Lung Association
214-916-5120, ext. 5133 or rohi.puri@fundlta.com</p> <p>DFW Spondylitis Support Group
degrowkingsley@gmail.com</p> | <p>Toastmasters Groups</p> <p>Hallelujah High Toastmasters
vppr@hallehigh.freestoasthost.net</p> <p>Richardson Evening Toastmasters
214-534-0885</p> <p>Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters
972-387-4709</p> <p>Richardson Noon Toastmasters
469-235-3586</p> <p>Texins Toastmasters
214-566-4086 or texins.freestoasthost.org</p> <p>Veterans Groups</p> <p>Richardson American Legion Post #368
972-479-1505</p> <p>Richardson VFW Post 8627
972-671-8627</p> <p>Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627
972-231-0495</p> <p>Korean War Veterans
972-279-7000</p> <p>North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530
rrizzo206@yahoo.com</p> <p>World War II Veterans
214-361-6294</p> <p>Military Officers Women's Club
972-644-6871</p> <p>Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter
972-437-2345</p> |
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Cultural Arts & Community

Dance with the Sugar Plum Fairy at "The Nutcracker"

For decades, the holiday season has been ushered in each year by productions of "The Nutcracker." Ballet companies around the world perform the Russian classic, bringing characters such as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Clara to life.

This month, four ballet companies will bring their renditions of "The Nutcracker" to the Eisemann Center. The performances kick off Dec. 6-7 with the Royale Ballet Dance Academy, followed by the Dallas Repertoire Ballet Dec. 12-14. Richardson-based Tuzer Ballet performs Dec. 20-21, with the Collin County Ballet Theatre concluding the schedule with shows Dec. 22-23.

Tuzer Ballet will also perform excerpts from "The Nutcracker" at the Richardson Public Library at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 6. The performances are free, but require a ticket that may be picked up beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 6 at the

Library. Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

"The Nutcracker" Eisemann Center performance schedule

Royal Ballet Dance Academy
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 6, 7
Tickets \$14-\$22

Dallas Repertoire Ballet
8 p.m. Dec. 12, 13,
2 p.m. Dec. 13, 14
Tickets \$22-\$52

Tuzer Ballet
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 20,
2 p.m. Dec. 21
Tickets \$15-\$50

Collin County Ballet Theatre
7:30 p.m. Dec. 22, 23
Tickets \$22-\$77

For information or tickets, visit eisemanncenter.com or call 972-744-4650.



Tuzer Ballet's 30th annual production of "The Nutcracker" will take place Dec. 20 and 21 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

Eisemann Center Presents shows include Darlene Love, Jeffrey Siegel

A Darlene Love Christmas: Home for the Holidays
7:30 p.m. Dec. 2
Tickets \$38-\$56



Darlene Love

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 No. 1 holiday classic, "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)."

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations®
7:30 p.m. Dec. 8
Tickets \$28-\$33

The romanticism of Russian soul! Glorious preludes of Rachmaninoff, excerpts from the popular Seasons of Tchaikovsky, the hair-raising Suggestion Diabolique of Prokofiev and the mystical musical musings of Scriabine.

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question

and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.



Jeffrey Siegel

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

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.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents
"The Holiday Classics" (8 p.m. Dec. 6
\$12-89. Visit richardsonsymphony.org.)

RLB PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS "JOY TO THE WORLD CONCERT"
(7:30 p.m. Dec. 13. \$20. Visit rlbproductions.com.)

PEGASUS THEATRE PRESENTS "ANOTHER MURDER, ANOTHER SHOW!"
(8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24; 3 p.m. Jan. 3, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25. \$22-\$62.
Visit pegasustheatre.com.)

Toy drive ends Dec. 16

This holiday season, the Richardson Fire Department is working to collect toys for the NETWORK of Community Ministries through Tuesday, Dec. 16. Donations of unwrapped toys may be made at any Richardson Fire Station, the Service Center (1260 Columbia Dr.) or at City Hall Rooms 106 or 202.

Gift suggestions include Lego sets, Nerf balls, action figures, dolls, sports team caps, toy cars, self-contained arts and craft kits, books, board games, playing cards, puzzles, sports balls and equipment, makeup, manicure kits, scarves, hats, gloves, and fleece blankets. Please no wheeled toys such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, skates or tricycles.

Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

- No teaching experience needed
- No need to speak another language
- Free training
- Daytime and evening opportunities available

Tutor Training Workshop
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 24
Richardson Public Library

Call 972-644-5119
or e-mail director@ralc.org.



RCT presents "Les Miserables"

The Repertory Company Theatre will perform "Les Miserables" Dec. 5-14 at its Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd. in Richardson.

"Les Miserables" is based on Victor Hugo's classic 1862 novel about ex-convict Jean Valjean and his attempts to start a new life as he is pursued relentlessly by policeman Javert over decades through the tumult of revolutionary France. This blockbuster musical also showcases a Tony Award-winning score by Claude-Michel Schönberg.

For tickets or more information including showtimes and dates, visit rettheatre.com call 972-690-5029.

RCAS winners announced

The winners of the Richardson Civic Art Society's annual Membership Show and Sale have been announced.

The Best of Show went to Helen Bailey for "Starlight Express." The Ann Ramsey Award went to Jones C. McConnell, Jr. for "It Ain't Skinny Dipping," and the First Time Entry Award went to Gwen Revino for "Mermaid Fountain." First Place in the category of oils or acrylics went to Steve Miller for "Summer Light." First Place in the category of water media went to Darla Bostick for "Bananas for Sale." First Place in the pastels/graphics category was awarded to Helen Bailey for "Skye," and First Place in the collage/mixed media category went to Don Dorsa for "Old Grandad."

More information can be found at richardson-arts.org.

RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement on third Tuesdays at 6:45-8:45 p.m. Visitors may attend meetings at no charge. Anyone is welcome to sign up for membership. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

Seniors' Net

hosts holiday events

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.

Dec. 2

Celebrating the Holidays, Movie Day

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit thenetwork.org. NETWORK will be closed Nov. 26-28.

Dec. 13

Senior Holiday Basket Delivery

NETWORK was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit charitable organization supported by businesses, individuals, and a coalition of religious, civic and social organizations. It provides health and emergency services to children, low-income families and senior citizens in need within Richardson ISD.

Richardson celebrates America Recycles Day

The City of Richardson helped celebrate the annual America Recycles Day last month by distributing free blue recycling bags at several City facilities. Recycling Richie, the City's recycling mascot, greeted students and helped give away recycling bags at Mark Twain Elementary at the end of the school day.

Almost 250 tote bags containing recycling information and a roll of recycle bags were given out at Mark Twain Elementary. City staff distributed a total of 942 rolls of recycle bags to residents at the four city locations. To learn more about recycling in Richardson, go to cor.net/recycling.

America Recycles Day is a national program of Keep America Beautiful and is the only nationally recognized day and community-driven awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. Since its inception in 1997, communities across the country have participated in America Recycles Day on Nov. 15 to educate, promote environmental citizenship and encourage action.



Recycle bags offered at Station #6

Residents may purchase bags beginning Dec. 6

Residents in the Richardson panhandle will be able to make a shorter trip to pick up blue recycle bags beginning Dec. 6 when the bags will be available for purchase at Fire Station #6 the **first Saturday of the month** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The new pick up location comes as the City Council has placed an increased focus on recycling; making it one of the key themes in the City's 2014-15 budget. Additional funding was included this year to raise recycling awareness and to provide more programs to help boost the amount of material that is diverted from landfills.

Fire Station #6 is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd.



Reduce package delivery theft

You have given thoughtful effort to choose the perfect gift for a loved one this holiday season and have made sure to ship the package early so it arrives on time, only to hear that your gift was never received. This unfortunately is a common occurrence as each year residents report packages being stolen from front porches after being delivered.

The Richardson Police Department encourages citizens to consider alternate delivery options to reduce the chances of being victimized this holiday season and year round when sending or receiving items. The easiest and most common suggestion is to have the package shipped to a location where someone will be there to receive it, such as where you work or a trusted neighbor or family member who is regularly home.

Various news reports suggest that this year FedEx will move 22.6 million global shipments Dec. 15 and Amazon is expected to hire an additional 80,000 workers for the holidays. With the continued growth of online shopping, especially during the holidays, more purchases are being shipped. This brings with it another opportunity for criminals to commit theft.

Many options are now offered by FedEx and UPS. FedEx has a "Delivery Manager" with choices that include delivery by appointment or evening hours, signature options and alerts to notify you when a package has arrived. FedEx also has locations that will hold your package for you.

