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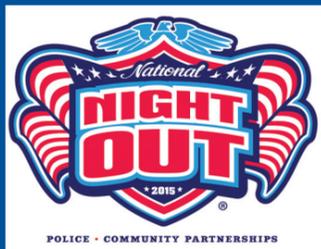
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Richardson named "Bicycle Friendly Community"

Richardson recently became the only community in the Metroplex, and one of only five in the state, to receive a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award from the League of American Bicyclists.

The BFC program is a leading national level evaluation tool that helps communities evaluate and benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle-friendliness.

The Bronze BFC award recognizes Richardson's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

"Becoming known as a bike-friendly community is important on many levels," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "Our residents enjoy the access we provide from a quality of life standpoint, and our high-tech business community also sees this as an important amenity to help them attract young

professionals and a diverse workforce. Being the only community in the Metroplex to obtain this level of recognition is a fantastic vote of confidence for our goals to serve both of these groups, and we are both ecstatic and driven to work harder to improve our level of recognition."

The BFC program provides a roadmap to building a Bicycle Friendly Community and the application itself has become a rigorous and an educational tool. It has five award levels—diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze.

The only other cities in Texas to have achieved a medal ranking through the BFC program are:

- Richardson-Bronze
- Austin-Silver
- Houston-Bronze
- San Antonio-Bronze
- The Woodlands-Bronze

The City is in the process of working on ways to share the news that Richardson is bicycle friendly. A metal sign (like the one in the photo to the right) has been in-



Members of the Richardson City Council receive the Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community award from League of American Bicyclists Board Member Gail Spann. Richardson is one of only five cities in Texas to be recognized by the organization.

stalled outside the west entrance to City Hall, and additional sign locations along the City's hike and bike trails and parks are being sought out. Possible locations

for signs include both the Spring Creek Nature Area and Breckinridge Park, two areas that are very popular with local bicyclists.

Bush Central Barkway is open



Richardson has a treat for man's best friend as the City's first dog park, the Bush Central Barkway, opened Aug. 1. Regular operating hours will be 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. everyday except Wednesday, when the hours will be 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. The park is sure to feature something for all dog-loving Richardson residents.

Construction of a dog park has been a top priority for the city for several years. 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 located under and along the President George Bush Turnpike west of US 75 and includes separate areas for large and small dogs, as well as an area that can be rented for parties. Not only that, but if your pooch isn't as perky anymore, is settling into a slower pace or is recovering from surgery, an area for sedentary dogs is available. The park will also have a central plaza with restrooms, shade structures and open space with different textures including grass, decomposed granite, stone and logs.



City Council poised to call bond and Charter elections

The City Council has given direction to City staff to move forward with the process of calling a bond election and a Charter amendment election. The ballot language is still being finalized, but the Council is expected to call both elections at its Aug. 17 meeting.

Bond proposal

The proposed 2015 bond program includes \$115 million in projects. The bond package would not require



an increase in the City's tax rate and would focus on public safety and infrastructure, with additional funds going toward parks and public buildings. The City's last bond package was approved by voters in 2010.

The projects in the proposed 2015 bond program include:

- Public Buildings (\$67 million)—includes various fire station improvements and updates to City Hall, the Public Safety Complex, the Animal Shelter and the Library
- Streets (\$38.5 million)—includes street and alley improvements, traffic signal rebuilds and traffic operational/efficiency improvements
- Parks (\$7.2 million)—includes playground and trail improvements as well as renovation of the Senior Center
- Sidewalks (\$2.2 million)—improvements to sidewalks in the five areas of the city that have not been improved over the past decade

Charter amendment election

The proposed Charter amendment election is the result of the work of the Charter Review Commission, which was appointed last year by the City Council.

The commission recommended 84 changes to the City Charter, including changing the way mayoral vacancies are filled. City staff refined the proposed amendments based on feedback from the City Council, specifically focusing on ways to word the amendments to enhance voter understanding and increase clarification. The Charter was last amended in 2012.



Further information

More information on the proposed bond and Charter amendment elections will be included in upcoming editions of *Richardson Today*, and educational publications in both English and Spanish will be published if the elections are called.

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Budget meetings open to the public, meetings will also be broadcast live

The City Council will hold public meetings Aug. 10, Aug. 17 and Aug. 24 at City Hall to discuss the 2015-16 fiscal year budget and property tax rate. The City Council will vote to adopt the 2015-16 budget and property tax rate at its Sept. 14 meeting.

All meetings are open to the public and will be streamed live on the City website at www.cor.net and broadcast live on the City's cable TV station on Time Warner Cable, channel 16, and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. On-demand replays of the meetings will also be available at www.cor.net.

All the meetings will be held at the City Hall/Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. See schedule below.

Aug. 10	City Manager Budget Presentation	6 p.m. Richardson Room
Aug. 17	Public Hearing	6 p.m. Council Chambers
Aug. 24	Public Hearing	7 p.m. Council Chambers
Sept. 14	2015-16 budget and property tax rate adopted by City Council	7 p.m. Council Chambers

“New Normal” water conservation plan in effect

Twice-per-week watering (no lawn watering 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Increased lake levels at North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) reservoirs led the City to initiate “conservation plan” water management strategies.

The new conservation plan went into effect May 1, and the watering schedule allows for irrigation 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. Visit www.watermyyard.org for ground moisture information to find the best times to water your yard.

Twice-per-week watering schedule

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Water days for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)
 Water days for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

www.cor.net/WaterConservation—972-744-4220

Labor Day sanitation schedule, recycle make-up days

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be NO recycling pick up, solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Sept. 7. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, Sept. 7	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Wednesday, Sept. 9

City facility schedule for Labor Day holiday Sept. 7

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Library, Gymnastics Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center	Closed Sept. 7
Tennis Center	8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 7
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open
Heights Family Aquatic Center	10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sept. 7

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

Community Events. You can also view CDTV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

While Richardson is known for many things including its technology focus, high-performing schools, Eisemann Center and annual *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival, we are also building on our reputation as being known for something else—being a bike friendly community. Thanks to our growing trail system and ongoing commitment to create bike lanes on our city streets, Richardson was recently named a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.



Mayor Paul Voelker
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Richardson is the only community in the Metroplex, and one of only five in the state, to receive this national recognition. The award recognizes not only Richardson's trails and bike lanes, but its commitment to improving conditions through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs and pro-bicycling policies.

The award application is rigorous and educational and helped us increase our bicycle focus. Richardson joins Houston, San Antonio and The Woodlands as bronze level cities; Austin has achieved silver status. (There are five award levels—diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze.)

Becoming known as a bike friendly community is important on many levels. I know from talking to residents that many enjoy the bike access from a quality of life standpoint, and our high-tech business community also sees this as an important amenity to help them attract young professionals and a diverse workforce.

