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Residents work to improve neighborhood, city

In her message on page 2 of this edition of *Richardson Today*, Mayor Laura Maczka writes about how the volunteer spirit shown by residents is one of the things that makes Richardson great. This message of volunteerism has been heard loud and clear by homeowner associations in the city, many of which volunteer their time and money to ensure Richardson is a place everyone is proud to call home.

One group that does its part is the five-year-old Berkner Park Neighborhood Association, which participates annually in one of the City's largest volunteer events—trash bash. Held each April, trash bash allows residents across the city to join together in cleaning up their community.

"Trash Bash has really grown into a nice neighborhood project," said Gene Lawrence, association president. "Not only does it contribute to the City's goals of cleaning up the City, it also increases the visibility of the association and enhances the neighborhood. We had about 50 people participate last year and we gathered 45 bags of trash from the neighborhood. It has grown every year."

Another project Berkner Park residents participate in is Make a Difference Day, a national event held the fourth Saturday in October. For the past two years, the group has identified neighbors who for one reason or another have allowed their properties to fall out of compliance with City ordinances. By working with the City code enforcement officials, association members have been able to lend a helping hand to their neighbors in need.



Residents in the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association participate in Make a Difference Day to give neighbors a helping hand.

"The first year we worked on a house owned by a person who was financially challenged and was in violation of many City ordinances," Lawrence said. "We went in and cleaned up the landscaping, the first time that had been done in many years, and it made a big difference in the house's appearance. This past year we worked on the landscaping and got the trees trimmed at the house of an elderly lady with no local relatives. This has been a great partnership with our residents and the City."

Volunteer projects such as Trash Bash and Make a Difference Day not only improve the

look of the 1,250-home Berkner Park neighborhood, one of the older neighborhoods in the city with many houses having been built in the 1960s and 1970s, it also helps people realize what they can accomplish by working together.

"As word gets out into the community and people start to see the improvements we have made, they realize that we really can make a difference," Lawrence said. "All it takes is some involvement in the community. The hard work is done by the neighbors; the neighborhood association is just the facilitator."

City saves \$7 million and reaffirms "Triple A" rating

Due to favorable market conditions and bolstered by "Triple A" ratings from the Moody's and Standard & Poor's credit rating agencies, the City recently obtained a 1.8 percent interest rate to refinance old bonds. The refinancing will allow the City to save approximately \$7 million.

Recent Bond Sale

As part of this year's budget process the City planned to sell bonds to fund replacement of capital equipment and infrastructure improvements. The City sold approximately \$9.43 million, which includes funding for fire equipment, street rehabilitation projects, the renovation of Sherrill Park Golf Course #1 and other long-term capital needs. The City also refunded \$44.7 million of existing debt to take advantage of lower interest rates while maintaining existing retirement periods. The refunding will save more than \$600,000 annually.

Retention of Triple A

This is the sixth year in a row, both the Moody's and Standard & Poor's credit rating agencies awarded Richardson the "Triple A" status. Richardson has held AAA status from Standard & Poor's for the last eight years.

Richardson as an Investment

In its rationale, S&P cited Richardson's very strong economy, very strong budgetary flexibility and performance, very strong liquidity, providing very strong cash levels to cover both debt service and expenditures and very strong management, with strong financial policies.

Moody's rationale reported its rating was based on the City's relatively sizable and affluent tax base that is bolstered by a sizable business district that draws a large daytime population. Moody's also

noted Richardson's strong financial management with historical stable reserve levels, and moderate yet still manageable debt. Moody's rating places Richardson among the top 6.4 percent of rated cities in the nation and 2.9 percent of rated cities in Texas to hold Aaa status. It has given only five other cities in Texas the same designation. Standard & Poor's AAA rating places Richardson among the top 8 percent of rated statewide communities.

Richardson is one of only six communities in Texas to hold "Triple A" ratings from both agencies.

AAA RATING

City continues every other week watering

Beginning April 1, no lawn watering 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Even though recent rainfall has helped to raise the levels of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) reservoirs, Lavon Lake is still only 78 percent full. As a result, water restrictions are still in effect for all NTMWD cities. Based on guidelines approved by the District, the City of Richardson will continue to adhere to water restrictions that call for every other week lawn watering until further notice.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier, and will continue to monitor water supplies to determine the level of needed restrictions.

Beginning April 1, lawn watering will not be permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days.

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil.

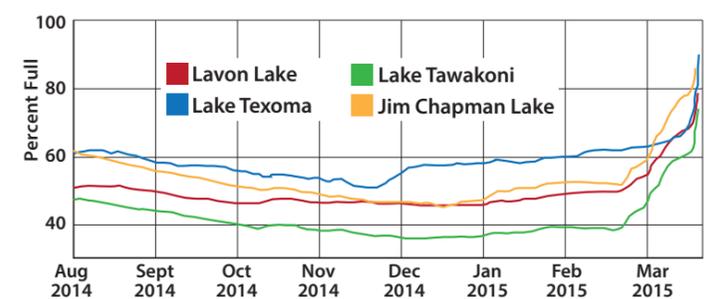
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Water days for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Every other week

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Major Supply Reservoirs	Full Lake Level*	Current Lake Level*	Feet Below Full	Provides % of NTMWD Supply
Lavon Lake	492	487.26	-4.74	30%
Jim Chapman Lake	440	437.91	-2.09	15%
Lake Tawakoni	437.5	430.87	-6.63	8%
Lake Texoma	617	613.45	-3.55	28%

*Feet above mean sea level

Early voting for May 9 election starts April 27

Early voting for the May 9, 2015 Richardson City Council election is available April 27-May 5 at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Dallas County Richardson residents may vote early in the Richardson City Council Election at City Hall or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. Call the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-819-6300 or visit www.dallascountyvotes.org/elections-office/.

Collin County Richardson residents may vote early in the Richardson City Council Election at City Hall or at any of the other Collin County early voting locations. Call the Collin County

Elections Department at 972-424-1460 (ext. 1990) or visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

In order to vote in the May election, voters must submit their voter registration application to the Voter Registrar of the county they reside in by April 9. Voter registration cards are available in the City Secretary's office at Richardson City Hall or the Texas Secretary

of State website at www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml.

Election Day voting will take place Saturday, May 9 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the location designated for your precinct.

Richardson City Hall is **NOT** a voting location on Election Day.

For more information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or aimee.nemer@cor.gov.

Dates and times for early voting at Dallas and Collin County locations.	
April 27-May 1 (Mon.-Fri.) 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	May 3 (Sun.) 1-6 p.m.
May 2 (Sat.) 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	May 4-May 5 (Mon.-Tue.) 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Candidate forums set in April

Richardson Mayoral and City Council candidate forums are scheduled in April for the May 9 election.

Highland/Terrace N.A. Council Candidate Forum

April 7, 7-9 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
On Walton, East Richardson
Shelley McCall, 972-234-5898
shelleyamcall@hotmail.com

Richardson Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee Meeting

April 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce
411 Belle Grove Dr.
Molly Ulmer, 972-792-2811
molly@richardsonchamber.com



League of Women Voters Council Candidate Forum

April 14, 7 p.m.
Richardson Civic Center/City Hall
411 W. Arapaho Rd.
www.lwvrichardson.org

The League of Women Voters of Richardson will hold a mayoral and city council candidate forum. The public meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson.

Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question and answer part of the forum, but will be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Questions from the audience can be submitted at the time of the forum or they can be submitted in advance by sending them to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org. E-mailed questions will be given the same consideration as questions submitted at the event. The questions will be screened according to *League of Women Voters of Texas Guidelines*.

