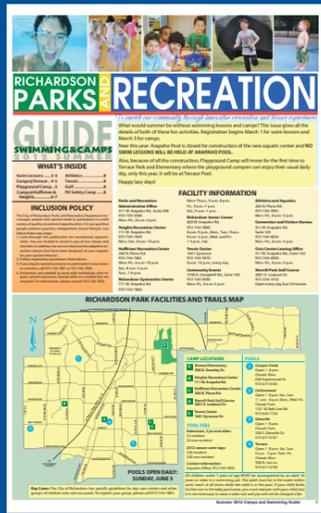


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City Manager Bill Keffler to retire; Council names Johnson as successor

City Manager Bill Keffler announced Feb. 7 that he is retiring from the City of Richardson after a 35-year career with the City, 17 as City Manager. His last day will be May 31, 2012.

"Bill Keffler has become something of an institution in this community," Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend said. "This is one of those days that you always knew would eventually come, and I am happy to see that Bill can leave at a time when our community is really doing well and has a lot going for it. Much of our success is thanks to his hard work and dedication, but we are fortunate that he has also had the foresight to put a very capable management team in place, which can help us as we transition to a new leader for the organization that makes up the City of Richardson."

Keffler has spent his entire career in city management with the City of Richardson. His service as City Manager began in 1995. Before then, he served as Deputy City Manager (1985-1995); Assistant City Manager (1981-1985);



Bill Keffler
City Manager
(retires May 31, 2012)

Assistant to the City Manager (1979-1981); and as an Administrative Assistant (1977-1979).

"I've had a tremendous experience serving here with the City of Richardson these past 35 years. This is a phenomenal community. I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to raise my family here and to enjoy a life-long association with the many outstanding



Dan Johnson
Deputy City Manager
(assumes role June 1, 2012)

public servants that make up the City of Richardson," Keffler said. "Any success I have achieved as City Manager is directly attributed to the outstanding team of people that I have worked with over the years. From past to present City Councils to every person who works for the City, this has been a tremendous life experience."

Throughout his tenure, Keffler

has strongly promoted City-wide and regional partnering efforts; has demonstrated an abiding commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency, support for municipal operations innovations, willingness to undertake new initiatives in the areas of urban planning, economic development and community revitalization and strong focus on professional leadership and mentoring.

At its Feb. 13 meeting, the Richardson City Council voted unanimously to appoint Deputy City Manager Dan Johnson to succeed Keffler, effective June 1, 2012. The decision came within a week of Keffler's announcement.

"The strength and course of our community is on the right track, and we have a tremendous management team in place that makes that possible," Townsend said. "Selecting Dan to be our next City Manager is the most logical and best choice we can make to ensure we maintain our success with economic development and financial stability in the community."

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Historic "rocket ship" inspires art for Heights Park

Historically significant rocket ship playground equipment that generations of families enjoyed at Heights Park will be transformed into a work of art at the new recreation center and aquatics center. The artwork will not only include the playground equipment itself, but it will also convey the important role of technology and telecommunications in Richardson's economic growth over more than a half century.

The City Council unanimously approved a recommendation to select artist Jeff Laramore to create the work, one of the first pieces of public art to be incorporated into a City capital project.

Laramore, an Indianapolis artist, will attempt to use as much of the original historic playground equipment as he is able to as he creates the public art piece.

According to Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Massey, the "Rocket Gateway" will be situated between the new recreation center and the new aquatics center. It features a classic 1950s-era radio tower and will have seating near its base as a public gathering area with decorative lighting. Its style will match that of the new Heights Recreation Center.

"The building has a style of architecture that's reflective of the neighborhood it's in," Massey

said. "The concept had to fit the direction the building and the park is taking. This particular artist really understood it."

As the City Council sought public input about including art in the Heights recreation projects, an External Stakeholder Committee was formed of citizens from the community to develop goals for the art project, review artist qualifications, select artist finalists and recommend an art concept. Laramore was chosen from three finalists and the Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission confirmed the selection by recommending him to the City Council.

Committee members said they liked numerous aspects of the design, including the way that it invokes Richardson's past, present and future, as well as the way the piece includes the City's strong connection to the technology industry. They also liked that it incorporated playground equipment used by Richardson children for decades.

The City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan recommends that public art be included in capital projects budgets.

"Public art is so important, and to be working with a Richardson icon is exciting," Massey said.



Online applications may be down for web changes

The City of Richardson plans to launch its new website the first week of this month and will begin the process of switching from the old to the new March 1.

During the first few days of the transition period, some parts of the website will still have the older appearance, and some links may not work. This is a temporary situation and plans call for the new website to be online and fully operational March 5.

Stage 3 water restrictions remain in effect

The North Texas Municipal Water District's (NTMWD) Board met at the end of January to discuss its conservation efforts and its plan to extend the existing Stage 3 water restrictions until June 1.

The NTMWD has asked its member cities to remain in Stage 3 water restrictions through the spring. The district will continue to monitor and assess water supplies throughout the next two to three months and will make a decision to move to Stage 4 only if necessary.

The District based its decision on the following:

- There has been a change in the long-term weather forecast and the dry La Nina weather pattern is expected to end in March

- More rainfall is expected in the spring months than previously anticipated
- More water inflow has entered the reservoirs than the worst case model predicted
- Plans call for additional water to be purchased from Dallas Water Utilities
- Most cities are approaching or meeting their conservation goals

The rain received in recent weeks has helped, but the Lavon Lake level is at 487 feet, or 79 percent full. While the rain has been welcomed, significantly more rain-

fall is needed to fill area lakes to their normal levels.

Stage 3 water restrictions mean that Richardson residents may water their lawns ONLY before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. twice per month, depending on the address. Those whose addresses end in an even number may water on the first and third Saturdays of the month, while those whose addresses end in odd numbers may water on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Currently we are at:

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

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Dec. 19 and Jan. 9 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 AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

Dec. 19
Public Hearing, Zoning File 11-22: A request by Richard Ferrara, representing 7-Eleven, for a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards at the southwest corner of Renner Road and North Star Road, was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 11-23: A request by Brian Nebel, representing 7-Eleven, for a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards at 170 E. Spring Valley Road was withdrawn at the applicant's request.

Consent Agenda Ordinance No. 3848, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by adding the definition of Smoking Establishment and to allow Smoking Establishments by Special Permit.

Ordinance No. 3849, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning for a 5.87-acre tract of land from O-M Office with Special Conditions to RP-1500-M Patio Home with Special Conditions.

Jan. 9
Consent Agenda Ordinance No. 3850, amending the

Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by deleting the requirement for a retail building on a 1.29-acre site to allow a drive-thru restaurant; said tract being described as Lot 3, Block 2, University World Addition in Dallas County.

Ordinance No. 3851, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with Special Conditions on a 1.58-acre tract of land located at the southwest corner of Renner Road and North Star Road.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Resident,

On Feb. 13, the City Council took an important step aimed at maintaining the ongoing success of our City in the areas of economic development and financial stability by appointing Dan Johnson as Richardson's next City Manager.

Dan will assume his new role June 1, 2012, the day after Bill Keffler retires from 35 years of service to the City, 17 of those as City Manager. The Council's decision was unanimous, and we believe that selecting Dan is the most logical and best decision for the community.

As Deputy City Manager, Dan has served as the City's Chief Operating Officer (COO). In that position, he worked closely with Bill and others on the management team on many projects and initiatives that have benefitted the City.

After Bill announced his retirement plans to the community Feb. 7, the City Council met to discuss how to choose the next City Manager. We considered whether to employ an executive search firm to assist in the selection process, but determined we had the talent and experience required of our next City leader on the management team already.

While many organizations use a search firm to fill key leadership positions, many others choose to promote from within. There are many advantages to be gained from developing leadership through the ranks, and the City Council has long advocated succession planning across the entire City organization.

