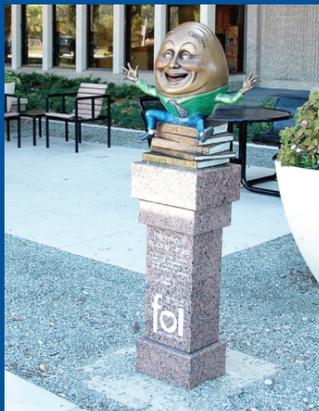


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Friends of Library makes dedication Page 4

The Friends of the Richardson Public Library officially dedicated the Friends Reading Garden and sculpture and is celebrating 25 years of service to the Library.



National Emergency Alert System test Nov. 9 Page 8

The National Emergency Alert System test will be broadcast Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

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Stage 3 water restrictions in effect Nov. 1

Conservation measures will allow only twice per month watering until further notice

The City of Richardson will implement Stage 3 water conservation measures Nov. 1. The implementation of Stage 3 comes at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) which is facing critical shortages in its water supply.

The City of Richardson has developed the following plan based on the guidelines requested by the NTMWD (see table below).

Additional restrictions

- Existing swimming pools, Jacuzzis and spas may be replenished to maintain operational levels only.

- No washing or rinsing of owner's buildings, vehicles, boats, trailers, other mobile vehicles and equipment on owner's premises is allowed without the use of an automatic shutoff valve.
- Variations are available for watering of existing newly installed landscaping until vegetative roots are established. Any variance approved for watering new landscaping will expire 30 days after becoming effective.
- The washing or hosing down of sidewalks, driveways, patios porches, parking areas or other paved surfaces is prohibited.

- Excessive water runoff from any landscaped area onto any impervious surfaces is prohibited.
- The new construction water line flushing and routine fire hydrant flushing is prohibited without specific approval from the director of public services.
- No outdoor watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. or during any period of precipitation (rain, snow, sleet, etc.)

Exemptions

- The following water usage is exempt from Stage 3 restrictions:
- Use of drip irrigation systems and soaker hoses to protect foundations is allowed, except between the hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Recommended maximum two hours when needed.)
 - Hand watering of ornamental flower beds and other ornamental landscaping is allowed with

use of a hose equipped with an automatic shut-off nozzle; hand watering of lawns is prohibited.

- Ornamental fountains using water from springs, ponds or wells, which do not draw their water from a municipal water supply.
- Commercial full-service or self-service car wash facilities, including those at service stations and automobile dealership facilities, except hourly restrictions may apply.
- Activities utilizing wastewater effluent, natural water springs, ponds or deep water wells.

Enforcement

The City's Community Services Department has inspectors on duty 18 hours a day, seven days a week to enforce watering restrictions. Anyone who receives a citation will not be required to appear

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Watering Schedule for Lawn Sprinklers Effective Nov. 1

Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	First and third Saturdays of the month
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	First and third Sundays of the month

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | **Stage 3** | Stage 4

For a complete list of Stage 3 watering restrictions and possible fines, visit www.cor.net or use your smartphone to scan this QR-code.



Drainage utility system public hearings and vote are Nov. 28

Environmental management is a key element in the Richardson City Council's 2011-2013 Statement of Goals, and included among the specific action items is the desire to "maintain the drainage system throughout the City where it is necessary to preserve the integrity of the system; minimize erosion and protect property from the threat of flooding; and evaluate available funding opportunities for drainage rehabilitation and enhancement projects."

During this year's budget process, the Council received briefings from City staff and had numerous discussions concerning the inclusion of a mid-year implementation of a storm water/drainage utility system. The Council chose to include it in the 2011-2012 budget. Public hearings will be held at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 28 at City Hall after which the Council

will vote on the adoption of an ordinance to establish a drainage utility system and a resolution establishing a schedule of charges for services. If the resolution is approved, charges will take effect in February 2012. The new fee will average \$3.75 per month for households.

The Texas Legislature authorized cities to establish drainage utilities in 1987 and Richardson is one of only two of the 13 large cities in the Metroplex that has not established a drainage utility system. The average residential rate charged by the 11 cities that have a drainage utility system is \$3.82 per month.

The City's storm water drainage system includes nearly 300 miles of drainage pipes over 44 miles of creeks throughout 12 drainage basins. Establishing the drainage

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Erosion protection

City is taking measures to help conserve water

During the period of Stage 3 water restrictions, which are in effect as of Nov. 1, all must do their part to help conserve water resources. While the City of Richardson is taking steps to reduce water usage as much as possible, because of health and safety needs and to secure structures and foundations, the City must water some facilities outside the publicly mandated water restriction times.

Due to safety concerns, the Parks Department must water athletic fields to limit cracks in the playing surfaces and playground areas must also be watered to maintain the structural integrity of the equipment.

"We will continuously monitor our athletic fields and playgrounds to make sure they provide a safe

environment," City of Richardson Superintendent of Parks Dan Baker said. "And we must also maintain the foundations of fire stations, city hall, the library, tennis courts, park pavilions, park restroom buildings and our other public structures."

According to Baker, watering will be done on an as-needed basis whenever possible but because of the amount of acreage, some of the watering must be scheduled outside the publicly mandated restriction times.

"We have more than 1,000 acres of irrigated zones in the City and 500 locations with control boxes," Baker said. "It is not possible for us to manually turn the water on and off at every location

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The Huffhines Softball Complex fields may require watering outside the publicly mandated water restriction times in order to protect the safety of the players.

County Tax Offices mail 2011 statements which include City of Richardson taxes

The 2011 property tax statements have been mailed by the Collin County and the Dallas County Tax offices. These statements now include the property taxes for the City of Richardson as an item on the County Tax Statement. If you own real estate or business personal property in the City of Richardson, and you do not receive a statement, please contact the appropriate county to request a reprinted statement.

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, school 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 residents, 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.

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Council meeting handouts are now available online before meetings

Beginning this month at the Nov. 7 Council worksession, handouts and background materials that are relevant to the meeting agenda will be provided to Council Members electronically and will also be available online at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting begins.

This not only saves paper and printing costs but is also in line with the Council's goal of providing information to the public in a timely manner and increasing the availability of documents on the City's website.

Previously, paper copies of presentations were provided to Council Members at Monday meetings and were made available online Tuesday. Residents may now view the information at www.cor.net/documents prior to the start of the meeting and track the presentations as they are presented to the Council.

The agenda item summaries along with any background information will continue to be posted online by 5 p.m. on the Friday before a Monday meeting.

