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Santa's Village is a true labor of love

Richardson has long been ranked by national media as one of the best cities in which to live and work, and one of the reasons is that Santa himself resides here in a magical village for 10 nights every December.

"It's the ultimate stamp of approval, that Santa Claus likes our city and our Santa's Village so much," said Serri Ayers, Superintendent of Community Events for the City. "And the whole experience is such a treat for residents and visitors of all ages."

A true "city within a city," Santa's Village began in 1989, comprised of an "L" shape of adjacent tents fronted by nine colorful wooden facades on the City Hall/Civic Center lawn. Attendance grew, and by 1997 a couple of "real" structures started to appear (Santa's House and Santa's Library) thanks to corporate sponsorships, followed by more in 1998. Today, an estimated 30,000 people each year enjoy 16 steel and wood buildings including the Polar Bear Credit Union, the KELF-TV station, Santa's Post Office, Mrs. Claus' Bakery and Santa's Beary Good Hospital. Each is decorated inside with a different theme, and outside, twinkling lights abound with "pine" trees filled with ornaments dotting the grounds. Doorways are cut low so that children know the town is especially for them, and free trinkets, goodies and/or activities are found inside each building. There are

also sleigh rides available, a Castle Café with concessions for sale, and the North Pole Pet Shop with live animals to pet. Of course, everyone wants to see Santa, and the wait is made enjoyable by Prancer's Performance Stage, which features nonstop local entertainment throughout each night.

Though the Village traditionally opens on the first Saturday in December, it begins coming to life in late October, the Monday after Huffhines Art Trails. While it can be disconcerting for some people to see giant candy canes on the lawn before they've given out Halloween candy, it's necessary to start early in order for everything to be in place and "just right" before the ceremonial tree lighting and first arrival of Santa on opening night.

"It's a magical place, but it doesn't just appear out of fairy dust," said Ayers.

First, the buildings, which are stored intact (with trees and decorations stuffed inside) on a ranch in Princeton, are brought to Richardson one at a time via flatbed truck over the course of three days. Parks Maintenance Specialist Randall Morris makes sure they are placed exactly in the right spot and a certain distance from the sidewalk, so that walkways and ramps can fit. Morris has headed the buildings portion of the Village for

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"Hometown Thursdays" at Santa's Village

Again this year, Santa's Village will offer special resident's nights, dubbed "Hometown Thursdays." Richardson residents wishing to attend "Hometown Thursdays" Dec. 10 or 17 are able to receive up to eight free tickets that are available at City Hall and the

Heights and Huffhines recreation centers.

Residents must bring documentation (a water bill or driver's license) to show proof of residency. Tickets are only available while supplies last.

Santa's Village is located on the City Hall/Civic Center plaza at 411 W. Arapaho Rd., and will remain free and open to all visitors Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from Dec. 5-6, 11-13 and 18-20.

Santa's Village Operating Hours

Dec. 5-6	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 10-13 (Dec. 10 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 17-20 (Dec. 17 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.

All propositions approved, work begins on Bond Program



City engineers and project managers are busy putting together implementation plans for the recently passed 2015 Bond Program, and the City Secretary's Office has also updated the City's website with the newly updated Charter. Both elections were approved by voters last month.

Unlike past bond programs, the implementation of the 2015 Bond Program will be a marathon rather than a sprint due to the method that will be used to pay for the projects approved by voters. The bonds will be sold in increments over the course of the next six years. They will be sold as older debt is retired, making room for the new issuances. However, that doesn't mean it will take long for construction to begin.

"We are now in the process of putting together a timetable to begin the projects approved in the 2015 bond election," said City Manager Dan Johnson. "While some projects will take several years to begin because of the serial sale of the bonds to fund them, there are other projects that we

will be able to initiate as early as next year. Our goal is to create a plan to move forward on all of the approved projects as quickly as possible."

The sidewalk replacement projects are expected to be the first to begin. The specific projects in the bond program may also be added or removed during the implementation of the bond program as future economic conditions and priorities change. A plan for when to start the first year of projects is currently being prepared and is expected to be presented to the City Council sometime this month.

Last month Richardson voters approved all four measures of the proposed \$115 million 2015 Bond Election and all 83 propositions that were part of a Charter amendment election. More than 8,000 registered voters (13 percent) turned out at the polls to take part in the election, and approved most of the measures by an average of 81 percent for the Charter amendment propositions and 76 percent for the bond propositions.



43rd annual parade presents "Christmas in Toyland" Dec. 5



Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Dec. 5 for the 43rd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade—"Christmas In Toyland."

The parade, produced by the City of Richardson, will have more than 100 entries including floats, marching units and bands representing civic clubs, schools, churches, Homeowner's Associations and area businesses. It promises to be a great event and a very special way to kick off the holiday season!

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north on Coit Road from Cherrywood Drive to J.J. Pearce High School (see map on

page 2). The Grand Marshals for this year's parade will be Ray and Cynthia Noah.

Later that evening, the parade's award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall/Civic Center plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Be sure to stay after the award ceremony for the City's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village.

The parade is made possible by the many sponsors including State Farm as the lead sponsor along with Rudolph Sponsor, the Richardson Rotary Clubs.

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Annual parade presents "Christmas in Toyland"

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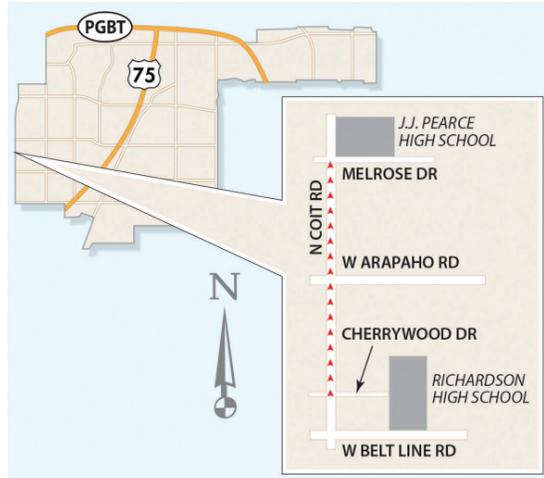
Reindeer Sponsors include: Richardson YMCA and Methodist Richardson Medical Center. Hospitality Sponsor is Corner Bakery. Special thanks to Toyota of Richardson and the North Texas Mustang Club.

Richardson residents can watch a video replay of the parade throughout the holiday season on Richardson's Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99. The program will be aired at 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The first showing will be Dec. 12 and the last one will be Jan. 17. The pro-

gram can also be seen on demand at www.cor.net/cityv. The parade video will be posted under the "CITYV Specialty" tab.

