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RICHARDSON PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE FALL 2012

Find everything you need to know about the parks and recreation department in Richardson, Texas. The guide includes information on the parks, trails, and recreation facilities in Richardson, Texas. It also includes information on the parks and recreation department's services and programs.

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Richardson Parks and Recreation is an equal opportunity organization. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or disability in any of our programs, services, or activities.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Richardson Parks and Recreation has several facilities throughout the city. These facilities include:

- Ball Fields
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RICHARDSON PARK FACILITIES AND TRAILS MAP

A detailed map of Richardson, Texas, showing the locations of various parks, trails, and recreation facilities. The map includes a legend and a scale bar.

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Methodist Health System plans new hospital

Methodist Health System is building a new \$120 million, 125-bed acute care hospital at the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Bush/Renner location.

Scheduled to open in fall 2014, the hospital will be located at the southeast corner of Renner Road and Bush Turnpike in Richardson.

Methodist Richardson, which began as a community-owned hospital in 1966, has two medical campuses—the Campbell Road and Bush/Renner campuses. The Methodist partnership has accelerated the expansion at Bush/Renner, which is currently home to a medical office building as well as an outpatient hospital and cancer center that opened in October 2008.

"This hospital has served Richardson and the surrounding area with compassionate quality health care at its Campbell Road location for more than 40 years," said Levi Davis, chairman of the Methodist Health System board of directors. "We are pleased to begin this new chapter in our history and look forward to the stewardship of this community's health for many years to come."

Methodist Health System purchased the hospital facilities previously owned by Richardson Hospital Authority in October, 2011. The expansion at Bush/Renner extends Methodist's existing service area and will offer enhanced health care services to residents in the Richardson, Wylie, Sachse, Murphy, Plano, Garland and surrounding areas. The new hospital will employ almost 900 professionals, and physicians representing more than 35 specialties are expected to join the medical staff.



Artist rendering of the new 125-bed acute care hospital

"This is an extraordinary development for our community, and we couldn't be more proud or honored to have Methodist Health System choose Richardson for this endeavor," said Mayor Bob Townsend. "Access to first-rate healthcare facilities is a primary concern for any community. This expansion strengthens that access for our residents while also turning our community into a regional destination for healthcare services."

Methodist Richardson Medical Center Bush/Renner will include a four-story, 266,250-square-foot acute-care hospital and will initially open with 125 beds, with shell space for 50 more. The hospital will feature a women's pavilion, a level III neonatal intensive care unit, and labor, delivery and recovery services. The hospital also will offer advanced cardiac care, in-

cluding catheterization procedures and electrophysiology as well as surgical services. A radiology department will offer the latest in imaging technology to better diagnose and treat medical conditions.

"Many people came together to make this vision a reality," said

President of Methodist Richardson Medical Center Ken Hutchenrider, Jr. "I'm grateful to the City of Richardson for their continued support as well as the Methodist Richardson advisory board for their guidance and counsel during this process."

MRMC Campbell campus will continue to serve community

Upon completion of the new hospital in 2014, plans for the Methodist Richardson Campbell campus, located at 401 W. Campbell Road, call for continued use of the physician pavilion, a full-service emergency department, and ancillary services such as lab and radiology. Added services will include expansion of the behavioral health unit to include geriatric behavioral health, inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care.

"The expansion at Bush/Renner along with the specialized services available at the Campbell campus will equip us with the ability to meet the needs of our community population, allowing us to be the trusted provider for every generation," said President of Methodist Richardson Medical Center Ken Hutchenrider, Jr.

Richardson City Council calls Charter Amendment Election

At its regular work session meeting held July 30, the Richardson City Council approved an ordinance to call for a charter amendment election in November. The proposed amendment would change Richardson's charter to provide for the direct election of the City's mayor.

Currently, under the Richardson City Charter, a council member is appointed to the position of mayor by the council members. Under state law, the City Charter may be amended by initiative of the City Council adopting an ordinance calling an election on proposed amendments, or by petition, if a proper petition is submitted and signed by a number of qualified voters of the city equal to at least five percent of the number of qualified voters of the municipality, or 20,000, whichever number is smaller. On July 5, a petition to call the election was submitted to the City Secretary's Office. A total of 4,556 signatures were submit-

ted, and 3,051 were verified, meeting the required number of at least 2,499 qualified Richardson voters.

The election will take place during the next available uniform election date, which will be Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2012.

New hospital will attract more development in region

The announcement of the new Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) Bush/Renner hospital will not only add to the level of medical care available in the region, it will boost economic activity in the growing medical field in Richardson.

"The medical industry in Richardson is sizeable for a city with a population of about 100,000," said John Jacobs, senior vice president of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership. "The new hospital will solidify the growing Richardson healthcare service

cluster located in the Renner/Shiloh area."

The direct impact of the new hospital will be significant in and of itself, with a \$120 million capital investment in the 266,250 square-foot facility and 900 well-paying jobs. Jacobs said that the new hospital will also help to attract additional businesses as well.

"Hospitals tend to attract service and product suppliers, along with ancillary specialized medical treatment facilities," he said.

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Council budget retreat online and on cable TV

The Richardson City Council's budget retreat held July 17-18 was recorded and is available for viewing online at www.cor.net. The meetings are also available on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and ATT U-Verse, channel 99 through Sept. 2 every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 6 p.m.

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 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:



City facilities close for Labor Day 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 Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The offices will reopen with normal hours Tuesday, Sept. 4. The Tennis Center will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3. Call the Police Department at 972-744-4800 for emergencies when the Animal Shelter is closed.

Holiday schedule and recycle make up days

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Sept. 3. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.



Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, Sept. 3	Tuesday, Sept. 4
Tuesday, Sept. 4	Wednesday, Sept. 5

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the June 11 and June 25 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

June 11
Public Hearing, Zoning File 11-24: A request by Kenneth R. Smith, representing Heath Asset Management, LP, for a Special Permit for a self-service warehouse with modified development standards at 906 N. Bowser Road (Southeast corner of Bowser Road & Alpha Drive), was denied.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-05: A request by Darryl M. Burman, representing Group 1 Realty, Inc., for a Special Permit with special conditions for a motor vehicle repair shop-major to be located at 1700 Gateway Blvd., which is to be used in conjunction with the existing Courtesy Nissan dealership located at 1777 N. Central Expressway, was approved.

Consent Agenda
Approved the following Resolutions:
Resolution No. 12-09, reappointing Gary A. Slagel to the aggregated position of representative to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority ("DART") Board of Directors, which fractional allocation membership is shared with the City of University

Park and the towns of Addison and Highland Park.

Resolution No. 12-10, denying Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division's ("Atmos Mid-Tex") requested rate change; requiring the company to reimburse the City's reasonable ratemaking expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and ACS-C's legal counsel.

Resolution No. 12-11, naming the Ball Field Complex in Breckinridge Park the "Keffler Ballpark."

June 25
Public Hearing: Received citizen comments regarding realignment of City Council District Boundaries in compliance with City Charter Section 4.03.

Consent Agenda
Approved Ordinance No. 3870, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning to grant a Special Permit for a Motor Vehicle Repair Shop-Major with Special Conditions

on a 1.74-acre tract of land zoned C-M Commercial located at 1700 Gateway Blvd.

Approved the following Resolutions:
Resolution No. 12-12, supporting the application of Pavillion North Shopping Center to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a Municipal Setting Designation at the northwest corner of Campbell and Coit, Dallas, Texas.

Resolution No. 12-13, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Assignment of Contracts with Hermansen Land Development, Inc. regarding the purchase of approximately 3.0144 acres of land and approximately 0.339 acres of land out of the Lavinia McCommas Survey, Abstract No. 927, City of Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, commonly known as 750 S. Central Expressway and 758 S. Central Expressway, respectively; authorizing negotiation and execution of other agreements and documents and other actions necessary to purchase said properties.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Resident,

Our community recently received exciting news, with the announcement of a major investment in a new regional hospital at the Methodist Richardson Medical Center's Bush/Renner campus. This new hospital will not only serve our community, but will also create a destination for many supporting health care facilities that will serve people throughout North Texas.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center has been a tremendous ally during these past few years as it has grown its presence in our community. Its new 125-bed acute care hospital at the Bush/Renner campus will add to a thriving medical center in the northeastern part of the City, which includes the Methodist Richardson Cancer Center.

