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### The Eisemann Center season begins

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The 2011-12 Eisemann Center Presents season begins with the Oct. 15 performance of Benise: "The Spanish Guitar."



### RSO Celebrates 50 Years

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The Richardson Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its 50th season and offering special pricing for its Oct. 8 concert at the Eisemann Center.



### From snails beaks to bug feet

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First through fifth graders can check out the bodies and behavior of snails, insects and spiders at the Richardson Public Library Saturday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. It's FREE.

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## City's 2011-2012 Budget keeps the focus

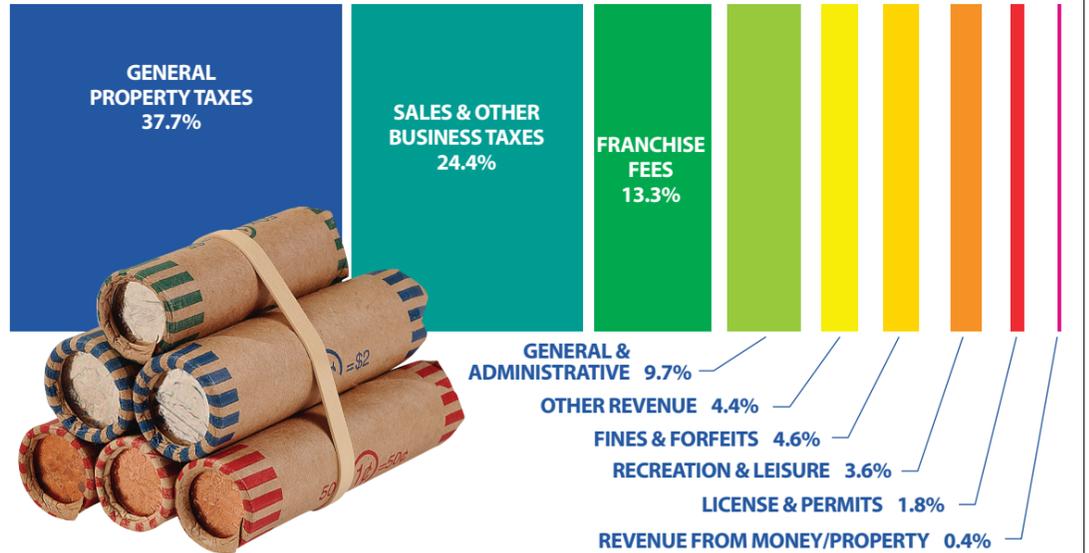


Immediately following the City Council election this past May, the Council Members began working with City staff to develop the 2011-2012 fiscal budget. Throughout the process, the goal of the Council and staff was to create a budget that is responsive to the current economic climate and minimizes additional costs to residents while still providing the same excellent services. It could be described as a budget that is "keeping the focus." Even though it is important to be aware of issues at the state, national and global levels, a key strategy for developing the City's budget this year was to keep focused, stay flexible and take care of the matters that can be handled.

"We've been fortunate in Richardson that our community continues to show great strength and resilience to the fluctuations being experienced in the world economy," City Manager Bill Keffler said. "Our property values have not only been holding steady but improving in our community and it is due to the strength of our local companies and investments the City has made in our local infrastructure."

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### General Fund Revenues—\$97,042,573



#### 2011-2012 General Fund Revenues definitions

**General Property Taxes**-taxes levied on real and business personal property  
**Sales and Other Business Taxes**-a \$0.01 per dollar tax collected by retailers on the sale of goods and services within the City as well as business taxes on mixed beverages and bingo  
**Franchise Fees**-charges to utility companies operating within the City limits for use of the City's rights of way  
**General and Administrative Transfers**-transfers between several different types of funds in support of the general fund to ensure equity in cost sharing  
**Other Revenue**-fees from the cable TV franchise, ambulance service and 9-1-1 service

**Fines and Forfeits**-revenue from a wide variety of fines and forfeits, including citations, overdue library books, misdemeanor violations of state law and other sources  
**Recreation and Leisure**-fees collected at rec centers, pools, tennis center, concessions, festivals, etc.  
**License and Permits**-numerous fees including but not limited to building permits, childcare permits, alarm system permits, animal license and shelter fees and apartment inspection fees  
**Revenue from Money/Property**-revenue from interest earnings on the City's bank and investment accounts

## 2011-2013 Statement of Goals is approved by City Council



The 2011-2013 Statement of Goals, which the City Council approved in August, articulates the key objectives on which the Council Members collectively desire to focus on in order to make the City of Richardson an even better environment for residents, businesses and visitors. The Goals establish the Council's vision and mission for the next two years and identify a foundation of principles upon which the community will prosper.

"The 2011-2013 Statement of Goals is the result of several public work session discussions and public feedback provided during these sessions," Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend said. "Our vision as a City Council is to make Richardson the best City it can be and we started developing our goals by establishing 12 key areas of excellence that we want

to emphasize. Our mission is to enhance and expand our business base, in conjunction with the promotion of high-quality residential neighborhoods. We can do this by taking advantage of our community strengths which include a well-educated and highly motivated work force, a strong, established education infrastructure and a dynamic business environment."

The City Council is excited about the future prospects for Richardson and looks forward to the challenges ahead. Based on the well-recognized strengths of the residential, academic and business communities, the City Council is confident Richardson will successfully meet these challenges and take advantage of these opportunities.

The complete document can be found on the City's website at www.cor.net.

- 2011-2013 Goals**
- Communications
- Community Vitality and Neighborhood Integrity
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Governance
- Health Care Facilities and Community Wellness
- Land Use and Development
- Marketing
- Public Services
- Transportation and Mobility

## NTMWD announces need for increased water conservation

At its Sept. 22 board meeting the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the City's water supplier, approved a measure to ask its member cities to implement Stage 3 emergency water restrictions beginning Nov. 1. The request is a result of the loss of the Lake Texhoma raw water supply due to the presence of invasive zebra mussels and NTMWD's remaining share of the Lake Chapman raw water supply being reduced to 36 percent of capacity due to drought conditions.

The NTMWD's Stage 3 conservation measures target a 10 percent reduction in water use by all of its member cities. The City of Richardson is now reviewing its current consumption rates to determine if its Stage 2 water conservation measures are meeting the goal, or if increasing to Stage 3 water conservation measures will be needed to reach the 10 percent goal.

"The North Texas Municipal Water District has a large service area that it is watching to determine future water needs," said Public Services Department Director Jerry Ortega. "For the District, Stage 3 water conservation targets a 10 percent reduction in usage, but in many cases cities are able to attain the District's goals by using less harsh measures for

water restrictions. We are going to review the success of our Stage 2 restrictions now to see if we are currently meeting the District's 10 percent reduction goal. If we are, then we may stay at Stage 2 water conservation measures on Nov. 1."

The City's primary water source reservoirs are drastically lower than normal by almost 10 feet after this record-breaking summer season. Plus experts are predicting a very dry fall and winter. It is therefore the utmost importance that Richardson residents use water wisely and follow current water restrictions in place. Currently, Stage 2 of the City's Emergency Water Management and Drought Contingency Plan remains in effect.

The plan allows for twice weekly watering on particular days based on address (see table).

Tips on water conservation can be found on the Water Conservation website available on the City's homepage at www.cor.net. The site also explains variances that are in effect which the City uses to ensure public facilities are maintained for athletic or other activities.

For a complete list of Stage 2 watering restrictions and possible fines, visit www.cor.net or use your smartphone to scan this QR-code.



Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Wednesday and Sunday
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	Tuesday and Saturday

## Reminder of tax billing and collection changes

The City of Richardson has contracted with Collin and Dallas County Tax Offices for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will no longer receive a City of Richardson Property Tax Statement. Instead, the City tax will be included as a new item on the county statements.

This change does not include the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) tax collection. RISD taxes will continue to be 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 and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Boulevard, Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County resi-

dents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811. All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2012.

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

## City Charter discussion sponsored by League of Women Voters of Richardson

The League of Women Voters of Richardson will sponsor an information meeting about the Richardson City Charter Oct. 19 at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center. The meeting is free and open to the public and featured speakers will discuss the background of the City Charter and pros/cons of issues that might be considered during a review of the Charter. The program will conclude with audience questions for the speakers. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a reception honoring the League's 50 years of service to the Richardson community and the program will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 972-470-0584 or visit [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org).

## "The Spirit of Giving" 40th Annual Christmas Parade is Dec. 3 Online registration begins Oct. 10

Get in on the spirit of the holiday season by participating in Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade—a tradition that will celebrate its 40th year! Individuals, groups, clubs, churches, schools and "kids of all ages" are encouraged to join this festivity! Last year nearly 3,000 people participated in this event and parade organizers are looking forward to another great year! The theme for this year's parade is "The Spirit of Giving" and will be held on Plano Road. Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles and floats.

Registration may be done online beginning Oct. 10 by going to [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net), and clicking on Christmas Parade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 22. For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chair Barbara Cottone at [park.vol@cor.gov](mailto:park.vol@cor.gov) or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4310.



## Holiday schedule Recycle make up days

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.



Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Thursday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 23
Friday, Nov. 25	Saturday, Nov. 26

## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Aug. 8 and 22 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net). The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and ATT U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

### Aug. 8

**Variance 11-08:** A request for approval of a variance to permit additional ground level equipment, storage tanks and utilities with the installation of additional landscaping along Alma Road at 300 W. Renner Rd., was approved.

**Ordinance No. 3833,** amending Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances, Sections 23-271, 23-272, 23-273, and 23-274 regarding the

Emergency Water Management Plan, including designated water restriction stages, and related policies for triggering criteria, mandatory landscape/outdoor watering restrictions within each stage, enforcement and variances, and take appropriate action, was approved.

### Aug. 22

#### Consent agenda

**Ordinance No. 3834** amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in

zoning to grant a Special Permit for a Private University located at 300 North Coit Rd., on a 6.78-acre tract of land zoned LR-M(2) Local Retail. **Resolution No. 11-23** authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the advance funding agreement between Texas Department of Transportation and City of Richardson for the Galatyn Overpass Extension.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

from Mayor Bob Townsend



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### Dear Resident,

October marks the beginning of the fiscal year for the City of Richardson, and with that, the adoption of a new budget. On Sept. 12, the City Council unanimously approved the budget set to go into effect Oct. 1. Next fiscal year's budget is projected to be \$188,511,154, which is \$4,803,366 or 2.6 percent higher than last year.

The theme for this year's budgeting process was "keeping the focus." Our goal was to make sure we continued to provide the trash and recycling pick-up, public safety and other basic city functions upon which we all depend, without making any changes that would compromise your level of service. This was a challenge, because Richardson joins many other communities across the nation in having to make hard funding decisions.

Despite the challenges, I'm happy to say we kept our focus and approved a budget that not only maintains a high level of service, but also avoids raising taxes or water and sewer rates. We were also able to extend the \$55,000 property tax exemption for our senior citizens and to give small raises to our City employees, who work so hard to deliver the high-quality services we are privileged to enjoy.

Many cities in this area and throughout the country have had to cut or discontinue vital services due to the challenging economy, but thanks to our focus on maintaining the infrastructure and supporting our high-tech business community, the City of Richardson has been able to sustain itself and grow this past year.

I hope you feel the same as I do in recognizing that our AAA-

rated community is one of the best and most stable cities in North Texas, and even the nation. If you live here, you can feel safe knowing your property values will likely be maintained. If you do business here, you can feel assured knowing your customer base is sound. Richardson is a top-notch city in which to live, work and play, and I am proud of what we've been able to achieve by keeping your taxes down and still providing quality services not offered in some other communities.

If you have any questions or concerns about our community, please feel free to contact me or any of our City's Council Members. We are at your service.

Sincerely,

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## 2011-2012 Budget keeps the focus

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The Richardson City Council unanimously approved the budget at its Sept. 12 meeting. Richardson's combined budget for 2011-2012 is \$188,511,154, which reflects an increase of \$4,803,366 or 2.6 percent from the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

"The Council feels that this budget includes a very responsive revenue plan without any increases in the major user fees such as water and sewer or sanitation," Keffler said. "There is not a tax rate increase as we maintain the previous year's rate of \$0.635160 while our overall tax roll has increased by 0.4 percent. This is only a half percent higher than last year which means we are dealing with a fairly tight revenue picture given the constraints that we are placing on rates and I believe that our residents will appreciate that. At the same time we will still be able to make infrastructure improvements relative to street repairs and our commitment to enhancing the roadways in the more mature areas of the City."

According to Keffler, the City's budget over the last five years has increased less than 6 percent which is much lower than the increase in the cost of living for the same period. "That is a great indicator that our City Council and staff take a very responsible approach as to how we use the tax dollar," he said.

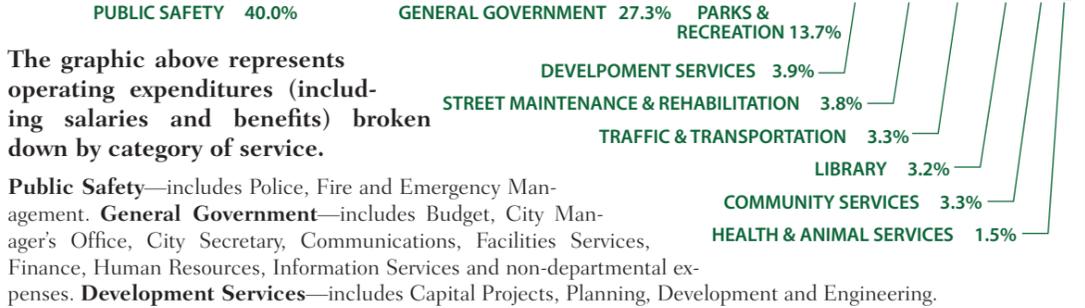
While Keffler indicated that there are no new "bells and whistles" in this year's budget, the City will continue to be responsive to equipment replacement needs in police, solid waste and field operations.

"There are also allocations this year for neighborhood improvements and that continues to be a top priority for the Council," Keffler said. "These improvements enhance the viability of our neighborhoods and allow us to create an environment that reflects the quality of life here in Richardson."

The complete 2011-2012 budget document can be found on the City's website at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net). Below is a list of some of the key highlights included in this year's budget.

- Continuation of the \$55,000 senior tax exemption
- No increase in Water and Sewer rates
- No increase in residential Solid Waste rates
- An additional \$100,000 of operational funding for community enhancement strategies in keeping with preliminary goals identified by the City Council
- Funding of \$2.9 million of four-year debt financing for general equipment, vehicles and projects including \$500,000 for community enhancement
- Funding for step pay plan merit increases for approximately 50 percent of all City employees and a 2 percent increase for those who have been topped out for more than a year
- A full one cent of the tax rate will again be committed to the street rehabilitation program, in the estimated budget amount of \$976,248
- The debt issue for the annual Utility CIP is continued so as to maintain active City utility infrastructure and support coordinated service line upgrades with the street maintenance programs.

## General Fund Expenditures—\$96,965,461



The graphic above represents operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) broken down by category of service.

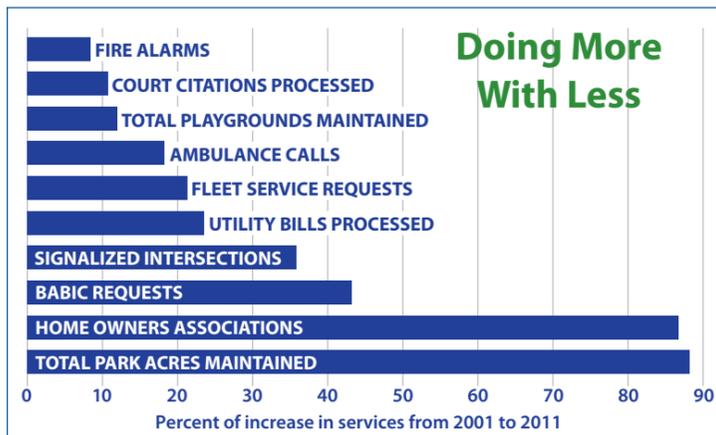
**Public Safety**—includes Police, Fire and Emergency Management. **General Government**—includes Budget, City Manager's Office, City Secretary, Communications, Facilities Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Services and non-departmental expenses. **Development Services**—includes Capital Projects, Planning, Development and Engineering.

## Fee and rate increases in 2011-2012 Budget

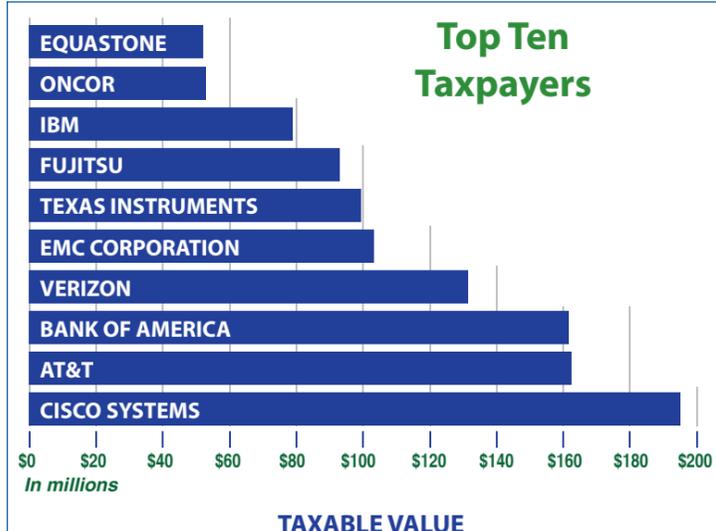
While the 2011-2012 Budget does not include a tax rate increase or an increase in water and sewer and residential solid waste fees, it was necessary to raise some selected fees and rates. The following rate adjustments are included in this year's budget and unless otherwise noted are effective as of Oct. 1, 2011.

- A increase in ambulance fees from \$575 for residents and \$650 for non-residents to \$675 and \$775 respectively.