Being the only community in the Metroplex to obtain this recognition is a fantastic vote of confidence for our accomplished goals, and we are both ecstatic and driven to work harder to improve our level of recognition. We expect other cities in our area will soon join us thanks to the investments they are making as well, but until then watch for more trails, more bike lanes and more bike-focused amenities in Richardson in the years to come!

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
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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 (Mondays at 6 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net.

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

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

Requesting an Accommodation

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

Susan Mattison, ADA Coordinator
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ADACoordinator@cor.gov

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

CENTRAL TRAIL

places to visit as you bike along the trail

1. Spring Creek Nature Area

A few yards south of Renner Road and US 75, a paved connector path links the Central Trail to this natural beauty, featuring a hardwood forest that's an instant escape from suburbia. Ramble over loops of wide, paved trails, explore the winding Spring Creek or just sit on a bench and listen to a chorus of cicadas.



Spring Creek Nature Area



Central Trail south of Galatyn Plaza

2. Galatyn Park Area

A little further south just past where the trail crosses North Glenville Drive, the trail heads into Galatyn Woodland Preserve. Small in size (8 acres), it's big on interesting features: a shaded 1/2-mile paved trail loop, secluded picnic areas, an animal sculpture playground (great photo ops), several wetland ponds, tables with built-in checkers/chess boards and horseshoe pits.

Cool off at the Texas Instruments Foundation Community Fountain with its 70-jet programmable dancing water feature.

Stop by the Renaissance Hotel to see the collection of Dale Chihuly glass that graces the lobby and other areas.

Take a selfie by the John Lennon doors of the leasing office for AMLI Galatyn Station, located at 2301 Performance Dr. The doors, created by local designer Molly Nelson, are the only doors of their kind in the world.



Fountain at Galatyn Plaza

The Eisemann Center houses the Forrest and Virginia Green Mezzanine-Gallery, showcasing local and regional visual artists. Exhibits change on a monthly basis and admission is free. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and during all public events.



Four Bullets Brewery

5. Four Bullets Brewery

640 Interurban St. Richardson's first and only craft brewery is open for free tours on Saturdays, noon-6 p.m., plus tastings and pints (for a fee).

5. Eiland Coffee Roasters, 532 N. Interurban St.

Richardson's only coffee roaster roasts coffee beans from around the world and sells them wholesale to area restaurants as well as retail in their shop. Hours: M-F 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m., with Saturday hours planned to begin later this month, when the shop will sell coffee drinks.

5. Richardson Food Truck Park, 522 Bishop Ave.

Turn off Interurban Street onto Rayflex Drive; two blocks away is Bishop Avenue. Scheduled to open later this month, Richardson's first food truck park will feature five food trucks for lunch and dinner, plus outdoor seating and a full-service bar.



Bike Friendly Award signs will be installed along city trails and at trail heads.



McKamy Spring Park

4. Arapaho DART Station Area

Continuing south, the Central Trail cuts off as it winds into Greenville Avenue and continues on the other side of Greenville for a few blocks. Just north of the DART station, say hello to Harry, Moe, Raphael and four other friendly turtles who reside in a turtle habitat in front of Plants and Planters, just across a small wooden bridge.

5. Downtown Revitalization Area

After crossing Arapaho Road, turn right on the sidewalk and ride a block off the trail to Interurban Street, then left on Interurban, where you'll discover a few one-of-a-kind finds: Four Bullets Brewery, Eiland Coffee Roasters and the Richardson Food Truck Park.

6. DFW China Town

Back on the trail and a few blocks south of Arapaho Road, stone dragons beckon riders across Jackson Street. It's the entrance to DFW China Town, which features 10 restaurants, a yogurt shop, a coffee shop and more.



Statues at entrance of China Town

7. Main Street

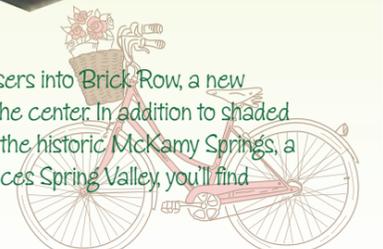
The Central Trail cuts right through the heart of old downtown Richardson, with retail and restaurants on Main Street within a couple blocks of the trail, as well as on side streets, like Del's, (110 S. McKinney St.), a downtown Richardson burger joint for almost 60 years. Several downtown restaurants and bars have outdoor patios where you can lock bikes on the surrounding enclosures.



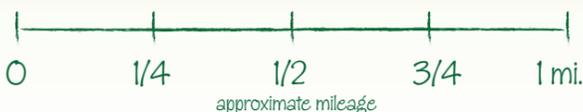
Del's 110 S. McKinney St.

8. Spring Valley DART Station Area

Just before the trail hits Spring Valley Road, a connecting path leads trail users into Brick Row, a new residential/retail development where the City's McKamy Spring Park sits in the center. In addition to shaded picnic areas and a playground, it features a rock-hewn mini amphitheater and the historic McKamy Springs, a watering hole for Texas' Caddo Indians from 1690-1840. Where Brick Row faces Spring Valley, you'll find restaurants including Tuscany Italian Bistro and Sababa Mediterranean Cuisine.



For more information, go to www.COR.net/Trails.



Richardson's bike lanes seek to promote safety

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

The City's first bike lanes opened in 2009 along Custer Parkway and Grove Road. The popularity of these lanes led to the creation of additional bike lanes in 2010-13 on Waterview Drive and portions of North Collins Boulevard, Apollo Road, North Yale Boulevard and Canyon Creek Boulevard. Bike lanes were added last year along East Collins Boulevard, Owens Boulevard and the remainder of Yale Boulevard. Additional bike lanes are expected to be added in other parts of the City as funding becomes available.

"Bike lane locations are selected with the safety of bicyclists and motorists in mind," Assistant

Director of Development Services Dave Carter said. "The network is eventually expected to include 18 miles of dedicated bike lanes and will tie into bike routes and trails in surrounding communities, providing a safe, healthy transportation option."

Two Types of Lanes

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

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

Bike Routes

The City has also designated about 16 miles of roadways as bike routes. These streets do not have a dedicated bike lane, but they are marked with "Bike Route" signs

and provide the safest course between bike lanes, trails and other destinations.

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

Although bike lanes and routes seek to promote safety, the best defense is for everyone on the road to stay alert and aware of their surroundings. Motorists are not permitted to drive their vehicles in a bike lane, but they are allowed to cross the bike lane markings to turn into a driveway or to park. Motorists must yield to the bicyclists in the bike lanes because they have the right of way.



Pictured above is a "buffered" bike lane.

