



RICHARDSON TODAY

2008-09 Eisemann Season announced

The Eisemann Center and the City of Richardson have announced the 2008-2009 season of Eisemann Center Presents. The diverse and compelling programming of the **Hill Performance Hall Spotlight Series** includes the return of *The Manhattan Transfer* and the acclaimed Paul Taylor Dance Company. The popular **Theatre Comedy Series** presents four hilarious smash hit shows including "Sister's Christmas Catechism." New this season to Eisemann Center Presents is a Sunday matinee series for families and children of all ages. The **Family Theatre Series** brings professional touring children's productions to the Eisemann Center with a lineup of shows that promises to excite, entertain, educate and amaze our youngest patrons. All Family Theatre Series performances will be held in the Hill Performance Hall.

Hill Performance Hall Spotlight Series

Featuring an eclectic collage of dance, music and theatre in the Eisemann Center's concert space, the Spotlight Series kicks off with "**Girls Night: The Musical**" with four performances Oct. 23-25. "Girls Night" is a tell-it-like-it-is look at five friends as they relive their past, celebrate their present and look to the future on a wild and hilarious karaoke night out ... and you'll recognize every one of them! "Girls Night" is bursting with energy and is packed with every female anthem you can think of including "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," "I Will Survive" and "Say a Little Prayer."



The Smothers Brothers

Second in the series is **The Smothers Brothers** at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22. Time has been an essential ingredient in the Smothers Brothers' success. Tom and Dick Smothers—masters of timing and practitioners of timeless comedy—were considered ahead of their time with their highly popular prime-time television show in the 1960s. Now, on the eve of their 50th anniversary as show business professionals, the Smothers Brothers are saluted as time-honored legends, whose lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history. With their singular blend of comedic and musical



The Manhattan Transfer

talents, the irrepressible brothers have made a sweeping impact on diverse generations of fans.

Last seen at the Eisemann Center in June 2005, **The Manhattan Transfer** returns with two special Christmas shows at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 and Tuesday, Dec. 16. Celebrating their 35th anniversary in 2008, the Grammy-winning pop and jazz group has recently released a two-disc retrospective of their greatest hits, "The Definitive Pop Collection." With two Christmas CDs in their catalog as well, this concert is sure to be another holiday sell-out at the Eisemann Center. The Manhattan Transfer will perform with a 25-piece orchestra featuring musicians from the Richardson Symphony Orchestra.

Appearing at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, is "**Simply Sinatra**" starring Steve Lippia. Lippia has become one of the most prominent, in-demand vocalists in the country. He has quickly established himself as one of the finest interpreters of the great American classic standards and adult contemporary pop music in the nation. His high-impact, high-energy show ranges from powerful to subtle, sassy to wistful, elegant to sublime. Lippia's voice, stage presence and charisma have thrilled audiences where he has headlined at major venues in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, New York City, Europe and symphonies across the U.S. *Las Vegas Style* remarked, "Steve Lippia is...the talk of Las Vegas...he has an impeccable vocal instrument."

In partnership with the UTD School of Arts & Humanities, **Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company** will appear in a public performance of "Dynasties and Beyond" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 while conducting a two-week residency of workshops and master classes in dance on the UTD campus and other locations throughout the community. Elegant, sensual and captivating, the Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms with modern dance in an artistic and inventive marriage of styles. The Company bridges the continuum from ancient to contemporary with spectacular court dances of Chinese dynasties and contemporary works fusing classical Chinese and ballet. The company's work is complemented by dazzling cos-

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City facilities close for July 4th

The **Richardson City Hall/Civic Center** complex, the **Library, Municipal Court, Senior Center** and **Animal Shelter** will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday. The Library and Animal Shelter will be open for normal business on Saturday. **Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers** will be closed July 4 and will be open normal hours beginning Saturday. The City swimming pools will be open until 6 p.m. July 4. The Richardson Tennis Center and Sherrill Park Golf Course will be open July 4. Call the Police Department at 972-744-4800 for emergencies when the Animal Shelter is closed.

July 4th sanitation schedule

Recycle collection make-up day

Due to the July 4th holiday, there will be **NO solid waste pick up or special pick up** Friday, July 4. There will be a **MAKE-UP** day for recycling pick up. If your normal recycle day is Friday, items will be picked up Saturday.

City pools are open daily

All Richardson swimming pools are now open for the summer. Swim tags are \$25 for the season; individual admission is \$1.50 for ages 5 and older. Call the Parks Department at 972-744-4300 for more information.

Pool hours:

Arapaho—1-9 p.m., closed Wednesdays
Canyon Creek—1-9 p.m., closed Mondays
Cottonwood—1-9 p.m., closed Tuesdays
Glenville—1-9 p.m., closed Tuesdays
Terrace—9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tu-F, 1-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun., closed Mondays

HASR Volunteer of the Year

Nomination forms for the 2008 Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) Volunteer of the Year are available and must be submitted by Sept. 30. Categories include education, community leadership, humanitarian and group/business. The 2008 Volunteer of the Year luncheon will be held Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn Select. For more information or a nomination form, e-mail kay.hopper@thewarrencenter.org.

City Council creates Environmental Commission

The Richardson City Council created an Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) at its June 9 meeting and is seeking applicants to fill the nine-member panel. The new commission will serve as an advisory board to the City Council and will work closely with citizens, institutions and agencies interested in matters relating to the enhancement and protection of the natural environment of the City.

The EAC will consist of nine members selected by the City Council from submitted applications. The nine members must be Richardson residents and at least one member must reside in each of the four City Council districts. Members serve a two-year term but in order to provide for staggered terms, the initial four members who reside in the Council districts shall be appointed for two-year terms and the remaining five members for one-year terms. All subsequent appointments shall be for two-year terms and members may not serve more than four consecutive two-year terms.

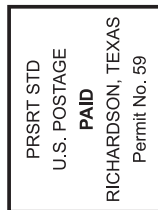
According to the City ordinance passed by the City Council creating the commission, the EAC shall:

- Act only in an advisory capacity to the City Council concerning strategies and initiatives for improving the quality of the natural environment of the City.

- When requested, make recommendations to the City Council relative to expenditures of City funds for the purpose of promoting and sustaining the natural environment of the City.
- Serve as a review board, when assigned by the City Council, for the funding of proposed programs within the City that are environmentally related and are to be funded from allocations made by the City Council.
- Work with City administrative staff to educate individuals (citizens, students, businesses and civic organizations) about litter awareness and prevention, including special events that are directed to this task.
- Engage in volunteer opportunities to enhance the beautification efforts of the City.

The EAC shall not meet less than four times annually or at such other times as the EAC may deem appropriate.

If you are interested in serving on the EAC, you may obtain an application form in the City Secretary's Office at Richardson City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 202 or at www.cor.net. The applications are held on file for two years and positions are filled as vacancies occur. If you have questions or need additional information, call 972-744-4292.



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Murphy elected NCTCOG Executive Board president

Richardson City Council Member John Murphy was elected president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board at a June 13 meeting. He was NCTCOG vice president for 2007-08 and served as board secretary in 2006. Murphy has served on the Richardson City Council since 1991, representing Place 3. He served as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Richardson from 1995 to June 2007. He served as the Region 13 representative on the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors from 1998 through 2002. He is currently the voting representative for the City of Richardson, the Town of Addison, Murphy, Sachse and Wylie on the Regional Transportation Council, and served as the organization's chairman in 2001-2002.



John Murphy

NCTCOG's Executive Board, composed of 13 locally elected officials, is the policy-making body for all activities undertaken by the Council of Governments, including program activities and decisions, regional plans, and fiscal and budgetary policies.

Michelle Thames receives NCTCOG management award

Richardson Assistant City Manager Michelle Thames was honored with the Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in June.



Michelle Thames

In 1986, NCTCOG established the Linda Keithley Award to be presented each year at NCTCOG's Annual General Assembly Meeting. The award honors the dedicated professionalism of Linda Keithley during her 17 years of service to the Council of Governments. The award recognizes a woman who displays the Linda Keithley traits of integrity, dignity, poise, loyalty, commitment, and dedication while serving as a faithful public servant. Any woman who is employed as a full-time public management professional (professional position in local, state, or federal government) in the 16-county North Central Texas region is eligible for the award.

In his introductory remarks, outgoing NCTCOG president Chad Adams, County Judge for Ellis County, praised Thames "for her ability to build trust, mutual respect and cooperation among her peers, staff, and the public." Thames was recognized for her project leadership and management, her mentoring and leadership with young professionals and for her community involvement.

Thames joined the City of Richardson staff in May 1991 and serves as Assistant City Manager-Administrative Services. Thames has administrative responsibilities for Human Resources, the Richardson Public Library, the Budget Office, Franchise and Regulatory Affairs, Information Services, Emergency Management, Citizens Information Services and Citizens Information Television. Thames also has administrative oversight of the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts & Corporate Presentations. Thames works closely with the community's arts organizations, serving as the staff liaison to the Richardson Arts Commission.

Martha Ritter, former mayor of Richardson, received the Linda Keithley Award in 1986 for her contributions as director of the Dallas County Children's Emergency Shelter.

State association honors Chief of Police Zacharias

Richardson Chief of Police Larry Zacharias was recently honored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association with its Career Achievement Award. Chief Zacharias received the highest level of recognition from his peers for making significant contributions to "chiefing," personifying what it truly means to be a Chief and being a member in good standing.



Larry Zacharias

Zacharias has emerged as a major leader in legislature at the state and national levels and serves as Chairman of the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Legislative Affairs Committee and is considered by many as an expert on issues affecting law enforcement in the State of Texas.

During his 31-year career with the Richardson Police Department—six years as Chief of Police, Zacharias gained a diverse, in-depth knowledge of all areas of the Police Department, distinguishing himself as an elite police officer and outstanding representative of the force and the City.

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the June 9 meeting. 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 Web site, 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 request more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

June 9

The City Council took action on the following items:

Presentation of Proclamation to Police Chief Larry Zacharias for Career Achievement Award from the Texas Police Chiefs Association.

Appointment to Boards and Commissions:

Zoning Board of Adjustments/Building & Standards Commission: reappoint Randy Roland as Vice Chair for term expiring April 1, 2010.

