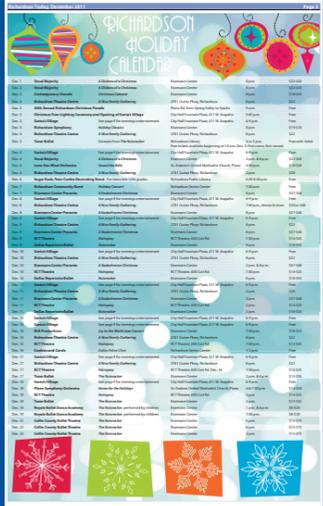


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A variety of entertainment including the Community Band, choirs and dancers will be on hand at this year's Santa's Village.

Santa's Village officially opens holiday season

Every December thousands of lights flood the Richardson Civic Center lawn, illuminating a charming fantasyland. Santa's Village opens the first Saturday in December following the lighting of Richardson's towering pecan tree that stands in front of the City Hall/Civic Center. This year, Santa's Village is officially open 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 3-4, 8-11 and 15-18.

The Santa's House provides the jolly old elf a temporary abode where he will greet thousands of very good children. Santa's home away from home is actually two structures—one for Santa's throne where he greets all the little boys and girls, and another, Santa's workshop, that makes waiting in line to see the big fella more fun.

Each evening the Village is open, Santa arrives at 6 p.m. on a blaring fire truck. He is accompanied by Mrs. Claus, who hands out cookies to children in the Bakery. But, she also helps Santa look his best by curling the beard each night before his appearance at the Village.

The Village is staffed by dedicated volunteers for 10 nights and City staff members estimate that about 30,000 people come to the Village during each season. Santa's

Village is a Richardson tradition for the young and the young-at-heart who still believe in the magic of Santa. As you stroll through the Village, enjoy 16 charming houses filled with fun and festive activities for the entire family. Have your picture taken with Santa; pick up some of Santa's magic reindeer food to leave for Rudolph on Christmas Eve; visit the North Pole Police Station; stop by and

see Frosty; play an instrument; try on fire-fighting equipment and receive mini-physicals for a favorite stuffed animal; pet Santa's puppies and kittens; mail a letter to Santa and possibly see a puppet show. All these and more are available when you come to Santa's Village.

Richardson's Santa's Village was first installed in 1989 as a series of tents with a wooden façade that was painted each year. Over the

years, corporate neighbors have helped fund the 16 dwellings.

Entertainment is scheduled each night the Village is staffed, adding to the festive atmosphere of lights, laughter, music and the joy of the holiday season. The entertainment schedule is listed on page 9 of this publication, or see <http://www.cor.net/SantasHomepage.aspx>.



Richardson's Christmas Parade "The Spirit of Giving" is Dec. 3

Richardson's 40th Annual Christmas Parade—"The Spirit of Giving"—is Dec. 3 and will begin at 9 a.m. and travel north from Richardson Square Mall to Apollo Drive and disband at the Huffhines Park Ballfields. It is produced by the City of Richardson and will have more than 100 entries including floats, marching units and bands representing civic clubs, schools, churches, homeowner's associations, area businesses and corporations. The traditional event benefits NETWORK of Community Ministries.

Opportunity Bank is the lead sponsor this year and has donated the expense of the broadcast. Richardson residents will be able to view the parade on Richardson's Time Warner Digital Tier Cable Channel 16 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99 beginning Dec. 11 through Jan. 1, 2012. Please see table below for air times.

Parade air times	Dec. 11-Jan. 1
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Fri. & Sun.

Rudolph Sponsor is the Richardson Rotary Clubs. Reindeer

Sponsors include: Papa Murphy's/Richardson, Richardson Central Kiwanis Club, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Friends of the Library, Leadership Richardson Alumni Association and View-Point Bank.

The Parade's Award Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall Civic Center Complex. Be sure to stay after the Award Ceremony for the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village!

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.



Recycle your trees and boxes this holiday season

Don't send it to the landfill—"Tree Cycle" Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital landfill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to mulch their unflocked Christmas trees. From Dec. 26 to Jan. 31, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

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

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

Tree cycling guidelines

- Trees must be real (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day (your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4407 if you are unsure which day is your recycling day.



Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 4, 2012. Locations listed below are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

- Police Substation—2003 E. Renner Rd.
- Custer Park—700 W. Renner Rd. (near the tennis courts)
- 1500 Apollo Rd. (near the Huffhines Tennis Center courts)
- Breckinridge Park—5200 Park Vista (near the baseball complex)
- Recycle Center—102 N. Cottonwood (all recyclable items)

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



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Laura Maczka appointed to state commission

City of Richardson Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka was recently appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to serve on the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC). The CSEC works to preserve and enhance public safety and health in Texas by collaborating with regional and local governments and other state agencies to oversee the Statewide 9-1-1 and Poison Control Programs.

"We are proud to have Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka serve on the Commission on State Emergency Communications," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "This appointment by Gov. Rick Perry speaks volumes to the leadership we have in our City and our reputation for excellence in the

provision of services such as emergency-related communications to our residents. Laura's selection for this commission is also a great testament to her leadership experience and her dedication to public service."

Maczka's term began Sept. 1, 2011, and she will serve until Sept. 1, 2017. The commission consists of 12 members representing various public and private sector interests. Members are appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house to represent cities, county governments and emergency communications districts. Three of the members are ex-officio and represent state agencies.

Maczka is the second Richardson City Council Member to be named to the committee. Council Member Steve Mitchell also served.



Laura Maczka

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

from Mayor Bob Townsend



Mayor Bob Townsend
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Dear Resident,

December is such a wonderful month in our great City! The first Saturday is always the annual Christmas parade—going strong for 40 years now! The parade starts at 9 a.m. on Plano Road at Richardson Square Mall and continues to Apollo Road. This year's grand marshals are former Richardson Mayor Gary Slagel and his beautiful wife, Pat. Of course you know that Gary served our City for 24 years before retiring this past May. I am honored to be filling his highly capable shoes.

At 5 on the evening of the parade (Dec. 3 this year), awards are given to the most outstanding parade participants and then the fun really begins! At 5:45 p.m., the gorgeous old pecan tree that graces the front lawn of the Civic Center is lit as is the whole of Santa's Village. Santa himself arrives on a fire truck at 6 p.m. to open the first night of the annual, magical Santa's Village. If you've never been to Santa's Village, I really encourage you to come out to this charming, old-fashioned village where children of all ages play and enjoy the wonderful merriment of the holidays. Santa's Village is open 6-9 p.m. Dec. 3-4, 8-11 and 15-18, but the lights are on throughout the Christmas season and you are welcome to come to the Civic Center and walk around even if the little dwellings are not open. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who staff the Village each year, and believe me, while the weather is often perfect in Richardson in December, it can get mighty cold too. The volunteers persevere in temperatures warm and frigid. When "Santa is in the house," the dwellings are staffed to provide various fun activities for chil-

dren. Entertainment is ongoing on the outdoor stage where you can enjoy all the sights and sounds of the season as school children and neighbors sing and dance and express their holiday joy.

