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City's 2012-2013 Budget "charts the course"



The 2012-2013 Budget will focus Richardson's efforts on planning for the future of the community while also continuing to provide excellent services that residents have come to expect.

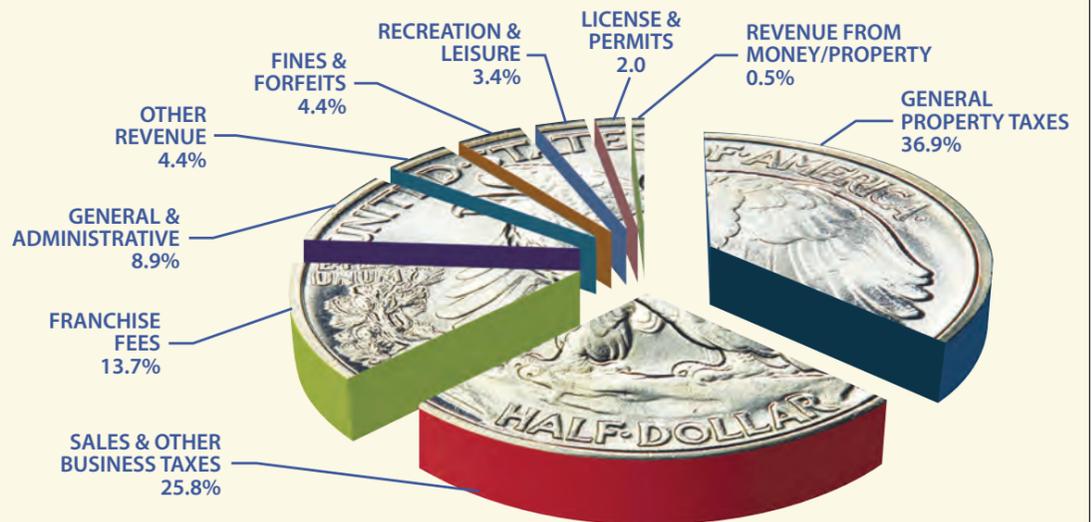
During the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1 and will end Sept. 30, 2013, the City will continue to implement the 2010 Bond Program; will complete redevelopment/reinvestment studies of key geographical areas of the City; and will conclude and implement studies of City operations including the Solid Waste system and Golf Fund operations, as well as the Cultural Arts Master Plan and a retail plan. City Manager Dan Johnson said the theme of "Charting the Course" reflects those planning efforts.

"The outcomes of those planning processes are going to have important impacts for the community," he said. "It is important planning that will really set the stage for years to come."

Johnson said Richardson was fortunate to have experienced a strong rebound from the recent economic downturn, with the Certified Tax Roll increasing 3.4 percent, largely because of strong

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General Fund Revenues—\$100,034,524



2012-2013 General Fund Revenues definitions

General Property Taxes-taxes levied on real and business personal property

Sales and Other Business Taxes-a \$0.01 per dollar tax collected by retailers on the sale of goods and services within the City as well as business taxes on mixed beverages and bingo

Franchise Fees-charges to utility companies operating within the City limits for use of the City's rights of way

General and Administrative Transfers-transfers between several different types of funds in support of the general fund to ensure equity in cost sharing

Other Revenue-fees from the cable TV franchise, ambulance service and 9-1-1 service

Fines and Forfeits-revenue from a wide variety of fines and forfeits, including citations, overdue library books, misdemeanor violations of state law and other sources

Recreation and Leisure-fees collected at rec centers, pools, tennis center, concessions, festivals, etc.

License and Permits-numerous fees including but not limited to building permits, childcare permits, alarm system permits, animal license and shelter fees and apartment inspection fees

Revenue from Money/Property-revenue from interest earnings on the City's bank and investment accounts

Methodist Health System breaks ground on new Richardson hospital



Methodist Health System celebrated its latest expansion in North Texas during a groundbreaking ceremony Sept. 27 for the Methodist Richardson Medical Center—Bush/Renner hospital. The new 125-bed, four-story acute care hospital is scheduled to open in the fall of 2014 and will create more than 100 new jobs.

"Methodist Health System is excited to begin its highly anticipated expansion in Richardson," said Dr. Stephen L. Mansfield, president and CEO, Methodist Health System. "Our Campbell Road location has serviced the Richardson area's health care

needs for more than 40 years. We see great opportunity in this important market and look forward to extending our presence and capabilities with the Bush/Renner expansion."

The new 266,250-square-foot hospital will be located at the southeast corner of Renner Road and President George Bush Turnpike. The expansion extends Methodist's existing service area and will offer enhanced health care services to residents in Richardson, Garland, Murphy, Plano, Sachse, Wylie and surrounding areas.

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MRMC and Methodist Health System representatives, elected officials, and civic and business leaders are pictured at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new hospital.

Cottonwood Art Festival

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NTMWD extends Stage 2 into winter

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) Board of Directors has voted to remain in Stage 2 of the NTMWD Water Conservation and Drought Contingency and Water Emergency Response Plan until further notice. Sprinklers or irrigation systems may be used no more than two days per week, as needed. Consumers are urged to temporarily turn off their sprinkler systems and skip watering if their area receives rainfall within a couple days of a scheduled watering day.

Under the City of Richardson's Stage 2 water restrictions, sprinkler or irrigation systems are prohibited from operating between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(see table). Also included in the Stage 2 provisions, the NTMWD Member Cities and Customers must continue to meet or exceed the 10 percent water use reduction goal.

"The rainfall we have received this year along with water projections and meeting our water use reduction goals has put NTMWD in a position to remain in Stage 2," said Jim Parks, Executive Director of NTMWD.

Extending the NTMWD's water supply during Stage 2 through the efficient use of existing water resources is crucial to meeting the long-term water needs of the more than 1.6 million people served in the NTMWD's service area.

More information and tips on water conservation can be found at www.wateriq.org and www.ntmwd.com.

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:



Transfer Station public meeting is Oct. 9

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will hold a public meeting on the North Texas Municipal Water District's (NTMWD) application for a Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment for the Lookout Drive Transfer Station.

The meeting will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Douglas Otto Middle School Cafetorium, 504 North Star Rd. in Plano. The meeting will consist of two parts, an informal discussion

period and a formal comment period.

During the informal discussion, the public may ask questions of TCEQ and NTMWD staff concerning the permit application. During the formal comment period, members of the public may state comments orally into the official record. The TCEQ Executive Director will later prepare a written response to all comments submitted. The public may also submit written comments during the meeting or

before the meeting to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087; Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html>.

Copies of the permit application are available at Richardson City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., or at the NTMWD offices, 505 E. Brown St. in Wylie. The permit would allow construction of a new Transfer Station building, which would replace the existing facility.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
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Richardson's fiscal year begins Oct. 1, and this year's budget means some great things for the community. First, we will retire \$2 million worth of debt early, strengthening our financial position. We are also maintaining necessary reserves and making other smart financial decisions to support and keep our important "triple-A" standing with both the Moody's and Standard and Poor's credit rating agencies. Next year's budget also maintains our goal of committing a full penny of our tax revenue to fund road infrastructure projects.

The best part of this year's budget news is the growth in value our community experienced. On average, the value of property in the City increased 3.4 percent! That is a healthy increase, especially in today's economy. Most of that growth was due to improvements in commercial properties. This increase in value shows vibrancy in our local economy, and we are very happy with the continued interest being shown by people and businesses who want to locate and grow in Richardson.

Of course, there were also hard decisions that had to be made. As part of responsible planning, the City is maintaining a hiring freeze on 15 positions. We also had to approve a 13 percent increase in water rates to pass along increases the City is experiencing from the North Texas Municipal Water District, Richardson's water supplier. However, we were able to provide

a modest pay increase for our hard-working City employees.