North Texas Municipal Water District: reappoint Ken Bell for a term expiring May 31, 2010.

Centennial Park – Building "B": A request by Richard Barge, representing Centennial Park Richardson Ltd., for approval of the building elevations and exceptions for the Mixed-Use Building "B" at 744 Brick Row, east of the DART light rail line was approved.

Centennial Park – Building "C": A request by Richard Barge, representing Centennial Park Richardson Ltd., for approval of the building elevations and an exception for the Multi-Family Building "C" at 644 Brick Row, east of the DART light rail line was approved.

Ordinance No. 3712, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Richardson Improvement Corporation for the sale of the property located at 300 E. Arapaho and to: Submit an application and take all necessary action for the reactivation of a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and other agencies for the Duck Creek Trail Extension; enter into a Chapter 380 Agreement with SG Retail Development Partners, Ltd. or related Eastside Development entity for the Eastside Development project; and execute such contract amendments as are necessary with NCTCOG and SG Retail Development Partners, Ltd. for the Eastside Development project sustainable development grant was approved.

Consent Agenda

Approved the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 3711, increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption for individuals 65 years of age or older, and for individuals who are disabled from \$50,000 to \$55,000.

Ordinance No. 3713, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 2, Article IV to add Division 3 to provide for an Environmental Advisory Commission.

Approved the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 08-06, reappointing Raymond D. Noah to the aggregated position of Representative to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority ("DART") Board of Directors which fractional allocation membership is shared with the City of University Park and the Towns of Addison and Highland Park.

Resolution No. 08-07, supporting the application of Quiktrip 898 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a municipal setting designation at the south-east corner of Avenue K & East Plano Parkway in Plano.

Authorized the City Manager to execute and enter into an Interlocal Agreement by and between the North Texas Municipal Water District and the City of Richardson regarding the provision of sanitary sewer service to the University of Texas at Dallas.

City-wide pet day seeks sponsors, volunteers

The third annual City-wide Pet Day will be held Nov. 8 at Owens Country Farm from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It will be a fun-filled day for pets and their owners. AnimaLuv is asking for sponsors and volunteers. There are several sponsor levels and many volunteer opportunities. If you are interested, please call 214-908-0074 or 972-235-7968. Visit the Web site www.richardsonanimaluv.org or e-mail richardsonanimaluv@yahoo.com for more information.

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Eisemann Center Presents entertainment for all

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tunes, original music and multi-media designs. Established in 1988 by Lily Cai, the Company performs and tours extensively throughout California and the United States, appearing at major performing arts venues, festivals, university theaters, schools, community centers and special events. In 1994, the Company opened the Grateful Dead's concert celebrating the Year of the Dog at the Oakland Coliseum, and in 1995 performed for United Nations' 50th anniversary celebration in San Francisco.

Taking the Hill Performance Hall stage Saturday, Feb. 28, is country music star Larry Gatlin's original theatrical production, **"Look Homeward Honky Tonk Angel."** Described as "Kiss Me, Kate" meets the Grand Ole Opry, the show was written in collaboration with Anthony Dodge and Marcia Millgrom Dodge. "Look Homeward Honky Tonk Angel" centers on "country music legend Jimmy John Angel's reunion concert with his ex-wife and even bigger star, Dixie Diamond," according to press notes. "Jimmy John's life of unscrupulous trickery—on stage and off—is exposed in this hysterical new musical."

Rounding out the Spotlight Series is the always spectacular **Paul Taylor Dance Company** in its fourth appearance March 21 at the Eisemann Center. Planned educational residency activities include a master class, attended technical rehearsal with narrative from the company manager and a pre-performance lecture. In 2006, *The Dallas Morning News* said, "Paul Taylor Dance Company is perhaps the most beloved and respected modern dance company in the world, famous for Mr. Taylor's wit, its sunny expansiveness, its all-American optimism and its occasional forays into darkness and gloom."

Theatre Comedy Series

Featuring weeklong runs of four hilarious productions all set in the intimate 368-seat Countrywide Theatre, the series begins with Salvage Vanguard Theater's production of **"The Intergalactic Nemesis"** Oct. 30-Nov. 2. "The Intergalactic Nemesis" takes place in a radio studio in 1933 with the theatre patrons playing the part of the studio audience. Pulitzer prize-winning reporter Molly Sloan and her intrepid assistant Timmy Mendez are hot on the trail of a story. When a mysterious stranger saves their lives, they discover the story they were seeking is much bigger than they could have possibly imagined! It's "Star Wars" meets "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with a little Flash Gordon thrown in for good measure. And it rocks! *The Austin American-Statesman* put it this way: "Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, earthlings and aliens, witness an amaz-

ing event as Salvage Vanguard Theater brings a blast from the past with 'The Intergalactic Nemesis'...perfect live entertainment."

Next in the lineup is the hysterical holiday comedy from everyone's favorite nun—**"Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold"** running Dec. 16-21 for eight fun-filled performances. Sister's back and it's not "The Nutcracker" and it's not "A Christmas Carol," but it is the must-see comedy addition to everyone's holiday traditions as Sister attempts to solve the mystery of the Magi's Gold using audience members as part of a living nativity scene. *The Philadelphia Inquirer* says, "Watch out, wise men: Sister's a wiseacre!"

Appearing Feb. 12-15 is the off-Broadway hit **"Mother Load,"** written by performer Amy Wilson. "Mother Load" is an insightful exposé of the cutthroat world of competitive parenting. Modern motherhood, this show tells us, is not for sissies. Moms have always felt the pressure to do right by their children, but the new generation of parents has turned that pressure up to 11. In a world where a toddler's birthday party must be catered, a stroller costs \$800 and there's a new danger in your child's toy box every week, how can a mother keep from losing her mind? From prenatal yoga to preschool interviews, the heroine of this show struggles to throw off the "Mother Load" of unrealistic expectations, ignore the competitive "sanctimommies" lurking in every playgroup, and somehow find the time to enjoy her kids.

Rounding out the Theatre Comedy Series lineup March 26-29 is **"My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy"** written and performed by author/comedian Steve Solomon. This hit Broadway show is receiving critical acclaim to sold-out audiences from New York to Phoenix. It's filled with hilarious stories about Solomon's wacky family and the crazy characters that he meets on the road whose sole purpose is to drive him into therapy...and they have succeeded. Solomon creates voices, dialects and sound effects which make the stories and jokes come alive. And there are a few musical surprises along the way.

Family Theatre Series

The new Family Theatre series kicks off with **"Lazer Vaudeville"** Sunday, Sept. 28. "Lazer Vaudeville" combines high-tech laser magic with the traditional arts of vaudeville to create an original production that has had a successful run on Broadway. Complete with superlative juggling, black light illusion, acrobatics, zany comedy and audience participation, "Lazer Vaudeville" offers clean, classy fun for the entire family. A cast of fantastical characters leads the



audience on a journey through the imagination as a wizard creates magical illusions with laser beams, a neon cowboy kicks up a luminescent rope-spinning display and an audience member escapes from a straitjacket.

"Pinkalicious: The Musical" is straight from the pages of the best-selling children's book by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann and will be at the Eisemann Center Oct. 19. Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinktititis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe—a dream come true for this pink-loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

Next on the Family Theatre Series roster is **"Pinocchio"** Nov. 23. Through the magic of live musical theatre, the all-time favorite "Pinocchio" comes to life on the Hill Performance Hall stage in a delightful production from American Family Theater. Outrageous escapades are in store for Pinocchio, Geppetto's irresistible puppet-son as he travels from carnival to Candyland in the belly of a whale. Join in merriment as this classic tale comes to life with exuberance and song.

"Stellaluna" will be produced as a puppet show by Kid's Entertainment Jan. 18. Baby bat Stellaluna's life is flitting along right on schedule—until an owl attacks her mother one night, knocking the bewildered batlet out of her mother's loving grasp. Literally. Stellaluna's adoptive bird mom accepts her into her nest, but only on the condition that Stellaluna will act like a bird, not a bat. Soon Stellaluna has learned to behave like a good bird should—she quits hanging by her feet and starts eating bugs. Anyone who has ever been asked to be

someone they're not will understand the conflicts and possibilities that Stellaluna faces.

American Family Theater's production of **"Pippi Longstocking"** comes to the Eisemann Center Feb. 15. The strongest, most outrageous girl in the world, Pippi Longstocking is Astrid Lindgren's irrepressible, freckle-faced heroine who returns to wreak havoc on Mrs. Prysselius, Kling and Klang, her pals Annika and Tommy and the rest of the denizens of her otherwise sleepy village.

The Family Theatre Series will wrap up the '08-'09 season April 15 with the ArtsPower National Touring Theatre in **"From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler."** To celebrate the 40th anniversary of E.L. Konigsburg's Newbery Medal-winning classic, ArtsPower has created an enchanting new drama that follows Claudia Kincaid and her brother Jamie up the stone steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and right into the middle of an adventure sure to captivate patrons of all ages!

Subscriptions for the Hill Performance Hall Spotlight Series and the Theatre Comedy Series are on sale with a 15 percent discount on full series subscriptions. Spotlight Series subscriptions range from \$168 to \$343. Theatre Comedy Series subscriptions range from \$112 to \$133. The Spotlight Focus Mini-Series allows patrons to create their own miniseries of four to six Spotlight Series events at a 10 percent discount. The Family Theatre Series subscriptions range from \$48 to \$96, a savings of 20 percent off single ticket prices. The Kidstuff Mini-Series is also available, allowing you to choose four or five Family Theatre Series shows at a 15 percent discount.

Single tickets go on sale Aug. 11 online at www.eisemanncenter.com, by telephone and in person. For more information, call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Series subscriptions are not available online, but orders are accepted by mail, fax, telephone, and in person.

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

NETWORK fundraiser July 26

Pearson chairs 'Starry Night'

Drew Pearson, former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver during the Tom Landry era, has joined the NETWORK team as honorary chairman of the 2008 Starry, Starry Night Gala. The 6th annual Starry, Starry Night Gala and Auction will be held at 6:30 p.m. July 26 at the Hyatt Regency Richardson. The Starry, Starry Night Gala and Auction is an evening featuring fine dining, stunning prizes, a spectacular auction, live entertainment and dancing, all in support of a worthwhile cause.