40th annual Christmas parade is Dec. 3

The City's annual Christmas Parade is Dec. 3 and this year's theme is "Spirit of Giving." The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square Mall on Plano Road to Apollo and will disband at the Huffhines ballfield parking lot. Registration forms may be downloaded online by going to www.cor.net/Christmas-Parade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 23.

The Co-Grand Marshals for this year's parade will be former Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel and his wife Pat. Gary Slagel served 24 years as an elected official in the Richardson community before retiring from the City Council in May of this year. He was mayor from May 1991 until 2007 and was elected mayor again in 2009. Prior to that, Slagel served two years as mayor pro tem, two years as a council member and three years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Gary and Pat Slagel were honorary chairs of the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation Yellow & Black Tie Gala in 2010 and they were on the host committee for this year's gala that was held Oct. 29.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chair Person Barbara Cottone at barbara.cottone@cor.gov or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4310.

The parade's award ceremony will be held the same evening at 5:30 p.m. on the north side of City Hall just prior to the City's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village.



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 facilities close for Thanksgiving

The City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court will close Nov. 24-27 and reopen Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. The Library and Animal Shelter will close Nov. 24-25 and reopen for regular hours Nov. 26. Recreation Centers, the Tennis Center and Senior Center will close Nov. 24 and reopen Friday and Saturday.

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Sept. 12 and 26 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. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

Sept. 12

Ordinance No. 3835, approving and adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning Oct. 1, 2011 and ending Sept. 30, 2012, was approved.

Ordinance No. 3836, levying the Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 2011 (Fiscal Year 2011-2012) at a rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 assessed valuation of all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Richardson as of Jan. 1, 2011, was approved.

Sept. 26

Variances 11-09, 11-10 and 11-11 for Corporate Square: A request for

approval of three variances from the Subdivision and Development Code located at 1100 Executive Drive, 1200 W. Executive Drive, and 1201 E. Executive Drive, was approved.

Consent Agenda

Ordinance No. 3838, approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Mid-Tex" or "Company") regarding the Company's Fourth Annual Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing in all cities exercising original jurisdiction; declaring existing

rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement and finding the rates to be set by the attached tariffs to be just and reasonable; requiring the company to reimburse cities' reasonable ratemaking expenses; repealing conflicting resolutions or ordinances; requiring delivery of this Ordinance to the Company and the Steering Committee's legal counsel.

Resolution No. 11-31, adopting the City of Richardson 2011-2013 City Council near term action items.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

from Mayor Bob Townsend



Mayor Bob Townsend
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Dear Resident,

This year as the days get shorter and cooler, we must remember that our lakes continue to be extremely low due to lack of rain over the past 18 months. In fact, the lack of rain has become such a growing concern for our entire region that Richardson has implemented Stage 3 water conservation measures as of Nov. 1.

Right now, the big questions are how long this drought will last and what steps we should take now to ensure we have enough water to last us until the rains return. Many of you may not remember, or even have been around, but the longest drought we've experienced here in Richardson lasted from 1950-57. Our current drought is in its 18th month, which means we may have a long way to go before things get better.

Currently, climatologists say we are experiencing the impacts of La Niña. How long it could last is uncertain, which is why the City of Richardson decided to adopt the Stage 3 water conservation measures requested by the North Texas Municipal Water District. It will mean watering only twice a month for the foreseeable future. The watering schedule will be the first and third Saturday of every month for addresses ending with an even number and the first and third Sunday of the month for addresses ending in an odd number. This issue of *Richardson Today* contains a wealth of information

about the water restrictions. I ask that all of our residents please help us by following these restrictions to help save enough water for our future.

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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City implements Stage 3 water restrictions effective Nov. 1

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in court, as is the custom with all other code citations. Instead, a defendant may elect to plead guilty and pay a window fine of:

- First offense - \$150
- Second offense - \$350
- Third offense - \$1,000

If a citation is written as an "aggravated offense," the defendant is required to appear before a municipal court judge to have the case resolved.

Violators could see fines as much as \$2,000 for failing to follow water conservation measures.

Variations

Variations granted for Stage 1 and Stage 2 water restrictions in Richardson expire

Nov. 1 when Stage 3 water restrictions go into effect.

To meet public health and safety needs and to help maintain overall water pressure in the City's system, the City of Richardson has certain facilities that must be watered outside the publicly mandated water restriction times (See story on page 1). Such facilities include athletic and recreation facilities used by the public for a variety of purposes.

Though some City facilities will be watered outside times dictated by the ordinance, the City will maintain watering schedules that will meet or exceed conservation efforts. Other large public and private water users will also have vari-

ances for water usage, and will be monitored according to the guidelines in the variances for which they apply.

Anyone wishing to request a variance from Richardson's water restrictions must contact the City's Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

Stage 3 In Place Until Further Notice

The City of Richardson will maintain a twice per month irrigation schedule until further notice. The schedule is designed to meet

the NTMWD's goal of conserving as much water as possible until the current drought conditions end.

"Unfortunately, lack of measurable rainfall and record-high temperatures have worsened the drought since Stage 1 water restrictions were first implemented last April," said Richardson Director of Public Services Jerry Ortega. "Our North Texas Municipal Water District is asking us to conserve as much water as we can through the use of our Stage 3 plan, and we hope that by following these ef-

orts it will help the District avoid having to implement more restrictive water conservation measures either later this year or early next year."

More information and tips on water conservation can be found on the City's Water Conservation website available on the City's homepage at www.cor.net. Further information is also available at www.waterrq.org and www.ntmwd.com.



Highway 380 bridge on Lake Lavon, Sept. 2011

Drainage utility system public hearings and vote are Nov. 28

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utility system will allow the City to continue to sustain its environmental and regulatory obligations for storm water management, enhance its annual maintenance and capital work plan in response to community needs and expectations and allocate the cost of drainage-related services through an equitable rate method.

"Improving our City's drainage system is not only a goal of our City Council but there are also specific regulations required by the Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System," Deputy City Manager Dan Johnson said. "In responding to these increasing regulations, the City budget has been absorbing increased operating costs within our annual budget cycles without the benefit of a fee levy."