The forum will be streamed live on www.cor.net and broadcast live on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the forum will also be available on the website and the City's cable channel.

Cable TV Replay Schedule

Forum air times	Apr. 18-May 7
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Sat. & Sun.

Next Charter Review Commission Meeting April 8

The City's Charter Review Commission (CRC) will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 in City Hall large conference room Ste. 202, to continue to discuss proposed revisions to the City's Charter.

The meeting's agenda includes a review of changes to the Charter.

The CRC was appointed by the City Council in October to review the Charter and submit a final report containing any recommended revisions. The

CRC has met on a monthly schedule and will meet May 13 for a final review before delivering recommendations to City Council at a joint work session June 1.

Any proposed revisions to the City's Charter would need to be ratified by voters. The City Council has until late August to decide on whether or not to add a Charter election to the ballot during this November's elections.

For information, visit www.cor.net/charter.

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including *Richardson Today*, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, Parks and Police departments and Richardson's com-

munity events. You can also view CITV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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Two years ago the City Council designated April as the official month of volunteerism. Of course, volunteers and volunteering should be something we recognize and appreciate year-round, but by creating this special month we are able to call attention to the contributions people make throughout our community.

Each year, volunteers can be found picking up trash and improving neighborhoods, dressing up and bringing holiday cheer to children at Santa's Village, and even keeping dogs walked at the City's animal shelter. There are also volunteers who work for many of the philanthropic and religious organizations in Richardson, and it all amounts to precious countless hours that go toward making Richardson a place we are proud to call home.

This issue of *Richardson Today* highlights some of these volunteers and the volunteer opportunities in our city, including one of my favorite events of the year, Trash Bash. This annual event brings together hundreds of volunteers and City staff members to collect tons of trash and recyclables from Richardson parks, streets and creeks. Trash Bash volunteers showcase the best traits of Richardson residents—a love for our city and a desire to do what we can to make it a better place.

I want to take the time and personally thank the people who have volunteered their time and resources to contribute to and improve our community. Take a look at page 3 where we highlight some of the more than 194,000 hours

volunteered in the city. Without these volunteers, events such as Santa's Village, which entertains thousands of children each year, and the *Wildflower!* Music Festival, which attracts around 70,000 people annually, would not be possible.

If you are looking for volunteer opportunities this month, or any time of year, then our Community Services Department has put together a great resource for you to find out more at www.cor.net/richardsonvolunteers. There are countless volunteer opportunities in the city, so find something that fits your skills and personality and together, let's all make Richardson the best place it can be.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka
Mayor



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www.cor.net/council

About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Monday at 6 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, www.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 www.cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

Requesting an Accommodation

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

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

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

VOLUNTEER

Interested in volunteering? City of Richardson has a program for you

Volunteering in Richardson is a great way for residents to get involved in their community in a fun and enjoyable way. Many people volunteer for the first time at an event and develop new friendships and relationships and continue to come back to volunteer every year. The City's goal is to make volunteering a meaningful experience and to make sure the volunteers know that they are appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering but have not found the right fit, this page provides a brief description and contact information for some of the volunteer programs the City of Richardson offers. More information about volunteering with the City is available at www.cor.net/richardsonvolunteers, or through the contacts listed on this page.



**Wildflower!
Arts & Music Festival**

5,185 volunteer hours in 2014

This year's festival will be held May 15-17, and volunteers 18 years and older are needed. Volunteer shifts are four hours and some duties include ticket taking, handing out programs, floater, kids area, access control, information booth and cashiering. Volunteers receive a "Volunteer T-shirt," a day pass for themselves and one extra for a friend. For each additional volunteer shift worked, volunteers receive an additional day pass for the event. Contact barbara.cottone@cor.gov or visit www.wildflowerfestival.com and click on "Get Involved."

Boards and Commissions

(not pictured)

Richardson residents may apply to be a member on one of City's boards or commissions. Applications are reviewed by the City Council, which appoints members of each board or commission. Most serve in an advisory capacity, providing input to the Council about policies regarding various issues. For more information, call the City Secretary's office at 972-744-4292.

Christmas Parade

(not pictured)
240 volunteer hours in 2014

This longtime tradition is a holiday favorite every year and you can help to make it a continued success. The event needs adult volunteers for marshaling, parade line up (very early morning) and parking attendants. Contact barbara.cottone@cor.gov or kelli.keath@cor.gov.

Corporate Challenge

(not pictured)
500 volunteer hours in 2014

This 10-week Olympic-style competition has area businesses competing in more than 20 athletic and non-athletic events starting in August. Volunteers are needed for everything from registration to scorekeepers to mile callers and so much more! Positions, dates, times and descriptions will be posted online at www.cor.net/cc, but if you're interested in getting on the list now please send your contact information to kyle.mcclure@cor.gov.



Volunteer Assistance Program

900 projects completed since 2000

The City's Community Services Department partners with local volunteer groups to help residents maintain their property (see story on page 4). Contact lindsay.turman@cor.gov or go to www.cor.net/cs for more information.

3,806 volunteer hours in 2014

Volunteers do everything from feeding, bathing and socializing animals to helping assist Shelter staff members at events off site. The volunteers learn about responsible pet care, ownership and safety as they help promote them in the community. Call 972-744-4480 for more information.



Animal Shelter



Santa's Village

816 volunteer hours in 2014

Santa's Village could not operate without its volunteers, and some of the opportunities include strolling through the Village as a costumed character or helping in one of the dwellings. This event is ideal for teenage and adult organizations that would like to volunteer as a group. Contact suzanne.etman@cor.gov for more information.



Senior Center

8,353 volunteer hours in 2014

There are lots of volunteer opportunities available at the Richardson Senior Center, and you can contact Scarlett Ornelas at 972-744-7811 to get started. A group that meets at the Center is called the "Richardson Rowdies," and they would love for you to join them. The "Rowdies" volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas and Collin counties helping with mail-outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. Transportation is provided to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.



Eisemann Center

155,100 volunteer hours since 2002 opening.

Volunteers are needed for ushering, student performances, matinee or evening performances, marketing and development activities, administrative office duties and special events. Volunteer opportunities are in conjunction with performances that occur mostly at night and on weekends. Administrative opportunities take place during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If you are interested, go to www.eisemanncenter.com to apply online. If you have questions, call Susan Powers at 972-744-4615.



Library

3,330 volunteer hours in 2014

Applications for the Summer Teen Volunteer Program are now available. Please visit the Children's Department for further information. Other teen volunteer opportunities are available through the Teen Advisory Board. Contact the Teen Librarian for more information at 972-744-4358. Adult volunteers are also welcome. To fill out a volunteer application online, go to www.cor.net/library or call 972-744-4350.



Richardson Police Dept.

16,538 volunteer hours in 2014

Prospective volunteers need to be at least 18 years old, live or work in Richardson and complete a background check. Opportunities include Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), Crime Watch Patrol and Neighborhood Crime Watch (see story on page 4). Contact Volunteer Coordinator Meredith Watkins at 972-744-4842 or meredith.watkins@cor.gov for more information.



Cottonwood Art Festival

1,000 volunteer hours in 2014

This biannual event needs teenagers to help at the always popular Children's ArtStop. Individuals, Scout groups, high school organizations, etc., assist children with their craft projects. Contact barbara.cottone@cor.gov.

City's Volunteer Assistance Program helps those in need

Since 2000, the City's Volunteer Assistance Program, administered by the Community Services Department, has helped more than 900 residents make improvements to their homes that would have otherwise been impossible.

