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## City and HOA partnership benefits community

Two-way communication between the Richardson City Council and City residents has long been a priority and that avenue continues to get broader and deeper through the City's relationships with its network of homeowner and neighborhood associations.

"The associations help us take a real pulse of what's going on in the neighborhoods and the community," said Mayor Bob Townsend. "In an active and engaged neighborhood, you'll see greater participation in City programs."

Homeowner associations (HOAs) take part in large programs such as Neighborhood Vitality Bond Projects, the Matching Fund Beautification Program and the Sign Topper Program. They also help inform people about recreation opportunities and other programs that individuals can participate in.

The City began building a formal relationship with HOAs in the community more than 20 years ago, when monthly meetings with City Council members, City staff and HOA presidents were established at the request of the City Council. These meetings remain an important way to communicate, with City staff providing updates on issues such as the annual budget, new City programs, construction projects and City events. A

question and answer period allows HOA presidents to bring up issues that are affecting their neighborhoods.

"For the HOAs, they have direct access to public officials and City staff—there's a high level of service because of the access to leaders," Director of Community Services Don Magner said.

The City has sought input from HOA presidents on proposed ordinances and has developed ordinances to meet the needs of the community. That input leads to stronger City codes and also to better compliance, Magner said.

"They can raise awareness in a way that we can't always do," he said. "For instance, if a new ordinance is adopted, we'll create stories that they can then post on the association's website or put in their newsletter."

As a way to help increase the number of active HOAs, the Community Services Department has developed training and support programs.

Twice a year, the City hosts a Leadership Training Workshop that helps to educate both new and veteran neighborhood leaders about City operations, best HOA management practices, and how and why neighborhood integrity and vitality strategies are used. The workshops are also network-



**City Council members, City staff and HOA presidents meet once a month to allow staff to provide updates on issues such as the annual budget, new City programs, construction projects and City events. A question and answer period allows HOA presidents to bring up issues that are affecting their neighborhoods.**

ing opportunities, allowing HOA presidents to share ideas with each other.

Community Services also works with neighborhood groups that want to create a new formal association or revive an inactive one. The number of registered HOAs now totals 67, covering all but a few residential areas in Richardson. Community Services provides tips on getting to know your neighbors, identifying potential leaders and actually incorporating as a formal association.

As Richardson has built and expanded its community programs, the City has become a model for

other communities for how to work closely with neighborhood groups. Most recently, officials from Plano visited a Richardson City Council/HOA Presidents meeting to look at ways to foster relationships between the City and HOAs.

"They're trying to look at how you work with them as a partner," Magner said. "There may not be agreement on every issue, but you want to be able to work together."

For more information about Richardson's HOA programs, call the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or visit [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs) and click on the Community Programs tab.

## City's Sign Topper Program complements neighborhoods

The City's Sign Topper Program began in March 2006 when the City Council authorized the program to help neighborhoods be recognized for their unique character and encourage a sense of belonging and pride within neighborhoods. According to Don Magner, Director of Community Services, the City also wanted to help neighborhoods increase visibility to non-residents.



Neighborhood associations that wish to participate in the Sign Topper Program must submit an application, which is available online at [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs), to Community Services. The application must include a sketch of the proposed topper as well as a location map.

"It is important to note that associations should not manufacture their sign toppers until their application is approved by Community Services," Magner said.

While neighborhoods are responsible for the cost of manufacturing their toppers, the City covers all costs associated with installation.

"Our neighborhoods have really embraced the program since its inception," Magner said. "More than 449 toppers have been installed in 18 different neighborhoods and more are in the planning stage."

To learn more about the Sign Topper Program visit [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs) or call Community Services at 972-744-4180.



"Sign toppers are a perfect complement to other neighborhood identity efforts such as entry features, that have been constructed throughout the City as part of the Neighborhood Vitality Program," said Magner.

Only recognized neighborhood or homeowner associations whose name and boundaries are unlikely to change, whose name is formally established and widely accepted by residents and whose boundaries do not infringe on other neighborhood boundaries are eligible to take part in the program.

## Work is progressing on the Prop 4 Bond Program projects

The Richardson City Council considers the vitality of the City's neighborhoods a top priority and included more than \$8 million for sidewalk repairs and neighborhood vitality projects in the 2010 Bond Program that was approved by voters in May 2010.

### Neighborhood Vitality

The Neighborhood Vitality Program was established to create an improved image for older neighborhoods that is consistent with new residential development and to provide incentives for continued community reinvestment into homes and property. Monies were allocated for the Vitality Program in each of the past three bond programs. In 1997, \$5.1 million was allotted, in 2006, \$4.4 million was allocated, and most recently

in 2010, \$3 million was allocated for the construction of screening walls, entry features, bridge enhancements and landscaping projects.

After the bond monies are allotted, the Community Services Department holds a call for projects where all homeowner/neighborhood associations are able to apply for improvements that will heighten the individual identity of the neighborhood. After reviewing all applications, the City Council determines the final funding strategy.

According to Community Services Director Don Magner, 15 neighborhoods were selected to receive improvements through the 2010 Bond Program.

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**The bridge enhancement project pictured above was funded through the 2006 Bond Program.**

## Council budget retreat is July 17-18

The Richardson City Council's budget retreat will be held July 17-18 at the Richardson Woman's Club at 2005 North Cliffe Dr. and the public is invited to attend. The meetings will be streamed live on the internet at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and broadcast live on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and ATT U-Verse, channel 99. Replays will be available online and broadcast on cable TV Saturdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. from July 21 to Sept. 2.

The City Council will hold a budget work session Aug. 6 and budget hearings Aug. 20 and Aug. 27 at City Hall. The Council will vote to adopt the 2012-2013 budget at its Sept. 10 meeting. The meetings are open to the public and will be broadcast live on the internet and the cable TV channel.

## Stage 2 water restrictions are in effect

The City of Richardson moved to Stage 2 water conservation measures June 1. The easing of restrictions allows irrigation days for residents and businesses from once to twice per week. (See table below.)

Under Richardson's newly adopted Stage 2 water restrictions, use of sprinkler or irrigation systems is still prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., even on approved watering days. Use of soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems is allowed at any time on any day of the week. Also included in the District's Stage 2 provisions, Richardson must continue to meet or exceed a 10 percent water use reduction goal.

Stage 2 outdoor irrigation schedule (twice a week until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	Tuesdays and Saturdays
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Wednesdays and Sundays

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4

## Early voting set for Primary Runoff Election City Hall is NOT an early voting location

Early voting for the July 31 Democratic and Republican Primary Runoff Election is available July 23-27 at the **Richardson Independent School District Administration Building at 400 S. Greenville** for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County. Richardson Collin County residents have several locations at which to vote early on the same dates and hours. Visit [www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections) for a list of locations.

For more information, contact the Richardson City Secretary Office at 972-744-4290, the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-637-7937, Collin County Elections Department at 972-547-

1990, or Citizens Information Services at 972-744-4104. More information can be found at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) on the Dallas County Elections website at [www.dalcoelections.org](http://www.dalcoelections.org) or on the Collin County Elections website at [www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections).

Dates and times for early voting at all Dallas and Collin County locations:  
**Monday-Friday, July 23-27 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**

Polls are open Election Day, Tuesday, July 31 7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Richardson City Hall is **NOT** an early voting location or a voting location on Election Day.

## City facilities close for holiday

The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center complex, Library, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers and the Senior Center will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The offices will reopen with normal hours Thursday, July 5. The Tennis Center will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 4. Call the Police Department at 972-744-4800 for emergencies when the Animal Shelter is closed.

## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the April 23 and May 14 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net). The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

**City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.**

### April 23

**Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-04:** A request by Bo Chapman, representing Lake Park Townhomes Ltd, for amendments to the existing PD Planned Development Special Conditions on an 8.76-acre site to reduce the minimum lot size for lots along the northern property line, increase the number of units allowed in a townhome building, and for approval of building elevations for a proposed townhome development located on the north side of Lake Park Way, east of Coit Road, was approved.  
**A request by the CVS Corporation for a variance** to the City of Richardson Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article I, Section 18-5(4) to allow a digital display device sign showing a printed message on the property located at 2129 E. Belt Line Rd.; and a variance to the City of Richardson Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Article IV, Section 18-125(5) to allow for a 22.65 square foot variance increase in the maximum 60 square feet allowed for a major freestanding sign; and take appropriate action was approved.