When it opens in 2014, this new hospital will complement the existing Methodist Richardson Medical Center on Campbell Road. The existing hospital will continue to be an important part of the community's health care network. Plans call for the continued use of the physician pavilion, a full-service emergency department, and ancillary services such as lab and radiology. We will also see new services, including expansion of the behavioral health unit to include geriatric behavioral health, inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care.



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With these two facilities, Methodist Richardson Medical Center will continue to be a strong partner with the City to provide health services. Health care is an important amenity for any thriving city, and this \$120 million investment demonstrates the strong commitment Methodist Health System has to serving our community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

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Methodist Richardson hosts "Girl Talk"

A FREE women's event emceed by Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts at 2351 Performance Dr., Richardson. Free parking is available.

Free health screenings for blood pressure, blood glucose, total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides will start at 9:30 a.m. and the program begins at 10 a.m.

The keynote speaker will be Dale Smith Thomas, who will present "Superwoman Syndrome." Smith has appeared on *Dr. Phil*, *CMT* and *VH1*.

Space is limited, so register today at 972-4 DR-LINE, or visit www.MethodistHealthSystem.org/GirlTalk.



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Morgan named deputy city manager

Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson announced last month that Assistant City Manager David Morgan has been selected to serve as Deputy City Manager for the City of Richardson. Morgan fills the position vacated by Johnson when he became City Manager June 1.

"David's 14 years of experience with the City provides a firm foundation upon which his leadership will flourish," Johnson said. "He has established a great rapport with the City Council and staff, our institutional partners and the community at large."

In his new capacity, Morgan will serve as chief operating officer and coordinate City operations and development.

"I am delighted and honored to have the opportunity to serve the City of Richardson in this role," Morgan said. "The City of Richardson has thrived over the past several decades under the direction of strong leadership, both from the City Council and the City Manager's Office. I am humbled to take the baton from those who have gone before me and to have the chance to devote my ef-

forts to this great City."

Morgan joined the Richardson staff in 1998 as an administrative assistant in the City Manager's Office. He was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager in 2000 and was promoted to Assistant City Manager-Community Services in 2003. Previously, Morgan worked as a management intern for the City of Lubbock in several departments including the City Manager's Office. Morgan has administrative responsibilities for the Parks and Recreation Department, Community Services Department and Sherrill Park Golf Course facilities. He serves as a liaison for the more than 67 neighborhood associations in Richardson.

Morgan received a bachelor's degree in communication arts from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and a master's degree in public administration from Texas Tech University. He served on the advisory board for the Texas Tech Center for Public Service and currently is a member of the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas, the Texas City Management Association, and the North Texas City Management Association. He



David Morgan

is also a member of the International City/County Management Association and was in the first class of Leadership ICMA.

Morgan is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XVII and was selected in 2008 as 21 for the 21st Century by *Inside Collin County Business*. He is a member of the Richardson East Rotary Club and also has coached for the SVAA and the Richardson Family YMCA, which recognized him as "Father of the Year" in 2008. Morgan, his wife, Leticia, and his sons, Will and Grant, live in Richardson.

Nemer appointed as city secretary

The Richardson City Council has appointed Aimee Nemer, former city secretary for the City of Murphy, to serve as Richardson's city secretary as of July 30.

"We are pleased to announce the appointment of Aimee to this very important role in our community," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "She is a leader in the municipal clerk field, and we are excited to have such a highly trained and experienced person to fill this position."

Nemer is a certified municipal clerk and has served as city secretary for the City of Murphy since November 2004. She is a past president of the Lone Star Municipal Clerks Association (LSMCA) and is an active member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA), North Texas Municipal Clerks Association (NTMCA), and International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

"I am looking forward to becoming part of the Richardson team," said Nemer. "Richardson has an incredible reputation in Texas for being an open, progressive, and responsive organization, and I am

excited to have the opportunity to be a part of it."

Nemer's selection comes after a two-month search to fill the office that has been vacant since Richardson's former city secretary retired April 30. She is certified through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program at the University of North Texas, and is one of only 19 clerks/city secretaries in Texas to hold a master municipal clerk certificate through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

As Richardson's city secretary, Nemer will serve as the official clerk for the Richardson City Council. The office certifies the authenticity of records, reviews City Council agenda items for completeness, prepares minutes and maintains the City's legislative history. The city secretary is also the election official for Richardson who oversees the administration of municipal elections to ensure compliance with all applicable election laws and policies and determines that municipal elections are conducted in a fair and impartial manner. Richardson's City



Aimee Nemer

Secretary's Office also coordinates the records management program and monitors the off-site records storage center. The records management program provides for the identification, maintenance, retention, security, disposition and preservation of City records.

Aimee Nemer lives in Wylie with her husband and twin boys who are 11. They also have three older children and two grandchildren.

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scheduled pick-up day. When is that? Your recycling day!**



Agency becomes 'The Counseling Place'

A major mental health provider in Richardson has changed its name to better reflect its mission and to help people remember it.

Now called The Counseling Place, the agency was formed in 1979 as Neighborhood Youth Services. As the agency grew, it launched new programs such as the Victims' Assistance Program in liaison with the Richardson Police Department and began providing counseling services to people of all ages on a sliding scale based on income. In the 1990s, the name was changed to Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling (NYFC), a name which proved to be overly long and difficult to remember, according to Executive Director Deborah Walsh.

"We want people to know that we're not changing our services," Walsh said. "If anything, we are strengthening the services we have, but we hope people will be

able to remember our name." She said a goal of the agency is to increase awareness in the community, but the task is difficult if no one can remember your name or associates it somehow with the New York Fire Department (NYFD rather than NYFC).

"At The Counseling Place, we try to help people live full, healthy, happy lives—in basic terms, strengthen or maintain mental health," Walsh said. "That might involve something huge, such as recovering from a tragedy or traumatic loss. It also might involve something more simple, like learning how to practice gratitude, improve relationships, manage anger, effectively deal with life changes or face other challenges."

The agency also provides programs and counseling for teens and play therapy for children.

For more information, call 972-744-4858.



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Many hands assist Japanese visitors during Summit

The City of Richardson will welcome about a dozen Japanese guests as part of the 2012 Japan-America Grassroots Summit Aug. 30-Sept. 2. The visit is a chance for North Texas to practice its world famous hospitality while promoting possible new opportunities between Japanese and Richardson businesses.

Mayor Bob Townsend will welcome the guests to Richardson at a reception at City Hall Aug. 30. Afterwards, the group will travel to the University of Texas at Dallas to tour the Natural Science and Engineering Research Lab (NSERL) and experience an en-

tertaining presentation of creative achievements in Art and Technology (ATEC) by the School of Arts and Humanities.

Fujitsu Network Communications will roll out the red carpet for the visitors Aug. 31 by providing a tour of the Richardson facility and a bento box lunch.

Members of Altrusa International of Richardson will participate Sept. 1 by sponsoring a progressive dinner party for the Japanese visitors and their home stay hosts in several Richardson homes, culminating in entertainment for the whole group.

Summit partners include Asia

Center at UT Dallas, Fujitsu Network Communications, Richardson Independent School District, Altrusa International, Village Hiker Publishing, Rich-Tone Chorus, Richardson Symphony Orchestra and the Richardson Civic Art Society.

Michael D. Skelton, vice president of Mayor's Office of International Business Development, stresses the importance of developing genuine personal relationships for effective cultural interface with an eye to establishing international business connections. He sees significance in tying the Grassroots Summit to potential business for

Richardson.

"Cultural events like the Japan-America Grassroots Summit are good for our city because they help individuals establish personal relationships with residents from abroad," Skelton said. "Plus, they provide an opportunity for guests and residents to interact with local organizations that have personal and business contacts overseas. They educate our citizens on the benefits and programs provided by our city. They create relationships and trust by networking with various organizations and, of course, locally based companies provide sponsorships and event support

which might later translate into international referrals for them."

Richardson is one of 15 North Texas cities selected to host the visitors as part of the annual gathering of Japanese and American citizens. The summit, held alternately in Japan and the U.S., honors one of the first friendships between a Japanese person and an American, a unique bond begun in 1841 that continues through their descendants to the present day. In all, more than 150 visitors from Japan will tour North Texas during the summit.