Parade air time	Dec. 12-Jan. 17
6 p.m.	Saturday and Sunday

For information regarding the parade, please contact parade chairperson Barbara Cottone at Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov or call Allison Rhinebarger at 972-744-7853 or Allison.Rhinebarger@cor.gov.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the year comes to a close, there are a handful of events on the schedule that are sure to make this holiday season a happy one!

The holidays kick off with the annual Christmas Parade Dec. 5. Now in its 43rd year, the parade will travel from Cherrywood Drive along Coit Road before ending at J.J. Pearce High School. The parade awards ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. the same day at City Hall, followed by the lighting of the City's Christmas tree and the official opening of Santa's Village.

This year we will once again celebrate "Hometown Thursdays" at Santa's Village Dec. 10 and Dec. 17. On these nights, the gates at Santa's Village will be open only to residents. Free tickets are available for pickup from City Hall or the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers.

No holiday season would be complete without holiday-themed ballets and concerts. Four ballet groups will bring "The Nutcracker" to life at the Eisemann Center. As an added bonus, Richardson-based Tuzer Ballet will perform excerpts from the famous ballet at the Library Dec. 5, in addition to its three performances at the Eisemann Center later in the month. For a full listing of performances of "The Nutcracker," see page 7 of this edition of *Richardson Today*.

A number of other arts groups are also getting into the holiday spirit. The Richardson Symphony



Mayor Paul Voelker
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Orchestra and Richardson Community Band have special concerts on the schedule, and be sure not to miss the Richardson Theatre Centre and Repertory Company Theatre's holiday-themed performances. See page 3 for a complete listing of holiday events.

As another year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your family the best for the holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor

Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be **NO** recycling pick up, solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday Dec. 24, Friday, Dec. 25 or Friday, Jan. 1, 2016. The table below shows the **recycle** makeup days.

Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Dec. 24	Wednesday, Dec. 23
Friday, Dec. 25	Saturday, Dec. 26
Thursday, Dec. 31	Wednesday, Dec. 30
Friday, Jan. 1	Thursday, Dec. 31

City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court	Closed Dec. 24-25, Jan. 1
Richardson Public Library and Richardson Animal Shelter	5 p.m. Dec. 23, Closed Dec. 24-25 5 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1
Recreation Centers and Senior Center	5 p.m. Dec. 24, Closed Dec. 25 5 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1
Tennis Center	3 p.m. Dec. 24, Closed Dec. 25 3 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1
Gymnastics Center	Call 972-744-7860 for hours.
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Closed Dec. 25

City Social Media

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

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



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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Monday at 6 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend.

Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net.

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



Richardson Holiday Calendar

Dec. 3	The Vocal Majority Chorus	A Texas-Size Christmas	www.vocalmajority.com	8 p.m.	\$15-\$49
Dec. 4	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 4	The Vocal Majority Chorus	A Texas-Size Christmas	www.vocalmajority.com	8 p.m.	\$15-\$49
Dec. 5	43rd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade		www.cor.net/christmasparade	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 5	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	www.royaleballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$20-\$25
Dec. 5	Tuzer Ballet	Excerpts from The Nutcracker	www.cor.net/library	4 p.m. & 5 p.m.	Free
			<i>Free tickets available at the Library at 10 a.m. Dec. 5. First-come, first-served.</i>		
Dec. 5	Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village		www.cor.net/santasvillage	6 p.m.	Free
Dec. 5	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 5	UT Dallas	39th Annual Holiday Sing	www.utdallas.edu/ah/programs/arts/musi/holidaysing.html	7 p.m.	Free
Dec. 5	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 5	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Holiday Classics	www.richardsonsymphony.org	8 p.m.	\$17-\$87
Dec. 6	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	2 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 6	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	www.royaleballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$20-\$25
Dec. 6	The Vocal Majority Chorus	A Texas-Size Christmas	www.vocalmajority.com	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$15-\$49
Dec. 6	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 9	Richardson Community Band	Holiday Concert	www.cor.net/seniorcenter	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 10	Dallas Police Choir	Songs of the Holiday	www.cor.net/seniorcenter	1 p.m.	Free
Dec. 10	Dallas Arboretum	The Twelve Days of Christmas	www.dallasarboretum.org	5-9 p.m.	\$25
			<i>Contact the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.</i>		
Dec. 10	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 11	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.danceada.com/companies/dallas-repertoire-ballet	8 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 11	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 12	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.danceada.com/companies/dallas-repertoire-ballet	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 12	Richardson Community Band's Woodwind Trio		www.cor.net/library	4:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 12	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 12	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 12	RLB Productions	Joy to the World Jazz Concert	www.eisemanncenter.com	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 12	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 13	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.danceada.com/companies/dallas-repertoire-ballet	2 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 13	RCT Theatre	Meet Me In St. Louis	www.rcttheatre.com	2 p.m.	\$15-\$25
Dec. 13	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 13	The Contemporary Chorale	Christmas with the Chorale	www.thecontemporarychorale.org	2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 13	Lone Star Wind Orchestra	Sounds of the Season	www.lonestarwindorchestra.com	3:30 p.m.	\$9-\$39
Dec. 13	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 17	David Moran and Joe Morgan	Holiday dulcimer and guitar concert	www.cor.net/library	5:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 17	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 17	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 18	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 18	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 19	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.tuzerballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 19	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 19	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 20	Richardson Theatre Centre	Dashing Through the Snow	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 20	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.tuzerballet.com	2 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 20	Plano Symphony Orchestra	Home for the Holidays	www.planosymphony.org	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$20-\$47
Dec. 20	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	www.cor.net/santasvillage	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 21	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	www.ccballet.com	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$77
Dec. 22	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	www.ccballet.com	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$77



Santa's Village is a true labor of love



Suzanne Etman and Serri Ayers

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26 years, ever since Santa's Village began. He and his crew work rain or shine until the Village is finished. Their work involves not only placement of the buildings, but also the installation of fencing, the entertainment stage and large "street lamps;" re-doing walkways and ramps at each building; and other carpentry repairs. Ayers and Suzanne Etman, Community Events Manager, work alongside Morris and crew, revamping the insides of each building with new decorations and the outsides with fresh coats of paint. Weather surprises can make the process take longer.

"This year, five houses needed painting and the wood trim replaced due to all the rain in May," noted Ayers.