But Santa's Village is really only ONE of the many holiday events that are scheduled throughout December. See page 3 of this issue of *Richardson Today* for a full list of music, dance, theatre and fun for all in this festive month.

I hope you have the merriest of Christmases!

If you have any questions about our community, please feel free to visit the City's website at www.cor.net or contact me or any of our City's Council members directly.

Sincerely,

Bob Townsend
Mayor
bob.townsend@cor.gov

Altrusa honors "Outstanding Women of Today"

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow at the 8th annual luncheon Oct. 21.

Of the 19 women nominated, the winners were: Corporate: Sally L. Crawford, J.D. (Jones Day Law Firm); Education: Pamela K. Quinn, M.S. (The LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications); Government: Rep. Stefani Carter (State of Texas House of Representatives); Nonprofit: Kirsten Brandt James (Junior Players); Small Business: Susan McMahan (Close to You, Inc.); and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow: Celina Ann Cardenas (Richardson ISD).



2011 Richardson Altrusa honorees—(l-r) Pamela Quinn, Sally Crawford, Kirsten Brandt James, Susan McMahan, Rep. Stefani Carter and Celina Ann Cardenas

Sanitation schedule/recycle make up days

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Friday, Dec. 23; Monday, Dec. 26; or Monday, Jan. 2. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Thursday, Dec. 22	Wednesday, Dec. 21
Friday, Dec. 23	Thursday, Dec. 22
Monday, Dec. 26	Tuesday, Dec. 27
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Wednesday, Dec. 28
Monday, Jan. 2	Tuesday, Jan. 3
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Wednesday, Jan. 4

City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates
City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court	Dec. 23-26 & Jan. 1-2
Library and Animal Shelter	Dec. 23-26 & Jan. 1-2
Recreation Centers	5 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Senior Center	5 p.m. Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Tennis Center	3 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31 & Jan. 2 6 p.m. Dec. 26, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Oct. 10 and 24 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.

Oct. 10

Public Hearing, Zoning File 11-16: A request by Jim Lampassi, representing PETCO Animal Supply Stores, Inc, to revoke Ordinance 2937-A, a Special Permit for an educational amusement center; and to request a Special Permit for a boarding kennel at 751 S. Central Expressway (east side of Central Expwy, between Belt Line Rd and Spring Valley Rd), currently zoned C-M Commercial; was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 11-17: A request by Mani Bhushan, representing Taco Ocho, for a Special Permit for a Private Club at 930 E. Campbell Road (southwest corner of Campbell Road and Firman Drive), currently zoned IP-M(1) Industrial Park, was approved.

Oct. 24

Consent Agenda
Ordinance No. 3841 amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning to grant a Special Permit for

a boarding kennel located at 751 S. Central Expressway, on a 1.36 acre tract of land zoned C-M Commercial. **Ordinance No. 3842** amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning to grant a Special Permit for a Private Club located at 930 E. Campbell Road, on a 6.64 acre tract of land zoned IP-M(1) Industrial park, said tract being described as Lot 1, Block C, J. L. Williams Addition in Dallas County, Texas.

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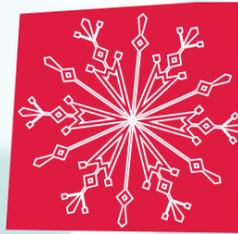
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RICHARDSON HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 1	Vocal Majority	<i>A Dickens of a Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$22-\$43
Dec. 2	Vocal Majority	<i>A Dickens of a Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$22-\$43
Dec. 2	Contemporary Chorale	<i>Christmas Cabaret</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$18-\$25
Dec. 2	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 3	40th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade		Plano Road from Spring Valley to Apollo	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 3	Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village		City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	5:45 p.m.	Free
Dec. 3	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 3	Richardson Symphony	<i>Holiday Classics</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$19-\$74
Dec. 3	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 3	Tuzer Ballet	Excerpts from <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Richardson Library	4 or 5 p.m.	Free with ticket
			Free tickets available beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 3. First come, first-served.		
Dec. 4	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 4	Vocal Majority	<i>A Dickens of a Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$22-\$43
Dec. 4	Lone Star Wind Orchestra	<i>Sound the Bells</i>	St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Plano	4:30 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 4	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 6	Sugar Rush, Teen Cookie Decorating Event For teens 6th-12th grades		Richardson Public Library	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	Richardson Community Band	<i>Holiday Concert</i>	Richardson Senior Center	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	Eisemann Center Presents	<i>A Kodachrome Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$37-\$40
Dec. 8	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 8	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	7:30 p.m., dinner & show	\$30 or \$40
Dec. 8	Eisemann Center Presents	<i>A Kodachrome Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$37-\$40
Dec. 9	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 9	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 9	Eisemann Center Presents	<i>A Kodachrome Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$37-\$40
Dec. 9	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 9	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$10-\$55
Dec. 10	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 10	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
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Dec. 10	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 10	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$10-\$55
Dec. 10	UTD 35th annual Holiday Sing	Community sings holiday favorites	UTD Performance Hall	8 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 11	Eisemann Center Presents	<i>A Kodachrome Christmas</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$37-\$40
Dec. 11	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	2 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 11	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$10-\$55
Dec. 15	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 15	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	7:30 p.m., dinner & show	\$30 or \$40
Dec. 16	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 16	RLB Productions	<i>Joy to the World Jazz Concert</i>	Eisemann Center	7:30 p.m.	\$18-\$25
Dec. 16	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy, Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 16	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 16	Cookies and Carols	<i>Dallas Police Choir</i>	Richardson Senior Center	1-2 p.m.	Free
Dec. 17	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 17	Richardson Theatre Centre	<i>A Nice Family Gathering</i>	2701 Custer Pkwy., Richardson	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 17	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 17	Tuzer Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 6 p.m.	\$15-\$35
Dec. 18	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 18	Plano Symphony Orchestra	<i>Home for the Holidays</i>	St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$42
Dec. 18	RCT Theatre	<i>Hairspray</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	2 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 18	Tuzer Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$15-\$35
Dec. 18	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	<i>The Nutcracker</i> , performed by children	Eisemann Center	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.	\$8-\$20
Dec. 19	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	<i>The Nutcracker</i> , performed by children	Eisemann Center	7:30 p.m.	\$8-\$20
Dec. 19	Cheryl's Carols	Voice students sing holiday songs	Richardson Senior Center	2 p.m.	Free
Dec. 21	Collin County Ballet Theatre	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	6 p.m.	\$15-\$75
Dec. 22	Collin County Ballet Theatre	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	6 p.m.	\$15-\$75
Dec. 23	Collin County Ballet Theatre	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$15-\$75



City buys properties for new neighborhood park

The City of Richardson has closed on the purchase of four properties in the Heights neighborhood that will allow for the creation of a new neighborhood park. The park is one of the Proposition 2 projects approved by voters in the 2010 Bond Program.

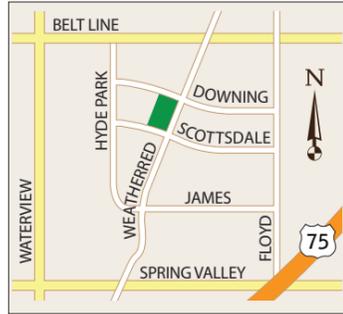
The properties that have been purchased are located at 400, 402, 404 and 406 South Weathered Drive and cost a total of \$782,000. The general location of the park was determined through public input meetings leading up to the 2010 bond election and in the park design process.