Similar options are offered by UPS such as the "My Choice" program that includes alerts the day before a package is scheduled for delivery so you can reschedule or reroute the package or use a UPS store as the destination.

"Amazon Locker" offers delivery to locations that have secured lockers and when the package arrives, you are sent a code that is used to retrieve it.

Most retailers with online sales will have an option to deliver to one of their retail locations for pickup. You can also check with your credit card company to find out if you have purchase protection that will reimburse you for stolen purchases.

If you have video surveillance at your home, check to make sure your camera is positioned at the front door to capture a good facial image and possibly the street area in front of your home for a vehicle image.

Report any theft immediately to the Richardson Police Department. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the Richardson Police Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



Free composting seminar Dec. 13

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

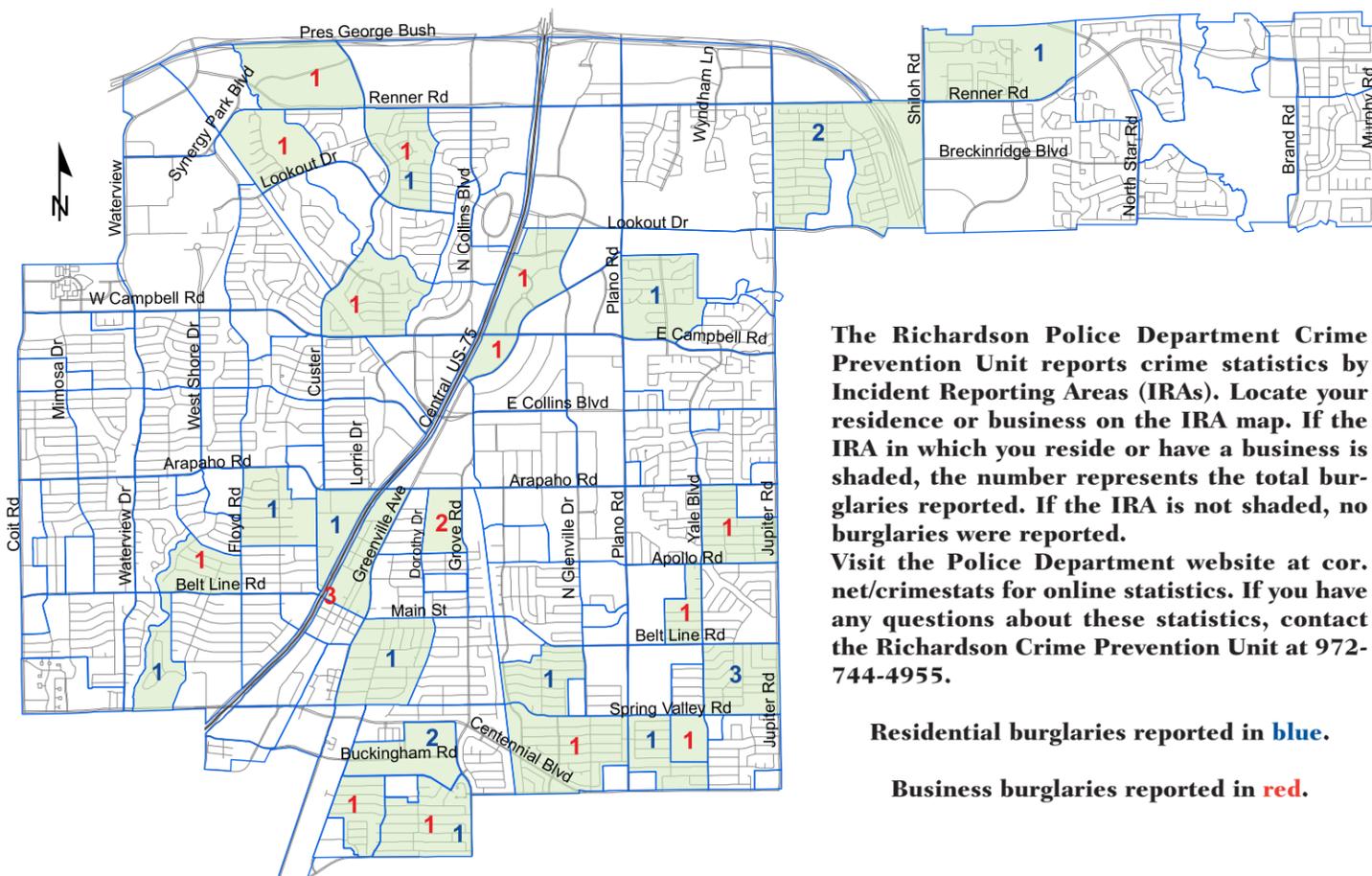
Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a se-

ries 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 and publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile" about composting.

