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## Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 15-17

Planning for the annual *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival is a year-round endeavor and basking in the glow of accomplishment for producing the great event is short lived, since preparation for the next year's show begins immediately. City staff and volunteers have been working hard for the last 11 months to once again provide the tens of thousands of spectators with an award-winning, multi-day music and arts festival May 15-17.



Wynonna & The Big Noise



Kansas



Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo



38 Special



Blue October

This year's music lineup has more than 80 acts performing on six stages and offers everything from the classic rock of Pat Benatar, Kansas and 38 Special, the country sounds of Wynonna Judd, The Joe Ely Band and Gary P. Nunn, to local bands that get a chance to shine.

Pages 3 and 4 of this publication provide a complete schedule for all the music acts and Perfor-

mance Row entertainment, as well as site and parking maps, food vendors and children's activities.

#### Ticket Information

The 2015 festival's three-day passes are on sale for \$30 at any Metroplex Tom Thumb store or online through [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com). Single-day adult tickets will be available at the gate for \$20 as well as through the festival's website. Kids ages 5-12 will be admitted for \$3, and admission for kids 4 and under is free.

Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets per each day of the festival per household for only \$10 each.

All kids 12 and under get in free on Sunday with a paid adult courtesy of Bank of America and all adult tickets are \$10 each on Sunday courtesy of Cisco.

*Wildflower!* is North Texas' largest music festival and has been named "Best of the Fests" by *D Magazine*. In addition to the headlining acts, the festival will include food vendors, street performers, a kids' area, art guitar auction and much more.

Stay up to date on the latest *Wildflower!* information at [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival](http://www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival).

## Investigator submits reports, finds no ethics violations

Links to review final report documents and video of special council meeting are available at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net).

Outside legal counsel George A. Staples, Jr. submitted his findings to the Richardson City Council regarding two independent investigations and presented his reports at a special public meeting of the City Council April 28. Neither report found that a City Code of Ethics violation had occurred, either with respect to the mayor's and City Council's actions related to the rezoning approval for the

Palisades mixed-use development, or with respect to other related allegations.

#### Staples conclusion in investigation triggered by submitted complaints

In the first investigation, a total of four written complaints were submitted to the City Secretary's office alleging violations of the City's Code of Ethics. In the independent counsel's opinion, all of the complaints were insufficient in detail and failed to

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## Process for filling potential mayoral vacancy after election

Last month, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka announced her intention to decline to serve as mayor for the 2015-17 term when the May 9, 2015, election results are canvassed. Mayor Maczka is currently an unopposed candidate for the mayoral position on the May 9 ballot.

While such declination would not take effect until it is officially presented to the City Council, the process that the Richardson City Charter prescribes for filling a mayoral vacancy is outlined below.

Under the City Charter, if Mayor Maczka delivers a declination to serve as mayor for the 2015-17 term, the following would occur:

- The remaining, newly elected City Council members would

take their oath of office, but not the mayor-elect.

- The City Council would select one of its members to act in place of the mayor until a new mayor pro tem is selected.
- The council member selected to serve in the absence of the mayor would then preside over:
  - Calling for a motion to approve the mayor-elect's declination to hold office, and
  - the process for selection of a mayor pro tem.
- Assuming that a new mayor pro tem is selected, that person would then become the mayor and serve the unexpired 2015-17 mayoral term.

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## City moves to "New Normal" water conservation plan May 1

Beginning May 1, twice-per-week watering (no lawn watering 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Increased Lake levels at North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) reservoirs (see chart below) have initiated "conservation plan" water management strategies.

The plan was adopted in May 2014 to set a "New Normal" for water conservation. It was developed based on the five years of drought conditions that forced the District to enact various levels of water restrictions.

The new conservation plan went into effect May 1, and the watering schedule allows for irriga-

tion at even addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at odd addresses on Wednesdays and Sundays, with no lawn watering from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Additional watering of landscapes and lawns may be provided by a hand held hose with a shut-off nozzle, a drip irrigation system and/or a soaker hose any day of the week at any time.

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil. You can visit [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org) for ground moisture information to find the best times to water your yard.

### Twice-per-week watering schedule

May 2015							June 2015						
					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
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Water days for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

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

[www.cor.net/WaterConservation](http://www.cor.net/WaterConservation)—972-744-4220

Major Supply Reservoirs	Full Lake Level	Current Lake Level*	Percentage Full	Provides % of NTMWD Supply
Lavon Lake	492	492.79	100%	30%
Jim Chapman Lake	440	440.9	100%	15%
Lake Tawakoni	437.5	433.48	83.8%	8%
Lake Texoma	617	616.53	98.6%	28%

\*As of April 27, 2015

## Early voting for May 9 election ends May 5

Early voting for the May 9, 2015 Richardson City Council election is available until 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/](http://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](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections).

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](mailto:aimee.nemer@cor.gov).



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

## Holiday sanitation schedule recycle make-up days

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be **NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, May 25. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.**



Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, May 25	Tuesday, May 26
Tuesday, May 26	Wednesday, May 27

## City facilities close for holiday May 25

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library, Animal Shelter, Gymnastics Center	May 25
Huffhines Recreation Center Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours
Tennis Center	8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 25

## Next Charter Review Commission Meeting May 13

The City's Charter Review Commission (CRC) will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 in the City Hall large conference room Ste. 202, for a final review of recommended revisions.

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 will meet with the City Council in a joint work session June 1 to present recommendations.

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](http://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](http://www.cor.net/SocialMedia) for a full listing.



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### Receive City news updates by e-mail

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



## Requesting an Accommodation

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

**Susan Mattison, ADA Coordinator**  
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1621 E. Lookout Dr.  
Richardson, TX 75082  
[ADACoordinator@cor.gov](mailto:ADACoordinator@cor.gov)

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

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Spring is here and that means it is time for the *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival. This is one of my favorite events of the year since it allows Richardson residents to celebrate arts and culture and see top musical acts close to home.

This year's festival is being held from May 15-17 at Galatyn Park. We have some exciting headliners this year including Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo, Everclear, Kansas and Blue October. Disco party band Le Freak is also back this year, allowing attendees to show off their best 1970's dance moves at the popular Friday night street dance.

As always, there is more to *Wildflower!* than music. This year we have an exciting lineup of performers who will perform daily on Performance Row. Dance teams from J.J. Pearce High School, Richardson High School and Berkner High School will show of their moves, while The Drum Line will keep the beat at seven performances over the weekend. Kidz Korner is also back, with activities such as face painting, balloon art, a rock climbing wall and a petting zoo sure to keep the kids entertained.

Of course, *Wildflower!* would not be possible without the help



**Mayor**  
**Laura Maczka**  
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of hundreds of volunteers. In 2014, volunteers worked 5,185 hours at the festival, handling everything from ticket taking and handing out programs to manning Kidz Korner and answering questions at the information booth. These volunteers exhibit the sense of community and teamwork that makes me proud to call Richardson home.

The 23rd *Wildflower!* is shaping up to be one to remember. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka  
Mayor



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## About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 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](http://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](http://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.

# Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival

# MAY 15-17 2015

6 p.m.-midnight Friday • 11 a.m.-midnight Saturday • 12:30-8 p.m. Sunday

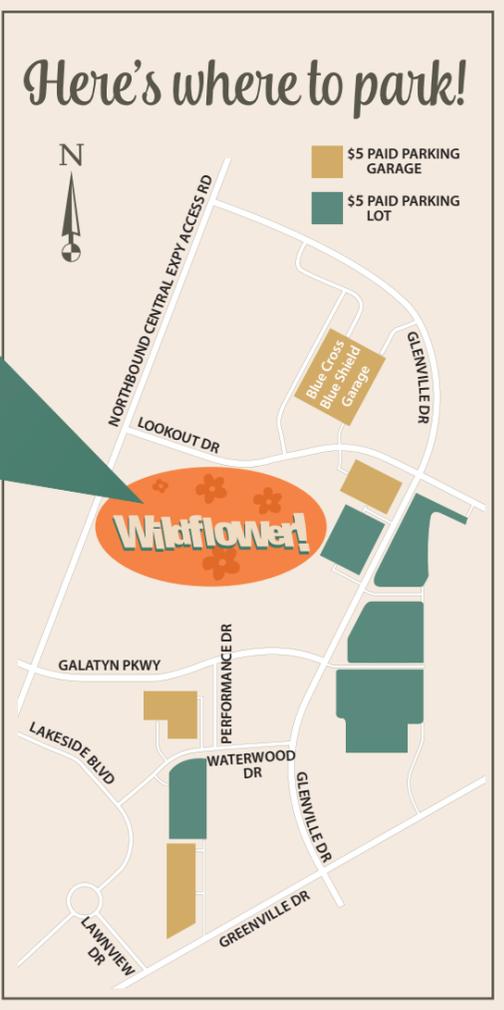
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All acts, times and locations are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

## 2015 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

For Performance Row schedule, see page 4.

	1 Wildflower! Amphitheater Stage	2 North Central Ford Stage	3 Goose Island Stage	4 Courtyard Stage	5 Singer/Songwriter Stage—Bank of America Theatre (Eisemann Center)	6 Hill Hall (Eisemann Center)
FRIDAY, MAY 15	<p>7 p.m. Zepparella— A Tribute to Led Zeppelin</p> <p>8:30 p.m. The Smithereens</p> <p>10 p.m. Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo</p> 	<p>6:15 p.m. Bravo, Max!</p> <p>7:30 p.m. The Kul</p> <p>9 p.m. Minus the Bear</p> <p>10:30 p.m. Blue October</p> 	<p>6:15 p.m. Willow James</p> <p>7:45 p.m. The Bodarks</p> <p>9 p.m. Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak</p> 	<p>6:30 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Association (DSA) Spotlight</p> <p>8:30 p.m. George Enslie</p> <p>9:30 p.m. Frank Martin Gilligan</p>	<p>6:15 p.m. Phoebe Hunt Trio</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Bill Ward &amp; 2-Bit Palomino</p> <p>8:45 p.m. Tom Prasada-Rao</p> <p>10 p.m. Susan Werner</p> 	
SATURDAY, MAY 16	<p>1 p.m. Goodnight Ned</p> <p>2:15 p.m. The Willy Collins Band</p> <p>3:45 p.m. The Roomsounds</p> <p>5:15 p.m. The Sideshow Tragedy</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Leon Russell</p> <p>8:30 p.m. 38 Special</p> <p>10 p.m. Kansas</p> 	<p>Noon Redline</p> <p>1:15 p.m. Reverend Leon &amp; The Repenters</p> <p>2:45 p.m. J Charles and the Train Robbers</p> <p>4:15 p.m. Battle of the Bands</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Stereo Fuse</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Tonic</p> <p>8:45 p.m. Fuel</p> <p>10:30 p.m. Everclear</p> 	<p>11:30 a.m. Kelly</p> <p>1 p.m. Morgan and Sara</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Texas Strut</p> <p>4 p.m. Emily Grace Berry</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Jay Johnson</p> <p>7 p.m. Frank in the Middle</p> <p>8:15 p.m. Joe Tucker</p> <p>9:45 p.m. A Hard Night's Day</p> 	<p>11 a.m. DSA Spotlight</p> <p>2 p.m. John Carroll</p> <p>3 p.m. Phoebe Hunt Trio</p> <p>4:15 p.m. Annalise Emerick</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Richard Berman</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Angela Easterling</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Cheri Call</p> <p>8:15 p.m. Brad Colerick</p> <p>9:15 p.m. Lola Tobin</p> <p>10:15 p.m. DSA Spotlight</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Songwriters Contest—10 Finalists</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Jacob Johnson</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Rj Cowdery</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners Announced</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Danny Schmidt</p> <p>5 p.m. Carrie Elkin</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Cliff Eberhardt</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Louise Mosrie</p> <p>8:45 p.m. Jonathan Byrd &amp; the Pickup Cowboys</p> <p>10 p.m. Trout Fishing in America</p>	<p>4, 7, 9 p.m. Zepparella— A Tribute to Led Zeppelin</p> 
SUNDAY, MAY 17	<p>1:45 p.m. Max Stalling</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Gary P. Nunn</p> <p>4:45 p.m. The Joe Ely Band</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Wynonna &amp; The Big Noise</p> 	<p>"Tribute Band Sunday"</p> <p>1:45 p.m. Cold As Ice <i>Foreigner tribute</i></p> <p>3:15 p.m. The Allmost Brothers <i>Allman Brothers tribute</i></p> <p>4:45 p.m. Blizzard of Ozz <i>Ozzy Osbourne tribute</i></p> <p>6:15 p.m. Cursed Diamond <i>Crowe Showe Black Crowes tribute</i></p>	<p>1:30 p.m. The Tu-Tones</p> <p>3 p.m. Romp Almighty</p> <p>4:30 p.m. La Pompe</p> <p>6 p.m. Homespun Remedies</p>	<p>12:30 p.m. DSA Spotlight</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Cole Rinser</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Crystal Yates</p> <p>5 p.m. DSA Spotlight</p>	<p>1 p.m. Budding Talent Vocal Competition</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners' Song Swap</p> <p>3:45 p.m. Rj Cowdery, Louise Mosrie and Ian Dickson Song Swap</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Zane Williams</p> 	<p>5 p.m. Zepparella— A Tribute to Led Zeppelin</p>



# Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival

## MAY 15-17 2015

6 p.m.-midnight Friday • 11 a.m.-midnight Saturday • 12:30-8 p.m. Sunday

[www.WildflowerFestival.com](http://www.WildflowerFestival.com) #wildflowerfest

## Check out the great acts on Performance Row

Visit Performance Row in front of the Eisemann Center!  
(Performance times and schedule are subject to change)

Friday		Sunday	
6:45 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre	3:45 p.m.	The Drum Line
7:45 p.m.	The Drum Line	4:30 p.m.	COR Gymnasts with Slinky Girl
8:15 p.m.	J.J. Pearce High School Mustang Stampede Dance Team	5:30 p.m.	Wacky Chad
		6:15 p.m.	Maguire Academy of Irish Dance
		7 p.m.	Richardson High School Desperados Dance Team
11:45 a.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre	7:30 p.m.	Berkner High School Ramblers Dance Team
12:30 p.m.	The Drum Line	8 p.m.	Drum Line
1 p.m.	COR Gymnasts with Slinky Girl	8:30 p.m.	Wacky Chad
1:45 p.m.	Wacky Chad		
2:45 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre		
		12:45 p.m.	The Drum Line (performance at the Renaissance Hotel Gateway)
		1 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre
		2 p.m.	Wacky Chad
		2:45 p.m.	The Drum Line
		3 p.m.	Wacky Chad
		4 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre
		5 p.m.	Wacky Chad
		5:45 p.m.	The Drum Line
		6:15 p.m.	Maguire Academy of Irish Dance
		7:15 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre



There will be plenty of chances to catch a show by The Drum Line, who will be performing seven times during Wildflower!