Pearson is known as "Mr. Clutch" for his numerous clutch catches in game-winning situations, especially the "Hail Mary" reception from Roger Staubach that sealed victory in a 1975 playoff game and remains one of the most famous plays in NFL history. Named one of the Top 20 Pro Football All-Time Wide Receivers, Pearson was also recognized for his achievements by being named to the NFL 1970s All-Decade Team. Pearson was named All-Pro three times and took three trips to the Pro Bowl and Super Bowl, including a victory in Super Bowl XII in 1978. Not only does Pearson have a daz-

zling on-field record, he is recognized off field as well. In 1980, the Cowboys selected Pearson as their nominee for NFL Man of the Year.

"Drew's giving spirit and unselfishness still continues today," said NETWORK Board President E.A. McDowell. "We are ecstatic to have Drew on board as Honorary Chairman for our 2008 Starry, Starry Night Gala." Pearson joins the NETWORK team just prior to his August induction into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame.

Starry, Starry Night Gala tickets are available for \$100 per person or a table of eight for \$600. For information, contact Britni Cannon, Director of Development at 214-635-1572.

NETWORK of Community Ministries, founded in 1986, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides shelter, food and clothing to low-income families in need of short-term support. NETWORK also offers help through other programs including the Adolescent and Children's Clinic, the Seniors' Net and the Trinity Wellness Clinic. NETWORK is located at 741 S. Sherman.

Richardson's Family
4th
Celebration
Friday, July 4th
Breckinridge Park

Located just south of Renner and Brand Roads in northeast Richardson.

Stage Entertainment
TBA 6:45p.m.
Richardson Community Band 8:45p.m.
Fireworks, approximately 9:45p.m.

Free round-trip DART shuttle service beginning at 6 p.m. from Rockwell-Collins International at Renner and Shiloh.
For more information, call the recorded hotline at 972-744-4581.
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Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or folding chair and enjoy a free evening under the stars!



Richardson Public Services Director Jerry Ortega (at left with microphone) discusses the recycling process with students from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School. The City of Richardson Public Services staff invited 1st and 2nd grade students from St. Paul, Jess Harben and Dover elementary schools to City Hall May 22 to participate in various activities designed to educate the students about the importance of recycling and how public works impact everyone's daily life.

Children's event marks National Public Works Week

In honor of National Public Works Week, the City of Richardson Public Services staff invited 1st and 2nd grade students from schools in Richardson to City Hall May 22 to a recycling event designed to teach them the importance of recycling and how public works impact everyone's daily life.

National Public Works Week recognizes the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. National Public Works Week is designed as a public education program campaign by the American Public Works Association (APWA), and is observed every year during the third week of May.

This year the National Public Works Week theme was "The Future is Now" and to celebrate, the City of Richardson's Public Services staff created a recycling program designed for kids to learn about public works and recycling while having fun at the same time. Some of the activities included a recycling sort, soda can toss, recycling questions and plastic bottle line up. The kids also got to see a recycling truck up close and what recyclable items look like after they have been sorted at a recycling processing facility.

The most exciting part of the day was the obstacle course. Demonstrated by the City's recycling mascot, Richie (who was introduced for the first time at the event), kids had to sort recyclables from trash, "free throw" soda cans into a recycling bin, eat worms (candy, of course) and find items in a recycled sand dig.

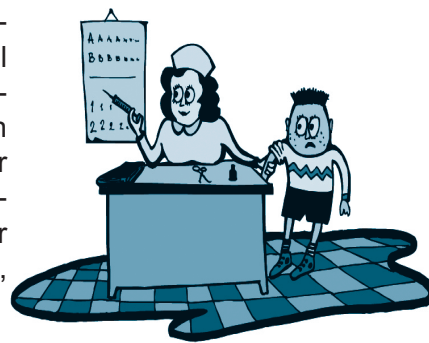
According to Public Services Director Jerry Ortega, living green is vital, and people of all ages should find ways to make living green a part of their daily lives. "Just like learning their ABCs, we must now all learn and live our 4-Rs: 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in Richardson.' The kids loved the event and we all enjoyed making their field trip a fun and rewarding one!"

Special Projects Coordinator Michelle Mann wants this event to keep getting bigger and better for years to come. "This was our first time putting together an environmental event for kids," she said. "The event was a huge success, and we hope to make this event a permanent part of our National Public Works Week."

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS AVAILABLE TO RICHARDSON AND RISD CHILDREN

BEAT THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH AND MAKE APPOINTMENT IN JULY!

School starts Aug. 25 and it's time once again to start thinking about back-to-school shots. The City of Richardson, along with the Richardson Regional Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson, provides a FREE children's immunization clinic open to Richardson residents and children attending Richardson schools. All shots required for school and infant immunizations are offered. If your child needs vaccinations, beat the rush and call 972-744-4076 now for an appointment. The clinic address is 820 W. Arapaho, adjacent to the Richardson Senior Center. The clinic is open 4:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, but remember, you MUST have an appointment and bring a shot record.



Summer calls for special skin care

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancer types. There are more than 1 million skin cancers (melanoma and non-melanoma) diagnosed each year in the United States. That's more than prostate, breast, lung, colon, uterus, ovaries and pancreas cancer combined. And the number of skin cancers has been on the rise steadily for the past 30 years.

The good news is that there is a lot you can do to protect yourself and your family from skin cancer. Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays, but some may come from artificial sources, such as tanning beds.

Prevention

The best ways to lower the risk of skin cancer are to avoid intense sunlight for long periods of time and to practice sun safety. You can continue to exercise and enjoy the outdoors while practicing sun safety at the same time.

- Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Seek shade: Look for shade, especially in

the middle of the day when the sun's rays are strongest. Practice the shadow rule and teach it to children. If your shadow is shorter than you, the sun's rays are at their strongest.

- Slip on a shirt: Cover up with protective clothing to guard as much skin as possible when you are out in the sun. Choose comfortable clothes made of tightly woven fabrics that you cannot see through when held up to a light.
- Slop on sunscreen: Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. Apply a generous amount (about a palmful) and reapply after swimming, toweling dry, or perspiring. Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Slap on a hat: Cover your head with a wide-brimmed hat, shading your face, ears, and neck. If you choose a baseball cap, remember to protect your ears and neck with sunscreen.
- Wear sunglasses with 99-100 percent UV absorption to provide optimal protection

for the eyes and the surrounding skin.

Follow these practices to protect your skin even on cloudy or overcast days. UV rays travel through clouds.

Early detection

Skin cancer can be found early, and both doctors and patients play important roles in finding skin cancer. If you have any of the following symptoms, tell your doctor.

- any change on the skin, especially in the size or color of a mole or other darkly pigmented growth or spot, or a new growth
- scaliness, oozing, bleeding, or change in the appearance of a bump or nodule
- the spread of pigmentation beyond its border such as dark coloring that spreads past the edge of a mole or mark
- a change in sensation, itchiness, tenderness or pain

For more information:

The American Cancer Society—www.cancer.org

The Skin Cancer Foundation—www.skincancer.org

False burglar alarms preventable with precautions

What is a false alarm?

When a police officer responds to an alarm activation and, after investigation, finds no evidence that criminal activity either had occurred or was occurring, the officer will designate the alarm signal as a false alarm.

Important facts about false alarms

The Richardson Police Department responded to 5,545 false alarms in 2007.

At an average cost of \$74 for each incident, false alarms cost the City of Richardson over \$410,300 in 2007.

The Richardson Police Department responds to false alarms as if they are actual felonies. Due to the danger associated with such a call, a minimum of two officers are dispatched. Each time police units respond to an alarm, their availability for other community needs is interrupted. Personnel costs, equipment use and vehicle wear associated with each call are significant. That time and effort could cost someone in real need a lot more—their life! That's why anyone who has a security system is required to register it with the City of Richardson. Registration helps police track false alarms and hold alarm users accountable.

Do I have to have a permit?

Yes, Richardson City Ordinance #2883-A requires a permit for each residential and commercial site.

Permits are \$30 per year and can be obtained online (www.cor.net/pd) or in person at City Hall.

Failure to secure a permit from the City may result in fines of up to \$500 for each offense.

Why do false alarms happen?

Unfortunately, almost all false alarms are preventable. Some of the common causes for false alarms include:

- User error and lack of training
- Cleaning crews
- Visitors, repair technicians, etc.
- Unlocked or loose doors
- Equipment malfunction

What should I do before activating my alarm system?

Are you and others who use the alarm system fully educated on its proper operation? This may include cleaning crews, children, neighbors, employees and temporary staff.

Make sure you securely close and lock all protected doors and windows.

If you are leaving your home or business, make sure the door you leave by is closed tight.

Keep pets, fans, heaters, balloons, etc. away from motion detectors.

Know and rehearse the process to cancel an accidental alarm. Anyone with your key should know this process.

Know how much time you have after you arm your system to leave and to disarm your system when you enter.

Obtain the City permit.

Know what to do if you set off your alarm by accident

First, do not panic. Enter your disarm code (carefully!) to reset your system.

Wait for your alarm company or central monitoring station to call, give your password or ID card number.

Do not leave your home or business until you have talked with your monitoring station. If they do not call you, have the number posted by your keypad and contact them to cancel the police dispatch. Do not call 911 to cancel an alarm activation. You must call your monitoring station.

You can arrange to have your alarm monitoring station first call you or another designated person before the police are called whenever your alarm is activated. If you are aware of a problem with the system, you can call the alarm monitoring station to cancel the police dispatch.

If you have any apprehensions about using your alarm system, call your alarm company today. Help the police reduce the unnecessary response and enhance the effectiveness of your alarm system. Do your part to prevent false alarms!

For more information about alarms, call the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Civic groups award scholarships

Three Richardson civic groups have announced their 2008 scholarship recipients.

The **Retired Teachers of Richardson** awarded the following \$2,000 scholarships to: Lake Highlands High School graduate Shayla Froswa Johnson (University of North Texas).

Berkner High School graduates Esther Marie Hamons (Dallas Baptist University), Natalie Lane Holmes (Ouachita Baptist University) and Courtney Rains (Richland Community College).