Overall, this was a very good year for our community from a financial perspective. Through responsible planning, we are maintaining a healthy bottom line, and through responsible spending we are making community investments that are maintaining the value of our City. This strategy will preserve our reputation as one of the best places in the Metroplex to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Bob Townsend
Mayor
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Richardson's 41st annual Christmas Parade presents "Reindeer Games" Dec. 1

Registration begins Oct. 8

Get in on the spirit of the holiday season by participating in Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade—a tradition that will celebrate its 41st year! Individuals, groups, clubs, churches, schools and "kids of all ages" are encouraged to join in on this festivity! Last year nearly 2,500 participated in this event, and parade organizers are looking forward to another great year! The theme for this year's parade, which will be held on Coit Road, is "Reindeer Games." Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles and floats.

Registration forms will be online beginning Oct. 8 by going to www.cor.net/ChristmasParade. For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson Barbara Cottone at barbara.cottone@cor.gov, or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4310.



City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Aug. 13 and Aug. 27 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.

Aug. 13

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-10: A request by Kenneth D. Baca, representing Victron Stores, LP, for a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards to be located at 2750 E. President George Bush Turnpike (Northwest corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Renner Road), currently zoned C-M Commercial, was approved with the additional stipulation that the property owner work with the traffic department for the preservation of the existing trees in the median and that they be relocated to the best possible position for proper traffic flow while maintaining the trees.

Consent Agenda

Ordinance No. 3873, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in

zoning to grant a Special Permit for a restaurant with drive-through service with modified development standards on a 0.83-acre tract of land zoned LR-M(2) Local Retail located at 177 W. Campbell Rd., and by repealing Ordinance No. 2471-A.

Ordinance No. 3874, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 18, Sign Regulations, by amending definitions, area regulations, sign classifications and other standards.

Aug. 27

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-12: A request by Sidney B. Thompson for a change in zoning from R-1100-M Residential to O-M Office for property located at the southwest corner of Campbell Road and Custer Road, currently zoned R-1100-M Residential, was approved.

Variance 12-06: A request by John McKee, representing JRK Property Holdings, for approval of a variance to the Subdivision and Development Code, Article III, Subsection 21-58(e) to grant a waiver to the requirement for a fence to separate apartment developments of more than 250 units into separate communities at the southeast corner of Renner Road and North Star Road, was approved.

Consent Agenda

Approved Ordinance No. 3875, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning to grant a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with special conditions on a 1.25-acre tract of land zoned C-M Commercial, located at 2750 E. President George Bush Turnpike.

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2012-2013 Budget charts the course

... continued from page 1 commercial property values. Sales taxes are also forecast to increase 2 percent "base to base" from 2011-2012 collections.

"The tax base growth is a real strong economic barometer for the community, and our sales tax growth is strong as well," Johnson said. "That's a really positive indication that our economy is doing very well in Richardson."

The City Council unanimously approved the 2012-2013 Budget at its Sept. 10 meeting. The combined budget totals \$198,235,950, an increase of \$6,826,021 or 3.6 percent from the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year's estimated expenditures of \$191,409,929.

The property tax rate will be maintained at the current level of \$0.63516 per \$100 in valuation. In addition, the senior exemption will be maintained at \$55,000, approximately 30 percent of the average home value for seniors.

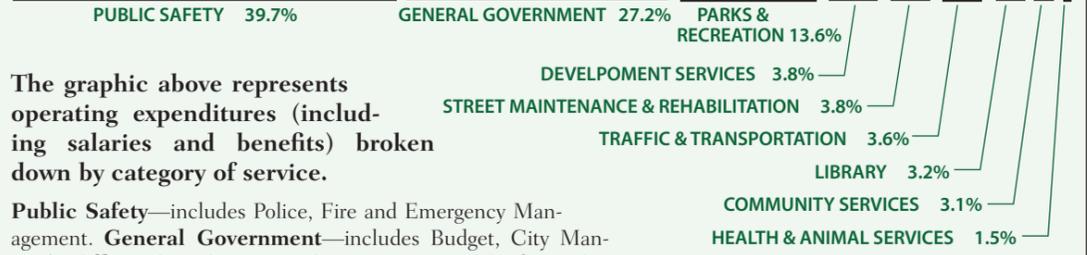
With the goal of maintaining a competitive employment environment to attract and sustain a high-quality public service workforce, the City is providing modest raises to employees. Fifteen positions will remain frozen, though several new positions have been added in select areas in response to demand for additional services and the opening of new facilities later in the year. The City is also continuing to commit a full one cent of the tax rate—more than \$1 million—to the street rehabilitation program.

Richardson will also pay off approximately \$2 million in debt earlier than was planned, resulting in a savings of approximately \$400,000 over the life of the bonds.

The complete 2012-2013 Budget document is available online at www.cor.net. Below is a list of additional key highlights of this year's budget:

- 1 percent of tax roll equals \$638,000 impact
- 1 penny of tax rate equals \$1 million in revenue
- 13 percent rate adjustment in water and sewer rates
- No rate adjustment in Solid Waste or Golf
- Minor adjustment in Animal Shelter fees
- Fund balances maintained in all five major operating funds
- General Fund expenditures increase 1.4 percent
- Non-Personal Services expenditures increase 2.6 percent
- 5 percent step increases, for the 50 percent of employees eligible and who merit the increase
- 3 percent merit based increase for those employees at the top of their pay range and have not received a pay adjustment for at least one year
- Public Safety pay plan compression to shorten length of tenure to top pay
- Continued funding for employee retirement and health care program
- The debt issue for the annual Utility CIP is continued so as to maintain active city utility infrastructure and support coordinated service line upgrades with the street maintenance programs
- Funding of \$2.9 million of 4-year debt financing for general equipment, vehicles and projects.

General Fund Expenditures—\$99,815,248



The graphic above represents operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) broken down by category of service.

Public Safety—includes Police, Fire and Emergency Management. **General Government**—includes Budget, City Manager's Office, City Secretary, Communications, Facilities Services, Finance, Human Resources, Information Services and non-departmental expenses. **Development Services**—includes Capital Projects, Planning, Development and Engineering. **Community Services**—includes Building Inspection, Code Enforcement and Environmental Services.

Texoma pipeline causes water rate increase

Construction of a 46-mile, \$300 million water pipeline from near Lake Texoma to a treatment plant in Wylie is requiring Richardson to increase water and sewer rates 13 percent, beginning Oct. 1.

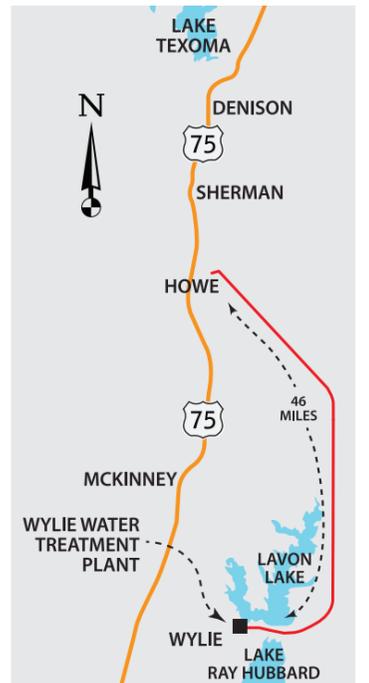
With the rate increase, the average monthly bill for a typical Richardson household will increase \$7.12.

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is increasing the rate it charges Richardson and other member and customer cities by 14.1 percent in the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. NTMWD also expects to increase its rates in each of the next several years as well to pay for the Texoma pipeline and other capital projects needed to provide water to approximately 1.6 million North Texans. Despite

the increases, rates charged by NTMWD remain among the lowest in the Metroplex.

"The District has new capital requirements, and that has caused every member and customer city to contribute to that investment," City Manager Dan Johnson said. "The City Council went through a very thorough review of the utility rates and determined that this increase was absolutely necessary."

The new pipeline is in response to the infestation with zebra mussels, which has made approximately 28 percent of the NTMWD water supply unavailable for use. The pipeline will bring water directly from Lake Texoma to the water treatment plant to prevent the spread of zebra mussels into other bodies of water.