## There's fun for kids of all ages at Kidz Korner!

Kidz Korner is a fun and colorful festival stop where kids of all ages will find all kinds of games, activities and entertainment geared just for them.

Kidz Korner is located just south of the Wildflower! Amphitheater Stage.

### Don't miss...

Lizza Connor performing at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
Hula Hoop Loop  
"Pooch Portraits" Student Art Contest Display  
The Rock Star Karaoke Stage  
COR Petting Zoo

Rock Climbing Wall  
Kidz Huge Sand Pit  
Free Kidz Krafts  
Live Butterfly Tent  
Free Balloon Art  
Face Painting



## Weekend highlights

Big names in music aren't all that will be at this year's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. There's family fun, and entertainment from open to close. Check out these highlights, and visit [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) to see even more!

### THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Denny Dent's "Two Fisted Art Attack" portrait of John Lennon

### FRIDAY

**Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak** at the Goose Island Stage!

### SATURDAY

#### ARMED FORCES DAY

Present a military ID at any gate, and you and one guest will receive half-off admission. (Does not apply to advance tickets sold online.)

### SUNDAY

#### HALF PRICE SUNDAY

Sunday admission is just \$10 for adults courtesy of Cisco, and kids 12 and under get in free with a paid adult thanks to Bank of America!

#### Budding Talent Finals

**1 p.m., Bank of America Theatre (Eisemann Center)**

**Sprouts:** Grades 1-3

**Buds:** Grades 4-6

**Jr. Wildflower!:** Grades 7-9

**Wildflower!:** Grades 10-12

### Wildflower! goes social!

Be sure to follow Wildflower! on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube—we'll be covering the festival live, giving you updates from every stage, plus posting photos of all the fun from each day. If you're out at the festival, be sure to use the hashtag #WildflowerFest.



### Stay hydrated!

One factory-sealed one-liter bottle of water per person may be brought to Wildflower! For the answers to more FAQs, visit [www.wildflowerfestival.com/faq.html](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/faq.html).

### Go Green in 2015 sweepstakes

Stop by the Breeze Energy booth to "Shoot the Breeze" and enter the Go Green in 2015 sweepstakes or go to [www.BreezeEnergyGoGreen.com](http://www.BreezeEnergyGoGreen.com) and enter today! Prizes include one-year of free energy, a beach getaway package, Dallas Arboretum passes and a limited edition Villy Customs Breeze Beach Cruiser.

### Grab some grub at these food vendors

#### A La Carte/The Skillet

(nachos/fajitas/quesadillas)

#### Amazing Ad Specialties/A Taste of Cuba

(Cuban/carnival/variety)

#### Ben & Jerry's (ice cream)

#### Conway Corndogs

(corndogs and funnel cakes)

#### Crazy Otto's

(pretzels/fried meatloaf/lemonade)

#### Crepe Crazy (crepes/desserts)

#### Genghis Grill

#### Island Noodle (soba noodles/stir fry)

#### J Bob's Kettle Corn & Fudge

(kettle corn/cotton candy)

#### Jersey Mike's

(sub sandwiches/cheesesteaks)

#### Marble Slab Creamery (ice cream)

#### Mario's (pita wraps/gyros)

#### Maui Wowi (smoothies/nuts)

#### Pizza By the Slice (pizza/variety)

#### Ronoco (snow cones)



#### Satay Hut (kabobs)

#### Sonny Bryan's (barbecue)

#### Spudzilla Potatoes

(ribbon cut potatoes)

#### T.C. Roasted Corn (roasted corn)

#### T's Pizza Cones (pizza cones)

#### Texas Pit Stops (wild game sausage)

## Support arts education and NETWORK at the Guitar Art Auction

Festival sponsors, celebrities, sports figures and local artists are invited to enter a decorated guitar. Guitar entries, either electric or acoustic, can be transformed, painted, tiled, air-brushed or gilded in gold—there are all kinds of expressions of individuality, music, even Wildflower! itself.

The guitars are displayed in the Eisemann Center and sold in a silent auction for the duration of the festival. Proceeds from the auction benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries



and secondary-level fine art programs in Richardson ISD. **Bidding ends at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17!**

## Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival has a history of top acts

Since its beginnings as a small community event in Breckinridge Park in 1993, the *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival has grown into the Metroplex's largest music festival. *Wildflower!* attracts about 65,000 people to Galatyn Park annually and has hosted some of the biggest names in music.

This year, as we prepare for the 23rd *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival, let's take a look back at some of the past performers who graced the *Wildflower!* stages in previous years.

### Hall of Famers

Beginning in 1995 when Motown legends The Temptations played at Greenway Office Park, *Wildflower!* has hosted seven members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. From the surf and car rock sounds of the Beach Boys (1999) to the scorching piano of Jerry Lee Lewis (2011), Richardson residents have enjoyed a who's who of rock and roll. Joe Walsh, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame with the Eagles in 1998, played the 2012 festival, while the late soul singer Isaac Hayes performed in 2000.

One of the 2014 headliners, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, is among the eight inductees in the 2015 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Class. Joan Jett is a two-time *Wildflower!*



Joan Jett



Jerry Lee Lewis

headliner, having also performed at the festival in 2006. If you missed out on the previous Hall of Famers, this year you will have a chance to check out Leon Russell. Russell, who has collaborated with rock legends such as the Rolling Stones and The Beatles and previously played *Wildflower!* in 2005, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011. This year he will perform at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 16 on the *Wildflower!* Amphitheater Stage.

### Country Music



Hank Williams Jr.

*Wildflower!* has always featured country music, with acts such as Marty Stuart, Hank Williams Jr. and Lee Greenwood playing in the festival's first decade. More recently, however, country artists have become the star attraction on the festival's Sunday line-ups. Over the past few years, some of the biggest names in the genre have played, including the Charlie Daniels Band in 2013. Stars of the Texas Country music scene have also made *Wildflower!* a regular stop, with Ray Wylie Hubbard, Eleven Hundred Springs and Robert Earl Keen (2013), Jerry Jeff Walker (2008), Jack Ingram (2011 and 2014) all performing.

Richardson residents also got a chance to see one of country music's biggest stars before she burst onto the national scene. In 2005, Miranda Lambert played a Friday night show at *Wildflower!*, at which time the *Richardson Today* described the Lindale, Texas native as an "up-and-comer" in the country music world. Lambert would go on to be named the Academy of Country Music Top New Female Vocalist in 2007, and has since won the Female Vocalist of the Year award six times from the Academy of Country Music and five times from the Country Music Association. She has also won two Grammy Awards and been nominated nine additional times.