- An apartment inspection fee increase from \$10 per unit to \$13 per unit.
- A market based increase in building permit fees.
- A mid-year adoption of a drainage fee that will average \$3.75 per month per household.
- A market based increase in commercial solid waste service rates.
- A market based increase in green fees at Sherrill Park Golf Course in the range of \$2 to \$4 per round depending on the day of the week and time of day.



The City of Richardson has almost 5 percent fewer employees than it did 10 years ago. The accompanying graph shows that while the employee number has decreased, many of the services they provide have increased over the last decade.



The City of Richardson's 2011-2012 fiscal year certified tax roll saw a 0.4 percent increase in the overall certified tax base. The total assessed valuation in 2011 was \$9.7 billion. The top 10 taxpayers assessed valuation in 2011 was \$1.14 billion or 11.7 percent of the total. Property taxes provide 37 percent of the City's entire General Revenue Fund Resources.

there's an art to having fun!

# Cottonwood art festival

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featured artist: Jarrod Eastman

## Walk with art in the park Oct. 1-2

For more than 40 years, the City of Richardson has hosted the wonderful outdoor gallery known as the Cottonwood Art Festival.

There are so many great things to say about Cottonwood: it's free, it's juried, it's award-winning, it's outside in one of our beautiful parks, it's kid friendly, it features music and great food, it happens rain or shine...it just couldn't be more fun.

The festival is held 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1-2, at Cottonwood Park which is on the south side of Belt Line Road, just east of Coit. Parking is free and there's even a shuttle bus from nearby Richardson High School parking lots.

For a full list of selected artists by medium, as well as up-to-date event information such

as band performance schedules, maps, directions, food vendors and parking guidance, visit [www.cottonwoodartfestival.com](http://www.cottonwoodartfestival.com), go to Cottonwood Art Festival's Facebook Page or download the Cottonwood Art Festival iPhone app.



# 2011-12 Eisemann Center Presents debuts

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or at the Ticket Office, 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling 972-744-4657.

The Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Dr. The Eisemann Center is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park.



## Benise: "The Spanish Guitar" opens season Oct. 15

Celebrated international guitarist Benise and his Emmy award-winning Nights of Fire cast perform the world music and dance spectacular "The Spanish Guitar" at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 in the Hill Performance Hall at the Eisemann Center.

Hailed as "The Latin Riverdance!", "The Spanish Guitar" will transport the audience to exotic places: a Parisian cafe, a Flamenco Tapas Bar in Spain, an Arabian desert, a Venetian Masquerade ball and cobblestone streets of Old Havana. This new show features Benise's guitar as the keeper of the stories through time and worlds gone by. Brilliantly choreographed dance numbers and

orchestral pieces accompany the stories that were sealed inside this magical instrument.

The dancers in "The Spanish Guitar" were carefully hand-picked from a global pool of some of the most brilliantly diverse talent to be found. Traditional Flamenco dancers, Broadway performers and soloists previously featured with headliners Madonna, Gloria Estefan, and Ricky Martin have all joined forces to make up Benise's female dancers—the Gitanas. Great additions to "The Spanish Guitar" will be appearances by renowned violinist Karen Briggs and Cuban drummer and percussionist Daniel de los Reyes.

Tickets range from \$44-\$62.



## Rex rocks reading Oct. 23

The Eisemann Center Presents the season with the rockin' hilarious antics of a reading dinosaur in "Thaddeus Rex with Rock-Read Like A Rock Star" at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

Thaddeus Rex is an award-winning musician who entertains with a wild mixture of rockin' tunes, hilarious antics and a contagious enthusiasm for reading. Thaddeus Rex travels the country with his best friend Rock, the seven-foot dinosaur Together, they put on high energy concerts known for hooking parents and wowing kids to "read like a rock star" so they can also write like a rock star. After leaving the Emmy-winning PBS Kids show "The Friday Zone," Thaddeus started writing and performing full time.

Tickets range from \$11-\$21.

Families are invited to visit Barnes & Noble for Story Time on the Friday

evening preceding each Family Theatre Series performance. Story Time will take place at the Barnes & Noble Creekwalk Village location on 15th Street in Plano. Barnes & Noble will also be at the Eisemann Center with books and other merchandise before, during and after all Family Theatre Series performances. A portion of the proceeds from these sales will be donated back to the Eisemann Center Foundation.



## Keyboard Conversations® features 'Beethoven Bonanza!' Oct. 17



Keyboard Conversations® featuring concert pianist Jeffrey Siegel opens the 2011-2012 season with "A Beethoven Bonanza!" in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17. "A Beethoven Bonanza!" will showcase the many moods of the composer's genius. The program will include the humorous and lighthearted Sonata Op. 31 No. 3, the tragic, fiery Sonata Pathetique and the transcendent Sonata Op. 109, written after deafness had engulfed the composer.

Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with an innovative format that differs from traditional recitals and appearances with symphony orchestras. A Keyboard Conversation is a concert with each work on the program performed in its entirety. Siegel speaks briefly and informally to the audience before performing each composition, illustrating with a few pertinent musical examples from the keyboard. The commentary makes the music more accessible and the listening experience more focused and meaningful for music lovers of all ages. Tickets range from \$23-\$28.



## Cirque Mechanics Boom Town Oct. 29

Cirque Mechanics Boom Town comes to the Eisemann Center stage at 8 p.m. Oct. 29.

Cirque Mechanics performers, formerly with Moscow Circus, Cirque du Soleil and other world-renowned companies, strike it rich by setting their newest creation Boom Town in an 1865 mining town, Rosebud, where two ambitious saloon owners have set up shop in the hopes of cashing in on the town's gold rush frenzy. The circus that ensues when they begin to feud for the citizens' patronage, leads to a series of explosive events and exciting brawls in addition to an unexpected romance and a lucrative discovery.

As with their previous production Birdhouse Factory (Eisemann Center November 2006), Cirque Mechanics explores the relationship between man and machine. Inspired by early mining equipment and the spirit of adventure that brought prospectors and entrepreneurs alike out west searching for gold, Boom Town features innovative and one of a kind mechanical apparatus that serve both

as scenery and performance prop. You will find performers climbing up swaying telegraph poles, dancing on a swinging chandelier, flying high and fast on a revolving crane,

flipping and jumping on moving ore carts or balancing on whiskey jugs.

Tickets range from \$44-\$62.



## "Jersey Boys" stars croon Oct. 27

Eisemann Center Presents proudly welcomes The Midtown Men to the Eisemann Center stage at 8 p.m. Oct. 27. This special concert tour reunites four stars from the original cast of Broadway's "Jersey Boys." Cast members, including Tony award-winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony award nominee J. Robert Spencer, star in this one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating the music that defined the 1960s. The program will feature music from The Beatles, The Beach Boys, The Jackson Five, The Zombies, The Association, Marvin Gaye and The Four Seasons.

The Midtown Men is a four-piece singing group comprised of four original cast members of "Jersey Boys," the wildly popular Broadway musical based on the career of pop group Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

The group is touring behind its recent debut album, "The Midtown Men: Sixties Hits," which features the Men tackling some of their favorite songs from the 1960s, including "California Dreamin'," "Happy Together" and "Up on the Roof." Live, the ensemble mixes '60s hits such as these with classic songs from "Jersey Boys."

Tickets are \$45-\$65.



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Community Services

# Code Compliance Month emphasizes quality communities

October 2011 is the sixth annual National Code Compliance Month. This month-long celebration is sponsored by the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE) and is intended to advance public and professional interest in the role code compliance plays in ensuring a high quality of life in communities across the nation.

"Each year this celebration provides an opportunity to raise awareness about code enforcement and the positive contributions Richardson's code enforcement officers make in our community," Community Services Director Don Magner said. "We've compiled the following information to educate residents and business owners about code enforcement efforts in Richardson, as well as about what they can do to help keep Richardson an attractive, healthy, safe place to live and work."

## Community Integrity Program

The Community Integrity Program, also referred to as Code Enforcement, was established to protect the vitality and integrity of Richardson by creating healthy neighborhoods, safe multi-family housing and well-maintained commercial corridors through proactive yet fair and reasonable enforce-

ment of codes and ordinances. The program complements residents' efforts to maintain neighborhood desirability and encourages reinvestment.

Community Integrity also provides essential and beneficial services that ensure quality of life. A team of certified code enforcement officers works to achieve the following key objectives:

- Educate residents and business owners on codes and work with them to resolve violations.
- Protect public health, safety and welfare.
- Enhance the quality of life.
- Increase property values.
- Reduce vandalism.
- Bolster maintenance and continued development within the City.
- Ensure attractive neighborhoods, vibrant businesses and a peaceful, enjoyable community for everyone.

"The success of the Community Integrity Program has resulted in widespread recognition of its potential," Magner said.

As a result of the combined efforts of City leadership and committed residents and business owners, Richardson's approach to promoting and protecting residential neighborhoods is a comprehensive strategy composed of:

1. New code enforcement initiatives that complement existing codes and ordinances;
2. Community enhancement strategies that inventory the assets and weaknesses of neighborhoods and commercial corridors and develops new proactive enhancement programs, and
3. Community relations efforts that promote the success of neighborhoods and commercial corridors.