The red line shows the 46-mile pipeline project.

The table below indicates the increases in water rates from the NTMWD to the City of Richardson in dollar amount and percentage for the last six fiscal years. This fiscal year will be only the third time in the last six years that the City has increased rates to residents and two of those were mid-year adjustments.

Fiscal Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
NTWMD/ 1,000 gal.	\$1.08	\$1.18	\$1.25	\$1.37	1.49	\$1.70
NTWMD % Increase	5.9%	9.3%	5.9%	9.6%	8.7%	14.1%
Richardson % Increase	15.5%	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0%	13.0%

Assistant City Manager Michelle Thames steps down after 21-year career with City

Richardson's Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services Michelle Thames stepped down from her position Sept. 14, ending a more than 21-year career with the City of Richardson. Thames joined the City in May 1991 as an intern in the City Manager's Office.

In her role with the City, Thames had administrative responsibilities for Human Resources, the Budget Office, Information Technology, Emergency Management, Communications, the Richardson Public Library and had administrative oversight of the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations.

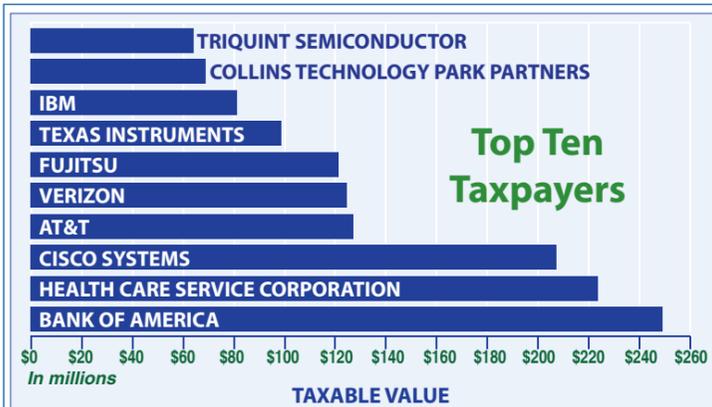
In July, Thames announced that with more than 21 years with the City she was going to step down and take some time off. "It has been extremely rewarding to serve such a terrific community alongside an incredibly talented staff and such dedicated citizens and passionate leaders," said Thames. "I feel truly blessed to be able to take so many great Richardson experiences with me going forward."

"Michelle has been an integral part of our organization and this community and we will greatly miss her and her abilities," said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. "She has helped oversee many projects which have added to our civic pride, and we wish her

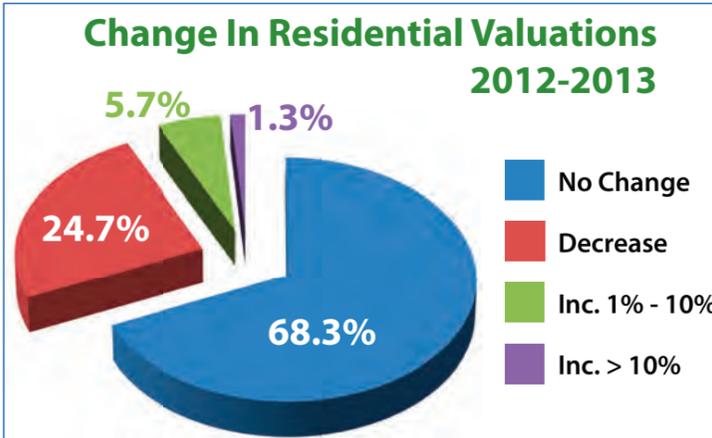
all the best for her future endeavors."



Michelle Thames



The City of Richardson's 2012-2013 fiscal year certified tax roll saw a 3.4 percent increase in the overall certified tax base. The total assessed valuation in 2012 was \$10 billion. The top 10 taxpayers assessed valuation in 2012 was \$1.36 billion, or 13.52 percent of the total. Property taxes provide 37 percent of the City's entire General Revenue Fund Resources.



Number of Residential Properties Affected by Valuation	
Impact	Number of Properties
No Change	19,087
Decrease	6,908
Up 1-10 percent	1,603
Up > 10 percent	365
Total Residential Properties	27,963

Charter Amendment Election is Nov. 6

The Richardson City Council approved an ordinance in July to call for a charter amendment election Nov. 6. The proposed amendment would change Richardson's charter to provide for the direct election of the City's mayor.

Below is the amendment as it will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

Proposition Num. 1

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Richardson, Texas be amended to provide for the direct election of the Mayor of the City of Richardson, Texas by amending Article 3, Section 3.01(a), Section 3.02, Section 3.03, Section 3.07, Article 4, Section 4.02, Section 4.05, Section 4.06, Section 4.08, Section 4.09 and Article 5, Section 5.01, Section 5.02, and Section 5.03 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Richardson, Texas?

Early voting information for the Nov. 6 election

Early voting for the Nov. 6 Charter Amendment and General Election is available Oct. 22-Nov. 2 at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center Complex, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County. Richardson Collin County residents have several locations at which to vote early on the same dates and hours. Visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections for a list of locations.

For more information, contact the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-637-7937 or Collin County Elections Department at 972-547-1990.

Dates and times for early voting at all Dallas and Collin County locations:

Oct. 22-26 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Oct. 27 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 Oct. 28 1-6 p.m.
 Oct. 29-Nov. 2 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Richardson City Hall is NOT a voting location on Election Day.

The deadline to register and be eligible to vote in the Nov. 6, 2012 General Election is Oct. 9, 2012.



Property tax bills to be mailed during October

The Dallas County and Collin County tax offices will mail property tax statements to Richardson residents this month based on values set by the county appraisal districts as of Jan. 1, 2012. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will receive a statement from the county tax office in which the property is located.

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

Collin County residents can make City and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811. All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2013.

If you live in:			
Dallas County		Collin County	
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County	Dallas County	County	Collin County
School	RISD	School	Collin County

La Elección De Enmienda A La Carta De Estatutos Es El 6 De Noviembre

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Richardson ha aprobado una ordenanza requiriendo una elección de enmienda a la carta de estatutos el 6 de noviembre. La enmienda propuesta cambiaría la carta de estatutos de Richardson para proveer para la elección directa del alcalde de la ciudad.

A lo siguiente se encuentra la enmienda así como será publicada en la papeleta el 6 de noviembre.

Propuesta No. 1

¿Se enmendará la Carta De Estatuto Autónomo de la Ciudad De Richardson para proveer para la elección directa del Alcalde de la Ciudad De Richardson Texas al enmendar el Artículo 3, Sección 3.01(a), Sección 3.02, Sección 3.03, Sección 3.07, Artículo 4, Sección 4.02, Sección 4.05, Sección 4.06, Sección 4.08, Sección 4.09 y Artículo 5, Sección 5.01,

Sección 5.02 y la Sección 5.03 de la Carta De Estatuto Autónomo de la Ciudad De Richardson?

Información acerca de la votación adelanta para la elección del 6 de noviembre

La votación adelantada para la elección de enmienda a la carta de estatuto y la elección general del 6 de noviembre será disponible del 22 de octubre hasta el 2 de noviembre en el Complejo del Ayuntamiento/Centro Municipal de Richardson, 411 W Arapaho Rd, para los residentes de Richardson quienes vivan en el Condado de Dallas. Residentes de Richardson en el Condado Collin tienen varios locales para la votación adelantada en las mismas fechas y a las mismas horas. Visite www.co.collin.tx.us/elections para una lista de los locales.

Para más información, comuníquese con el Depar-

tamento De Elecciones Del Condado Dallas al 214-637-7937 o al Departamento De Elecciones Del Condado Collin al 972-547-1990.

Fechas y horas para la votación adelantada en cada local de los Condados Dallas y Collin:
 22-26 de octubre 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 27 de octubre 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
 28 de octubre 1-6 p.m.
 29 de octubre-2 de noviembre 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

El Día De Elecciones es martes, 6 de noviembre desde las 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

El Ayuntamiento De La Ciudad De Richardson NO es un centro de la votación en el Día De Elecciones.