### May 14

**Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-06:** A request by Tyler Isbell, representing Hartman Richardson Heights Properties, LLC, for a change in zoning from C-M Commercial with special conditions to PD Planned Development to accommodate the construction of a movie theater on a property located at 100 S. Central Expressway, currently zoned C-M Commercial, was approved.  
**Consent Agenda Ordinance No. 3866**, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to amend the Planned Development District for Townhome Development, Ordinance No. 3505, by allowing a reduced minimum lot area on eight lots, allowing one, 7-unit townhome building and approval of building elevations for the 8.76-acres zoned PD Planned Development located on the north side of Lake Park Way, east of Coit Road.  
**Ordinance No. 3867**, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 23-98 to establish rates to be charged for Water Services furnished by the City.

**Resolution No. 12-06**, appointing Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka to the aggregated position of Primary Voting Representative to the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, which fractional allocation membership is shared with the Town of Addison, and the Cities of Murphy, Sachse and Wylie.  
**Resolution No. 12-07**, approving the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of \$13,575,343 submitted by Construction Manager-At-Risk Hill & Wilkinson Construction Group, Ltd. for the total estimated cost of construction of the Heights Recreation Center, Heights Aquatics Center and Gymnastic Center, including submitted conditions and exclusions, conditioned upon execution of the First Amendment to the Construction Manager-At-Risk Agreement; authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to Construction Manager-At-Risk Agreement between the City and Hill & Wilkinson revising the total cost of estimated construction to \$13,575,343.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Resident,

For many years now, the City Council has made strengthening Richardson's neighborhoods a high priority. Some of the most effective programs that our Community Services Department has built to achieve this goal are those that help to build and support active neighborhood and homeowners associations (HOAs).

With support from the City, several new neighborhood associations have formed in recent years, and others that had been inactive have been infused with new energy. The vast majority of neighborhoods in the City are now included in one of 67 registered associations that are now active.

The relationship that the City has built with all of the associations in Richardson benefits the entire community.

Monthly HOA presidents' meetings allow the City Council and me to receive direct feedback about issues that may be happening in your neighborhoods, while your association president receives information about new programs from City staff. And through the City's neighborhood leadership development programs, we work to ensure that associations remain active with fresh leaders.

Other cities are taking notice of what we're doing here in Richardson. Many of our Community Services programs have served as



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models for other municipalities to improve their neighborhoods, and I am proud that Richardson's HOA programs are being looked to as good examples of how to best serve a community.

If you are not already involved in your neighborhood association, I encourage you to do so. It is a great way for you to be an active member of the community and to be a part of something that makes Richardson unique.

Sincerely,

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## Hospital Auxiliary seeks volunteers

Methodist Richardson Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for long-term volunteers who can commit to a four-hour shift each week. Duties will include working at information desks and providing support to hospital departments. Apply at <http://www.methodisthealthsystem.org/RichardsonVolunteers> or call 972-498-4788 for more information.



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# Bond Program Prop 4 projects well under way

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“Currently 11 of the 15 neighborhoods have projects that are in some stage of the process,” Magner said. “The first round of projects includes enhancements to eight bridges in four neighborhoods. The design concepts are being finalized and we should go out to bid on these projects in late summer or early fall with a planned construction start date set for the first of next year.”

The remaining projects include new entry features in six neighborhoods, screening wall enhancements in two neighborhoods and improvements to five bridges in three neighborhoods.

### Sidewalks

The City Council continues its strong support for public assistance with sidewalk maintenance and included \$6.1 million for sidewalk repair in the 2010 Bond Program. The funds are being used to repair sidewalks in 11 regions of the City that impact more than 5,000 residential properties.

The sidewalk repair areas were determined by a City-wide repair needs inventory that was performed in 2003 and subdivided the City into 27 sidewalk repair regions. The regions were then ranked according to the identified sidewalk repair needs. Eleven of the 27 regions were completed

with the 2006 Bond Program funding. When the 11 areas in the 2010 Bond Program are completed it will leave only five identified areas for repair in the future.

Four of the 2010 Bond Program sidewalk regions have been completed and regions five and six are nearing completion. Regions seven and eight will go out for bid in late summer and construction is planned to begin in the fall with

completion set for the first of next year. The plans call for the remaining three 2010 Bond Program regions to be finished by the end of next year.

For more information on projects included in the 2010 Bond Program, visit the City’s website at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and click on Capital Projects and Engineering under the Departments tab and then click on Bond Program.

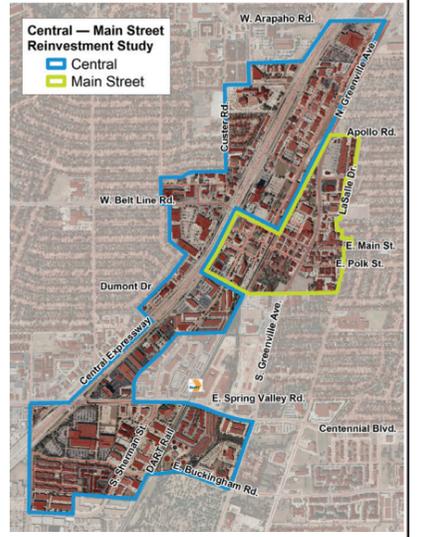


2010 Bond Program signs are placed in neighborhoods to identify project locations and scheduled completion dates. The inset photo shows a commemorative medallion that is placed in the concrete at each sidewalk repair project.

# Input sought at open house meeting for Main Street/Central Expressway study

The City will hold an open house on the Main Street/Central Expressway Enhancement/Redevelopment Study. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 in the Grand Hall of the Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

The open house will be structured to provide flexibility for participants so it obtains input from a wide variety of interested individuals, groups and stakeholders, including business owners, property owners and other participants. It will provide an opportunity for those in attendance to discuss and prioritize issues for the corridor, imagine their own preferred future for the area, and participate in the identification of action items for advancing study goals.



# Council to finalize district boundaries

The City Council will consider new Council District boundaries this month. A work session is planned for Monday, July 2, and ordinance adoption is planned for Monday, July 9.

Federal regulations require that the population distribution among City Council districts be approximately equal and that district boundaries be nondiscriminatory.

The City Council appointed the City Plan Commission to serve as the Council District Boundary Commission. The Commission held seven meetings, including two public hearings. A City Council public hearing took place June 25.

New district boundaries must be approved by the City Council by ordinance no later than July 30.

# Richardson extends mosquito control spray area; resident tests positive

The Richardson Health Department announced plans last month to extend mosquito control spraying areas in the City based on positive mosquito pool results and a reported human case of the West Nile virus in a Richardson resident. The reported human case is from an area near US 75 and Belt Line Road.

“We spray several times a year across the City to help control the mosquito population when surveillance indicates the presence of an arbovirus,” said Richardson Health Department Director Bill Alsup. “We had planned to spray in the neighborhood around US 75 and Belt Line Road but we’re also ex-

panding our efforts to other parts of the community where the virus has been found in mosquito traps.”

Richardson sprayed the southwest portion of the City in June. The area was from Melrose Drive south to Spring Valley Road and from Coit Road east to Central Expressway. All areas of the City will be continuously monitored throughout the rest of the mosquito season, and further sprayings will be scheduled based on mosquito surveillance used to monitor the spread of the West Nile virus.

Richardson is not alone in the noticed increase in mosquito populations and findings of West Nile in mosquitoes. Environmen-

tal conditions from last summer’s drought, a mild winter and abundant spring rains have resulted in an increased population.

“There are some easy ways people can protect themselves and their loved ones,” Alsup said. “The odds are already very unlikely that you will contract West Nile virus from a mosquito bite, but following some simple steps can help reduce odds even further and provide maximum protection for people who must be outside or who would like to enjoy an early morning jog or evening stroll.”

To protect from bites, people are urged to follow the **Four D’s** of protection:

- **DRAIN** standing water around the home,
- Use insect repellent containing **DEET**,
- Avoid being outdoors at **DUSK** and **DAWN** when mosquitoes are most active,
- And **DRESS** to protect yourself with long sleeves and pants to reduce skin exposure.