NETWORK clinic provides medical and dental care for those in need

The NETWORK Adolescent and Children's Clinic was born of necessity in 1992 when several community-minded individuals saw the need for providing infants and children in the Richardson area with medical care who would otherwise go without because the families could not afford it.

The NETWORK clinic operates the entire school year (August-May) to meet the immediate health needs of uninsured or unin-

surable children and their siblings within the 14 zip codes of Richardson Independent School District in Dallas County. The majority of eligible families cannot afford a private doctor, do not qualify for Medicaid and cannot take time off from work to spend an entire day waiting for services at Parkland Hospital. The clinic's professional volunteer staff set their schedules a year in advance and charge no fee to the patients who receive

the much needed acute care and dental treatment services. The clinic aims to decrease hospital emergency room congestion by providing bi-weekly evening service convenient for working parents, and increase student attendance by rapidly returning treated students to the classroom.

The adolescent and children's clinic offers free health care and dental services to uninsured children. All services are provided by a dedicated staff of volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses, hygienists and front office workers who work closely with the Richardson Independent School District and local medical agencies to ensure the best quality of care.

From 2007 through 2009, the clinic served the medical needs of 1,455 children in the community. In December 2009, two of the clinic's exam rooms were renovated to serve as dental facilities. With the addition of dental services in January, 2010, NETWORK began providing free dental screening and care through the Rotary Dental Clinic. To date, the Adolescent and Children's Clinic has helped 4,119 patients with acute care and dental treatment.

The acute care medical services provided include earaches, upper

respiratory infections, skin rashes, flu symptoms, bronchitis, pharyngitis and tonsillitis.

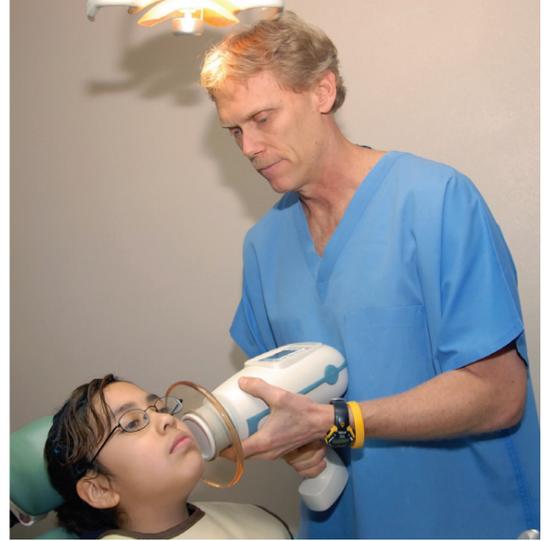
Dental treatment services offered are screening, cleaning, fillings, extractions, partial root canals and oral hygiene instructions.

The NETWORK of Community Ministries (NETWORK) was founded in 1985 and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. NETWORK is a non-denominational, community-based organization with three divisions: Emergency Services, providing food, shelter, clothing and utility services to children, adults, and seniors; the Adolescent and Children's Clinic, meeting the acute care and dental needs of uninsured children; and Seniors' Net, dedicated to providing those 60+ with the

right resources to live independently in their own homes.

Last year alone, NETWORK assisted 53,770 adult individuals, children and seniors. Since its founding 26 years ago, NETWORK has impacted the lives of more than 250,000 individuals.

For more information, call 972-234-8880 or visit www.thenetwork.org.



City's recreation programs promote health and fitness

Richardson's recreation programs promote community health and fitness in a variety of ways, with classes for every age group, interest and skill level, as well as fitness rooms and a growing mix of workout equipment.

Through the 2006 and 2010 Bond Programs, the community has consistently expressed strong support for expanding those recreation programs. Residents also ranked fitness opportunities high during public input for the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

Bond funding allowed the City to rebuild and expand the Huffhines Recreation Center in 2009, and construction has begun on a new Heights Recreation Center. A feasibility study is also under way for a recreation center at Breckinridge Park that could be built in partnership with the City of Murphy.

The new Huffhines Recreation Center included a significantly larger fitness area than the old recreation center had, allowing the City to add elliptical machines, exercise bikes, treadmills and other workout equipment. There was a strong community response, with more than 2,300 memberships sold the first year.

"We did real well, and we're continuing to do real well," said Huffhines Recreation Center Manager Rick Files.

Recreation Superintendent Gary Zimmerman said he expects a similar increase in use of the Heights Recreation Center when it opens next year. It will include more strength exercise equipment than Huffhines Recreation Center does, in part because of community preferences.

In addition to workout rooms, all of Richardson's recreation facilities offer classes for a wide variety

of interests. For adults, group and individual fitness training is available, as are boot camp style classes, Zumba classes, yoga and more. Fitness and dance classes are also offered for children. And the Senior Center offers classes from tai chi to Zumba Gold.

"Our fitness and exercise classes really are a big mainstay of our program," Senior Center Manager Beth Owens said. "We have a group that's in the exercise room at 8 every morning. It's really inspiring to see that they're so in tune with the need to be fit."



Badminton tournaments offered at Huffhines Recreation Center provide competition and exercise.

Hospital will attract development in region

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The medical services industry has also boomed in Richardson, with several rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities opening in recent years. Notable examples include Remington Medical Resorts on Lookout Drive, Reliant North Texas on Waterview Drive and San Remo on Shiloh Road.

Jacobs said the medical industry has been important to Richardson for decades, helped in large part by the establishment of the Richardson Health Authority.

"The City had the foresight as far back as 1958 to establish a hospital authority in town, and that has been the centerpiece of Richardson's medical industry for five decades," he said. "Now, as part of the Methodist Health System, the new hospital will help carry forward that legacy."

Richardson's high-tech identity has been reflected at both the existing MRMC hospital on Campbell Road and at the MRMC Cancer Center at the Bush/Renner campus. Methodist has brought cutting-edge technology, such as the da Vinci Robotic® Surgery System and advanced cancer treatment equipment, to both facilities, and the new hospital will continue to bring innovative medical care to Richardson.

"When it opens in the fall of 2014, the new hospital will be a showplace of the very finest in modern hospital design and technology," Jacobs said. "It, along with the related medical office, emergency facility and cancer research and treatment center will make Methodist's Bush/Renner campus the premier medical complex on the far northeast side of the DFW Metroplex."

Fire Department and hospital in partnership to save lives

The Richardson Fire Department (RFD) and the Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) have always had a positive working relationship and last year the two organizations received an award from the American Heart Association (AHA) for their rapid response in the treatment of a heart attack victim.

In 2009, a partnership was created between the RFD and MRMC to reduce door-to-balloon times, the time between a patient's arrival at the hospital and completion of treatment in the cardiac catheterization lab.

This was the first award given by the AHA as part of a new program that gives quarterly recognition for exceptional response time for the treatment of a heart attack victim. The award was based on a case involving a 66-year-old man who was having a heart attack. Between the time his wife called 911 and the time doctors inserted a catheter to clear his arteries, only 43 min-

utes had elapsed. That is substantially better than the state average treatment time of nearly two-and-a-half hours—time which doctors say is critical in saving muscle tissue in the heart that is being deprived of oxygen.

The award-winning case was a direct result of the RFD and MRMC working as a team to ensure equipment compatibility, consistent training and uniform protocols for both the transporting and treating of heart attack patients.



Methodist Health System is recognized by national magazine

Modern Healthcare magazine has named Methodist Health System one of the "Fast 40—Healthcare's Hottest" companies nationwide. Methodist Health System was one of just four companies in Texas to be recognized.

Companies recognized are the fastest growing health care organizations that are headquartered in the United States, had at least \$20 million in revenue in 2011 and have been in business for five years or more.

The 2012 program identifies the "Fast 40" companies in the following sectors: hospitals/hospital systems, physician group practices, payers/insurers and suppliers. A ranked list of winners will be announced and posted by Modern Healthcare Sept. 24, and included in a published print supplement with the magazine, along with profiles of many of the honorees.

Senior Awareness Day is Aug. 4

The Fourth Annual District 112 Senior Awareness Day (co-hosted by State Representative Angie Chen Button and the cities of Richardson, Garland, Sachse and Rowlett) will be held Saturday, Aug. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Granville Arts Center Atrium, 300 N. Fifth Street, Garland.