Johnson explained that the residential fee structure will include three rate tiers and will be based on property lot size. Residential owners of lots less than 7,500 square feet will pay \$2.75 per month; 7,500-15,000 square feet, \$3.75; more than 15,000 square feet, \$4.75. Residential properties have been grouped into these three tiers based on the amount of storm water the lot would contribute to the system. An evaluation of properties in Richardson found that the larger lots have more impervious areas such as roof tops and paved surfaces than smaller lots and therefore contribute more storm water to the system. For commercial properties, a monthly rate of \$0.105 per 100 square feet of impervious area will be used. This rate is based on the amount of storm water a commercial property would contribute to the system relative to the average residen-

tial property. Under the proposed resolution, churches and school districts are exempt from the fee. State property including The University of Texas at Dallas is exempt under state statute.

According to Johnson, a new drainage utility fund will be established in the City budget when the fee structure is adopted by Council. The fee revenues will be deposited and tracked from this new fund and will be used for operations and maintenance and some capital expenditures.

Operations and Maintenance expenditures may include:

- Daily service administration
- Plan reviews
- Inspections and compliance
- Debris removal and clean out
- Vegetation management
- Hazardous spill management
- Public awareness and outreach
- Engineering assessments and modeling

Storm preparation and post-event response

Pipe and channel repair

Capital Project expenditures may include:

- Flood control
- Erosion protection
- Storage and conveyance structures
- Velocity mitigation
- Storm water treatment structures
- Aeration and aquatic vegetation management
- Silt management and safe removal and disposal
- Bridge and Culvert Construction
- Spillways and dam structures

For more information, contact the City's Capital Projects Office at 972-744-4280.

Early voting for Nov. 8 constitutional election continues through Nov. 4

Early voting for the Nov. 8 state constitutional election continues through Nov. 4. Registered voters who live in Dallas County may vote early at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall or at other Dallas County locations which can be found on the Dallas County Elections website at www.dalcoelections.org. Collin County voters may vote early at several locations. Visit the Collin County Elections Department website at www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

For more information, contact the Richardson City Secretary at 972-744-4290, the Dallas County

Elections Department at 214-819-6300 or the Collin County Elections Department at 972-633-3200.

On Nov. 8, polling places will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. **Richardson Civic Center/City Hall is not a voting site on election day.**

Remaining early voting dates and times at Dallas and Collin County locations:

**Nov. 1-2
(Tuesday-Wednesday)
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Nov. 3-4
(Thursday-Friday)
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

City taking measures to conserve water

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but we will do so as much as we can and any scheduled watering will be done during the week so we avoid watering on days that have been designated for our residents."

Baker indicated that in an effort to conserve water, parks crews began winterizing and shutting off median and park irrigation systems in October which is a month earlier than normal.

Other initiatives that the City is taking to conserve water include:

- monitoring landscaping and trees and only water as needed;
- water from fire hydrant maintenance will be re-claimed and used to water trees and plants;
- continuous checking to ensure proper operation of irrigation systems
- operating the City Hall fountain and the Galatyn Plaza fountain

for maintenance purposes only during the hours of 6 p.m. to midnight.

"Our priority is to keep our residents safe and our public facilities protected," Baker said. "In order to do this, the City has to water outside the Stage 3 guidelines but we have taken steps that will help us save water and meet our conservation goals."

Drought will be with us for a while

The state of Texas is in the midst of one the worst droughts in recorded history and the North Texas region is feeling the effects as well, now in its 18th month without sufficient rainfall to fill the lake levels to normal capacity. Area lakes supply water to Richardson residents via the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) and the major source, Lake Lavon, is 13 feet below its normal level and at 49 percent of its capacity. Other sources include Lake Chapman at 13 feet below normal and 34 percent capacity and Lake Tawakoni at 7 feet below normal and 73 percent capacity.

Officials are calling this drought the worst water threat in 30 years and a sequence of events (perfect storm) contributed to the situation:

- Lack of rainfall due to La Niña weather patterns and these drier than normal conditions are expected through fall/winter 2011-1012
- The loss of the Lake Texoma raw water supply due to the

presence of invasive zebra mussels

- Ozonation project—The NTMWD is currently changing its water treatment process from chlorination to ozonation and it requires shutting down 25 percent of its treatment facilities during the construction
- Summer triple digit temperatures

According to officials, the North Texas region needs 15 inches of rain right now to end the drought and the average monthly

rainfall for this time of year is only 3 inches per month.

The City of Richardson implemented Stage 3 water restriction as of Nov. 1 (see story on page 1) and residents and businesses are encouraged to do their part to help conserve water through the fall and winter months. The longest drought recorded in Texas history occurred from 1950-1957 and while the current drought is only 18 months old, conditions are not expected to change in the foreseeable future.



Farm Road 3286 bridge on Lake Lavon, Sept. 2011



East Fork Marina, Lake Lavon, at full conservation level



East Fork Marina, Lake Lavon, Sept. 2011

Friends of Library dedicates sculpture/ outdoor garden to celebrate 25 years of support

The Friends of the Richardson Public Library (FOL) celebrated 25 years of service to the Library and to the community Sept. 29 with the dedication of the Friends Reading Garden on the Library's north side. The dedication featured the unveiling of a whimsical sculpture of Humpty Dumpty who has ditched the traditional wall and perched on a stack of "eggcellent" books. The event was the culmination of several years of planning and fund raising beginning with the work of past FOL President Andrea Rutledge and becoming a reality at the beginning of Sandy Martin's term as the new FOL president. "Everyone in the Friends group has worked hard to bring the dream of an FOL outdoor reading garden to fruition," said Martin. "We hope that visitors to the Library will enjoy the area for many years into the future. The kids already love the garden's signature sculpture!"



ardsonfol.org) and look forward to another year of growing stronger."

The Friends group has a long history as a vibrant organization serving as a solid foundation for the current Friends. In 1986, Gerry Leftwich (who served 14 years on the Library Board, several terms as president) and Dick Harper organized the current activation of the FOL with citizens who were strong Library friends and advocates including representatives from the growing Chinese community. In those days, the late Louise Frederick was the director of the Richardson Public Library and was deeply interested in starting a series of lectures at the Library. Frederick's idea grew, a committee was organized that included Leftwich, Cynthia Noah, Ann Abernathy, Evelyn Sterritt and Betty Wiesepape, and the popular, long-running FOL In-Person lecture series featuring lectures by well-known authors was born.

"The time was right" for a series of this type to be successful, Leftwich said. "Whenever my husband and I attended lectures in Dallas, we always saw Richardson people there. There was really no author series of this type offered north of the LBJ Freeway." According to Leftwich, Pat Conroy was the first author selected for the In-Person series and the committee was able to "piggy-back" Conroy's appearance in Richardson onto his visit to SMU. The ticket price to hear Conroy was just \$3.