### More on West Nile Virus

The West Nile virus is caused by a bite from an infected mosquito that’s already carrying the virus, but not all mosquitoes are capable of carrying or transmitting the dis-

ease. In North Texas, the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito is greatest from July to October. Not everyone who gets bitten by an infected mosquito will get the virus, and it’s rare for people to become very sick if they do develop symptoms from the disease.

Symptoms of West Nile virus vary depending upon the person who becomes infected. People who do develop symptoms usually suffer from mild “flu-like” illness. Rarely, symptoms may require medical care or hospitalization. The people who are most susceptible to the disease are the very young, the very old and those with weakened immune systems.

# Former City Manager Bill Keffler receives awards from TCMA, NCTCOG

Former Richardson City Manager Bill Keffler received the Texas City Management Association’s (TCMA) Lifetime Achievement Award during the organization’s annual conference in June.

The award recognizes a city management professional who has made significant contributions to the field of local government management for more than 10 years. The recipient is selected each year by the TCMA board of directors from nominations from association members.

“Bill has not only been an inspiration to me, but he has also led by example and truly taught many other city managers in Texas how to really do this job well,” said David Landis, city manager of Perryton and president of the TCMA board of directors. “His service and leadership to the TCMA organization have made a statewide impact. While we are happy for his much-deserved retirement, the State of Texas is sad to see such a great public servant leave the field.”

Keffler officially retired May 31, after a 35-year career in city management with the City of Richardson. Throughout his tenure, Kef-

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

As a result of Keffler’s leadership and gift for collaboration, Richardson stands out among first-ring suburban communities for defying the trend of declining development. The City is globally renowned for its community-wide culture of high-tech innovation and its strong municipal government.

### NCTCOG Award

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) presented Keffler with the prestigious William J. Pitstick Regional Award for Excellence, in recognition of his career-long dedication to regional leadership. The award was presented during the NCTCOG’s annual General

Assembly, and is awarded annually to one outstanding individual in the 16-county North Central region who has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to regional excellence.

In 1992, the North Central Texas Council of Governments established the William J. Pitstick Excellence Award to honor the professional service of Bill Pitstick during his 26 years as NCTCOG’s Executive Director. The award recognizes an individual who has promoted good, strong, representative local government and a spirit of regionalism in solving multi-jurisdictional problems.

Keffler is the fourth person from Richardson to receive the prestigious William J. Pitstick Award. No other community or organization in the NCTCOG’s service area has been honored as many times. Other Pitstick Award winners from Richardson include: former Mayor Gary Slagel (2003), former Mayor Ray Noah (1998), and former City Manager Bob Hughey (1995).

“Richardson has always been a community with broad vision,” said Richardson Mayor Bob

Townsend. “We have continuously strived to support regional efforts that benefit not just our community, but also benefit our neighbors, our region, the Metroplex and the entire 16-county area served by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. With 20 percent of Pitstick Awards going to Richardson representatives during the past 20 years, this latest recognition continues our reputation as being a leader in regional participation.”

Several members of the Richardson City Council have served as president on the NCTCOG executive board and include Noah, 1971-72, Gary Skaggs, 1986-87, Slagel, 1994-95 and John Murphy, 2008-2009.

Nominees for the William J. Pitstick Award are judged on their leadership in the:

- Promotion of coordination and cooperation among citizens and local elected officials in a continuing effort to solve regional problems;
- Recognition that jurisdictional boundaries of local governments are not barriers to the solution of such problems.



Bill Keffler

“Bill Keffler clearly epitomizes the spirit of regionalism in North Texas,” said Linda Koop, president of the NCTCOG executive board and City of Dallas Council Member. “Although he served as the city manager for Richardson, Bill always brought to the table a broad vision for the region and a desire to grow the area as a whole, not as 16 separate counties. He was a true visionary in his field and is a great example of the ideals embodied by the William J. Pitstick Award.”

# Area residents prepare to welcome Japanese visitors as house guests

What would you do to prepare for an ambassador from another country who is scheduled to not only visit your home, but to stay with you during their time in this country? That is the question Paul and Betty Peck of Richardson are now facing. They are one of a dozen homeowners in Richardson who have signed up to take part in the 2012 Japan-America Grassroots Summit set for August.

The husband-wife team are summit coordinators for Richardson. They were invited to head up the project by Mayor Bob Townsend through the Mayor's recently developed Office of International Business Development. Paul Peck serves on the City's International Business Development Council. He said, "I have a passion for international business development and am excited about future opportunities for Richardson. Developing personal relationships is basic to doing business globally." Betty Peck added, "This is a great opportunity to showcase our city and citizens. As home stay hosts we hope to provide a comfortable, relaxing environment for our guests. We will share everyday life as well as entertain with special events tailored for our visitors. I

want to share things I love about our city."

Richardson is one of 15 North Texas cities chosen to host the visitors as part of the annual gathering of Japanese and American citizens which aims to strengthen the peaceful relationships between the two countries by fostering friendships at the grassroots level. The summit will take place in North

Texas from Tuesday, Aug. 28 to Monday, Sept. 3. The week-long summit will span the scope of the Texas cowboy heritage as well as the region's cultural and sports achievements. Over Labor Day weekend, participants will stay with local families in Richardson who will endeavor to share American culture and friendship with them on a personal level.



**Japan-America Grassroots Summit Richardson committee members (Michael Skelton, left; Jackie Johnston; Betty Peck, local coordinator; and Michelle Campbell, right) plan the welcoming ceremony set for Thursday, Aug. 30.**



## Leaders discuss arts master plan

Members of Richardson's cultural arts community began the final phase of developing the City's Cultural Arts Master Plan last month with a discussion of long-term goals and objectives for arts in the community.

The master plan, which will be a guide to encourage the development of the arts community in Richardson, is being created by the Richardson Arts Commission and consultant Lord Cultural Resources Planning and Management. The third phase of planning follows a needs assessment and community outreach on initial findings and recommendations.

Priorities that have been identified are:

- Applying Richardson's focus on innovation to the cultural arts
- Creating cultural clusters in the City

- Fully utilizing the potential impact of the Arts Commission
- Cultivating a new generation of cultural arts participants
- Planning an effective cultural tourism strategy
- Raising awareness of citywide cultural arts offerings

A final Cultural Arts Master Plan is expected to be presented to the City Council this summer. The goal of the Richardson Arts Commission is to help create a vibrant and viable arts community in which diverse, high quality arts opportunities are available to Richardson residents and visitors. The City Council and the Arts Commission have a long history of supporting arts in the community, including distributing about \$300,000 in grants each year to arts groups.

# Wildflower! success a group effort

The 2012 *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts and Music Festival attracted almost 70,000 fans for the weekend that included a lineup of rock and roll legends and other performers. Richardson's *Wildflower!* Festival is internationally renowned and its success can be attributed to the corporate sponsors and many volunteers who commit resources, time and energy. The City would like to thank all patrons, sponsors and volunteers who took part in this year's 20th anniversary celebration and hopes to see everyone again for next year's event.

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- Kona Guitars
- The Velvet Snout Canine Training Center
- TriQuint Semiconductor
- First Southwest Company
- American Ice
- JNW Marketing Solutions
- Friends of the Festival**
- Legacy Texas Bank
- Art Corona & Becki Rahman
- Erin & George Simons - Cirro Energy #5153
- Doug & Kim King
- The Mulvenna Family
- Janis & Jim Sumlin
- Superior Elevator Services
- Ron Cantu
- Jean & Jim Barton
- Annette & Scott Weidenfeller
- Taxi Mom
- Materials Recovery System
- John & Sandi Bickley
- Catherine & Daniel Burdette
- Redneck Paradise
- Margaret & Kat Vickers

- Jeff & Norma Frayser, Chapa Service Co., Inc.
- Diane S. Litke, M.D.
- Mark Williamson of Williamson Music Co.
- Dr. & Mrs. David Bonnet
- Jane & Jon Sherper
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- Godwin Ronquillo, PC
- Garrett Martin
- Scott A. Vehslage, UBS Financial Services, Inc.
- Elton Johnson Family

- Dan Vorderbrueggar
- Cary Eddy
- Susan & David Kassen

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- Bruce Miller Nurseries
- Lowe's
- Plants & Planters
- The Plant Market
- Living Earth Technologies
- Calloway's

### Official Restaurant Partners

- La Madeleine
- Tavern on Main Street
- Café Amore
- Marcus Cafe
- Tiff's Treats
- Casa Milagro
- Saltgrass Steak House
- Taco Republic
- Jersey Mike's Subs-Richardson
- Corner Bakery Café
- Rockfish Seafood Grill





## Free immunizations available to Richardson and RISD children

*Beat the last minute rush and make appointment in July*

School starts Aug. 27 and it's time once again to start thinking about back-to-school shots. Through a grant program, the City of Richardson, in cooperation with the Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson, provide a free immunization clinic open to Richardson residents and children attending Richardson schools.