At the same time, local electrical company Richardson Ready Electric installs the wiring (every building has electrical outlets) and a Parks and Recreation Department crew hangs the large wreath on the Library and strings the red and white lights that fill the towering native pecan tree, a hallmark of the Village, as well as a few other trees. Parks specialist Glen Murphy, who sometimes dodges falling pecans and worn out bulbs while stringing the lights, said it's a challenge to test the 4,600 lights (which are divided onto 250-foot-long strands) because he has to illuminate them during the day, to save the after-dark lighting especially for opening night. "I have to wear sunglasses when I test them," he says, "or hope for a cloudy day."

Meanwhile, back at the City's Community Events offices, volunteer coordinator Lisa Carter works to fill the many volunteer slots required to welcome visitors and run the Village, around 90 volunteers per night. Half are affiliated with organizations that sponsor a particular building or activity, and the rest volunteer through the City's website to fill in where needed. Carter said she welcomes groups as well as individuals, ages 16 and up.



Lights are strung in the pecan tree

"We have a lot of students from UT Dallas, high school students needing service hours, church groups ... that are all willing to help," she said.

This is Carter's first year to experience Santa's Village from behind the scenes, though she used to visit with her now grown children when they were younger. She enjoyed working alongside the volunteers at this year's Santa's Village "work day," an annual event in early November when they clean out the buildings and help decorate, and also enjoys assisting Ayers and Etman with painting and decorating.

Rounding out the Santa's Village team is Fred Allen of North Texas Production Group, who books the acts for the stage and runs the sound.

"It definitely takes a village to create the Village," laughed Etman.

Ayers, Etman and Morris all agree that though it's a long and exhausting process, the results are well worth it. Ayers, who also helps produce *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival and the Cottonwood Art Festival, said Santa's Village is one of the most rewarding events in which she's involved.

"It's something really special," she said.

Morris loves meeting people who have made Santa's Village a family tradition.

"We've been doing this long enough that I'm starting to see people who enjoyed this as a child and are now bringing their children to enjoy it," he marveled. "One family comes here every year from Louisiana."

He especially enjoys filling in for Santa on Preschool Day, when Santa's Village is open one morning for 1,100 area preschoolers and children with special needs.

"It's the closest thing to a rock star I'll ever be," he said. "The kids are so happy."

Etman likes the way people enjoy the Village even when it's not officially open.

"Families walk around during the day, sometimes taking photos for holiday cards, and I've seen couples out on a date, strolling the grounds on nights when the Village is closed...it's a beautiful place day or night."

Perhaps the best memory for them each year is the moment when the Village opens on the first night. Excitement fills the air, as a crowd gathers and the mayor prepares to flip the switch. Then simultaneously at 6 p.m., the fountain and all the lights are turned on and a firetruck roars into view, with Santa and Mrs. Claus on top, and children clap and squeal with delight.

"It is wonderful to see the joy on the children's faces," said Ayers. "And a great feeling to know we made it all happen."



James Chastain and Randall Morris

Santa to debut new sleigh at Christmas parade



The Seniors' Net Handyman who constructed a new sleigh for Santa and Mrs. Claus to ride in during the annual Christmas Parade are from left: Robert Treadwell, Neil Stampe, Gary Reim and Sherwin Ortman.

When Santa and Mrs. Claus roll down Coit Road this year during the 43rd Annual Christmas Parade, they will do so with a brand new ride.

With the Claus' sleigh showing its age, staff from the Community Events department asked members of the NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net Handyman program if they could make a few repairs. However, once the men got started, it became clear more work would be required.

"We started off planning to just put new side panels on the sleigh, but once we took it apart we realized that minor repairs weren't going to get it done since a lot of

the wood was rotten," said handyman Neil Stampe. "When we realized the sleigh would need to be completely rebuilt, I went to the Richardson Rotary Club I am a member of to see if they would provide funding. They agreed and here we are."

The Seniors' Net handyman typically provide minor repairs and maintenance to Richardson seniors in need. Many of their projects are referred to them by city code enforcement officers who are looking for ways to help out seniors whose homes are not in compliance but don't have the funds to address the situation. While they have no experience building sleighs, the men enthusi-

astically began the project in early November.

"This was an exciting break from our routine work with Seniors' Net," said Stampe, who worked on the sleigh with three other men for about four hours a day twice per week. "We didn't really have any plans, but we disassembled the old sleigh all the way to the base so we knew how it needed to go back together."

Barbara Cottone, parade chairperson, said the parade is a Richardson tradition and the new sleigh construction is just another example of the community pulling together to help put on a great event.

"The sleigh we used last year was built in 2007, but since we can't park it at the North Pole it sits outside all year and is subject to the weather," Cottone said. "Safety is our main priority and thanks to the some generous donations, Santa will have a new ride and he and Mrs. Claus will be safe. We want Santa to be the biggest attraction at the parade, and this year he will be in something that is pretty spiffy."

The handyman finished construction shortly before Thanksgiving, giving Community Events staff just enough time to paint and decorate the sleigh in time for its debut at the Dec. 5 parade.

City receives Legacy Award



The City of Richardson was named the fifth recipient of Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) Foundation's Legacy Award at its annual Yellow & Black Tie Gala fundraiser Nov. 14. It is the first time the award has been received by a group or government entity. Since 2011, the award has recognized individuals who have made a difference in the community through their ongoing commitment, gifts and leadership.

The foundation noted the City's long-term commitment to the success of the hospital in its presentation at the gala. City officials were members of the hospital's original board of directors in 1967 to make sure Richardson's first hospital, then called Richardson Medical

Center, would meet the needs of the growing community. The City continued its partnership after the hospital joined the Methodist network in 2009.

The Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation, established in 1977, is a nonprofit, charitable organization led by business and civic leaders who donate their time, service and expertise to raise funds and awareness for MRMC. The organization's fundraising has helped upgrade obstetrical services, establish the Center for Women's Health, enlarge the Senior Health Center, expand cardiovascular services and bring the first Novalis-enhanced linear accelerator in Texas and the seventh in the United States.

HASR recognizes volunteers



Pictured from left: Mily Lee (representing Global Federation of Chinese Business Women), Marni Kaner, Ginger Tonne, Barbara Berthold and Diane Hodges. (not pictured: Ellen Boehmer.)

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) honored 14 Volunteer of the Year nominees in five categories at a luncheon Nov. 17.

Award recipients were:

Community Leadership (three-way tie):

Barbara Berthold, nominated by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Marni Kaner, nominated by RISD Council of PTAs, Ginger Tonne, nominated by Richardson Woman's Club

Humanitarian:

Diane Hodges, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Education:

Ellen Boehmer, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Group:

Global Federation of Chinese Business Women, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Dot McCalpin Founder's Award:

The late Michelle Thames

HASR's mission is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson through better communication, coordination and cooperation among agencies in the community.

For more information, visit www.HASR-richardson.org.