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

Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit reports crime statistics by Incident Reporting Areas (IRAs). Locate your residence or business on the IRA map. If the IRA in which you reside or have a business is shaded, the number represents the total burglaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no burglaries were reported. Visit the Police Department website at cor.net/crimestats for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

Childcare training seminar

The Richardson Health Department will offer a free childcare training seminar Saturday, Jan. 24 from 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex.

- The seminar will include:**
- "Autism in Children"
 - "Allergens"
 - "Minimum Standards Updates"
 - "Fun in the Classroom"

Please pre-register by Jan. 21 by calling 972-744-4077 or e-mailing janet.tucker@cor.gov. You may also register online at cor.net/childcaretraining.

This seminar may be used for four hours of continuing education units (CEUs) for childcare providers. Registered Family Homes are required to have 30 hours of CEUs annually by the State. A certificate will be provided after the seminar.

City Wide Pet Day a success

Thank you to the following sponsors of Richardson AnimaLuv's Tenth Annual City Wide Pet Day on Nov. 8 at Huffhines Park.

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| <p>Saturday, Dec. 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 p.m. Parade Awards Ceremony 6 p.m. Richardson Community Band 7 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers 7:45 p.m. Matt Ingram <p>Sunday, Dec. 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Angela's Angels from Arabesque Studio of the Dance 6:55 p.m. Creative Arts Dance Team 7:15 p.m. Sounding Brass <p>Thursday, Dec. 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Momentum Dance Group 6:30 p.m. Richardson HS Desperados 7 p.m. J.J. Pearce HS Mustang Stampede 7:30 p.m. North Dallas Adventist Academy Choir 8 p.m. Amy's Studio of Performing Arts 8:50 p.m. XPRESS <p>Friday, Dec. 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Melva Smith School of Dance 6:45 p.m. Sunny Malouf 7 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers 7:30 p.m. Yale Elementary Choir 8 p.m. Richardson North Junior HS Encore and Premier 8:30 p.m. J.J. Pearce HS Forté <p>Saturday, Dec. 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Centre for Dance 6:30 p.m. Power House of Dance 7 p.m. Showtime Dance Academy 7:30 p.m. Studio Dance Centre's Frisco Youth Dance Ensemble 8 p.m. The G Sharps from Genesis Children's Theatre 8:30 p.m. GenYratioN | <p>Sunday, Dec. 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Raquel Wynne 6:30 p.m. Dynasty Dance Academy 6:45 p.m. Phases of Pink 7 p.m. Preston Center Dance 8 p.m. Katie Riley Band 8:40 p.m. Sakora Smeby <p>Thursday, Dec. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Prairie Creek Sign Choir 6:30 p.m. Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel 7 p.m. Dartmouth Elementary Honors Choir 7:30 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers 8 p.m. International Conservatory of Performing Arts Singers 8:30 p.m. Richardson HS Legacy Show Choir <p>Friday, Dec. 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. London School of Dance 6:30 p.m. iNStep of Dance Company 7 p.m. Class Act Tap Company 7:30 p.m. Talent N More Dance Centre 8 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Children and Teen Choirs 8:30 p.m. Berkner HS Jazz Band <p>Saturday, Dec. 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Sway Dance Center 6:30 p.m. Richardson Area Girl Scouts 7 p.m. The Contemporary Chorale 7:30 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts 8:10 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers 8:40 p.m. Matille Torres <p>Sunday, Dec. 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Blake Byrd Band 7 p.m. Sounding Brass |
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- For information, visit cor.net/santasvillage.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

Sherrill Park wraps up its tournament season with its Year End Two-Man Event Dec. 7.

Sherrill Park will be closed on Christmas Day, but will be open as scheduled on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. in Richardson. For information call 972-234-1416 or visit sherrillparkgolf.com.