The purpose of the program is to unite owners who cannot properly maintain their property due to age, finance or disability with volunteer groups who wish to provide assistance. Community Services provides the expertise and experience needed during the planning, implementing and evaluating stages of each volunteer project. Volunteer projects usually involve painting and cleaning-up the exterior of homes and all projects are completed with donated materials at no cost to the resident or the City.

Community Services helps plan, implement and evaluate every project to ensure a positive experience for all. While eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis and extenuating circumstances are always taken into consideration, the following guidelines are used to assist in determining necessity:

A person who needs help must:

- reside in the City of Richardson
- occupy home as homestead
- demonstrate a hardship such as age, finance or disability, and
- have an absence of family or friends who could perform the required work

For groups interested in organizing a volunteer project, the Community Services staff is available to meet with group representatives to discuss the characteristics of potential volunteer projects. These introductory meetings cover topics such as skills, interests and availability. On project day, a member of the Community Services team visits the project while the group is working to ensure it is progressing as intended, to answer questions and address concerns, and to offer technical advice and counsel.

Personal satisfaction is a key factor in volunteer motivation, so Community Services makes an effort to let every volunteer know that his or her participation was important and appreciated. While there is no predetermined manner in which it does so, the City formally recognizes each volunteer group for its efforts.



Members of a volunteer team work on improvements to a Richardson home.

"We want every volunteer to know how much we appreciate the time and energy he or she commits to bettering the lives of Richardson residents," Community Services Administrator Lindsay Turman

said. "We also work hard to ensure volunteers have a positive experience by making certain they are assigned projects that are consistent with their experience and expertise. Our staff really enjoys work-

ing in the community and we want to lead by example in this regard."

For more information about the Volunteer Assistance Program, contact Community Services at 972-744-4180.

Interfaith Alliance promotes diversity



The Richardson Interfaith Alliance meets regularly to not only discuss business and upcoming events, but also as a way for members to get to know one another. The RIA will be participating in Trash Bash and National Day of Prayer in the coming weeks.

The concept of the Richardson Interfaith Alliance began as an idea kicked around in fall 2010 by faith leaders and City officials looking at ways to better respond in times of emergencies. Nearly five years later, the RIA has grown to include 40 different worshipping communities and community partners, spanning various faiths and reflecting the diversity of Richardson.

Through meetings between religious leaders and City officials, including Mayors Gary Slagel and Bob Townsend, then-Parks and Recreation Director Mick Massey and Assistant City Manager Don Wagner, it was determined that an interfaith alliance would be beneficial to the City. The City facilitated the first meeting in spring 2012, and the RIA quickly was off and running.

"The Richardson Interfaith Alliance has been a huge asset to our city," Wagner said. "The group is helping bring our faith-based community together and making a difference in the lives of our residents."

Rev. Debra Hobbs Mason, executive associate pastor at First United Methodist Church Richardson, was involved with the

RIA's formation from day one. She said the Alliance's focus on increasing respect between all people is achieved through volunteer projects that allow members to work side-by-side with people of different religious backgrounds.

"We are trying to engage in education and hands-on mission projects in a way that will foster relationships and positively impact the community," Mason said. "Our world has changed so much and there is so much more fear present in everyday life since we officially formed in 2012. We feel we can be a much-needed voice for calm, peace, understanding and respect."

One of the first organizations the RIA partnered with was NETWORK of Community Ministries. NETWORK's food pantry needs about 10,000 pounds of food per week to serve its clients, and RIA members have been on hand following the annual U.S. Postal Service food drive to help sort donations and prepare the food for distribution. Mason said in addition to helping out NETWORK, the volunteer work also opened the eyes of some RIA members who said they were not aware that they were eligible for NETWORK's programs and services.

Another way the RIA brings people together is at its annual Thanksgiving service. Thanksgiving was chosen because it is an American holiday, not a religious holiday, Mason said. About 300 people attended the service last year, reflecting on the past year and celebrating the holiday through the word and song of different religions.

The Alliance's next big volunteer project is on April 18, when RIA members will take part in the City's annual Trash Bash. Mason said at least 10 different faith communities within RIA are bringing youth to the event, and she is hopeful Trash Bash will allow the youth to get to know people who, on the surface, may seem very different.

"I think it will be so cool," she said. "We are going to be assigned to a park and are going to make sure the kids don't just stay with the people they came with. I think having our kids get to know one another at an early age will serve the City very well in the future because you are less likely to believe something negative about someone if you know people like them."

Volunteers at RPD provide valuable support



Jim Bailey (left) and John Martindale are members of the Field Operations VIPS that are specially trained to provide some patrol services such as crash scene assistance, traffic direction and commercial vehicle inspection aid.

Richardson's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program started in 2000 with a small group of office volunteers. Today, the program has expanded to include volunteer opportunities throughout the Richardson Police Department that include patrol, office and investigative support. Their impact is substantial: in 2014, volunteers logged 16,538 hours to bolster public safety.

The 60 volunteers in VIPS Support Operations perform tasks such as city festival and holiday special event support, arrest warrant data entry, translation services, office assistance, uniform equipment room oversight, fingerprinting, found property assistance and database management for the lockbox/Special Needs Assistance Program.

A team of 25 specially trained Field Operations VIPS has also taken over several patrol services to allow sworn officers to focus more attention on criminal activity. The members of this team wear uniforms and ride in marked vehicles, and offer high visibility patrol presence, crash scene assistance, traffic direction and commercial vehicle inspection aid. Last year, these volunteers also used license plate scanning software to identify 13 stolen vehicles, performed 1,162 vacation house watches, impounded 157 vehicles following DUI arrests and tagged and cleared 435 abandoned vehicles from city streets.

The Police Department's goal is to expand the VIPS program to 100 members: a ratio of 1 volunteer per 1,000 residents in Richardson. If you are a resident interested in applying for the VIPS program, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Meredith Watkins at meredith.watkins@cor.gov.



Recycling pilot program in parks to begin soon

A pilot program that will place dozens of 30-gallon recycling barrels in Huffhines and Heights parks should be underway by late spring or early summer.

A total of 70 blue recycling barrels will be placed near the existing brown trash cans to make it easy for park visitors to throw trash and recyclable material in the appropriate container. The barrels will accept all items recycled by the City, including plastic—but not Styrofoam—cardboard, newspaper, glass and aluminum.

Dan Baker, Superintendent of Parks for the City, said the pilot program is part of a larger effort to promote recycling throughout the community. The City Council chose to emphasize recycling in the 2014-15 budget after more than 4,200 people responded to a survey last year indicating the desire for more recycling opportunities in the city. A decision on whether to place the barrels in additional parks will be made after the results of the pilot program are evaluated, Baker said.

For information on which items the City recycles, visit www.cor.net/recyclingguide.



These blue barrels will soon be “wrapped” with recycling information and placed in Heights and Huffhines parks as part of the recycling pilot program.

Tickets on sale this month for annual Wildflower! Festival

The 2015 *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival's three-day pass goes on sale for \$30 on Monday, April 13, at any Metroplex Tom Thumb store or online through www.wildflowerfestival.com. The three-day pass will be available for sale until 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 15. Single-day adult tickets will be available at the gate for \$20, as well as through the festival's website beginning April 14. Kids age 5-12 will be admitted for \$3, and admission for kids 4 and under is free.

\$10 tickets for residents* Kids free on Sunday

Beginning April 13, Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets per each day of the festival per household for only \$10 each. *Go to www.wildflowerfestival.com/tickets.html to get full details.