The next step is holding community meetings to gather feedback on the desired amenities to be featured in the park. A schedule for those meetings has not been set, but they are expected to kick off in early 2012.

The 2010 Bond Program allocates \$2,363,500 for the construction of new neighborhood parks in the Heights and

Northrich neighborhoods. Options for a possible neighborhood park in the Northrich neighborhood are still being explored.

The projects were proposed in the 2010 Bond Program because the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan shows a need for parks in these two neighborhoods. Once the new facilities are constructed, the City will have met its goal of providing a neighborhood park within walking distance of every home in the City.



New neighborhood park to be located between Belt Line and Spring Valley on Weathered.

Ribbon cut for new trail section

City Council Members, staff and local officials celebrated the opening of the Spring Creek Trail extension at a ribbon cutting ceremony held Thursday, Nov. 9.

The new extension is a 1.3 mile, 12-foot wide concrete trail that extends the popular Spring Creek Trail north under Renner and US 75 and ends at Alma Road and the George Bush Turnpike. The trail also travels south following Prairie Creek under US 75 and

then turns north to connect with the Renner Trail (see map at right).

The wide, concrete trail accommodates multiple uses including walking, jogging, biking, strolling and in-line skating. Federal, state, county and local dollars helped to pay for the design and construction of the trail that allows users of the trail system a safe passage under busy roadways.



New trail section in red; existing trails in green



Cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the new trail are from left: Council Members Amir Omar and Scott Dunn, Collin County Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Mayor Bob Townsend, Congressman Sam Johnson, Council Member Kendal Hartley, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka and Council Member Mark Solomon.

Thank you to our 2011 Wildflower! Sponsors!

We look forward to partnering with these fine organizations again in May 2012 when we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Wildflower!

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NTMWD seeks alternate water sources during drought

With more than 90 percent of the state of Texas experiencing "extreme" drought conditions, cities across the state are searching for methods to shore up their water supplies. The North Texas region is actually faring slightly better than most thanks to early rains last spring, but the region is still in the "moderate" to "severe" drought category.

The current drought is approaching its second year anniversary, and, as it does, water suppliers are implementing conservation efforts to extend current available supplies. The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which supplies water to the City of Richardson, requested that its member cities implement Stage 3 water restrictions effective Nov. 1. Richardson's Stage 3 water conservation plan allows for watering landscape twice a month on the first and third Saturday and first and third Sunday based on address.

The water levels at the NTMWD's two main reservoirs are down considerably. Lavon Lake,

the major water supplier is down almost 13 feet and is at 48 percent of its storage capacity as a result of the drought and NTMWD has lost the Lake Texoma raw water supply due to the presence of invasive zebra mussels.

The NTMWD is currently considering short-term water supply strategies to help meet the water needs of its member cities and customers which include implementing "seasonal" pumping from Lake Texoma, purchasing raw water, extending the Texoma pipeline to the Wylie Treatment Plant and accelerating the pipeline construction that will bring water from the Trinity River.

Possible water strategies include:

Pumping water from Lake Texoma

The NTMWD normally receives an average of 82.8 million gallons a day (MGD) of raw water from Lake Texoma, or almost 28 percent of its annual supply. NTMWD submitted a request to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in August to

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4

resume pumping water from Lake Texoma when the water temperature drops below 54° F, as this provides effective control of the zebra mussel larvae. If the USACE approves the request, the NTMWD could resume pumping this month and recover 25-30 percent of the Texoma supply before the water temperature rises and pumping is stopped.

Temporary

Raw Water Purchase

NTMWD is in negotiations with the Dallas Water Utilities for a five-year contract to purchase up to 60 MGD of raw water from the City. The water could come from Lake Ray Hubbard and Lake Tawakoni and would be delivered by existing Lake Tawakoni and/or East Fork transmission facilities. The NTMWD board could approve the contract this month and it could go before the Dallas City Council in February.

Texoma

Pipeline Extension

The NTMWD has begun planning for a pipeline extension from the existing Texoma Pipeline to

the Wylie Water Treatment Plant that would re-establish the Lake Texoma supply. The construction for the 46.5 miles of 78-inch diameter pipeline could be completed and in service by August 2013. The pipeline will use gravity for water flow so there will be no need to build pump stations.

Main Stem Pipeline and Temporary Pump Station

The NTMWD is planning to accelerate the construction of a 15-mile pipeline that will use a temporary pump station to move water from the Trinity River main stem (the downstream large channel segment), located south of Combine and west of Rosser, north to the Wetlands area. Once the water is pumped to the Wetlands, a conveyance pump station will send it north to Lavon Lake through an existing raw water line. The project could be completed by June 2013.

According to the National Weather Service, North Texas had the second driest year on record from Oct. 2010 to Sept. 2011 with only 17.24 inches of rain. The cur-

rent forecast is for drought conditions to continue through summer based on La Niña global weather patterns. Current projections show it will require 18-21 inches of additional rain to end the drought in North Texas. Since such rainfall is currently not in sight, everyone is being asked to share in water conservation efforts to extend the supply.

The City of Richardson website, www.cor.net, can provide more information on stage 3 water restrictions currently in effect as well as tips on water conservation. Visit www.ntmwd.com for information on the North Texas Municipal Water District.



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

City earns gold award for financial transparency

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has reaffirmed Richardson as a Gold member in the State Comptroller's Leadership Circle Awards. The award recognizes Richardson for its efforts to make finances open and accessible.

The Gold Leadership Circle Award, the Comptroller's highest ranking, is reserved for those local governments "that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online," according to the Comptroller's website, located at www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/checkup/leadership.php.

"It is reassuring to know we continue to stay on the right course to providing accountability and accessibility to the City's financial records," said Mayor Bob Townsend. "The City Council and I have made it a priority to see that people have access to information about how their government is run, and it's good to have recognition like this to let us know we continue to excel in providing financial documents and service."



Texas Comptroller
Leadership Circle
Gold Member

The City's Financial Transparency website went online Dec. 1, 2010, and provides the ability to sort through a variety of municipal financial documents. Of special note, the City Council wanted to provide residents access to the City's check register. The register makes available information on all payments issued by the City.

The website also provides access to City employee salaries, an online form to facilitate open records requests and a program enabling convenient tracking of projects included in the 2010 Bond Program.

The City's financial transparency website is located at www.cor.net/transparency.aspx.

Council revises rental registration program

The Richardson City Council was expected to approve an amendment to a City ordinance at its Nov. 28 meeting that alters and enhances the City's rental registration program. The expected change came in response to one of the Council's near term action items: to review and evaluate the program to develop fee alternatives and strategies to increase compliance.

In 2004, the Rental Registration Program was created for single family residential dwellings. Its purpose is to help ensure that tenants of rental homes, duplexes and townhomes have a dwelling that meets minimum property, health, fire and zoning standards. Inspections are conducted by City staff to ensure these standards are met and may be done when there is a change of occupancy, code violations have been observed by staff, or a tenant requests an inspection.