Pearce High School graduate Lauren Elengold who is a junior at Texas Christian University.

The **Richardson Woman's Club** awarded \$3,000 scholarships to:

Richardson High School graduates Harrison Aikin (University of Texas at Austin), Senai Andai, (UT-Arlington), Rosemary Johnson (Collin County Community College), Duncan Morgan (UT-Austin) and Sevita Motley (Stephen F. Austin).

Pearce High School graduate Grayson Frank (Texas A & M).

Lake Highlands High School graduate Lindsey Laird (Texas A & M).

Berkner High School graduate Britany Turney (UT-Austin).

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson selected the following recipients for the 2008 scholarship awards:

Marta Alemu, graduate of Lake Highlands High School (Boston College), Austin Wilmot, graduate of Richardson High School (Washington University) and Jenna Zhu, a graduate of Plano East High School (Swarthmore).

From the Fire Marshal

Lighters as dangerous as matches

Fires, burns and property damage associated with children playing with matches are common events in the United States and a number of programs and procedures have been developed to try to control this problem. In the past few years, a new source of ignition has become very common—the novelty cigarette lighter.

With the increase in the use of lighters rather than matches, lighter-related fires and burns associated with misuse by children have increased. There also seems to be an alteration in the age distribution. In many cases, lighters are easier to ignite than matches, so younger children more frequently are involved in lighter-associated fires/burns. Several reports now have implicated children as young as 18-20 months old.

Children have a natural curiosity about fire. It has a magical appeal, which captures their attention. They see adults start the barbecue or light a cigarette. Since they mimic adults in many ways, they want to mimic fire-starting behavior as well. Children's curiosity about fire should not be discouraged, but channeled into appropriate behavior.

Children are at high risk for burn injuries

largely due to their own experimentation with matches and fire. Since children have difficulty appreciating the use of matches as a tool, they most often will misuse them. Children need to understand that big fires start small. They need to distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate use of matches and lighters. They also need to understand the risks and dangers associated with their use.

Young children should not handle matches and lighters and they should be taught that they should "tell an adult" when they find matches or lighters in their environment. They should be taught to "leave matches and lighters where they find them" and "get an adult to come back and pick them up." This avoids the problem of a child handling matches or a lighter and possibly attempting to ignite either.

Children can easily identify tools in the home or workplace. They understand that a tool can be used a right way and a wrong way. A hammer is used to drive nails into wood, and a saw is used to cut lumber.

A match is also a tool. It can be used the right way, or a wrong way. Using a match to light a barbecue, start a fire in the fireplace, or ignite the pilot light on the water heater

are proper ways to use a match.

Be sure the child knows that matches and lighters are tools, not toys. Toys that look like lighters should not be given to children. Adults have been known to give a lighter that no longer works to children to play with.

This should not happen since the child doesn't know the difference between a lighter that works and one that doesn't.

Many fires have been caused by children playing with matches or lighters due to curiosity, carelessness or anger. Telling a child, "Don't play with matches," may not have the desired effect, and in fact, may encourage the opposite. In some cases, children may exhibit more than just a simple interest in fire and may frequently discuss or experiment with it. Sometimes when a child has a problem with starting fires or playing with fire, the child is responding to problems in the home, at school or with peers. Fire-setting problems can be prevented if identified early and the child is provided with professional counseling. If you discover burnt matches or paper, or believe a child has been playing with lighters or setting fires, call the Richardson Fire Department Fire Marshals office at 972-744-5750 and

ask about our Youth Firesetter Intervention Program.

Here are safety rules that adults should be aware of concerning matches and lighters.

- Buy matchbooks that have a striking surface on the back cover.
- Close the cover of the matchbook or box before striking the match.
- Strike a match away from the direction of the body.
- When striking a match, hold it an arm's length away.
- Only use matches or lighters when nothing else is distracting you.
- Matches or lighters are very dangerous around flammable liquids such as gasoline.
- A wastebasket is not an ashtray.
- Throw a match away only after the flame is extinguished and cool to the touch.
- Check your lighter regularly for cracks, leaks and other defects.
- If lighter fluid is spilled on or near the lighter, it should be cleaned off completely before lighting the flame.
- Persons with restricted mobility or reflexes and elderly persons must use extra caution with lighters and matches.

—Stephen A. Dossett
Fire Marshal



The Richardson Police Department recently celebrated the graduation of Class 30 from the Citizen Police Academy (CPA). Founded in 1992, the purpose of the CPA is to provide residential and corporate citizens a realistic look at modern policing, while promoting understanding of the mission and operations of the Richardson Police Department. Interested persons should contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 for additional information and application.

Graduates of Class 30 are (left to right) Back Row: E.A. Hoppe, Don Robins, David Spradling, Bill Wilkinson, Tom Allen, Liz Jurik, Lorrin McKay, Gayle Copening, H.B. Paksoy, John Marlowe, Paul Wee, Ric Rocha, Bill Heaton and Charles Turner. Front Row: Pam Fitzgearld, Debbie Wagner, Joy Kinney, Pat Roberts and Stef Carter.

New city venues appeal to young professionals

by Bill Sproull, President and CEO
Richardson Chamber of Commerce

Young professionals of Richardson are finding that their crowd of adults is expanding and will continue to do so as places for them develop in which to live, work and play. These new venues have many things that appeal to young professionals...music, dining, shopping, close-to-work apartment living and places just to hang out with friends. Richardson is becoming the urban scene purposely designed to touch all ages, a delicate balance that is rich in character.

Two of Richardson's exciting new mixed-use developments that cater to young professionals are now open. Both provide an upscale, urban setting for young professionals and "empty-nesters" working in the Telecom Corridor® or for those who want to be near DART to commute downtown.

The Venue, located in Galatyn Park across from the Eisemann Center and the Galatyn Park DART station, began taking tenant applications in March and is now more than 25 percent leased. Milestone Management, which manages and leases the property for developer Legacy Partners, said that leasing activity is going well.

Eastside at Campbell and US 75 began leasing April 1. Occupants started moving

into the first building in May and other buildings will open later this summer and towards the end of 2008. Frost Bank and several restaurants, including Panera Bread and Boudreaux's Cajun Kitchen have signed leases with more to come.

Brick Row, Richardson's third mixed-use, transit-oriented development, is located next to the Spring Valley DART station on Spring Valley extending to Greenville Avenue, the original street known as "Brick Row." Groundbreaking on this \$140 million development took place April 3. Developers Winston Capital, David Weekley Homes and L&B Realty Advisors expect to complete the apartments and townhomes in about a year. Condominiums will be added in 2009-2010.

When young professionals crave food and fun, Richardson is adding some of the best venues to enjoy. Bordeaux's Cajun Restaurant, Shuck N Jive, Austin Avenue Grill, Stone Horse Grill, FreeBirds, Which Wich and Callisto's Bar and Grill join hip places like Fox & Hound and McCarty's.

The Chamber formed a Richardson Young Professionals group last year. It hosts monthly networking happy hour events at the local hot spots. The group has also taken private tours of the Eisemann Center,

Richardson Regional's new Cancer Center, UTD's Motion Capture Lab, and volunteered at such events as the Wild Ride, Kiwanis Angel League, Richardson Trash

Bash and the RISD Back to School Fair. For more information, visit the Chamber's Web site at <http://www.richardsonchamber.com/events/richardson-young-professionals>.

**To request a special pick-up (BABIC),
call 972-744-4111
or visit www.cor.net.
The link is on the right side under "quick links."**

Free Compost Seminar

Saturday, July 12
10 a.m. to noon

City of Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr., Richardson
FREE

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 flowerbeds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar 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.

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of www.mastercomposter.com. She also publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile," which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar. Please contact Ryan Delzell at 972-744-4404 to make reservations, as space is limited for this event.

Chamber of Commerce events calendar

Signature Luncheon

Thursday July 10
11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.
"The Regional Impact
of the Trinity River Project"
Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert
Renaissance Hotel
900 E. Lookout, Richardson

Richardson Young Professionals

Thursday July 24
5-7 p.m.
Shuck N Jive
401 W. President George Bush
Turnpike, between Custer and Alma

50th Annual

New Teachers Luncheon

Thursday Aug. 14
Dr. Dennis M. Kratz, Dean,
School of Arts and Humanities,
University of Texas at Dallas
Renaissance Hotel
900 E. Lookout, Richardson

EarlyNet

Every Wednesday
7:30-8:30 a.m.
Highland Springs, 8000 Frankford Rd.
Dallas, TX 75252
Cost: \$5 (bring lots of business cards)
Reservations not required.

Richardson Chamber of Commerce
<http://richardsonchamber.com/>
972-792-2800

COMMUNITY/ARTS

July Calendar of Events

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Richardson Evening Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at Mr. Gatti's Pizza Place, 300 N. Coit Rd. Call 972-235-6542.

July 1, 15

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge meets at 8 p.m., 610 Presidential Dr., Suite 102. Information: 972-234-2485.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The **Richardson East Rotary** meets at Swan Court Restaurant at noon. For information, call Richard Gilman at 972-690-0637.

July 3, 17

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. conducts its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month and the monthly dinner meeting the third Thursday. Information: Brenda Boston, 972-231-8931 or www.altrusa richardson.com.

July 4, 20

The **Richardson Community Band** continues the summer outdoor lawn series. July 4, the Band will play at Breckinridge Park as part of Richardson's Family Fourth Celebration. July 20, the Band performs at 7 p.m. on the lawn of the Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic. Info: www.richardsoncommunityband.org or 972-673-8256.

July 5, 12, 19, 26

Richardson Humane Society holds Adopt A Pet events noon-4 p.m. July 5, 19 at PetsMart at Coit and Campbell. Also, July 12, 26 at Petco at Spring Valley and Plano. Information: 972-234-5117.

July 7, 14, 21, 28

The **Richardson Rotary** meets at noon at Canyon Creek Country Club. Information: Richard Gilman, 972-690-0637.

The **Richardson Central Kiwanis Club** meets every Monday at noon at Holiday Inn Select, 1655 N. Central Expwy. Information: Scott Long, 972-437-1837.