To be eligible for this clinic, you MUST:

- be a Richardson resident or an RISD student;
- be 18 years old or younger; and

• **NOT have private health insurance that covers vaccinations.**

The conditions of the grant program stipulate that the clinic cannot administer vaccines once a child has reached their 19th birthday, regardless if they started a series with this clinic.

The clinic is located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. and the hours are:

Tuesdays: 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call 972-744-4076 for a required appointment.



Celebrating the scholarship donation are, left to right, George McCalpin, Hung Trieu, Betty Bettacchi, Jean Felsted, Jenny Trieu, Kay King, Sandy Martin, president FOL, John Moran, Bill McCalpin and Peggy Goode (holding a picture of Dot McCalpin).

## FOL presents scholarship

Jenny Trieu recently received the 2012 Dorothy E. "Dot" McCalpin Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas beginning in the fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.

The \$1,000 scholarship was created in honor of McCalpin, who passed away last year. It is awarded to a college-bound teenager who has served as a volunteer at the Library.

McCalpin was well known in the community as both a photographer and a longtime volunteer, leading numerous civic organizations including the Friends of the Richardson Public Library. She was named Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in 1990, and her 80th birthday, Dec. 20, 2004, was proclaimed by the Mayor as "Dot McCalpin Day" in Richardson.



## Outdoor Water Conservation Kit

Beat the heat with the City of Richardson's outdoor water conservation kits. The kit contains a deluxe seven-spray hose nozzle, a rain gauge and a soil moisture meter probe. You can purchase an outdoor water conservation kit for \$5 at the Water Customer Service, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 101, and at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.



EISEMANN CENTER

*In celebration of the Eisemann Center's 10th Anniversary we're looking for people of all ages to perform in our showcase of*

# ALL ROUND TALENT

during our

## COMMUNITY ARTS DAY

**2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16**

Dancers, singers, comedians, mimes, jugglers, instrumentalists, duets and groups—anyone with a talent they wish to showcase—are all encouraged to audition.

Finalists will be featured in a full length public performance on the stage of the Hill Performance Hall.

For further information on the audition process pick up a flyer in the lobby of the Eisemann Center or visit the Eisemann Center's website [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com).

Questions: send your e-mail to [AllRoundTalent@cor.gov](mailto:AllRoundTalent@cor.gov) or call the Eisemann Center at 972-744-4600



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| <b>A. Pavilion</b>               | <b>G. Butterfly Garden</b>             | <b>M. Colored Finish Concrete</b>              | <b>Q. Wildflower Planting (seasonal)</b> |
| <b>B. Brick-Heritage Columns</b> | <b>H. St. Augustine Corners</b>        | <b>N. Decomposed Granite Plaza with Grills</b> | <b>R. Bench</b>                          |
| <b>C. Playground (2-5)</b>       | <b>I. The Grove</b>                    | <b>O. Perimeter Sidewalk</b>                   | <b>S. New Curb Ramps</b>                 |
| <b>D. Playground (5-12)</b>      | <b>J. Alley Fence with Vine Screen</b> | <b>P. Preserved Tree Canopy</b>                | <b>T. Artwork (future)</b>               |
| <b>E. Play Lawn</b>              | <b>K. Limestone Bench</b>              |  |  |
| <b>F. Limestone Signage Wall</b> | <b>L. Brick Curb</b>                   |  |  |

## Plan for neighborhood park unveiled

By spring 2013, a new park will open in the heart of the Richardson Heights neighborhood, providing residents walkable access to a park.

The 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan identified the need for park space in the Heights area as part of a goal to provide close park access to all neighborhoods, and funding

was provided in the 2010 Bond Program. Planning has moved quickly, and the City purchased property on Weatherred Drive between Scottsdale and Downing in November 2011.

Input for the park's design was provided at community meetings, and a plan recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission

was presented to the City Council June 11.

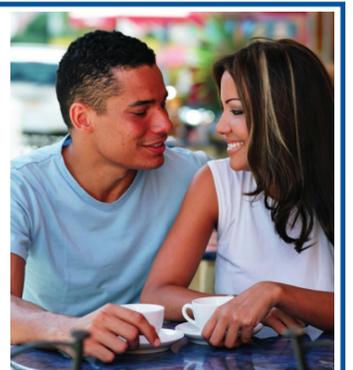
Plans include a pavilion, a playground, an open play lawn, a butterfly garden and an eight-foot sidewalk around the park. The design will complement the neighborhood's midcentury modern aesthetic.

Construction is expected to begin this fall.

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Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions.

Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail. For more information, go to [www.cor.net/dsdl](http://www.cor.net/dsdl) and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.



# July Calendar

## Richardson Civic Organizations

### Civic Groups

**Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.**  
972-231-4683 or [bnperry@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.richardsonkiwanis.com) or [steagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steagle@sbcglobal.net)

**Richardson Host Lions Club**  
972-385-3321 or <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost>

**Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**  
972-235-5667, 528 Lockwood Dr.

**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**

**MOMS Club of Richardson—East**  
[momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com)

**MOMS Club of Richardson—West**  
[momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com)

**Canyon Creek Moms Club**  
972-690-7609 or [www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com](http://www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com)

**Support Groups**

**Dallas Amputee Network**  
972-470-0505

**Social Groups**

**Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club**  
214-793-1646, 972-690-8525 or 214-750-0506

**Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club**  
972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto:richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com)

**Richardson Retired School Personnel**  
214-890-6989

**Richardson Wireless Klub**  
<http://k5rwk.org>

**Seniors' Net**  
972-234-8880 ext. 115 or [dchildre@thenetwork.org](mailto:dchildre@thenetwork.org)

**Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society**  
972-231-1005

**National Osteoporosis Foundation North Dallas Support Group**  
972-965-1467

**Woman's Center in Richardson** 972-238-9516

**Toastmasters Groups**

**Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters**  
972-387-4709

**Richardson Evening Toastmasters**  
214-534-0885

**Hallelujah High Toastmasters**  
[vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net](mailto:vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net)

**Richardson Noon Toastmasters**  
469-235-3586

**Texins Toastmasters**  
214-566-4086 or <http://texins.freetoasthost.org>

**Veteran's Groups**

**Richardson VFW Post 8627**  
972-671-8627

**Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627**  
972-231-0495

**North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530**  
972-231-3269

**Korean War Veterans**  
972-279-7000

**WWII Veterans**  
214-361-6294

**Military Officers Women's Club**  
972-644-6871

**Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter**  
972-437-2345

**Richardson American Legion Post #368**  
972-479-1505

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho  
972-744-7800



### Special Events

#### Fourth of July Ice Cream Social—July 2, 2 p.m.

Mark your calendars to join us in celebrating our country's independence with a good ol' fashioned ice cream sundae with all the toppings. Cost: \$1.

#### Out to Lunch Bunch July 17

**Randy White's Barbecue**  
Cost for the trip is \$2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch.

#### Carter Eye Center Screening July 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Carter Eye Center mobile van will be parked at the north parking lot for FREE eye screenings. No appointment is necessary.

#### 1950s Sock Hop July 22, 1 p.m.

Relive the fabulous '50s! Join us for a '50s sock hop dance with DJ Dave Powers playing all the rock-n-roll hits you love. Enjoy an ice cream float and fries while you reminisce about an era of music, dance, outside drive-in movies and car hops. Put on your bobby socks and saddle shoes, a prize will be awarded for the best '50s attire.