## What Residents & Business Owners Can Do

- Keep homes and businesses well maintained and violation-free to encourage others to do the same.
- Educate your friends, neighbors and fellow business owners about codes and how they can reinvest in their property via other opportunities such as the Home Improvement Incentive Program.
- Report trash, weeds, yard parking, inoperable vehicles and other nuisances that are degrading the integrity of the community to Community Services any time by going to <http://www.cor.net/cs>.
- Volunteer! The Volunteer Assistance Program brings together owners who cannot properly maintain their property with

volunteer groups who wish to provide assistance. If you are interested in volunteering or know someone who would benefit from this service, please contact Community Services at 972-744-4166.

- Stay informed with regular updates via the E-mail Update Program, which is designed to share information about Community Services, detail code enforcement activity and share

tips on what you can do to help keep your neighborhood and commercial corridor a safe and beautiful place to live and work.

The City's Community Integrity and Vitality Strategy is a multifaceted approach to promoting and protecting residential neighborhoods, multi-family housing and commercial corridors. To learn more about the programs and services available to residents, visit [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs).



## Richardson CIVIC CENTER



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Coming up at the  
Richardson Civic Center

### Moving Forward through Fashion

Oct. 1

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

### North Dallas Mothers of Twins Club Sale

Oct. 15

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

## Howl'o'ween Bash



Treats for everyone!

Costume contest for  
'Best Dressed Pet'!

Saturday, Oct. 29  
1 p.m.

Richardson Animal Shelter  
1330 Columbia Drive



## Dog Splash Day a big success

More than 370 dogs and their owners showed up for Dog Splash Day on a very hot day in August. The event raised more than \$1,900 to benefit the animals at the Richardson Animal Shelter.

Richardson AnimaLuv, event organizer, wishes to thank the following sponsors and volunteers for their help with this fun annual event.

### Sponsors

Sunbelt Pools  
Fiesta Foods  
Petco  
Pappy's Pet Lodge  
Kona Shaved Ice  
Dollar General  
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

### Volunteers

Bank of America  
Young Men's Service League  
National Charity League

### Adopt a pet from the Shelter

The Richardson Animal Shelter has many adorable dogs and cats waiting for new homes. The Shelter also has a Facebook page. Go to [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) to see adoptable dogs and cats. You can even sign up on the website for the "wish list" and designate the type of pet you are seeking.

For more information, call the Shelter at 972-744-4480. Richardson AnimaLuv's number is 972-235-7968.

## Richardson AnimaLuv's Sixth Annual CITY WIDE PET DAY

BENEFITING THE RICHARDSON ANIMAL SHELTER

ALL PETS WELCOME!



SATURDAY, NOV. 5

10 A.M.-4 P.M. \$1 ADMISSION

OWENS FARM IN RICHARDSON, PLANO ROAD & E. LOOKOUT DRIVE

### EVENTS:

PET PARADE • RESCUE GROUPS • PET PAMPERING • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • RAFFLE  
SILENT AUCTION • ENTERTAINMENT/GIFTS • BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS • KITTY CAMPUS

### VET CLINIC:

MICROCHIPPING \$14 • HEART WORM DETECTION \$12.50 • NAIL CLIPPING \$5

### MAJOR SPONSOR:



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# October Calendar

## Richardson Organizations

### Civic Groups

#### Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

972-231-4683 or  
bnperry@aol.com

#### Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge

972-234-2485

#### The Junior League of Richardson, jlrtx.com

#### Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

#### Richardson Kiwanis Club www.richardsonkiwanis.com or steagle@sbcglobal.net

#### Richardson Host Lions Club

972-680-0943 or http://  
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/  
RichardsonHost

#### Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

#### Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

#### Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

#### Exchange Club of Richardson

972-680-8613

### Family Groups

#### Single Parent Action Network

suehardin@att.net.

#### MOMS Club of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

#### MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

#### Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or  
ww.canyoncreekmomsclub.com

### Social Groups

#### Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

972-527-4632, 972-690-8525 or  
214-750-0506

#### The Woman's Center

972-231-9206

### Special Interest

#### Groups

#### AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

#### Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

#### Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

http://hasr.org/about/

#### League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

www.lwvrichardson.org

#### NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273

972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

#### Plano/Richardson Coin Club

214-287-4817

#### Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304 or  
www.abwa-richardson.org

#### Richardson Humane Society

972-234-5117

#### Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

#### Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or

richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

#### Richardson Republican Women, 214-675-1849 or

kerrylgaines@gmail.com

#### Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

#### Richardson Tea Party

dleopard@aol.com

#### Richardson Wireless Klub

http://k5rwk.org

#### Seniors' Net

972-437-0598 or jennifershuler@  
tx.rr.com

### Support Groups

#### Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505 or

www.dallasamputeenetwork.org

#### Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

#### National Osteoporosis Foundation North Dallas Support Group

972-965-1467

#### DFW Spondyloarthropathy Support Group

degrowkingsley@gmail.com

### Toastmasters Groups

#### Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters

972-387-4709

#### Richardson Evening Toastmasters

214-534-0885

#### Hallelujah High Toastmasters

vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net

#### Richardson Noon Toastmasters

469-235-3586

#### Texins Toastmasters

214-566-4086 or

http://texins.freetoasthost.org

### Veteran's Groups

#### Richardson VFW Post 8627

972-671-8627

#### Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627

972-231-0495

#### North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530

972-231-3269

#### Korean War Veterans

972-279-7000

#### WWII Veterans

214-361-6294

#### Military Officers Women's Club

972-644-6871

#### Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

#### Richardson American Legion Post #368

972-479-1505

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho  
972-744-7800



### Special Events

#### National Night Out Oct. 3, noon-2 p.m.

Join the Richardson Senior Center as we host the award winning National Night Out with the Richardson Police Department. We will provide the entertainment and hot dogs you bring a side dish. Come for fun and information on how you can help fight crime in your neighborhood.

#### Out to Lunch Bunch Oct. 18, String Bean

Cost for the trip is \$2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch.

#### Health Connection Oct. 27, 11 a.m.

"Plan to Live": Everything You Need to Know about Funeral planning. Join Restland Funeral and Memorial Park for a complimentary seminar providing valuable information about final-needs options, financial considerations, preplanning and more.

#### Halloween Party Oct. 31, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Red hats invite all to an afternoon of ghoulish fun. Come in costume for a costume contest, treats, fun, games, prizes and maybe a trick or two! Bring a treat. No fee.

#### Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov. 22, noon-2 p.m.

Let's share Thanksgiving together! Join us for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixin's. Dinner will be served at noon at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., in the Grand Hall. Dave Tanner is back and will entertain us with his dinner music and another of his special programs. Cost: \$8.50

### Travel Opportunities

Check our Travel Board at the Senior Center for 2011/2012 travel opportunities with Eagle Travel and Heritage Tours. Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for cancellation policy and questions.

#### Culinary Corsicana for Christmas Oct. 26, 2011

Trip departs the Senior Center by motor coach at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m.

Cost: \$96

It is time to get a jump start on your holiday shopping. There is not a better place to start than the gift and food emporiums in Corsicana. We will stop at The Collin Street Bakery and Russell Stover Candy Company for the sweet gifts on your list. Do not forget to buy a few for yourself. Then on to Trimmings for candles and home decorative items to help check gifts off your list. The stops at Texas First Oil Well, the newly renovated Palace Theater, an Imax film of "Cosmic Journey" at the Clark Center Planetarium, the Museum of Western Art and the Pearce Civil War Museum round out your afternoon. Lunch at the Clark Center is included.

#### A Creole Christmas: New Orleans and Oak Alley Plantation

Dec. 2-5, 2011

Four days, three nights

Departs: Dec. 2 from Senior Center

Returns: Dec. 5 to Senior Center  
This trip will immerse you into the dazzling world of the wealthy Creoles in southern Louisiana prior to the Civil War and will take advantage of several one-time holiday spectacular events.

#### Trip Itinerary:

- The Oak Alley Plantation Bonfire Party – music and dinner at one of the most photographed plantations in the world followed by a bonfire and caroling. Music from a live band and open bar will continue into the evening
- Christmas Block Party and parade New Orleans style
- Reveillon dinner at a grand French Quarter restaurant
- Christmas concert in St. Louis Cathedral
- A Victory Belles concert and WWII museum with the history of the war and of the greatest generation
- A historical driving tour of the city with a walk through the historical St. Louis Cemetery with the city's expert on cemeteries and the voodoo

queen

- Visit the Confederate Memorial Hall with docent
- Your accommodations for three nights will be at the famed grande dame of Canal Street, the Roosevelt Hotel
- Free time that will allow you to enjoy the sites of your choice and famous New Orleans eateries of your choice

#### Includes:

- Roundtrip to airport
  - Roundtrip airfare on Southwest Airlines
  - All scheduled entrance fees and gratuities
  - Three night lodging with luggage service
  - Two lunches and two dinners
- Single per person—\$2,214  
Double per person—\$1,809  
Deadline: Oct. 21

#### Royal Caribbean "Mariner of the Seas"

Feb. 19-26, 2012

Call: Lucy Miller / Eagle Travel Specialist 972-789-5659 for more information.