Symbolic check represents volunteer hours



Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson held its 12th annual awards luncheon Oct. 30. During the event, Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker was presented a ceremonial check for \$229,558 representing the hours of volunteer time invested in the city by the organization in the past year.

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

Also at the event, Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow." Of the 28 women nominated, the winners were: Larissa Linton (Nonprofit), Cindy D. Marshall, MD (Corporate), Lori A. Leu (Small Business), Lydia Gray-Henderson (Government), Audra G. Barrett (Education) and Kimberley J. Stallings (Woman of Tomorrow).



Mayor Paul Voelker receives a ceremonial check from Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. president Cindy McIntyre.



Pictured from left are the recipients of the "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow:" Larissa Linton (Nonprofit), Cindy D. Marshall, MD (Corporate), Lori A. Leu (Small Business), Lydia Gray-Henderson (Government), Audra G. Barrett (Education) and Kimberley J. Stallings (Woman of Tomorrow).

Parks Department wins award for Dog Park

The Parks and Recreation Department has won a Park Design Excellence Award from the North Region of the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS), for Bush Central Barkway, the City's dog park. The award was presented at the TRAPS North Region conference in Fort Worth. The award recognizes a park development project each year that displays a high degree of professional design quality and recreation usage.

TRAPS award judges, all park and recreation professionals, selected the Barkway after reading an application and essay submitted by Parks and Recreation staff. The City won in Class 1 (cities with populations of more than 75,000).

For more information on Bush Central Barkway, go to www.cor.net/dog-park.



Property taxes due Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31, 2016 and should be paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

Collin County residents can make city, school and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, city and Dallas County taxes are paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

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

Recycling magnet in the mail this month

Richardson residents in single-family homes will receive a postcard in the mail this month that will include a magnet with recycling information. The magnet (pictured below) is perfect for placing on the refrigerator and indicates which items are accepted in the City's blue bag recycling program and which items are not. Be on the lookout for this mail piece in December and do your part to divert material from the landfill.

To learn more about the City's recycling program, go to www.cor.net/recycling or call 972-744-4410.



Cardboard	Wax coated containers	Glass	Plastics #1-7
			<p>NO!</p> <p>Paper towels Food Facial tissue Grease Toilet tissue Chip bags Styrofoam Electronics</p> <p>Recycling questions? Call 972-744-4111 or visit www.COR.net/Recycling</p>
Plastic bags	Paper	Aluminum, steel & tin	

City achieves high ranking for government technology

The Center for Digital Government, a research and advisory institute for government information technology practices, ranked Richardson third nationally in its size category (pop. 75,000 to 124,999) in the 2015 Digital Cities Survey. The Survey recognized cities that place an emphasis on technology and increasing government transparency.

Richardson has been on the leading edge of government technology since the Digital Age began, establishing one of the first municipal websites of its kind in the nation.

Open to all U.S. cities, the Digital Cities Survey focuses on 10 initiatives across four categories: citizen engagement, policy, operations and technology and data. Richardson is the only North Texas honoree of any size to be ranked, and is the only Texas city to rank in the top three in its respective size category. For more information, go to www.bit.ly/1KY5YFo.



Sign up for a weekly email featuring Richardson businesses and specials.
www.richardsonchamber.com/shop



Studies show that when you shop at small businesses, 48 percent of your dollars stay local, compared to 14 percent at chain stores. The money you spend in Richardson contributes to secondary spending in our community. Also, when you visit your neighborhood store, you're more likely to develop a relationship with the owner, making your service even better.



Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

<p>Dec. 9 DALLAS POLICE CHOIR: SONGS OF THE HOLIDAY 1 p.m. The Dallas Police Choir will start our holiday season with song and holiday spirit. Refreshments will be served. No fee.</p>	<p>Dec. 9 RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT 7:30 p.m. The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert. Do not miss a toe tapping evening that has been a Senior Center holiday tradition for more than 20 years. Refreshments served after the concert. No fee.</p>	<p>Dec. 10 THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS 5-9 p.m. The Dallas Arboretum presents an elaborate collection of 12 Victorian gazebos depicting the famous Christmas carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Tickets are on sale now at the Senior Center. The van will leave the Senior Center at 5 p.m. and return at 9 p.m. This is an outdoor walking event. Please wear appropriate weather wear and comfortable shoes. \$25.</p>
<p>Jan. 6 KIMBELL ART MUSEUM'S GUSTAVE CAILLEBOTTE: THE PAINTER'S EYE 10:30 a.m. Gustave Caillebotte revealed his genius with some of his 50 paintings from 1875-1882 during the height of impressionism. Such masterworks as Paris Street Scene, Rainy Day, Floor Scrapers and two versions of the Pont de l'Europe are among the images that will be joined by paintings from museums and private collections throughout the world. Together they present for the first time a full range of Caillebotte's bold extraordinary impressionistic vision. The van will leave the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. \$20.</p>	<p>Jan. 8 SOCK HOP 1 p.m. The Berkner High School Fine Arts Choir is sponsoring a Sock Hop for both the kids and all of us young at heart older adults at the Senior Center. Come and jitterbug the afternoon away and/or enjoy watching the kids bring back an era of saddle shoes and duck tails. Ice cream sodas will be served at the counter. Door prize for the best dressed 1950s style. The Berkner High School choir will present "Grease" this year at Berkner High School Jan. 28-30. Please call 972-744-7800 for more information or if you would like to go with the Senior Center van Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Jan. 24 GERSHWIN'S GREATEST HITS 1 p.m. The Dallas Symphony will present Gershwin's Greatest Hits under the direction of Jeff Tyzik. You will swoon to the music of "Lullaby," "Funny Face," "Cuban Overture" and selections from "Porgy and Bess." The van will leave the Senior Center at 1 p.m. and return immediately after the concert. \$30.</p>

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>Dec. 5 DEWEY KNIT 2 p.m.-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>Dec. 9 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Dec. 16 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Dec. 16 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for more information.</p>
<p>Dec. 17 DULCIMER MUSIC BY DAVID MORAN AND JOE MORGAN 5:30-6:30 p.m. Youth Services Area.</p>	<p>Dec. 17 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Bossypants" by Tina Fey. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Dec. 21 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Dec. 23 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE The Library will close at 5 p.m.</p>
<p>Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE The Library will be closed all day Dec. 24.</p>	<p>Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE The Library will be closed all day Dec. 25. The Library will be open regular hours beginning Dec. 26.</p>	<p>Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE The Library will close at 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE The Library will be closed on New Year's Day. The Library will be open regular hours beginning Jan. 2.</p>

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>Dec. 5 TUZER BALLET'S EXCERPTS FROM "THE NUTCRACKER" 4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. * Complimentary tickets available at 10 a.m. Dec. 5.</p>	<p>Dec. 7, 14 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Dec. 12 RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND'S WOODWIND TRIO 4:45-5:45 p.m. Youth Services Area.</p>	<p>Dec. 19 TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) HOLIDAY FLIX: "POLAR EXPRESS" 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Shay Brooks at 972-744-4358 for information.</p>
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Seniors' Net hosts free monthly seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars on topics affecting the aging population. Seminars are 10 a.m.-noon at 741 S. Sherman St.