El 9 de octubre es la fecha límite para inscribirse y ser elegible para votar en la Elección General del 6 de noviembre.

CPC meetings are broadcast live

As part of the City Council's Transparency Initiative, Richardson this year began live broadcasts of City Plan Commission (CPC) meetings.

The CPC is made up of Richardson residents appointed by the City Council to make recommendations regarding land use, public improvements, planning and zoning, and thoroughfare improvements. The CPC also reviews development plans and certain

variance requests.

CPC meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The meetings are streamed live on the City's website, www.cor.net, and are broadcast on the City's cable TV channel (Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99).

Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website and cable TV.

City of Richardson is one of five Texas cities to hold "Triple A" from both rating agencies

Credit rating agencies Moody's and Standard and Poor's again recognized Richardson's strong financial management and thriving economy this year, reaffirming the City's Aaa and AAA bond ratings.

The ratings—the highest possible from both agencies—result in lower interest rates on bonds the City uses to invest in the community, which reduces the cost to taxpayers.

Richardson has held the Aaa rating from Moody's for three consecutive years, and this was the fifth year in a row that the City has been rated AAA by Standard and Poor's. Richardson is just one of five communities in Texas to hold both the top rating from both agencies.

Both agencies cited Richardson's affluent tax base and the strength of the business community, as well as the consistent, ex-

perienced City management team.

The Moody's rating places Richardson among the top 6.6 percent of rated cities in the nation and 2.1 percent of rated cities in Texas to hold Aaa status. It has given only four other cities in Texas the same designation.

Standard and Poor's AAA rating places Richardson among the top 5.3 percent of rated communities statewide.



Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

Signature Chamber Luncheon
Oct. 11
www.richardsonchamber.com

Richardson Host Lions Club Magic Show
Oct. 17

DART ADA Paratransit Meeting
Oct. 20
www.dart.org

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Community welcomes visitors for Japan-America Grassroots Summit

About a dozen Japanese visitors stayed at homes in Richardson during the 2012 Japan-America Grassroots Summit, which helped to promote new opportunities between Japanese and Richardson businesses.

The visitors attended a welcome reception at City Hall, took tours at the University of Texas at Dallas and Fujitsu Network Communications, and had a progressive dinner with their home-stay hosts. More than 150 visitors from Japan toured North Texas during the summit.

Richardson was 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.

Pictured at right are Mayor Bob Townsend and the Richardson host families and the Japanese visitors who stayed with them while they attended the summit.



10th Anniversary celebration held at the Eisemann Center

The Eisemann Center held a 10th Anniversary weekend celebration last month that included a special performance by Patti Lupone and Mandy Patinkin Sept. 15 and a free Community Arts Day Sept. 16.

Lupone and Patinkin debuted their show at the Eisemann Center's grand opening in 2002 and have performed it across the country in the past decade.

The Community Arts Day included roaming artists, 10th Anniversary merchandise, concessions, information on local arts groups and more. Visitors also got hands-on experience with technical equipment and stage operations in the Bank of America Theatre, and a showcase of the All Round Talent winners was held in the Hill Performance Hall.

Visit the Eisemann Center website at www.eisemanncenter.com to learn more about the up-

coming 10th Anniversary Season. This month's offerings at the Eisemann Center are highlighted on page seven of this publication.

Visit our online edition to play the Eisemann Center 10th Anniversary video.



Ground is broken for new Richardson hospital



Artist rendering of the new 125-bed acute care hospital

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"This marks the beginning of a new chapter for health care in Richardson and its surrounding communities," said Ken Hutchenrider, Jr., president, Methodist Richardson Medical Center. "The new Methodist Richardson Medical Center—Bush/Renner will not only expand specialized health care for residents of this growing area, but it will also provide new jobs and increase economic vitality."

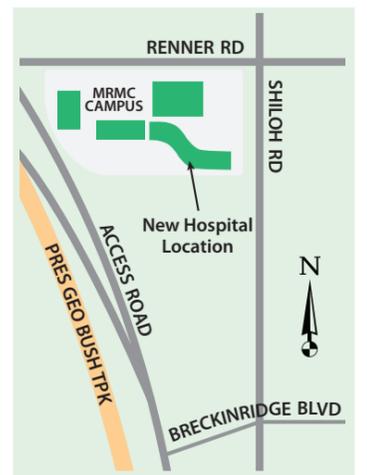
Among the center's features are a women's pavilion; level III neonatal intensive care unit and labor, delivery and recovery services; an advanced neurosciences program; outpatient surgical services with a focus on minimally invasive surgery with the robotic da Vinci® Surgical System; advanced cardiac care including catheterization procedures and electrophysiology; and comprehensive imaging technologies for enhanced diagnostics and treatment. The new hospital will employ almost 900 professionals, and physicians representing more than 35 specialties are expected to join the medical staff.

Methodist Richardson began as a community-owned hospital in 1966 and currently has two medical campuses—the Campbell

Road and Bush/Renner campuses. The Methodist partnership, which began October 2011, 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.

"Methodist Health System is one of Richardson's most important community partners, and the new hospital being constructed at its Renner Road campus is about to become the crown jewel of healthcare in our community," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "Ever since our partnership began, Methodist Health System has recruited and brought new physicians with a wider variety of skills, talents and abilities to the community, and it has expanded medical services in the community and region. We could not have hoped for a better health provider and partner to locate in the City of Richardson, and we look forward to the expanded level of service this new regional health center will provide."

Upon completion of the new hospital, acute care services will be centralized at the Bush/Renner facility, and the Campbell Road facility at 401 W. Campbell Rd.,



will continue to offer a full-service emergency department, outpatient diagnostic and laboratory services, behavioral health services, and physician offices. New to the Campbell Road campus will be post-acute care and rehabilitation services.

The new hospital's design places a priority on patient accessibility, convenience and easier navigation. Features include warm colors with accents of stone and cherry wood throughout the facility, natural lighting from large windows to promote healing, a spacious chapel, and healing gardens.

Stray cat draws international attention

A stray cat brought to the Richardson Animal Shelter in September gained international attention due to her unusually large size.

She is about 41 pounds and extremely overweight, which means she requires specialized veterinary care. She has difficulty grooming herself and cannot walk around very easily. "Skinny" was picked up as a stray cat from a Richardson resident's backyard.

Local news initially covered the "Skinny" story, and she was featured around the world after The Associated Press picked up the story, followed by other national media including *People* magazine. Hundreds of people worldwide contacted the Animal Shelter to inquire about adopting the cat, but she was placed in a long-term facility where she will receive specialized care including diet, exercise and grooming.

"We got her to a vet to get her on a regimented diet," Assistant



Director of Health-Animal Services Dennis Wooten said. "She's going to have to stay in the long-term shelter, where they can provide one-on-one care and get her back to good health."

For information about other animals available for adoption, visit the Animal Shelter's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RichardsonAnimalShelter.

Chinese investors visit Richardson

A group of about 50 Chinese investors visited Richardson last month as part of a three-day visit of North Texas. The visitors stopped at UT Dallas and attended a VIP reception of local business executives, academic and civic leaders at the Eisemann Center hosted by the Mayor's Office of International Business Development.

The visitors participated in U.S.-China Investment Week, a program that highlights more than 100 investment opportunities during a nine-day tour across the U.S.

The North Texas tour held its

official opening of the conference at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington and a dinner gala with former President George W. Bush. The visitors ended the tour by participating in investment opportunity discussions at the Irving Convention Center.

After visiting North Texas, the investors split up to visit either Milwaukee and Orlando or Los Angeles and Portland before they reunited in Washington, D.C. to end the tour. Each participant is looking to invest \$5 to \$50 million in various projects.



At the reception held at the Eisemann Center a performance of the traditional Lion Dance included a "painting of the lions" ceremony to bring good luck to the conference.