#### Nashville Great America Tour

May 17-21, 2012

5 days, 4 nights

**Itinerary:** reserved seating all shows

- Grand Ole Opry
- Nashville Parthenon
- Belle Meade Plantation
- Chaffin's Barn Theater
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- General Jackson Showboat
- Wildhorse Saloon
- Sante Fe Cattle Company

#### Includes:

- Roundtrip bus to airport
  - Roundtrip airfare from DFW
  - All baggage handling
  - Breakfast/dinner daily
  - Meal and tour guide gratuities
- Single per person—\$2,614  
Double per person—\$2,238  
Triple per person—\$2,144  
Deposit of \$300 is due Nov. 17.  
Final payment: Jan. 10.

#### Branson's Magical Christmas-Nov. 2-6, 2012

(\$200 Deposit is due Jan. 2012)

For itinerary and cost call: Beth Owens / Richardson Senior Center 972-744-7810 for more information.

## HASR calls for volunteer nominations

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) will hold its annual Volunteer of the Year luncheon at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 10, at the Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Richardson. Organizations with volunteers providing services to the community are encouraged to submit nominees. A panel of involved citizens and community leaders will choose the winners in the individual and group/business categories. Religious, fraternal or professional groups that only pro-

vide services to their agencies are not eligible. Organizations may not nominate themselves in the group category. The nomination form can be printed from the website <http://hasr.org/upcoming-events/>. Mail the completed form to HASR, c/o The Warren Center, 320 Custer Road, Richardson, TX 75080 or e-mail to [helpingagenciesserverichardson@gmail.com](mailto:helpingagenciesserverichardson@gmail.com). Nominations must be submitted by midnight Oct. 19.

## Altrusa

### luncheon Oct. 21

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas hosts its 2011 Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon at noon Oct. 21 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. Twenty outstanding women will be honored and winners in six categories announced. The speaker is author consultant Dottie Gandy.

Tickets are \$45 and may be ordered at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).



# October Calendar



The Richardson Symphony performs at the Eisemann Center.

## RSO celebrates 50 years

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra (RSO) is celebrating its 50th fabulous season this year and the anniversary is being marked by special pricing for the first concert, Oct. 8 at the Eisemann Center.

All tickets except the loge box seats are \$20 for the opening night concert, which features work by Aaron Copland (Fanfare for the Common Man), Mozart (Symphony #29) and Nicolai Rimsky-Koraskov (Sheherazade).

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra was established in 1961 and the first official concert was presented in 1962 under the direction of Chris Xeros, who conducted the orchestra for 30 years.

Today, the RSO features 64 professional musicians from throughout the Dallas Fort Worth area under the leadership of Anshel Brusilow, music director/conductor. Other concerts planned for this 50th season include "Holiday Classics" Dec. 3 featuring Handel's Messiah and other holiday favorites; "Romantic Classics" Feb. 11, Lennox Competition Winners March 10, and the 50th anniversary season finale April 14 with selections from Smetana, Copland and Tchaikovsky.

"At the most basic level, orchestras are the guardians of the greatest artistic tradition in our civilization," said RSO Executive Director George Landis. "The

music we perform now that was developed over the last 500 years is the same music people will be listening to 500 years from now and orchestras are the keepers of that tradition."

In addition to the outstanding concerts offered each season, the Richardson Symphony is widely regarded as a leader in education and community outreach programs. The RSO's Lennox

International Young Artists Competition for Piano and Strings annually draws talented young performers from across the nation. In addition, the orchestra is actively involved in elementary education programs in the Richardson Independent School District and in programs benefiting students at the University of North Texas and University of Texas at Dallas.

"We wanted to give back to the community by offering these reduced-price tickets in celebration of our 50th season," said RSO Director of Development and Community Affairs Scot Wilkinson. For the remainder of the season, ticket prices vary from \$19 to \$74. Season tickets are also available. For more information, call the Eisemann Center Box Office at 972-744-4650 or see [www.richardsonsymphony.org](http://www.richardsonsymphony.org).

### Musicians who performed with the RSO

Yo-Yo Ma  
Van Cliburn  
Band leader Doc Severinsen of Johnny Carson's "Tonight" show  
Television star Hugh Downs, brother of RSO flute and piccolo Wallace Downs.



Richardson Symphony at first concert in October 1962.

## Senior Follies sparkle at Eisemann Center Oct. 1-2

The fourth Spectacular Senior Follies comes to the Eisemann Center at 2 p.m. Oct. 1-2 and 7 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Hill Performance Hall.

The family-friendly variety show features music from the 1930s through the 1960s with show-stopping vocalists, dancers, ensembles, comedy acts and Las Vegas-style showgirls.

Performers range in age from 55-94 years. Seven cast members are over 80! Special guest performers include Rose-Mary Rumbley, Lu Mitchell, Jackie Groupe Miller and Persis Forster.

Tickets are \$10-\$50 and proceeds benefit the Visiting Nurses Association Meals on Wheels program. For tickets call 972-744-4650 or see [www.seniorfollies.com](http://www.seniorfollies.com).



## At the Library

900 Civic Center Drive  
972-744-4350



### General Interest

"Unstuff Your Life" presented by Andrew Mellen, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m., Basement Program Room.

### Association of Professional Financial Planners

Oct. 15, Basement Program Room

1-2 p.m. Social Security  
2-3 p.m. Saving Money for College

3-4 p.m. Dealing with Debt

### Lunchtime Lectures

Oct. 25, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., George Washington and the Revolution," Basement Program Room.

### "Supernatural" Explained

Oct. 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Mythologist Robert Nathan Brown.

### Book Groups

#### First Wednesday Book Club,

Oct. 5, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot, facilitated by Janice Edgin.

#### BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 12, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Last Town on Earth" by Thomas Mullen. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

#### BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 19, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Help" by Katherine Stockett. Registration requested. Call

Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

### BOOKbabble @ Nite

Oct. 25, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

### Computer Classes—Richardson Public Library card needed for required registration. Call 972-744-4361 after 10 a.m. weekdays.

**Introduction to Microsoft Excel** Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Internet: Beyond the Basics** Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Introduction to PowerPoint 2003** Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-noon

**Job Searching on the Internet** Oct. 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003** Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-noon.

### Children's Activities

**Family Storytime** every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m., Children's Program Room. Everyone welcome.

#### It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m., Children's Program Room. Grades K-4.

#### "From Snails Beak to Bug's Feet"

A science program, Oct. 8, 3-4 p.m., Basement Program Room.

#### Spook-ilicious Halloween

Happening Oct. 22, 3-5 p.m., Basement Program Room.

### Teen Activities

#### Teen Costume Con(Test)

Oct. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. For teens, grades 6-12.

### Special Interest Dewey KNIT?

Oct. 1, 2-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.

#### Writer's Guild of Texas

Oct. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

#### Richardson Civic Art Society Meeting and Demonstration

Oct. 18, 6:45 p.m., Basement Program Room. Priscilla Kreji presents watercolor.

#### WGT Planned Critique Session

Oct. 19, 7-8:45 p.m., Basement Program Room.

#### Richardson Historical and Genealogical Society

Oct. 20, 7-9 p.m., Basement Program Room.

#### Craft-a-thon!

Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement Program Room. Halloween projects centered around Edgar Allen Poe. Ages 16 and older. Free registration required, call 972-744-4376.

#### Richardson Civic Art Society

##### Membership Show:

Oct. 8-Nov. 12

##### Second Floor, Library

Take in: 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 8

## At the Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Ticket Office  
972-744-4650  
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
One hour before performances  
Tickets available online at:  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)



### Spectacular Senior Follies benefiting VNA Meals on Wheels

Hill Performance Hall  
2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oct. 1  
2 p.m. Oct. 2  
Tickets: \$10-\$50  
[www.seniorfollies.com](http://www.seniorfollies.com)

### "Motherhood the Musical"

Bank of America Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Oct. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
2 p.m. Oct. 1, 8  
Tickets: \$45  
[www.motherhoodthemusical.com](http://www.motherhoodthemusical.com)

### Richardson Symphony Orchestra Opening Night

Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Oct. 8  
Tickets: \$20-\$74  
[www.richardsonsymphony.org](http://www.richardsonsymphony.org)

### Chamberlain Performing Arts and Tiffany & Co. "Celebrate Broadway 2"

Bank of America Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Oct. 15  
2 p.m. Oct. 16  
Tickets: \$10-\$35  
[www.chamberlainperformingarts.com](http://www.chamberlainperformingarts.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### "Benise: The Spanish Guitar"

Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Oct. 15  
Tickets: \$44-\$62  
[www.benise.com](http://www.benise.com)

### Association of Chinese Professionals

#### 2011 Mid-Autumn Performing Arts Show

Hill Performance Hall  
6:30 p.m. Oct. 16  
Tickets: \$15-\$30  
[www.acpdfw.org](http://www.acpdfw.org)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### Keyboard Conversations® "A Beethoven Bonanza"

Bank of America Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Oct. 17  
Tickets: \$23-\$28  
[www.keyboardconversations.com](http://www.keyboardconversations.com)  
**Contemporary Ballet Dallas "Danse Macabre"**  
Bank of America Theatre  
8 p.m. Oct. 21, 22  
Tickets: \$35  
[www.contemporaryballetdallas.com](http://www.contemporaryballetdallas.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### "Thaddeus Rex with Rock-Read Like a Rock Star"

Hill Performance Hall  
2:30 p.m. Oct. 23  
Tickets: \$11-\$21  
[www.thaddeusrex.com](http://www.thaddeusrex.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### The Midtown Men—Four stars from the original cast of "Jersey Boys"

Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Oct. 27  
Tickets: \$45-\$65  
[www.themidtownmen.com](http://www.themidtownmen.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### Cirque Mechanics "Boom Town"

Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Oct. 29  
Tickets: \$44-\$62  
[www.birdhousefactoryshow.com/boomtown](http://www.birdhousefactoryshow.com/boomtown)

## From the Fire Marshal . . . October is Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month, which commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, Oct. 8-9, 1871. The two day blaze killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 more homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings. The tragedy inspired reform across America, spurring new fire safety codes and public awareness campaigns.