The new Civic Center had just opened, offering enough meeting space to support the new In-Person lecture series. The original In-Person committee worked without seeking contracts with the authors; and most of the authors came just because they were interested in supporting libraries and received

From the beginning, the Friends of the Library's main fundraiser has been an annual used book sale which typically takes place in October. Very special Library friend Judy Utay has been instrumental in the sale's success every year for all 25 years. If you would like to donate books for the sale, drop them off at the Library or contact a Friend for pick up service: Tom Goode 972-680-3282 or Sandy Martin 972-744-0419.

no speaking fees other than transportation and lodging. Other lecturers in the early days included TV pioneers Steve Allen and Kitty Carlisle Hart, best-selling authors Belva Plain and Joseph Heller, and Texas authors such as Larry McMurtry and Liz Carpenter.

For the most part, the original In-Person committee relied on personal contacts and the authors' word that they would arrive at the appointed time to deliver the lectures. The committee was never let down by any of the authors who they worked with and enjoyed friendly relationships with almost all of them. Video recordings are available at the Library for many of the In-Person lectures.

The In-Person lecture series was forced to cease when times changed and tier one authors were seeking speaking fees of \$30,000 and up. "Richardson is a city of service," concluded Leftwich. "People who love the arts don't give up very easily."

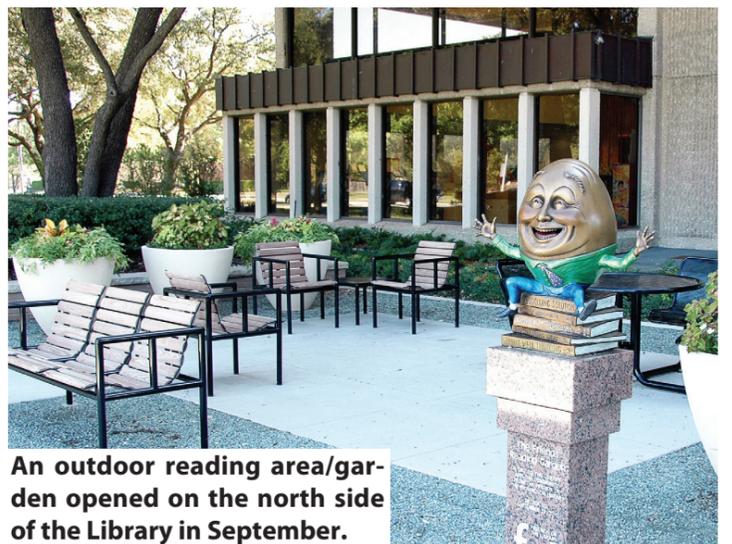
Today's Friends of the Richardson Public Library group is definitely a testament to the resilience of the FOL and to the community's commitment to the Library and to providing more cultural opportunities for Library patrons. In the words of current FOL president Martin, "FOL will continue its strong record of advocacy for our Library and will work to provide volunteers and extra materials to enhance the Library experience for the members of our community."

The FOL is involved in raising money for Santa's Village, BOOK-babble book discussion group materials, the children's department's summer kick off party, performers for Saturday children's programming and summer programs, the Richardson Reads One Book program, the outreach collections to retirement homes, and materials and honoraria for programming

for adults. "Next year's primary focus is to involve FOL members more actively, whether through volunteer opportunities or through programs and events," said Martin. "We are continuing to organize our organization through our award-winning website (www.richardsonfol.org)



The Library has materials in 13 different languages.



An outdoor reading area/garden opened on the north side of the Library in September.

Library offers many online services

The walls of the Library are disappearing! It's now possible to access many Library services 24/7 without leaving home. With a Richardson Public Library card, you can learn a new language, download a new book, research your term paper or even sign up a "Library Elf" to remind you to return your Library materials by their due date. You can also sign up to receive e-mailed newsletters containing the favorite titles of the Library staff, lists of the Library's new novels, lists of new DVDs, and invitations to upcoming Library events. Just go to the Library website at www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com and click on the buttons on the left side of the home page to access these popular online services.

Overdrive E-Books and E-Audio Books

Scroll down to the Overdrive option and click on the "quick start guide" to find instructions for downloading the Overdrive Media Console which provides access to many popular titles in audiobook format. For reading e-books online, it will be necessary to download Adobe Digital Editions. With a Richardson Library card and PIN (last four digits of your phone number), these items can be enjoyed directly on your

computer or can be transferred to a compatible reading device such as a Kindle or Nook. The materials can also be downloaded directly to a mobile device such as a Blackberry, iPhone, iPad, Android or iPod touch. Just download the Overdrive application to the device, select the Richardson Public Library, and follow the instructions for checking out materials. Call the Library at 972-744-4350 for additional help in setting up this exciting new service.

Powerspeak for Learning New Languages

Powerspeak offers online instruction in Spanish, French, German, Mandarin and Ingles (ESL). Just scroll down to the Powerspeak access point, enter your Library card number and PIN (last four digits of your phone number) to set up your free account and start your easy-to-follow language lessons.

Library Elf

If your mother does not live with you, you may want a Library Elf to remind you to return your Library materials on or before their due dates. Library Elf will also remind you to pick up your reserves before they expire and can manage all of your Library accounts if you patronize several libraries. Just click on "Library Elf" and follow the instructions for setting up your free

Library Elf account. Never pay late fees again!

BOOKLETTERS

For e-mailed newsletters to guide Library patrons in a variety of interest areas and to find out about Library programs, click on BOOKLETTERS. Click on "subscribe to newsletters" on the left side of the page. Put a check mark beside each newsletter that interests you, enter your e-mail address and click "subscribe." Popular newsletters include new listings of dvds and novels, staff favorites, "Kidz Can Do" and the calendar of events.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Scroll down to Gale Virtual Reference Library to access high quality reference books in science, religion, technology, business and many other subjects. The books that were once only available to use at the Library are now available online. This product provides a rescue when the Library is about to close and the research paper is due tomorrow!

There are many informative and entertaining services accessible through the Library's website. Just go to www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com and discover what the 21st century Library can offer. Happy exploring!

Preservation group plans scanning day

Who: Preservation Richardson

What: Photo Scanning Day

When: Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Richardson Public Library

Preservation Richardson, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving photographs, memories, artifacts and memorabilia from Richardson's past, will have its second scanning day 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 12. The event allows participants to bring photographs and other Richardson memorabilia to be scanned and preserved in a digital museum. The group especially desires items that show recognizable places and people in Richardson such as churches, important persons, schools, neighborhoods and businesses. The group will also accept physical donations of materials for preservation. For more information contact preservation.richardson@gmail.com or Andrew at 972-546-0990.