Dec. 15
Cinema, Cookies and Cocoa

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

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

Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

Tutor Training Workshop
 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 9
 Richardson Public Library
 Please register by Jan. 4.
 Call 972-644-5119
 or e-mail volunteer@ralc.org.

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



NETWORK toy drive ends Dec. 17

This holiday season, the Richardson Fire Department is working to collect toys for the NETWORK of Community Ministries through Thursday, Dec. 17. Donations of unwrapped toys may be made at any Richardson Fire Station, the Service Center (1260 Columbia Dr.) or at City Hall Rooms 106 or 202.

Gift suggestions include Lego sets, Nerf balls, action figures, dolls, sports team caps, toy cars, giant stuffed animals, self-contained arts and craft

kits, books, kitchen sets, video games, board games, playing cards, puzzles, baby walker toys, My Life Dolls (from Walmart with ethnic skin tones), pop up play tents, sports balls and equipment, cologne, bath and body lotions, body spray, makeup, manicure kits, wallets, scarves, hats, gloves, Ugg-type (fur lined) boots of all sizes, super hero/action figure costumes and fleece blankets. Please no wheeled toys such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, skates or tricycles.



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Upcoming Civic Center Event

Texas Stamp Dealers
 Dec. 4-5
www.tsdstamps.com

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

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Cultural Arts & Community

Dance with the Sugar Plum Fairy at "The Nutcracker"

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

This month, four ballet companies will bring the "The Nutcracker" to the Eisemann Center. The performances kick off Dec. 5-6 with the Royale Ballet Dance Academy, followed by Dallas Repertoire Ballet Dec. 12-13. Tuzer Ballet will perform Dec. 19-20, with the Collin County Ballet Theatre concluding the schedule with shows Dec. 22-23.

Tuzer Ballet will perform excerpts from "The Nutcracker" at the Richardson Public Library at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Dec. 5. The performances are free, but require

a ticket, which may be picked up beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 5 at the Library.

Royale Ballet Dance Academy
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 5-6
Tickets \$20-\$25

Dallas Repertoire Ballet
8 p.m. Dec. 11
2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 12,
2 p.m. Dec. 13
Tickets \$22-\$52

Tuzer Ballet
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 19,
2 p.m. Dec. 20
Tickets \$15-\$50

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

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



Richardson-based Tuzer Ballet's 31st annual production of "The Nutcracker" will take place Dec. 19-20 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

THE VOCAL MAJORITY CHORUS PRESENTS "A TEXAS-SIZE CHRISTMAS"

(8 p.m. Dec. 3, 4, 6, and 2 p.m. Dec. 6. \$15-\$49.
Visit www.vocalmajority.com.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents
"Holiday Classics" (8 p.m. Dec. 5. \$17-87.
Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

FREDDIE KING BLUES FOUNDATION PRESENTS "FREDDIE KING WINTER BLUES REVUE"

(8:30 p.m. Dec. 11. \$40-\$47. Visit www.freddiekingstributeband.com and
www.freddiekingtributeband.com.)

RLB PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

"JOY TO THE WORLD JAZZ CONCERT"

(7:30 p.m. Dec. 12. \$20. Visit www.rlbproductions.com.)

PEGASUS THEATRE PRESENTS "DEATH IS A BAD HABIT"

(8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21,
22 and 23; 3 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. \$22-\$62.
Visit www.pegasustheatre.com.)

Gift certificates make perfect presents for arts lovers

Gift certificates to the Eisemann Center make the perfect gift for arts lovers this holiday season.

Your favorite arts patron may redeem gift certificates for any show that is sold through the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, such as the current season of Eisemann Center Presents, with upcoming shows that include Blood Sweat & Tears with Bo Bice, An Evening with Garrison Keillor, Trick Boxing: Swingin' in the Ring, Pilobolus Dance Theater and the ever-popular Keyboard Conversations® series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel. If family entertainment is more up your alley, then check out the upcoming presentations from the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Family Theatre Series including



"Curious George: The Golden Meatball," "Chicken Dance" and "The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told!"

Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for a complete calendar of upcoming performances.

Gift certificates may be purchased at www.eisemanncenter.com/giftcertificates or through the Ticket Office in person or by calling 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and beginning one hour before performances.

Eisemann Center Presents continues with Jeffrey Siegel performance

The 2015-16 Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month with a performance by Jeffrey Siegel.

Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.

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

Transcendental music written after deafness engulfed the composers. The program includes Beethoven's final Piano Sonata; Fauré's deeply affecting

Nocturne and the jolly, tuneful polkas of the Czech master Smetana.

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" this December

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2015-16 season with a performance of "Meet Me in St. Louis" Dec. 4-13 at the Promenade Theatre.

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is based on the classic MGM movie musical starring Judy Garland. The show takes us back to the turn of the century St. Louis where the streets buzz with trolley cars and the people buzz with excitement. This nostalgic production captures the exuberance and innocence of the original in an utterly entertaining experience the whole family will enjoy. The production features

classical songs including "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The Promenade Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Group rates are also available. For tickets call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

RCT's 2015-16 season also includes performances of "Cotton Patch Gospel," "The Secret Garden," "Will Roger's Follies," "Evita" and "Xanadu."



RCAS announces winners of annual art show

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

The Best of Show went to Cecy Turner for "Winter Underway in Moraine Park" and the Judge's Choice Award was won by Cindy Daunis for her work, "Morning Flight." The Ann Ramsey Award went to Beverly Theriault for "Sarasota Garden," and the First Time Membership Award went to Joan Hukel for "Garden Music."

First Place in the category of oils or acrylics went to Beth Eschbach for "Recollection." First Place in

the category of water media went to Gwen Revino for "Zinnias." First Place in the pastels/graphics category was awarded to Helen Bailey for "Kiger Majesty," and First Place in the collage/mixed media category went to Marie Renfro for "Machine 1."

RCAS meets at the Richardson Library on third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. There is no meeting in December, but the January meeting will feature a presentation on oil florals by Nancy Medina. Visitors may attend meetings at no charge. Anyone is welcome to sign up for membership. More information can be found at www.richardson-arts.org.