MRMC and UTD honored with Tech Titan Awards

Two Richardson institutions were recently recognized with prestigious Tech Titans Awards, presented by the Metroplex Technology Business Council.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) was named the 2012 Tech Titan Technology Adopter for the success of the hospital's daVinci® robotic surgery program and the Single-Site™ daVinci® surgery technology.

"The success of the daVinci® robotic surgery program and the Single-Site™ daVinci® surgery technology has truly been a team effort between our medical staff, leadership, and employees," Methodist Richardson president Ken Hutchenrider, Jr. said. "I am honored to receive the Tech Titans Technology Adopter award on behalf of Methodist Richardson, and I am proud of our employees' dedication to improving the lives of our patients."

Robert Robb, associate vice president for technology commercialization at UT Dallas, received the award for his leadership of the Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC), a division of the Office of Research charged with moving viable UT Dallas research and technology from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Established in 2008, the UT Dallas Office of Technology Commercialization is responsible for



Kenneth Hutchenrider



Robert Robb

evaluating and protecting intellectual property, facilitating the creation of UT Dallas spinoff companies, assisting in the licensing of technologies, and communicating with investors and industry about commercialization opportunities.

"Being selected for the award was a surprise, for sure," said Robb, who also is Director of Venture Development for the Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IIE) at UT Dallas. "It is a grand recognition for all the terrific things the OTC, the IIE, faculty and students are accomplishing."

Robb said the award also is a reflection of the strong support and endorsement the University administration has provided for technology commercialization initiatives.

Several members of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science were also recognized with the Tech Titan of the Future, University Award. The award went to the Net-Centric Software and Systems Industry/University Cooperative Research Center. The center, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, is a collaboration between the Jonsson School and several other universities.

The Metroplex Technology Business Council's prestigious annual Tech Titans awards recognize exceptional companies and individuals in the Dallas-Fort Worth area who have made significant contributions to the technology industry.

October Calendar

Richardson Civic Organizations

Civic Groups

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

972-231-4683 or bnperry@aol.com

Exchange Club of Richardson

972-680-8613

The Junior League of Richardson, jlr.tx.com

Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge

972-234-2485

Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-385-3321 or http://

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/

RichardsonHost

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or

steagle@sbcglobal.net

Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or

www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

214-793-1646, 972-690-8525,

972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506

Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club

972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

http://hasr.org/about/

League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

www.lwvrichardson.org

NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273

972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

Plano/Richardson Coin Club

214-287-4817

Richardson Galaxy

American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304 or

www.abwa-richardson.org

Richardson Humane Society

972-234-5117

Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or

richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

Richardson Wireless Klub

http://k5rwlk.org

Seniors' Net

972-234-8880 ext. 115 or

dchildre@thenetwork.org

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation North Dallas Support Group

972-965-1467

Woman's Center in Richardson

972-238-9516

Support Groups

Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505

Toastmasters Groups

Hallelujah High Toastmasters

vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net

Richardson Evening Toastmasters

214-534-0885

Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters

972-387-4709

Richardson Noon Toastmasters

469-235-3586

Texins Toastmasters

214-566-4086 or

http://texins.freetoasthost.org

Veterans Groups

Richardson American Legion Post #368

972-479-1505

Richardson VFW Post 8627

972-671-8627

Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627

972-231-0495

Korean War Veterans

972-279-7000

North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530

972-231-3269

WWII Veterans

214-361-6294

Military Officers Women's Club

972-644-6871

Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800



Special Events Out to Lunch Bunch Oct. 16 Café Max

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

Halloween Party Oct. 31—1-2:30 p.m.

The Red Hats invite all to an afternoon of ghoulish fun. Come in costume for a costume contest, treats, fun, games, prizes and maybe a trick or two! Bring a treat. No fee.

Thanksgiving Luncheon Nov. 20—noon-2 p.m.

Let's share Thanksgiving together! Join us for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixins. Dinner will be served at noon in the Grand Hall at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Dave Tanner is back and will entertain us with his dinner music and another of his special programs. Cost: \$8.50.

Travel Opportunities

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

Galveston's

Dickens on the Strand

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Three-day, two-night trip

Depart by motor coach from the Senior Center at 8 a.m. Nov. 30 and return to the Senior Center at approximately 8 p.m. Dec. 2.

Cost: \$659 per person, double occupancy; \$808 per person, single occupancy

We will travel to Galveston Island for the annual Dickens on the Strand Festival. Several rest stops are planned, including lunch at The Farmhouse Café in Huntsville (on your own).

We will stay right on the beach at the Hotel Galvez. Friday night we will dine at Gaido's, and after dinner we will be entertained by George Lee, a veteran speaker

recently featured on the *History Channel*. He will regale you with tales of the colorful history of the island.

Saturday is for spending time at the festival downtown, enjoying the many blocks of holiday merriment. Saturday evening we will tour the historic showplaces of the Menard Home and Bishop's Palace while sipping champagne. Both will be decorated for Christmas to put you in the holiday spirit. Dinner will be at Clary's, a favorite to the locals. After dinner you may choose to take a private ghost and history tour with a concierge through the back stage areas of the Hotel Galvez.

Sunday morning will start with a brunch at the Garten Verein followed by a driving tour of the city. Jan Johnson, the author of "Driving Tours of Galveston," will be with us to give her narrative tour of Galveston before we head back to Richardson.

Civic Art Society plans artist workshops

The public is invited to two events hosted by the Richardson Civic Art Society (RCAS) this month.

RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. Anyone is welcome. RCAS is supported by the Richardson Arts Commission.

Gail Delger

Gail Delger will demonstrate her techniques in painting with water media to a gathering at the Richardson Civic Art Society meeting Oct. 16. Delger has been a professional artist since 1990, is a signature member with the Southwestern Watercolor Society, and enjoys mixing humor with her artistic subjects. Her work may be viewed at www.gaildelger.com.

Marilyn Bourbon

Marilyn Bourbon will present an artist's workshop 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 27 at Artists' Showplace



Art by Marilyn Bourbon

in Richardson. The workshop will demonstrate an easy method of creating figures by stylizing magazine ads. Materials will be mixed media, including transparent watercolor and gouache. Contact Carol Powell at 972-250-4814 or cdpowell67@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

Altrusa recognizes women's work in community

Outstanding women from the community will be honored at the 2012 Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon to be held at noon Oct. 26.

Honorees will be recognized in six categories including Government, Education, Non-Profit, Small Business, Corporate and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency at 701 E. Campbell Rd. in Richardson.

Former Lincoln Properties executive and nationally recognized trainer and speaker Anne Sadovsky will give the Keynote Address. The

luncheon will also include drawings for a week at a Scottish hunting lodge, a diamond and pearl necklace and other great prizes.

Proceeds from the Outstanding Women of Today luncheon support the organization's projects in the community, including funding college scholarships and elementary school field trips, and sponsoring such organizations as the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and Richardson Reads One Book.

Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased online at www.altrusarichardson.com. For more information e-mail contact@altrusarichardson.com.

Seniors' Net holds seminars

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 at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St. For more information call 972-234-8880.

Oct. 2: Movie Day: Premier of "Age of Champions," the Senior Olympics documentary

Oct. 16: Senior Health: Health screenings and flu vaccinations for Medicare clients and uninsured seniors

Oct. 30: Montie Brown: Myths, facts, and questions and answers about Social Security

League of Women Voters holds forum

The League of Women Voters chapters of Richardson, Plano/Collin County, and Dallas, along with the Richardson ISD Council of PTAs, will jointly host a forum for State Board of Education District 12 candidates.

The event will take place 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the auditorium of the Richardson ISD Administrative Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave. in Richardson. The event is open to the public.

The candidates are Lois Parrott, Democrat; and Geraldine "Tincy" Miller, Republican.

You may e-mail a question for the candidates to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org. Questions that are e-mailed are given the same consideration as questions submitted at the forum. Questions will be screened according to the League of Women Voters of Texas Guide to Candidates Forums.