"Just like a pedestrian in a cross-walk needs to always look both ways before stepping out into the street," Carter said. "Bike lanes provide a designated area of the roadway for bicyclists and help inform road users where to expect bicyclists, but they do not replace the responsibilities of all road users to be alert to the traffic conditions around them and look for bicycles and motor vehicles."

The City has developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail-way Master Plan (see a map on page 5) to guide future development of bike

lanes, bike routes, and multi-use trails through Richardson. It is designed to meet the needs of recreational riders who prefer to stay on trails, serious athletes, and those who rely on a bike for transportation and desire to ride the most direct on-street route.

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

City has implemented traffic calming strategies

One of the most common concerns in just about any neighborhood is traffic. Whether it is over the safety of children playing outside or people wanting to be able to back out of their driveway without the fear of being hit, it all comes down to the question of what can be done to calm traffic in local neighborhoods.

The City of Richardson has implemented a series of programs to assist in that endeavor, using a combination of engineering designs as well as police enforcement to keep neighborhoods safe.

Bike Lanes

One of the most effective ways the City is able to calm traffic is by adding dedicated bicycle lanes. In the past few years more than 15 miles of bike lanes have been strategically added along key residential streets to calm traffic (see story above). There are also plans to add additional miles of bike lanes as funding becomes available.

"The bicycle lanes have helped reduce speeds," Assistant Director of Development Services Dave Carter said. "The cars are also now 12 feet away from the curb, making it more comfortable to walk on

the sidewalk, check the mail or mow the lawn."

Speed Cushions

Another way to control speed is the use of traffic calming devices, the most common type being speed cushions. Though rarely used, they are effective, Carter said. To date, the City has installed the cushions in only one location, the 700 block of Dumont Drive.

"Certain residential streets get more traffic because of how they connect to other traffic collecting roads in the city," Carter said. "National studies show speed cushions are effective in those areas, and

that's why we implemented a program in Richardson to use them here."

The process for installing cushions requires the street to meet strict criteria, which Carter said was not easy to do, adding that most streets will not qualify. If the requirements are met, a 60-day trial period is held to gauge the effectiveness. Following that period, permanent installation can take place. For more information on the speed cushion installation process, including all requirements, visit www.bit.ly/1aJ21mM.

One thing the City does not advocate is installing STOP signs to control speeders. Studies have shown that STOP signs placed strictly for speed control have a much higher violation rate, and actually create increased speeds between the signs as drivers try to "make up" the lost time they incur by stopping. Drivers are also more likely to run the STOP sign if they don't anticipate cross traffic. Traffic signals are also not used to control speeding, although they can be timed to control the volume of traffic flow, Carter said.

Enforcement

When the City's preventative efforts don't work, enforcement is turned over to the police department. When residents inform the City of an area where drivers are exceeding the speed limit, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) are

sent out to perform a speed survey. Pairs of VIPS go out with radar equipment to locations where multiple complaints have been received. They collect reliable information on violations and time of day, allowing officers to determine the severity of the issue.

SMART Trailer

Once a problem area is identified, the City has several tools at its disposal. One of the most visible is the Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Tool, or SMART trailer. This trailer features a digital display of passing motorists' speed, alerting drivers when they have exceeded the posted speed limit.

"The SMART trailer really helps because it warns drivers that they should pay more attention while driving," said Lt. Arthur Cotten, head of Richardson PD's traffic enforcement unit. "On a street where the speed limit is 30-45 mph it helps dramatically. In conjunction with the trailer we often put up signs stating it is a 'high enforcement area,' meaning it is patrolled by our traffic enforcement unit in their unmarked vehicles. You may not always recognize these officers and realize we are out there, but we are."

Anyone looking for more information regarding traffic calming measures in the community can contact the Traffic Operations division at 972-744-4330.

Bike friendly helps businesses



Movie-themed bicycle racks at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema.

Being bike friendly is a City feature that's not only important for residents, it's important for businesses as well as to the overall economic health of the City.

"When working to bring new business to Richardson, we (The Chamber) definitely mention its recreation features, including the City's fantastic biking amenities," said Bill Sproull, President and CEO of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. "Bicycle friendly qualities are important to businesses because being bike friendly appeals to an increasing demographic of young profession-

als. When businesses relocate and/or attract workers from areas where biking is a big part of their lives, being in a bike friendly community is a huge benefit."

Drew Snow, Vice President of Member Services for the Chamber (and a cyclist), agrees. "Several companies that have moved to Richardson have healthy lifestyle incentives for their employees, and being bike friendly feeds right into that," he said.

Not only are bike friendly streets and trails important to new business, they benefit existing business as well. Some local

hotels now list "nearby jogging/biking trail" on their list of amenities. The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, which opened in Richardson in 2013, installed red, "film reel"-shaped bike racks in front and they are "definitely utilized" according to Wylee Wooldridge, Alamo's local Communications Manager. "Why wouldn't Richardson businesses want to encourage biking patrons," he said, "especially since there is a university nearby with more than 20,000 students, many whom don't have cars?"

When biking events are held in Richardson, they offer yet another economic benefit—visitors. Every Saturday, the Richardson Bike Mart organizes rides for four different cycling levels from beginner through advanced, that begin and end at the store.

"Those bring in about 100 riders each week," Snow said. "And those riders visit local businesses."

The WildRide Against Cancer, a race held in Richardson from 2004-2014, attracted 1,500 riders to the city with every race, Snow said, adding that many of them stayed the night at area hotels and ate in local restaurants.



Keith Dagen named Director of Finance



Keith Dagen

Keith Dagen, former Assistant Director of Finance, has been appointed to serve as Director of Finance for the City of Richardson. City Manager Dan Johnson made the announcement last month. Dagen replaces Kent Pfeil who was appointed to serve as the City's Chief Financial Officer in June.

"Keith has a proven track record in our organization and brings a great amount of knowledge and ability to the position," Johnson said. "He has the experience and acumen needed to lead this de-

partment and to maintain the City's status as a financially sound community, as recognized by leading finance organizations as well as by our "Triple A" standing with Moody's and Standard and Poor's."

As Director of Finance, Dagen will oversee all aspects and functions of the Finance Department, which includes accounting, fleet and materials management, municipal court, purchasing, tax and utility customer service divisions.

"This is an exciting opportunity and I am very happy to have this chance to continue serving this department in my new role," Dagen said. "Richardson has one of the best and most highly recognized financial operations in municipal government across the nation and I feel honored to be here and a part of this team."

Dagen joined the Richardson staff in 2003 as a chief accountant, and was later promoted to treasurer and revenue manager before being promoted to assistant director of finance in 2009.