Currently, there are 2,561 rental properties registered in the City. Of these, 1,799 have had at least

one documented violation within the past 12 months (does not include interior violations). The average number of violations per rental property is 1.95.

The ordinance now includes several policy and procedural enhancements to the program:

- Annual registration fee increases to \$75 to defray the expense incurred in administering the program
- Inspection is required upon change in occupancy – within 30 days of tenant moving in
- The evaluation criteria will be updated and a score sheet used to assess the condition of properties
- A score of 85 or higher is required to pass the annual inspection. With a score of less than 85, a reinspection is required at an additional \$90 charge for the first and \$120 charge for all subsequent inspections.

The changes called for in the revised ordinance take effect Jan. 1.

City property taxes due to county Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31 and should be paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where you live. Beginning in April of last year, the City began outsourcing its property tax billing and collection service to the county tax offices.

The 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.

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

NETWORK seeks holiday donations

The NETWORK Santa Program 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 information 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 located at 741 S. Sherman. Call 972-234-8880 or see www.thenetwork.org for more information.



Richardson CIVIC CENTER

Make your event special at the Richardson Civic Center

411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, Texas 75080

972-744-4090

www.cor.net/civiccenter

Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

Texas Stamp Dealers

Dec. 2-3

www.texasphilatelic.org

The Richardson Civic Center can accommodate groups from 10 to 750

December 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, jlr.tx.com

Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or

steagle@sbcglobal.net

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-680-0943 or http://

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/

RichardsonHost

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

Exchange Club of Richardson

972-680-8613

Family Groups

Single Parent Action Network

suehardin@att.net.

MOMS Club of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or www.

canyoncreekmomsclub.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

972-527-4632, 972-690-8525 or

214-750-0506

The Woman's Center

972-231-9206

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

http://hasr.org/about/

League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

www.lwvrichardson.org

NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273

972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

Plano/Richardson Coin Club

214-287-4817

Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304 or

www.abwa-richardson.org

Richardson Humane Society

972-234-5117

Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or

richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

Richardson Republican Women, 214-675-1849 or

kerrylgaines@gmail.com

Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

Richardson Tea Party

dleopard@aol.com

Richardson Wireless Klub

http://k5rwk.org

Seniors' Net

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

Support Groups

Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505 or

www.dallasamputeenetwork.org

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation North Dallas Support Group

972-965-1467

DFW Spondyloarthropathy Support Group

degrowkingsley@gmail.com

Toastmasters Groups

Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters

972-387-4709

Richardson Evening Toastmasters

214-534-0885

Hallelujah High Toastmasters

vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net

Richardson Noon Toastmasters

469-235-3586

Texins Toastmasters

214-566-4086 or

http://texins.freetoasthost.org

Veteran's Groups

Richardson VFW Post 8627

972-671-8627

Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627

972-231-0495

North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530

972-231-3269

Korean War Veterans

972-279-7000

WWII Veterans

214-361-6294

Military Officers Women's Club

972-644-6871

Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

Richardson American Legion Post #368

972-479-1505

NSC holiday gathering Dec. 2

The Neighborhood Service Council's holiday gathering will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 2 at 13959 Peyton Dr., Dallas. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to shawn@nscikids.org or call 972-239-3501.

Neighborhood Service Council is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that provides free, after-school programs and summer day camp for economically disadvantaged children in North Dallas and Richardson. NSC is funded by donations and relies heavily on volunteers to help children in need.

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho
972-744-7800



Special Events

Annual Richardson Community Band Holiday Concert, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome! Don't miss this holiday tradition! **Cookies and Carols, Dec. 16, 1-2 p.m.** Enjoy an afternoon of a "tried and true" holiday tradition. You bring a plate of your favorite holiday cookies to share and enjoy.... we will provide the hot chocolate. The snow and the fireplace are not included! The Dallas Police Choir will be here to entertain you.

Cheryl's Carols, Dec. 19, 2 p.m.

Cheryl Hayes, our voice and piano instructor, along with several of her voice students will add a special touch to the winter birthday party. Come for cake and punch and be presented with a vocal gift of carols just for you. You may be in the holiday spirit and sing along. Happy holiday birthdays from Cheryl and her students to you!

Out to Lunch Bunch Dec. 20, Cheesecake Factory

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

Travel Opportunities

Check our Travel Board at the Senior Center for 2012 travel opportunities with Eagle Travel and Heritage Tours.

Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for cancellation policy and questions.

2012 Trip Show Jan. 12, 1:30 p.m.

You are invited to our 2012 Trip show, highlighting trips planned by both Eagle Travel and Heritage Tours for the new year. Get your bags ready!

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
 - Meals and tour guide gratuities
- Single per person—\$2,614
Double per person—\$2,238
Triple per person—\$2,144
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, including gratuities
 - 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.

City Wide Pet Day thanks

This year's City Wide Pet Day, held Nov. 5, was a big success. Lots of folks and their pets had big fun, in large part thanks to the efforts of the following people and groups. Produced by Richardson AnimaLuv, City Wide Pet Day proceeds benefit the medical care of animals at the Richardson Animal Shelter.

Veterinarians

Animal Medical Center of Richardson
Vet House Animal Hospital
Buckingham-Plano Road Animal Hospital
Breckinridge Animal Hospital
Beltline-Plano Animal Hospital
VCA Pet Doctor Animal Hospital
Pavillion Animal Hospital

Sponsors

Dallas National Insurance Company
Mark Baker
Opportunity Bank
Bank of Texas
CVS
Caliber Commercial Cleaning
Kristy Thomasson
Samsung
Chuck Bauer
Marilyn Frederick
Bean Dog Café
Dawg Daze Photography
Fur de Lis Pet Parlor
Liberty Mutual
Pappy's Pet Lodge
Garland Pawsibilities
PETCO
PetLove Mobile Grooming
Velvet Snout
The Dog Barkery
Network Home Services
Tiff's Treats
Sugar Lime Studios
Sunshine
Canine Pet Service
Scentsy Candles
Ardy's For Paws Grooming
Canine Carousel Grooming
Fisher Pylate
Top Dog FreeStyle
Search One Rescue
Run-On
Bob Purcell (Music)
American Dream Consulting
Home Exterminating Services, LLC
Paws Over Tradition, LLC
Methodist Regional Medical Center

Concessions

Dr Pepper/Snapple
Frito Lay
Tom-Thumb
Davids Meat Market
Costco
Corner Bakery
Casa Milagro
Sweet Mix
Uptown Bakery
Starbucks
Kona Ice
Sonic
The Boarding Bungalow-North Dallas

Special Thanks

Owens Spring Creek Farm
All of our wonderful, dedicated volunteers
City Wide Chairmen
City of Richardson officials and staff
Rescue groups
Vendors
Parade judges



HASR volunteers, left to right are: Bonnie Perry, Linda Korn and Woody Alexander

HASR honors volunteers

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) held its annual Volunteer of the Year Luncheon in November. There were 16 nominees in four categories. The winners were: Community Leadership: Bonnie Perry, nominated by members of the Richardson community; Humanitarian: Linda Korn, nominated by Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling; Education: Woody Alexander, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center, and Group: Altrusa International of Richardson, nominated by NETWORK of Community Ministries.