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Kids 12 and under get in free on Sunday with a paid adult courtesy of Bank of America.

Watch for additional information and a full entertainment lineup in the May edition of *Richardson Today*. You can also get the latest news and complete festival information at www.wildflowerfestival.com and on the *Wildflower!* Facebook page at facebook.com/WildflowerFestival.



3D printer now available at Library

Richardson residents now have the opportunity to try their hand at 3D printing thanks to the Library's newest piece of technology.

Last month, the Library received a 3D printer that uses computer-aided design (CAD) software to print three-dimensional plastic objects. The printing process takes anywhere from 20 minutes to several days depending on the complexity of the design. Library staff will notify the customer when their print job is complete.

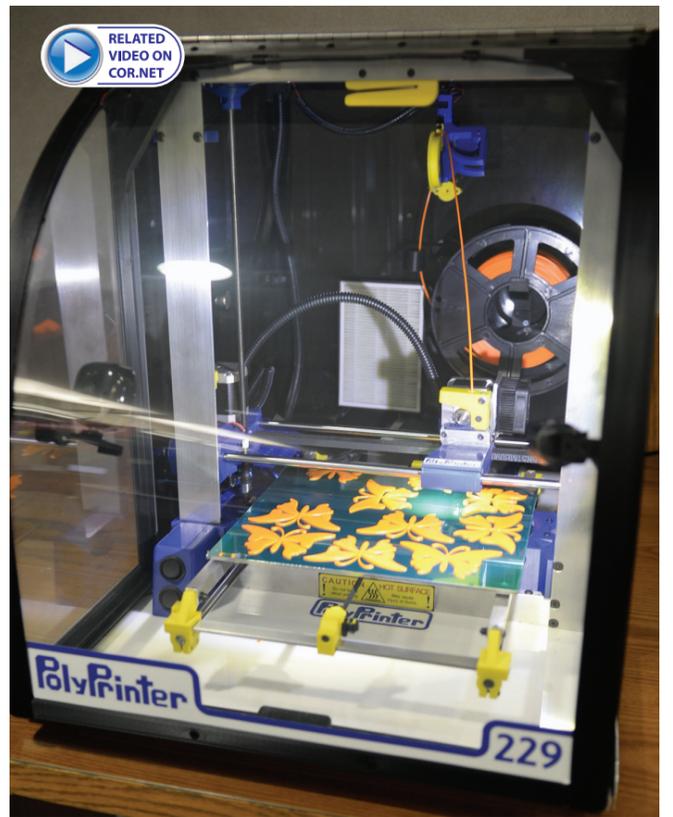
Anyone with a Richardson Public Library card in good standing can use the printer. Using Tinkercad, which is available free on the Internet, or a similar CAD program, users create a design (saved as a .stl file) that is uploaded to the Library's computer system. The files are printed in the order they are received and users are charged 10 cents per gram, with a minimum charge of \$1. To put the cost in perspective, a four- to five-inch-tall chess piece weighs around 15 grams and costs about \$1.50 to print.

The 3D printer is part of a new technology area on the Library's second floor. Dubbed C-Tech (creative technology) @ RPL, the area is geared toward providing training and access to different creative programs including Adobe Photoshop and littleBits, small electronic modules that can be used in conjunction with Legos.

The opening of the C-Tech @ RPL is part of the Library's ongoing goal of becoming a central hub of learning in Richardson for people of all ages.

“Our mission is to extend life-long learning abilities and skills,” said Librarian Vrena Patrick. “That goes beyond books to technology and anything else we believe may allow us to teach someone something new.”

For those wishing to learn more about the new printer, Patrick will hold a class from 2-4 p.m. on May 16 in the Library's Basement Program Room. The class is free, but registration is required. No prior knowledge of 3D printing or CAD software is required, but attendees need to bring a laptop computer with them to the class. Registration opens May 1 and can be done via telephone by calling Patrick at 972-744-4376. For more information about the Library, visit www.cor.net/library.



Items above were created with the 3D printer.

Deputy City Manager David Morgan selected to serve as city manager in Georgetown

The City Council of Georgetown, Texas has selected Richardson's Deputy City Manager David Morgan as its next city manager.

In his role with the City of Richardson, Morgan is the chief operating officer and has direct administrative responsibilities over the City's Finance and Communications departments as well as the City's Sherrill Park Golf Course facilities. He was appointed to the role in 2012 after having served 14 years with the City.

“My time in Richardson has been incredible and this is truly a bittersweet moment for me,” Morgan said. “I have had the opportunity to build so many meaningful relationships within the City organization and the community and I will be forever grateful to the City management team and City Council members.”

During his tenure with the City, Morgan has successfully helped launch or manage a variety of initiatives. Among the most notable are:

- The support and development of dozens of neighborhood associations across the city so that over 95 percent of the community is represented by a group of people committed to making their neighborhood better;

- Implementation of numerous neighborhood revitalization programs such as the City's Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP);

- Community programs including the Neighborhood Leadership Workshop, Realtors Workshop and enhancement of codes to promote neighborhood integrity;

- Construction of the new Heights and Huffhines recreation centers, Richardson Gymnastics Center, Heights Family Aquatic Center, Huffhines and Breckinridge park athletic fields, Fire Station 4, expansion and improvements along the Glenville and Central trails, and development of the Rocketship art piece at Heights Park;

- Acquisition of land for the expansion of the Spring Creek Nature Area and Durham Park, and purchase of 27 acres of property located just west of Huffhines Park;

- Economic development projects including the CityLine development, Continental Inn purchase and demolition to create a new restaurant park, Heights shopping center revitalization including attracting Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.

“David's leadership ability and experience has been an integral part of our organization and the



David Morgan

people of Georgetown are fortunate to have found such a strong candidate to fill their opening for a city manager,” said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. “While we never like to see good people go, I know there were family considerations that made this opportunity hard to resist and I am happy David found an opportunity to make a better balance for both his career aspirations and his family.”

Georgetown is located just north of Austin. Morgan was raised in Central Texas and his parents and in-laws live in the Austin area. His last day with the City will be Thursday, April 30.

Cottonwood ART FESTIVAL

MAY 2&3

Cottonwood Park • Richardson, TX

Saturday: 10am - 7pm
Sunday: 10am - 5pm

Free Parking • Free Admission

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Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

April 2
THURSDAY NOON MATINÉE Noon-1:30 p.m.
 United Healthcare and Cruson Insurance Agency will offer an afternoon movie at the Senior Center. "The Bucket List" is this month's featured film. Popcorn will be provided. See you at the show! No fee.

May 8
OLDER AMERICAN MONTH CELEBRATION
 10 a.m. Sponsored by NETWORK of Community Ministries/Seniors' Net and the Richardson Senior Center. Visit the display of antique cars from the Antique Thunderbird club and The Stooges Vintage car club before stopping inside for a day of entertainment, food, hourly drawings, health screenings and bingo beginning at 2 p.m. No fee. Call the Senior Center for more information.

May 4
"MAKE MINE MURDER" 1 p.m.
 The Richardson Red Hat Chapter invites you to Joy Davis's oral presentation of the fascinating life story of Agatha Christi. This will be a must for all mystery lovers and all those who love romance and adventure. Davis—actress, author and popular public speaker—will submerge you into her characters and the story she dramatizes. This is a do not miss afternoon. Refreshments will be served. No fee.