Senior Awareness Day is put on to educate the seniors of Richardson, Garland, Sachse, and Rowlett of community resources available to them as well as to provide them a weekend of great entertainment.

"Senior citizens contribute so much to our community, and I am deeply honored to represent and work toward the betterment of our community with such wonderful people," said Rep. Button.

The event will include exhibitors, entertainment, refreshments and door prizes. The Dallas Area Agency on Aging will have benefits counselors present to answer questions and provide assistance on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other programs for seniors.

Main Street/Central study involves community

More than 175 people attended an open house in July to discuss the future of the Main Street/Central Expressway area. Their ideas and input were presented to the Richardson City Council the next week as part of an ongoing study of redevelopment 415-acre area.

A wide variety of interested individuals, groups and stakeholders, including business owners, property owners and other participants attended the open house, which was structured around a series of topics at seven stations in the meeting room. Participants were able to visit the stations and

provide comments on the following topics:

- Corridor Character
- Business and Activities
- Connections
- Investments and Improvements
- Multiculturalism
- Physical Amenities
- Main Street

Participants took part in a keypad polling exercise that gathered demographic information and asked what issues most interested them. It also allowed participants to rate the importance of the concepts presented in the session on a scale from very important to very

unimportant. The polling results indicated that all of the concepts were considered important to the success of the Main Street/Central Expressway area.

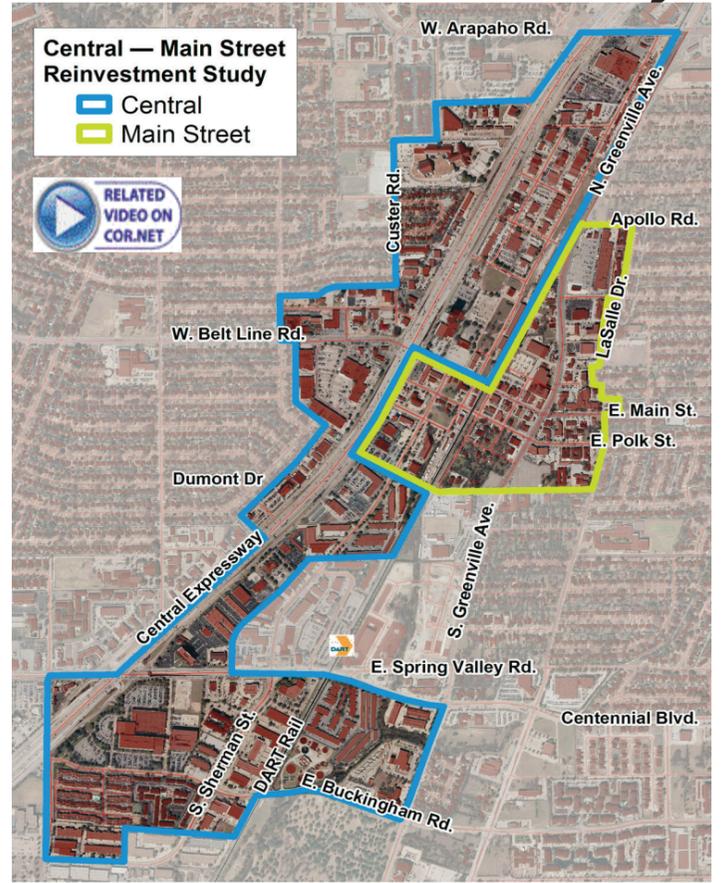
Very important to at least 66 percent of the participants:

- Attracting new business development (79 percent)
- Attracting new private investment (76 percent)
- Having a mix of uses
- Creating a distinctive identity
- Creating a better gateway to Richardson

Very important to at least 50 percent of the participants:

- Making the area more sustainable
- Moving traffic more smoothly
- Making the area more appealing to pedestrians
- Taking better advantage of nearby DART stations

The Main Street/Central Expressway area includes the Central Expressway corridor from approximately the southern City limit to Arapaho Road, as well as the City's historic downtown. Both areas were identified for further study in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan. Future opportunities for public input will include online questionnaires and surveys, a community



charrette scheduled for Sept. 19 and a third community involvement session Nov. 8.

A Facebook page has been established for the study called

Richardson Main Central Study. Search Facebook for "Richardson Main Central Study" to take the survey and get the latest information.



Community participants review priorities at the meeting.

City Council approves new district boundaries

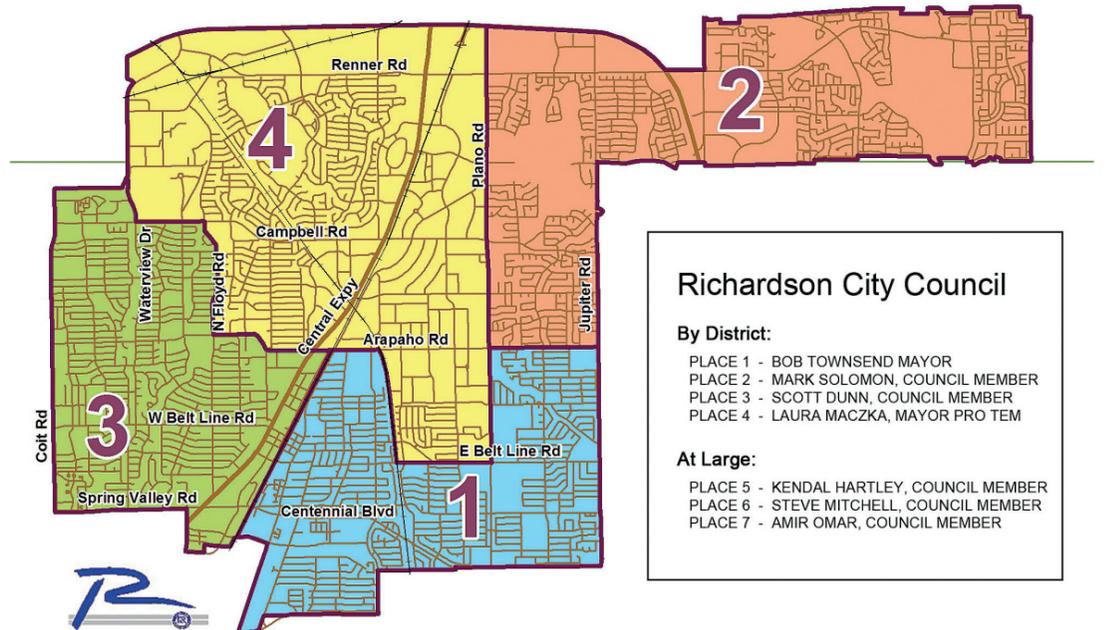
The City Council unanimously voted in July to approve an ordinance revising Richardson's Council District boundaries. The vote followed a Council work session held July 2 and a public hearing by the Council June 25, when recommendations from the Council District Boundary Commission were brought forward for consideration. Following federal pre-clearance, the new boundaries will govern the districts of the next City Council election, to be held May 11, 2013.

Federal regulations require that the population distribution among City Council districts be approximately equal and that district boundaries be nondiscriminatory. The City Charter requires that the City Council appoint a Commission every 10 years (after the U.S.

Census is complete) to review the district boundaries and ensure population equality. Current district boundaries must be realigned because population growth in some areas of the City has led to an imbalance in the population distribution among districts.

On Jan. 30, the City Council appointed the City Plan Commission to serve as the Council District Boundary Commission. Over the course of seven meetings, including two public hearings, the Commission reviewed nine different options. Two options were forwarded for City Council consideration.

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



- Richardson City Council**
- By District:**
- PLACE 1 - BOB TOWNSEND, MAYOR
 - PLACE 2 - MARK SOLOMON, COUNCIL MEMBER
 - PLACE 3 - SCOTT DUNN, COUNCIL MEMBER
 - PLACE 4 - LAURA MACZKA, MAYOR PRO TEM
- At Large:**
- PLACE 5 - KENDAL HARTLEY, COUNCIL MEMBER
 - PLACE 6 - STEVE MITCHELL, COUNCIL MEMBER
 - PLACE 7 - AMIR OMAR, COUNCIL MEMBER

Discount ticket program offered again for 2012-2013 Eisemann Center Presents season

The upcoming season of Eisemann Center Presents includes the MainStage shows (formerly Spotlight Series) and a ticket program that features significant savings determined by the number of shows ordered.