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.

city of richardson

2015 PHOTO CONTEST



2014 Best of Show (Adult Division): Linda Grigsby



2014 Best of Proficient Division: Mark Smith



2014 Best of Student Division: Sam Eichenwald

Featured Artist Exhibit
Larry Ammann
Jan. 7-Feb. 25
Huffhines Recreation Center

2014 Best of Show & Best of Division Exhibit featuring the work of:
Linda Grigsby (Adult)
Mark Smith (Proficient)
Sam Eichenwald (Student)
and
2014 Judge's Exhibit featuring the work of:
Mark Waldon, Jonny Carroll
D'Ann Wright
Jan. 9-29 • Library 3rd Floor

Entries accepted
Jan. 12-25
Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available Jan. 30
cor.net/PhotoContest
2015 Contest Results Exhibit
Jan. 31-Feb. 23
Richardson Library 3rd Floor

2015 Awards Ceremony & Workshop
Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m.
Civic Center Grand Hall

Entry Forms available to pick up at Huffhines Recreation Center or to download at cor.net/PhotoContest

New categories this year!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Create a holiday memory and share breakfast with Santa Claus! Your child will also make a craft and receive a small treat from Santa.

Boys and girls ages 2-5. Limited seating so register today! Pre-registration required. Two seating times.

Huffhines Recreation Center
Thursday, Dec. 18

#79510: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
#79511: 10-11 a.m.
Fee: \$10 per person

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.

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, YouTube 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 Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 with a class from 9 a.m.-noon or 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 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.

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Dec. 1 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, Dec. 1 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, Jan. 17 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$35 with membership, \$38 without membership.

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, Jan. 17 from 3-4 p.m. (102) and 4-5 p.m. (103). Cost is \$35 with membership, \$38 without membership.

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 Dec. 2, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

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.

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.

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.

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

Beginner Square Dance
Class session is Jan. 13-March 24. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7-9 p.m. A "Chili Night" will be held Jan. 13. Cost is \$65 per person. After Jan 20 cost is \$75 per person.

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.

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.

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:

Dec. 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	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:

Dec. 1 and 4	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 15 and 18	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.

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 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.

Programs

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.

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 2014-2015 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

Health Connection
Jan. 22—10 a.m.—No Cost
National Health Administrators will present a program on guarding against ID theft within the older adult population. You will learn the very convincing tactics used to obtain information that can be used to gain access to your personal financial accounts and how to safeguard yourself from these scams. There will also be time available for Q&A. Do not miss the opportunity to learn how to protect yourself from very sophisticated ID thieves.

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 Alan Tanowitz, president, 972-231-6882, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

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

Dec. 6	Bill G. Band
Dec. 13	Gary Lee
Dec. 27	Doc Gibbs

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.

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

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



The Richardson Senior Center chess club held its annual chess tournament with the Richardson Home School Association at the Richardson Senior Center. The senior players competed with elementary to high school age players. The Richardson Home School Association won 13½ to 8½. Pictured are players Mark Patterson age 12 and Fred Crowds age 75. The Richardson Senior Center chess club meets Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. All are welcome.

Richardson Public Library

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

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.



Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person.

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 Feb. 2. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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.

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? Next Bingo date is Dec. 18 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

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.

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.



City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 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.

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.

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 Dec. 4.

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 County 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.

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 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.

Fitness

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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction in the winter. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at J.J. 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.

Games

Canasta

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

Pinocle

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.

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

Librarians suggest books for holiday giving

Adult Non-Fiction

Rainbow in the Cloud: The Wisdom and Spirit of Maya Angelou
by Maya Angelou

The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden
by Rick Darke

As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride
by Cary Elwes

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battle Giants
by Malcolm Gladwell

The Skeleton Crew: How Amateur Sleuths are Solving America's Coldest Cases
by Deborah Halber

Act Like a Success, Think Like a Success: Discovering Your Gift and the Way to Life's Riches
by Steve Harvey

How we Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World
by Steven Johnson

My Paris Kitchen: Recipes and Stories
by David Lebovitz

Around the Table: Recipes and Inspiration for Gatherings Throughout the Year
by Martina McBride