He is a certified public accountant and began his government career in January 1998 as a rate

analyst for Garland, eventually moving into the position of general ledger manager until joining the City of Richardson staff in 2003.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BBA in Accounting from Harding University and received an MBA from the University of Texas at Dallas. A member of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT) since 2003, he has served as the Vice-Chair of GFOAT's Financial Reporting and Regulatory Response Committee since 2008 and also serves as GFOAT's representative on the Texas Municipal Retirements System's Advisory Committee on Retirement Matters.

Dagen is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association's Special Review Committee for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program, is a member of the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas, and served two terms as the Treasurer of the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association.

Food trucks receive permits in preparation for food truck park

More than a dozen food trucks visited City Hall last month to get inspected and receive permits in preparation for the opening of Richardson's first food truck park, which hopes to be open by the end of this month.

Last April, the Richardson City Council approved a special permit for a food truck park located in the 500 block of Bishop Avenue in Richardson's old downtown area. Since then, the property owner has been preparing the site and invited the opera-

tors of several food trucks to visit the Health Department at City Hall to be inspected and receive a permit to operate.

Food trucks have grown in popularity during the past few years, and have become a sign and amenity seen in many cultural and art districts being revitalized across the country. Earlier this year the City Council amended the City's mobile vending ordinance to promote the same revitalization efforts to occur in Richardson.



Save the Date!—Sept. 19 RPD Public Safety Expo

The Richardson Police Department will hold a free Public Safety Expo at Richardson City Hall Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Police vehicles, crime prevention, Fire Department and CareFlight Helicopter display and more will be on hand.

Complete details on the expo will be included in the September Richardson Today.

Save the Date!—Sept. 19 for urban tree care workshop

A free "urban tree care" workshop will be offered to residents Saturday, Sept. 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

Complete details on this workshop will be included in the September Richardson Today.

Miss Texas crowned in Richardson

For the second year in a row, Miss Texas was crowned on the Eisemann Center stage in front of hundreds of spectators from across the state who came to Richardson to witness Miss Fort Worth Shannon Sanderford become the new Miss Texas.

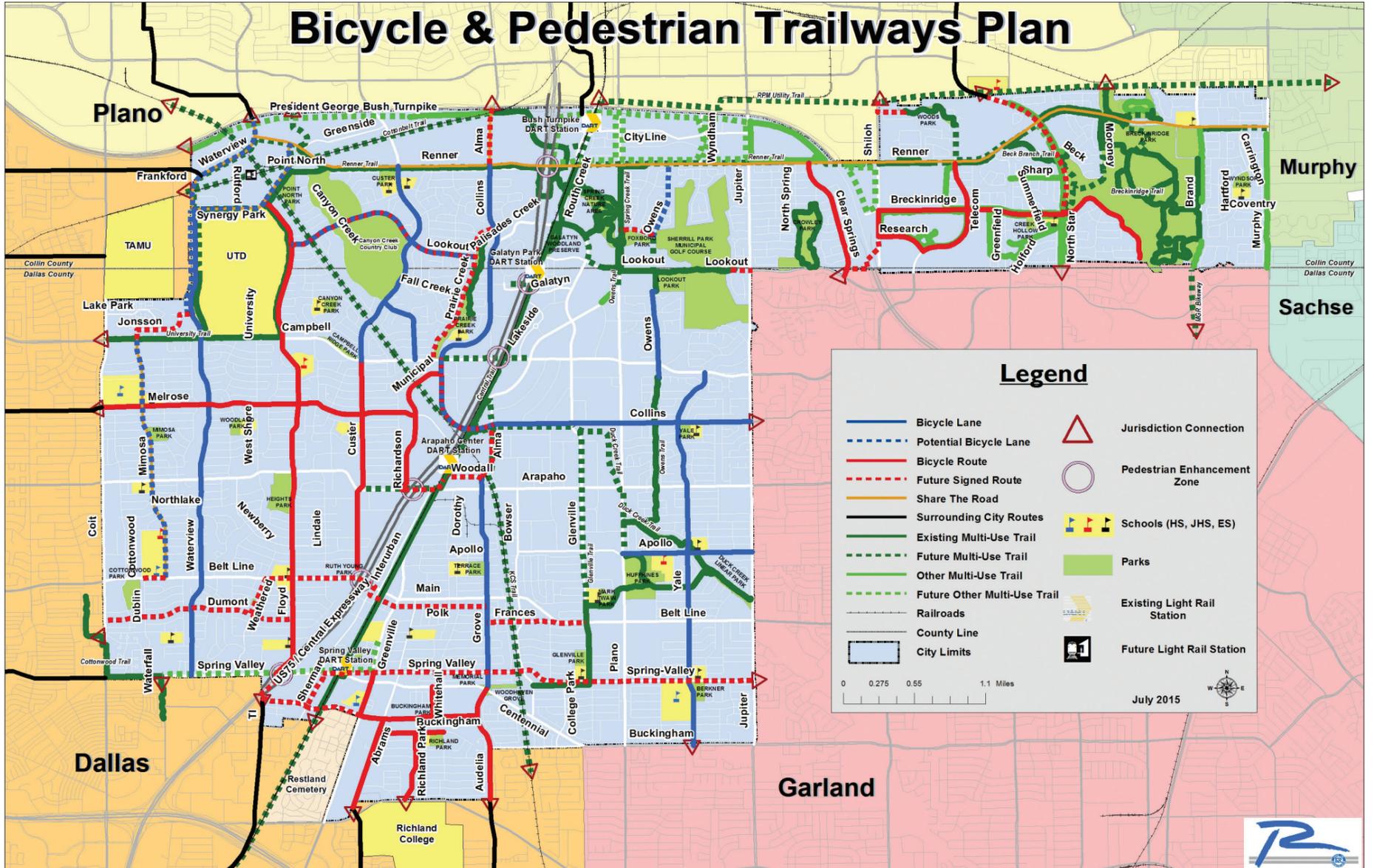
The annual event fills Eisemann Center seats and also fills local hotels and restaurants during the week-long festivities. The City is hoping to be selected to host the pageant again next year and beyond.



photo courtesy of JC Productions

Shannon Sanderford was crowned Miss Texas 2015 at the Eisemann Center July 4.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Trailways Plan



Back to School Information



2015-16 Richardson ISD Calendar

Aug. 24 Classes begin	March 7-11 Spring break
Sept. 7 Labor Day holiday	March 25 Holiday or snow make-up day
Oct. 12 Student holiday	April 29 Holiday or snow make-up day
Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving holidays	May 30 Memorial Day holiday
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Winter break/student holidays	June 2 Classes end
Jan. 18 Martin Luther King holiday	June 5-6 Graduation
Feb. 15 Student holiday	

Chamber honors new teachers Aug. 12

Teachers new to the Richardson Independent School District will be welcomed and honored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Aug. 12.