Due to the artistic diversity of the MainStage shows and special attractions, these events are not packaged as a subscription series. All of these shows, as well as the other shows in the season, qualify for a unique discount program in which you can create your own entertainment package and enjoy

savings up to 20 percent.

The multi-show discount program does not guarantee the same seats, but offers you great flexibility of choice economically (different price levels and quantity of seats on a show-by-show basis), as well as artistically (shows of choice).

If you are a subscriber to one or more of the subscription series, those shows will also count towards this discount package making it even easier for you to get discounts on other shows of interest. All shows must be ordered at the same time in order to receive the

discount benefits offered.

Single tickets may be purchased online at www.eisemanncenter.com, by telephone and in person beginning Aug. 6. The "Friends" members' priority pre-sale runs through Aug. 5. For more information, call the Eisemann Center ticket office at 972-744-4650. The ticket office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and one hour prior to curtain time for all events. The ticket of-

rice fax number is 972-744-5830. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more patrons. Group sales can be reached at 972-744-4657.

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

The Eisemann Center now has a Pinterest site that allows visitors to view photos, videos and information about the performances in the 2012-2013 Eisemann Center Presents Season and 10th anniversary celebration.

Pinterest is a pinboard-style social photo sharing website that allows users to create and manage theme-based image collections such as events, interests, hobbies and more.

<http://pinterest.com/eisemanncenter/>

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For Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations

Subscriptions for the ViewPoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series are on sale to the public with a 15 percent discount on full series subscriptions ranging from \$125.80 to \$136. The Family Theatre Series subscriptions range from \$62.40 to \$112, a savings of 20 percent off single ticket prices. The Keyboard Conversations® Series subscriptions range from \$85 to \$102 at a 15 percent discount off single ticket prices.

Series subscriptions are not available online, but orders are accepted by mail, fax, telephone and in person. Call the Eisemann Center ticket office at 972-744-4650.

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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 and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.



2012-13 Richardson ISD Calendar

Aug. 27
Classes begin
Sept. 3
Labor Day holiday
Oct. 8-9
Student holidays
Nov. 22-23
Thanksgiving holidays
Dec. 21-Jan. 7
Winter break/student holidays
Jan. 21
Martin Luther King holiday
Feb. 18
Student holiday
March 11-15
Spring break
March 29
Student holiday
May 24
(Holiday or
snow make-up day)
May 27
Memorial Day holiday
June 6
Classes end
June 7
Snow make-up day
June 9, 10
Graduation

Immunization Clinic 820 W. Arapaho by appointment only

**FREE children's
immunization clinic
open to Richardson
residents and children
attending
Richardson schools
who do not have private
insurance.
Call 972-744-4076 for
required appointment.**

**Hours:
Tuesdays
4:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays
9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**City of Richardson
and
Junior League of
Richardson**

Chamber honors new teachers Aug. 17

Teachers new to the Richardson Independent School District will be welcomed and honored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Aug. 17.

New elementary level teachers will be honored at a breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. while new junior high and high school teachers will attend at a luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency North

Dallas-Richardson.

Prices are \$40 for Chamber members and \$50 for nonmembers. Featured speaker for both events is Mary Ann Rankin, CEO of the National Math and Science Initiative.

For more information or to donate a door prize for the new teachers, call 972-792-2800.



Crossing guards needed

Do you know someone who could use extra income—a college student, a homemaker, a retired person? The City currently has openings for school crossing guards or crossing guard substitutes for the coming school year.

Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. They must be able to work three hours a day, enjoy children and working outdoors. Beginning salary is \$9 per hour.

For more information, call Kathy Hennion at 972-744-4943.



RISD calls for school supply donations

The RISD Partners Program is in need of your help! The RISD Partners Program is a way that a business or community group can establish an ongoing, supportive relationship with one or more RISD schools or programs through volunteerism and/or donations.

In order to reduce the number of students who return to school in the fall without school supplies, the Partners Program will be collecting school supplies for delivery to the schools through September. Cash or check donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to the RISD Partner's Fund.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Backpacks
- 24 count CRAYOLA crayons
- Black pens
- Blue pens
- Red pens
- #2 pencils
- Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- Glue sticks
- Elmer's glue (4 oz. size)
- Pink bevel erasers
- Subject dividers
- Thick WASHABLE markers
- Thin markers (washable or non-washable)
- Plastic pencil boxes
- Rulers with inches and centimeters (wood and plastic)
- Children's scissors (blunt or sharp nose)—5-inch and 7-inch sizes
- 7-inch map pencils (12 count)
- 3-ring binders (3-inch with slip covers)

If you are interested in donating, contact RISD Community Relations Coordinator Celina Cárdenas at 469-593-0307 or celina.cardenas@risd.org. Donated school supplies can be dropped off at the RISD Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.



2012-13 Plano ISD Calendar

Aug. 27
Classes begin
Sept. 3
Labor Day holiday
Oct. 19-22
Student holidays
Nov. 21-23
Thanksgiving holidays
Dec. 24-Jan. 7
Winter break/student holidays
Jan. 21
Martin Luther King holiday
Feb. 18
Student holiday
March 11-15
Spring break
March 29
Student holiday
May 27
Memorial Day holiday
June 7
Classes end
June 10, 11
Inclement weather days
June 12
Graduation

School hours

**Plano ISD
469-752-8100
www.pisd.edu**

**Elementary:
7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.**

**Middle School:
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**High School & Senior
High School:
9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.**

**Richardson ISD
469-593-0000
www.risd.org**

**Grades K-6:
8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Junior High:
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Senior High:
9 a.m.-4:10 p.m.**

Sales tax holidays Aug. 17, 18, 19

The 13th annual tax-free shopping weekend is Aug. 17-19 on clothing, footwear and school-related backpacks that sell for less than \$100. School supplies for students in elementary and secondary schools that cost less than \$100 (per item) are also sold tax free. The tax holidays begin at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, and end at midnight Sunday, Aug. 19.

The exemption applies to each article of clothing, footwear, backpack or supply selling for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$100. However, one shirt costing \$100 is not exempt and the first \$99.99 cannot be excluded.

This sales tax holiday does not include sales of clothing and footwear normally worn for an athletic

activity or for protection. For example, basketball shoes may be worn for other activities and may be sold tax-free during this period. Golf shoes, on the other hand, are not normally used for other activities and will continue to be taxable during this period.

Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items. Backpacks for students are exempt from sales tax during this period. Even backpacks with wheels qualify as long as they can also be worn on the back in the traditional manner.

The holiday does not extend to rentals. Clothing and shoe rentals continue to be subject to state and local sales or use tax.

If you have questions concerning this sales tax holiday, contact the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at 1-800-252-5555 or visit www.window.state.tx.us.

August Calendar

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho
972-744-7800

Special Events

Red Hats Quarterly Meeting
Aug. 6, 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to come join in the celebration. The Richardson Red Hats are celebrating their 10th anniversary with cake and all the accouterments for an Anniversary Celebration Bash. Your toes will be a tapping along with the Class Act Tap Dancers who will be here to entertain you. Put your red hats on, bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Out to Lunch Bunch
Aug. 21

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

1950s Sock Hop
Aug. 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, along with a '50s dance performance by Dru Faris and Nikki Simpson's line dancers. Toni Taylor will keep the Center rockin' with her vocal choices. 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.

Cheryl's Fall Recital
Sept. 21, 1 p.m.

The piano and voice students of Cheryl Hayes will present their Fall Recital at the Senior Center. Her students are looking forward to showcasing their accomplishments for you to enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

Health Connection
Understanding Crohn's
Aug. 23, 10 a.m., no fee

Dee Schueler, a registered nurse, will present an interactive program

to help break the silence and offer support for those suffering with Crohn's. You will learn the signs and symptoms of this disease, as well as treatment options and lifestyle strategies that will help those suffering with Crohn's lead healthy, happy lives. Please RSVP 972-744-7800.

American Foundation for the Blind

Aug. 30, 10 a.m., no fee

Join us for an informative presentation discussing vision loss associated with aging.

You will learn about the different resources and assistive technology devices available that could help you with the challenges of vision impairment.