A City of Richardson crest that was used on City letterhead and documents from approximately 1964 to 1973, longer on police cars.



972-744-4166

www.cor.net/cs

Community Services

Incentive program rewards home improvements

With most Richardson homes being 15 to 50 years old or older, many residents consider home renovation projects. The possibilities are endless—from a new fence, foundation repair, a master bath renovation, kitchen remodel or even a game room addition. Community Services is your one-stop shop for determining if your project requires a building permit and if your project meets the Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP) eligibility criteria.

Permits

Building permits are required for many renovation projects. Generally, permits are required if you are modifying/relocating/removing structural walls, performing electric upgrades, adding a water/sewer line, installing a new air conditioner or adding a window. Be wary of a contractor who requests that the homeowner pull the necessary permits since this could affect the contractor's and homeowner's liability if you end up in a dispute with the contractor. However, a homeowner may apply for/obtain building permits for their

homestead and act as their own contractor. Community Services can provide all the information you need about building permit requirements and information about the process of thoughtfully choosing contractors.

File plans

If you are considering a foundation repair, foundation expansion, second story addition utilizing an existing first floor foundation, you may want to obtain a structural analysis by an independent state of Texas professional engineer (or as directed by code professionals/design professionals/architects). The City of Richardson does not require residential plans to be drawn by either an independent design professional or architect, as long as all required plans are submitted. Inquire with Community Services to determine what historical data/plans may be on file for your residence to simplify the overall plan requirement process.

Home Improvement Incentive Program

You may qualify for the Home Improvement Incentive Program

(HIIP) if your proposed home renovation project will cost \$20,000 or more and will be completed within 24 months of project approval. HIIP is a unique and innovative program designed to provide an economic incentive to homeowners who substantially reinvest in their property.

To participate, a homeowner will be required to submit an application to the Community Services Department prior to construction beginning, provide a cost estimate for the improvement project, consent to periodic inspections during construction and verify final construction costs. If an application is approved, the homeowner will be required to execute an economic development agreement with the City. A one-time incentive payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes will be paid to the homeowner based on the property's pre-construction and post-construction appraised value. The appraisal district will determine the property's certified value.

The incentive will be paid to the homeowner pursuant to the economic development agreement on April 1 of the first full calendar year subsequent to completion of the approved project.

Example

Assume that a home improvement project commences in January 2010 and is completed in June 2010. Further assume that the 2011 property taxes increase \$300 above the 2010 property taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable value of the improve-

ments. The total incentive would be \$3,000 and would be paid on April 1, 2012.

Note: Your incentive payment may result in federal income tax consequences. You should consult your own tax advisor. All or a portion of your incentive payment may constitute taxable income regardless of whether you receive a Form 1099-MISC from the City. If the amount of your incentive payment is \$600 or more, you may receive Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-MISC from the City.



NETWORK seeks holiday donations

The NETWORK Santa Program, one of the largest projects of its kind in Dallas and Collin counties, is under way. Last year more than 2,500 children received gifts. The program continues through Dec. 18. Items most needed are books, dolls, trucks and cars, gift cards for older children, hand-held electronic games, sports balls and arts and crafts. Financial donations are used to purchase items that have not been donated. NETWORK provides more than \$1 million annually to low-income families and families in need of short-term support. For more in-

formation on "Angel Trees" or donating to the Santa Program, call NETWORK's Santa Line at 972-234-8880 ext. 111.

The Food Pantry at NETWORK distributes more than 40,000 pounds of food to those in need each month (normally 10,000 pounds a week) and needs your help to keep the pantry full. The most needed items are: canned meats, soup, rice, dry pinto beans, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit and canned vegetables. Personal care items are also needed: shampoo, deodorant, hand soap, laundry detergent,

toilet tissue, diapers and feminine hygiene products.

NETWORK is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) agency located at 741 S. Sherman. Call 972-234-8880 or see www.thenetwork.org for more information.

ONE WARM COAT

Donate coats to NETWORK during November to help keep our children warm during the winter. We need all sizes from children to adult. Coats may be dropped off at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St., or Burlington Coat Factory, 300 S. Plano Rd.

Slagel receives leadership award

Former Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel was awarded with the Leadership Award for Public Service by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), for his outstanding dedication to economic development in the public sector. The honor was presented at an awards ceremony Sept. 19 in Charlotte, N. C.

"The Leadership Award for Public Service honors an elected official who has served as a champion for economic development for at least 10 years in the public sector, and Slagel—much to the benefit of the communities he has served—is the very embodiment of just such a person," said Dennis Coleman, IEDC chair.

As the mayor of Richardson for an unprecedented 18 years, Slagel has had an extraordinary impact on the economic vitality of the city. His creative and highly effective leadership has been integral in the elevation of Richardson to a best practice city for the technology-led economic development model.

Known as Richardson's "High-Tech Mayor," Slagel has a long history of involvement in high-tech startups. In addition to his post as mayor, he simultaneously served, and continues to be the CEO of CapitalSoft, a venture capital backed software company.

The unique skill set of its mayor allowed Richardson, with a population of almost 100,000, to become competitive with much larger cities. Richardson ranks 5th, behind Austin, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, in the number of local companies receiving grants from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund (TETF).

Slagel was instrumental in mobilizing community groups and industry leaders in the development of several programs and projects throughout his tenure. Beginning in 2006, he worked to engage interest groups to designate the 20-mile length of rail corridor running from Richardson to Dallas-Fort Worth Airport as the planned route for an east-west commuter rail expansion.

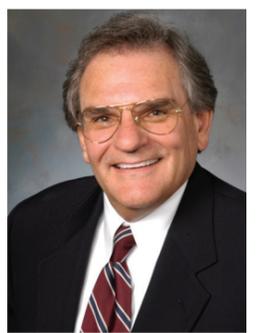
Slagel also spearheaded an initiative that secured a new 1.1 million square foot office campus in Richardson for BlueCross BlueShield of Texas. In turn, the mayor initiated efforts to move an expanding Fossil, Inc. from its current facility into the building that BlueCross BlueShield left empty. The benefits of this deal were twofold—Richardson retained a significant employer in the area and it filled a recently vacated complex.