The HASR purpose is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson in a nonprofit, nonpolitical forum for better communication, coordination and cooperation among the service agencies serving RISD.

December Calendar

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
includes eclectic December shows

Written and directed by Pat Hazell, author of the 2008 hit "The Wonder Bread Years," **A Kodachrome Christmas** will run in the Bank of America Theatre Dec. 7-11 as part of the ViewPoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series. The opening night performance will take place at 8 p.m. Dec. 7.

Earlene Hoople takes us on a fond trip through the holidays of yesteryear on her local cable access show. Remember cranberry sauce with ridges, waking up at 4 a.m. to open presents, and Dad trying to find that one burned-out lightbulb? Hazell, a former Seinfeld writer and celebrated Boomer humorist whose signature wit celebrates Americana and pop cultures, points his unique lens at Christmas past. Buckle up because Earlene is dangerously close to crafting her way out of her mind and into your heart this holiday season.

From Heart to Art: The Romantic Music of Franz Liszt takes place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12. The sizzling virtuosity and seductive lyricism of the 19th Century's rock star of the piano, this show will feature the beautiful music of Franz Liszt. Program content will range from the beloved "Liebestraume" to the exuberant "Hungarian Rhapsodies" and is part of the continuing "Keyboard Conversations" series.

A Ride With Bob: The Bob Wills Musical starring Ray Benson and Asleep at the Wheel returns to

the Eisemann Center for five performances Dec. 28-31.

For more than 40 years, Asleep at the Wheel front man Ray Benson has been showcasing his brand of Western Swing, has racked up nine Grammy® awards, was named both Texan of the Year and the recipient of the Texas Medal of the Arts in 2011 but even he knows—in Texas, Bob Wills is still king!

In 1973 after the release of the band's first album (which paid tribute to the music of Bob Wills), Benson was invited by his idol to Dallas for a meeting. Upon his arrival, he learned Wills was not feeling well and the meeting was postponed for the next morning. That same night Wills had a stroke and went into a life-ending coma. In "A Ride with Bob," Benson finally gets to have his conversation with the Spirit of Bob, who visits him on the Asleep at the Wheel bus late one night. The fascinating and sometimes outrageous stories of Wills' career, his contribution to American music and his raucous personal life unfold. The drama includes performances of Wills' most famous songs, including "San Antonio Rose," "Faded Love," "Cherokee Maiden," "Take Me Back to Tulsa" and many more.

This two-act play features Ray Benson (as himself), Asleep at the Wheel members including fiddler Jason Roberts (as Young Bob Wills), and actor Marco Perella (as Spirit of Bob Wills).

"A Ride with Bob" debuted with six sold-out shows at the State Theater in Austin as a commemoration of Bob Will's 100th birthday in 2005. It was an instant hit with audiences and critics, garnering several nominations from Austin Circle of Theaters Awards and fueled a four-city tour of Texas and Oklahoma that fall. In 2006, the show rode high into San Antonio, Fort Worth, San Francisco, CA and Washington, DC where President and Mrs. Bush were in attendance at the renowned Kennedy Center. Since then, the play has continued to introduce many to the legend of Bob Wills as well as remind others of a bygone era. Response to the play has been glowing. Liz Smith calls "A Ride with Bob," "The most entertaining night in Texas." And John Wooley of the *Tulsa World* wrote that the play is "...as raucous, spirited and joyous as the music that inspired it."

An optional New Year's Eve Party (10:30 p.m.—1 a.m.) will take place following the Dec. 31 performance at the Renaissance Dallas-Richardson Hotel featuring music by Asleep at the Wheel and The Quebe Sisters Band. Party tickets will only be available to ticketholders for "A Ride With Bob: The Bob Wills Musical" (any performance).

For more information about these shows or any of the events at the Eisemann Center this month, go to www.eisemanncenter.com or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

At the
Library

900 Civic Center Drive
972-744-4350



General Interest

Tuzer Ballet presents excerpts from "The Nutcracker"

Dec. 3, 4-4:30 and 5-5:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. Free required tickets available beginning at 10 a.m.

Zentangle program for adults

Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon or 2-3:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. Registration required.

Book Groups

BOOKbabble Group

Dec. 14, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Alice I Have Been" by Melanie Benjamin. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

BOOKbabble Group

Dec. 21, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "City of Thieves" by David Benioff. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

BOOKbabble @ Nite

Dec. 27, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Help" by Katherine Stockett. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.

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.

Teen Activities

"Sugar Rush!" Teen Cookie Decorating, Dec. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. For teens, grades 6-12.

Food/Pet Food Drive by Teens Dec. 10, 17, Children's Program Room, noon-5:30 p.m.

"Fizzie Flicks" Dec. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., First Floor Program Room. For teens, grades 6-12.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?

Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.

Writer's Guild of Texas Dec. 19, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Library closed for holidays:
Dec. 23-26
Jan. 1-2

"Hairspray" for
the holidays

It's time to let your hair down and dance the night away. "Hairspray," Broadway's musical comedy phenomenon that inspired a major motion picture, will be performed by Repertory



Company Theatre, Dec. 9-18. Show includes a cast of 40 talented performers including the vivacious Haley Ellis as Tracy.

This fantastically fun musical is the winner of eight 2003 Tony Awards including Best Musical and includes favorites, "Good Morning Baltimore" and "You Can't Stop The Beat." "Hairspray" opened on Broadway in August 2002. The 2007 film based on this version of the musical broke the record for biggest sales at opening of a cinematic musical.

Repertory Company Theatre presents "Hairspray," Dec. 9-18 at Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$14 youth and can be purchased in advance by calling the Box Office at 972-690-5029. Advance ticket purchase strongly recommended.

For more information call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

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



The Vocal Majority
"A Dickens of a Christmas"
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. Dec. 1, 2, 4
2 p.m. Dec. 4
Tickets: \$22-\$43
www.vocalmajority.com

The Contemporary Chorale
"Christmas Cabaret"
Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. Dec. 2
Tickets: \$18-\$25

Richardson Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Classics
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. Dec. 3
Tickets: \$19-\$74
www.richardsonsymphony.org

Certain Music
2011 Student Fall Recital
Bank of America Theatre
10 a.m. Dec. 3
Tickets: \$5
www.certainmusic.net

"Piano Daf & More" by Masoud Eskandar
Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. Dec. 3
Tickets: \$20-\$40
www.noteirani.com



EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
"A Kodachrome Christmas"
Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. Dec. 7, 8, 9, 10
2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11
Tickets: \$37-\$40
www.kodachromechristmas.com

Dallas Repertoire Ballet
"The Nutcracker"
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. Dec. 9, 10
2 p.m. Dec. 10, 11
Tickets: \$15-\$55
www.danceada.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
Keyboard Conversations
"From Heart to Art: The Romantic Music of Franz Liszt"
Bank of America Theatre
7:30 p.m. Dec. 12
Tickets: \$23-\$28
www.keyboardconversations.com