356 Days of Wonder: Mr. Browne's Book of Precepts
by R.J. Palacio

One Man's Folly: The Exceptional Houses of Furlow Gatewood
by Julia Reed

Diary of a Mad Diva
by Joan Rivers

Adult Fiction

The Burning Room
by Michael Connelly

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamont

The Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

Gray Mountain
by John Grisham

Moriarty
by Anthony Horowitz

Natchez Burning
by Greg Iles

Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good
by Jan Karon

The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd

Orphan Train
by Christina Baker Kline

Mr. Miracle
by Debbie Macomber

The Martian
by Andy Weir

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin

Teens

I'll Give You the Sun
by Jandy Nelson

The Infinite Sea
by Rick Yancey

Cress (Lunar Chronicles)
by Marissa Meyer

Foul Trouble
by John Feinstein

Grades 3-6

Minecraft: The Complete Handbook Collection
by Scholastic

If: A Mind-Bending New Way of Looking at Big Ideas and Numbers
by David Smith

Guinness World Records 2015
This is the World: A Global Treasury
by Miroslav Sasek

Grades K-2

The Camping Trip (Pony Scouts)
by Cathy Hapka

The Berenstain Bear's Pet Show
by Stan Berenstain

An Amazing Snowman (Disney's Frozen)
by Barbara Jean Hicks

The Book with No Pictures
by B.J. Novak

Preschoolers

Pete the Cat and the New Guy
by Kim Dean

Mary Engelbreit's Nursery and Fairy Tales Collection
by Mary Engelbreit

Mighty Dads
by Joan Holub

Steam Train, Dream Train
by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Infants

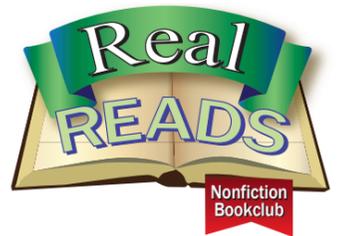
Big Fat Hen
by Keith Baker

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
by Caroline Church

Peek-a-Zoo!
by Nina Laden

Chicka Chicka 1-2-3
by Bill Martin

The library will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 to observe the Christmas Holidays.



Get in on this Nonfiction Bookclub from the start!

Third Thursdays of each month beginning Jan. 15

7:30 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to sign up

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Every Saturday
10 a.m.-noon
Second Floor tables by the balcony

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FAMILY STORYTIME

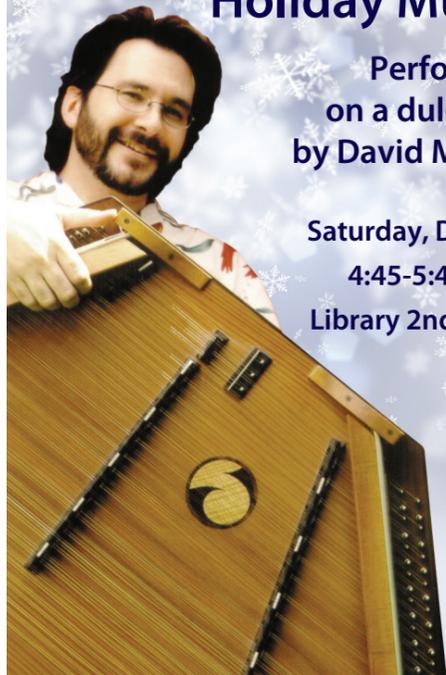
Family Storytime is a program geared for children (ages 3-7) and their families, featuring stories, rhymes, fingerplays, movement activities... and puppets! Drop in—no registration required.



Mondays, 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Children's Program Room

For more information, call 972-744-4350.

Enjoy Beautiful Holiday Music



Performed on a dulcimer by David Moran

Saturday, Dec. 20
4:45-5:45 p.m.
Library 2nd Floor

The Richardson Band's Woodwind Trio presents



An up-close and personal live performance of Christmas tunes and carols.

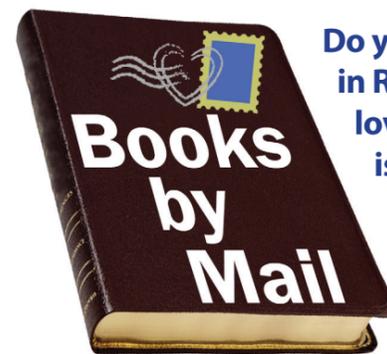
For all ages!

Saturday, Dec. 13
4:45-5:45 p.m.

Children's Department
(before Santa's Village)

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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

Visit Santa's Library in ...



6-9 p.m.

Dec. 6-7
Dec. 11-14
Dec. 18-21



Fountain Plaza (behind the Library)