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

Prices are \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members. The featured speaker is David Chard, Dean of the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Educational and Human Development at SMU.

For more information, call 972-792-2820.



Groups collecting school supplies

The RISD Partners Program and NETWORK of Community Ministries are collecting school supplies for families in need and to reduce the number of students who return to school in the fall without school supplies. Cash or check donations are also accepted.

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

Donations to NETWORK can be dropped off at 741 S. Sherman St. Visit www.thenetwork.org for more information.

2015-16 Plano ISD Calendar

Aug. 24 Classes begin	March 25 Holiday or snow make-up day
Sept. 7 Labor Day holiday	May 27 Holiday or snow make-up day
Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving holidays	May 30 Memorial Day holiday
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 Winter break/student holidays	June 3 Classes end
Jan. 18 Martin Luther King holiday	June 9 Graduation
Feb. 15 Student holiday	
March 7-11 Spring break	

Crossing guards needed

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

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

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



RISD registration information

Elementary
Registration for new students occurs from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. from Wednesday, Aug. 12, to Friday, Aug. 14 at each elementary school in the district. For registration after Aug. 17, contact your child's

school for registration hours and dates.

Secondary (grades 7-12)
For registration information, contact your child's school.

Questions?
Contact your school, visit www.risd.org or call 469-593-0000 for more information.

PISD registration information

Elementary (grades K-5)
Register at your child's assigned school between 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 10 or 11. No appointment necessary.

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

Senior high school (grades 11-12)
New students should contact their schools to schedule appointments.

Questions?
Please visit www.pisd.edu or call 469-752-8295.

Please bring the following documents to registration:

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

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

PISD seeks volunteers

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



SCHOOL HOURS

Richardson ISD

469-593-0000
www.risd.org

Grades K-6
8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

Plano ISD

469-752-8100
www.pisd.edu

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

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

High School & Senior High School
9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Free Immunization Clinic

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

To be eligible for this free clinic, you MUST:

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

Hours

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

Tuesdays
4:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Sales tax holidays are Aug. 7-9

The annual tax-free shopping weekend will be Aug. 7-9. Sales tax will not be charged on clothing, footwear, school-related backpacks and school supplies from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7 to midnight Sunday, Aug. 9.

The exemption applies to each article of clothing, footwear, backpack or supply sold for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are purchased. (For example, two shirts purchased for \$80 each would be exempt, but a single shirt that cost \$120 would not.) Backpacks with wheels qualify as long as they can also be worn on the back in the traditional manner.

The sales tax holiday does not include sales of special clothing and footwear nor-

mally worn only for athletic activities or for protection. For example, basketball or tennis shoes are commonly worn for other activities, so they may be sold tax-free during this period. But golf shoes are not normally used for other activities and will be taxed.

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

For more information, contact the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at 800-252-5555 or visit www.bit.ly/1eB8J6F.



Eisemann Center, Cultural Arts & Community Events

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Aug. 6
THURSDAY NOON MATINEE
noon-1:30 p.m. Cruson Insurance Agency will offer an afternoon movie at the Senior Center. "Letters to Juliet" is this month's featured film. Popcorn will be provided. See you at the movies! No fee.

Aug. 27
HEALTH CONNECTION
10:30 a.m. Estate planning attorney Shannon Willis will provide information on "Beyond the Will: What you need to know to protect the ones you love." No fee.

Aug. 12
KIMBELL ART MUSEUM BOTTICELLI TO BRAQUE: MASTERPIECES FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND
10 a.m. The 55 paintings span the period from 1490-1932 and include some of the greatest holdings from the National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh. \$20

Sept. 3
MONEY MATTERS noon. Stoney Brook Memory Care Support Group hosts a lunch and learn discussion with Michael Cohen, elder law attorney, and Gary Bolton, financial advisor. The pair will speak about topics such as estate planning, wills, trust and medical directives, long-term care issues, Medicaid planning, VA benefits and POA. No fee, but RSVP required at 972-744-7800.

Aug. 26
SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER
noon. It is time to say goodbye to the dog days of summer. Join us for a BBQ and entertainment as we wait for the cooler days of fall. \$5.

Sept. 23-24
FLU SHOT CLINIC
Flu shots will be given Sept. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sept. 24 from 1-6 p.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to secure your day and time.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Sept. 16-19
Cowboys and Corpus
A trip to the King Ranch and Corpus Christi includes visits to the State of Texas Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, the U.S.S. Lexington and a tour of historical sites. A boat from Port Aransas will take you out to see dolphins. The King Ranch will bring you into the life of cowboys, cattle and race horses. For information, call 972-744-7810. \$1,325 per person, double occupancy; \$1,549 per person, single occupancy.
For information on Rose-Mary Rumbley's Sept. 30 trip to Fort Worth, call 972-744-7810.

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Aug. 11 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Harry Truman: Atomic Bomb, Cold War, Domestic Problems, Re-election, Korea and MacArthur" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 12 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Book of Unknown Americans" by Cristina Henriquez. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.	Aug. 13 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Compassionate Cities: We are Called to Rise" presented by Ernest Deadwyler. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 14 LIBRARY CLOSED: STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY
Aug. 15 C-TECH 3D PRINTING 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Laptop required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 17 MAKE INTERACTIVE PROJECTS! USING ARDUINO 3-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.	Aug. 17 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 18 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Daniel Sickles: American Scoundrel Part 1" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call 972-744-4376 for information.
Aug. 19 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P" by Adelle Waldman. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 19 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.	Aug. 20 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Blood Will Out: A True Story of a Murder, a Mystery, and a Masquerade" by Walter Kirn. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Aug. 25 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Daniel Sickles: American Scoundrel Part 2" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call 972-744-4376 for information.
Aug. 25 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "We Are Called to Rise" by Laura McBride. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.	Aug. 29 AUTHOR, CYNTHIA LEITICH-SMITH 2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For adults and teens grades 9 and up.		

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

Aug. 7 CRAFTIVITY! CHILDREN'S CRAFTS & GAMES 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Drop-in fun for the whole family!	Aug. 19 GET IN GEAR! (QUERCETTI KALEIDO GEARS) 10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Ages 3-7. Free tickets available starting at 10 a.m.
Aug. 8 BACK-TO-SCHOOL: ZONIVERSITY 2:15-3 p.m. or 3:15-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Free tickets available starting at 10 a.m.	Aug. 21 SNAP TO IT! (SNAP CIRCUITS) 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Ages 8-12. Free tickets available starting at 10 a.m.
Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.	Aug. 22 LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGE Ages 6-10 only. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Free tickets available starting at 10 a.m.
Aug. 18 C-TECH LITTLEBITS & LEGOS NITE 6:30-8 p.m. Basement Program Room.	Aug. 23 TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS! 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.