RLB Productions
"Joy to the World"
Jazz Concert
Bank of America Theatre
7:30 p.m. Dec. 16
Tickets: \$18-\$25
www.rlbproductions.com

Tuzer Ballet
"The Nutcracker"
Hill Performance Hall
2 p.m. Dec. 17, 18
6 p.m. Dec. 17
Tickets: \$15-\$35
www.tuzerballet.com

Royale Ballet Dance Academy
"The Nutcracker"
Bank of America Theatre
1 p.m., 6 p.m. Dec. 18
7:30 p.m. Dec. 19
Tickets: \$8-\$20
www.royaleballet.com

Collin County Ballet Theatre
"The Nutcracker"
Hill Performance Hall
6 p.m. Dec. 21, 22
2 p.m. Dec. 23
Tickets: \$15-\$75
www.ccballet.com



EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
"A Ride with Bob—The Bob Wills Musical"
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31
2 p.m. Dec. 29
Tickets: \$30-\$60
www.aridewithbob.com
New Year's Eve Party
10:30 p.m. Dec. 31, following show
Tickets: \$50 for ticketholders (of any performance) of "A Ride with Bob"
Renaissance Hotel
www.marriott.com

Pegasus Theatre
"The Frequency of Death"
Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30, 31
Tickets: \$20
www.pegasustheatre.org



Back stage with Cirque Mechanics at the October performance at the Eisemann Center.

From the Fire Marshal . . . Have a safe and happy holiday

The holidays mean good food, parties and lots of family and friends. Unfortunately, it's also the time of year when there are a lot of home fires. The Richardson Fire Department would like every resident to have a happy and safe holiday season. To help ensure this, the following are some safety measures that you can use in planning for the holidays.

Christmas Tree

- When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Lights should be listed by a testing laboratory.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed, or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.

- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Children are fascinated with Christmas trees. Keep a watchful eye on them when around the tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do



not place the tree where it may block exits.

- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly combustible and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Candles

- Did you know that more candle fires start in living rooms, dens, dining rooms and kitchens

during the month of December than any other month of the year?

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Don't place lit candles in windows or near doorways, where drafts could bring combustibles in contact with the flame.
- Keep candles away from natural and artificial Christmas trees and from all holiday decorations.

Gift-wrapping and boxes

- Always dispose of gift-wrapping immediately after you open the gifts. Don't try to burn the paper in a fireplace. Place the paper in the trash after you have removed the wrapping.

Smoke alarms

- A quick check of your smoke alarm will ensure that you will

have sufficient warning of impending danger. Also, plan and practice your family's fire escape plan. Remember, visitors could be unfamiliar with the best routes out of an unfamiliar house, especially in an emergency.

- A smoke alarm, fire extinguisher or carbon monoxide detectors make excellent Christmas gifts. More than 90 percent of fire deaths occur in residential dwellings between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. when occupants are asleep. Smoke alarms alert occupants when a fire is still small and there is still time to escape.

Christmas time is a joyous occasion. We must not let the excitement of that time be overshadowed by a destructive fire at home. Instead, let's give ourselves a gift of fire safety that will last throughout the year.

*Stephen A. Dossett
Fire Marshal*

Car burglars use garage openers for home access

Car burglars are interested in stealing cell phones, car stereos, GPS units, laptop computers and other valuables inside your car. Now, some burglars are interested in your garage door opener too. Thieves are removing remote garage door openers left inside the resident's vehicle parked in the driveway and using them to open the overhead garage door and continue stealing items from inside the garage. In one recent incident, the burglar found the car unlocked in the rear driveway and after using the remote opener to enter the garage, discovered the interior door to the home unlocked. The thief was able to steal smartphones and a purse from the home before running away when the homeowner confronted him.

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim, park your vehicle in the garage if you can. Remember to remove all your valuables, including your garage door opener from your vehicle. Lock your vehicle and activate the alarm if it is equipped with one.

Some homeowners do not lock the interior garage door, feeling safe that the overhead garage door is closed and secure. This is not adequate for home security. Make sure your interior garage door is a solid core wood door or metal door and install a dead bolt lock and a security strike plate to reinforce it. Treat the interior garage door as you would the front door to your home with regards to quality and maintenance.



It is also a good habit to have your home alarm system activated when you go to bed. Most alarm systems have the ability to disable the motion sensors separate from the contact sensors on your doors and windows allowing you to walk around the home with the alarm on. This will help in the event an intruder attempts to make entry while you are home.

Practicing good crime prevention methods can "target harden" your home and property, reducing the opportunities for crime to occur. You can reach the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 if you have questions or need further information.

Winterize your home against wildlife

As the holidays approach, many of us will be receiving house guests. And as annoying as that eccentric Uncle Harry can be, he's nothing compared to the nuisance uninvited four-legged visitors can provide.

Cooler temperatures mean unwanted visits from rodents and small mammals seeking a warm place to spend those cold nights. Here are a few tips from the Richardson Animal Shelter on how to "critterproof" your home:

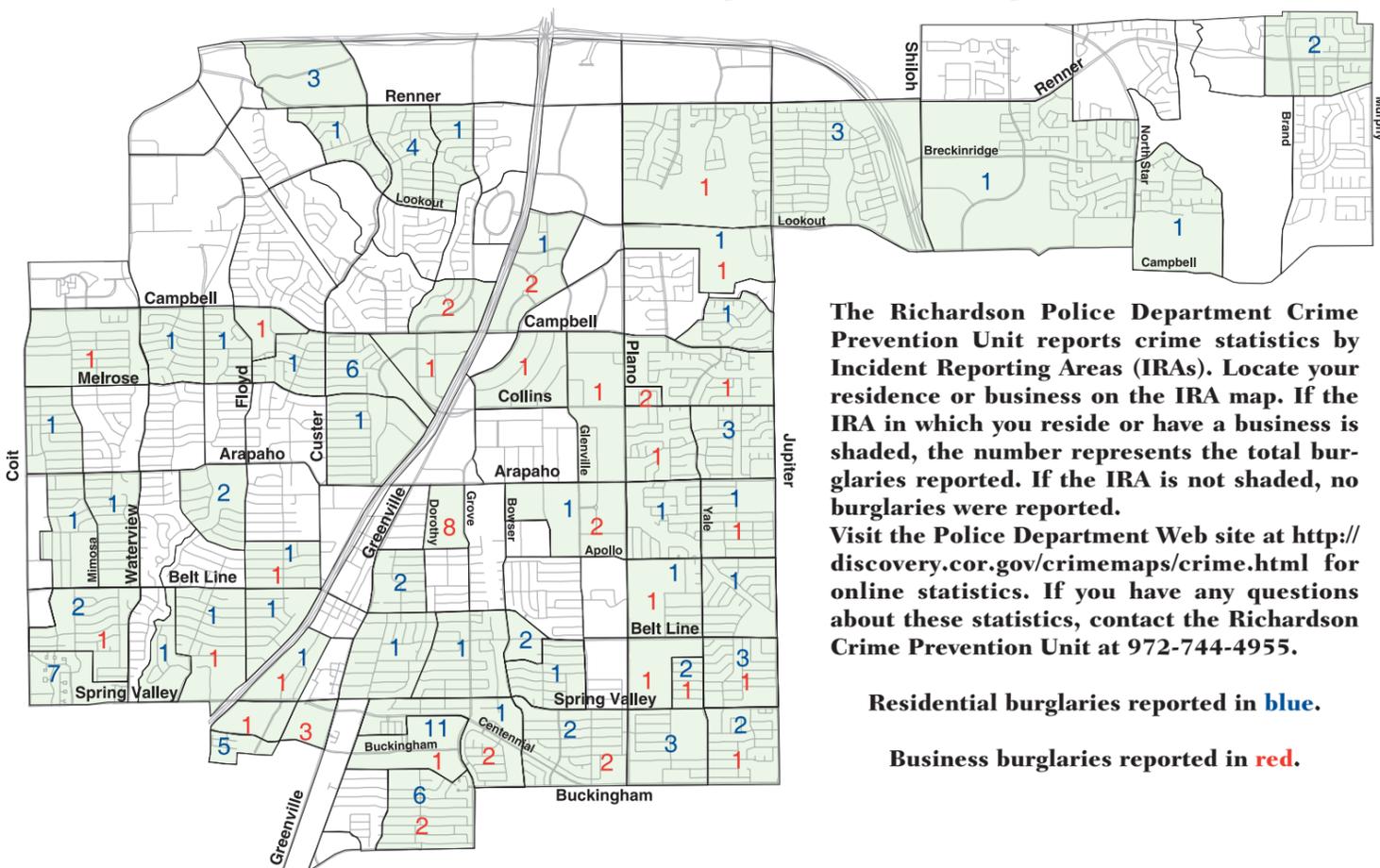
- Inspect the exterior of your home. Pay particular attention to loose siding and holes near the roofline. Even holes as small as 1/4 inch can allow mice inside.
- Check around pipes leading into the house—laundry rooms are notable targets.
- In North Texas, attics and garages are the favorite hangouts for small animals. Turn the lights out in these areas during