### Travel Opportunities

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

#### Texas in the Civil War: Gainesville and the Great Hanging October 2012

One of the most important events in Texas during the War happened in Gainesville, a mass hanging of union sympathizers by Confederate vigilantes. You will hear about the story, eat at the Fried Pie Company, visit the Frank Buck Zoo and the cathedral-like church in Lindsey.

More information is pending. Please call 972 744-7810 for trip details.

#### Galveston's Dickens on the Strand Nov. 30-Dec. 2

This Christmas trip will include the festival, sightseeing in Galveston, Moody Gardens, Victorian historic homes, the waterfront and great food. Please call 972-744-7810 for trip details.

## Altrusa seeks outstanding women

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is currently accepting nominations for its 2012 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards that will be presented at a luncheon Oct. 26 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. The nomination deadline is July 31.

Altrusa's Outstanding Women of Today honors women for their professional accomplishments. The nomination categories are: Corporate, Education, Government, Non-profit, Small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination forms are available online at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

This annual event offers a great opportunity to recognize the professional women who are making a positive impact in the community. The program benefits the projects and scholarships of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. For a list of the projects supported by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas, visit [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

For more information about submitting a nomination, call Courtenay Tanner at 972-839-3818 or e-mail [contact@altrusarichardson.com](mailto:contact@altrusarichardson.com).

### 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 on the first and third Tuesdays at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

**July 10:** Estate Planning, trusts and wills

**July 24:** Nutritious Meals for Diabetics

Information: 972-234-8880.



411 W. Arapaho Rd.  
Richardson, Texas 75080  
[www.cor.net/civiccenter](http://www.cor.net/civiccenter)  
Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

**Bird & Pet Show**  
July 7  
[www.birdsandpets.com](http://www.birdsandpets.com)

**Trade Show Technology Summit 2012**  
July 24-27  
[www.imaginexhibits.com/events](http://www.imaginexhibits.com/events)

**Meetings, Receptions Trade Shows, Seminars Social Functions Career Fairs**

Accommodates groups from 10 to 750  
Call us! 972-744-4090



## Richardson's Family 4th of July

Wednesday, July 4, 6-10:15 p.m.  
Breckinridge Park

Bring picnics, blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening under the stars!

At 8:45 p.m. the Richardson Community Band will present its annual patriotic salute concert on the stage located near Entrance B. Fireworks begin after the concert. Food concessions will be available.

On-site parking is very limited. Beginning at 6 p.m., the City of Richardson will provide free round-trip shuttle service from the Rockwell-Collins International Campus located at the SE corner of Renner and Shiloh roads. The last shuttle will depart from Rockwell-Collins at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Breckinridge Park is located just south of the intersection of Renner and Brand Roads in northeast Richardson.

For more information, please call 972-744-4580.



# July Calendar



Volunteer ESL tutors needed! No teaching experience required; no need to speak another language. Free training. Daytime and evening opportunities this fall.

**Tutor Training Workshop**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 18  
Call 972-644-5119 or e-mail literacy@ralc.org for details.

**Did you know?**

10,000+ Richardson residents don't speak English well ... but many want to learn. Make it possible - make a difference!



## At the Eisemann Center

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

**"For the Love of Zion: An Evening with Glenn Beck and M.C. Mark Davis"**  
Hill Performance Hall  
7:30 p.m. July 14  
Tickets: \$75-\$350  
[www.healthtoisrael.com](http://www.healthtoisrael.com)

**Metroplex Opera Company "Around the World with Metroplex Opera"**  
Bank of America Theatre  
7:30 p.m. July 20,  
2:30 p.m. July 22  
Tickets: \$20-\$25  
[www.metroplexopera.org](http://www.metroplexopera.org)

**Soto Group International Fuzjko Hemming: Arigato Charity Concert**  
Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. July 21  
Tickets: \$40-\$80  
[www.soto-planning.com](http://www.soto-planning.com)

## At the Library

900 Civic Center Drive  
972-744-4350



**General Interest**

**Kindle Fire Demo Brown Bag Lunch**  
July 24, noon-1 p.m., Basement Training Room.

**Book Groups**  
**Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group**  
July 11, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "One Amazing Thing" by Chitra Divakaruni. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

**Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group**  
July 18, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

**Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble**  
July 24, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Submission" by Amy Waldman. 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 MS Excel 2003** July 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**Introduction to Computers** July 10, 10 a.m.-noon.  
**Internet 101** July 11, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Introduction to PowerPoint 2003**, July 20, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Children's Activities**  
**No Storytimes week of July 1-5.**

**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.

**"The True Story of Jack & the Beanstalk,"** July 14, 2-3 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

**The Incredible Bubble Show**

July 28, 2-3 p.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

**Teen Activities**

**Be A Playa!** July 10, 6-8 p.m., Basement Program Room.

**Peace Ploozza: Teen International Day,** July 21, 2-5 p.m., Basement Program Room.

**Special Interest Dewey KNIT?**, an adult knitting program

July 7, 2-4 p.m., First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing, 972-744-4355 for information.

**Writer's Guild of Texas** July 16, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

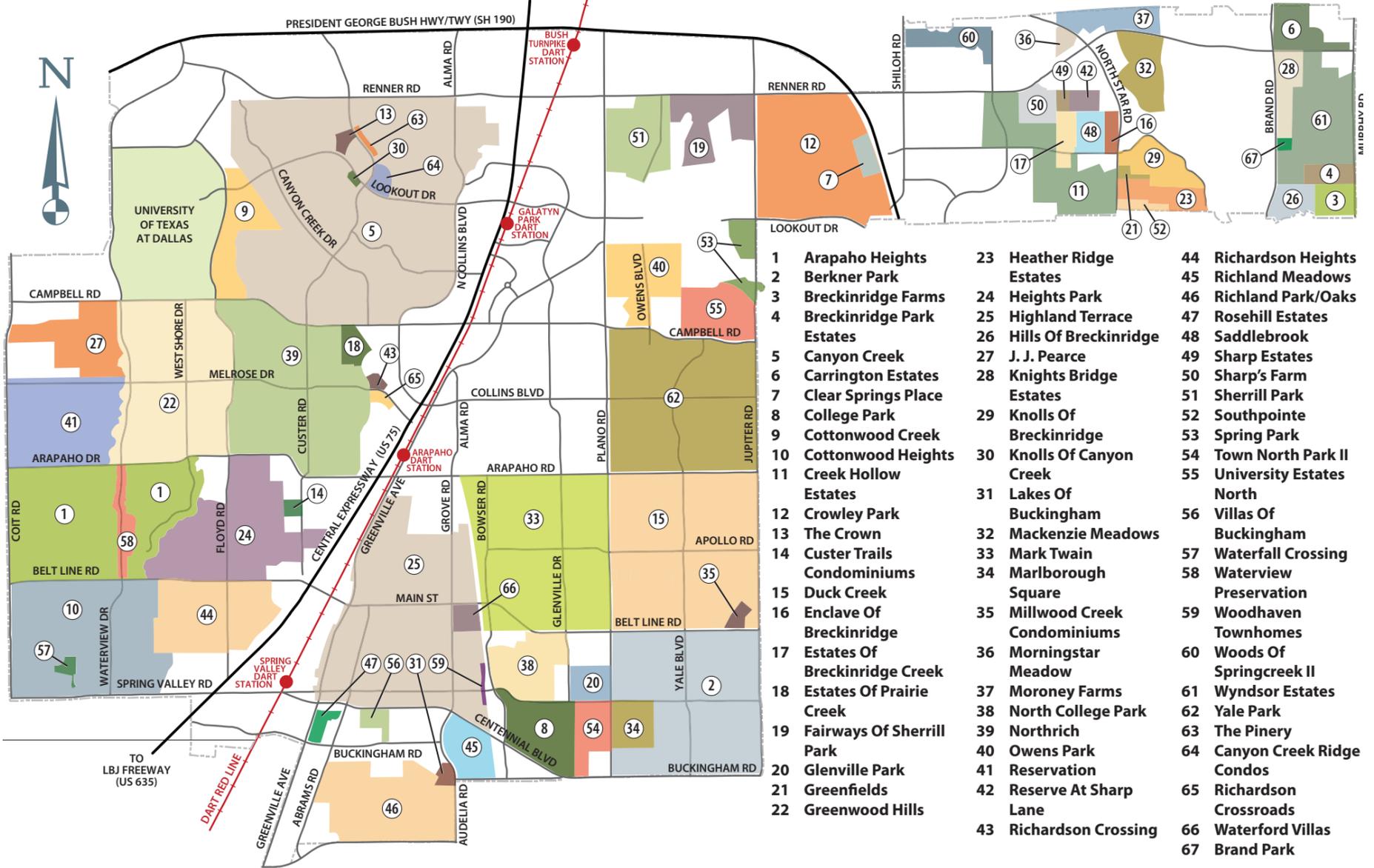
**Community Writers' Critique Group**

July 18, 6-8:45 p.m., Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376 for information.