Toastronix Toastmasters Club meets noon-1 p.m. at Tektronix, 1500 N. Greenville. All welcome. Information: Daniel, 469-330-3521.

Tough Love, a parent support group for parents of troubled children of all ages, meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at Community Christian Church, 1300 Holly Dr. Information: 972-479-0428.

The **Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters** meet 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the Golden Corral at Campbell and Plano. Guests welcome. Call 972-235-0578 or 214-691-3895

July 8, 19

The **Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627** meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Post, 1040 Hampshire Ln. A steak dinner is held 6-8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. Information: 972-231-0495.

July 10, 24

The **Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club** holds a coffee and meeting at 10 a.m. July 10. The monthly luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. July 24. Assistant Library Director Susan Allison will discuss Richardson Reads One Book. Women from Richardson and surrounding areas are welcome. For information and reservations, call 972-234-6464.

July 11, 18, 25

The **Richardson Central Rotary** meets at noon at the Richardson Hotel. Buffet lunch is \$15. For more information, contact Richard Gilman at 972-690-0637.

July 9, 11

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #368 meets the second Wednesday at 940 E. Belt Line, #136. On second Fridays, a dinner is served from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5-\$7. Information: 972-479-1505.

July 12

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge holds a Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance 6-11:30 p.m., 610 Presidential Dr., Suite 102. \$10 per person. Information: 972-234-2485.

July 14

The **Richardson Wireless Klub** meets at 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line.

The **Richardson Host Lions Club** meets at Southern Recipes Café, 1381 W. Campbell at 6:30 p.m. for supper and meeting at 7 p.m. Information: 972-235-8792.

July 15, 27

The **Richardson VFW Post 8627** meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday and hosts a brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at 1040 Hampshire Ln. Cost: \$6; visitors welcome. Information: 972-671-8627.

July 17

The **Women of Visionary Influence** meets at The Holiday Inn Select at 6 p.m. for dinner and a meeting with a guest speaker. For more information, call Daisy Wong, president 972-887-9904.

The **Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association** meets at 6:15 p.m. at the Canyon Creek Country Club, 625 Lookout Dr., for dinner and meeting. Information: call 214-762-2304 or www.abwa-richardson.org.

July 18, 22

Jackson-Hughes American Legion Post 368 hosts a steak dinner on the third Friday, cost \$10. The Legion meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Visitors welcome at the dinner. Information: 972-479-1505.

July 18-27

Repertory Company Theatre presents "Footloose" at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Courtyard Theatre in Plano. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$12 youth. Box office: 972-690-5029.

July 19

Education Community Garden meets at 9 a.m. at 17360 Coit Rd., in the Texas A&M Extension Education Building. Free. Information: 972-952-9210 or www.educationcommunitygarden.org.

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge holds a car show and family day, 1-4 p.m., 610 Presidential Dr., Suite 102. Information: 972-234-2485.

THE WOMAN'S CENTER

July 2—JIMMY DUNN, program director for North Central Texas Trauma Advisory Council, will discuss bioterrorism.

July 9—JANE GONZALES, professional tutu maker.

July 16—SALLY RODRIGUEZ with Dallas County Parks and Recreation presents the history of White Rock Lake.

July 23—DALLAS ARBORETUM speaker.

July 30—PICNIC AND FUN!

Programs begin at 10 a.m. at the Woman's Center in Richardson, 515 Custer Rd. Call 972-238-9516.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS to the Community/Arts calendar is the 1st of the month prior to publication date (i.e. Feb. 1 for the March issue). Fax: 972-744-5810, e-mail: carol.oneil@cor.gov, or mail to 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 106, Richardson, TX 75080.

July 21

Richardson/Plano Storytelling Guild meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Heritage Farmstead Museum. Information: 972-231-4469 or www.richardsonplanostorytellers.org

July 26

Dallas Area Romance Authors meet at 9:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of the month at Holiday Inn Select, Hwy. 75 and Campbell Road. Visitors are welcome at the door for a \$5 entry fee.

www.dallasromanceauthors.com

July 28-Aug. 14

The **Labyrinth Theatre** offers a summer youth theatre camp for students entering grades 5-10. Information: 972-231-1012 or www.thelabyrinththeatre.org.

July 30

MOMS Club of Richardson-East welcomes stay-at-home moms and their children for a monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at Canyon Creek Gymnastics in Richardson. Information: momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com.

MOMS Club of Richardson-West meets at 10 a.m. at the Richardson Regional Medical Center Plaza I, Conference Room 2. For more information call 972-248-0051.

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf Association is an 18-hole league that plays at Sherrill Park on Tuesday mornings. Women of all handicap levels are invited to join. Dues are \$30 per year. Information: Nancy Stubbs, 972-699-8909 or Marie Berger, 972-781-0797.



Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling (NYFC)

offers counseling services on a sliding scale (\$20-\$90) for children, adolescents, adults, couples or families. The agency also offers:

- Alcohol Awareness for Minors.
- free assistance to crime victims within the City of Richardson.
- free support to victims of domestic violence in Richardson and the RISD area. Information: 972-744-4858.

July at the Eisemann Center

The Living Opera
"Henry Faust"

Countrywide Theatre
2 p.m. July 6
7:30 p.m. July 9, 12
Tickets: \$20-\$50
www.thelivingopera.org

The Living Opera
"H.M.S. Pinafore"
Countrywide Theatre
7:30 p.m. July 10, 11
2 p.m. July 12
Tickets: \$20-\$50
www.thelivingopera.org

Abundant Life Church
**Russ Taff with special guests
Mickey Mangun
and Jonathan Moore**
Hill Performance Hall
7 p.m. July 12
Tickets: \$10-\$25
www.alcplano.org



Gilbert and Sullivan's
H. M. S. PINAFORE
July 10th, 11th, 12th

"Menopause the Musical"
Countrywide Theatre
7:30 p.m. July 25, 26, 30, 31
2 p.m. July 26, 27
5:30 p.m. July 27
Tickets: \$45
www.menopausethemusical.com

Smooth Jazz Forever
"Jazz Uptown at the Eisemann"
Countrywide Hall
7:30 p.m. July 26
Tickets: \$18
www.smoothjazzforever.com

Charles W.
EISEMANN CENTER
2351 Performance Drive
Richardson, TX 75082

972-744-4650
Eisemann Center Ticket Office
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
One hour before performances
Some tickets available online at:
www.eisemanncenter.com

Safe, high-quality drinking water right from your tap

The following information is provided by the City of Richardson as a good and effective communications tool for its citizens that will satisfy the need for information about their water. This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) complies with Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

Richardson Water Utility employees take pride in delivering safe and "superior" quality drinking water to our customers. "Superior" is the rating of our water system by the TCEQ. This rating reflects the hard work and efforts of our employees to protect your health by delivering and maintaining a safe and reliable drinking water and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) for producing a high quality drinking water.

The Water Utilities department is a municipal water distribution and wastewater collection utility owned by the City of Richardson. Wholesale treated water is purchased from the NTMWD at three "take points." The district draws raw water from Lake Lavon. Additional water from both Lake Chapman and Lake Texoma is also available.

The pumping and storage system is comprised of five pump stations, seven ground storage tanks and seven elevated storage tanks. The storage capacity is 36.25 million gallons with a pumping capacity of 98.9 million gallons per day. The water distribution system is comprised of 475.45 miles of water mains with 3,557 fire hydrants and 32,824 metered service connections.

Each day, the city tests the water in the distribution system at various points in the city to ensure water is reaching the residents in good condition. The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water may contain contaminants. As water travels over the land's surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and picks up substances from animal or human activity.

Contaminants that may be in untreated water include; organic chemicals from industrial or petroleum use; and or radioactive materials. The NTMWD conducts daily tests on the raw water in Lake Lavon, water in process and the finished water.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Good watershed management by each of us to keep contaminants out of our lakes and waterways is cheaper and easier than removing them later at the treatment plant.

Richardson Distribution Samples Taken Last Fiscal Year

Bacteriological Scheduled	1,140
Bacteriological Construction	172
Bacteriological Other	36
Disinfectant Residual Scheduled	1,140
Disinfectant Residual Construction	172

Disinfectant Residual Other	330
Trihalomethanes Samples	112
Haloacetic Acid Samples	112
Lead and Copper samples (tri-annual)	0
Quarterly Distribution Samples	32
Quarterly Entry Point Samples	26

Grassy, Earthy Taste and Odor

The North Texas summer climate normally consists of high temperatures and trace amounts of rainfall. The high temperatures and lack of rainfall create an ideal environment for algae to bloom in surface water supplies.

Each summer, throughout the months of July and August, lakes and other surface water supplies experience a natural event—an "algal bloom." Algal blooms are common to surface water supplies in warm weather climate states like Texas.

As hot summer temperatures warm the reservoirs, the lack of rainfall lessens the turbidity and allows the sunlight to penetrate the water. With the increase in water temperature and the lack of turbidity, photosynthesis will occur providing the right environment for algae to reproduce or "bloom."

When an algal bloom exists, there is the possibility for a grassy, earthy taste in the treated drinking water supply. This event, although aesthetically undesirable to the public, does not alter the high quality of water provided to the cities and communities for their use.

NTMWD laboratory personnel monitor the raw water quality from Lake Lavon prior to its treat-

ment. One of the many analyses performed is an algal count. Laboratory personnel, through this daily activity, can determine the onset of an algal bloom.

The blue green algae species Nostoc and Anabaena, as they reproduce or "bloom," produce an oily organic substance. It is this organic substance that is responsible for the change in taste and odor of the treated drinking water.

NTMWD uses several steps to control the taste and odor produced. To reduce the unpleasant taste levels, activated carbon is used as an absorption medium. Potassium permanganate is added as an oxidizing agent to reduce the odor associated with an algal bloom. Both of these chemicals are removed during the treatment process prior to its delivery to the cities.

Chlorine is used throughout the treatment process as a strong disinfectant. Chlorine also aids in odor reduction during times of algal blooms.

The quality of water remains high as regulated by the TCEQ and EPA standards. The treated water remains safe for human consumption with no health risks created by the "algal blooms."