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
Oct. 1, 2012

Join us for a tour around Gainesville on the 150th anniversary to the day of one of the most important incidents in Texas during the Civil War. Noted Civil War historians will lead us to the sites where the actual events occurred. The tour will include sightseeing around Gainesville and lunch at the Fried Pie Company. 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.

At the Library

900 Civic Center Drive
972-744-4350General Interest
Rose-Mary Rumbley reviews
"One Amazing Thing"

Aug. 9, 10:30 a.m., Civic Center Grand Hall.

The Write Stuff (Writing Workshop for Adults)

Aug. 25, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance to register, 972-744-4376.

Book Groups

First Wednesday Book Club

Aug. 1, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "One Amazing Thing" by Chitra Divakaruni presented by Anna Zimmerman. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Aug. 8, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Tennis Partner" by Abraham Verghese. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Aug. 15, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Every Last One" by Anna Quindlen. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble

Aug. 28, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Widower's Tale" by Julia Glass. 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

Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction to Computers

Aug. 8, 10 a.m.-noon.

Job Searching on the Internet

Aug. 24, 10-11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Aug. 28, 10 a.m.-noon.

Children's Activities

Family Storytime

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.

Pop Corner Movie Matinee

"Nim's Island" Aug. 2, 2-3:40 p.m., Basement Program Room. Free ticket required.

Zoo's Clues by Zooniversity

Aug. 4, 2:30-3 p.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m., Basement Program Room. Free ticket required.

Tales for Tails

Aug. 5, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.

Teen Activities

Pumped Up Kickz!

Aug. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program.

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

Community Writers' Critique Group

Aug. 15, 6-8:45 p.m., Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376 for information.

Writer's Guild of Texas

Aug. 20, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.

LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF IN-SERVICE AUG. 17.



Richardson
Woman's Club
Bridal
Open House
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 13

See RWC facilities and grounds
Meet wedding services representatives including:

- caterers*
 - wedding gowns
 - florists
 - calligraphers
 - food samples and wine
- * approved by RWC

No admission fee for you and two guests
Richardson Woman's Club
2005 N. Cliffe Dr.,
Richardson
dbucket2@netzero.com

www.richardsonwomansclub.com

At the Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

Eisemann Center Ticket Office

972-744-4650

Monday-Saturday,

10 a.m.-6 p.m.

One hour before performances

Tickets available online at:

www.eisemanncenter.com

The Rich-Tone Chorus
"1st and Goal"

Hill Performance Hall

8 p.m. Aug. 25

Tickets: \$25-\$35

www.richtones.org

Ekal Vidyalaya
Maa Tumhe Pranam

Hill Performance Hall

4 p.m. Aug. 26

Tickets: \$15



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!

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www.ralc.org

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Dickens on the Strand in Galveston

Seniors' Net schedules bi-monthly talks

Seniors' Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.-noon the first and third Tuesdays at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Aug. 7: What you need for Medicare, Dana Schulz

Aug. 21: Stroke/Stroke Prevention, Latoya Basden

Information: 972-234-8880.

Spraying used to control mosquito population

With a mild winter and abundant spring rain this year, the size of mosquito populations and findings of the West Nile virus in mosquitoes have increased this summer in Richardson and other Metroplex cities.

In response, the City has conducted spraying in several parts of Richardson to control the number of mosquitoes and to protect people from being infected with West Nile virus. Spraying is part of a comprehensive plan the Richardson Health Department follows to help protect the public from mosquito-borne illness.

The Health Department uses traps placed in all areas of the City to monitor mosquito populations and the mosquitoes from the traps are tested for a number of viruses, including West Nile. Spraying is scheduled based on that surveillance, as well as through communication with neighboring communities and information from the county health departments, which monitor for the incidence of mosquito-borne illness in the human population.

"Spraying is effective at reducing the population of adult mosquitoes but it is a measure of last resort," said Bill Alsup, Richardson Health Director. "It's more efficient to control the mosquito populations through public education, eliminating breeding sources and by using a mosquito larvicide.

The majority of our efforts center on these activities."

Mosquito species that can transmit West Nile virus thrive in stagnant water, such as in old tires or bottles, in ornamental fountains or bird baths where water does not circulate and in puddles created by leaky faucets or hoses.

Both the City and the public can help control mosquito populations by eliminating these potential breeding locations. Containers that hold standing water should be drained and turned upside down or covered. In addition, where there is the potential that mosquitoes could breed, the Health Department uses a mosquito larvicide, which does not have a negative effect on other insects or wildlife.

When surveillance discovers positive West Nile virus tests, the City informs the public of planned spraying events. The pesticide used is EPA-approved, water soluble and has a low toxicity level. Spraying typically takes place from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., times when people are unlikely to be outdoors. There is no residue left by the spraying.

To protect from being bitten by mosquitoes, people are urged to follow the Four D's of protection:

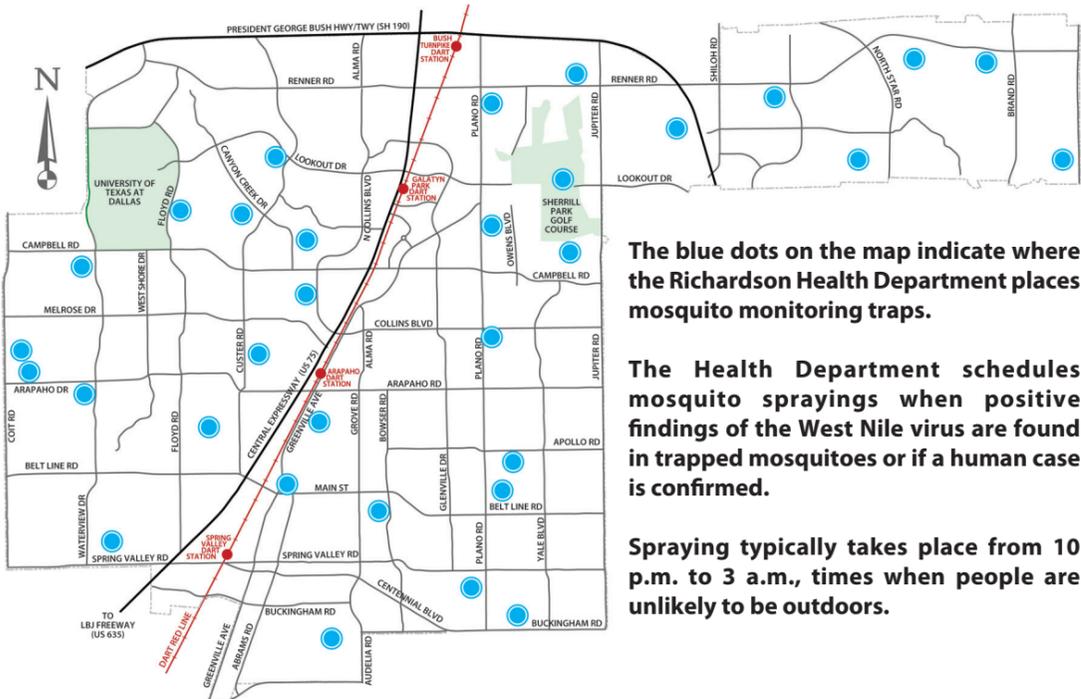
- DRAIN standing water around the home,
- Use insect repellent containing DEET,
- Avoid being outdoors at DUSK and DAWN when mosquitoes are most active,
- And DRESS to protect yourself with long sleeves and pants to reduce skin exposure.

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Infection with 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 disease. In North Texas, the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito is greatest from July to October when the mosquito that carries the virus is most active and abundant in the area.

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. Those 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.

For more information about mosquito control and about the West Nile virus, visit the Health Department website at www.cor.net/health



The blue dots on the map indicate where the Richardson Health Department places mosquito monitoring traps.

The Health Department schedules mosquito spraying when positive findings of the West Nile virus are found in trapped mosquitoes or if a human case is confirmed.

Spraying typically takes place from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., times when people are unlikely to be outdoors.



Some of the electronics dropped off at the first recycling event.

CPAAA partners with City for growth of recycling events

Q: What has more than 80 legs, works together tirelessly regardless of the weather, and benefits Richardson?

A: The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) members through its recycling projects. All the members of this alumni group have graduated from the Richardson Police Department's Citizen Police Academy.