The Library will be closed on the Fourth of July.

## Richardson Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations

Find your neighborhood on the map and see if you could join an association! For more information, see [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs)



Neighborhood associations fulfill many important roles in the communities they represent. The City of Richardson views neighborhood associations as assets and values their input related to the operation of the City.

Richardson residents can benefit by membership in a neighborhood or homeowner association in the following ways:

- HOA presidents meet monthly with City Council members and City staff for updates on the lat-

est City news and initiatives and for idea sharing. This news is disseminated to all members of the HOA.

- HOA representatives participate in regularly provided leadership training offered by the City. The

information supplied to those in attendance enables HOA leaders to more effectively organize and communicate with their respective organizations.

- HOA membership promotes social opportunities and crime watch activity in neighborhoods.

For more information on forming a homeowner/neighborhood association, call 972-744-4180.

## CFA Class XVII graduates

The Citizen Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in the City of Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week for three hours at the Fire Department Training Center located at 2600 Owens Blvd. Academy participants receive an insider's view of the vast services the RFD provides.

Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations

and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls. The intent of the CFA classes is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it's an opportunity to experience first hand what duties and responsibilities firefighters have.

Participants learn about the firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground operations, emergency

management, training requirements and administration of the RFD. After completing the program, participants are able to use their knowledge to create a safer home and work environment and educate others about the RFD and the services provided to the community.

If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and download an application from the RFD page.



Pictured are the graduates of Class XVII Citizen Fire Academy from left to right: (first row) Carmen Gutierrez, Teri Jones, Patsy Ledgerwood, Kari Reed, Merry Trujillo, Stephanie Mendez, Anna Nauarrete, Kathleen Reinhardt, Elma Pullis and Gloria Bodden (second row) Bill Zeigler, Steve Boone, Ronald Domke, Bryan Bristol, Jim Megede, Kirk Miller, Patrick Goggins, John Weidenfeller, Ron Bemis, Ryan Gronholz, Colin Sledge, Rodolfo Gonzalez, Larion Solomon and Michelle Thames.

## NNO planning meeting is Aug. 7th

The first planning meeting for this year's National Night Out (NNO) event (to be held Oct. 2) will be a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7 in the Grand Hall at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho. Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captains, Neighborhood Association Safety Facilitators, Crime Watch Patrol Coordinators and persons responsible for planning NNO parties, are invited to attend.

This annual meeting brings Neighborhood Watch Leaders together for fellowship, to exchange ideas and to plan for National Night Out. Also, last year's Neighborhood Award Winners will again be recognized by the Police Department. NNO packets will be available at this meeting and a drawing will be held to assign the NNO 2012 specialty block party visits.

Neighborhood Watch Leaders are encouraged to invite those who may not have an organized Neighborhood Watch on their street to join in the fun and fellowship and to find out the advantage of having a Neighborhood Watch on their own block.

For more information on Richardson's NNO 2012, visit [www.cor.net/pd](http://www.cor.net/pd) and click on the NNO logo or contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



## Animaluv Dog Wash



1-4 p.m., Sunday  
July 15  
Richardson  
Animal Shelter

- Dog wash (regular or flea) \$10
- Microchipping \$15
- Nail Trimming for dogs or cats \$5 (toe nails for dogs; claws for cats)



A 501(c)(3) organization benefiting the Richardson Animal Shelter

## Vets donate time, supplies

The City of Richardson Animal Services would like to thank the Richardson veterinary community for their generous donation of time and services at the annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic. With their help more than 177 pets were vaccinated.

The rabies shot provided is the very minimum veterinary care your pet should receive. Any of these veterinarians can easily protect your pet from deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper, corona and feline leukemia. Routine deworming and flea protection are all part of keeping your pet a healthy and happy member of your family.

Most importantly don't forget to put that tag on your pet, it's the best insurance to get your pet safely home.

- Richardson Veterinary Clinic**  
Dr. Ann Heyman, DVM  
Dr. Gary Brantley, DVM
- Canyon Creek Animal Hospital**  
Dr. Don Humphries, DVM
- Buckingham Plano Road Veterinary Clinic**  
Dr. Philip Lorenz, DVM
- Beltline-Plano Road Animal Hospital**  
Dr. Larry Lansford, DVM
- Arapaho Road Animal Clinic**  
Dr. Terry Perkins, DVM
- Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital**  
Dr. Erica Erickson, DVM
- Professional Services Consultant**  
Dr. James Marshall, DVM
- Assistant Fire Chief City of Richardson**  
Dr. Ed Hotz, DVM

## Animal Shelter launches online donation tool

Recently, the Richardson Animal Shelter created an online donation tool, a new option for people who wish to contribute funds to the Shelter.

Donations assist the shelter in caring for the animals and in promoting adoptions throughout the area.

Go online to the Animal Services page on [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) or call 972-744-4480 to donate.



Alex Santoni arrives at Jess Harben Elementary School on a Richardson Fire Department Quint Fire Engine.

## Student rides fire engine to school

Jess Harben Elementary student Alex Santoni rode to his last day of school May 31 in style—on a Richardson Fire Department fire engine.

The prize was through the "Harben Hero" program, which promotes acts of kindness between students, and is part of the school's character education and anti-bullying initiative.

The event kicks off the new "Read To Ride" program, which was developed by the Fire Department and is part of RISD's initiative to promote independent reading. Richardson Firefighter/

Paramedic Billy Whitson worked with Jess Harben Principal Nicole Farrar-Myers, Librarian Doug Valentine and Counselor Nancy Weisell to create the program.

Students who meet reading goals over the summer and throughout the year will have an opportunity to ride to school on a Richardson Fire truck or ride with their family and the Fire Chief in the annual Richardson Christmas Parade.

The program will also be expanded to other elementary schools at the start of the next school year.

**Adaptive Cooking Class!**

**Chefs on the Move...**

Thursday, July 19  
4:30-9 p.m.  
Ages: 18 and older  
Heights Rec Center  
Registration #68235

Calling all chefs! Come join us for this fun evening as we travel to Market Street McKinney for a cooking class. You will prepare/cook your own 3 course dinner and then get to enjoy eating it with your friends! The space for this event is very limited due to the number of spaces available in the cooking school, so be sure to sign up early! Fee is \$27.

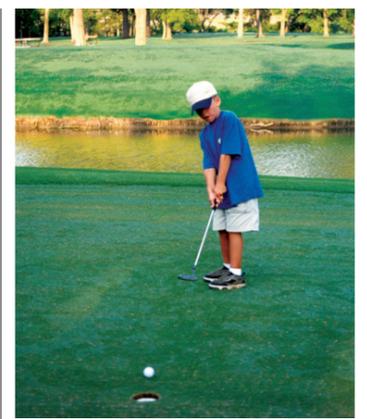
**Uncle Sam Sports Adventure**

**Indoor Obstacle Course and Basketball Challenge**

Friday, July 13, noon-2 p.m.  
Huffhines Recreation Center - GYM

Ages: 6-12 Fee: \$10  
Registration #68233

This special event will include speed and agility through an inflatable obstacle course and basketball drills. You will compete in individual and group competitions and much more. Let the fun begin!



**Sherrill Park Golf Course**

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

**Summer Junior Golf Camp**  
8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
\$249  
July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27  
Instruction, lunch and snacks each day.