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microscopic intestinal parasite found naturally in the environment. It is spread by human and animal waste. If ingested, it can cause flu-like and gastrointestinal symptoms. Outbreaks have been most commonly associated with person-to-person (day care center) and waterborne (drinking and recreational water) spread of the parasite. Foodborne and animal (especially calves)-to-person spread has also been documented. Not everyone exposed to the organism becomes ill.

No specific drug therapy has proven to be effective, but people with healthy immune systems will usually recover within two weeks. Individuals with weak immune systems, however, may be unable to clear the parasite and suffer chronic and debilitating illness.

The NTMWD tests for Cryptosporidium in both the raw lake water and the treated water.

Special information for people with weakened immune systems: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons—such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly people and infants—can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Important Communication Links:

Maintenance/Emergency Service

24 hours/day, 7 days/week

972-744-4111

Water Utilities Administration

8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday

972-744-4411

Customer Service Billing Information

972-744-4120

Mailing address:

Richardson Water Utilities

P.O. Box 830309

Richardson, Texas 75083

Web Pages

City of Richardson—www.cor.net

American Water Works Assoc.

www.awwa.org

Texas Water Utilities Assoc.—www.twua.org

TCEQ—www.tceq.state.tx.us

USEPA—www.epa.gov

Richardson City Council

Place 1 Bob Townsend (Mayor Pro Tem)

Place 2 Rhea Allison

Place 3 John Murphy

Place 4 Gary A. Slagel

Place 5 Pris Hayes

Place 6 Steve Mitchell (Mayor)

Place 7 Dennis Stewart

The Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Public Services Department is responsible for your water distribution and infrastructure system maintenance and is part of the City government.

This chart lists the contaminants in the Richardson drinking water. For additional information, call the Richardson Water Utility at 972-744-4111.

Substance	Range	Highest Average Sample Point	MCL	MCLG	Possible Source
Regulated at the Treatment Plant					
Atrazine (ppb)	.4-.4	.40	3	3	Herbicide runoff
Barium (ppm)*	.06	.06	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	.65-.73	.73	4	4	Water additive
Nitrate (ppm)	.96-1.07	1.07	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer
Simazine (ppb)	ND	ND	4	4	Herbicide runoff
Arsenic (ppb)*	ND	ND	10	None	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)**	ND	ND	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (mrem/yr)**	<4.0	<4.0	4	0	Decay of natural & manmade deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/L)**	ND	ND	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Dalapon (ppb)	ND	ND	200	0	Pesticide
Cryptosporidia and Giardia (0o) cysts/L	0.0	0.0	TT	0	Human and animal fecal waste
Regulated at the Customer's Tap					
Chlorine Dioxide (ppm)	0-0.40	0.06	0.80	0.80	Used as disinfectant
Copper (ppm)	0.02	0.02	Action Level=1.3	1.3	Corrosion of customer plumbing
Lead (ppb)	ND	0	Action Level=15	15	Corrosion of customer plumbing
Unregulated Substances					
Sodium (ppm)	94.5	94.5	Not regulated		Mineral
Sulfate (ppm)	152-169	169	250 proposed		Mineral
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	14.7-25.3	21.7	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	11.5-42.2	23.2	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	8.0-17.3	13.2	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Bromoform (ppb)	2.4-4.0	3.2	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Acetone (ppb)	0.0-13.1	13.1	Not regulated		Solvent
TOC (ppm)	2.82-4.16	3.12	TT		Organic material runoff
Regulated in the Distribution System					
Total Coliform (%)	0-2.3	.0043	5	0	Naturally present in environment
Chlorine Residual (Chlorite)	0-1.41	0.66	1.05	1.05	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Total HAA (ppb)	15.8-29.0	20.6	60	N/A	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Total THMs (ppb)	35.4-81.3	54.6	80	N/A	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine Residual (Chloramines)	0.6-3.9	2.97	4	4	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Avg. MCL % samples meeting limit					
Turbidity (NTU)	0.03-.56	.14	TT	99.94%	Soil runoff

*2002 data from most recent testing done in accordance with the regulations.

**2004 data

Definitions and Measurements

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)—The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)—The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

TT (Treatment Technique)—A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level—The concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded triggers a treatment or other requirement a water system must follow.

ppm—Parts per million. One part per million equals one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into 250 gallons of iced tea.

ppb—Parts per billion. One part per billion is equal to one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into an Olympic-size swimming pool.

pCi/L—Pico curies per liter is a measure of radioactivity in water. A pico curie is 10 to the minus 12 curies and is the quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.

mrem/yr—millerem/year

NTU—Nephelometric Turbidity Units. This is the unit used to measure water turbidity.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level—highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal—the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known expected risk to health.

Turbidity—This is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effect; however, high turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for bacterial growth.

Unregulated Substances—are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated substance monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrences in drinking water and whether future regulations are warranted.

ND—Not Detected.

RECREATION

<http://www.cor.net/parks>

Dance teachers train in ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop

Dance programs at Richardson's Recreation Centers are thriving. Both Centers staged dance recitals for tiny to tall dancers at Berkner High School (Huffhines) and Richardson High School (Heights).

Most summer dance sessions started in June, but dance camps are available at Huffhines in late July and early August. The full schedule of dance classes for fall and spring semesters begins in September and ends in fun recitals for all students. The fall issue of *Recreation Today* should be in mailboxes in early August, which is when registration begins for fall.

Belinda Smith teaches dance at Huffhines where she instructs in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop and spirit and dance.

At Heights, dance instructor Robin Horn has been teaching for 30 years while her daughter Holly Baxter has been teaching at the Center for the past 10 years. Robin and Holly come from a long line of dancers and dance teachers. Robin's grandmother and mother were both dancers and Robin lived in a dance studio in Indianapolis until she

was 16 years old. Robin started teaching dance at Heights 30 years ago when she moved to Richardson and continues to teach one day per week even though she has now moved to Coppell.

Holly graduated with honors from University of Texas at Dallas in May and hopes to teach elementary school this fall while continuing to teach a few dance classes at Heights.

"It is very hard to give up teaching dance here," Holly said. "This has been my life for the past 10 years and I grew up in this place."

The long-time teachers say they can't go anywhere in the city without being recognized by their students, but sometimes the students are baffled by seeing them in a different context. "They'll say, 'what are you doing here' when they see us in the grocery store," Robin recalled with a smile.

Holly and Robin tap danced together in a Heights recital in November 2001, just one month after Holly's daughter Taylor was born.



TINY DANCERS—Recitals at Richardson High School for Heights Recreation Center dancers (above) and at Berkner High School for Huffhines Recreation Center dancers (below) culminated the Spring 2008 dance semester at Richardson Recreation Centers.



LONGTIME TEACHERS—Robin Horn (far left) shows a ballet step to her granddaughter Taylor while other granddaughter Catherine observes. Near left, Holly Baxter warms up a dance group during a June summer camp.

Heights Recreation Center staff members are seeking dance instructors to continue the fine dance tradition at the center. If you are interested, please call 972-744-7850.



STITCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS—Richardson Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Massey poses with Jerrri Sihvonen and Jan Eby at the Richardson Senior Center. Ms. Sihvonen created a quilt square for a larger Texas-themed quilt being assembled by the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ms. Sihvonen's entirely hand-stitched square represents the James Billingsley chapter of the organization and depicts Richardson and its annual Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival. Ms. Eby teaches quilting at the Senior Center and assisted Ms. Shivonen with the project. The Texas DAR quilt will be displayed Oct. 30-Nov. 2 at the Houston International Quilt Festival, one of the largest and most



prestigious quilt shows in the U.S. The entire queen-sized quilt including 30 squares surrounding a State of Texas center square will be raffled by the DAR at the TSDAR state conference in 2009. Proceeds will benefit the DAR's youth scholarship fund.

Uncle Sam's Hawaiian Jam

Huffhines Recreation Center
Thursday, July 3
10 a.m. - noon
(ages 2-5 with a parent)
Registration #42895

2 - 4 p.m. (ages 6-12)
Registration #42896

Come celebrate Independence Day with us at a Hawaiian Jam! You will enjoy an inflatable water slide, games, crafts and refreshments—all luau style! Parent or caregiver must accompany children ages 2-5. Pre-registration fee is \$5 and ends July 2. Drop-in registration fee is \$8.

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.
972-234-1416

Clinics available all summer for:

- children ages 5-15;
- adult beginners
- adult intermediate players
- senior players
- corporate teams

Information: 972-234-1416 or www.sherrillparkgolf.com

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-234-6697

Lessons

July 14-Aug. 1
 Aug. 11-28
 Six lessons: \$42

Summer Camps

July 7-11
 July 21-25
 Aug. 4-7
 Aug. 18-22
 \$120—\$28 daily

Private Lessons: 30 minutes: \$24; one hour: \$42; three one-hour lessons: \$120; six one-hour lessons: \$210

VINTAGE VOICES 55+

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972-744-7800 Celebrating 25 Years 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

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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

The classes held at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., are as follows:

July 10 and 11	9 a.m.-1p.m.
July 21 and July 24	6-10 p.m.
Aug. 7 and 8	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Aug. 18 and 21	6-10 p.m.

Anyone 50 years and older may attend the classes. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reduction of 10 percent and is valid for three years. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$10. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. For other locations throughout the State of Texas, you may call the toll free number, 1-888-227-7669. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class.

QUILT ESSENTIALS

Learn the art of quilting. This class reinforces the essentials of quilting. All skill levels are welcome. Buddy Sewing Time (non-instructed) is 8-10 a.m. every Tuesday. Instruction available from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. with breaks. Four classes per month. Cost is \$15 for advanced students and \$35 for beginning students per month. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC QUILTING (APPLIQUÉ, BASTING AND CATCHING-UP)

Beginning appliqué techniques will be taught. Encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students will be shared. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and table-top basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and are in need of pinning, thread basting or tying their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to "catch up" on their quilt tops. (Limited instruction for electric quilters, the "Sit & Sew/Catch Up" is self-guided.) This class meets every Monday from 4-8:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 per month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

CERAMICS

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no fee, because this is a self-paced class. You must provide your own supplies and pay firing fees.

CROCHET

No crochet classes in July. Classes will resume in August.