The CPAAA-hosted environmental events—shredder truck, drug take-back and electronics recycling—have grown into a strong partnership with the City and one of the critical facets of these efforts is that they are free to the public. Contributions are encouraged at the shredder and electronic recycling events, with funds received going to support the CPAAA Scholarship Fund for college-bound children of Richardson police personnel and the CPAAA operating fund.

The first shredder truck event was solely sponsored by CPAAA and was well received. The City was a partner for the second shred event and with greater marketing and publicity by both the City and the CPAAA, the two trucks designated for that day were full to overflowing before the event was over.

Thanks to Bruce Murphy (a CPAAA board member and a past president), the recycling efforts have grown to such a degree that the community expects the events to occur and now plans ahead.

The Drug Take-Back event, now in its second year (held each fall and spring), has brought in more than 1,500 pounds of drugs.

With the assistance of officers from the Richardson Police De-

partment, the drugs are received, bagged in DEA provided bags, counted and labeled, then delivered to the Dallas DEA facility where they are incinerated.

The Drug Take-Back program is strictly a community service and is free, no contributions requested and no questions asked. Simply drive up, drop off and drive on.

The newest addition to CPAAA's Trash Bash partnership is the electronics recycling effort thanks to Jim Bailey (also a CPAAA board member and a past president). The first event was held during this past April's Trash Bash and more than 600 cars came through the south parking lot of City Hall and dropped off an estimated 4,065 items.

The success of all these recycling efforts is based on the strength of the partnership forged between the City and CPAAA. Thanks to Murphy and Richardson Director of Health Bill Alsup, all the hours and publicity spent encouraging the public to bring those recyclables in are truly paying off.

"CPAAA does a tremendous job," Alsup said. "The events they hold in partnership with the City are a wonderful example of civic organizations benefitting our community."

The next Drug Take-Back initiative is Sept. 29 and the next shredder truck/electronics recycling event is Oct. 13.

For more information on CPAAA or its recycling efforts, contact President Greg Kish at greg@kishmanktelow.com or Bruce Murphy, CPAAA Board Director, at warriors1959@sbcglobal.net.

New Station 4 holds grand opening

The Richardson Fire Department held a dedication ceremony and open house July 12 to celebrate the opening of the new Fire Station 4.

The new station, funded by the 2010 Bond Program, replaces the old Fire Station 4, which was built in 1973. The new station, located at 1500 Apollo Rd., includes features to fulfill regulatory requirements not able to be met at the old site and will accommodate today's operational staffing needs and larger fire vehicles.



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. NNO packets will be available at this meeting and a drawing will be held to assign the NNO 2012 specialty block party visits.

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



Wet cardboard can't be recycled

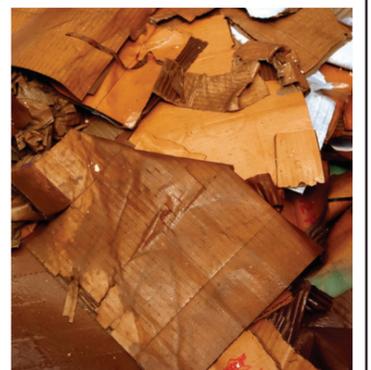
Wet cardboard is not only messy and has an unpleasant aroma, it cannot be recycled through the City of Richardson's Blue Bag Recycling Program.

Residents are reminded that if the collapsed cardboard will not fit inside the blue bag, some simple steps should be taken to ensure that the cardboard makes it to the recycle center and not the landfill.

Residents should set non-bagged cardboard out with their blue recycle bags only on DRY days by 7 a.m. And remember that many sprinkler systems are set to run at night or early morning and can give the cardboard a good soaking, which means it can't be recycled.

The City of Richardson appreciates the recycling efforts made by residents and continually tries to make it easier and more accessible to participate in the Blue Bag program.

For more information, contact the Public Service Center at 972-744-4407.



972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation



DOG SPLASH DAY!

**Saturday,
Aug. 18
11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Terrace Pool
300 N. Lois Lane**



**\$5 per dog, humans free.
No pre-registration required, but pool capacity will be monitored for fun and safety.
Must have current rabies vaccination to enter.
Humans will be responsible for their dog's behavior.
Concessions**

RICHARDSONANIMALUV.ORG

972-235-7968

Richardson Parks & Recreation
Fall Classes Expo **2012** *FREE EVENT!*
This is an event you do not want to miss!
Saturday, Sept. 8, 1-4 p.m.
 Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.

We will have a treasure trove of information on all of our classes, as well as a bounce house, games and prizes. Come in, meet our instructors and discover what the City has to offer. Demonstrations by many of our instructors will be performed on stage. Classes include arts, technology, drama, dance, martial arts, fitness, sports, tennis, gymnastics and many more!
 Explore with us and find your next adventure!

Refreshments will be provided by Spring Valley Athletic Association.



Sherrill Park Golf Course

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

City Championship slated Aug. 25-26

Sherrill Park Golf Course will hold its annual City Championship Aug. 25-26 on Course 1. Entry fee is \$150 or \$80 and two punches if you have a resident punch card. The cost includes green fees and cart. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The tournament will be flighted by handicap and it is preferred that entrants have a verifiable USGA handicap. Trophies and awards will be given for five flights as well as a ladies' flight. The resident champion will have his name inscribed on the Pro Shop trophy and will take home a championship plaque.



City gym team excels

The Richardson Gymnastics Team continued its long track record of success in the 2011-2012 competition season.

The team won a total of 108 1st place awards and had 348 finishes in the Top 3 at meets throughout the season. State team awards included 2nd place for the Level 4 team, 6th place for the Level 5 team and 1st place for the Level 7 team.

Several gymnasts also received regional awards: Tyler Davis as a Level 8 regional qualifier and Courtney Middelkoop and Kate Aberger as Level 10 regional qualifiers.

The Richardson Gymnastics Team competes in the USA Gymnastics (USAG) Junior Olympic program, as well as in the compulsory levels of the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF). Over more than 40 years, the Richardson Gymnastics Team has been home to many state and regional champions, as well as national competitors.

The coaching staff of Megan Fenton, Karen Parrack, Liz Hooser, Keri Miller, and Andrea Proctor have over 75 years coaching experience among them.

The team's home gym is the Richardson Gymnastics Center, currently located at Heights Recreation Center. A new Richardson Gymnastics Center, funded by the 2010 Bond Program, is under construction at Arapaho and Grove roads and is expected to open in early 2013.

Keep up with ALL the news about Richardson's great parks and recreation opportunities at www.cor.net/parks.



Soccer registration set

Fall registration for the Richardson Soccer Association began online July 15 at www.richardson-soccer.org. Children who are age 3 by July 31 up to age 18 who live in ZIP codes 75080, 75081 or 75082 are eligible to play. Office registration begins Aug. 1 and late registration begins after Aug. 13.

The RSA office is at 651 N. Plano Rd., No. 421, and is between Belt Line and Arapaho. Office hours during August are Monday-Thursday, 1-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 972-234-2571.

A copy of a certified birth certificate (not a hospital record) and proof of residency are required.

City Pools close for season
 All four operating pools will close for the season Aug. 12. However, Canyon Creek and Glenville pools will be open on weekends after Aug. 12 until Labor Day weekend (Aug. 18-19, 25-26, and Sept. 1-3).

ADAPTIVE SOCK HOP
Friday, Aug. 24
7-9:30 p.m.
Ages: 18 and older
Fee: \$20
Registration #68236

Duck-tails, poodle skirts, high school gymnasiums, and Rock N' Roll! Calling all grease monkeys and beauty school drop-outs to join us at the Sock Hop! Heights Sock Hop will shake it up with all your favorite hits! Enjoy a night of music, dancing, food, and more! Please come dressed in your most fab '50s attire! Sorry no drop-ins. See you at the Hop!



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
Aug. 13-17
 Bring a racquet, a hat and a small snack. Center has demo racquets to borrow.



KIDS NIGHT OUT!
Games • DJ • Contests • Inflatables
Saturdays: 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 7 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.

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:

Aug. 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Aug. 16	6-10 p.m.
Sept. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	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. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal

Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Aug. 13 and 16	6-9 p.m.
Aug. 11 and 18	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Aug. 27 and 30	6-9 p.m.