Slagel was also integral to the planning and design stage of economic development activities. As

the region was struggling to plan and execute the light rail system, the mayor led the development of

the four rail stations in Richardson and the systems' first Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. This initiative has served as the cornerstone of a redevelopment strategy that has created several mixed-use, sustainable developments that have generated investments exceeding \$300 million. He also provided leadership to support city funding for a highly successful public-private effort in economic development. Since 2007, this initiative has created or retained over 18,000 jobs and secured the occupancy of 5.8 million square feet of office and technology space.

The IEDC is the premier membership organization dedicated to helping economic development professionals create high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities and improve the quality of life in their regions.



Gary Slagel

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RICHARDSON TEXAS

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The City of Richardson's Public Services Department invited 2nd grade students from Northrich and Prairie Creek elementary schools to participate in the fifth Richie's Recycling Roundup held on City Hall grounds Oct. 20. The students learned what Richardson accepts in its recycling program and why it's important to recycle while having fun at the western-themed event. The event concluded with an obstacle course where the kids were cheered on by their classmates and the City's Recycling Mascot, Richie. The students had a wonderful time and learned about living green in Richardson.

November Calendar

Richardson Civic 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, jlrxc.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
momclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—West
momclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Canyon Creek Moms Club
972-690-7609 or ww.canyoncreekmomclub.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

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.

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.

Eagle Travel:

Cunard Cruise: Boston Harbor for the 4th of July Fireworks
Call: Beth Owens at 972 744-7810 for information.

Branson's Magical Christmas

Nov. 2-6, 2012
5 days / 4 nights

- Round trip motor coach from Senior Center to Branson
- 4 night hotel accommodations
- Breakfast/dinner daily
- Meals and tour guide; gratuities included
- Reserved seating for shows
\$200 deposit due Jan. 5
Single per person—\$1,417
Double per person—\$1,287
Triple per person—\$1,217
Call Beth Owens at the Richardson Senior Center 972-744-7810 for more information.

CPAAA hosts special agent

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will host a general meeting at the Renner Road Police substation on Thursday, Nov. 10, featuring ATF special agent in charge for the Dallas field division, Robert Champion. Champion will provide insights into the issues of the ATF in dealing with illegal drugs and firearms. Networking at 6:30 p.m., program begins promptly at 6:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Jim Grandey at 972-231-5249 or jimgrandey@gmail.com.

HASR recognizes volunteers

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. For information, contact helpingagenciesserverichardson@gmail.com.

Literacy group hosts 'learn more' coffee Nov. 8

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center (RALC) is hosting a "learn more" coffee at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the RALC office, 701 Belt Line Rd. Come to find out more about the Center and its many volunteer opportunities. The RALC's mission is to transform lives by meeting the functional literacy needs of adults in Richardson and the RISD.

For more information, visit www.ralc.org.

Gift shoe box collection: Nov. 14-21

The NEW Richardson shoe box drop off location for Operation Christmas Child is Trinity Bible Church, 400 W. Campbell Rd. (972-234-2390). Shoe box drop off hours are:
Nov. 14-17: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Nov. 18: 2 - 8 p.m.
Nov. 19: noon - 6 p.m.
Nov. 20: 1 - 6 p.m.
Nov. 21: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Donors can use an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. The box can be wrapped (lid separately) but wrapping is not required. The donor determines whether their gift will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will delight a child. Suggestions are school supplies, small toys: dolls, balls, yo-yo, slinky, jump ropes; hygiene items: toothbrush, paste, wash cloth, mild bar soap in a ziploc bag; hard candy/mints/gum placed in a ziploc bag, hair clips, toy jewelry, socks and T-shirts. These are just some of the items a generous donor can put in a shoe box and bring to the drop-off location. Don't hesitate to include a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family in a separate envelope.

Operation Christmas Child requests a \$7 donation for each shoe box to help cover shipping costs. More information can be found at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.



St. Louis Cemetery, New Orleans

Rich-Tone Chorus performs Nov. 29

The five-time Sweet Adelines International champion Rich-Tone Chorus will hold a holiday performance at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at First United Methodist Church, 503 N. Central Expressway. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children 12 and under) and can be purchased at www.richtones.org.

November Calendar

Eisemann Center Presents series continue with three great shows in November

Making a triumphant return to the Eisemann Center stage, **BLAST!** is an exuberant 15-number show that doesn't falter while bridging the categories of classical, blues, jazz, rock and roll and techno-pop music played by 60 virtuoso instrumentalists for two performances at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. **BLAST!** stands, blows, pounds, marches and whirls through this extravaganza with the greatest panache.



Featuring six-show runs (now Wednesday evening through Sunday matinee) of four hilarious productions all set in the intimate setting of the Bank of America Theatre, the Comedy Series begins with "**Cocktails with Larry Miller: Little League, Adultery and Other Bad Ideas**" playing for six performances Nov. 16-20. Grab a cocktail with friends and spend the evening with one of Hollywood's most recognizable faces, actor and comedian Larry Miller. Having appeared in more than 100 films and television shows, Miller takes the stage at the Eisemann Center to share his comic perspective about marriage, children and drinking and how each one leads to the other two. See dates and times in Eisemann Center schedule on this page.



"**Pinkalicious The Musical**" returns to the Family Theatre Series at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. This charming musical comes from the pages of the best-selling children's book by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann and produced by Vital Theatre Company straight from Broadway. Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe—a dream come true for this pink-loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

At the Library

900 Civic Center Drive
972-744-4350



General Interest

Lunchtime Lectures

Nov. 1 & 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., George Washington and the Revolution," Basement Program Room.

Library Board Meeting, Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.

Book Groups

First Wednesday Book Club, Nov. 2, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Jungle" by Upton Sinclair, presented by Ginny Salter.

BOOKbabble Group Nov. 9, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

BOOKbabble @ Nite Nov. 15, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Lark and Termite" by Jane Anne Phillips. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

BOOKbabble Group Nov. 16, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room.

"Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

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

Resume Writing Nov. 2, 3:30-5 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-noon.

Introduction to the Internet Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-noon.

Job Searching on the Internet Nov. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

Introduction to PowerPoint 2003 Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003 Nov. 29, 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.

Tails for Tales Nov. 6, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.

Teen Activities

"Comic Genius" Nov. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. For teens, grades 6-12.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT? Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.

Richardson Civic Art Society Meeting and Demonstration Nov. 15, 6:45 p.m., Basement Program Room.