October Calendar

Eisemann Center Presents season begins with comedy

The 10th Anniversary season of Eisemann Center Presents begins this month with a mix of comedy, musical theatre, family entertainment and music. Tickets are available by visiting www.eisemanncenter.com or calling the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

Jeff Garlin—*Built for Comfort*

7:30 p.m., 10 p.m. Oct. 12
Tickets: \$30

Comedy show Jeff Garlin—*Built for Comfort* will bring a familiar actor and stand-up comedian to the stage for two shows.

Jeff Garlin is a talented writer, producer, director, actor and stand-up comedian. Garlin both co-stars and executive produces the HBO series *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.



trips, the guys have yet to bring home a single deer and the wives are getting suspicious. This season they need to show their wives that they are the mighty hunters they claim to be. This is not so easy when the thought of drinking beer and hanging out in the deer shack is more appealing than freezing in a deer stand. Luckily for our guys, what happens at deer camp stays at deer camp.



Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® *Spellbinding Bach!*

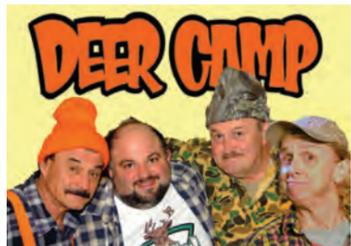
7:30 p.m. Oct. 22
Tickets: \$25-\$30

Spellbinding Bach! highlights the high-voltage, romantic compositions Bach wrote to "wow" his listeners with his stunning virtuosity and deeply expressive music. The program includes the exhilarating Toccata in D, the vivacious Italian Concerto and the soul-stirring Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue.

The Oak Ridge Boys

8 p.m. Oct. 27
Tickets: \$42-\$66

A favorite of Eisemann Center patrons, The Oak Ridge Boys are one of the longest-running groups in country music. They started life as a gospel quartet in the 1940s before gradually modernizing their style and moving into secular country-pop. The lineup that produced their most well-known country and crossover hits consists of Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban.



Deer Camp: The Musical!

8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20
2 p.m. Oct. 20, 21
Tickets: \$37-\$40

Deer Camp: The Musical! follows four fearless deer hunters on their hilarious annual trek to deer camp. After decades of hunting

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Oct. 5-6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Oct. 7, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4350 for information.

Richardson Civic Arts Society Membership Show Art Journaling

Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Tricia Alexander. Call Janet Vance for registration, 972-744-4376.

Lunchtime Lectures

Tuesdays from Oct. 16 through Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

Oct. 16, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Gail Delger, Abstract Acrylic.

Book Groups

First Wednesday Book Club

Oct. 3, 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski, presented by Grenda Walton. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 10, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Submission" by Amy Waldman. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 17, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Tennis Partner" by Abraham Verghese. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble

Oct. 23, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Every Last One" by Anna Quindlen. 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

Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Job Searching on the Internet

Oct. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Computers

Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Oct. 23, 10 a.m.-noon

Children's Activities

Family Storytime

Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Children's Program Room.

Everyone welcome.

It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Children's Program Room.

Grades K-4.

Spook-a-licious Halloween Happening!

Oct. 27, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Tales for Tails

Oct. 28, 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.

Teen Activities

Things that Go "Boo!"

Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children's Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. Oct. 6, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.

Writer's Guild of Texas

Oct. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Oct. 17, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m. Genealogy Databases, by Cheryl Smith. Basement Program Room.

Searching Health Databases

Oct. 26, 10-11 a.m. Basement Training Room. Information about how to search for health and medicine information. Call Margot Burchard at 972-744-4350 to register.

At the Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Ticket Office
972-744-4650

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

One hour before performances

Tickets available online at:
www.eisemanncenter.com



Leadership workshop planned

The Leadership Committee of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is hosting a leadership workshop, "Strengths Finder II," 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 6 at the home of Board Member Liz Luthans. Past President Bonnie Perry will facilitate the workshop. Lunch will be provided. Register online at www.altrusarichardson.com or by e-mail, lluthans@petrohunt.com or janet.vance@cor.gov. For more information, call Liz Luthans at 214-642-8251 or Janet Vance at 972-744-4350.



Richardson Woman's Club

a country estate for meetings and celebrations

The Richardson Woman's Club is an elegant turn of the century home, nestled on 3.5 acres of beautifully manicured grounds adjacent to Sherrill Park Golf Course. It is an ideal venue for birthday parties, corporate meetings, reunions, holiday parties, rehearsal dinners and weddings.

Richardson Woman's Club
2005 North Cliffe Drive
Richardson, Texas 75082

For information and reservations
please call 972-238-0841
weekdays 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

www.richardsonwomensclub.com

Vibha and Natya Bharati

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7 p.m. Oct. 6

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$10-\$20

dallas.vibha.org

Richardson Symphony Orchestra Opening Night with Maestro Clay Couturiaux

8 p.m. Oct. 6

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$80

www.richardsonorchestra.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Jeff Garlin—*Built for Comfort*
7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Oct. 12

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$30

www.jeffgarlin.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Aga-Boom

3 p.m. Oct. 14

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$18-\$30

www.agaboom.com/main.htm

660 AM "The Answer"

"Reclaiming America"

featuring Rick Santorum

7:30 p.m. Oct. 17

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$18-\$99

www.660amtheanswer.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Deer Camp: The Musical!

8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20

2 p.m. Oct. 20, 21

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$37-\$40

www.deercampmusical.com

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

Disney in Concert

with featured guest vocal soloists

8:15 p.m. Oct. 20; 3 p.m. Oct. 21

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$9-\$75

www.planosymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Jeffrey Siegel's

Keyboard Conversations®

Spellbinding Bach!

7:30 p.m. Oct. 22

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$25-\$30

www.keyboardconversations.com

Avant Chamber Ballet

European Crossing: Where Dance and Music Intersect

7:30 p.m. Oct. 25

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$15-\$20

www.avantchamberballet.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Oak Ridge Boys

8 p.m. Oct. 27

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$42-\$66

www.oakridgeboys.com

Animal Services' Lost or Found website reunites family with pet

Lauren Clarke will never forget the panic she felt recently when she realized her beloved pet had vanished.

Bianca, a 5-year-old Chihuahua-corgi mix, had weaseled through a small gap in the backyard fence and was nowhere to be found.

"Our world stopped," Clarke said. "We all cried ourselves to sleep that one night she was gone."

Fortunately for the Clarke family, who had recently moved into the Canyon Creek area, a neighbor

across the street had found Bianca and was working to track down her owner. One of his first actions was to post a photo and basic information about the little dog on the Lost or Found Animals feature on the Richardson Animal Shelter's website.

Clarke came across that information a day after Bianca's disappearance as she looked up contact information for the Animal Shelter online. Her devastation immediately turned to joy.

"When I clicked on that link on the website, I was able to see her post and her picture," Clarke said. "[There was] just an immediate rush of relief, and a weight was lifted. I knew that our family would be whole again."

Reunions like these are among the reasons the Richardson Animal Shelter worked with the City's IT department to create the Lost or Found Animals page, which launched in 2008. Since then, hundreds of people have posted information about lost and found pets on the site. Many of them have been reconnected with their furry friends because of it.

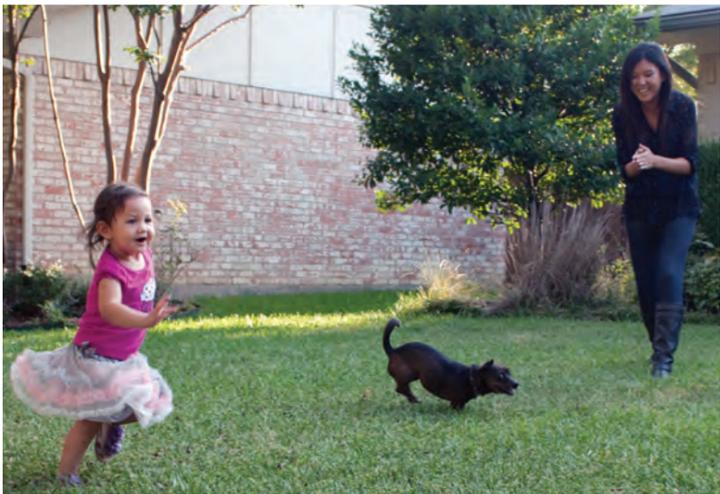
Dennis Wooten, Assistant Director of Health-Animal Services, said pet owners frequently contact the Animal Shelter to report they found their missing dog or cat through the Lost or Found Animals feature.