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

Private Voice Lessons

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

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.

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.

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 with a special voice message will make memorable gifts for family and/or friends. The next four-week class starts Aug. 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.

NEW!! Natural Body Rhythm

Using both sound and color, you will stretch your body's muscular system and wake up your central nervous system from the tips of your toes to the top of your head. This is an exercise program that you will be able to take home with you and do wherever you are. Instructor is Cheryl Hayes. The next four-week session will start Monday, Aug. 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fee is \$25 a month.

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 began July 31 and run through Nov. 6. Price is \$75 per person.

Friendship Plus

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

Ceramics

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your 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 Wednesdays, 12:15-4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins Sept. 19.

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 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 is the instructor.

Internet Usage

In this class you will learn about internet service providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The next two-week session starts Aug. 6 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows/Power Point

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. 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 Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without. Our instructor is Frank Davis.

Windows 8 Introduction

The course will give you an introduction to Windows 8 changes compared to Windows 7. You will be able to see the new program demonstrated on a computer and watch a video on the operation of Windows 8. The first session will start Oct. 1 for two consecutive Mondays. Classes are from 1-2 p.m. Class fee is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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 Aug. 21 and Aug. 28 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, Aug. 6 from 7-8 p.m. Cost of the class 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, Aug. 6 from 8-9 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with a membership; \$63 without a 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 Sept. 17 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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 Aug. 30. 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 the first Saturday of the month for 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.

Programs

2012 Flu Shot Clinic

Mark your calendars! The Senior Center will offer flu shots 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.

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 on the first Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. No fee

Sing-A-Long

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

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.

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.

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

The Richardson Red Hatters Quarterly Meeting Aug. 6, 11:30 a.m.

You are invited to come join in the celebration. The Richardson Red Hatters are celebrating their 10th anniversary with cake and all the accouterments for an Anniversary Celebration Bash. Your toes will be a tapping along with the Class Act Tap Dancers that will be here to entertain you. Put your red hats on, bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fun and laughter.

The Vintage Dance Club

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

Aug. 4	Gary Lee
Aug. 11	Doc Gibbs
Aug. 25	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.

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

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.

New!! Amateur Radio License Testing

The Richardson Wireless Klub (RWK) is offering Amateur Radio exams at 1:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month starting Oct. 6. The candidate will need to provide a government issued photo ID, driver's license, social security number or FCC Federal Registration number. If testing for an upgrade to a higher class of license, a copy and the original of the current license will be needed as well. Fee is \$15 in cash or check. Payment is due the day of testing. For additional information please contact Dave Russell, W2DMR, by phone at 972-690-9894 or e-mail at warthog4@tx.rr.com.

Password and Mental Aerobics

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.

Senior Holiday Bazaar Nov. 9 and 10

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 began 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 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: _____

D.O.B. _____

Phone: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____

Any Special Requests:

Bingo

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

Let's Play "42"

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

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 allows seniors residing within the Richardson ISD to 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.

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.

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 Sept. 7. 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 next meeting is Aug. 2, 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. 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 or \$7 per class.

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness 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

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.

Games

Canasta

Thursday, 9:30 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.

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 **Civic Center Grand Hall**, 411 W. Arapaho.



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.

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



BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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-served.

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.



Tales for Tails

For Readers in Grades K-4

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

3-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5

Children's Program Room

Citizenship class set

Registration began Aug. 1 for the next series of citizenship classes at the Richardson Public Library. The classes will be held 2-5 p.m. every Sunday, Sept. 9-Nov. 18, in the Basement Training Room.

To be eligible for the Citizenship Class you must:

- Be a legal resident
- Have lived in the United States continuously for at least five

years (three years if married to a U.S. citizen)

- Have no criminal record
- Pass a basic English test
- Have a Richardson Public Library card

Call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368 to register or for more information.

One Book author grew up with stories

by Librarian Janet Vance

I recently spoke with the award-winning author of "One Amazing Thing," Chitra Divakaruni, in a phone call to her home in Houston. I say it each year, but one of the most interesting perks of my job as a librarian is getting to meet the authors of the books selected for the Richardson Reads One Book program. It is great fun (and a fantasy of many devoted readers) to find out more about the authors' thoughts about the world and how those thoughts shape their writing.

For those who haven't yet read "One Amazing Thing," the book celebrates the power of our stories to build bonds between people. Divakaruni's book opens with a group of travelers—from varied races, ages and backgrounds—waiting to obtain visas to travel to India. Suddenly a massive earthquake strikes, leaving the group alive, but buried under tons of rubble. In total darkness, with water slowly rising, and the air quality deteriorating, tempers among the group members start to flare. A graduate student (with a copy of "Canterbury Tales" in her backpack) suggests that they deal with the stress by each telling the story of the "One Amazing Thing" in their own lives. One by one, each person trapped in the visa office tells the most important story of their lives.

Divakaruni comes by her storytelling talents through a strong tradition in her own family. Her grandfather lived in a rural village without modern conveniences. Each summer, Chitra, her siblings and cousins would visit their grandfather and gather around the lantern glow in the evenings to



One Book Author Divakaruni

hear him tell the folktales, myths and epics of India. The summer visits were a wonderful childhood memory that later sparked Divakaruni's own interest in classic tales and in writing down her own stories.

Like many writers, Divakaruni didn't start creating her award-winning books overnight. She reports that she worked on her writing for six or seven years before her work was publishable. As a creative writing professor at the University of Houston, Divakaruni has a wealth of knowledge about the writing process. She advises aspiring writers to take classes, to join a writer's critique group for support, and most importantly, to write every day. "I love writing," said Divakaruni. "There is nothing like it. It's quite magical."

Divakaruni first achieved widespread recognition in 1995 with her American Book Award winning collection of short stories, "Arranged Marriage." Although the book explores many different kinds of marriages, some of the

stories shine the spotlight on the issue of domestic violence against women, an issue close to Divakaruni's heart. Twenty years ago she was one of the founders of Maitri, a Bay Area based nonprofit offering services to battered East Asian women. "I was shocked at what I saw and the depths of the sorrow," explained Divakaruni. She continues to serve on the advisory board of Maitri as well as the advisory board of a Houston area nonprofit serving victims of domestic abuse. Many of Divakaruni's books including "One Amazing Thing" address this issue.

Besides her many books for adults, Divakaruni also has written books for kids, notably "The Conch Bearer," the first title in the "Brotherhood of the Conch." Her love for writing for children stems from the aftermath of 9/11, when she saw people in her community being victimized by "hate crimes." "You must create understanding in people when they are young," observed Divakaruni. She has hopes that her own two sons will grow up in a world with more appreciation of diversity than was on display when the country was trying to understand the horrors of Sept. 11, 2001.

Divakaruni will present a free lecture Sept. 20 as the highlight of this year's Richardson Reads One Book program. The lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Richardson High School auditorium. Complimentary tickets will be available at the Richardson Library beginning Sept. 4. Check out the RROB website at <http://onebook.cor.net> for a complete schedule of program activities.

Library circulation on track for record-breaking year

Library circulation numbers indicate the Richardson Public Library surpassed the million-mark for items checked out earlier than ever this year. The 1 millionth item was checked out June 21, two weeks earlier than last year, which was also a record-breaking year for items checked out.

The Richardson Public Library serves the people of Richardson and the surrounding community, and has approximately 475,000 visits per year. In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, people borrowed approximately 1.35 million items from the Library.

Three Amazing Things
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dance
Bollywood!

6th-12th Grades AND Adults!
Thursday, Sept. 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Tattoo and dance provided by the
Bangladesh Association of North Texas.

Richardson reads
One Book

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

Don't miss it!
Family Storytime
Every Mon., 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Geared for children ages 3-7 but the whole family can attend! Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, movement activities and puppets. No registration required. Do drop in! Information: 972-744-4358. Children's Program Room.

Pumped Up Kickz!
Teen Kickboxing Seminar
Teens: 6th-12th Grades
Tuesday, Aug. 7
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Master David N. Beck of Beck Martial Arts will teach basic and advanced martial arts kicks. Beck teaches Hapkido, Taekwondo, Arnis and martial fitness classes at Jerome's Gym in Richardson. Go to www.beckmartialarts.com for more information.

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