This year's theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire," focuses on how to protect your family from fire by planning ahead and integrating simple behaviors into your everyday life. Taking steps to prevent the leading causes of home fires—cooking, heating and electrical equipment, as well as candles and smoking materials—will protect your family. Additionally, the theme urges people to protect their homes and families with life-saving technology and planning.

Most people don't realize just how fast flames and smoke spread in a fire scenario and assume they have more time to escape than

they really do. It's a mistake that could prove deadly. That's why if you hear the smoke alarm or see flames, it's essential that you get out fast!

### Fire Dynamics Countdown

- 0 – contents of a wastebasket burst into flames.
- 30 seconds – fire ignites nearby couch
- 1 minute, 4 seconds – polyurethane cushioning from couch melts, spreading fire to the carpet. Some smoke and toxic gases start to fill the living room.
- 1 minute, 47 seconds – smoke starts to move to the second floor.
- 3 minutes, 3 seconds – temperatures in the living room exceed 500 degrees. At this point, no one in this room could survive.
- 3 minutes, 41 seconds – flash-over! Everything in the living room suddenly ignites. The temperature is now more than 1,400 degrees. The living room windows break out and the



entire room fills with flames, forcing smoke and toxic gases throughout the house. The upstairs hallways and stairs are now impassable.

- 4 minutes, 33 seconds – flames climb up the side of the house, enter the upstairs window, and spread to the second floor between the walls. The fire spreads so rapidly that firefighters may not be able to rescue anyone trapped inside.

- **Home Escape Planning**
- Make sure your home has working smoke alarms and everyone knows the sound it makes.
- Sit down with everyone in your home and plan a fire escape drill so you'll be prepared to get out quickly in the event of a fire.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Plan two ways out of every room and pick an outside meeting place.
- Practice your fire escape drill at least twice a year.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, do it outside.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.

By equipping your home with fire prevention and protection systems and paying attention to potential fire hazards in your home, you can make a difference that will last a lifetime and reduce fire injuries, deaths and property loss.

**Stephen A. Dossett**  
Fire Marshal

## National Night Out 2011 is Oct. 4

National Night Out (NNO) is the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program. 2011 marks 28 years of police-community partnership recognition across the nation and in U.S. territories and military installations worldwide. This year also marks the 28th year of the Richardson Police Department's local Neighborhood Watch program, a community-based, self-help program that empowers residents to take control of their neighborhoods in an effort to discourage criminal activity. The goal of both programs is to enhance the quality of life for citizens within their own communities.

This is the 22nd year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Richardson's National Night Out celebration ranked #1 in the nation, competing against cities in our population category for 2010. Help celebrate our proud tradition by participating in National Night Out.

### National Night Out 2011 Tuesday, Oct. 4 6-8 p.m.

The main event! Officers, dignitaries and VIPs will be riding out to visit residents at their neighborhood block parties all over the City to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. NNO showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.

For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 or go to [www.richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net) and click on the NNO logo.



### City of Richardson is a "Can Do Community"

Your neighborhood "can" make a difference! This year not only get out and know your neighbor, but get out and help your neighbor by putting a lid on hunger!

Every citizen who attends a block party on NNO 2011 is encouraged to bring one canned good or non-perishable item to their local party. Richardson Police Officers will pick up the donations from every party and all items will be donated to the NETWORK of Community Ministries Food Bank.

Our goal for NNO 2011 is to collect 15,000 pounds.

If your neighborhood is not participating in NNO you may still collect can goods and bring them to City Hall Oct. 4 and place them into the depository. Please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 for more details on how you can help us with this worthwhile endeavor.

## Medicine take back event is Oct. 29

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in partnership with Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. The "National Take Back" day provides a unified opportunity for the public to dispose of any expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals or other medications to local law enforcement agencies.

The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at a collection site located on the south outer parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. and U.S. 75. The site is easily accessible from Belle Grove Drive. Because this is a national initiative

open to everyone, participation is not limited by geography.

Some things you need to know about Richardson's local "Take Back" event:

- The event will be set up as a "drive thru and drop off" so that participants will not have to park and exit their vehicles.
- Program participation is anonymous. No identification will be requested and substances turned in for destruction will not be inventoried or logged. Police are present for participants' safety and event security.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the collection process, from home to the point of disposal.
- Participants may dispose of solid dosage medications (pills, capsules, etc.) in its original container or by removing the

medication from its container and dumping it into the disposal box.

- All pharmaceutical liquids, such as cough syrup, will be accepted in their original consumer containers and tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intravenous solutions or medications, and syringes, will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in disposal containers.

This service is free and is not a fundraiser for CPAAA or any other entity. No donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the CPAAA Drug Take Back coordinator, Bruce Murphy, at 214-707-1945 or [warrriors1959@sbcglobal.net](mailto:warrriors1959@sbcglobal.net).

## Free Compost Seminar

Saturday, Nov. 12—10 a.m. to noon  
Richardson Service Center—1260 Columbia Dr.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Mary Tynes.

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of [www.mastercomposter.com](http://www.mastercomposter.com). She also publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper into the Pile," which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Please contact Ryan Delzell at 972-744-4404 to make reservations, as space is limited for this event.



### A simple way to process the leaves of Fall

1. If your mower has a bag, mow the leaves into the bag until it is full, if you don't have a bag on your mower you will have to rake.
2. Dump the leaves into a large trash can.
3. Remove the shield from your weed trimmer and place it half way down into the leaves.
4. Fire up your weed trimmer and move it up and down. The string acts like a blender and reduces the leaves to about 25 percent of their original volume. Add more leaves.
5. The leaves can then be spread around shrubs or into your compost pile.
6. If you still want to send the leaves to the landfill, just put a bag into the trash can before you add the first batch of leaves.
7. This process takes a little more time to get everything set-up, but it is a good lesson to teach your children about recycling our natural resources.

## RPD 24-hour hot line takes anonymous crime tips

The Richardson Police Department (RPD) provides a 24-hour anonymous hot line—972-907-TIPS (8477)—which allows citizens to provide the Department with information regarding illegal drug activity and other crimes. If information is time sensitive and/or an incident is in progress, please call 911 for immediate response.

When you call 972-907-TIPS you will hear a recorded message. Explain the activity you are reporting in as much detail as possible (e.g. exact address, make/model of vehicles and license plates if possible, age, sex, race, etc., of persons involved in the activity). You do not have to provide your name or contact information.

You may leave your name and number on the recorded hot line and an officer will return your call or you may contact the Police Department at 972-744-4800.

The Department also provides the option of e-mailing information by utilizing a form on the RPD website at [www.cor.net/pd](http://www.cor.net/pd).

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

# HUFFHINES ART TRAILS



**Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 22 - 23**  
**10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Fall into the fun, food, music and tradition of shopping the trails at Huffhines Park. There's also a scavenger hunt and hay maze for kids!

**FREE PARKING • FREE ADMISSION**  
**HUFFHINES PARK • RICHARDSON, TX**

LOCATED AT PLANO ROAD & APOLLO ROAD sponsored by: The City of Richardson FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: COMMUNITY EVENTS 972.744.4580

# Lil' Punks Fall Festival



Lil' Punks join in the fun of our Preschool Fall Festival. There will be a petting zoo, games, crafts, activities, refreshments and entertainment. Come in a costume for a special time. Please pre-register.

**Friday, Oct. 28**  
**10 a.m.-noon**  
**Ages 1-6 years**  
**Registration #62826**  
**Cost \$10**



## Woman's Club home tour Nov. 12-13

The Richardson Woman's Club (RWC) will host its 51<sup>st</sup> Holiday Tour of Homes on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13. The tour will feature three Richardson homes decorated for the holidays that will be open both days from 1-5 p.m. Events at the RWC headquarters at 2005 North Cliffe Dr. will include the holiday bazaar, gift shop, and bake shop located in Founders Hall from noon to 6 p.m. both days and the tearoom (serving lunch and desserts) in the clubhouse from noon to 5 p.m. both days.

Advance admission tickets will be available for \$10 from RWC members, at Arapaho Pharmacy and Joy's Hallmark or by calling 972-238-0841. Same-day tickets will be on sale for \$12 at the tour homes and the RWC Clubhouse.