"Everybody that uses it is very appreciative that we have that tool available for them," Wooten said.

The online feature allows people who have lost a pet to enter information on its breed, color, gender, age, description and owner contact information and upload a photo. The entry is displayed on a



Lauren and Johnni are grateful to have Bianca back at home.



Two-year-old Johnni and her mom, Lauren, enjoy a playful moment with Bianca in the backyard.

map that shows where the animal was last seen.

Residents who have found pets may upload similar information, which appears on a separate map that shows where the pet was found. Lost and found reports stay posted on the site for two weeks.

Clarke said seeing the photo of Bianca online immediately confirmed that her dog was safe, sound and nearby. She is grateful that the City made the Lost or Found website available and that her neighbor knew how to use it.

"Seeing that picture pop up is what made it real to me that we had found her," she said.

To view the Lost or Found Animals feature on the Animal Shelter website, visit the City's website at www.cor.net and click on Animal Services under the Departments tab and then click on Lost or Found Animals.

Visit our online edition to play accompanying video piece to this story.

"File of Life" speaks when you can't speak for yourself

When Richardson Fire Department Paramedics respond to a call and enter the home to find the patient unconscious, precious life-saving minutes can be saved if important medical information is available.

The "File of Life" Program provides citizens with a free life saving program that is a proven means for emergency personnel to quickly access the vital information on members of a household during an emergency. The File of Life Program is designed for seniors and individuals with serious medical conditions to provide medical information to emergency personnel who respond to and treat home emergencies. However, it can be used by anyone.

File of Life in Richardson is a joint project of the Richardson Fire Department and The Seniors' Net at the NETWORK of Community Ministries. Important medical and patient information is placed on an information form. All vital information, medical problems and medications are listed as well as other pertinent information. Once the information sheet is complete on each member of the family, you then place it in the file where your name is visible. The file is placed on your refrigerator. A registration card is provided with the File of Life kit that can be dropped off at any Richardson Fire Station. This will allow the responding paramedics to know that you have a File of Life.

Paramedics need this important information in order to properly treat the patient. If this information is available immediately upon arrival on the scene, minutes can be saved while treating the patient. Sometimes a patient may be unconscious or unable to talk with the paramedics. The paramedics can look at the information sheet from the File of Life and

retrieve the personal data, who to notify in case of emergency, health information, known medication allergies, medications in use, etc.

File of Life kits are FREE and are available at any Richardson Fire Station or the Richardson Senior Citizens Center located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Kits contain: One plastic file sleeve, a medical information form, and a registration card.

- One file per family
- Every family member must complete a separate form
- NO medication is to be kept in the file
- KEEP ALL information updated regularly or as changes occur

If you have any questions contact the Richardson Fire Department at 972-744-5700.



Free compost seminar

Saturday, Nov. 10
10 a.m. to noon
Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Mary Tynes.

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

Richardson AnimaLuv **Seventh Annual**

CITY WIDE PET DAY

BENEFITING THE RICHARDSON ANIMAL SHELTER

ALL PETS WELCOME!

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$1 ADMISSION

SHARING EARTH WITH ANIMALS

Owens Farm in Richardson
Plano Road & East Lookout Drive

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

Recycle electronics, shred documents

Oct. 13 at City Hall south parking lot

The Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association will hold an electronics recycling event and a document shredding event Oct. 13 at the City Hall parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See the list of electronics below. There is no charge to drop off items, but donations will be accepted.

Cell Phones
GPS Devices
Calculators
MP3 Players
PDAs
Portable CD & DVD Players
Calculators
Desktop Computers
Laptop Computers
Computer Speakers
Computer Components
Servers
Keyboards
CRT & LCD Monitors

Mice
Car Amplifiers
Car Audio Receivers
Car Audio Speakers
Headphones
Home Amplifiers
Home Audio Receivers
Home Audio Speakers
Cable Boxes
DVD Players
DVD Recorders
DVR Cable Boxes
Multimedia Projectors
Satellite TV Boxes
Televisions
VCRs
Cameras
Camcorders
Digital Cameras
Non-Disposable Film Cameras
Copiers
Fax Machines
Inkjet Cartridges

Printers
Scanners
Shredders
Typewriters
Wired Routers
Wireless Routers

Shredding event

Shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. Individuals or small businesses that have more documents that need to be shredded than can fit into a car may contact Bruce Murphy at 214-707-1945 or warriors1959@sbcglobal.net to arrange a direct pickup by Brinks, for a fee, with a contribution going to CPAAA scholarship fund.

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

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

HUFFHINES ART TRAILS

OCT 27 28

**HUFFHINES PARK
RICHARDSON, TX
10 am - 6 pm**



**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING**



Featured Artist: Leroy Garcia

150 EXHIBITING ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN

TRADITIONAL CRAFTS ● CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS

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CAFE HUFFHINES ● SCAVENGER HUNT ● HAY BALE MAZE

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST ON DISPLAY AND

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WWW.HUFFHINESARTTRAILS.COM

Lil' Punkins Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon
Huffhines Recreation Center
Ages 1-7 years
Registration #68858
Cost: \$10 per person

Lil' Punkins join in the fun of our Lil' Punkins Fall Festival. There will be a petting zoo, games, crafts, activities, refreshments and entertainment. Come in a costume for a special time. Please pre-register.



HALLOWEEN BASH

Friday, Oct. 26
7-9:30 p.m.
Heights Rec Center
Ages 18 and up
Registration #69101
Cost: \$20 per person



Adaptive Event

Come join us for our sixth annual Adaptive Halloween Bash. You will enjoy a night of music, dancing, dinner, crafts, contests, and more! We will also have a costume contest, so plan to come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. This is one of our most popular dances, so be sure to sign up early!

Don't forget that you must park at Heights Park due to the building construction! Refreshments will be provided.

Letter from Santa Request Form

Send your child a personalized letter from Santa Claus at Santa's Village! For children ages 1 month and older. Each letter is addressed specifically to the individual child and sent from our own Santa's Village, on very special stationery! No registrations taken after Dec. 6 to ensure delivery before Christmas Eve. Letters will start being mailed the last week of November. Please use the form below. Please use a separate request form for each child. Forms may be copied.

Child's name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name child goes by _____

Boy _____ Girl _____ Date of birth _____

One or two items requested for Christmas _____

This form is for a letter from Santa only. The City of Richardson does not provide the items requested.

Your name _____ Date of birth _____

Your address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your telephone numbers:
 Home _____ Work _____
 E-mail _____

Mail request to:
Letter from Santa
200 N. Plano Road
Richardson, TX 75081

Registration #69049
 \$5 fee per letter by check or Money Order, payable to City of Richardson

MasterCard or Visa card number: _____
 Cardholder name: _____ Exp. date _____



Presented by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas Benefiting The Counseling Place

Saturday, Nov. 17
Galatyn Park Urban Center
www.gobblehobble.com or 972-744-4858

7 a.m.
Packet pickup and registration

8:30 a.m.
Family Fun Run/Walk begins

9 a.m.
Gobble Hobble begins

10 a.m.
Awards

10:30 a.m.
KidZone closes

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.

972-234-1416
 www.sherrillparkgolf.com

Upcoming Tournaments

Oct. 14: Two Man Best Ball
Nov. 3-4: Richardson Cup Matches
Dec. 2: Year End Two Man Stableford

Call 972-234-1416 to register.