In fact, even when cities use a search firm, they often end up selecting an internal candidate. Just over a year ago, the Plano City Council hired a search firm to



Mayor Bob Townsend
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look for a new City Manager before choosing to promote a Deputy City Manager to the leadership post. The Richardson City Council decided not to incur the additional time and expense of a formal search because we believe Dan is the best choice for our community.

I hope you will join the Council and me in welcoming Dan into his new role with the City and in celebrating the many accomplishments that Bill has achieved in his career. We will miss Bill and his leadership, but we believe Richardson will be well-positioned for many future successes with the continuity Dan will bring.

Sincerely,

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CPC meetings to be broadcast live

As part of the City Council's transparency initiative, City Plan Commission (CPC) meetings will be broadcast live beginning with the March 6 meeting.

CPC meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings will stream live on the City's website, www.cor.net and broadcast on the City's cable TV

channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website and cable TV.

TV replay times	Days of week
8 a.m.	Thursdays
Noon	Saturdays

City Manager Bill Keffler to retire; Johnson named successor

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Johnson brings 35 years of experience as a city administrator and has been Richardson's Deputy City Manager since 1997. Before his move to Richardson in 1996, Johnson served in various management positions at the City of Carrollton, including three years as City Manager and eight years as Deputy City Manager.

Johnson is widely regarded as a leader in the city management field. He is past president of the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas, a past Director At-Large of the Texas City Management Association and is the group's 2010-12 Chairman of the Ethics Committee.

"My time serving with Richardson has been the most fulfilling and extraordinary professional experience I have had during my 35-year career and I appreciate this vote of confidence from the City Council," Johnson said. "The City Council has expressed a comprehensive vision of community initiatives that will sustain our quality municipal services and prepare us for the challenges of tomorrow. I

look forward to having the opportunity to work with our exceptionally talented and dedicated staff to implement and accomplish these initiatives."

During their service, both Keffler and Johnson have focused on building partnerships in the local community and across North Texas to achieve critical goals set by the City Council. Keffler has encouraged strong links to Richardson's neighborhoods by partnering with the City Council in holding monthly meetings with 62 homeowner and neighborhood associations. He has also developed a strong connection with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, promoting the Richardson Economic Development Partnership to lead joint economic development efforts and the introduction of Richardson's Telecom Corridor® brand, which has spread Richardson's name worldwide as a leader in high-tech innovation.

Johnson has also been part of that process, and played a central role in Richardson's economic development process through the development of recruitment and sup-

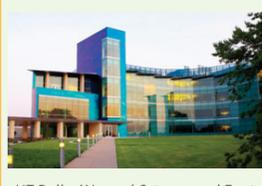
port strategies for projects such as the Texas Instruments Wafer Fabrication facility, the 5,000-employee Bank of America/Countrywide Home Loan facility and the 330-room Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center. Johnson also served as project manager for the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations at Galatyn Park, and led the creation of a 900-acre Richardson Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to support redevelopment initiatives along Central Expressway and West Spring Valley.

Keffler and Johnson have known each other nearly 35 years and started their public administration careers in North Texas. Over the last 16 years, they have worked closely to establish strong relationships with the City's institutional partners and the development community while keeping the City Council's goals and vision at the forefront. The time line below highlights some of the events and accomplishments that have occurred in the City of Richardson during their tenures.

BILL KEFFLER	
EDUCATION	
Notre Dame	May 1975
Bachelor of Arts/Government	
Texas Tech	May 1977
Master of Public Administration	
LBJ School of Public Affairs	1986
Public Executive Institute	
REGIONAL AFFILIATIONS	
University of Texas at Dallas Development Board	1999-Present
Erik Jonsson's School of Engineering & Computer Science Executive Committee	2003-Present
Advisory Council for the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences	2004-Present
North Texas Commission Board of Directors	2000-Present
Executive Committee	2001-Present
Richardson Regional Medical Center Hospital Authority Board	1998-Present
Methodist Richardson Medical Center Advisory Board	2009-Present
Methodist Hospital System Board of Directors Planning Committee	2012
COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS	
Richardson Chamber of Commerce	
Co-Chairman of Richardson Economic Development Partnership	1986-Present
Advisory Board	1995-Present
Ex-officio member of Metroplex Technology Business Council	1993-Present
Leadership Richardson Advisory Board	1989-Present
Richardson YMCA Board of Directors	1985-Present
Executive Committee	1992-Present

DAN JOHNSON	
EDUCATION	
Austin College	1977
Bachelor of Arts/Political Science	
University of North Texas	1982
Master of Public Administration	
LBJ School of Public Affairs	1988
Public Executive Institute	
REGIONAL AFFILIATIONS	
North Central Texas Council of Governments Review Committee for annual Linda Keithley Award	1986-Present
Government Application Review Committee	1986-1989
Adjunct faculty positions:	
University of Texas at Dallas	
Texas Tech University	
University of Texas at Arlington	
University of North Texas	
Austin College	
COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS	
Richardson Chamber of Commerce	
Richardson Economic Development Partnership	
Leadership Richardson, Class XII	
Public Affairs Committee	
Membership Committee Captain	
Metrocrest Area Fund/Communities Foundation of Texas	
Boy Scouts of America, Circle Ten Council, North District	
Center for Non-Profit Management, Dallas Carrollton/Farmers Branch Rotary Club	
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas	
Leadership Metrocrest (Carrollton, Coppell, Addison, Farmers Branch)	

The time line below offers a glimpse of just some of the events and achievements that have occurred in Richardson during the tenures of Bill Keffler and Dan Johnson.

<p>1977</p> <p>Keffler joins City staff.</p>  <p>Construction of new City Hall.</p>	<p>1998</p> <p>Richardson Corporate Challenge created.</p> 	<p>2006</p> <p>Voters approve \$55M bond program including \$9.75M for neighborhood vitality program to create strong, consistent neighborhood images.</p> <p>City creates 900-acre TIF zone to encourage redevelopment in Central Expressway and West Spring Valley corridors.</p>	<p>2009</p> <p>Richardson Comprehensive Plan wins CLIDE award for Public Planning and Policy.</p>  <p>Texas Instruments opens state-of-the-art RFAB facility. The facility is an economic development project that includes Richardson, the State of Texas and UT Dallas.</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>Plan for Bush Turnpike TOD wins CLIDE award.</p>  <p>Digital Realty Trust converts Collins campus to Cloud Computing Center.</p>  <p>VCE locates major operation in City.</p> <p>Donations raised through Corporate Challenge to the Texas Special Olympics surpass \$1 million.</p> 
<p>1995</p> <p>Keffler appointed City Manager.</p> 	<p>2002</p> <p>Four DART light rail stations open in Richardson.</p>  <p>Eisemann Center opens in Galatyn Park.</p>  <p>City tightens belt; pursues economic diversification.</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>TEXAS INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>City receives two CLIDE awards: for Spring Valley Station/Centennial Park plan and Texas Instruments Semiconductor Fabrication plant.</p> <p>City creates Home Improvement Incentive Program, spurring >\$31M in home improvements.</p> 	<p>2010</p>  <p>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas opens new headquarters in Galatyn Park area.</p> <p>Moody's upgrades Richardson's bond rating to "Aaa."</p>  <p>Voters approve \$66 million bond program for streets, parks, recreation and public safety facilities, and neighborhood vitality.</p> <p>Texas Comptroller grants City Gold Leadership Circle Award for financial transparency.</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>City deploys open-standards P25 radio communications system that saves ~\$5 million while providing state-of-the-art equipment.</p> <p>Keffler announces retirement. Johnson appointed new City Manager effective June 1.</p>
<p>1996</p> <p>Johnson joins City staff.</p> 	<p>2005</p>  <p>The Block wins Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) award.</p>	<p>2008</p> <p>Standard & Poor's upgrades Richardson's bond rating to "AAA" due to strong financial management.</p>		

Council approves designs for 2010 Bond Projects at Heights Park

At its Jan. 30 work session, the City Council gave the final approval to the 2010 Bond Program projects scheduled to replace three facilities at Heights Park.