May 13
RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT
 7:30 p.m. The time has changed ... the flowers and trees are starting to bloom ... it must be spring! It is time for our Spring Concert with the Richardson Community Band. Enjoy an evening of music and laughter. Light refreshment served after the concert. No fee.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

April 21
 Our next out to lunch will be at Casa Milagro. Cost is 50 cents for the van trip. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot.

May 9
"All Aboard!"
 We will leave the Richardson Senior Center by motor coach traveling to Palestine. Arriving in Palestine, we will enjoy a tour of the city before boarding a steam train to Rusk at the beautiful Victorian-style depot. We will roll along the 25 miles through the scenic piney woods of East Texas amidst a backdrop of rolling hills, nature and wildlife.

When arriving in Rusk, a boxed lunch will be waiting. After lunch we will tour Rusk, the county seat

of Cherokee County. A motor coach will take us back to Richardson, as we relax and enjoy yet another view of the scenic piney woods and rolling hills of East Texas. \$98. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

June 15-19
Nashville: Music City and More!
 We will have private tours of the Grand Ole Opry and Studio B and a concert and talk with the son of Johnny Cash. Tours of the Country Music Hall of Fame, arts centers of Nashville, the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, the Parthenon and the gardens of the Hermitage and Carnton plantations are just some of the other highlights on this trip. We will stay at the Opryland Hotel. For pricing and more information, call 972-744-7800.

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>April 1 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Teachings from Pop" by Don Eggspuehler. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>April 2 A MUSICAL EVENING AT THE LIBRARY 6:30-8 p.m. Basement Program Room. Sponsored by the Richardson Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Goethe Center, Friends of the Library and the Richardson Public Library.</p>	<p>April 4 DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>April 6, 13 AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p>April 7 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Theodore Roosevelt" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>April 8 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Jan Phillip Sendker. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>April 10 COMPUTER CLASS: "INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL" 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.</p>	<p>April 11 GET HELP FINDING RELIABLE ONLINE HEALTH INFORMATION 10:30-11:30 a.m. Basement Program Room. A workshop presented by UT Southwestern Medical Center. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p>April 15 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>April 16 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 1:30-3 p.m. Basement Program Room. George Washington's Six Spies presented by Roger Fortney.</p>	<p>April 20 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>April 21 RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Bonny Leibowitz will speak about encaustic painting.</p>
<p>April 22 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>April 23 DIGITAL DIGGING: LEARN HOW TO FIND NEWS STORIES FROM THE PAST USING THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE RESOURCES 6:30-8 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Stacey Davis at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>April 23 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" by Nicholas Kristof. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>April 24, 25, 26 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 24 and 25, 2-5 p.m. on April 26. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p>April 28 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>			

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>April 3 MOVIE MORNINGS: MR PEABODY & SHERMAN 10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>April 6, 13, 20, 27 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	<p>April 18 LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGES #1-3 1:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. (Required complimentary tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)</p>
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April Civic Center Events

- Texas Stamp Dealers** April 10-11 www.tsdstamps.com
- North Texas Cake Show** April 25-26 www.northtexas.cakeshow.com
- Spring Women's Opportunity & Resource Fair** April 30 www.on.fb.me/1CIJS0j

The Richardson Civic Center offers a wide variety of accommodations for classes, seminars, corporate presentations, banquets, receptions and trade shows!
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Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions on the Dining Page online at www.cor.net/dsdl.

AARP offers tax preparation help through April 13

Need a little help on your taxes? If so, Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.

The service is available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at the Library and 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri-

days at the Senior Center. The program will run through April 10 at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and April 13 at the Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.

The tax help is first come, first served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center Presents wraps up 2014-15 season

The 2014-2015 season wraps up in April with four fantastic shows. The April schedule has something for everyone, ranging from comedy to rock and classical music.

Visit www.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.



Fancy Nancy The Musical

Fancy Nancy The Musical
2:30 p.m. April 12
Tickets \$13-\$23

The story follows Nancy and her friends Bree, Rhonda, Wanda and Lionel, who are going to be

performing in their very first show, "Deep Sea Dances." Nancy is positive, that's fancy for 100 percent sure, that she and Bree will be picked to be mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role of the mermaid, Nancy is stuck playing a dreary, dull tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn't the one she wanted?

Book and lyrics are by Susan DiLallo, music by Danny Abosch, and direction/choreography by Sam Viverito, based on the book series by Jane O'Conner and illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser.

Dennis DeYoung:
The Music of STYX
8 p.m. April 23
Tickets \$44-\$59

Dennis DeYoung is a founding member of the rock group STYX. The Chicago-based band originated in 1962 when the 14-year-old DeYoung and brothers John and Chuck Panozzo gathered in the basement of his childhood home to form one of America's most successful and enduring bands. STYX has sold over 35 million albums and

DeYoung has written eight of their nine top 10 singles.

STYX was the only band to record four consecutive triple platinum albums. DeYoung wrote and sang several classics including "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Best of Times," "Mr. Roboto," "Show Me the Way," "Desert Moon," "Don't Let It End," and the 1979 Peoples Choice Award winner, "Babe."

Please note that the Dennis DeYoung show was originally scheduled for Jan. 16. All tickets from that show will be honored for this show.

The Joy Luck Club
8 p.m. April 25
Tickets \$38-\$53

Based on the best-selling book by Amy Tan, "The Joy Luck Club" is a timeless tale with universal relevance as it tells the story of four



The Joy Luck Club

Mahjong playing mothers, all from different provinces in China, and their relationships with their children. It follows the paths of these immigrant women from China and the relationships they have with their American born daughters, their hopes, fears and tragic pasts. This classic mother-daughter story encompasses many universal themes: family, hope, love, sacrifice, strength, and wishes for a better life.

Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®
7:30 p.m. April 27
Tickets \$28-\$33

Jeffrey Siegel will explore the work of Franz Liszt, answering the question of whether he was Satan or Saint.

The program includes the heavenly "Ave Maria," the devilish "Mephisto Waltz" and the "Sonata in B Minor," perhaps Liszt's most autobiographical work.

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



Jeffrey Siegel

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.

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "European Masters." (8 p.m. April 11. \$12-\$89. Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

VOCAL MAJORITY CHORUS PRESENTS

"SALUTE TO THE GREATEST GENERATION" (2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 18, and 2 p.m. April 19. \$15-\$49. Visit www.vocalmajority.com.)

STUDIO DANCE CENTER PRESENTS "SHUFFLE AND PLAY"

(Blue Show: 6:30 p.m. April 24 and 4 p.m. April 25. \$12.; Pink Show: 9:30 a.m. April 25. \$10.; Green Show: 1:30 p.m. April 25. \$10.; Yellow Show: 7:30 p.m. April 25 and 2 p.m. April 26. \$12. Visit www.studiodancecentre.com.)

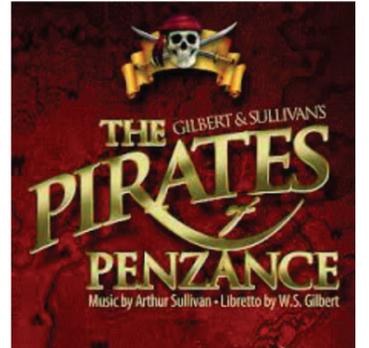
"Pirates of Penzance" at the RCT

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2014-15 season with a performance of "Pirates of Penzance," April 24-May 3 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson.

This production of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic comedic opera is your chance to get carried away by pirates, bumbling British Bobbies, frolicsome Victorian maidens

and the delightfully dotty modern Major-General, for a rollicking romp over the rocky coast of Cornwall.