### Local Bands

While many of the headliners are from out of town, *Wildflower!* has always had a place on the lineup for local bands. One of the most popular rock bands to come out of the Metroplex is The Toadies, who played *Wildflower!* in both 2009 and 2013. Other groups with national followings that have played *Wildflower!* include Dallas-based alt-country band The Old 97s (2003), Dallas' blues rock stars Jonathan Tyler and the Northern Lights (2014) and Denton-based pop punk outfit Bowling for Soup, a 2003 Grammy nominee that played *Wildflower!* in 2006.

Two of the more unusual bands to come out of the Dallas area over the past 30 years have also played *Wildflower!* In 2004, the robe-wearing choral rock group The Polyphonic Spree, whose membership fluctuates between 12 and 24 members at any given time, played songs off their then-upcoming second album, while psychobilly pioneers The Reverend Horton Heat wowed the crowd in 2013 with their fast-paced guitar and bass riffs.

To see which bands are playing at this year's *Wildflower!*, see page 3 or visit [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com).

## Recycling bins for pilot program installed at Huffhines, Heights parks

A pilot program to place dozens of 30-gallon recycling bins in Huffhines and Heights parks is officially underway.

Last month, a total of 70 blue recycling bins were placed near the existing brown trash cans in the two parks. These locations were chosen to make it easy for park visitors to throw trash and recyclable material in the appropriate container. The bins will accept all items recycled by the City, including plastic—but not Styrofoam—cardboard, newspaper, glass and aluminum.

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.



For information on which items the City recycles, visit [www.cor.net/recyclingguide](http://www.cor.net/recyclingguide).

## Process for filling potential mayoral vacancy after election

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- After the new mayor takes the oath of office, the council seat previously held by that person, as well as the office of mayor pro tem, would then become vacant.
- The City Council would then need to appoint a mayor pro tem and determine when it would act to fill the council seat vacancy created when the mayor pro tem assumed the office of mayor through an appointive action, as required by the City Charter. Under the City Charter, Section 3.07, vacancies in the City Council shall be filled through appointment by

a majority vote of the remaining council members, and the person selected to fill such vacancies shall serve until the next general City Council election.

It was not possible to add a write-in candidate to the May 9 municipal election because the filing deadline had passed by the time of the Mayor's announcement. The City Charter approved by voters in 2012 also does not allow a special election for filling the position in this case. The only exception to this provision for filling a vacant council seat is that the City Council shall call a special election to fill vacancies in places 1-6 when (i) there are more than

two vacancies at the same time, and (ii) the vacancies occurred more than 60 days prior to a city general election. In the current scenario, there is no expectation that more than two council vacancies will exist at the same time, and one of the anticipated vacancies would be in place 7—the mayor's seat—not in places 1-6 as anticipated.

A Charter review committee is in the process of considering updates to this and other areas of the City Charter to propose modifications that would deal with issues like this in the future. Its next meeting will be held May 13 (see page 2).

## Investigator submits reports, finds no ethics violations

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allege a prima facie violation of the Code of Ethics.

### Independent investigation regarding Code of Ethics concerns

Due to citizens' concerns regarding the overall issues surrounding the Palisades zoning change, and timing of other events leading up to the 2015 municipal election, Richardson's City Attorney decided to appoint outside legal counsel to conduct a second independent Code of Ethics investigation. This process was chosen in order to allow for an independent study of the facts and to give confidence to city residents that an uninvolved third party would provide unbiased conclusions.

This independent investigation went beyond the written complaints filed with the city secretary under the Ethics Code.

### Conclusion of independent investigation

The second independent investigation found no evidence of any ethical violation under state law, the City Charter, or the Code of Ethics by Mayor Laura Maczka or any member of the City Council with respect to the referenced City Council votes or the mayor's announced intention to decline another term of office.

However, the report states that an overriding interest of the Code of Ethics is to ensure "that such of-

ficers of the City shall at all times strive to avoid even the appearance of impropriety." In his conclusion, Staples wrote, "While the facts in this case do not reveal a cognizable violation of the Code of Ethics, it is certainly understandable that the sum of the Mayor's actions would be viewed by the public as offending the overriding interest of the Code of Ethics. Nevertheless, a failure to avoid the appearance of impropriety does not constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics, City Charter or state law."

Staples also informed the council that information has been sent to the Dallas County District Attorney's Public Integrity Unit. The reason regards concerns over criminal violations related to the Texas Public Information Act and/or other Texas records retention laws possibly existing, but only with respect to the mayor.

### Background of George A. Staples, Jr.

George A. Staples, Jr. was selected to conduct the independent investigation due to his 50 years of experience specializing in municipal law, litigation and other areas of practice. He has been admitted to practice before the Texas Supreme Court; the Northern, Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas; the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; and the United States Supreme Court.

# Milestone ceremony for dog park

Richardson held a milestone ceremony for its Bush Central Barkway Dog Park last month as the official opening draws near. Construction of a dog park has been a top priority for the City for several years. In fact, the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan identified a dog park as one of the top five most-needed park facilities in Richardson.

The six-acre site is under and along the President George Bush Turnpike west of US 75. The official opening of the dog park is planned for late June.

It will include separate areas for large and small dogs, and for puppy parents who wish to host a doggy birthday party, a rental area will be available. Not only that, but if your pooch isn't as perky anymore, is now settling into a slower pace or recovering from surgery, an area for sedentary dogs will also be available. The park will also have a central plaza with restrooms and open space with different textures that include grass, decomposed granite, stone and logs.



The signs designating the areas for the Bush Central Barkway Dog Park were unveiled at a milestone ceremony held last month.

The space was made possible by Oncor and TxDOT who have graciously allowed the city to use their land for this facility.

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## Realtors workshop highlights Richardson destinations, projects

The City of Richardson hosted about 250 Realtors and real estate professionals at its annual Realtors workshop last month at City Hall. The event is designed to give Realtors an up-close look at the City and its partners and provide resources to expand their knowledge about economic development, education opportunities, the cultural arts, social services and more.

Richardson Assistant City Managers Cliff Miller, Shanna Sims-Bradish and Don Magnier informed those in attendance about several things going on in the City. Dr. Kay Waggoner, Richardson ISD superintendent, gave a brief talk about RISD, where av-

erage SAT and ACT scores routinely exceed the state average. She was followed by Dr. David Daniel, president of the University of Texas at Dallas, who told the crowd about some dramatic changes to the UT Dallas campus over the past few years.

"Real estate professionals are the people who are out on the street meeting with individuals and families looking to relocate to the area," Magnier said. "Through the Realtors Workshop, we are able to inform them about the exciting projects we have going on in the City, in Richardson ISD and at UT Dallas."

## City Council adopts Public Art Master Plan

Cultural arts are an important part of life in Richardson, and public art is one important aspect of the City's overall cultural arts master plan.

To help guide development of future public art projects, such as the "The Rocket" at Heights Park, the City Council approved a Public Art Master Plan in March. The plan seeks to craft a vision to increase public art in Richardson. Specifically, the Public Art Program will commission public art at City facilities, assist developers in commissioning art projects, and work to create collaborations that increase the amount of public art in the city.