The 2010 bond Program includes the replacement of the Heights Recreation Center, Arapaho Public Pool, and Heights Gymnastics facility. All three projects have been undergoing extensive review and design.

Work on the replacement facilities will begin this May, and completion of the projects is scheduled for early next year. As part of the planning, the gymnastics facility is being moved to a new building to be constructed on the southeast corner of Arapaho and Grove Road. The facility will be larger and offer more amenities so that it can be used to host

regional competition events. The recreation center and pool will remain at Heights Park, and will also be upgraded and expanded to offer more amenities.

The Heights Recreation Center will remain open during most of the construction process since the replacement facility is located adjacent to the building. However, the center will have to close for approximately three months in early 2013 for work to complete. Huffhines Recreation Center on Plano Road north of Belt Line road will be available for services while Heights Recreation Center is unavailable. The gymnastics center is scheduled to open in January 2013. The new pool and recreation center are scheduled to open in May 2013.

Rendering of Heights Rec Center and Aquatics Center



Rendering of Gymnastics Center



Volunteers help create Wildflower! success

Putting on an event like the Wildflower! Festival that draws up to 70,000 visitors over three days takes quite a few helping hands.



Hundreds of volunteers not only make Richardson's arts and music festival possible, they also truly make it a community event. Businesses, civic groups, members of the community and City employees come together to provide assistance to Wildflower! patrons.

Many of the volunteers return year after year. Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Cottone said that some even come back after moving away from the City—traveling from as far away as Ellis County, North Richland Hills and Greenville just to take part in the annual Wildflower! excitement.

"We certainly could never do this without the support of the volunteers," said Cottone, who has coordinated volunteers for nearly every one of the 20 festivals. "I always say to them, you're hosting a big party."

Andy Lozano and his fiancé started volunteering five years ago after they had been to Wildflower! a few times as visitors.

"You could see with the volunteers the smile on their faces—they were having a good time," Lozano said. "As a patron you're enjoying the music. When you get behind the scenes, you see all the work that goes into it."



Volunteers help at the annual Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival in all kinds of capacities and areas.

City explores rec center options with City of Murphy

If two heads are better than one, than surely two cities working together to plan and build a new recreation center is an idea with a probable good outcome.

The City of Richardson and the City of Murphy, its smaller neighbor to the northeast, have been discussing the possibility of joining forces on the construction of a new recreation center to be built in the far northeast portion of the City of Richardson known as "the panhandle."

At the end of January, some 200 residents of both cities gathered to participate in the giddy fun of creating a "wish list" for a new recreation center—itemizing the amenities they would most like to see.

Though Richardson and Murphy are the only governmental participants right now, there is hope that more neighboring communities may be willing to join forces on a recreation center in the area where parts of Richardson, Mur-

phy, Garland, Plano and Sachse converge (see map on this page).

The process is only in the infancy stages, with the two cities currently agreeing on funding a feasibility study to research the viability of a joint center and to assess the indoor recreation opportunities that are currently available in the area.

"Like all good partnerships the final outcome has to benefit both parties," said Richardson Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Massey.

If both City Councils agree to move forward on the project, a second phase of the feasibility study will be conducted in late spring to determine the size, functions, cost and operations of a joint facility. Residents will be asked for input again in that phase of planning.

Richardson City leaders anticipate that funding for a joint facility would need to be supported by a future bond program that would require voter approval.



Residents attending the joint recreation exploratory meeting expressed their preferences for amenities in a new center.





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Richardson restaurants win food safety awards

Some local food service establishments received a certificate and a letter of congratulations from the City of Richardson Health Department in February. The letters and certificates were sent to all establishments that maintained a high level of commitment to food safety as observed during food service inspections conducted in 2011.

Only those establishments that serve or handle food and have had no violations of 3, 4 or 5 point deductions observed on the unannounced food service inspections during the year qualify. Additionally, the establishment must maintain documentation that food service workers employed at their

locations have been trained in proper food handling.

"We are pleased to acknowledge the facilities that have qualified for this award, now in its eighth year," said Bill Alsup, Richardson Health Director. "This award provides positive reinforcement to our food service facilities and encourages a focus on food safety. Recipients should be proud of their accomplishment," Alsup said.

The award is presented annually and all recipients are recognized on the City of Richardson's website at www.cor.net/CityHall/Health.

The following list includes restaurants and eating establishments open to the general public, but not

schools, day cares, company cafeterias, medical/assisted living facilities or convenience stores. The complete list of recipients is available online.

FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS

- Courtyard by Marriott
- Double Tree Dallas North/Lounge
- International House of Pancakes
- The String Bean
- International Buddhist
- Progress Society

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

- Baskin Robbins
- Chick-Fil-A
- Jersey Mikes Subs
- Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches

- Methodist Richardson Medical Center Coffee Shop
- Potbelly Sandwich Works
- Smoothie Factory
- Sonic Drive-In #4853
- Starbucks Coffee #11567
- Starbucks Coffee #6244
- Starbucks Coffee #9669
- Subway #10640
- Subway #13374
- Subway #5750
- Taco Bell #2586
- Taco Bueno #3021
- Target #1430 - Restaurant/Food Avenue
- Target #1430 - Starbucks
- UTD-Novel Brew
- Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers

GROCERY STORES

- Seven-Eleven #32917
- Seven-Eleven #34360
- Target Stores #1430-Bakery
- Target Stores #1430-Deli
- Valero Corner Store #1199
- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market #2974-Deli
- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market #5074-Meat Mkt

BAKERY/CATERING/CARRY OUT

- Culinary Affairs
- La Rosette Bakery
- Papa Murphy's Take 'N Bake Pizza
- Papa Murphy's Take 'N Bake Pizza
- Radford Cakery
- Zak's Donuts

Nine properties receive Revitalization Awards

Three commercial and six residences were recognized in February as part of the 17th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Council Members Kendal Hartley and Scott Dunn, City Plan Commissioners Bill Hammond and Janet DePuy and Brad Lipton representing the Chamber of Commerce. Nominations are already being accepted for the 2012 awards. For more information, contact Israel B. Roberts at 972-744-4256 or israel.roberts@cor.gov.

Properties receiving a 2011 award are featured on this page.

Brandes Residence—This Canyon Creek home was originally built in the 1960s and was demolished to accommodate a new home. The Brandes home features brick detailing throughout the façade, decorative garage doors, a brick-accented sidewalk leading to a prominent entry that includes a leaded glass window and a recessed arched cedar front door flanked by decorative gas light fixtures. New landscaping completes the redevelopment of this home site.



Brandes Residence

Burton Residence—This Canyon Creek home was also demolished to make way for the Burton family's new home. Their home is constructed with a stone and brick veneer with steeply pitched rooflines and decorative brackets, a dormer, cedar shutters and a walkway that leads to an inviting gabled front porch with heavy timbers, and a French-styled front door. Existing trees were supplemented with newly installed landscape beds.



Burton Residence

Boston Residence—The original home in this quiet Water-view Preservation neighborhood was constructed in the 1960s and was recently demolished. The Bostons, working with their architect and custom home builder, developed an attractive craftsman-style inspired home that incorporates low-pitched rooftop dormers, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafters, decorative brackets, and a prominent deep entry with square tapered pillars. In addition to new landscape bed areas adjacent to the home, several mature trees were retained.