Showtimes at the Promenade Theatre are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for youth. Group rates are also available. For tickets call 972-690-5029.



Theater summer camps begin June 8

Repertory Company Theatre is offering youth summer camps beginning in early June. Summer Theatre Classes at the RCT will include productions focusing on everything from Annie and Mary Poppins to Zombies that are geared to both children and teens.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

Teens: June 8-27, Monday through Friday. Weeks 1 and 2, 1-3:30 p.m.; Week 3, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$495.

Annie

Ages 7-11: Monday through Friday. Session 1—June 15-20, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Session 2—June 22-27, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$195.

Mary Poppins

Teens: July 6-25, Monday through Friday. Weeks 1 and 2, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Week 3, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$495

Ages 7-11: Monday through Friday. Session 1—July 13-18, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Session 2—July 20-25, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$195.

Zombie Prom

Teens: Aug. 3-22, Monday through Friday. Week 1, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday Weeks 2 and 3, 5-7 p.m. \$425.

A \$35 annual membership fee is required to attend summer camp classes. All classes/camps are held at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd. in Richardson. To enroll or for more information, call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Portraits of Spring tea and fashion show is April 9

The Richardson Woman's Club Portraits of Spring Seated Tea and Fashion Show is April 9.

The day starts at 12:30 p.m. with a Richardson artists exhibit and clubhouse boutique gift and jewelry sale, followed by the tea and fashion show at 2 p.m. Fashions will be provided by Mel Crews Fashion Boutique. As a special treat, the seated tea will feature a tea blended especially for the Richardson Woman's Club.

All proceeds benefit the RWC's philanthropic efforts. The event will take place at the Richardson Woman's Club Founders Hall, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr., Richardson.

Visit www.richardsonwomensclub.com for more information.

Seniors' Net hosts free seminars

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

April 21

Vision Awareness: Age- and Disease-related Vision Loss

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit www.thenetwork.org.

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

Spring Fling Pet Parade

Sunday, April 12
2-4 pm
Eastside Plaza
SE Corner of Central Expy & Campbell Rd

Hosted by
Richardson AnimaLuv

All proceeds benefiting
Richardson Animal Shelter

Pawrade begins at 3 pm

Win Trophies and prizes for:
Sweetest Mutt, Most Darling
Pet and Best Spring Outfit
(\$5 donation per pet to enter
pawrade, must be registered
before pawrade begins)

Raffle Prizes
Tickets: \$5 each or 4 for \$20
Pet Photo taken by
Photographer \$5
Nail Clipping \$5
AnimaLuv T-Shirts \$10
Free Activities

Located in
Eastside Plaza & **Urban EatZ**
AMERICAN FARE

FUNDRAISER

From 1-5 p.m. Urban EatZ and Yumilicious will
give a percentage of all proceeds to AnimaLuv.
Be sure to put your receipt in the bucket
marked AnimaLuv at the register.

RichardsonAnimaLuv.org

April 18 Trash Bash to provide several recycling options

This year's Trash Bash will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 and provide several recycling opportunities. New this year, the First United Methodist Church Richardson, south of City Hall, will serve as a collection point (see map). **This will allow for additional visitor parking at City Hall.** There will be educational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza. There will also be activities for everyone.

This year the electronic recycling and paper shredding will be held at the First United Methodist Church Richardson parking lot. The following are some of the activities planned for the day:

Starting at 9 a.m.

- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding
- Cooking oil recycling (residential cooking oil; must be in a non-glass, disposable container that will be left on site)
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers; please bring your own containers to take your compost home)
- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Starting at 11 a.m.

Trash Bash After Party at the Civic Center

- Environmental Education Fair
- Free recycling bags
- Refreshments
- Free plants
- Door prizes
- Kona Ice (for purchase)

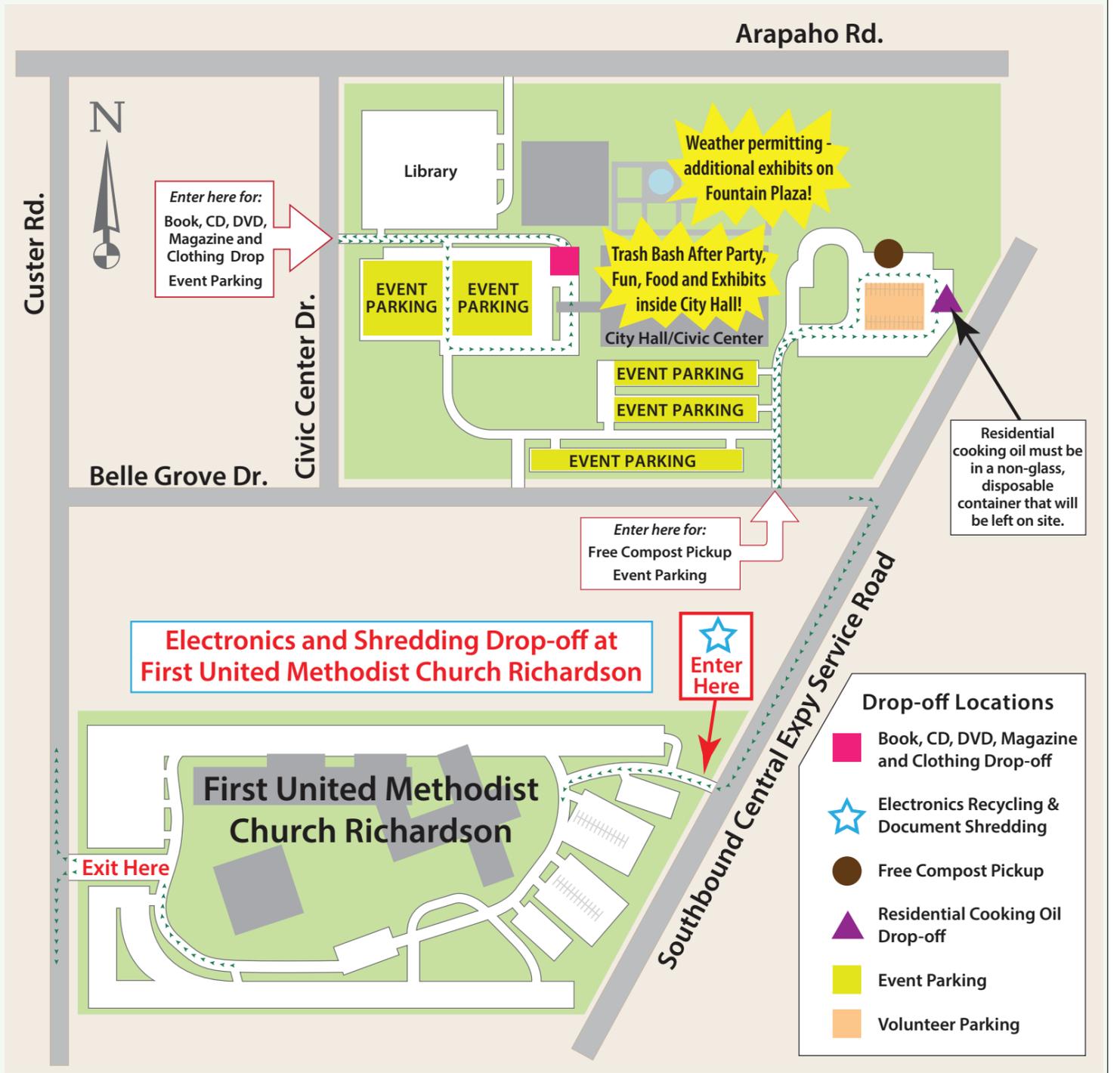
- Cup Cakin (for purchase)
- Coupons for one free bag of compost or mulch from Texas Pure Compost

- City and DART vehicles on display
- Animal Shelter adoptable animals

- Children's bounce house
- Entertainment by "Just Jazz"

NO EPS Styrofoam accepted.