"The City of Richardson is changing and growing, so it is an ideal time to talk about how public art can enhance our community," said Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish. "We are fortunate to have a world-class university, a dynamic business community and highly engaged residents to partner with the City in these efforts."

The Public Art Master Plan focuses on two types of public art projects; 1) public art projects that both convey a distinct character for Richardson's neighborhoods and business districts; and 2) public art projects that contribute to the overall look, feel and image of Richardson. Under the plan, developers are encouraged to incorporate public art into projects, and public art could be incorporated into specific future general obligation bond projects.

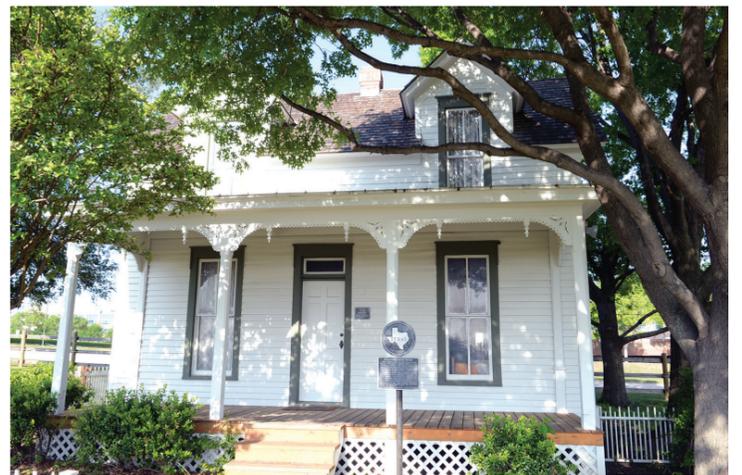
The master plan recommends carefully selecting public art projects that reinforce the City's design character, express the identity of Richardson's neighborhoods, embrace the City's diversification, engage



"The Rocket" at Heights Park

people and display Richardson's history. Decisions on future projects will bring a number of people and groups to the table including members of the City Council, Cultural Arts Commission and key stakeholders. The master plan also points out the importance of administrative guidelines to make sure that public art is representative of the community and continues to be conserved and maintained.

To view the Council discussion on public art, visit [www.bit.ly/PublicArtDiscussion](http://www.bit.ly/PublicArtDiscussion). To view the plan, visit [www.bit.ly/PublicArtMasterPlan](http://www.bit.ly/PublicArtMasterPlan).



## Historic Miss Belle's Place will remain in Richardson

As the search continues for a buyer for the former Owens Spring Creek Farm, the City of Richardson continues to weigh options for what will become of a historic house it owns on that property—"Miss Belle's Place." Fondly remembered by many Richardson residents as a place where they learned about our city's history, the 1880's-built Victorian farmhouse will remain at its current location at Plano Road and Lookout Drive, if the future buyer agrees. But if the buyer does not, the City wants to be ready with a new location.

"We've been looking at other city land that would be appropriate for a structure of this type," said Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish. "Park land, of course, is a strong contender."

The house was originally built around 1887 at 206 Sherman St. in Richardson. It was donated to the City in 1979 and moved to Owens Spring Creek Farm. The Junior League of Richardson maintains the house and has provided tours to visitors over the years. The house was designated as a Texas historic landmark in 1982.

## West Junior High celebrates 50th anniversary

When CEOs choose Richardson as the place to locate their companies, they often cite the city's homegrown talent pool among their reasons. Not only are they referring to graduates of the University of Texas at Dallas and Richland College, but also the ways in which RISD nurtures math, science and technology skills from K-12, through camps, special programs and magnet schools. One of those schools, Richardson West Junior High, celebrated 50 years last month.

On Saturday, April 18, the school (known as "West") welcomed past and present staff and students for a time capsule dedication, tours through a memorabilia museum and other activities. Begun with the class of 1965, West became a technology magnet in 1997; by 2010 the school added magnets in visual arts, theatre arts, communications and robotics.

It was especially fitting that guests to the celebration played trivia games via their smart phones. West partnered with Google International last year to become the



first fully-integrated "Google Campus" in the world.

"That means West utilizes Google for education in all curricular areas, and every student and teacher is issued a Google Chromebook," explained Henry Hall, current RWJH principal.

In addition to Chromebooks, teachers and students utilize iPads, Macs, PCs and other devices to support instruction. The arts and technology focus of the school blends together as band, choir and

orchestra members record practice sessions with SmartMusic software and use Chromebooks instead of sheet music as they perform.

Others RISD schools with a focus on math/science/technology include MST Magnet Elementary, Westwood Junior High School (Math, Science and Leadership Magnet), Richardson High School (Arts, Law and Science Magnet) and Berkner High School (Richardson Berkner STEM Academy).



## CityLine Drive ribbon cutting held

Representatives from KDC and the City of Richardson recently attended a ribbon cutting for the new CityLine Drive. The new road runs parallel to Renner Road through the heart of KDC's CityLine, a 2.3 million-square-foot mixed-used development located at Plano Road and the President George Bush Turnpike. The development is anchored by State Farm and Raytheon, and will also include businesses such as Whole Foods and Look Cinemas.

# Eisemann Center, Cultural Arts & Community Events

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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

**May 4**

**"MAKE MINE MURDER"** 1 p.m.  
The Richardson Red Hat Chapter invites you to Joy Davis's oral presentation of the life story of Agatha Christie. 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.

**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. Call the Senior Center for more information. No fee.

**May 19**

**OUT TO LUNCH** 10:45 a.m. Our next out to lunch will be at Casa Milagro. Cost is 50 cents for van trip. Call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**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. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. \$98.

**June 15-19**

**Nashville: Music City and More!**  
We will have private tours of the Grand Ole Opry, 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 Schemerhorn 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 Resort Hotel. For pricing and more information, call 972-744-7800.

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### ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

**May 2**

**DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS** 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.

**May 15**

**COMPUTER CLASS: "INTERNET 101"** 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.

**May 20**

**THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE** 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "We are Water" by Wally Lamb. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.

**May 22**

**JOB SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET** 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.

**May 6**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB** 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Idea Factory: A Portrait of Bell Labs" by Jon Gertner. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.

**May 16**

**3D PRINTING AND TINKERCAD CLASS** 2-4 p.m.. Basement Program Room.

**May 20**

**COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP** 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.

**May 25**

**LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY** The Library will reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

**May 9**

**SCRATCH PROGRAMMING** 1:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Bring your own laptop. For ages 10 and up.

**May 18**

**WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS** 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.

**May 21**

**RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING** 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Catherine Torrez will speak about writing memoirs.

**May 26**

**FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE** 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats" by Philip Sendker. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

**May 13**

**SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE** 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

**May 19**

**RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION** 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Jane Jones will speak about experimental acrylic and watercolor.

**May 21**

**REAL READS BOOK CLUB** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Moonwalking with Einstein" by Joshua Foer. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

**May 2**

**MOVIE MORNINGS: BIG HERO 6** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

**May 4**

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION** 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

**May 29**

**LEGOS AND LITTLE BITS** 4-5 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Grades 4-8.

**May 31**

**TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS** 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.

**May 2**

**TEEN MOVIE: INCEPTION** 2-4 p.m.. Basement Program Room.

**May 11, 18**

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

**May 30**

**CRAFTIVITY! CHILDREN'S GAMES AND CRAFTS** 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

### Seniors' Net hosts free seminar

The next monthly Seniors' Net free seminar will be on May 19. The seminar will focus on Medicare Advantage Plans and what seniors need to know. The seminar will be held from 10 a.m.-noon at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).