the day and look for sunlight entering the room. Those areas are possible entry points.

- Make sure no animals are inside before you permanently seal entry points. Plug holes loosely with insulation paper or cloth and wait a few days. If the plug has been knocked loose, contact the Richardson Animal Shelter at 972-744-4480 to borrow a live trap. They are free to City residents, but may require a slight waiting period.
- Once there's no sign of wildlife, caulk small holes or make permanent repairs to larger ones.
- Cut away low hanging branches over your house. These can provide easier access for animals to find entry into your attic.
- Make sure there are no animals in your chimney, then cap off the top with metal grating.

For questions or more information, contact the Richardson Animal Shelter at 972-744-4480.

Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



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

Visit the Police Department Web site at <http://discovery.cor.gov/crimemaps/crime.html> for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

RPD now on Twitter

Tweets are now coming from the Richardson Police Department. Twitter is now part of the department's effort to keep citizens informed of the police activity taking place in addition to their new Facebook page.

Twitter will be used to focus on alerts and brief items of interest related to public safety. With the addition of Twitter, the Richardson Police Department will be able to reach a larger number of people and offer more choices to receive the information on computers, smartphones, tablets and other devices offering access to social media.

Messages will be posted concerning safety tips, activities, and department programs with the hope of increasing participation at events and in the crime watch programs. You can follow the RPD on Twitter at www.twitter.com/RichardsonPD.

For more information or if you have questions, call the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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

Boys and girls ages 2-6. Limited seating so register today! Pre-registration required. Two seating times.

Huffhines Recreation Center
Thursday, Dec. 15

#62785: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 #62786: 10-11 a.m.
 Fee: \$10 per person



Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
 Jan. 9-27
 Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: \$42

Adult Leagues
 Jan. 9-Feb. 24
 Singles cost: \$30
 Doubles cost: \$24




Adaptive Event

ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Come join us for Addison's rock n' soul holiday spectacle—Rockin' Christmas Party! This production will bring on the Christmas spirit as the cast shakes, rattles and rolls down Santa Claus Lane! Six of the hippest performers in town and a swingin' live band "rock around the Christmas tree." We will meet at the Addison DART transit station (4925 Arapaho Rd.), eat dinner and walk to the theater. Fee is \$30 plus the cost of dinner. Ages 18 and older.

Friday, Dec. 9
3:45-10:30 p.m.
 Heights Recreation Center
 Registration #65785



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.

Entertainment at Santa's Village

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| <p>Saturday, Dec. 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 p.m. Parade Award Ceremony 6 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Lighting of Santa's Village 6 p.m. Richardson Community Band 7 p.m. Berkner HS Bandolera Drill Team 7:20 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers 8 p.m. Rich-Tone Chorus <p>Sunday, Dec. 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers 6:30 p.m. Dance Unending Performing Company 7 p.m. Melva Smith School of Dance 7:45 p.m. Dallas Power House of Dance Drill Company Solos 8:15 p.m. JJ Pearce Mustang Stampede 8:30 p.m. TBD <p>Thursday, Dec. 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Pearce Theater, Family Series 6:30 p.m. TBD 7 p.m. Richardson High School Desperados 7:30 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Children/Teen Choir 8 p.m. Nathan Johnson <p>Friday, Dec. 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel 6:30 p.m. The Dartmouth Elementary School Choir 7 p.m. Praise Party School of Dance 7:30 p.m. Studio Dance Centre 8 p.m. Yale Elementary Honor Choir 8:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 1579 from Arapaho Classical Magnet | <p>Saturday, Dec. 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Canyon Creek Christian Academy 6:30 p.m. DANCE, ETC! 7 p.m. Contemporary Chorale 7:30 p.m. The Dixie Grand Cloggers 8 p.m. JJ Pearce HS Forté 8:30 p.m. RHS Legacy <p>Sunday, Dec. 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. North JH Encore 6:30 p.m. Park Cities Baptist Church Youth Choir 7 p.m. Sounding Brass <p>Thursday, Dec. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Prairie Creek Sign Choir 6:30 p.m. Miranda Marie Garcia 7 p.m. Matille Torres 7:30 p.m. Talent N More Dance Centre 8 p.m. Emily Minyard 8:30 p.m. Joseph Gomez <p>Friday, Dec. 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. Kassy Levels 7 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts 7:20 p.m. Next Step Dance Hip Hop Crew 7:30 p.m. London School of Dance 8 p.m. Jay Wilson and Friends <p>Saturday, Dec. 17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. The Dixie Grand Cloggers 6:30 p.m. Class Act Tap Company 7 p.m. Burning Embers 8 p.m. Next Step Dance Hip Hop Crew 8:05 p.m. Garland Divas Dance Group 8:20 p.m. America's Girl Pageant <p>Sunday, Dec. 18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 p.m. First Baptist Church Richardson's Jazz Band 7 p.m. Sounding Brass |
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CITY OF RICHARDSON PHOTOGRAPHY 2011 CONTEST

Keva Fitzgerald Exhibit
 Dec. 16-Jan. 4
 Library 3rd Floor

Best of Show 2011 Winner's Exhibit and 2011 Judge's Exhibit
 Jan. 9-26, 2012
 Library 3rd Floor

2012 Photo Contest Dates

Entries accepted Jan. 9-22
 Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available Jan. 31 at www.cor.net

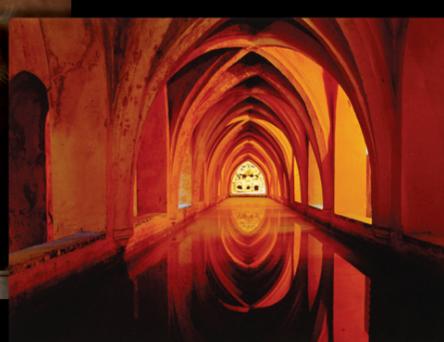
2012 Contest's Results Exhibit, Jan. 30-Feb. 20
 Library 3rd Floor

2012 Awards Ceremony & Workshop, Feb. 21
 Civic Center Grand Hall, 6-8 p.m.

For more information on the City's annual Photography Contest, visit www.cor.net on or after Dec. 1 and click on the Photography Contest link.