For additional information or questions, please visit www.cor.net/trashbash or call 972-744-4076.



Trash discount available for residents 65 and older

Richardson residents 65 years of age and older are eligible for a discount on their residential trash collection fee.

In order to qualify, residents must:

- Come to City Hall and fill out an application form in the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office, Room 101. Individuals should bring one form of identification when they apply.

or

- Go to www.cor.net/seniortrashdiscount, fill out an application and print it, then e-mail it to customer.service@cor.gov or bring the completed application and proof of age to the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office, Room 101.

The City requires that the person signing up for the exemption be the one whose name is on the City's water account. However, in the instance of a married couple, either party may fill out the form.

Residents may apply for the discount the day they turn 65 and it will take effect on the next bill. With the discount, the charge for residential trash collection, including tax and the state-mandated landfill fee, is \$13.33. The same charge without the discount is \$18.

For more information on the discount, contact the Water and Sewer Customer Service Department at 972-744-4120.

Household hazardous waste goes to Plano Road center

Richardson residents may take their household hazardous waste to the Home Chemical Collection Center in Dallas at 11234 Plano Rd. The center is located on the east side of Plano Road between Forest Lane and Miller Road. Residents must bring proof of residence in the form of a driver's license or a utility bill.

For more information on disposal of items not listed, please contact the Richardson Health Department at 972-744-4080 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Some (but not all)

- materials that are accepted**
- Antifreeze
 - Brake fluid
 - Transmission fluid
 - Batteries
 - Car, Lead-acid (non-automotive), NiCad, rechargeable and single-use
 - Cellphones
 - Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL)
 - CRT and LCD computer monitors
 - Desktop and laptop computers
 - Fluorescent tubes
 - Gasoline and unwanted fuels
 - Herbicides and Insecticides
 - Oil-based paint
 - Paint
 - Paint strippers

- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Used cooking oil and grease
- Used motor oil and used oil filters

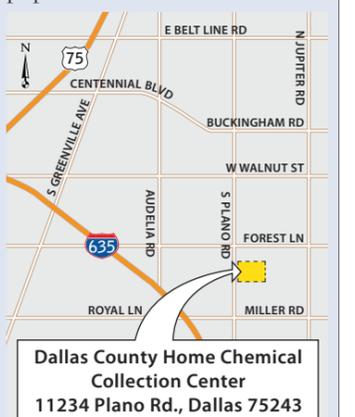
Hours of Operation:

- Tuesdays: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

(NOTE: to avoid long lines and traffic on Saturdays, please plan to arrive between 9-10 a.m. or between 1-3 p.m.)

Closed Sundays, Mondays, Fridays and major holidays.

Visit the Home Chemical Collection Center website at www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/hhw_intro.php or call 214-553-1765.



Choose online bill payment, paperless billing

The City of Richardson's Water Customer Service Office has streamlined monthly bill pay thanks to its online services. The online bill pay service offers several ways to pay including a free, monthly automatic bank draft, and credit card payment options.

For residents looking to avoid clutter, visit the website to sign up for the e-mail billing service and stop the printing and mailing of monthly bills. These services have become increasingly popular and provide savings to the city. For more information or to pay your water bill online, visit www.cor.net/paybill.

**Save Steps
Save Time
Pay
Your Water Bill
Online**

cor.net/PayBill

Nature walks focus on photography, birds

Two nature walks are planned in April as part of the Urban Naturalist program. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Pre-register by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go online to www.cor.net/parksonline.

No drinking fountains or restrooms will be available on the west side of Breckinridge Park. 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. Children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE SPRING

Join nature photographer and professional artist Larry Ammann on a springtime morning walk in Breckinridge Park to learn about



nature photography and tips to capture images of bird, plant and animal life in their natural environment. Please bring your camera along for an enjoyable venture into the natural areas of Breckinridge Park with a truly fine artist and Richardson resident.

April 18, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Course Number: 82483

MEET AT BRECKINRIDGE PARK

BIRDS OF SPRING

North Central Texas is host to several migrating bird species each year, many of which begin their northward trek in the spring and some that reside throughout the winter in Breckinridge Park. Michael Cameron of Prairie and Timbers Audubon will guide us through the different habitats of the natural area in search of these



many bird species. Binoculars are highly recommended for this tour but are not required.

April 25, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Course Number: 82486

MEET AT BRECKINRIDGE PARK

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.

972-234-1416 www.sherrillparkgolf.com

Golf It Up

The Golf It Up program provides instruction for the new golfer to the intermediate player with varying levels of skill.

Golf It Up for the beginning and intermediate player includes eight hours of instruction (seven hours on the driving range, chipping, putting green and one hour on the golf course with your instructor).

For questions, call 817-846-7157, visit www.myperformancegolf.com or e-mail jhorton@pga.com.

Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women who have had golf experience in a league. Members play on Tuesday mornings from March through October. If you would like to enjoy a round of golf and meet a great group of women, this is the place for you. For more information, contact Nancy Stubbs at 972-669-8909, or Jo Ellen Gilstrap at 214-695-8889.

Richardson Woman's Club Golf Tournament

The Richardson Woman's Club 8th Annual Philanthropic Golf Tournament is at 11:30 a.m. May 8 at Sherrill Park. Teams and sponsors are now being accepted. Individual entries are \$125 and include lunch, dinner, prizes and a goodie bag. Sponsorships begin at \$800.

Registration is available at www.richardsonwomensclub.com, or by mail through May 1. Mail checks, made out to Richardson Woman's Club Charitable Foundation, to: Richardson Woman's Club, Attn: Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 831362, Richardson, TX 75083.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

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 Tennis Pro Shawn Foster and Assistant Tennis Pro Walt Williams are also available in 30 minute or one hour blocks.

The Huffhines Tennis center is a 10-court lighted facility located in the southeast corner of Huffhines Park. 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 www.bit.ly/1Bz1frE.



Cottonwood Art Festival set for May 2-3

The Spring 2015 Cottonwood Art Festival will take place May 2-3 at scenic Cottonwood Park in Richardson.

Cottonwood Art Festival is a semi-annual event that features works from the nation's top visual artists. This prestigious art show has been a part of Richardson life for more than 40 years. Admission is free.

Cottonwood is a juried show. This year approximately 1,400 artists submitted their work for consideration. For each show, jurors select more than 240 artists to exhibit their museum-quality work.

Cottonwood isn't just about the art, though. The festival also features local bands who perform the best in rock, country, jazz, blues, swing and folk. Be sure to check out the Lakeside Courtyard, where you can sit in the shade by the lake and relax while you enjoy the music. Food and spirits are also available in the courtyard.

There are also plenty of activities for the youngest art lovers. By heading across the bridge, pint-size Picassos will enjoy a wide array of art and craft activities. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to create a sculpture hat from scrap, design a masterpiece in plaster, add to an enormous collage, or practice their hand at sculpting clay on a real potter's wheel.

For information, visit www.cottonwoodartfestival.com.

New Facebook page launched

The Parks and Recreation Department has launched its Facebook page. The page will be used to promote events at the recreation centers and activities in Richardson's amazing parks.



Visit www.facebook.com/RichardsonParksandRec to catch up on all the exciting parks and recreation happenings.