Monetary, food donations needed for senior holiday baskets

Last month, NETWORK of Community Ministries assembled and distributed Thanksgiving holiday gift bags to homebound seniors that included all the items needed for a warm holiday meal

to share with their families. With Christmas fast approaching, NETWORK is preparing for the next holiday basket delivery, slated for Dec. 12; and they need the help of Richardson residents to make it

happen.

If you would like to make a monetary or food donation please call Rosemary Conoley, Seniors' Net Coordinator, at 972-234-8880 ext. 125.

City celebrates America Recycles Day

The City of Richardson helped celebrate the annual America Recycles Day last month by distributing free blue recycling bags at several City facilities.

City staff distributed a total of 930 rolls of recycling bags to residents at the city locations. To learn more about recycling in Richardson, go to www.cor.net/recycling.

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



11th Annual City Wide Pet Day a success

Thank you to the following sponsors of Richardson AnimaLuv's 11th Annual City Wide Pet Day Nov. 7 at Huffhines Park.

Sterling the People Store
Dr Pepper
Walmart Neighborhood Market
Petco
The Vet House
R&R In Home
Animal Care Service
Tom Thumb
Spouts Farmers Market
Ard's for Paws
VCA Pet Doctor
Starbucks Coffee
Assurnet Insurance Agency
Pet Supplies Plus
Lowe's
Home Depot
Magic Cup
Shaddy's

Raising Cane's
Jimmy John's
Subaru of Plano
Texas Bank and Trust
Bruce Miller Nurseries
Home Again Micro Chip
Shannon Sanderford, Miss Texas
Kona Ice Truck
Taylor Rental
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Click4 Corporation
Cynthia Saathoff Portraits
Noah Family
National Charity League
Young Men's Service League
Richardson Symphony Debs
Richardson Animal Shelter
Richardson Parks and Recreation Department
City of Richardson

Richardson AnimaLuv

Blue Bags available at Fire Station #6 Dec. 5

Fire Station #6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Dec. 5 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.

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.



"Tree Cycle" your Christmas tree

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



From Dec. 23-Jan. 29, 2016, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting.

Tree cycling guidelines

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

Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established by Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 4, 2016. Locations listed are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

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

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

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



Childcare training seminar

The Richardson Health Department will offer a free childcare training seminar Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex.

The seminar will include:

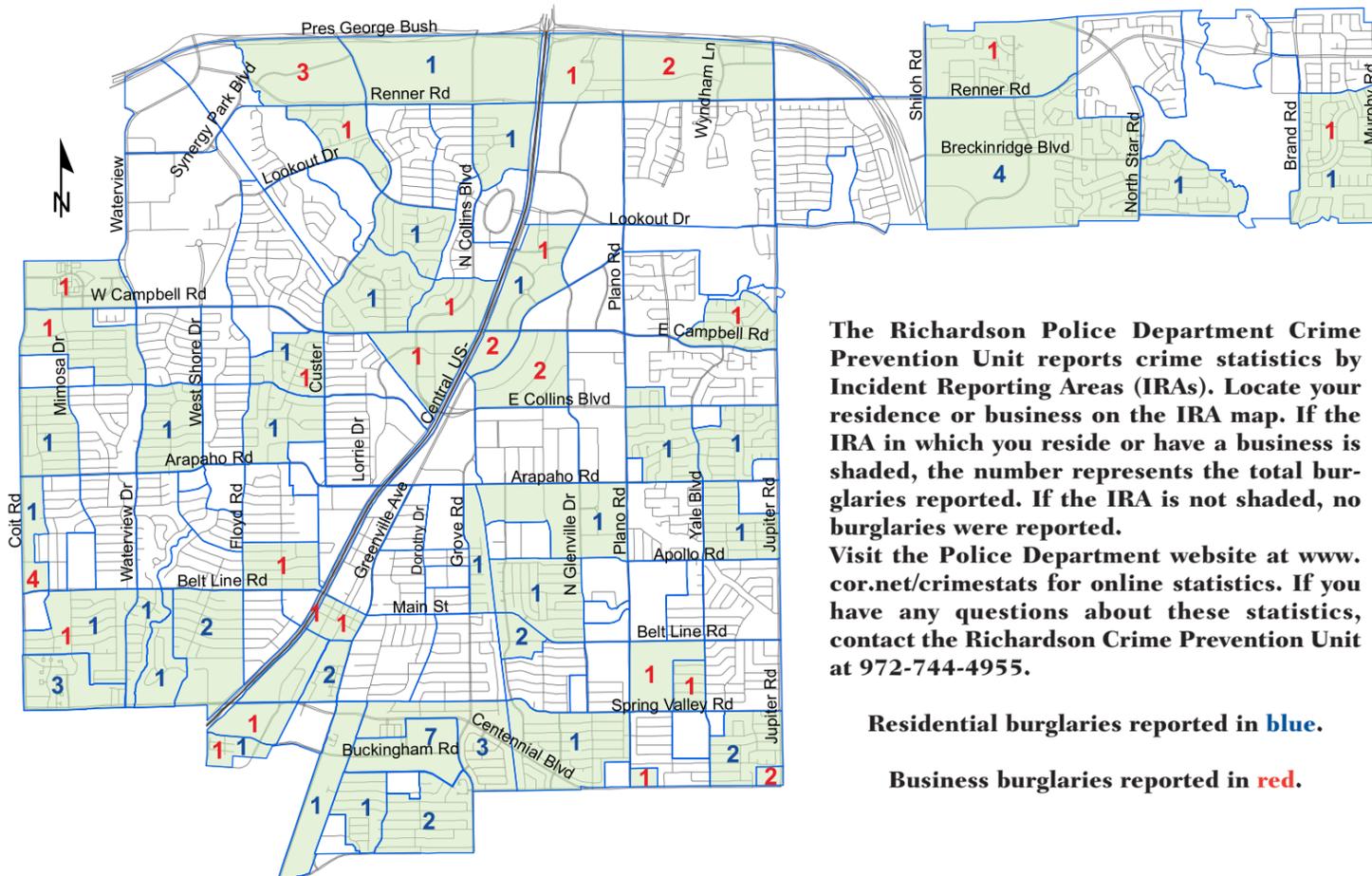
- "Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children"
- "Fire Code Regulations for Childcare Centers"
- "Communicable Diseases in a Childcare Setting"
- Department of Family and Protective Services: Topic TBA

A take home workbook may be purchased on site for this presentation for \$10.

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

This seminar may be used for five and a half hours of continuing education units (CEUs) for childcare providers.

Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit reports crime statistics by Incident Reporting Areas (IRAs). Locate your residence or business on the IRA map. If the IRA in which you reside or have a business is shaded, the number represents the total burglaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no burglaries were reported.

Visit the Police Department website at www.cor.net/crimestats for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

Santa's Village features newcomers, long-time favorites

Saturday, Dec. 5
 5 p.m. Parade Awards Ceremony
 6 p.m. Richardson Community Band
 7 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers
 7:45 p.m. Crystal Yates

Sunday, Dec. 6
 6 p.m. Edge Dance
 6:15 p.m. Movers-n-Shakers Pom Squad
 6:30 p.m. The Contemporary Chorale
 7 p.m. Plug In Voice Studio
 7:30 p.m. Richardson HS Desperados
 8 p.m. Preston Dance Center

Thursday, Dec. 10
 6 p.m. The Heights Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Canyon Creek Elementary Choir/Musik-Spiel
 7 p.m. Prairie Creek Elementary Sign Choir
 7:30 p.m. Amy J with Jay Wilson—An Indie Folk Christmas

8 p.m. J.J. Pearce HS Mustang Stampede
 8:30 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers

Friday, Dec. 11
 6 p.m. MPA: Dance Company, Sweethearts Dance Team, Advance Choir

6:30 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers
 7 p.m. Richardson HS Legacy
 7:30 p.m. Class Act Tap Company
 8 p.m. Creative Arts Dance Team
 8:30 p.m. Amy's Studio of Performing Arts

Saturday, Dec. 12
 6 p.m. Centre for Dance
 6:30 p.m. Yale Elementary Choir
 7 p.m. Richardson North Junior HS Choirs
 7:35 p.m. Studio Dance Centre's Frisco Youth Dance Ensemble

8:05 p.m. Arissa Qureshi
 8:30 p.m. GenYratioN

Sunday, Dec. 13
 6 p.m. Angela's Angels from Arabesque Studio of Dance
 7 p.m. Sounding Brass

Thursday, Dec. 17
 6 p.m. London School of Dance
 6:30 p.m. Dartmouth Honor Choir
 7 p.m. International Conservancy of Performing Arts Prep. School
 7:30 p.m. Berkner HS Latin Dance Team
 8 p.m. TBD
 8:30 p.m. TBD

Friday, Dec. 18
 6 p.m. Melva Smith School of Dance
 7 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts
 7:40 p.m. Talent N More Dance Centre
 8 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Children and Teen Choirs

8:30 p.m. TBD
Saturday, Dec. 19
 6 p.m. Damoyee Janai
 6:30 p.m. F Troop
 7 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers
 7:30 p.m. Berkner HS Jazz Band
 8 p.m. Big Springs Baptist Church
 8:30 p.m. Big Springs Baptist Church
Sunday, Dec. 20
 6 p.m. Texas Reelers Square Dance Club
 7 p.m. Sounding Brass

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



Three Urban Naturalist walks are scheduled in the next few months at Breckinridge Park and the Spring Creek Nature Area, including a special New Year's Day walk.

Resolution Hike (Spring Creek Nature Area)
 Friday, Jan. 1, 9-11 a.m., Course Number: 87432

Birds of Winter (Breckinridge Park)
 Saturday, Feb. 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 87431

Trout Lily Discovery Walk (Breckinridge Park)
 Saturday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m., Course Number: 87434

For more information, call Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881). For full course descriptions, information on the number of spots available and cost per walk, visit www.cor.net/parksonline.

Sherrill Park
 Sherrill Park will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open as scheduled Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
 Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. in Richardson. For information call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.

Huffhines Tennis Center
 Lessons for juniors and adults are available, as are group and private lessons.
 Huffhines Tennis Center is located at 1601 Syracuse Dr. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance.
 Visit www.bit.ly/1Bz1frE for more information.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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

Boys and girls ages 2-5. Limited seating, so please register by Dec. 15. Pre-registration required. Two seating times.

Huffhines Recreation Center
Thursday, Dec. 17
#85645: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
#85646: 10-11 a.m.
Fee: \$10 per person



Wild-n-Whimsical WINTER CAMP

With the permission of Jack Frost, we'll enjoy winter break with winter games, sports activities, field trips, and so much more. Give your child the cure for cold weather doldrums and make this winter a memorable one for your camper!

Ages: 6-12
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 (no before/after care)
 Heights Recreation Center

What to Bring:
 Sack lunch with drink, water bottle with name, snack, sunscreen (for outdoor activity), Chapstick (lip protection for cool winter air), warm clothes, sneakers or warm shoes.

DATES	FEE	COURSE NUMBER
Dec. 21-23	\$60	86936
Dec. 28-31	\$60	86937
Dec. 21-31	\$115	86938

Register by calling either Heights Recreation Center or Huffhines Recreation Center or go online to www.cor.net/parksonline

www.cor.net/parksonline



city of richardson
2016 PHOTO CONTEST

Featured Artist Exhibit
 Mike Mazeul II
 Jan. 7-Feb. 25
 Huffhines Recreation Center

2015 Best of Show & Best of Division Exhibit featuring the work of:
 Tony Morrison (Adult)
 Jack Pitney (Proficient)
 Jessica Kaye Lord (Student) and
2015 Judge's Exhibit featuring the work of:
 Jonny Carroll, John English and Erin Reeves
 Jan. 8-28 • Library 3rd Floor

Entries accepted
 Jan. 9-24
 Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available Jan. 29
www.cor.net/PhotoContest
2016 Contest Results Exhibit
 Jan. 30-Feb. 21
 Richardson Library 3rd Floor

2016 Awards Ceremony & Judges Workshop
 Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m.
 Civic Center Grand Hall

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

Entree Fees:
 Student-\$5
 Adult & Proficient-\$10

2015 Best of Adult Division: Tony Morrison
 2015 Best of Proficient Division: Jack Pitney

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

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

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

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (www.cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Fundamentals of Windows
You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts Dec. 7. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Dec. 7 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, Dec. 7 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$63 without a membership.

iPhone 101
A beginner's class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn how to set up and use your phone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Dec. 19 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPhone 102
This class will cover how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Dec. 19 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 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 Dec. 7. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



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

Create a Website
This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, YouTube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts TBA. 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 sessions will be Dec. 22 and 29 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon or an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without.

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 Jan. 5, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

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.

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.

NEW!! Watercolor
Renata Sharman will offer watercolor classes for beginners. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Students will create their own art work using florals, seasonal themes, abstracts or landscape, for their watercolor project. Intermediate and advance self-pace students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes start Dec. 1. Cost is \$80. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

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:

Dec. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	6-10 p.m.



Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal

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

Dec. 7 and 10	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 21 and 22	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. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC Quilting
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. Class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Beginner Plus Square Dance
Dances are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$7 per person with a Senior Center membership or \$10 a class without a Senior Center membership.

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

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



New!! Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. The next five-week session begins March 2. Classes cost \$50.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 2:15-4:15 p.m. 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!! Mah Jongg class Coming Soon!
Call 972 744-7800 for more information.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. The next eight-week class session will start Jan. 7 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.

Happy Birthday Party
We will now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June.

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

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 2015-16 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613.

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

Jan. 2	Bill G Band
Jan. 9	Doc Gibbs
Jan. 23	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.

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



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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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 hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fee is \$7 per person.

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College

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

The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. Next meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 1. 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. Youth and adults of all playing strengths are welcome. The club activities include Swiss Tournaments, Opening Theme matches and video matches. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

**NEW!! Scrabble Club**

Come join us Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. to meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun evening playing scrabble. Children over 16 are welcome to participate, ages 12-15 with an adult.

Mental Aerobics

Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia and a general mental playground. We have a large room and welcome drop-ins who enjoy thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. 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 Dec. 17 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.

Needleworks

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

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! Members 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.

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.

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 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.

Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 2-3 p.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.

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 online at www.FirstRichardsonHelpers.org. Click on "Request for Services."

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 Dec. 3.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Fitness

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.

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.

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.

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. Classes will start Jan. 6. Please call 972-744-7800 for class information.

Pilates Class

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.

Pickleball

The Richardson Senior Center Pickleball 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. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports among seniors. If you are interested and would like more information call 972-744-7800.

How is your balance?

Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$60 each with a six-session commitment (\$90 each session for couples). Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population (older adult) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

Hatha Yoga for all ages

Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. 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.

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.

Winter**WaterAerobic Classes**

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues winter WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at J.J. Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). Call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Games

Canasta

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

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

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Aubrey
Beg. Line Dance	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$11/Month	Halvorson
Int. Line Dance	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Int./Adv. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

Librarians suggest books for holiday giving

Adult Fiction

- All the Stars in Heaven* by Adriana Trigiani
- Avenue of Mysteries* by John Irving
- The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King
- Career of Evil* by Robert Galbraith
- City of Fire* by Garth Risk Hallberg
- The Crossing* by Michael Connelly
- Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff
- The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende
- The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* by Mitch Albom
- Guilty* by David Baldacci
- The Promise* by Robert Crais
- Rogue Lawyer* by John Grisham
- The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks
- Secret Sisters* by Jayne Ann Krentz
- See Me* by Nicholas Sparks
- Survivor* by Vince Flynn
- Tricky Twenty-Two* by Janet Evanovich
- We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride

Adult Non-Fiction

- Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel* by Carl Safina
- Brunch at Bobby's: 140 Recipes for the Best Part of the Weekend* by Bobby Flay
- For the Love: Fighting for Grace in a World of Impossible Standards* by Jen Hatmaker
- Photograph* by Ringo Starr
- Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Larsen

- Sinatra: The Chairman* by James Kaplan
- The Achievement Habit: Stop Wishing, Start Doing, and Take Command of Your Life* by Bernard Roth
- The Gratitude Diaries: How a Year Looking on the Bright Side Can Transform Your Life* by Janice Kaplan
- The Hirschfeld Century: Portrait of an Artist and His Age* by Al Hirschfeld
- The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* by Marie Kondo
- The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* by Rinker Buck
- The Pioneer Woman Cooks Dinner-time: Comfort Classics, Freezer Food, 16-Minute Meals, and Other Delicious Ways to Solve Supper!* by Ree Drummond
- The Sound of Music Story: How A Beguiling Young Novice, A Handsome Austrian Captain, and Ten Singing von Trapp Children Inspired the Most Beloved Film of All Time* by Tom Santopietro
- The Story of Life in 25 Fossils: Tales of Intrepid Fossil Hunters and the Wonders of Evolution* by Donald R. Prothero
- The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough
- The Year without a Purchase: One Family's Quest to Stop Shopping and Start Connecting* by Scott Dannemiller

Teen Fiction

- Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell
- Court of Fives* by Kate Elliott
- Dumplin'* by Julie Murphy
- lluminae* by Amie Kaufman
- Need* by Joelle Charbonneau
- Reckless* by Cornelia Funke

- The Scorpion Rules* by Erin Bow
- Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo
- These Shallow Graves* by Jennifer Donnelly
- Walk on Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson

Tween Fiction

- The Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands
- Crenshaw* by Katherine Applegate
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School* by Jeff Kinney
- Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead
- Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard, Book 1: The Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan
- The Marvels* by Brian Selznick
- Randoms* by David Liss
- The Seventh Most Important Thing* by Shelley Pearsall
- The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin
- Took: A Ghost Story* by Mary Downing Hahn

Picture Books

- Bulldozer's Big Day* by Candace Fleming
- The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure* by Doreen Cronin and Kevin Cornell
- Dog vs. Cat* by Chris Gall
- It's Only Stanley* by John Agee
- The Full Moon at the Napping House* by Audrey Wood
- Happy!* by Pharrell Williams
- The New Small Person* by Lauren Child
- Waiting* by Kevin Henkes
- Wild About Us!* by Karen Beaumont
- Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman



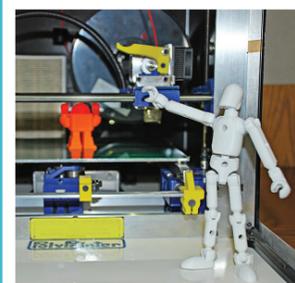
Available now at the RPL! Complete creative projects and learn new skills!



Arduino Kits



LittleBits Kits



3D Printer



Creative Station

Learn & Create: 3D Printing & Tinkercad adults & teens Saturday, Jan. 9 2-4 p.m.

Laptop required Basement Program Room No registration required

Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

Enjoy Beautiful Holiday Music

Dulcimer & Guitar

with David Moran and Joe Morgan

Thursday, Dec. 17

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Library 1st Floor

All ages welcome!



The Library offers Books by Mail services to homebound patrons. This service includes audiobooks, music CDs and nonfiction DVDs, as well as regular and large print books. Complete the online Books by Mail application posted on the Library's website at www.RichardsonPublicLibrary.com under the tab titled "For Adults." Call 972-744-4393 for more information.

The Richardson Community Band's Woodwind Trio



Saturday, Dec. 12 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children's Department (before Santa's Village)

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

For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Volunteers Needed

- Use a Nook, Kindle or other e-reader?
- Use LittleBits, Arduino, 3D printer?
- Like helping and teaching others?

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