Boston Residence

Kelley Residence—Rick and Tara Kelley, with the help of custom home builder Joe Scolaro, gave new life to this Canyon Creek home. The architectural character has changed dramatically and highlights of this new traditional-styled home feature a brick and hardi-planked façade, new windows with shutters, dormers that provide architectural interest, a covered porch that incorporates new windows, a French front door and square columns. Within the front yard, new landscape material has been installed adjacent to the home to flatter the various architectural features. Maintaining the mature trees is the perfect finishing touch to this impressive renovation.



Kelley Residence

Buie Residence—Scott and Jolie Buie recently completed renovations to this late 1960s Canyon Creek home. The original brick was removed and replaced, and a new roof was installed. Additional architectural enhancements include a bay window accented with a copper roof, dormer windows and a large covered front porch with new windows. A decorative front door helps transform this home. In the front yard, landscaping beds were redone and several mature trees were preserved.



Buie Residence

Berryman Residence—The Berrymans undertook an extraordinary renovation to this mid 1960s home. In addition to a second story with a new brick and stone veneer, additional features include a new front door and new windows with decorative shutters. Most significant is the addition of a covered entrance and the inviting front porch that utilizes a standing seam metal roof with heavy cedar supports. New landscape material was installed and the existing mature trees were maintained.



Berryman Residence

Promenade Center—The Promenade Center was originally built in the late 1970s, and the current owner has recently completed an update that gives the center a more contemporary look. The new design features stone veneer columns with decorative light fixtures, an updated color scheme, the installation of a steel mesh sign-band that also screens vehicles parked on the upper deck and a prominent entrance for the office tower. Modern potted plants sprinkled throughout the property and new colorful landscape material has been installed along Coit Road, further enhancing the appearance of the property.



Promenade Center

Brick Row—In one of Richardson's first attempts to create a transit-oriented development, the City rezoned approximately 60 acres around the Spring Valley Station in 2004. In 2007, the City began working with the owner of nearly 30 acres east of the station to replace a deteriorating apartment complex and 16 single-family homes, all built in the 1960s. The result is an urban, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development comprised of more than 500 apartment units, approximately 44,000 square feet of ground floor retail, just under 150 townhomes and future condominiums. The crown jewel is the two-acre McKamy Springs Park that is central to the overall community. The historic McKamy Spring serves as the focal point for the park. Other significant features include pedestrian plazas, an amphitheater, various internal concrete sidewalks including a hike and bike trail that will connect to the City's Central trail, two playgrounds, mature trees with supplemental plant material, and a future community pool and cabana.



Brick Row



University of Texas at Dallas Visitor Center

University of Texas at Dallas—Initially an advanced studies division of Texas Instruments, the University of Texas at Dallas has evolved to become one of the leading research institutions in the state, as well as a significant partner with the City of Richardson. With the implementation of the Campus Enhancement Project, the University has recently transformed itself with a wide variety of modern and innovative renovations including a redesigned main entryway along Campbell Road that features over 5,000 trees, native plants and a redesigned monument sign. Additional highlights of the Enhancement Project include a series of magnolia-lined linear pools with fountains that lead from the new visitor center into the heart of the campus and multiple new buildings, including the 74,000 square foot Student Services Building and the iconic Natural Science and Engineering Research Laboratory.

March 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, jlrtx.com

Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or

steagle@sbcglobal.net

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-385-3321 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

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

972-234-8880 ext. 115 or

dchildre@thenetwork.org

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

Seniors' Net sets talks

Seniors' Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.–noon the first and third Tuesdays at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St. **March 6:** "Power of Diabetes;" **March 20:** "Know the Signs of Alzheimer's." Information: 972-234-8880.

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho
972-744-7800



Special Events

Out to Lunch Bunch March 20

The Blue Goose in Plano

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

Cheryl's Spring Recital April 20, 1 p.m.

Cheryl's piano and voice students will present their Spring Recital at the Senior Center. Her students are looking forward to showcasing their hard work and accomplishments just for you to enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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, 5 days, 4 nights

- Round trip luxury motor coach transportation from Senior Center to Branson
- Hotel accommodations for four nights
- Breakfast/dinner daily
- Meals and tour guide, including gratuities
- Reserved seating for seven shows: Tony Orlando, Doug Gabriel, The Bretts, Andy Williams, Yakov, Dixie Stampede, Branson Area Festival of Lights

Single per person—\$1,663

Double per person—\$1,384

Triple per person—\$1,318

Final payment due: Aug. 1.

Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more information.

Wines and Wildflowers, Springtime in the Hill Country

April 17-19

Enjoy a relaxed, three-day trip through the Hill Country's spring display of wildflowers, its beautiful rugged scenery and explore the taste of wines from one of the country's most significant wine-growing regions.

- Stop at the village of West for kolaches and coffee
- Texas Hills Vineyards tour and tasting of the Hill Country wines
- Visit Wildseed Farm that offers acres of rainbow-colored wildflowers
- Two nights at the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites
- Gourmet dinners with wine at Navajo Grill and the Cotton Gin
- Two breakfasts at Fredericksburg Inn and one lunch at Auslander's, the quintessential German Hill Country eatery
- Tour of Quintessential Chocolates that hand-makes European style liqueur-filled chocolates. Plan to bring some back home!
- Time to stroll along the picturesque streets and shops or take in the National Museum of the Pacific War.
- Tour LBJ Ranch on the drive back through the legendary Luckenbach
- The route back home to Richardson will take you past the Enchanted Rock, onto Llano and Burnet

Single per person—\$796

Double per person—\$684

Deadline for registration:

March 16

Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more details.

Wildflower! Budding Talent auditions April 22

Calling all vocalists! The *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival is looking for you! We want to hear your voices and see if you have what it takes to perform on the Bank of America Theatre Stage at the Eisemann Center during *Wildflower!* May 18-20.

Auditions will be held at 1 p.m. April 22 at the First United Methodist Church of Richardson, 503 N. Central Expwy.

E-mail wildflowerbuddingtalent@yahoo.com to arrange your audition by sending your name, age and grade, school, city and e-mail address and phone number.

To audition, prepare one song from memory and bring an accompaniment tape/CD. You may also use an acoustic guitar or bring an accompanist for the piano. Please choose appropriate lyrics for a family-oriented festival performance. Songs should be limited to three minutes. Small vocal ensembles (2-4 singers) may also enter. NO bands, but visit www.wildflowerfestival.com or e-mail thedoort@thedoordallas.com for information on the Battle of the Bands registration.

Students will be notified of the outcome no later than May 1. Students will compete by age groups with students from all age categories going on to perform during the *Wildflower!* Festival Sunday, May 20.

The five categories:

- Seedlings: preschool to kindergarten
- Sprouts: grades 1-3
- Buds: grades 4-6
- Jr. Wildflowers!: grades 7-9
- Wildflowers!: grades 10-12

To be eligible to enter you must be 3 years old to current 12th grader. There is no longer a requirement that the performer have a connection to Richardson.

Debutante Ball set March 31

The Richardson Symphony League has planned a debutante ball to be held at 6 p.m. March 31 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson on Campbell Road.

Tickets are available by calling 972-234-4195 and will be on sale at the Richardson Symphony Orchestra (RSO) concert March 10 at the Eisemann Center.

The RSO debutante program is a vibrant, service- and leadership-focused organization and for the past 10 years has included male counterparts as honor guards. Participants work at symphony performances, staff the Symphony's house at Santa's Village and work as pages at the annual RSO Lennox International Young Artists' Competition each January.

RCT presents "Broadway's Best!" March 9-10

Repertory Company Theatre will present "Broadway's Best" at 7:30 p.m. March 9 and 10 at the Courtyard Theatre, 1509 Ave. H, Plano. Tickets are \$65 VIP (includes dessert and coffee) and \$30 reserved seating. Call 972-690-5029 or see www.rctheatre.com.

Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels. The league plays on Tuesday mornings March through October. For more information, contact Elaine Curry, 972-780-5299, or Nancy Stubbs, 972-669-8909.



Junior League of Richardson recently received a \$2,000 donation from Bob Evans Farms, Inc. for its work in the Richardson community. Pictured are JLR board members Jean Lee, Melissa Elliott, Bob Evans Farms, Inc. Plant Manager Ernie Lodics, JLR President Michelle Mann and JLR board member Sebrena Bohnsack.

March Calendar

Four great shows come to the Eisemann Center in March/early April

Four more great, not-to-be-missed shows come to the Eisemann Center in March and early April as part of the 2011-2012 season of Eisemann Center Presents. Tickets are available at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the box office at 972-744-4650.

“Sister’s Easter Catechism: Will My Bunny Go To Heaven?”
8 p.m. March 21, 22, 23, 24
2 p.m. March 24, 25
Tickets: \$37-\$40

Celebrate spring with Sister as she answers timeworn questions of the season such as, “Who was Mary Magdalene?” “Why isn’t Easter on the same day every year like Christmas?” “Will My Bunny Go To Heaven?” and more. Part pageant and wholly hysterical, this latest addition to the Late Nite Catechism series unearths the origins of Easter bunnies, eggs, baskets, bonnets, and even those yummy Easter Peeps. Get ready to participate as Sister runs her own version of the Easter Egg Hunt with special prizes.



Sinbad

8 p.m. March 29
Tickets: \$44-\$62

Actor and Comedian Sinbad arrived on the comedy scene with a “hit ‘em in the face” style of comedy that has kept audiences laughing in the aisles for over the past two decades. He freely admits that he doesn’t know any jokes, except for the ones that his dad told him “back in the day.” Sinbad tells stories and boy does he tell stories! The basis of his humor comes from everyone he meets, everything he’s seen and everything he’s done. Ranked by Comedy Central as one

of the top 100 standup comedians of all time, Sinbad has built a loyal following by taking audiences’ painful trials or embarrassing tribulations of day-by-day life, throwing them back in their faces and causing an uproar of comedic hysteria. His television career began with stand-up appearances on “Star Search.” Soon after, he landed a guest-starring role on NBC’s hit series “The Cosby Show” which spun-off into a starring role on “A Different World.” He later became the star of his own self-titled, critically-acclaimed series, “The Sinbad Show,” co-starring Salma Hayek, which earned him a nomination for “Favorite Television Actor” at Nickelodeon’s Kids’ Choice Awards.



“Fancy Nancy and Other Storybooks”
2:30 p.m. April 1
Tickets: \$11-\$21

Featuring six delightful stories including “Fancy Nancy,” “Duck for President,” “Pirates Don’t Change Diapers,” “Baby-mouse: The Musical,” “I Have to Go” and “Leonardo: The Terrible Monster” come to life in Theatreworks USA’s musical revue “Fancy Nancy & Other Story Books.” Performed by a five-member cast who portray dozens of characters throughout the show, the stories represent various issues, themes and ideas relevant to a broad and diverse audience of children.

**Keyboard Conversations®
The Power and Passion of Joannes Brahms**
7:30 p.m. April 2
Tickets: \$23-\$28

Majestic tonal miracles in short story form - the narrative “Ballades, Op. 10,” the impassioned “Rhapsodies, Op. 79” and the charming “Waltzes, Op. 39.”

At the Library

900 Civic Center Drive
972-744-4350



Art Exhibit
Rosemary Cheney Memorial Art Show for RISD Elementary Students
Through March 22, Second Floor.
Richardson Civic Art Society 50+ Show
March 24-April 28, Second Floor.

General Interest
Digital Drop-In, every Saturday through March 31
10 a.m.-noon, Second Floor Lobby. Get help with downloading Library e-books.

Give Your Business a Boost with Reference USA
March 5, noon-1:30 p.m., Basement Program Room. Feel free to bring your own lunch. To register, call 972-744-4355.

Using Ancestry.com@the Library
March 7, 10-11:30 a.m., Basement Program Room. To register, call 972-744-4355.

How To Run A Successful Meeting
March 17, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Basement Program Room. Registration required, call 972-744-4376.

Literacy Starts @ Birth
March 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Book Groups
First Wednesday Book Club
March 7, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. Call Janet Vance for information, 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group
March 14, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. “The Wake of Forgiveness” by Bruce Machart. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group
March 21, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. “Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter” by Tom Franklin. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble
March 27, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. “Before I Go to Sleep” by S.J. Watson. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

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

Introduction to Computers
March 6, 10 a.m.-noon.

Job Searching on the Internet
March 9, 10-11:30 a.m.

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

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

It’s Elementary! Storytime
Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m., Children’s Program Room. Grades K-4.

Craftivity! Children’s Games and Crafts, March 10, 3-4:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.
Spring Break-cation, March 13-16, see page 12 for details.

The Richardson Public Library offers Interlibrary loans for many titles not in the RPL collection. The service is available for Richardson residents only. Some restrictions apply. For more information, call 972-744-4355.

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



Richardson Symphony Orchestra
“Great Concertos”
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. March 10
Tickets: \$19-\$74
www.richardsonsymphony.org



EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
“Sister’s Easter Catechism: Will My Bunny Go to Heaven?”
Bank of America Theatre
8 p.m. March 21, 22, 23, 24
2 p.m. March 24, 25
Tickets: \$37-\$40

Collin County Ballet Theatre
“Gala 2012”
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. March 23
Tickets: \$20/\$15 students/seniors
\$55 gala dinner
www.ccballet.com

Richardson Community Band
“Down Home on the Farm”
Hill Performance Hall
2 p.m. March 25
Tickets: \$7
www.richardsoncommunityband.org

Lone Star Wind Orchestra
“Percussion Extravaganza”
Bank of America Theatre
7:30 p.m. March 27
Tickets: \$20
www.lonestarwindorchestra.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
Sinbad in Concert
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. March 29
Tickets: \$20-\$35

Artbeat, Inc. Presents IN THE MOOD
1940s Big Band Swing Music & Dance Revue
Hill Performance Hall
3 p.m., 7:30 p.m. March 31
Tickets: \$34-\$54
www.artbeatshows.org

Chamberlain Performing Arts and the City of Plano
“Fable and Fantasy: A Ballet of Enchantment”
Bank of America Theatre
7:30 p.m. March 31
Tickets: \$10-\$35
www.chamberlainperformingarts.com

Spring Fling Pet Parade

March 25, 1-4 p.m., Huffhines Park
Costume parade begins at 2 p.m.

Benefiting the Richardson Animal Shelter

Entertainment: Top Dog Obedience presents “Dancing with the Dogs”



Household chemicals may be taken to collection center

Richardson residents may take their household hazardous waste to the Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Rd. The center is located on the east side of Plano Road between Forest Lane and Miller Road. Residents must bring proof of residence in the form of a driver's license, or a utility bill.

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

(NOTE: to avoid long lines and traffic on Saturdays, please plan to arrive between 9-10 a.m. or between 1-3 p.m.)

Closed every Sunday, Monday and Friday and major holidays.

Visit the Home Chemical Collection Center website at www.dallascounty.org/department/

[plandev/hhw_intro.php](#) or call 214-553-1765.

For more information on disposal of items not listed, please contact the Richardson Health Department at 972-744-4080 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

For disposal of recyclable items, please contact the City of Richardson's recycling coordinator at 972-744-4231 or 972-744-4404.