Private Lessons

\$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
 Oct. 1-19
 Oct. 29-Nov. 16
 Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: \$42

Adult Leagues
 Nov. 5-Dec. 23
 Singles cost: \$30
 Doubles cost: \$24 each



Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

972-744-7800

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (www.cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

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:

Oct. 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	6-10 p.m.
Nov. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	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:

Oct. 2 and 4	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:

Oct. 8 and 11	6-9 p.m.
Oct. 13 and 20	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Oct. 22 and 25	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.

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, Oct. 1 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 Oct. 17.

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.

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.

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 a 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 Nov. 19 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 Oct. 22.

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 Oct. 22.

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. 8 for two consecutive Mondays. Classes are from 1-2 p.m. Class fee is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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 Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without. Our instructor is Frank Davis.

Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 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

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Oct. 1 from 7-8 p.m. In September only this class will be a three-week session. Cost of the class is \$45 with membership; \$48 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102

This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Oct. 1 from 8-9 p.m. Cost of the class is \$45 with a membership; \$48 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 Dec. 17 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

NEW!! Remembering When

A certified instructor will guide you through seven classes designed to help you begin writing your own autobiography. Rediscover memories that have been forgotten but were important to your life. All materials and supplies are provided. Classes will be held 1:30-3 p.m. Saturdays. The next seven-class session starts Oct. 6. Cost of the session is \$125, less than \$20 for each class. A friend or family member is welcome to attend with you to assist with bringing back memories.

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 Nov. 6. 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

Happy Birthday Party

We now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June. Winter birthdays (December, January and February) will be celebrated Dec. 17.

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 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.

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 celebrated their 10th birthday Aug. 6. An afternoon of entertainment, reminiscing, and laughter was enjoyed by all. Pictured from left to right: Thelma Burnham, Elaine Gregory, Bobbie Milne, Queen Judy Utay, Terry Ryan, Vernita Ogden and Sue Morrison.

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 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.

The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Next meeting is Nov. 5. Call 972-744-7800 for more information and questions.

The Vintage Dance Club

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

Oct. 6	Gary Lee
Oct. 13	Doc Gibbs
Oct. 27	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.

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.

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 Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

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.

Richardson Public Library

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

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.

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.

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

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

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.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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 Oct. 5. 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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Friendly Visitors

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

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 214-525-6163.

Chair Massage

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

New!! The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/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 Oct. 4, 10-11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. No fee.

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. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

Personal Training How is your balance?

Are you experiencing difficulties with your balance or even getting up out of a chair? Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. Men and women in their 70s and 80s will dramatically improve their strength, agility and mobility with strength training. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$60 each with a six-session commitment (\$90 each session for couples). Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population (seniors) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

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.

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.

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

Fall sessions are now in progress. Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Games

Canasta

Thursday, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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

Best-selling author to be keynote speaker at Buns & Roses literacy fundraiser

The Seventh Annual Buns & Roses Romance Tea for Literacy will be held 3-6 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Renaissance Hotel, 900 E. Look-out Dr. in Richardson.

Twenty-five romance and mystery authors from around the country including Deborah Crombie, Lorraine Heath and Sherry Thomas will host tea tables. The books of all 25 hosting authors will be available for sale and signing. All proceeds from the Tea benefit literacy programs in Richardson offered through the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson Public Library.

New York Times best-selling author Sarah MacLean will be the event's keynote speaker. Returning as emcee this year is Candace Ha-



Author Sarah MacLean

vens, celebrity interviewer, author and entertainment critic for the

KSCS Dorsey Gang. In addition to delicious food, the afternoon will include chance drawings for wonderful prizes, including a week at a Scottish hunting lodge and special surprises guaranteed to delight romance fans.

Individual tickets for general seating are \$35. Or you may purchase an entire table for nine guests and the author of your choice for \$360.

This year, smaller table sales are also available for seven guests and the author of your choice for \$280.

Go to www.bunsandroses.org for a complete list of participating authors and to purchase tickets.

Call 972-744-4376 for more information.



Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

- *Oct. 4 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Oct. 6 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Oct. 7 2-5 p.m.

The sale will be held in the Basement Program Room at the Richardson Public Library. For information, please call 972-744-4350.

*Members of the Friends of the Library only. Individual memberships can be purchased for \$10 at the door. Other types of memberships are available.

Volunteers deliver books to seniors

The Richardson Public Library brings reading directly to the senior community, supplying collections of large-print books to 11 retirement homes and the Richardson Senior Center.

Volunteers from Altrusa International of Richardson have assisted the Library with this outreach project since it started 10 years ago. They rotate these special collections among the senior living homes every three to four months.

New best-sellers are constantly added to these special collections to keep them fresh and up to date. The Library places more than 1,200 books directly at the sites, where many of Richardson's

seniors live. The Library also provides audio books to the Senior Center for its patrons to check out.

This program has gotten so large (and heavy!) that this year the members of the Exchange Club of Richardson began assisting with this important project. This happy collaboration of Altrusa and the Exchange Club volunteers resulted in a fast and efficient book moving day on a recent Saturday morning.

Residents from El Dorado community recently expressed their appreciation for these book deliveries with this message: "Thanks for bringing large print books to our home. They are our windows to the world."



John Brady of the Exchange Club of Richardson and Gerry Carron of Altrusa International of Richardson delivering books.

Parent/child relationships expert speaks at Library

Dr. Margaret Owen will speak about the "READY Method" at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10 in the Library's Basement Program Room. The "READY Method" trains parents and caregivers to interact sensitively with young children and to improve the quality of their interactions. Dr. Owen is the Director of UT Dallas' Center for Children and Families and a professor of psychology.

Parents, child care workers and early childhood professionals are invited to attend the free program. No registration is required. Call Janet at 972-744-4376 for information.

America's Founding Fathers

Lunchtime Lectures Presented by Richard Cudlipp



Oct. 16 American Creation Triumphs and tragedies at the founding of the Republic

Oct. 23 Founding Brothers The beginnings of American politics and political parties

Oct. 30 American Sphinx The character of Thomas Jefferson

Nov. 6 Was the United States founded as a Christian nation?

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. you are welcome to bring your lunch
Basement Program Room
Please call 972-744-4376 for more information.

It's a Spook-a-licious Halloween Happening!
Saturday, Oct. 27
2:30-4:30 p.m.
FREE! All ages!
Wear your Halloween costume!
Basement Program Room

Spook-tacular stories, "boo"-tiful crafts, a monster mash dance, puppets, and treats for all!

Art Journaling Workshop
with Tricia Alexander
Saturday, Oct. 13
10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Basement Program Room
For more information or to register, please call 972-744-4376

Things that go booo!
Wear a costume!
Ghost stories
Scary movie
Ghost maze
Popcorn
Tuesday, Oct. 16
6:30-8:30 p.m.
6th-12th grade
Children's Program Room. For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

Fall Storytimes

For Richardson residents
Valid Library card and registration are required.
Visit the Children's Department or call 972-744-4358.

BabySteps

A six-week program for children ages 6 weeks to 12 months accompanied by at least one parent. Designed to assist parents in preparing prewalkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and other early literacy tools. Program runs through Oct. 22.

Choose one of the following times:
Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 6-6:30 p.m.

Wiggle Worms

A six-week program for 12-36 month-olds, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Children must be 12 months old by Sept. 1. Program runs through Oct. 25.

Choose one of the following times:
Monday 11-11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10:15-10:45 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m. or 7-7:30 p.m.

Storytime

A six-week program for children ages 3-6 filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by Sept. 1.

Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only.

Program runs through Oct. 24.

Choose one of the following times:
Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

Tales for Tails

For Readers in Grades K-4
Trick or Treat! Wear your costume while reading to canine reading buddies from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!
3-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28
Children's Program Room

LEGOs needed!

Do you have unused LEGOs?
Please consider donating them to the Library's Children's Department!
Thank you for your support!