WGT Planned Critique Session

Nov. 16, 6:30-8:45 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Richardson Historical and Genealogical Society

Nov. 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Writer's Guild of Texas Nov. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Library closed for Thanksgiving holidays: Nov. 24, 25



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



Plano Community Band in concert with Geoff Gallante

Hill Performance Hall
7:30 p.m. Nov. 5
Tickets: Free by request (limit 4 per request) from Eisemann Center Box Office
www.planoband.com

Richardson Community Band
"Happy Birthday, Mr. Sousa"
Hill Performance Hall
2 p.m. Nov. 6
Tickets: \$7
www.richardsoncommunityband.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS "BLAST!"

Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. Nov. 12
2 p.m. Nov. 13
Tickets: \$44-\$62
www.blasttheshow.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS "Cocktails with Larry Miller—Little League, Adultery and other Bad Ideas"

Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. Nov. 16, 17, 18, 19
2 p.m. Nov. 19, 20
Tickets: \$37-\$40
www.larrymillerhumor.com

Arlington Jones presents "The Way I Hear It"

Hill Performance Hall
7:30 p.m. Nov. 18
Tickets: \$24-\$42
www.arlingtonjones.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

"Pinkalicious the Musical"
Hill Performance Hall
2:30 p.m. Nov. 20
Tickets: \$11-\$21

Chamberlain Performing Arts and Texas Instruments Foundation

"The Nutcracker"
Hill Performance Hall
7:30 p.m. Nov. 25
2 p.m. Nov. 26, 27
Tickets: \$10-\$60
www.chamberlainperformingarts.com



Back stage with Benise "The Spanish Guitar" at the October performance at the Eisemann Center.

From the Fire Marshal . . . reduce fire risk in the kitchen

November is the time of year that many of us spend a lot of time in the kitchen—cooking those Thanksgiving meals and baking for family, friends or your local fire station. National fire statistics indicate that:

- Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries.
- Two-thirds of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Unattended cooking is by far the leading contributing factor in these fires.
- Clothing was the item first ignited in less than 1 percent of these fires, but these incidents accounted for 15 percent of the cooking fire deaths.
- Ranges accounted for the largest share (59 percent) of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16 percent.

- Frying poses the greatest risk of fire.
- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires.

The Richardson Fire Department wants you to know how to reduce your risk of kitchen fires and burns by providing the following helpful hints.

Your full attention, please

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while the food is cooking and use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stove top.
- When young children are in the home, use the stove's back burners whenever possible and turn pot handles to the back.



Prevent burns

- Use only microwave safe containers to heat food in the microwave.
- Open microwaved food slowly. Let it cool for a minute or more before eating.
- Never use a wet oven mitt. A hot pan could turn that dampness into scalding steam.

Neat and clean

- Keep pot holders, food packing, cookbooks and other things that can catch fire off the stove top.
- Wipe up spills and clean your oven. Grease build-up can catch fire.

- Keep curtains, dish towels and anything that burns away from the stove.
- Turn pot handles to the back so you can't bump them.

Electrical safety in the kitchen

- Make sure you have ground-fault-interrupters (GFCIs) installed on all kitchen counter outlets to prevent shock hazards.
- Replace cracked or frayed appliance cords.
- If an appliance feels too hot, smokes, or gives off a strange odor, unplug it immediately and have it serviced or replaced.

Fighting kitchen fires

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.

- Grease fires
- Always keep a pot holder, an oven mitt and a lid handy.
- If a pan of food catches fire, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan.

- Turn off the burner.
- Prevent flare-ups by leaving the pan covered until it is completely cool.

- Oven fires
- Turn off the heat and keep the oven door CLOSED.

- Microwave fires
- Keep the door closed and unplug the microwave if you can safely reach the plug.
- Have the oven serviced before you use it again.

Cooking fires are 100 percent preventable. So take extra precaution this holiday season to prevent a fire that will spoil your holiday.

*Stephen A. Dossett
Fire Marshal*

National Night Out Oct. 4 is celebrated in record fashion

National Night Out in Richardson Oct. 4 was a huge success. This year, a record 202 registered neighborhood parties participated and helped to collect more than 5,000 pounds of food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food bank. This was the 22nd year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. The event promotes awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement.

The following is a list of the 2011 NNO winners. (NCW stands for Neighborhood Crime Watch)

East Side

Overall Winner
Creek Hollow Estates HOA: Jerri Strong, Trishna Sharma, Jennifer Gonzalez

1st Runner-Up
Valcrest NCW: Roger and Diane Ady

2nd Runner Up
College Park/Glenville Park/
North College Park: Sonia Hetherington, Jacqui Otal, Janice Gromadin, Chieu Maihennhouse, Janice Ramirez

Honorable Mention
Carol Stream/Aurora/Yale NCW: Vickie Stonaker

Multi-Family
Buckingham Road Apartments:
Arthur Lozano

West Side

Overall Winner
400 Malden/1400 Lorrie NCW:
Grenda Walton

1st Runner Up
2500 Overcreek NCW:
Laura Maczka

2nd Runner Up
Stardust Lane NCW:
Judey Reed, Claudia Wolosz, Eva Waldrop

Honorable Mention
Fairmeadow/Nantucket NCW:
Nathan Hart

Multi-Family
Atria Senior Living:
Lauren Patterson

Higher Caliber
600 block of Lockwood:
Janis Riley



Ground is broken for new Fire Station #4

Richardson City Council Members ceremonially broke ground on Fire Station No. 4 which is being constructed on Apollo Road on the site of the old Huffhines Recreation Center as part of the 2010 Bond Program. The station is being relocated from farther north on Plano Road in order to improve response times to the southeast quadrant of the City. The building will be constructed with practices set forth by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.



Pictured from left to right: Council Members Kendal Hartley, Steve Mitchell, Scott Dunn, Mayor Bob Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka and Council Members Amir Omar and Mark Solomon.

National Emergency Alert System test will be broadcast Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

Virtually all broadcast, satellite and cable programming will be interrupted with tones and test messages from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during a national test of the Emergency Alert System to be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9.

What is the Emergency Alert System (EAS)?

- A public alert system which allows the President to address the public during a national emergency.
- The system also allows local officials to send alerts for local emergencies.

National EAS Test Message Path:



Potential Test Issues:

- The audio will say, "this is a test." FEMA organizers are working on visual elements so that anyone who sees the test, but does not hear the audio, will also know it is a test.
- While programming is expected to be interrupted for approximately 3 minutes, if you experience prolonged service interruption, contact your local programming provider.

Will the test involve mobile communication devices?