**Golf It Up**  
July 9-30; July 12-Aug. 2;  
July 14-Aug. 4  
\$135 per session  
Instruction for new golfers to intermediate players with varying levels of skill. Eight hours of instruction.



**Water aerobics classes maintain fitness, balance**

If making waves makes you happy, you should check out the City's water aerobics classes offered every week day all summer and three times per week throughout the rest of the year.

Though called "Senior Water Aerobics," the classes are for anyone 16 or older and for any fitness level.

The classes have been taught for the past several years by Laurie Wilder, who has 23 years of teaching experience and unlimited enthusiasm for water aerobics.

"Water is the most effective medium to exercise in," Wilder said. "I love helping people help themselves to get fit. Water exercise is a great way to exercise and build

muscle strength without harming your joints and bones."

The class is self paced with participants working according to their physical capabilities.

During the summer, the outdoor water aerobics classes meet at Cottonwood Pool, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday (Rise & Shine) and 8:45-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Morning Glories). The indoor classes are held at Pearce High School Natatorium 10:15-11:15 a.m. Monday and Friday (SPF-45).

Summer registration is handled through punch cards which must be purchased prior to attending a class at either of the recreation centers or the Senior Center. The cards are available for four classes

(\$16), six classes (\$24) or 10 classes (\$40) and can be used at any class on any day.

Aqua shoes are encouraged, but not mandatory, Wilder said. The classes focus on fitness, flexibility and balance. "If you don't practice balance, you lose it," she said.

The number of participants in the classes varies, but room is always available. The exercising is done at arm pit level in the water and the hair generally stays dry.

"We talk and sing in every class and always end the class with a patriotic song," Wilder said with a smile.

For more information, call the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.



**Ken and Blaine Coutant, Gross Division Winners**



**Kolby and Charlie Kegans, Net Division Winners**

**Parent-Child tourney winners announced**

Sherrill Park hosted its annual Parent-Child golf tournament on Father's Day. The tournament is handicapped and speciality tees are used to ensure the enjoyment of all ages. Afterwards, participants gather for a lunch and awards ceremony. This year's winners were:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Gross Division</b>       | <b>Net Division</b>              |
| 1st Ken/Blaine Coutant, 59  | 1st Charlie/Kolby Kegans, 57.8   |
| 2nd Rick/Ben Thompson, 60   | 2nd Mike/Grayson Carroll, 58.4   |
| 3rd Bob/Dave Laubenberg, 63 | 3rd Brad/Bryce Richardson, 59    |
| 4th Steve/Tommy Boone, 63   | 4th Yoichi/Yucauka Akasaka, 59.2 |

**Huffhines Tennis Center**  
1601 Syracuse Dr.  
972-744-7870

**Summer Slam Tennis Camps**  
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
\$130 for the week; \$30 daily  
July 9-13; July 30-Aug. 3  
Bring a racquet, a hat and a small snack. Center has demo racquets to borrow.

**KIDS NIGHT OUT!**

**Games • DJ • Contests • Inflatables**

Saturdays: July 14, 21, 28 • Aug. 11, 18, 25  
Ages 7-13 • 6-9:30 P.M.  
\$25 1st child • \$15 2nd child

Heights Rec Center • 711 W. Arapaho Road  
Register on line at www.cor.net  
For more information e-mail ladfitness@yahoo.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.

### Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. 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 Aug. 20.

### Fundamentals of Windows XP

This class is designed for the novice and is a prerequisite for taking future classes, such as Word, Excel, Quicken and many other informative classes. Classes are from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without membership. Frank Davis is our instructor. Next four-week session starts Aug. 20.

### VISTA

### (Fundamentals of Windows) and Windows 7

(Fundamentals of Windows) These classes are designed for the novice and are taught concurrently. The next four-week session starts July 23 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

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be July 10 and July 17 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.

### iPad Instruction 101

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

### iPad Instruction 102

While iPad instruction 101 teaches you the basics of using an iPad, this class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to this four-week class Monday, July 2 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$63 without a membership.

## 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.

### Internet Usage

In this class you will learn about such things as internet service providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The next two-week session starts June 11 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



### Create a Website

This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, You Tube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts July 23 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

### 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 simply compile all your photo treasures onto a DVD for you to keep. A hard bound book of pictures capturing special moments or a DVD of pictures along with your voice sending a special message make memorable gifts for family and/or friends. The next four-week class starts June 4 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$45 with a membership; \$48 without a membership. Class will include making a hardbound book with up to 100 pictures or a DVD.

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

July 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
July 19	6-10 p.m.
Aug. 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Aug. 16	6-10 p.m.

### 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:

Aug. 7 and 9	6-9 p.m.
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Cost for the class with membership: 55 and over, \$15; 54 and under, \$25; without membership: 55 and over, \$18; 54 and under, \$28. 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:

July 9 and 12	6-9 p.m.
July 23 and 26	6-9 p.m.

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

### 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. The cost for voice lessons is \$25 per hour. Call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

### Plus Square Dance

Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter. **Plus Lessons/Tuesday Nights** will start July 31 and run through Nov. 6. Price is \$65 per person if registered and paid on or before July 31; \$75 per person if registered and paid after July 31.

### Friendship Plus

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

### 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 Tuesdays with instruction available from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

### ABC Quilting

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

### Ceramics

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

### Fun with Oils

A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of 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 and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are held Wednesdays, 12:15-4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins July 11.

### 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 July 5. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

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

Tatyana Sherman will bring her 34 years of teaching experience to the Senior Center. Both ESL and ESOL classes start July 7 and 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 214-570-1619.

### Photography Club

If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures how about joining a photography club to share ideas and know how? You do not have to own professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. No fee.

## Programs

### Bingo

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter.

### The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome 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, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Next meeting is Aug. 6. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

### 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.

### The Vintage Dance Club

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

July 7	Gary Lee
July 14	Doc Gibbs
July 28	Russ Dorsey

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.

### 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
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
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

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Senior Center

**Tennis League**

Richardson's Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men's group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For more information, contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-744-7870.

**Senior Golf League**

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167, for more information.

**Pool Tournaments**

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

**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 Bowling League**

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2012 summer season. The season runs from June 7-Aug. 23. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 214-257-6503; Lina Mc Ferrin-VP, 972-596-4035; or Bill North-Sec./Treas., 214-676-0411.

**Chess Club**

The chess club meets on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

**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. Call 972-744-7800 for further information. We welcome all perspectives for discussion!

**Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College**

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

**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.

**Password and Mental Aerobics**

Mental Aerobics is Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

**Richardson Public Library**

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

**Tatting**

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch. We have supplies for you to start and meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

**Needleworks**

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts 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.

**Let's Play "42"**

Regular "42" games are scheduled on Thursday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

**New!! American Hearing Laboratory**

American Hearing Laboratory will offer FREE hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Center every three months on the first Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. The next screening will be Sept. 5. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

**2012 Flu Shot Clinic**

Mark your calendars! The Senior Center will be offering the flu shots on the following dates:

Sept. 11—10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sept. 12—noon-4 p.m.

Sept. 13—10 a.m.-2 p.m.

NOTE: We will start taking appointments Aug. 1. Please call 972-744-7800 to secure your day and time.

**Senior Holiday Bazaar**

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration begins July 2 for Richardson residents only. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who are active crafters as of July 2 will have priority. All items must be hand made by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Sept. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each.

Name: _____
Address: _____
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Phone: _____
Craft items to be sold include:
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Tables requested: _____
Any Special Requests?
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**Services****The Seniors' 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 may be scheduled now for July 6. Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

**Counseling Services**

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

**Friendly Visitors**

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

**RSVP Volunteer Program**

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our RSVP group. Activities are minor clerical duties transportation and lunch are provided by the agency we are volunteering for. For more information, please call Mary Kelley at 214-823-5700 ext. 228.

**New!! The Memory Café**

The Senior Center hosts a new program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from alzheimers/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café will meet the first Thursday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. The first meeting is July 5, 10-11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. No fee.

**Blood Pressure Checks**

Free blood pressure screenings are available Wednesdays 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.

**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.

**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. Class is held Mondays at 9:30 a.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. Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 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 done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee is \$5.