Materials Accepted

- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Car
- Lead-acid (non-automotive)
- NiCad
- Rechargeable
- Single-use
- Brake fluid

- Car fluids
- Cell phones
- Chemistry sets
- *Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL)
- CRT computer monitors
- Degreasers
- Desktop computers
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Fungicides
- Gasoline and unwanted fuels
- Herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides
- Items containing mercury
- Lacquer
- Laptop computers
- LCD computer monitors
- Mercury thermostats
- Nail polish
- Oil-based paint
- Paint
- Paint strippers

- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals

- Solvents
- Transmission fluid
- Used motor oil
- Used oil filters

Materials NOT Accepted

- Business or commercial waste
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Explosives or ammunition
- Shock sensitive materials
- Smoke detectors or other radioactive materials
- Medical waste
- Common trash or recyclables
- Construction debris
- TV's, microwaves and other appliances

*A CFL contains small amounts of mercury and should not be placed in regular trash. Sev-

eral store chains have CFL recycle programs including Ace Hardware, Home Depot, IKEA, Lowe's, Menards and TrueValue. Make sure to call the local store in advance to confirm that it is participating in a CFL recycling program.



Annual Trash Bash is April 7; document shredding available

To celebrate the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the City of Richardson is joining forces with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization to hold Trash-Bash 2012, a City-wide cleanup that removes litter from the streets, parks and waterways of Richardson. All citizens, social organizations and civic groups are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7.

Personnel will hand out trash bags, release forms and area assignments to the contact person Thursday, April 5 from 6-7 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall. Groups/individuals can register online at www.cor.net or by phone at 972-744-4076. If this time is inconvenient, please contact our office to make other arrangements.

All participants will disperse from their homes/locations to their designated street, park and/or area on the morning of Saturday, April 7, to fill their bags with litter and recyclables.

In conjunction with Trash Bash, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will offer a document shredding event during the same time as Trash Bash. Bring your bags and boxes of old documents to the paper shredding trucks that will be at City Hall.

The documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely.

Also, in an effort to reduce the number of plastic grocery bags/wraps that enter our environment, we will have an area available for you to recycle them.

After collecting your litter and recyclables, please bring the filled

bags to Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. and dispose of them in the containers located at the west entrance of the building. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded. For additional information or questions please visit www.cor.net or call 972-744-4076.

City mails letter for free recycle bags offer



The community-wide program that offers a year's worth of free recycling bags to Richardson residents will continue to promote recycling this year. Residents should receive a letter in the mail at the end of this month from Mayor Bob Townsend that can be taken to one of several City facilities to be redeemed for two rolls of 26 blue recycling bags (52 total).

Through the Blue Bag Program, homeowners can combine all of their recyclable material into one bag and place it out for weekly pickup service. The City recycles all plastics #1-7 (with the exception of Styrofoam), and the City also collects aluminum, tin, steel, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, mixed paper, paper grocery bags, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, paperboard/chipboard, phone books, junk mail and glass containers (clear and all color glass).

The City of Richardson also provides a drop-off recycling center that is open to residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is located at the Westside Pump Station at 102 N. Cottonwood Drive, near the intersection of Cottonwood Drive and Belt Line Road.

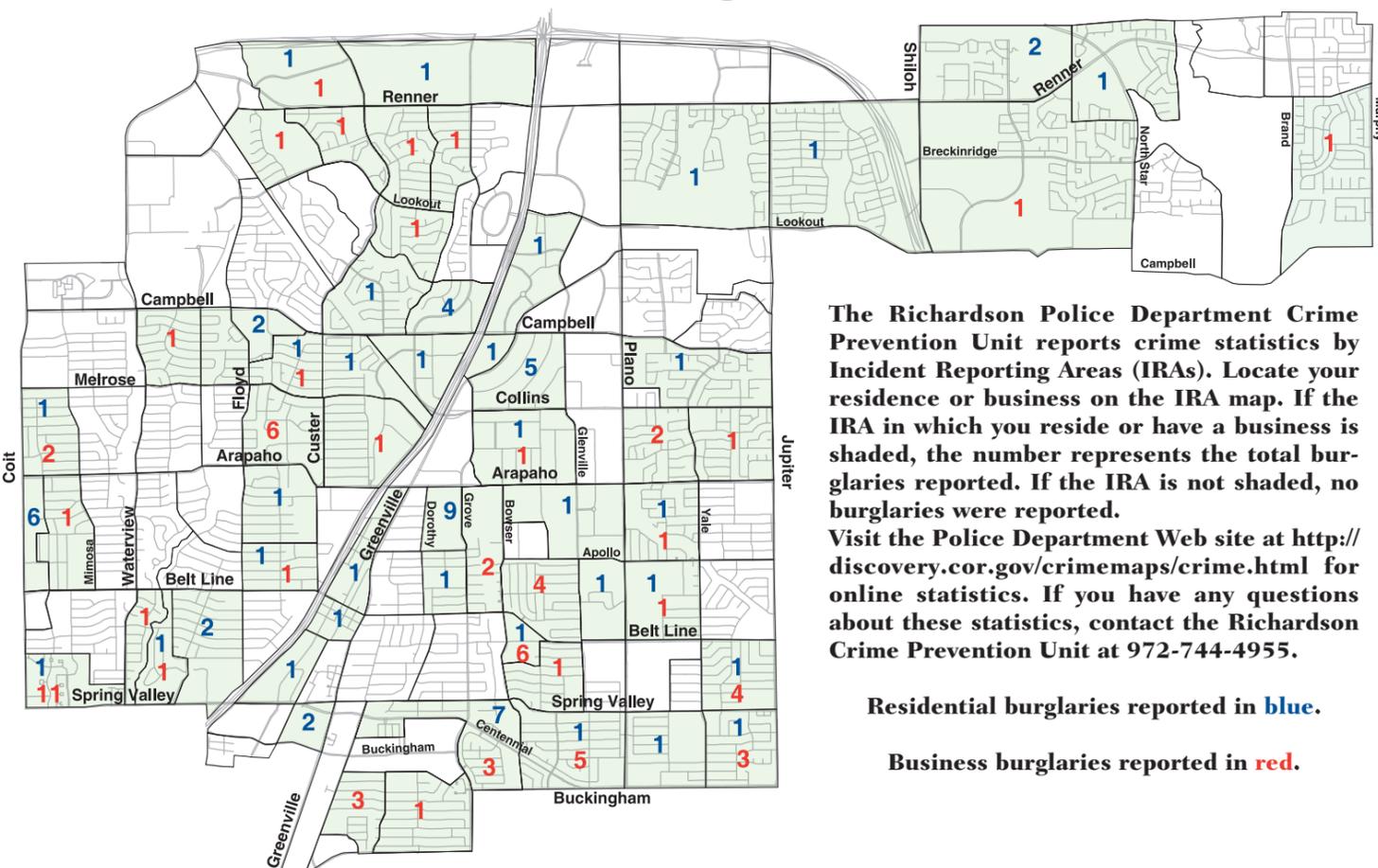
For more information on the City's recycling program visit <http://www.cor.net/PublicServices.aspx?id=2420>.