- No. The test will involve only the following communications service providers: broadcast radio and television, cable television, satellite radio and television and wire-line video services that participate in the EAS.

For more information, go to http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtml



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.

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

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of 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.

Police Department utilizes Facebook page



The Richardson Police Department now has a Facebook page. The page will be used to enhance communication with citizens and provide information on crime trends, upcoming events and crime prevention tips. The department will also post photographs and make announcements related to department news. The page will not replace current methods of communication and is intended to take advantage of the popularity of social media. The page is open to anyone and can be viewed by visiting www.facebook.com/RichardsonPD. Citizens who have a Facebook account can also "Like" the page to receive the updates in their Facebook news feed. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 if you have any questions.

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Woman's Club home tour Nov. 12-13

The Richardson Woman's Club (RWC) will host its 51st 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.

Senior holiday bazaar Nov. 11-12

The annual senior holiday bazaar will be held once again this year from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12 at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho.

The popular bazaar features handmade arts and crafts of all varieties, including jewelry, woodworking, needlework, quilts, stained glass, ceramics, paintings, hand-decorated cards and Christmas decor created mostly by Richardson residents age 55 and older.

Many fine handmade items are available throughout the year in the Robin's Nest shop inside the Senior Center. Also open during the bazaar is "The Porch," the Senior Center snack bar where sandwiches and cookies are available.

For more information, call 972-744-4800. All booths have already been reserved. Admission is free.



Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-744-7870
Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
Nov. 28-Dec. 16
Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: \$42

Adult Leagues
Nov. 7-Dec. 30
Singles cost: \$30
Doubles cost: \$24

SANTA'S VILLAGE

Mark your calendar for Santa's Village—Richardson's annual holiday fairyland for kids of all ages.

6-9 p.m.
Dec. 3-4
Dec. 8-11
Dec. 15-18
Civic Center Lawn

Free parking, free admission, small fee for concessions.

2011 GOBBLE HOBBLE

Presented by

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

WWW.GOBBLEHOBBLE.COM OR 972-744-4858

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.

SPIRIT RUN

Benefiting the Students, Teachers & EIE Foundation of RISD

Spirit Run 5K
Saturday, Nov. 5
Galatyn Park, Richardson
7 a.m. Registration—\$35
8 a.m. 1 Mile Walk/Fun Run
8:30 a.m. 5K
9:30 a.m. Awards
www.RISDSpiritRun.com
Presented by
RISD Excellence in Education Foundation

Have Santa send a personalized letter to your child. It's \$5. The form is on page 2 of the Winter 2012 Recreation Guide included in this issue of Richardson Today.

CITY WIDE PET DAY

BENEFITING THE RICHARDSON ANIMAL SHELTER

Richardson AnimaLuv
Sixth Annual

ALL PETS WELCOME!

SHARING EARTH WITH ANIMALS
SATURDAY, NOV. 5
10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$1 ADMISSION

Owens Farm in Richardson
Plano Road & East Lookout Drive

PET PARADES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS • PET CLINIC
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES • \$14 MICROCHIPPING
CONCESSIONS • BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
KITTY CAMPUS • ANIMAL ADOPTION GROUPS
ENTERTAINMENT AND GIFT AREAS
PERFORMING DOG ACTS

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.

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.

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 Feb. 27 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 Feb. 6 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows/Power Point

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.

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 Feb. 6 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 Feb. 6 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 Nov. 22 and Nov. 29 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.



Plus Square Dance

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

Ceramics

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your own supplies and pay firing fees.



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.



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:

Nov. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	6-10 p.m.
Dec. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	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:

Nov. 1 and 3	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 6 and 8	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:

Nov. 7 and 8	6-9 p.m.
Nov. 12 and 19	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Nov. 28 and 29	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 Dec. 8. 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. 11 and 12 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

Robin's Nest Craft Store

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

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 new dates for November and December senior dances.

Nov. 5	Gary Lee
Nov. 26	Doc Gibbs
Dec. 3	Russ Dorsey
Dec. 10	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 12:30-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. There will be a teaching table for beginners. Everyone is invited join us for a fun time!

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 Book of Matthew." 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.

Services**Volunteer Opportunities**

Call Scarlett at 972-744-7811 for various volunteer opportunities at the Senior 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 Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

The Seniors' Net

The 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.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

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 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.

**Tai Chi for all Ages**

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. 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 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Instructed by Elaine Hosage our certified personal trainer.

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**Pinochle**

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, Rummy-Cubes, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.



George Washington & The Revolution
Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by *Richard Cudlipp*

11:30 am - 12:45 pm
(You are welcome to bring your lunch)

November 1
1777-1778: The Turning Point
November 8
1780-1781: Who Really Won the War?

Please contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for more information.
Basement Program Room



Learn the art of Zentangle

Adults and teens 16 and older are invited to sign up for the Library's Zentangle class to be held 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 10. The class will be taught by local artist Christi Campos in the Library's Basement Program Room.

Zentangle is an easy to learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns. It is a fascinating new art form that is fun and relaxing and also increases focus and creativity. Best of all, you can create a beautiful work of art without having to know how to draw!

All materials will be provided for this free class. To register or for more information call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.



Don't miss it!

Family Storytime

Every Monday
6:45-7:15 p.m.
Geared for children ages 3-7 but the whole family can attend!
Children's Program Room

Comic Genius: Graphic Novel Workshop



Learn how to draw Manga!

Tuesday, Nov. 8
6:30-8:30 p.m.



Teens: 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room

SUGAR RUSH! Teen Cookie Decorating

Decorate them! Eat them!

Tuesday, Dec. 6
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Teens: 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room



Volunteer ESL teachers needed

The Library is looking for a volunteer ESL teacher who is available to teach ESL Level 1 for three hours on Saturday afternoons. Classes begin in January 2012 and run through May. If interested, contact Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368 to request an interview or for more information.



Tales for Tails For Readers in Grades K-4

Read to canine reading buddies from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

3-4 p.m.,
Sunday, Nov. 6

First Floor Program Room
Space is limited.
First-come, first-served!

It's Elementary!
STORYTIME FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4
Tuesdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Children's Program Room

Drop in—
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!
(Parents, please meet your children at the Program Room door at 4:45 p.m.)



For more information, please call 972-744-4358

Tuzer Ballet Company

performs excerpts from

the nutcracker

Saturday, Dec. 3

4 - 4:30 p.m.
or
5 - 5:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of two presentations. Limited tickets will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. First come, first-served.