Proceeds from the Holiday Tour of Homes will fund RWC philanthropic projects including college scholarships for high school seniors and community grants for local organizations.



## Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.  
972-744-7870

**Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors**  
 Oct. 3-21  
 Oct. 31-Nov. 18  
 Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: \$42

**Adult Leagues**  
 Oct. 31-Dec. 18  
 Singles cost: \$30  
 Doubles cost: \$24



## CITY OF RICHARDSON SWIM TEAM

Year round practices and competitive swimming for ages 5-25, all swimming abilities. Practices alternate between Pearce and Berkner High Schools natatoriums. For additional information or to schedule a try-out call 972-669-TEAM (8326) or visit www.corswim.org.



## Richardson Championship Golf Tournament winners announced

- **City Champion** is Kevin Patton who shot a 140 in two rounds (73, 67).
- **First Flight Winner** is Garrett McGinn (148: 74, 74)
- **Second Flight Winner** is Greg Cain (156: 78, 78)
- **Third Flight Winner** is Adrian Walmsley (158: 75, 83)
- **Fourth Flight Winner** is Evan Bolanz (137: 67, 70)

Congratulations to all players. See you next year!

## Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.  
972-234-1416  
www.sherrillparkgolf.com

Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.

**Private Lessons**  
 \$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Golf instructors include Dave Hasse, Perry Arthur and Debra Spain. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

# HALLOWEEN BASH

Since you loved it so much last year, we're doing it again! Come join us for our seventh Adaptive Halloween Bash. You will enjoy a night of music, dancing, dinner, contests and more! You will create a fun Halloween craft and all items will be provided. We will also have a costume contest so plan to come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. Be sure to register early! Registration ends Oct. 26.

**Friday, Oct. 28**  
**7-9:30 p.m.**  
**Registration #62921**  
**Cost: \$20 per person**



## 2011 GOBBLE HOBBLE

**Saturday Nov. 19**  
**7 a.m. Packet pickup and registration**  
**8:30 a.m. Family Fun Run/Walk begins**  
**9 a.m. Gobble Hobble begins**  
**10 a.m. Awards**  
**10:30 a.m. KidZone closes**



Presented by  


www.gobblehobble.com or 972-744-4858

# 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.

**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.

### Internet Usage

Learn about the Information Superhighway through discussion and "hands-on" experience. You will be informed about such things as Internet Service Providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The new two-week session starts Oct. 24 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. One of the pages will be a Contact Us page so that interested parties can easily send you an e-mail. We will also look at putting your video on Google, You Tube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts Oct. 10 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



### Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. The power and possibilities of Windows are fully utilized in these versions of the popular spreadsheet and word processing manager. You will learn how to build, print, save and retrieve well-organized documents. Classes are from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$85 with membership; \$88 without membership. Frank Davis is our instructor. Next four-week session starts Nov. 7

### Fundamentals of Windows XP

This class is designed for the novice. Learn the meaning of many buzz words. Learn about hardware components and get hands-on experience. This class is a prerequisite for taking future classes, such as Word, Excel, Quicken and many other informative classes. Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without membership. Frank Davis is our instructor. Next four-week session starts Nov. 7

## 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 which are for sale. Open to the public.

### VISTA (Fundamentals of Windows)

This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. Learn about hardware components, the meaning of many buzz words and get hands-on experience using the new VISTA software. (Taught concurrently with Windows 7.) The next four-week session starts Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without. Our instructor is Frank Davis.

### Windows 7 (Fundamentals of Windows)

This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. Learn about hardware components, the meaning of many buzz words and get hands-on experience using the new Windows 7 software. (Taught concurrently with Vista.) The next four-week session starts Oct. 10 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without. Our instructor is Frank Davis.

### Learn the Right Way to sell on eBay

Are you ready to learn how to sell on the Internet? Do research and create listings that will attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and set pricing that will maximize and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

### Adult Piano Lessons

Cheryl Hayes, who has more than 40 years of teaching experience, offers adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Cost is \$55 per month. Call 972 744-7800 for an appointment.



### Private Voice Lessons

Private Voice Lessons are available by appointment. The cost for voice lessons is \$25 per hour. Call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

### Plus Square Dance

Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter. Fourth quarter will start Oct. 3 and ends Dec. 19.

### Friendship Plus

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance-\$7 per dancer.

### Crochet

Doris Mamchur teaches crochet class Thursdays from 1-3 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.

### Plus Lesson

Classes started July 26 and will run for 18 weeks through Nov. 1.

### Quilt Essentials

Learn the art of both hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters are welcome. The class meets on Tuesdays with instruction available from 10 a.m. to 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 (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. on Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. The class offers specialty projects, field trips to quilt shows and quilt shops and annual quilt retreats. Darlene Martin is the instructor.



### ABC Quilting

Beginning appliqué techniques will be taught. Encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students will be shared. 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/month. Jan Eby instructs.

### Ceramics

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no fee, because this is a self-paced class. You provide your own 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. Learn from an experienced painter and teacher how to improve your oil paintings. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month. Classes start the first Thursday of each month.



### Oil Painting

Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this four-week class is \$50.

### Becky Parks Art Lessons

These monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters. Learn technique, color mixing, shading, etc., to create your own masterpiece. Class is taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 12:15-4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session will begin Nov. 2. Space is limited so sign up early.

### AARP Driver Safety Classes

Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Oct. 6	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	6-10 p.m.
Nov. 3	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	6-10 p.m.

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 \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class.

### Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness

Completion of this six-hour course provides attendees with an additional 5 percent discount on their auto liability and collision insurance, good for three years. The course provides information on how alcohol and drugs affect driving and summarizes current laws. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Oct. 4 and 6	6-9 p.m.
Nov. 1 and 3	6-9 p.m.

Cost for the class with membership: 55 and over \$15; 54 and under \$25; without membership: 55 and over \$18; 54 and under \$28. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

### 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:

Oct. 10 and 11	6-9 p.m.
Oct. 8 and 15	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Oct. 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.

### Conversational Spanish

Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Call the instructor, Susan Garza, at 972-479-9367 for more details. Next class will start Nov. 24. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

## Programs

### Senior Holiday Bazaar Nov. 11 and 12

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

### Bingo

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter... See you there! No charge to play.

### Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	3-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
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. Line Dance	Tues.	noon-1 p.m.	\$15/Month	Sides
Adv. Line Dance	Thur.	3:15-4:45 p.m.	\$3	
Int. Tap	Tues.	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$5	Bass
Senior Tap (beginner)	Tues.	12:30-1:30 p.m.	\$5	Bass
Beg. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Easy/Int. Line Dance	Wed.	1:30-2:45 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Int./Adv. Line Dance	Wed.	2:45-4 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Adv. Tap	Thur.	noon-1 p.m.	\$5	Bass
General Line Dance	Thur.	2-3 p.m.	\$5/Month	
Open Line Dance	3rd Thur.	6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

**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. We will celebrate Winter birthdays (Dec., Jan., Feb.) Dec. 19.

**The Vintage Dance Club**

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

Oct. 1	Russ Dorsey
Oct. 8	Ronnie Martin
Oct. 15	Southern Pride
Oct. 22	Gary Lee

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.

**Pool Tournaments**

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**Shuffleboard Tournaments**

Shuffleboard tournaments are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Register by 12:30 p.m. the day of the event; play begins at 1 p.m.

**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. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. The Tennis Center also offers private and group lessons for all ages with ball machines and tennis court reservations. For more information, contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-744-7870.

**Senior Golf League**

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Scott Hunt, president, 972-761-0270, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167, for more information.

**Senior Bowling League**

Have you signed up for bowling with the Roadrunner Bowling League? It's a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2011 season. For more information, contact Bill North-Pres., 214-676-0411; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035; Charles Turner-Sec./Treasurer, 972-783-2248.

**Senior Table Tennis**

Serious players who love the game are invited to play on Monday and Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

**Needleworks**

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. Everyone is welcome to come. We meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**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.

**Sing-A-Long**

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

**Reelers Square Dance**

The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person. Open to all who like to square dance.

**Password and Mental Aerobics**

Mental Aerobics is Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Have fun while exercising your mind.

**Richardson Public Library**

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

**Tatting**

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch! Come join the fun, even if you've only wondered what that shuttle was for. Come by to see it in action. We have supplies for you to start. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

**Let's Play "42"**

Regular "42" games are scheduled on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. There will be a teaching table for beginners.

**Book Club**

Come join a lively book discussion group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Our current selection is "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz. Call 972-744-7800 for further information. We welcome all perspectives for discussion!

**Chess Club**

New members wanted! Experienced chess players preferred, but beginners welcome. Chess instruction is available. The chess club meets on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. The chess club is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

**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. Some upcoming classes and events include a Middle East Series, Storytelling, Lone star Movie Stars and a Holiday Spectacular. Call 972 238-6972 or log on to [www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus).

**Services****Volunteer Opportunities**

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

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

**Chair Massage**

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

**Friendly Visitors**

VNA Eldercare provides one-on-one companionship and transportation for seniors who are no longer driving and still living independently. A volunteer can take the client to the grocery, pharmacy or department store. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reinsurance program. Call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

**City of Richardson Transportation Service**

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 55 and over. The van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of 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 Seniors' Net assists seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information, call The Seniors' Net at 972-808-9863.