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**CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS SPRING RECITAL** (2 p.m., 7 p.m. May 2. \$15-\$25. Visit [www.chamberlainschoolofballet.com](http://www.chamberlainschoolofballet.com).)

**RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND'S "HAPPY EVERYTHING"** (2 p.m. May 3. Free, no ticket required. Visit [www.richardsoncommunityband.org](http://www.richardsoncommunityband.org).)

**LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "SONGS AND DANCES: WITH FRANK TICHELI"** Performance features the Lone Star Youth Winds. (2:30 p.m. May 5. \$32-\$42. Visit [www.lonestarwindorchestra.com](http://www.lonestarwindorchestra.com).)

**RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents the RSO Season Finale. (8 p.m. May 9. \$12-\$89. Visit [www.richardsonsymphony.org](http://www.richardsonsymphony.org).)

**TOBY'S SCHOOL OF DANCE PRESENTS "CELEBRATE"** (6:30 p.m. May 22. \$16-\$25. Visit [www.tobysdance.com](http://www.tobysdance.com).)

**HATHAWAY ACADEMY OF BALLET'S 2015 RECITAL** (6:30 p.m. May 23-24. \$12. Visit [www.hathawayballet.com](http://www.hathawayballet.com).)

**LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "PULSE OF THE PLANET"** Performance features the Lone Star Percussion Ensemble. (4:30 p.m. May 24. \$22. Visit [www.lonestarwindorchestra.com](http://www.lonestarwindorchestra.com).)

**THE CONTEMPORARY CHORALE PRESENTS "SOUNDS OF SONDEHEIM"** (2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. May 30. \$19-\$25. Visit [www.thecontemporarychorale.org](http://www.thecontemporarychorale.org).)



### May Civic Center Events

**Motherhood Matters Pregnancy Expo**

May 2

[www.wingsforwellness.org](http://www.wingsforwellness.org)

**Dallas Bridge Tournament**

May 21-25

[www.d16acbl.org/U176](http://www.d16acbl.org/U176)

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**Pictured from left are: Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka, State Farm Public Affairs Specialist Michael Grimes, Richardson State Farm Agent Stephanie South and Richardson Police Chief Jimmy Spivey.**

### State Farm gives grant to RPD

State Farm presented the Richardson Police Department with a \$25,000 grant last month. The money will allow the department to purchase video equipment that will be used to film public service announcements, including PSAs focused on teen driving. The

program is intended to increase awareness of distracted, impaired, and dangerous driving, while also gaining voluntary compliance with traffic laws. Videos will be posted to YouTube once they are completed.

### New program helps residents know when to water yards

The North Texas Municipal Water District has a handy calculator that allows customers in member cities such as Richardson to quickly determine if their yards need supplemental watering. The Water My Yard program uses precipitation data and information provided by the user to determine whether watering is required.

At [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org), residents enter information about

their home sprinkler system. Water My Yard then uses data from a weather station in Richardson to give an answer to the question, "Do I need to water?" The information is sent out weekly via e-mail to ensure residents have up-to-date information and are not overwatering.

For more information on water restrictions and conservation in Richardson, visit [www.cor.net/waterconservation](http://www.cor.net/waterconservation).



## Only rain should go down the drain

Volunteers throughout the city are helping the Health Department on one of its most important campaigns, a campaign that aims to improve the quality of water in creeks and lakes.

The City's Storm Drain Marking Program works to place colorful, 4-inch plastic marker disks on top of storm drains in the city. The markers serve as educational tools, letting people know that only rain should flow into the drain, and that everything that enters the drain flows into a creek.

"We need people to realize that unlike the sanitary sewer system, the things that go down the storm drains don't go through any sort of treatment before dumping into a creek," said Health Director Bill Alsop. "When chemicals such as oil and pesticides enter our creeks it can have a negative impact on the plants and animals in the City's waterways."

The Storm Drain Marking Program has proven popular with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, as well



as neighborhood associations that want to make sure all of the drains in their neighborhood are marked. Recently, Patrick Ralston and other members of Boy Scout Troop 1001 placed about 380 markers in Canyon Creek and near the University of Texas at Dallas as part of Ralston's Eagle Scout project.

Anyone wishing to participate in the program should contact the Health Department at 972-744-4080. The department will provide

all of the needed materials, including maps of the drains that need markers, wire brushes to clean the concrete and an adhesive cement to bond the markers to the drain.

"The program involves public participation and public education, both of which are requirements in our campaign to improve water quality," Alsop said. "The more educated public we have, the better our water quality will be."

## Sign up for Youth Citizen Police Academy



The Richardson Police Department is now accepting applications for the Youth Citizen Police Academy. This free program offers youth ages 14 to 17 the opportunity to learn about the police department's operations.

The academy is a week-long interactive class that meets four hours each day from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Detectives and officers will present subjects that include Crime Scene Investigation, SWAT, K-9 unit, Patrol Tactics, Anti-Bullying and Decision Making to name just a few.

This academy is open to teens that live in Richardson or attend school in the Richardson Independent School District. Applications must be received by June 1. The academy begins June 15 and concludes June 19. For questions, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955. You can download an application and learn more on the Youth CPA webpage located at [www.richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net) under Crime Prevention.

## Property Tax valuations mailed in May

Property valuation notices for 2015 should arrive in Richardson mailboxes in May. Homeowners often do not realize that all city, county and school taxes are based, in part, on property valuations determined by their central appraisal district (CAD) office. If owners disagree with the property valuation, they have the right to protest it with the central appraisal district office listed on the notice, not the city.

Homeowners residing in Dallas County will receive a notice in the mail from the Dallas CAD only if their property value increases, the ownership changes, the property was rendered, or the property had a capped value in the previous year. However, an appraisal notice will be available on all accounts via the Dallas CAD website, [dallascad.org](http://dallascad.org). All homeowners living in the Collin County portion of Richardson will receive a notice from the CAD of Collin County whether or not their appraisal changes.

For Richardson residents living in Dallas County, protests and questions should be directed to the Dallas CAD (2949 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247-6195) at 214-905-9402 or 214-631-0910 or [dallascad.org](http://dallascad.org). Residents of Collin County should direct their protests and questions to the

Collin CAD (250 Eldorado Pkwy., McKinney, TX 75069) at 469-742-9200 or [collincad.org](http://collincad.org). The CAD websites contain appraised values, exemption information, online maps, forms and FAQs.

**Written protests must be filed not later than 30 days after the date of the notice or May 31, whichever is later.**

In the past, many taxpayers have lost opportunities to protest property valuations because they failed to file their written protest within the deadlines set by the Texas Legislature. If taxpayers disagree with the appraised value or an exemption status, they should file a written protest with the appraisal district office immediately. This protest should identify the property owner, the location of the property in dispute, and a general statement as to the nature of the protest. The protest must be filed by the deadline date stated on the valuation notice. If

the protest is filed on time, the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) will hear the case in the taxpayer's respective district. The taxpayer will be notified in writing of the scheduled hearing date, which will be at least 15 days after the date the notice of hearing is mailed. The ARBs begin their Protest Hearings in May and finish in July. Following their Protest Hearing property owners will be mailed an Order Determining Protest from the ARB. The Board's decisions can be appealed to the District Court or settled through binding arbitration.