**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. Classes begin the first Monday from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. of the month for four weeks. 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 WaterAerobic instruction for the summer session. Summer schedule began June 4 at two locations...three punch card options.

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

Punch card can be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

**Rise and Shine:** Cottonwood Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F

Designed for the intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. Aqua shoes are suggested.

**Morning Glories:** Cottonwood Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind...This class is for all ages including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

**SPF 45:** J.J. Pearce Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested. For more information please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson 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. 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.

**Games****Canasta**

Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

**Pinochle**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

**Party Bridge**

Friday, 10 a.m.

**Bunco**

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

**Scrabble**

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

**Cribbage**

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Mah Jongg**

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

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

The teaching zoo that comes to you!

# ZOO'S CLUES



Zooniversity is a traveling wildlife education company that introduces children and adults to the fascinating world of exotic animals.

**Saturday, Aug. 4**  
2:30-3 p.m.

**\*OR\***

**3:15-3:45 p.m.**

**Basement Program Room**

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

\*A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of the two presentations. Tickets are limited; available in the Children's Department on Saturday, Aug. 4, beginning at 10 a.m., first come, first serve.

## Library demos Kindle Fire

Bring your brown bag lunch and come to the Library for a free demo of the new Kindle Fire. The demonstration will be held noon-1 p.m. July 24. Topics to be covered include:

- Turning on the Kindle Fire
- Tapping, touching, typing
- Installing apps
- Learning about the parts of the screen
- Downloading free Library e-books for the Kindle Fire

No registration required. For more information call Vrena at 972-744-4350.

## FOL's book sale is more than a book sale

Many residents look forward to the twice yearly used book sales held by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library. It is a place to choose from thousands of books to find a remembered classic, to try a new author, to add to a book collection or just to pick up a "good read."

That is only the beginning. Even though thousands of books are sold and thousands of dollars are raised to benefit the Library, there are always many great books left unsold. The FOL book sale volunteers sort the books left behind to donate throughout the community. A truck load is donated to the Elks Club for distribution to the Veterans Hospital to help wounded service men pass the time during hospital stays. Many books go to the Richardson Adult Literacy Center. What better way to build literacy skills than by reading! Children's books are donated to the NETWORK of Community Ministries to provide children of their client families with free reading material. Books are also given to the RISD Council of PTAs to sell in their annual used book fair that provides funding for college scholarships for high school seniors as well as funding for many other programs that they sponsor.

The next time you donate a book to the FOL Book Sale, remember that it is not just a donation to support the Library. That donated book is on a journey to improve people's lives in unexpected, but valuable ways.

**ENCOURAGE YOUR KIDS TO READ ALL SUMMER!**

# PEACE PALOOZA



## TEEN INTERNATIONAL DAY

Saturday, July 21, 2-5 p.m.

All ages welcome

No registration or tickets required

### Performance Schedule

- 2:30 p.m. Hip Hop Dancing  
Sway Dance Center
- 3:15 p.m. Hawaiian Dance  
Halau Ho'ola Ka Mana O Hawai'i
- 3:30 p.m. Scottish Highland Dance  
Dallas Highland Dancers
- 4 p.m. Martial Arts  
HeBei Chinese Martial Arts Institute
- 4:30 p.m. African Drumming  
Leo Hassan

Cultural exhibits by the teens of Richardson Library. Basement Program Room. For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358

## Popular speaker reviews 'One Amazing Thing' Aug. 9

Humorist, author, actress, professor and book reviewer extraordinaire Rose-Mary Rumbley will review the Richardson Reads One Book 2012 pick, "One Amazing Thing" at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 9 in the Library's Basement Program Room.



Rose-Mary Rumbley

Dubbed by the Fort Worth Star Telegram's Dave Leiber, as "the best public speaker in North Texas," Rose-Mary Rumbley delivers hundreds of speeches every year including speeches to more than 75 book clubs in the Dallas Fort Worth area. Rumbley has no website and needs no marketing. Her fans are legion and her advertising strictly word of mouth. A former professor of speech and drama, Rumbley has written several books including two humorous looks at the history of Dallas.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library and is free and open to all. The doors to the program room will open at 10 a.m. For more information call Janet at 972-744-4376.

## Writing workshop scheduled Aug. 25

C.J. Critt, well known voice artist, writer for Radio Disney, playwright and actress will present "The Write Stuff," an interactive workshop for adult and mature teenaged writers of all skill levels. This free workshop will be held 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 in the Library's Basement Program Room.



C.J. Critt

"The Write Stuff" is an engaging writing and performance workshop focused on writers, whether they are beginners or professionals, who wish to banish writer's block and connect with their most vivid, searing, uncensored and memorable feelings, experiences and beliefs. Participants will have a chance to make their writing leap from their minds and memories to the page and then to "the stage" when they read their newly authored material out loud for their peers and classmates. With demonstrations of notable original material penned and performed by Critt, who then offers writing prompts, positive energy and encouragement, students discover their signature voices, on the page and out loud.

"The Write Stuff" is sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library as part of the Library's slate of activities for the 2012 Richardson Reads One Book Program. Workshop registration begins Aug. 1. Call 972-744-4376 to reserve your spot.

## SUMMER STORYTIMES & PROGRAMS

Storytimes and programs for Richardson residents ages 6 weeks through 9th grade continue through early August. **Required registration began May 21.** A valid Library card is required.

Go to Children's Department or call 972-744-4358.

Non-residents may participate in Family Storytime held each Monday, 6:45-7:15 for ages 3-7 or "It's Elementary!" storytime for children in grades Kindergarten through 4th held 4:15-4:45 p.m. every Tuesday.

## The Incredible Bubble Show

...with international bubble artist Linda Berman!

- Linda will make ...hand-blown bubbles
- ...BIG bubbles
- ...tiny bubbles
- multiple bubbles
- ...bubbles IN bubbles
- ...bouncing bubbles
- ...dancing bubbles
- ... foggy bubbles



**AND may even put YOU inside a giant bubble**

**FORCE FIELD!**

**FREE for kids of all ages!**  
**BASEMENT PROGRAM ROOM**

Funding provided by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library

**Saturday, July 28**  
2-3 or 3:30-4:30 p.m.

A FREE TICKET IS REQUIRED to attend ONE of two presentations. Tickets are limited and available in the Children's Department beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of the presentation. First come, first served.



## Be a Playa!

**Electronic & Board Games**  
Tuesday, July 10 6-8 p.m.



Teens: 6th-12th Grades  
Basement Program Room

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



Richardson Public Library presents a fun version of a classic tale for all ages...

## The TRUE story of Jack and the Beanstalk

performed by The Story Time Theater of Keller, Texas

**Saturday, July 14**  
2-3 p.m. \*OR\* 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Basement Program Room**

\*A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of the two presentations. Tickets are limited; available in the Children's Department on Saturday, July 14, beginning at 10 a.m., first come, first served. For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.



**Celebrating the artistic donation to the Library are, from left, Library Director Steve Benson; Librarian Ludmila Pospelova, liaison with RCAS; Richard Prather, artist; Mayor Bob Townsend, and Susan Martin, president RCAS.**

## RCAS gives to Library

The Richardson Civic Art Society recently continued its tradition of purchasing the winning artwork from its biggest annual art show and giving it to the City of Richardson in acknowledgement of the City's support. This year's \$1,500 gift and gifts from previous years are hung throughout the Richardson Library. The 2012 Best in Show winner was an oil painting created by Richard Prather of Garland, a wildlife biologist and renowned landscape painter.

Prather has won numerous awards for his vivid and expressive landscapes of the west. "Let's Go" artfully pictures a rafting excursion as it embarks on the Rio

Grande River in the Wild Rivers Recreation Area of northern New Mexico. Prather is represented by three galleries in the Southwest and can be contacted at www.RichardPrather.com. The painting can be viewed on the second floor of the Library.

Richardson Civic Art Society is a local group of artists which meets monthly for the purpose of organizing and supporting visual arts. The 46th Regional Juried Art Exhibition was open to all Texas artists; the 80 works selected by the juror from almost 300 entries were recently hung in the Eisemann Center. Information about RCAS is at www.richardson-arts.org.