Seniors' Net hosts free seminar

The next monthly Seniors' Net free seminar is Aug. 18. The seminar is entitled "All You Need to Know About the Basics of Alzheimer's" and will be put on by the Arthritis Foundation. 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.

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

KRAIG PARKER IN "THE KING LIVES"
WITH THE ROYAL TRIBUTE BAND AND DFW POPS ORCHESTRA
(8 p.m. Aug. 15. \$27-\$52. Visit www.thekinglives.com.)

THE RICH-TONE CHORUS PRESENTS "TAG, YOU'RE IT!"
FEATURING OC TIMES QUARTET
(8 p.m. Aug. 29. \$15-\$40. Visit www.octimesquartet.com.)

ESL classes offered, tutors needed

Tutor Training Workshop
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 15
Richardson Public Library
Please register by Aug. 14.
Call 972-644-5119
or e-mail volunteer@ralc.org for more information.
• No teaching experience needed • No need to speak another language • Free training • Daytime and evening opportunities available •

ESL Class Registration
6-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
Richardson High School
Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes from Sept. 1 to Dec. 17. Daytime classes are held at the Richardson Public Library, evening classes are held at Richardson High School. \$25 registration fee. Visit www.ralc.org/students or call 972-644-5119 for more information.



411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, Texas 75080
www.cor.net/civiccenter

Accommodates groups
from 10 to 750
Call us! 972-744-4090

Coming up at the Civic Center

- Senior Awareness Day
Aug. 7
- Dallas Morning News Career Fair
Aug. 12
www.expoexpertsllc.com
- Lone Star Mint
Aug. 14-16
www.lsmint.com
- Primrose School Orientation
Aug. 15
www.primroseschools.com/schools/richardson
- Texas Stamp Dealers
Aug. 28-29
www.tsdastamps.com



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

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

NNO block party registration begins Aug. 5

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event in Richardson will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6 and the theme remains "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party." This is the event that encourages neighbors to "turn on your porch light, go outside and meet your neighbor." This is the 32nd year of National Night Out, the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program that stretches across all 50 states, U.S. territories and military installations around the world. This year also marks the 32nd year of Richardson's local Neighborhood Watch Program, a self-help initiative that partners residents with their police department in crime-fighting efforts to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods.

Another goal of National Night Out is to increase Neighborhood Watch participation across the city. Neighborhood Watch Leaders are encouraged to seek out and invite those who may not have an organized Neighborhood Watch on their street to join in the fun and fellowship, and to find out the advantage of having a Neighborhood Watch on their own block. NNO is the opportune time to start one. Anyone interested in hosting a block party and starting a Neighborhood Watch can download the NNO block party packet from the police department website, www.richardson-police.net, beginning Aug. 5, or a "hard copy" of the

packet can be picked up from the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

National Night Out is a very exciting event which draws the community together in partnerships to fight crime. This October, Richardson will continue its outstanding participation in the annual event. For more information on Richardson's NNO 2015, visit the website at www.richardsonpolice.net and click on the NNO logo. For more information about National Night Out or the Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Clear the Shelters event waives adoption fees

The Richardson Animal Shelter is once again participating in the "Clear the Shelters" event Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Shelter will waive adoption fees for all adoptable pets although a \$5 registration fee for Richardson residents will still apply. All regular adoption guidelines apply and new owners will still be required to have the pets spayed/neutered and vaccinated for rabies if it has not been done so already. A valid Texas drivers license or ID is required and new owners must be 18 or older.

Approximately 5,000 pets will be available for adoption at 33 North Texas-area shelters during the seven-hour period. Learn more at www.cleartheshelters.org, and view animals available for adoption at the Richardson

Animal Shelter at www.cor.net/animalservices.

Last year's campaign, called Empty the Shelters, resulted in record-breaking adoptions and helped educate the public on the benefits of adopting shelter animals. This event was unique

because it was the first time cities, counties and nonprofit organizations joined forces to offer a unified campaign.

The Richardson Animal Shelter is located at 1330 Columbia Dr. in Richardson and can be reached at 972-744-4480.



Be a good neighbor, keep trees trimmed

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

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

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

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



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

Flushable wipes?



They'll flush down but they won't flush OUT!

Some paper products are advertised as 'flushable' but they aren't. Wipes won't decompose ... they get caught up in wastewater pipes, pumps and screens—and that costs money to clear and repair! Please help protect the wastewater system and our environment. Remember, only toilet paper down the toilet!

For more information call 972-744-4228 or visit www.COR.net/Water



Here's your handy "Do Not Flush" list

- paper towels
- facial tissue
- cotton swabs
- baby wipes
- adult wipes
- hair
- gum wrappers
- candy wrappers
- facial pads
- dental floss
- cigarettes
- cotton balls
- scoops of kitty litter
- women's hygiene products
- all purpose cleaning wipes
- adhesive bandages
- makeup remover wipes
- diapers

Don't forget to register your pets Free ID tags/collars for adopted pets

The City of Richardson currently requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies and registered with the Health Department each year. This registration tag could save your pets life. According to the Humane Society of the United States, animals found with identification tags are 90 percent more likely to be reunited with their owners than those not wearing tags. This simple pet registration tag allows the Shelter staff to identify the pet owner, the pet and



sometimes most importantly your veterinarian. This is especially helpful if a pet is found injured and needs immediate medical care.

Registration fees are \$5 per year for sterilized pets and \$10 per year for unsterilized pets. Registration for pets owned by senior citizens (65 and older) is free.

Registrations can be purchased at the Health Department office, by mail (411 W. Arapaho Rd., Room 107, Richardson, Tx 75080), at the Animal Shelter (1330 Columbia Dr.), online at www.cor.net, or by appointment at your home. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter staff at 972-744-4480.

Free ID tags and collars

The Richardson Animal Shelter is now placing collars and ID tags on all adoptable pets. The collar and tag will be free with adoption, but anyone can purchase collars, leashes and tags at the Shelter.

By providing personalized tags and placing them on each adopted or reclaimed animal, the Shelter can immediately improve the likelihood that those animals, if lost, will be reunited with their owners. ID tags personalized with the owners' contact information make it possible for the general public who find tagged strays to return the animals to their owners without involving a Shelter or animal control agency.

Blue Bags will be available at Fire Station #6 Sept. 12

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Fire Station #6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls of 25 for \$3.50 for residents, or \$4 for non-residents. Blue bag letters, redeemable for a free roll, are honored at this location as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

Normally, Fire Station #6 offers the bags on the first Saturday of every month. The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.