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival 2015 STUDENT ART CONTEST POOCH PORTRAITS



To celebrate the opening of the City of Richardson's first dog park later this spring, the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival welcomes portraits of your favorite dog, whether you own one or not.

The 2015 Student Art Contest is open to all students in kindergarten through 6th grade.

For more information, contact Suzanne Etman at suzanne.etman@cor.gov or 972-744-4584.

Parks facilities receive state awards



Heights Recreation Center opened in May 2013.

Three of the City of Richardson's newest recreational facilities recently earned the 2015 Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Award for the state's Best Recreation Facility Design. Richardson's award-winning projects include the Heights Recreation Center, the Heights Family Aquatics Center and the Richardson Gymnastics Center.

Presented recently at the TRAPS Annual Institute and Expo, the honor recognizes all three facilities for their overall outstanding design elements and functionality, and for offering recreational solutions that meet the needs of the community.

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 (www.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 April 6. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Excel 101

This class will introduce you to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. You will learn functions of the Excel menus, ribbon bars and create spreadsheets and lists. Classes are held Monday's 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts April 6. Cost 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. 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 April 21 and April 28 with a class from 9 a.m.-noon or 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, April 6 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$63 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, April 6 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership; \$63 without a 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.

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, April 18 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPhone iOS 8, 102

102 will cover the photos app on the phone to edit pictures and how to take better videos. Bring your iPhone and to class Saturday, April 18 from 3-4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership, \$63 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 April 7, 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.

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.

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. Please call 972-744-7800 for more information.

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.

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:

April 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 16	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:

April 6 and 9	6-9 p.m.
April 20 and 23	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 April 2 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

New! Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. The next five-week session will start April 8. Classes cost \$10.

Beginner Square Dance

New class session is March 31-June 4. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7-9 p.m. Cost of lessons is \$75 per person or \$65 per person before March 31.

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.

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 by the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, offers 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 class or call 972-744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

Happy Birthday Party

Spring birthdays will be celebrated 2 p.m. March 30.

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

April 23—10 a.m.—No Cost
"Are You on the Run?"

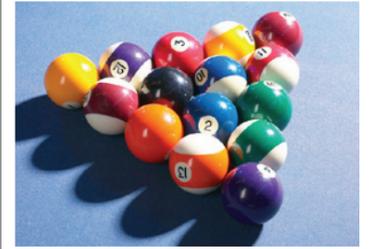
Winters Park Assisted Living and Memory Care will present a talk on bladder control. Learn the causes, types and treatment of urinary incontinence.

Senior Table Tennis

Players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

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.



Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is available for play during regular Senior Center hours of operation.

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. 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 Saturday Night Vintage Dance Club

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

April 4	Doc Gibbs
April 11	Bill G Band
April 25	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.

Sing-A-Long

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

Richardson Public Library

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

Texas Reelers Square Dance

The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing the first and third Friday of every month from 7:30-10 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance. Admission is \$7 per person.

Robin's Nest Craft Store

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Zounds Hearing of North Texas offers free hearing screening and hearing aid checks the first Friday of every month at the Senior Center. Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club host a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fee 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 www.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. Next meeting is at 1 p.m. May 4. Joy Davis will present Agatha Christi: "Mistress of Mystery" at the Richardson Senior Center. All are welcome. 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 needlework and join us for a day of friendship and hand-crafts Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

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

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Bingo

Next Bingo date is April 16 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.

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



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.

Hearing Screening

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

Chair Massage

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

Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$50 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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 April 2.

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 nonprofits 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 the Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

The Seniors' Net

The NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services designed to help seniors in the community remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include: handyman program, senior informational seminars, loaves of love, home delivered groceries, medical equipment and holiday baskets. The "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 and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. For more information call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880 ext. 125.

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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Fitness

Aerobic Exercise

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

Pickle Ball Has Started

The Richardson Senior Center Pickle Ball instruction and play is offered every Friday at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Fee is \$20 a month (refunds not available) plus membership or \$8 per lesson plus membership. (Richardson resident SENIOR CENTER only membership cost is a one-time fee of \$5. Non-resident SENIOR CENTER only membership is \$15 a year.) Instructor is David Wilmot. Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports among seniors. If you are interested and would like more information call 972-744-7800.

NEW!! Silver Kickers

This fun and energizing class is geared toward older adults. A combination of kick/punching drills and exercises, utilizing a variety of provided equipment, simultaneously provide an effective cardio workout. Classes are held Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. \$5 per class.

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. Fee is \$5.

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.



WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction in the spring. 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.

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.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Class meets every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and 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. Fee is \$5. Classes will resume April 6. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

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. Class is Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$4. Classes will resume April 1. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

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.

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 a month 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.

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, Rummie-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

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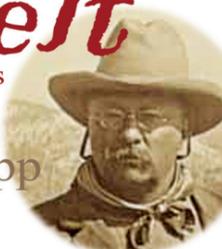
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TEDDY ROOSEVELT
Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by
Richard Cudlipp

Tuesday, April 7
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

FREE No registration required.
Basement Program Room (You are welcome to bring your lunch.)
Please contact Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.



SCRATCH DAY
imagine • program • share

Saturday May 9
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Teens & Kids 10+

Bring a laptop. Parents welcome!
Library Basement Program Room

Registration required, starts April 20.
Call Youth Services at 972-744-4358 to register and for more information.



UT DALLAS
Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science

Get Help Finding Reliable On-line Health Information

Let this UT Southwestern Medical Center Library Workshop guide your search for accurate information



Saturday, April 11 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Library Basement Program Room

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Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 24 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, April 25 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, April 26 2 p.m.-5 p.m.



INCEPTION
BACK BY PTD*
(*popular teen demand)

Saturday, May 2
2 p.m.

Basement Program Room
PG-13 • For teens only
Snacks included

Christopher Nolan's sci-fi heist thriller

shared dreams can be a dangerous thing

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



MOVIE MORNINGS

MR. PEABODY & SHERMAN

Friday, April 3
10:30 a.m.-noon

Ages 6 years+
Basement Program Room



For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Rated PG

celebrate cinco de mayo

Monday May 4
7-8:30 p.m.

- Enjoy Lake Highlands High School Ballet Folklorico
- Listen to music by Paul Flores and Veronica Mullenkamp
- Join our audience participation story, "The Day it Snowed Tortillas"
- Make cinco de mayo crafts!

Basement Program Room
All ages welcome!

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



Disney
BIG HERO 6

MOVIE MORNINGS

Saturday, May 2
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages 6 years+
Basement Program Room



For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Rated PG

Digital Digging

Learn how to find news stories from past and present using the library's online resources

April 23
Thursday
6:30-8 P.M.
First Floor Program Room

Presented by RPL Librarian Stacey Davis
Research The Richardson Echo from 1920-1985 & The Dallas Morning News from 1888-present

obituaries, birth announcements, advertisements from yesteryear & more



LEGO

"Box of Bricks" Challenge!

What can you build with a box of LEGOs? Join us and let your imagination soar!

***Saturday, April 18**
1:30-2:30 p.m.
OR
3-4 p.m.
OR
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For ages 6 to 10 only.
LEGOs provided.

* Tickets required. Tickets available Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Services Department. For more information, call 972-744-4358.



a musical evening
AT THE LIBRARY

featuring

- String Quartet from the Richardson Symphony Orchestra performing a preview of RSO's European Masters Series
- Concert talk by Jennifer Ronyak, musicology professor
- Dessert and coffee

Thursday, April 2
6:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Free and open to the public



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