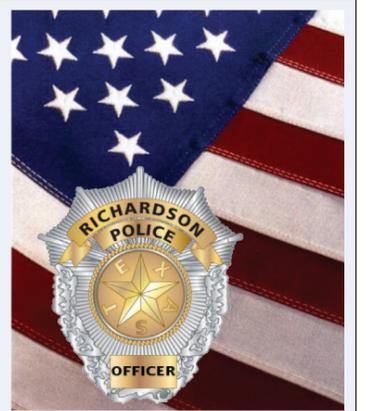
### Property Tax Basics available online

These procedures and all other details about property valuations are further explained on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website. The internet link for the page on Property Tax System Basics can be found at [www.cpa.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/basics.html](http://www.cpa.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/basics.html).

If you live in:			
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Tax	Pay to	Tax	Pay to
City	Dallas County	City	Collin County
County	Dallas County	County	Collin County
School	RISD	School	Collin County

### Police Memorial Service is May 11

The public is invited to attend the Richardson Police Department National Police Week Memorial Service Monday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. The service will be held along the circle drive near the flag poles between the 9-1-1 Center and the Police Department located at 140 N. Greenville Dr.



## Help for your landscape from Texas A&M AgriLife

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

### #116-Drought Tolerant Turf

Tue., May 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Need tuff turf? Choosing the right turf and proper lawn care maintenance is a key component to a healthy lawn. This program covers basic lawn maintenance practices and selecting the right turf grass to improve the health and longevity of your landscape. You will learn how to maintain your landscape using less water, fertilizer and pesticides.

### #106-Making A Rain Barrel

Tue., May 19, 6:30-8 p.m.

Does your rain just run off? Divert it, save it, use it!! Come learn the basics and benefits of rain-water harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. **Cost: \$50 a barrel.**



972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

## 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](http://www.bit.ly/1Bz1frE).



## Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.  
972-234-1416 [www.sherrillparkgolf.com](http://www.sherrillparkgolf.com)

### Golf It Up 1.0

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

Golf It Up 1.0 for the beginning player includes eight hours of instruction on the driving, chipping, pitching, putting, on-course practice and lessons on rules and etiquette. Four-week classes are held all summer, with the first class beginning May 4.

For questions, call 817-846-7157, visit [www.myperformancegolf.com](http://www.myperformancegolf.com) or e-mail [jhorton@pga.com](mailto: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. Members play on Tuesday mornings from March to 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 information, contact Nancy Stubbs at 972-669-8909, or Jo Ellen Gilstrap at 214-695-8889.

### Upcoming Tournament

June 21  
Parent/Child

## Lifeguards needed

Need a job? Do you love water and helping people? If so, the Richardson Parks and Recreation Department has just the job for you. The department is now hiring lifeguards for this summer. Visit [www.cor.net/jobs](http://www.cor.net/jobs) for more information or to apply.

Save the date for the 11th annual

# CITY WIDE PET DAY

Saturday,  
Nov. 7  
Huffhines Park

Richardson  
Animaluv

Sharing Earth with animals  
[www.RichardsonAnimaluv.org](http://www.RichardsonAnimaluv.org)



## Urban Naturalist walks planned

Two nature walks are planned in June. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go online to [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline).

No drinking fountains or restrooms are available on the west side of Breckinridge Park. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants, insect repellent and sturdy shoes are recommended. Children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

All walks will begin from the south parking lot of Moroney Drive south of Renner Road, 3404 Moroney Dr., on the west side of Breckinridge Park.

### WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS

Ponds and creeks are home

to a wide variety of creatures and plants that add value to our environment. This habitat is a very active place in the summer months with changes taking place daily. Bring the kids to explore the diversity of life in these water areas and the tremendous value wetlands and riparian areas provide for high quality natural areas. Leading this walk will be Becky Rader, formerly the lead naturalist for the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

June 6, 8:30 a.m.  
Course Number: 84897

### BIRDS OF SUMMER IN NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

We have many species of birds that either reside in our area most of the year or have come here for the summer. Breckinridge Park is a great birding location to find the birds of summer that enjoy our climate and quality natural areas at this time of year.

Come listen, watch and dis-



cover these birds with the guidance of Michael Cameron, Jennifer Kolmes and Rodney Thomas of the Prairies and Timbers Audubon.

June 20, 8:30 a.m.  
Course Number: 84898

## 2015 City of Richardson Aquatics

### Pools open daily Saturday, May 30

#### Canyon Creek Pool

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

#### Cottonwood Pool

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

#### Glenville Pool

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

#### Terrace Pool

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

#### Heights Family Aquatic Center\*

\*Opens May 23  
Open: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.  
noon-9 p.m. Sat., Sun.  
709 W. Arapaho Rd.  
972-744-7856

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

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



### Splash Day

Saturday, May 30

FREE ADMISSION  
Heights, Canyon Creek,  
Cottonwood, Glenville  
and Terrace pools

### Free Swim Lessons

9 a.m.-noon, Sat., May 30  
Glenville Pool

Call 972-744-7892 or 972-744-7881 to register.

### Private Party Reservations

Private Party Reservations are available throughout the summer. Sign up beginning at 9 a.m. May 1. Call 972-744-7892.

#### Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools

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

#### Heights Family Aquatic Center

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

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

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

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

### 2015 Richardson pool and aquatic center fees

Season passes now available at recreation centers!

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

\* Not good for admission to Heights Family Aquatic Center.

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

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

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

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 7. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

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

**Special Events and Trip Information**  
Special events and trip information can be found on page 7 of this publication.

**Classes**

**For all classes, unless otherwise noted,** you may pay online (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 May 4. 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 May 4. 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 May 19 and 26 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, May 4 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, May 4 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, May 16 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, May 16 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 May 12, 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.

**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:

May 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May 21	6-10 p.m.

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

May 4 and 7	6-9 p.m.
May 18 and 21	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.

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



**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.

**Just "A" Dance**  
The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. \$48 per quarter.

**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.

**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.

**New!! Bridge Lessons**  
Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. The next five-week session will start May 20. Classes cost \$10.

**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 TBA at 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

**Programs**

**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.

**\*Medicare and Medicaid\* Informational Program**  
June 25, 9-11 a.m.

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging, along with the Health and Human Service Commission, will hold an informational session on the upcoming changes to those who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Both Medicare and Medicaid healthcare coverage will be providing the option of coverage by one insurance company. You will have the option of joining one of the plans or staying with what you have. You will need to confirm your choice or you will be enrolled in a plan automatically. Do not miss the opportunity to learn and understand about this upcoming change and how it could affect your Medicare or Medicaid plan.

**Health Connection**  
May 21—10 a.m.—No Cost  
"Beyond Pretty: How Trees and Shrubs Help Increase Your Home's Value"

Rick Zampino, owner/arborist of Advanced Tree and Shrub Care will discuss how trees and shrubs contribute to lowering heating and cooling costs and why you should have trees and shrubs appraised for insurance, legal and income tax purposes.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Happy Birthday Party**  
Summer birthdays will be celebrated 2 p.m. June 29.