Urban Naturalist program kicks off fall season

The fall schedule of Urban Naturalist walks begins with an Aug. 29 walk at Breckinridge Park. The City of Richardson revived its Urban Naturalist program last year in order to allow residents to learn more about their natural surroundings in an urban environment. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go to www.cor.net/parksonline. No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in this area of Breckinridge Park, so plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Each walk is restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

GEOLOGY TELLS THE STORY, PAST AND PRESENT

When you look at a creek bank and see all that white rock under the ground, doesn't it seem strange to see something so white under all that dirt? And why don't we have the big river boulders like we see on vacation in Colorado? And what's that sea shell doing here? And I know we call this region the Blackland Prairie, but this soil just seems to be so very black, why? The geology of North Central Texas has a very interesting

story to tell of our past and what happened here before. It is this past that greatly influences what we presently do in our soils to grow grass and flowers in our home landscapes. And if you look closely you may be able to see what lived here long before we ever arrived on the scene. Meet in the south parking lot of Moroney Drive south of Renner Road, 3404 Moroney Dr., on the west side of Breckinridge Park.

Saturday, Aug. 29, 9-11 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 84899



Register NOW! Richardson Soccer Association Fall 2015 Season!

- The 2015 Fall Season begins in mid-September.
- Seasons are typically 6-10 games. Kids as young as 3 years old can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2016.)

How to Register:

Online: www.richardsonssoccer.org

In Person:

651 N. Plano Rd. #421
(Between Arapaho and Belt Line)
Tuesday & Thursday: 1-4 p.m.
(Other days by appointment only)
972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*

Regular Registration: Aug. 1-15

Late Registration: Aug. 16-23

Wait List: Begins Aug. 24

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

Visit www.richardsonssoccer.org to register online!

Pools close for season Aug. 9 Heights Family Aquatic Center will be open additional days

Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville, and Terrace Pools will close for the season after operational hours on Sunday, Aug. 9.

Heights Family Aquatic Center operating dates and hours:

Dates	Hours
Monday, Aug. 10 to Friday, Aug. 14	10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16	noon-9 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 17 to Friday, Aug. 21	1-8 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23	noon-9 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Aug. 30	noon-9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 6	noon-9 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day)	10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sherrill Park

Golf It Up 1.0

Golf It Up 1.0 for the beginning player includes eight hours of on- and off-course instruction. Four-week classes are held all summer. Visit www.myperformancegolf.com, call 817-846-7157 or e-mail jhorton@pga.com for more information.

Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League is open to women who have golf experience. Members play on Tuesday mornings from March to October. For information, contact Nancy Stubbs (972-669-8909) or Jo Ellen Gilstrap (214-695-8889).

Like our page on Facebook!

Want the latest information on exciting Parks and Recreation events such as the Backyard Bash Parks Expo, scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 29 at Huffhines Recreation Center?

If so, make sure to "like" the Richardson Parks and Recreation

Department's Facebook page. The page is used to promote events at the recreation centers and activities in Richardson's amazing



parks, as well as provide up-to-date information on any park closures or event cancellations.

Visit www.facebook.com/RichardsonParksandRec to catch up on all the exciting parks and recreation happenings occurring this fall in Richardson.

Huffhines Tennis Center

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

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

Backyard Bash

EXPO 2015
Saturday, Aug. 29
9 a.m.-noon
Huffhines Rec Center
200 N. Plano Rd.

Entertainment!
Croquet!
Door Prizes!
Bounce House!
Outdoor Games!

Drop by, meet our instructors, watch their demonstrations and discover all the fun you can have at the following centers:
Gymnastics Center • Heights Rec Center •
Huffhines Rec Center • Tennis Center • Senior Center

great RIDE

CITY OF RICHARDSON 2015 CORPORATE CHALLENGE

SAT., SEPT. 5
\$20 per rider
\$10 per passenger
(minimum suggested donation)

Start & Finish Location: Galatyn Plaza
Approximately a 90 mile group ride
2351 Performance Dr., Richardson, 75082
Registration begins: 7:30 a.m. Kickstands up: 9:30 a.m.

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT
For registration visit: www.COR.net/GreatRide
For additional questions: Donna.Leach@COR.Gov • 972-744-4092

DOG SPLASH DAY!

Richardson AnimalLuv

**Saturday
Aug. 15
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Terrace Pool
300 N. Lois Lane**

\$5 per dog, humans free.
No pre-registration required, but pool capacity will be monitored for fun and safety.
Must have current rabies vaccination to enter.
Humans will be responsible for their dog's behavior.
Concessions available.

RichardsonAnimalLuv.org Benefiting Richardson Animal Shelter

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 Sept. 7. 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 Mondays 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts Sept. 7. 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.

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 Aug. 18 and 25 with a class from 9 a.m.-noon or 6-9 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, Aug. 15 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 for editing pictures and how to take better videos. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Aug. 15 from 3-4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Aug. 3 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, Aug. 3 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a 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.

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 Aug. 25, 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.

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 started July 28. 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.

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:

Aug. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Aug. 20	6-10 p.m.

Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal

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

Aug. 10 and 13	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 24 and 27	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.

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 Sept. 30. 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 Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

Pocket Billiards Class

Ted Swanson, recognized by the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, offers individually scheduled two-hour classes tailored for the student's needs. Classes are Saturdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are available. Please register before day of class or call 972-744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

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.



Thursday Noon Matinee Aug. 6—noon-1:30—no fee

Cruson Insurance Agency will offer an afternoon movie at the Senior Center. "Letters to Juliet" is this month's featured film. Popcorn will be provided. See you at the movies!

Health Connection

Aug. 27—10 a.m.

Estate planning attorney Shannon Willis will provide information on "Beyond the Will: What you need to know to protect the ones you love."

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.

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is available for play during regular Senior Center hours.

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.

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.

The Saturday Night Vintage Dance Club

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

Aug. 1	Bill G Band
Aug. 8	Doc Gibbs
Aug. 22	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.

Needleworks

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and hand-crafts Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sing-A-Long

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

Richardson Public Library

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

Texas Reelers Square Dance

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

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.

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 hand-made crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College

Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from computers to art to history and more! Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or log on to www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. Next meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 3. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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 Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.

Tatting

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. and have supplies for you to start. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 is held the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Aug. 6.

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 Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Pilates Class

Classes will resume Sept. 7
Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Julie Miller. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are 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. Class fee is \$5 per class.

Fitness**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.

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 9 a.m. \$5 per class. Classes will start again in September.

Pickle Ball

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 \$6 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.

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.

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 of the month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Tai Chi for all Ages

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is \$7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

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.

WaterAerobic Classes

Instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction.

Summer WaterAerobics at two locations.