You can recycle electronics at April 7 Trash Bash

The Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will hold an electronics recycling event in conjunction with the Trash Bash April 7 at the City Hall parking lot. See the list of electronics below. There is no charge to drop off items but donations will be accepted.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cell Phones | Mice | VCRs |
| GPS Devices | Car Amplifiers | Cameras |
| Calculators | Car Audio Receivers | Camcorders |
| MP3 Players | Car Audio Speakers | Digital Cameras |
| PDA's | Headphones | Non-Disposable Film Cameras |
| Portable CD & DVD Players | Home Amplifiers | Copiers |
| Calculators | Home Audio Receivers | Fax Machines |
| Desktop Computers | Home Audio Speakers | Inkjet Cartridges |
| Laptop Computers | Cable Boxes | Printers |
| Computer Speakers | DVD Players | Scanners |
| Computer Components | DVD Recorders | Shredders |
| CRT & LCD Monitors | DVR Cable Boxes | Typewriters |
| Keyboards | Multimedia Projectors | Wired Routers |
| Servers | Satellite TV Boxes | Wireless Routers |

Residential/business burglaries Nov. 16-Feb. 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.net/crimemaps/crime.html> for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

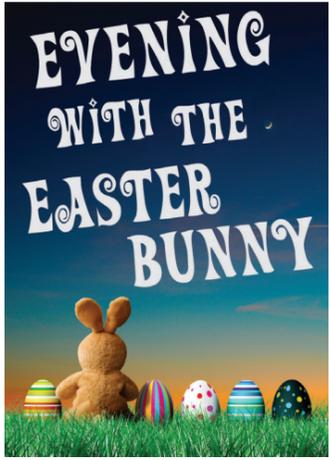
Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

972-744-4300

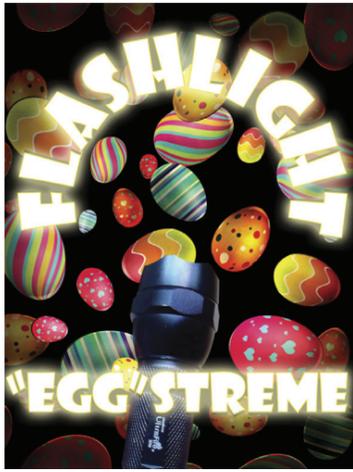
www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation



**Breckinridge Park,
Entrance C
Friday, March 30
7:30-8:30 p.m.
Fee \$10, Registration
#66902**

Boys and girls ages 2-6. Bring a parent and an Easter basket to this unique event. Children will enjoy an Easter craft, refreshments, storytelling, the Easter bunny and a nighttime egg hunt with glowing Easter eggs. Limited enrollment, no charge for adults.



**Breckinridge Park,
Entrance C
Saturday, March 31
7:30-9 p.m.
Fee \$10, Registration
#66903**

Boys and girls ages 7-11. Bring a parent, your Easter basket and a flashlight to our annual night Easter egg hunt. We will create an Easter craft, eat snacks and go on a unique nighttime hunt. The Easter eggs will be hidden by participating parents and staff. Limited enrollment, no charge for adults.



Winners

Total entries received in this year's Photography Contest: 431
Judges: Dawn Attebery, Jose Artilles, Priscilla Killion
More information: www.cor.net/PhotoContest.asp?id=8950



**Best of Show/
Student:
Miranda
Moses
Category:
Children
→**



**Best of Show/
Proficient:
Jack Pitney
Category:
People Color
→**



**Best of Show/
Adult:
Mark Collins
Category:
Composited
Color
←**

Spring Break Camps

Golf

March 12-16
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$249
972-234-1416

Tennis

March 12-16
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
\$130 for week; \$30 daily
972-744-7870

Huffhines Rec Center

972-744-7881 or
www.cor.net/parksonline

Art: Girls Only

March 13-15
9 a.m.-noon
\$79
Class No.: 66761

Art: Boys Only

March 13-15
1-4 p.m.
\$79
Class No.: 66762

Drama

March 12-16
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
\$185
Class No.: 66651

Day Camp

Various fun activities
March 12-16
1-6 p.m.
\$75
Class No.: 65934

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

March 5-30

Adult Leagues

March 19-May 6

Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: \$42

Private lessons available. Fees vary depending on instructor and length of lesson. Call the Tennis Center for more information.



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.

2012 Wildflower! Student Art Contest



Draw or design your favorite.

Guidelines

Contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through the 6th grade.

- * **Wildflower!** will provide 12" square white poster boards. All contest entries must be designed on these poster boards **ONLY** so that they are uniform in size and fit on our display walls.
- * Each entry **MUST** be accompanied by a completed entry form securely attached to the back.
- * Cover as much of the square board as possible with your design. Use lots of color and detail.
- * Use crayons, markers, paints, colored pencils, tissue paper, etc., - keeping it as light weight as possible for hanging.
- * Festival Staff will judge the entries. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in **EACH** grade level, K through 6th. Winners will be posted on the **Wildflower!** website no later than May 7, 2012. www.wildflowerfestival.com
- * Entries may be picked up from the Community Events Office after May 29, 2012.
- * For more information or how to pick up an entry poster board, email Suzanne.etman@cor.gov or call 972.744.4584

ALL entries will be on display in the Kidz Korner at the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival May 18, 19 & 20, 2012

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please securely attach this form to the back of your entry. All entries must be delivered to the City of Richardson's Community Events Office by **APRIL 23**. The office is located at 2100 E. Campbell Rd., Ste. 100, Richardson, TX 75081

Name _____ Age _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 School _____ Grade _____

Get instant festival info on your mobile phone!
Text WFF to 88500

www.wildflowerfestival.com



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.

NEW! iPad Instruction

Do you have an iPad and only play games or use Facebook? This class is for you. Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to this four-week class Monday, April 2 from 7-8 p.m. Cost for the class is \$60 with a membership; \$63 without a membership.

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 next two-week session starts April 16 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 April 2 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. The power and possibilities of Windows are fully utilized in these versions of the popular spreadsheet and word processing manager. You will learn how to build, print, save and retrieve well-organized documents. Classes are from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$85 with membership; \$88 without membership. Frank Davis is our instructor. Next four-week session starts March 5.

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 March 5.

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 VISTA software. (Taught concurrently with Windows 7.) The next four-week session starts April 2 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 April 2 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 March 20 and March 27 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.

New! Keepsakes For Smiles Marilyn Richter will help you organize your photos and videos into a story of your life, document special occasions and events or just compile all your photo treasures onto a DVD for you to keep. The four-week class begins April 7 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$20 with a membership; \$23 without a membership. Extra: scan and digitize photos \$15/100 photos, convert HI-8 and VHS tapes to DVD-\$20. Sign up now and bring your pictures and ideas.

AARP Driver Safety Classes

Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

March 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March 15	6-10 p.m.
April 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 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:

March 6 and 8	6-9 p.m.
April 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:

March 12 and 15	6-9 p.m.
March 10 and 17	1:15-4:15 p.m.
March 26 and 29	6-9 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$27 with membership; \$30 without membership. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Ceramics

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide 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 instructor Andrew Wages how to improve your oil paintings. He has 20 years experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month.

Oil Painting

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

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 local artist Becky Parks. Classes are held Wednesdays, 12:15-4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month.

Crochet

Classes are taught 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.

Plus Square Dance

Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter. First quarter began in January and ends March 19.

Friendship Plus

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

Beginner

Square Dance Lessons

Classes started Jan. 10 and will run for 20 weeks through May 20.

NEW!!!

English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Second Oratory Language (ESOL)

Tatyana Sherman will bring her 34 years of experience to the Senior Center. Both ESL and ESOL classes begin March 3. Both classes will last four weeks.

ESL Beginning English 1

1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$50

Speaking English 1

3 p.m.-5 p.m. \$50

Tatyana is available for private tutoring and teaching additional languages. For more details, call Tatyana Sherman at 214-570-1619.

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 March 8. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

Programs

NEW!!! Photography Club

Is photography your hobby or you just love to take pictures? How about joining a photography club to share your ideas and work? You do not have to have professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. There will be an organizational meeting April 5, 7-9 p.m. No Fee.

The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters invite all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May and August at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Come for an afternoon of celebrating, jokes, raffle prizes and lots of laughter. In April, National Red Hat Day will be celebrated with an outing for lunch. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information and questions.

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 Spring birthdays (March, April, May) March 26.

The Vintage Dance Club

The following calendar lists this month's senior dances.

March 3	Russ Dorsey
March 10	Ronnie Martin
March 24	Doc Gibbs
March 31	Pete and Patti

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are \$5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

Pool Tournaments

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

Tennis League

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. Contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-744-7870.

Robin's Nest Craft Store

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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 Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, 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 2012 season. For more information, contact Bill North-Pres., 214-676-0411; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035; Charles Turner-Sec./Treasurer, 972-783-2248.