**The Saturday Night Vintage Dance Club**

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

May 2	Bill G Band
May 9	Doc Gibbs
May 23	Tommy Chandler
May 30	Tommy Chandler

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

**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



## Celebrate Older Americans Month

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"Get into the Act" and join NETWORK of Community Ministries and the Richardson Senior Center to acknowledge and celebrate older Americans for their contributions to our nation and communities. Stop by the Richardson Senior Center May 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for food, entertainment, bingo at 2 p.m., antique cars and prizes. No Fee.

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance). Admission is \$7 per person.

### 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](http://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.

### Needleworks

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and hand-crafts Tuesdays from 2:15-4:14 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.

### Mental Aerobics

Mondays at 10 a.m.

### Backgammon

If you are interested in playing backgammon once a week at the Senior Center, please call 972-744-7800.

### 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.

### Bingo

Next Bingo is May 21 at 2 p.m.

### 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. Call 972-744-7800 for 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 May 7.

### RSVP Volunteer Program

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](mailto: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.

### 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 Julie Miller. 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.

### 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. 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.

### WaterAerobic Classes

Instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction when the summer session begins.

**Summer WaterAerobic Classes begin June 2** at two locations. 3 punch card options.

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

Punch card can be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Games

### Canasta

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

### Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

### Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

### Party Bridge

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

### Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

### Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

### Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

### Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

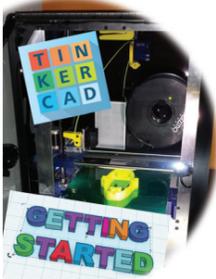
## Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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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### Learn & Create: 3D Printing & Tinkercad



**Saturday, May 16**  
2-4 p.m.

**Adults & Teens**  
Basement Program Room

Registration starts May 1.  
**Laptop required.**

Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register and for more information.



**Saturday, May 9**  
1:30-4:30 p.m.

Teens & Kids 10+

Bring a laptop. Parents welcome!  
Registration required.  
Library Basement Program Room

Call Youth Services at 972-744-4358 to register and for more information.



**Final Friday • Happy Hour!**  
Friday, May 29, 4-5 p.m.  
for grades 4-8  
First Floor Program Room

**MAKE 'EM BUZZ!**  
**MAKE 'EM LIGHT UP!**  
**MAKE 'EM MOVE**

Make whatever you want with our new littleBits Synth, Space and Deluxe Kits plus a huge tub of LEGOs.  
Managed by the RPL Teen Advisory Board

## 2015 Explorers Club

There's a fun summer in store for you

**Presentations Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.**  
**Activities Richardson residents**  
**Crafts & going into 3rd-5th grades**  
**Books! Basement Program Room**

**Registration begins May 26!**

**JUNE 11 SUPERHEROES UNITE!** Release your inner hero and join the Superheroes Training Camp.

**JUNE 18 AUTHOR MARCI PESCHKE:** Discover secrets of writing, crafting, and details about *Kylie Jean's* creator!

**JUNE 25 THE CREATURE TEACHER:** Animals up close. Learn facts, ask questions, explore the animal world.

**JULY 2 NO PROGRAMS**

**JULY 9 MARK-9 SEARCH & RESCUE:** Meet canine heroes and hear about their training in rescue situations.

**JULY 16 COMMUNITY HEROES: RICHARDSON PD:** Meet a local officer, learn safety tips, and explore a day in the life of a police officer.

**JULY 23 SPACE HEROES:** Recruiting for trip to Outer Space. Must be prepared for any situation.

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

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## CINCO DE MAYO

**Monday May 4 7-8:30 p.m.** | **lunes 4 de mayo 7-8:30 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

All Ages Welcome!  
Para toda La familia.

Enjoy Lake Highlands High School Ballet Folklorico  
Disfrute del Ballet Folclórico de Lake Highlands High School

Make cinco de mayo crafts!  
¡Haga manualidades del Cinco de Mayo!

## CRAFTIVITY!

**Crafts & Games!**  
**Come and go family fun for all ages!**

**Saturday, May 30**  
3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room  
No registration required

For more information, call 972-744-4358.

## 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 dream can be a dangerous thing

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



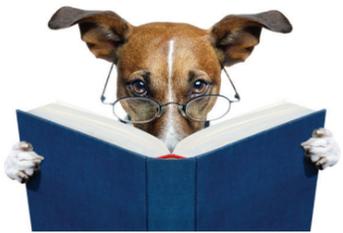
**MOVIE MORNINGS**  
Rated PG

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

Ages 6 years+  
Basement Program Room

For more information, call 972-744-4358.

## Tales for Tails



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

**Sunday, May 31**  
3-4 p.m.

For Readers in Grades K-4  
1st Floor Program Room

## WIGGLE WORMS

An 8-week program for Richardson residents 12 to 36 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.

Wiggle Worms starts Monday, June 8 and ends Thursday, Aug. 6.  
No Wiggle Worms the week of June 29.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon. 10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group AM1
Mon. 11-11:30 a.m.	Group AM2
Tues. 6:15-6:45 p.m.	Group PM
Thurs. 10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group AM3
Thurs. 11-11:30 a.m.	Group AM4

**Required** registration begins Tuesday, May 26. (Children must be 12 months old by June 9, 2015).

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.



## 3-6 YEAR OLD STORYTIME

An 8-week program for Richardson residents, ages 3 to 6 years old, filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon. 2:15-2:45 p.m.	Group ST1
Mon. 6-6:30 p.m.	Group ST2
Tues. 3:15-3:45 p.m.	Group ST
Wed. 10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group ST3
Wed. 11-11:30 a.m.	Group ST4

**Required** registration begins Tuesday, May 26. (Children must be 3 years old by June 9, 2015.)

Storytime starts Monday, June 8 and ends Wednesday, Aug. 5.  
No Storytime during the week of June 29.

Children attend Storytime independently.  
A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.



## 1ST & 2ND GRADE STORYTIME

An 8-week program for Richardson residents going into 1st or 2nd grades, filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays.

**Required** registration begins Tuesday, May 26. Storytime starts Tuesday, June 9 and ends Tuesday, Aug. 4. No Storytime during the week of June 29.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Tues. 2:15-2:45 p.m.	Group ST6
Tues. 7-7:30 p.m.	Group ST7

Children attend Storytime independently. A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.



## 2015 Young Authors

**Fridays, June 12-Aug. 7**  
(No class on Friday, July 3)  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Basement Program Room

Registration begins Tues., May 26

Write, illustrate and bind a picture book for preschoolers!  
Receive your own copy at an awards ceremony in the fall!

For Richardson residents entering 5th-9th grades. Registration and valid Richardson Library card required; register by phone at 972-744-4358.

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## Summer Reading Kickoff!

Laugh, learn & sing yourself silly with the

# Pipdillys

This "award-winning" *Dynamic* musical comedy Duo performs at libraries, schools and festivals all across Texas. Their outstanding show combines original songs, magic, juggling and energetic audience interaction with important messages for the whole family.

**Saturday, June 6**  
noon-1 p.m.

1st Floor Youth Services Department

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program!

For more information, call 972-744-4358

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