2011 Winners:
 Far left, Student Best of Show: Miranda Moses (human figure)
 Middle, Adult Best of Show: Tim Judson (domestic animal)
 Left, Proficient Best of Show: Jerry Comer (architecture)





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. 20 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 Jan. 9.

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 Jan. 9.

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 Jan. 24 and 31 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. First quarter will start Jan. 5 and ends March 19.

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

Plus Lesson
 Classes will start Jan. 10 and will run for 20 weeks through May 20. Class fee is \$65 per person if registered and paid by Jan. 10; \$75 per person if registered and paid after Jan. 10. Free "Chili Night" Intro to Square Dance Jan. 3.

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.

Quilt Essentials
 Learn the art of both hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters are welcome. The class meets on Tuesdays with instruction available from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. on Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. The class offers specialty projects, field trips to quilt shows and quilt shops and annual quilt retreats. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC Quilting
 Beginning appliqué techniques will be taught. Encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students will be shared. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to "catch up" on their quilt tops. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16/month. Jan Eby instructs.



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

Fun with Oils
 A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Learn from an experienced painter and teacher how to improve your oil paintings. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of 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 Jan. 4. Space is limited so sign up early.



AARP Driver Safety Classes
 Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Dec. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	6-10 p.m.
Jan. 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	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:

Dec. 6 and 8	6-9 p.m.
Jan. 3 and 5	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:

Dec. 12 and 15	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 10 and 17	1:15-4:15 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. 15. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

Programs

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.

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.

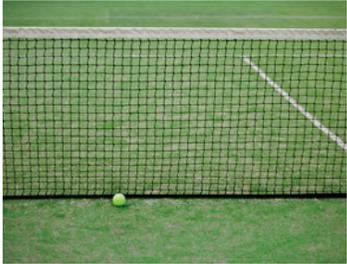
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820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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.

The Vintage Dance Club

The following calendar lists the new dates for December and January senior dances.

Dec. 3	Russ Dorsey
Dec. 10	Gary Lee
Jan. 7	Doc Gibbs
Jan. 14	Ronnie Martin
Jan. 28	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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 in remaining as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Debbie Childre, Director of The Seniors' Net, at 972-234-8880.

The Seniors' Net "Loaves of Love" program has expanded! Seniors residing within the Richardson ISD may shop for free loaves of bread at the Network offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursday's from 9-11 a.m. and Friday's noon-2 p.m.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. 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. Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 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

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, Rummikub, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.

RPL's top books for holiday giving

Adult Nonfiction
 "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell
 "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson
 "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand
 "Paula Deen's Southern Cooking Bible" by Paula Deen

Adult Fiction
 "1Q84" by Haruki Murakami
 "11/22/63" by Stephen King
 "Art of Fielding" by Chad Harbach
 "Before I Go to Sleep" by S.J. Watson
 "Explosive Eighteen" by Janet Evanovich
 "The Heir" by Grace Burrowes
 "Keeper of Lost Causes" by Jussi Adler-Olsen
 "The Litigators" by John Grisham
 "Locked On" by Tom Clancy
 "The Marriage Plot" by Jeffrey Eugenides
 "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern
 "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline
 "Robopocalypse" by Daniel H. Wilson
 "Scottish Prisoner" by Diana Galaldon

Teens
 "Divergent" by Veronica Roth
 "Legend" by Marie Lu
 "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs
 "Heist Society" by Ally Carter
 "The Name of the Star" by Maureen Johnson

"Prom & Prejudice" by Elizabeth Eulberg
 "Shelter" by Harlan Coben
 "Trapped" by Michael Northrup

Teen Series:
 "Beautiful Creatures" by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl
 "The Iron Fey" by Julie Kagawa
 "Maximum Ride" by James Patterson

Youth
 "The Absolute Value of Mike" by Kathryn Erskine
 "because of mr. ertuapt" by Rob Buyea
 "The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories" by Dr. Seuss
 "The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale" by Carmen Agra Deedy
 "Darth Paper Strikes Back" by Tom Angleberger
 "Guinness World Records 2012" by Guinness World Records
 "Okay for Now" by Gary Schmidt
 "Secrets at Sea" by Richard Peck
 "Wonderstruck" by Brian Selznick

Preschoolers and Babies
 "The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse" by Eric Carle
 "If You Give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff
 "My Very First Mother Goose" by Iona Archibald Opie
 "Ten Little Caterpillars" by Bill Martin Jr. and Lois Ehlert

Learn the art of Zentangle

Adults and teens 16 and older are invited to sign up for one of the Library's Zentangle classes to be held Saturday, Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m.-noon or 2-3:30 p.m. 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.



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






Fizzle Flicks

Teens: 6th-12th grade
 1st Floor Program Room
Tuesday, Dec. 27
6:30-8:30 p.m.

The WORST movies!
 The WORST seating!
 The WORST popcorn!

It's the Season for Seuss!

Santa's Village

Fountain Plaza (behind the library)

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

Sportswriter Delaney at Library Jan. 7

Award-winning national broadcast personality, Kate Delaney, will appear at the Richardson Public Library at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 to tell stories from her new book, "Level the Playing Field: Balls, Brats and Other B.S." The book is guaranteed to help you drive the conversation and astound your friends, co-workers and family with interesting facts, trivia, and mind-blowing anecdotes from the world of sports!

Kate has interviewed more than 12,000 people in her 20 years in radio and television. She is one of only two women to ever host a sports radio talk show in a Top 10 market including The Ticket and KRLD in Dallas. Kate is the

winner of a television Emmy Award and several Golden Mic Awards. She currently hosts a national radio talk show, "America Tonight" and writes a weekly column in the *Dallas Sports Page Weekly*.

This free program will be in the Library's basement program room. All are invited to attend and registration is not required. For more information call Janet at 972-744-4376.



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.

TOEFL Prep Class begins in January

Registration is now open for the new series of TOEFL preparation classes that will be held at the Library every Saturday from Jan. 14 through May 26. Prospective students must pass a level 5 English test and have a current Richardson Public Library card. Call Yolanda Medina before Dec. 13 at 972-744-4368 for more information or to register.

Richardson Public Library will be CLOSED for the holidays Dec. 23-26 and will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. The Library will be CLOSED also on Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.