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.

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.

AARP TAX AID Program

AARP's income tax assistance program will have trained volunteers at the Senior Center every Friday, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. through April 13, to assist you with your income tax preparation. Persons seeking tax preparation assistance should bring last year's tax return, Social Security card, W-2 and 1099 forms and expense records.

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.

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. We have supplies for you to start. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

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.

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.

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 and Lone Star Movie Stars. Call 972 238-6972 or log on to www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Services**Grief Support Group**

The Visiting Nurses Association of Texas invites you to participate in a six-week grief support group Mondays, April 2-May 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. There is no fee. "Sharing the Journey: Coping with Grief" is open to adults who are in the grief process. Topics will include: honoring our loved ones, caring for our needs while grieving, handling special days, and from grief to hope. Please call Sue Rafferty at 214-689-2922 to RSVP.

The Senior's Net

The Seniors' Net helps seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Debbie Childre 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 Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. and Fridays from 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. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$40 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for an appointment.

RSVP Volunteer Program

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our RSVP group. We serve non-profit organizations throughout the metro area. Our activities are 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 the opportunity to give back to the community while making new friends. For more information, please call Mary Kelley at 214-823-5700 ext. 228.

City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

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 reassurance program. For information, call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Chair Massage

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

Fitness**Zumba Gold**

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. You will learn easy-to-follow moves to zesty music in a party upbeat atmosphere. Classes will be held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

Hatha (physical) yoga stretching and breathing exercises not only relieve stress and relax the body, they increase the body's strength, stamina, vigor, flexibility, endurance and resistance to disease. Yoga gives relief from neck/back/shoulder/knee pain, sinus problems, headaches, sciatica, arthritis, rheumatism and insomnia. Also learn eye exercises to relax and keep your eyes healthy. Bharti Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Tai Chi for all Ages

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

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is totally done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. This class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee 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 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. Our certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

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.

WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues with the 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 personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population and general population by the Cooper Institute.

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

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

Richardson Adult Literacy Center presents . . .

“Murder at the End of the World”

April 28—Tickets go on sale March 1
Richardson Public Library

Don't miss this fun, interactive “who done it” play featuring local celebrities:



★ Youngberg ★ Omar ★ MacPherson

- ★ Carl Youngberg – Richardson arts patron, speaker, co-founder of Jobbing America
- ★ Amir Omar – Richardson City Council Member
- ★ Bruce MacPherson – Eisemann Center Managing Director

And professional theatre troupe the Murder Mystery Players

Tickets: \$45; available through the Richardson Public Library (main information desk) or the Richardson Adult Literacy Center's website: www.ralc.org.

Team and event sponsorships are also available. Contact Katie Patterson for more information: 972-644-5119 or director@ralc.org. Proceeds benefit the Richardson Adult Literacy Center.

Author Jodi Thomas to speak April 3

New York Times best-selling author and member of the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame Jodi Thomas will speak at the Richardson Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 3.

Known as the “Queen of Texas Romance,” Thomas is the author of many award-winning titles including “Texas Blue,” “Beneath the Texas Sun,” “Welcome to Harmony” and “Somewhere Along the Way.” The release of her newest title, “Just Down the Road” (fourth in the series set in the fictional town of Harmony, Texas), is scheduled for April 3.

Thomas was the keynote speaker at Richardson's 2011 Buns and Roses Romance Tea for Literacy and mesmerized the audience

of 200 with her personal story of challenge and perseverance on her way to becoming a successful author. To date, she has written more than 40 books as well as serving as “Writer in Residence” at West Texas A&M University.

Registration for the program is not required and is free and open to all. Her books will be available for sale and signing after the talk. For more information call 972-744-4376.



Literacy Starts @ Birth

A free reading-readiness workshop for parents, caregivers and educators!

Tuesday, March 27
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
Learn tips, activities, information and games designed to help you prepare your child—from birth to 6 years old—for reading readiness.

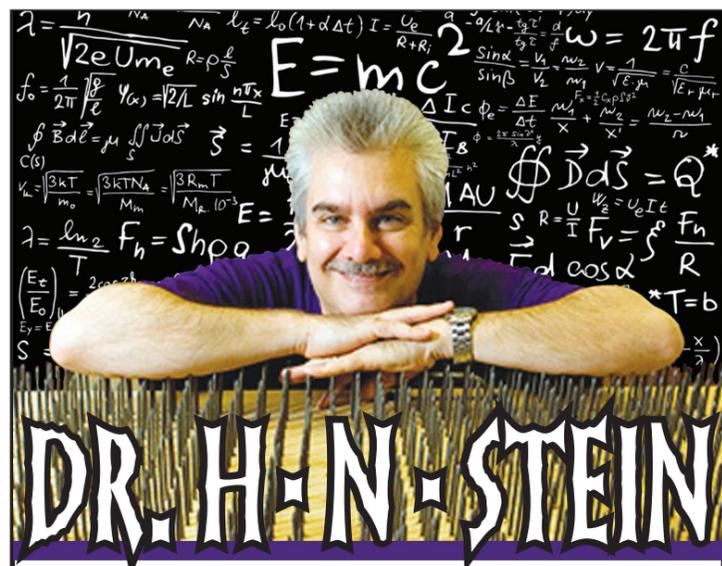
No registration required. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 972-744-4358.

Library offers class on leading meetings

Are you tired of attending meetings that go on for hours without productive results? Are you the president, vice president or parliamentarian of a service club or volunteer organization but are unsure how to run a meeting effectively?

The Library will offer a two-hour class on improving meetings you attend whether you are a leader or a group member. The class will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. March 17 and will be led by two experienced members of the National Association of Parliamentarians and its Texas affiliate, the Texas State Association of Parliamentarians.

This program is free and open to all adults. Advance registration is required. To sign up, call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.



Dr. H—Dr. George Hademenos, physics teacher at Richardson High School, will explore the amazing world of physics through experiments and fun.

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

Teens 6th – 12th grade Basement Program Room

For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358

Teen Summer Volunteers!

Do you live in Richardson?
Are you entering grades 9-12 this fall? If so...

Summer To Do List

1. Volunteer at the library.

Applications available at Youth Services desk beginning April 1; due April 30.



Drop-in sessions provide help for digital reading devices

Do you have a Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader, iPad, iPod Touch or Android device and need help figuring out how to get a Library eBook onto it? The Library offers informal Digital Drop-In help with Library eBooks 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday in March on the second floor of the Library.

Here's what you need to bring in addition to your Library card:
iPad or iPod Touch? Bring your device and be sure to know your iTunes password so that you can download the app
Kindle? Bring your device and cable. Also you MUST know the

e-mail and password for your Amazon.com account
Nook, Sony Reader, other non-tablet devices? Bring your device and your device cable
Android device? Bring your device and know your Marketplace password to install the app

SPRING Break-cation

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| <p>March 13
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Whirled on a String
with Valerie Oliver
See some amazing yo-yo tricks and learn some moves with a top spinner!
Grades 1-5</p> | <p>March 14
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Sandy Shroul and her puppets
in
“GoldieRocks and the Three Dinosaurs”
Basement Program Room</p> | <p>March 15
2:30-4:30 p.m.
EYE CANDY:
Illusion, Magic & Kaleidoscopes
Make your own kaleidoscope to take home!
Grades 1-5</p> | <p>March 16
2:30-4:30 p.m.
MOVIE MATINEE
and popcorn!
featuring “Rio”
(rated G)</p> |
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A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets will be distributed in the Children's Department beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of each program. First-come, first-served!

CRAFTIVITY!

Crafts & Games

Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, March 10
3-4 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For residents and non-residents.
No registration required.

It's Elementary!

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

Drop in—NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Don't miss it!

Family Storytime

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