ADULT PIANO LESSONS

Cheryl Hayes, who has more than 40 years of teaching experience, offers adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Class fee is \$50 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

DANCE CLASSES

Class	Place	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Beg. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	9:15-10:30 a.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	10:30-11:45 a.m.	\$12/Month	Sides
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	3:30-5 p.m.	\$2	Kindle
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$2	Kindle
Intermediate Tap	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$4	Bass
Beginning Tap	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	12:30-1:30 p.m.	\$4	Bass
Beginning Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	2:30-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month Hagler \$30 Single/Month or \$10 per class	
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	1:30-2:45 p.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	2:45-4 p.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson
Int./Advanced Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	2:30-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month Hagler \$30 Single/Month or \$10 per class	
Advanced Tap	Senior Ctr.	Thur.	noon-1 p.m.	\$4	Bass
General Line Dancing	Senior Ctr.	Thur.	2-3 p.m.	\$5/Month	Dudley
Group Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Sat.	6-7 p.m.	\$8	McCurtain
Private Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	By Appointment		\$40	Newman
Private Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	By Appointment		\$40	Hagler

PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS

Private Voice Lessons are available by appointment. The cost for voice lessons is \$20 per hour. Please call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS PROGRAM (DADP)

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 information on current laws. The classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center and are as follows:
July 14 and 17 6-9 p.m.
August 11 and 14 6-9 p.m.
Cost for the class is \$15 for people 55 and over and \$25 for 54 and under. Please call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 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 and by the State Board of Insurance for a 10 percent discount on your auto insurance. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. The classes held at the Senior Center are as follows:
July 12 and 19 1:15-4:15 p.m.
July 28 and 31 6-9 p.m.
August 16 and 23 1:15-4:15 p.m.
August 25 and 28 6-9 p.m.
Cost for the class is \$25. Please call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 to register.

INTERNET USAGE

Learn about the Information Superhighway through discussion and "hands-on" experience. You will be informed about such things as the Internet Service Providers, Web browsing, Web searching, E-mail, Newsgroups, etc. Next two week session begins Sept. 8 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Class fee is \$40.

MICROSOFT EXCEL AND WORD FOR WINDOWS

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. The power and possibilities of Windows is fully utilized in these versions of the popular spreadsheet and word processing manager. You will learn how to build, print, save and retrieve well-organized documents. Next four-week session begins Aug. 11 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Class fee is \$80.

FUNDAMENTALS OF WINDOWS

This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. Learn the meaning of many buzz words. Learn about the hardware components and get hands-on experience. This class is a prerequisite for taking future classes, such as Word, Excel, Quicken and many other informative classes. Next four-week session begins July 14 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$80. Frank Davis is our instructor. Next session begins Aug. 11.

CREATE A WEB SITE

This class focuses on the creation of a personalized Web site. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. One page will be a Contact Us Page so that interested parties can easily send you an e-mail. We will also look at putting your video on Google, YouTube and Yahoo. The class costs \$40 and meets twice. The next session begins July 28 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

LEARN THE RIGHT WAY TO SELL ON EBAY!!

Are you ready to learn how to sell on the Internet? Do research and create listings that will attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions, set pricing that will maximize and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. Next two-week session begins July 15 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon or an evening class 6-9 p.m. The class fee is \$50. The book is available from the instructor.

JOANNA'S ART CLASSES Acrylic/Watercolor/Drawing (All Media)

Local artist Joanna Clifton teaches art lessons each month (four classes). She is a multi-talented art teacher and can teach all media. She teaches Acrylic/Drawing to all levels of painters on Tuesdays, from 1-3 p.m. and Watercolor to all levels of painters on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To see her work go online to www.soulcreations.info. To talk to Joanna about beginning your lessons please call her at 972-470-9593 or email her at clido01@airmail.net. Class fees are \$80 for the four-week session. If you register by the 17th of the month before you start classes, fee is \$75.

FUN WITH OILS

Learn to paint simple landscapes, give the effect of distance by adjusting color and tone, paint reflections in water and more. New class session begins the first Thursday each month from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$80 a month.

OIL PAINTING

Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction July 3 from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this six-week class is \$80. Sign up today.

"HOW'D YOU PAINT THAT?" ARTISTS' WORKSHOP

Award-winning local artist Becky Parks will teach a one-day workshop Friday, July 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This class is for artists of all levels, beginner to advanced, who paint with oils or acrylics. Becky will demonstrate her painting style and discuss ways of producing better paintings. After the lunch break, individuals will paint using some of the techniques observed earlier with Becky's supervision. Pick up a supply list when you register for the class. For more information e-mail Becky at beckyandsonny@verizon.net. Cost for the workshop is \$50. There will be a drawing for the demo painting at the end of the workshop.



Senior Health Connection

No Health Connection in July

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSONISM

The Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society holds a physical therapy class in Richardson at the Arapaho United Methodist Church, 1400 W. Arapaho Rd. at Coit. For more information please call 972-231-1005.

DALLAS AMPUTEE NETWORK

The Dallas Amputee Network meets each month. Call 972-234-5966 or go to www.dallasamputeenetwork.org for information. All amputees and their families are welcome.

WIDOWED

PERSONS SERVICES (WPS)

The WPS holds its monthly meeting the second Tuesday each month at the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Dr., Dallas. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner following. All widowed men and women are invited to attend. Please call WPS at 214-358-4155 for more information or visit our Web site at www.widowedpersonsDallas.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

4TH OF JULY ICE CREAM SOCIAL—JULY 3; 2 P.M.

Celebrate our country's birthday with an ice cream sundae and our own Barry Benton playing Ragtime and his own special brand of music. Cost \$1.50.

SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER—AUG. 27; NOON-2 P.M.

Join us for one last summer picnic before we welcome fall. We will provide the chicken, potato salad and dessert and you will provide other picnic side dishes such as baked beans, deviled eggs, fresh fruit salad, etc. Remember when...Gene Clowes will entertain on the piano with your favorite yester-year songs. Rita Dudley and "Bruno's girls" are together again to line dance to some "oldies." Cost is \$3 plus a picnic side dish.

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AARP

The local AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Watch for our monthly notices and invite a friend. Call Jim Giuliani at 972-234-2815 for more information.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Richardson Post 8627

The Post is open to accept new members. War zone vets should call 972-671-8627 for more information. Interested vets may visit the Post from 2-8 p.m. at 1040 Hampshire Ln.

NARFE EPPARD CHAPTER #1273

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. For more information contact Fred Wells 972-622-3062 or Peter LaFlamme at 972-234-6922. All present and former federal employees and guests are invited to attend our meetings.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS CHAPTER MEETING

The Sam Johnson Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association meets the second Saturday each month at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center, 820 W. Arapaho Road, at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting and program. For further information, you may call Glen Thompson at 972-279-7000.

THE GREATER DALLAS RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GDROA)

The Greater Dallas Retired Officers Association (GDROA) meets bi-monthly on the third Saturday of even numbered months. Please call LCDR Glen Wamble for details and reservations, 972-437-2345.

MILITARY OFFICERS WOMAN'S CLUB

Open to military officers' wives and widows of all services. The club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information and reservations, please call Betty Stewart at 972-418-2212.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA GREATER DALLAS CHAPTER (MOAA-GDC)

The Military Officers Association of America-Greater Dallas Chapter meets bi-monthly on the third Saturday of even numbered months. Please call LCDR Glen Wamble for details and reservations, 972-437-2345.

First Bank of Canyon Creek Community Room Belle Grove (across from Civic Center, next to Post Office) July 15—10 a.m.

ARE YOU TURNING 65?

You will have an opportunity to find out about "Medigap" Supplemental Insurance and Medicare advantage plans. The Seniors' Net, a division of the NETWORK of Community Ministries, will host this event and featuring Terry Warner. Warner will present general information and then be available for individual questions or to take personal appointments. Free and open to the public. For more information please call The Seniors' Net at 972-808-9863.

FITNESS

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 \$3. This class will be taking a summer break from Aug. 1 through Sept. 6. Classes will resume the week after Labor Day.

TAI CHI FOR ALL AGES

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is only \$6 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

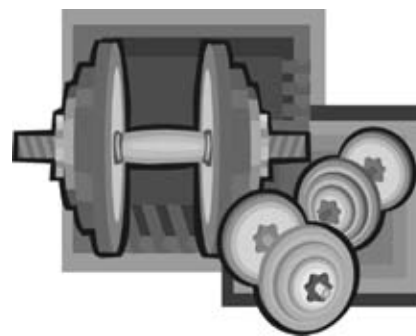
HATHA YOGA FOR ALL AGES

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

BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS

Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. These weekly classes are for beginners as well as those with some experience. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower back-aches and gain balance. Class fee is \$3. Mats are available at the Center. This class will be taking a summer break from Aug. 1 through Sept. 6. Classes will resume the week after Labor Day.



PERSONAL TRAINING

Building strength in your later years helps you sidestep the frailty, disability and loss of independence that often accompanies aging. It's truly never too late to start accruing these rewards. Studies of men and women in their 70s and 80s have shown that they can dra-

matically improve strength, power, agility and mobility in just 10 weeks of strength training. Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. Sessions are just \$48 with a six-session commitment and fitness assessments are free. Please call 972-744-7800 or stop by the Senior Center to make your appointment with Elaine Hosage, Certified Person Trainer, who is certified by the Cooper Institute.

AEROBIC EXERCISE

Exercise classes are Monday, 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. Monthly fee is \$16.

FIT FOR LIFE- BEGINNING STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS

Come and participate in strength training that will work all muscle groups to fun and motivating music. Two classes offered:

Mon., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—four weeks beginning the first Monday each month.

Wed., 10-11 a.m.—four weeks beginning the first Wednesday each month.

Each class is \$20 for four weeks of training.

WATERAEROBIC CLASSES

Summer session began June 2 at two locations and has three punch card options. They are 10-class card—\$40; 6-class card—\$24; 4-class card—\$16. Punch card can be used for any class.

Summer Schedule is as follows:

Rise and Shine: Arapaho Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F—Designed for the intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. A great way to get a cardio workout, full muscle toning, isolated stretching and breathing, without the stress on your joints. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Arapaho Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F—Designed with all fitness levels in mind. This class is for all ages including active seniors. Get a full body workout designed to improve your cardiovascular system and all over body toning. Increase your strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: J.J. Pearce Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F—This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Get a full body workout designed to improve your cardiovascular system and all over body toning. Increase your strength, flexibility, balance and endurance. Aqua shoes are suggested.