**Benefits Counseling****Nov. 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

Assistance with Medicare open enrollment. The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Appointments are scheduled for the first Friday of every month. Please call 972-744-7800 for an 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 \$40 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for an appointment.

**RSVP Volunteer Program**

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our Richardson Rowdy RSVP group. We serve non-profit organizations throughout the metro area. Our activities include minor clerical duties, such as handling mail-outs and labeling, or filling goodie bags for various charitable organizations. Transportation and lunch is provided by the agency we are volunteering for. We enjoy giving back to the community while making new friends. For more information, please call Mary Kelley at 214-823-5700 ext. 228.

**Fitness****Aerobic Exercise**

Exercise classes are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Renata Racher teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class fee is \$2 for her class.

**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. Classes are Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

**Pilates Class**

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class fee is \$5. Mats are available at the Center.

**NEW!!!****Zumba Gold**

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target the 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 will be held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Cost: drop in fee is \$5.

**Hatha Yoga for all Ages**

Hatha (physical) yoga stretching and breathing exercises not only relieve stress and relax the body, they increase the body's strength, stamina, vigor, flexibility, endurance and resistance to disease. Yoga gives relief from neck/back/shoulder/knee pain, sinus problems, headaches, sciatica, arthritis, rheumatism and insomnia. Also learn eye exercises to relax and keep your eyes healthy. Bharti 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 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.

**Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class**

Come and participate in strength training that works all muscle groups to fun and motivating music. Two classes offered: Mon., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; begins the first Monday each month. Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; begins the first Wednesday each month. Fee is \$20 for four weeks of training or \$7 per class.

**Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class**

If you are ready to take it to the next level of fitness, then this is the class for you. You will have fun and be motivated while you challenge all your major muscles to the next level. Class begins the first Wednesday of the month for four weeks from 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$20. Instructed by Elaine Hosage our certified personal trainer.

**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 to 11:15 a.m.

**WaterAerobic Classes**

Fall sessions are now in progress. Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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). For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

**Personal Training**

Building strength in later years helps sidestep the frailty, disability and loss of independence that often accompanies aging. It's not too late to start accruing these rewards. Studies of men and women in their 70s and 80s have shown that they can dramatically improve strength, power, agility and mobility in just 10 weeks of strength training. Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. 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 Elaine Hosage, Personal Trainer. She is certified in Special Population and General Population by the Cooper Institute.

**Games****Pinocle**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

**Party Bridge**

Friday, 10 a.m.

**Bunco**

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

**Scrabble**

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

**Cribbage**

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Mah Jongg**

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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



GET IN TOUCH WITH YOUR INNER SUPERHERO!

# COSTUME CON



**Tuesday, Oct. 11**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Teens: 6th-12th grade  
Basement Program Room

- Costume contest
- Anime
- Face painting
- Prizes
- Group story creation



It's a **Spook-a-licious** Halloween Happening!

**Saturday, Oct. 22, 3-5 p.m.**  
Puppet show at 3:15 p.m.

Spooky stories, "boo"-tiful crafts, a spook-tacular puppet show, and treats for all!

**FREE! All ages!**  
Wear your Halloween costume!

Basement Program Room

## New lunch time series in fall

Mark your calendar for a "Lunch Time Lectures" mini series on Gen. George Washington and the Revolution. The lectures will be 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. three consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 25-Nov. 8, in the Basement Program Room. Presenter will be Richard Cudlipp, a popular history lecturer from Collin College's SAIL (Seniors Active in Learning) program. Cudlipp served for 20 years in the Air Force before retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served two combat tours in Viet Nam. His second career was in engineering and business where he worked at NCR, E-Systems and Electrospace and founded a new antenna company. He is an avid student of history and brings American history to life for others. The programs are free and open to all adults. No registration is required and attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. For more information call 972-744-4376.



**FALL Craftathon**

**Come get creative @ the Richardson Public Library!**

We'll create Halloween projects centered around **Edgar Allen Poe**

**October 29**  
Saturday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Basement Program Room

Adults & Teens ages 16+  
Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.



## Tickets still available for Buns & Roses Oct. 9

Tickets are still available for the 2011 Buns & Roses Romance Tea for Literacy.

*New York Times* best-selling author and "Queen of Western Romance" Jodi Thomas will be the keynote speaker at the event to be held 3-6 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson. The tea benefits the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson Public Library and is hosted by romance authors from every part of the country and representing every romance genre.

Besides Thomas, other romance authors who will be hosting tea tables for nine guests include: Kerrilyn Sparks, Addison Fox, J.D. Tyler, Vickie Dreiling, Celia Bowers, Leann Harris, Phyliss Miranda, Candace Havens, Lorraine Heath, Sophie Jordan, Elizabeth Essex, Leanna Ellis, Lori Wilde,

Jana Deleon, Jay Wells, Liz Lipperman, Adele Ashworth, Sandy Blair, and Nikki Duncan.

The Buns & Roses Tea is a "must do" afternoon for supporters of literacy as well as for lovers of romance novels. Besides the opportunity to support a great cause, the tea includes delicious food, chance drawings for great prizes, book sales and signings and the chance to meet and mingle with your favorite romance authors. Tickets are \$35. Or for a memorable outing with your friends or book club members, you can buy an entire table with the author of your choice and nine guests for \$350. To purchase tickets or for more information go to the Buns website at [www.bunsandroses.org](http://www.bunsandroses.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the Library's information desk.

## Programs address financial fitness

The Financial Planning Association of Dallas/Fort Worth will present a series of talks on several key areas of financial fitness from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in the Basement Program Room. Three 50-minute sessions followed by time for questions are scheduled. These programs are free and everyone is invited to attend any single session or all three sessions. No registration is required.

• **1-2 p.m. "Managing the Elder Care Experience"**

Mick Koffend, director of Accountable Aging, will address the "Three M's" of eldercare health insurance—Medicare, Medicaid, and Medigap. The session will also offer insight into how to navigate the maze of eldercare services such as assisted living, nursing homes and long-term care facilities. This session will give you the answers you need to make better long-term decisions.

• **2-3 p.m. "College Planning for the Whole Family"**

Dusty Wallace, pro bono director of the Dallas/Fort Worth Financial Planning Association, will cover the basics of how to save for a college education, including the different types of accounts and tax advantages of each. She will also cover the basics of transitioning kids to financial independence.

• **3-4 p.m. "Managing Credit and Debt"**

Victor Garza, formerly with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, will present the best strategies and options for paying off debt as quickly as possible and for improving your credit and maintaining good credit. He will also demonstrate how to read a credit report and how financial decisions impact FICO credit scores. Garza is a regular contributor to *The Dallas Morning News*, "Your Money Matters" radio talk show and various financial publications.

For more information call 972-744-4376.



Hey,  
1st - 5th graders:  
if you love BUGS, pick up  
a FREE TICKET on Saturday,  
Oct. 8, beginning at 10 a.m.,  
for Science Safari's . . .

## From Snail Beaks to Bug Feet

Check out the bodies and behavior of snails, insects and spiders!

**Saturday, Oct. 8**  
3 p.m.  
Basement Program Room



Whether it's your home or your head... Andrew Mellon shows how to achieve organizational success!  
—PETER WALSH, author of *It's All Too Much and Enough Already!*

## UNSTUFF YOUR LIFE!

Kick the Clutter Habit and Completely Organize Your Life for Good

ANDREW J. MELLON

## Most Organized Man in America comes to Library

Is your "stuff" blocking your path to a full and rewarding life? Organizational expert and author Andrew Mellon aka "The Most Organized Man in America" will hold a mini organizational workshop at the Library from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, and will share his best tips from his new book, "Unstuff Your Life: Kick the Clutter Habit and Completely Reorganize Your Life For Good."

Mellon's organizational skills have been featured widely in the media, including "The Nate Berkus Show," "O," the "Oprah Magazine," "Martha Stewart Living Today," "Ladies Home Journal," "Oprah & Friends," "GQ," "Women's Day," "InStyle," HGTV, and NPR as well as many others. Whether you're looking for the scissors or for personal transformation, Mellon offers clear solutions for both.

The workshop will be held in the Basement Program Room and will be followed by a book signing and Q & A. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.

## Mythologist explains "Supernatural"

Are you hooked on the TV show "Supernatural"? Do you find the new paranormal novels irresistible? Are you a horror movie fan? Nathan Robert Brown, expert in world mythology and author of such books as "The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Paranormal" and the "Complete Idiot's Guide to World Mythology" will be at the Library at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 to talk about his just released new book, "The Mythology of Supernatural: The Signs and Symbols Behind the Popular TV Show" published by Berkley Publishers Group.

According to Brown's book, "... for as long as there have been heroes, the half-brave, half-mad souls willing to dash headlong against things that would send most of us screaming in the opposite direction, there have been stories to immortalize their journeys..." Find out how the heroes of "Supernatural" (the TV show) are "new manifestations" of the ancient myths that have existed since the beginning of time.

No registration is required for this free program to be held in the Library's Basement Program Room. For more information call 972-744-4376.