3 punch card options:

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

The punch card may 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 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.

Senior Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration began July 1 for Richardson residents only. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who are active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Aug. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate.

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tax ID#: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____

Any special requests? _____

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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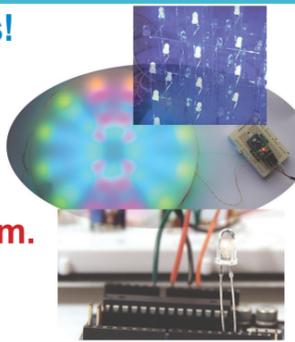
Adults & Teens
Basement Program
Room

Registration is now
open
Laptop required

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

Make Interactive Projects!

using Arduino Boards
and Simple Coding
with



Monday, Aug. 17 • 3-5 p.m.

Teens and adults, bring a laptop
Basement Program Room

Call 972-744-4376 to register starting Aug. 3.

LEGO + littleBits

Try It Out Tuesday!
MAKE 'EM BUZZ!
MAKE 'EM LIGHT UP!
MAKE 'EM MOVE!



We've added *even more modules and power!* Explore electronics with littleBits + lotsa LEGOs.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
6:30-8 p.m.
for grades 4-8

Basement Program Room



Get In Gear!

Build! Connect! Spin!

Wednesday, Aug. 19
Ages 3-7

Basement Program Room

10:30-11 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-noon

Tickets required, available Wed., Aug. 19 in Children's Dept.
beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 972-744-4358.



Snap to it!

Fun electronic projects at your fingertips!

Friday, Aug. 21
Ages 8-12

3-3:30 p.m. or 3:30-4 p.m. or 4-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Tickets required, available Fri., Aug. 21 in Children's Dept.
beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call 972-744-4358.



"Box of Bricks" Challenge!

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

*Saturday, Aug. 22
1:30-2:30 p.m.
OR
3-4 p.m.
OR
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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

* Tickets required. Tickets available Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Services Department. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

CRAFTIVITY!

Crafts & Games!

Come and go
family fun for all ages!

Friday, Aug. 7
3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
No registration required

For more information,
call 972-744-4358.



Laura McBride discusses "One Book" selection

Laure McBride, author of the 2015 Richardson Reads One Book pick, "We Are Called to Rise," corresponded with Janet Vance, Richardson Reads One Book Board member and Assistant Director of Library Services, by e-mail to discuss her book.



Laura McBride lecture information

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15
Where: Richardson High School, 1250 W. Belt Line Rd.
Tickets: Free. Available beginning Aug. 31. Call 972-744-4350 or visit the Richardson Public Library
More information: <http://onebook.cor.net>

I love the title of "We Are Called to Rise." Does the title have particular meaning for you?

When my agent wanted a new title, I suggested lines from three poems. At the time I suggested them, I imagined that we were just starting what would be a longer conversation, but within a few hours, my agent had e-mailed back to say that she and her assistant liked "We Are Called to Rise." I like that my novel has this small connection to Emily Dickinson, whom I admire, and I think that the title beautifully captures a theme of the novel, though I was not thinking of that theme when I was writing it.

Many of our Richardson readers have commented on the book's opening scene—a naked middle-aged woman contemplating an unexpected gun in her underwear drawer. Why did you choose this opening?

I wrote that scene on the very first day I started writing the book. I had set myself the goal of revealing to the reader something about Avis' relationship with her husband. I thought, "What if I were to put her in an intimate moment? What if that moment were to go badly?" Parts of that scene made me cringe as I wrote them, so I understand when a reader cringes too.

You perfectly nailed the thoughts of a little boy suffering from stress and anxiety in your character, Bashkim. How were you able to see inside the head of a male child?

Thank you. I don't know how to answer that. I was a child, and I have children, but I think writing in a voice is an imaginative experience. I imagined being a little boy, in a particular situation. What would I be thinking? What would I notice? Bashkim is a child who sees himself as a full human actor. The contrast between the way he sees himself, and his actual power in the world, resonated with me.

Is your character, CASA volunteer Roberta, modeled on anyone you know in the child welfare system?

No. Though I have had some experiences with the child protection system in Las Vegas, my association with CASA was pretty minimal. But when I was writing the first half of the novel, I was looking for a character who would have the flexibility and the authority to resolve Bashkim's situation in a particular way. I was at a philanthropy meeting, listening to a CASA volunteer speak, and realized that she might be the solution to the problem with which I had been wres-

ting for weeks. It was a thrilling moment.

Did you receive any pressure or advice to alter the book's ending in pursuit of possibly making the book more realistic?

No. My editor has a gentle touch, and nobody made that suggestion to me. I think the ending is realistic, but I don't think it is particularly happy. Avis risks her most precious relationship in the hope of helping her son and protecting others; Bashkim has a safe place in which to begin to heal. To me, these things make the ending not happy, but hopeful. Hope is more difficult than despair, and finding a way to get there was a more engrossing challenge to me.

Have you spent any time in Dallas? If so, what do you enjoy about visiting Texas?

I had a wonderful experience at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth last April. The students, the professors and the administration were so welcoming to me, and also very engaged in our discussions of the book. I found the area beautiful, and I had a great meal at a funky restaurant with a lovely poet. So I don't know Dallas, but I am prepared to become a fan.

LUNCHTIME LECTURES

you are welcome to bring your lunch



Harry Truman

with Richard Cudlipp

Tuesdays
Aug. 4 and Aug. 11
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Daniel Sickles

with Richard Cudlipp

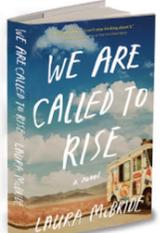
Tuesdays
Aug. 18 and Aug. 25
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



Compassionate Cities: "We Are Called to Rise"

Ernest Deadwyler will discuss the compassionate community revealed in the RROB 2015 pick, "We Are Called to Rise" by Laura McBride

Thursday, Aug. 13
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.



Basement Program Room. No registration required. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Funded in part by the City of Richardson through the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission and a grant from Humanities Texas.



Meet NYT Bestselling Author

Cynthia Leitich Smith

Saturday, Aug. 29

2-3:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Tap into her writer's brain. Learn how she built a "multi-creature-verse" set in Austin that inspired companion novel series read and loved across Texas and around the world!



An interactive program for teens in grades 9 and up

Back-to-School Program

Saturday, Aug. 8*

2:15-3 p.m.

or

3:15-4 p.m.

For ages 5 and up
Basement Program Room



Zooniversity is a traveling wildlife education company that introduces children and adults to the fascinating world of exotic animals.

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Available in Youth Services Saturday, Aug. 8, beginning at 10 a.m. For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

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Tales for Tails



Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

Sunday, Aug. 23
3-4 p.m.

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