For more information please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

WELLNESS

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 \$35 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for an appointment time.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

TRINITY WELLNESS CLINIC

A free clinic for seniors providing blood pressure checks, blood sugar checks, nail-clipping and ear checks with ear cleaning as needed. Locations: NETWORK of Community Ministries—Tuesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 972-680-7855 for an appointment. Richardson Senior Center—first Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

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NEEDLEWORKS

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. Everyone is welcome to come. We meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BINGO

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter... See you there! No charge to play.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Happy Birthday to all seniors with birthdays this month! We celebrate your special day the last Monday (except holidays) every month at 2 p.m.

VINTAGE DANCE CLUB

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

July 5	Chuck Arlington
July 12	Gary Lee
July 19	Charlie Patteson
July 26	Ronnie Martin

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. Hope to see you Saturday night!

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.

SENIOR BOWLING LEAGUE

Come join the fun! Roadrunner Bowling teams are forming now for fall bowling at AMF Richardson. Please join us as a regular team member or as a sub. If your bowling score is low...no problem! We'll give you handicap points so that you can bowl with the experts. Fees are \$7 per week. New officers are: President-Othella Gumm-Marsh, 972-599-2035; Vice President-Geo. E. Livings, 972-233-6185; Secretary/Treasurer-Charles Turner, 972-783-2248. Please call Othella or any officer for more information.

SENIOR TENNIS

Richardson's Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men's group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. The Tennis Center also offers private and group lessons for all ages with ball machines and tennis court reservations. For more information contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-234-6697.

POOL TOURNAMENTS

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 years or older. There are members playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings 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 Bill Vernier, president, at 972-235-1400 or Jerry Wilson, treasurer, at 972-231-1385 for more information.

SING-A-LONG

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

REELERS SQUARE DANCE

The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person. Open to all who like to square dance.

PASSWORD AND MENTAL AEROBICS

Mental Aerobics is Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Have fun while exercising your mind.

RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Richardson Public Library is providing the Richardson Senior Center with audio books on CD, CD players, and Large-Print books.

EMERITUS PROGRAM AT RICHLAND COLLEGE

Out of practice exercising mentally and physically? Come join the Emeritus Program at Richland College. Enroll in computer classes to stimulate your brain and physical fitness to rejuvenate your body. Adults 65+ can take six credit hours FREE each semester! We also offer challenging volunteer opportunities to fulfill your need to give to others. Call 972-238-6972.

PLUS SQUARE DANCES

Plus Square Dances are held the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost for the dance is \$7 per person.

"NEW" BOOK CLUB

This month's selection is "A New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle. Come join in the discussion with like minded lovers of literature. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday from 3-4:30 p.m. Next meeting dates are July 8 and 22. Call Laine Smith at 972-437-7939 for further information. We welcome all ideas for discussion!

TATTING

Tatting...An ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch! Come join the fun. Even if you've only wondered what that shuttle was for and just want to see it in action COME ON DOWN! We have supplies for you to start. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

LET'S PLAY "42"

Regular "42" games are scheduled on Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. There will be a teaching table for beginners. Everyone is invited to come and join us for a fun time!

SENIOR HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration begins July 1 for Richardson residents only. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Tara Zavala. Robin's Nest crafters who are active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be hand made by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Sept. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$25 each.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Number of tables requested: _____

Any special requests?

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Call Tara at 972-744-7800 for various volunteer opportunities at the 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, department store or even to get an ice cream on a hot day. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reassurance program, where we assign you a client to call on a weekly basis. For more information, please call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

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 to make your reservations.

THE SENIORS' NET

The Seniors' Net assists seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. The Seniors' Net Loaves of Love bread program offers RISD residents age 60 and over free loaves of bread donated by area grocery stores and bakeries. The bread is distributed every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the back door of NETWORK of Community Ministries, 741 S. Sherman Street in Richardson. Please bring identification showing that you are over 60 and a resident of RISD. Any remaining bread is taken to the Richardson Senior Center at 1 p.m. for distribution. For more information please call The Seniors' Net at 972-808-9863.

BENEFITS COUNSELING

The Senior Center has benefits counselors certified by the Dallas Area Agency on Aging, who are able to assist you with your questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and other public health benefits. Our counselors will guide you in contacting the appropriate agency to handle your concerns. Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment with our counselor.

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Please note: Reservations will be made when payment is received.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH SOUTHERN RECIPE CAFE JULY 15

Our Out to Lunch spot for July is to Southern Recipe Cafe. Cost for the trip is 50 cents plus the cost of your lunch. Register by calling 972-744-7800.

A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

July 2—A Walk on the Wild Side...a day of History, Habitats and Horticulture, Lavender and Cut Flowers. Join the Richardson Senior Center Roadrunners as we head out for a rejuvenating day in the country, to the rolling, forested landscape of Cooke Country outside of Gainesville. We have planned a morning retreat to Birdsong Center where you will be led on a nature walk through the woods and meadows. Our leader, Andrea Offner, will show us plants, flowers, trees and folklore that characterize the Prairies and Cross Timbers Region. After lunch we will tour the town of Gainesville, highlight-

ing its well kept Victorian homes. The afternoon will be spent at Lavender Ridge Farms and we will roam the fields to pick cut flowers and lavender. Cost for the trip is \$98.

ROSE-MARY RUMBLEY IS GOING TO TAKE YOU TO COURT

Aug. 20—Waxahachie and Hillsboro Courthouses

All those reading this announcement are hereby summoned to appear with Dallas' most popular story-teller, known as Rose-Mary Rumbley, to tour two nearby courthouses representing the best of Texas' public architecture. We will tour the Reynolds Gingerbread Home in Waxahachie and still have time to browse the antique and gift shops on the Square. Lunch will be on your own at a cafe of your choice on the Courthouse Square. Don't delay - register today! You know her tours sell out! Cost for the trip is \$89.



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 Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 2-6 p.m.



Children's department gets new leader, programs

Some might say the Richardson Library's Children's Department is going to the dogs. But it's a good thing!

Several months ago, the Youth Services Department at the Library acquired stuffed dogs in little carriers that are available for check-out. Children can take the toys home and read their favorite books to them. "We can't keep them on the shelves," said Richardson's new Children's Librarian Tamara Golubski.

In June, the Library staff decided to take the program a step farther and scheduled "Tales for Tails," Sunday afternoon sessions for children to read to real dogs from 3-4 p.m. in the Children's Program Room on the first floor of the Library.

The dogs are from the Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs organization that employs volunteers and their dogs for a variety of

programs in schools, libraries and nursing homes.

"Children who are reluctant readers have more confidence when they are reading to dogs," Golubski explained. The dogs are nonjudgmental and seem to listen intently.

Tales for Tails is scheduled 3-4 p.m. July 6, 13, 20, 27 and Aug. 3. No registration is required, but do pick up a ticket at the Children's Desk.

New Youth Services Librarian

Golubski took over the reins of the Youth Services Department at the Library after long-time Youth Services Librarian Susan Allison was promoted to Assistant Director of Library Services.

She moved to Richardson about a year ago from Kansas City, Mo., where she had worked in libraries for more than seven years. "Richardson residents should be very

proud of their Library," Golubski said. "It is a wonderful facility with an excellent staff." She said she hopes to improve the efficiency of services in the Children's Department and to market and promote those services. "People are amazed



**Tamara Golubski
Heads Youth Services**

that we actually catalog books created through the 'Young Authors' program," Golubski said. Through that long-standing summer program, students in grades 5 through 9 write and illustrate books for young children that are incorporated into the Library's collection.

Prior to becoming the head of the Children's Department, Golubski worked in Adult Fiction and co-created the new "BOOKbabble" discussion groups that meet on the second and/or third Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required by calling Janet Vance at 972-744-4350.

For more information about programs and services in the Children's Department, call 972-744-4358. For programs and services in the rest of the Library, call 972-744-4350.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Sharpen your game strategy and have fun with crafts!

We provide the games and craft supplies;
you and your family have the fun!

July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

3:30-5:30 p.m., Basement Program Room

No registration required. Just show up!

TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

GAME ON! TEEN GAMERS NIGHT

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday July 2, Basement Program Room

Lone Star Comics will bring games for teens to play. There will be electronic game tournaments also. Join us for a night of competition and fun.

SCRIPT IT! TEENS CREATE A MOVIE

6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, Basement Program Room

Have you always wanted to write your own screenplay? Join our teens in writing, acting and filming a movie. Come with ideas!

No registration required.

For teens in 6th through 12th grades.

RANDOM READING TEEN BOOK CLUB

2-4 p.m. July 25, Children's Program Room 1st floor

The teens have created a unique book club. Bring your favorite fantasy Sci-Fi book on July 25 for a fun book discussion. This is a great way to find out who shares your favorite authors and series.

Would you like to take part in *the decisions* concerning the teen center? Join the **Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**. Ask for an application today at the Youth Librarian's Desk!

Friends of the Library membership event

Pie, books and music are the irresistible combination for the Friends of the Richardson Public Library's membership revival event to be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, July 20 in the Basement Program Room. Join the fun and consider becoming a member of the Friends or renewing your membership. Individual memberships are only \$10 and an entire family can join for \$25. An added bonus to joining FOL or renewing your membership at the festivities will be the opportunity to have your name inscribed on a bookplate in a new Library book.

The FOL supports the Library in various ways including creating "A Closer Look," a series of informational programs, funding of

the BOOKbabble reading group discussion books, hosting the children's summer reading kick-off event, and holding an annual book sale. The Friends are looking for new members and new volunteers to help with their many programs and projects. Everyone is invited for free pie, music and to learn about the Library's Friends group. Mark your calendars and bring a friend! For more information contact the Friends at friendsoftherichardsonlibrary@gmail.com or call the Library, 972-744-4350.

Stress workshop scheduled July 31

Texas summers are glorious but can be stressful with the conflicting demands of kids out of school, summer activities and a busy career. If you are stressed out, burned out, or simply too tired to think, help is on the way at the Library. Dr. Thomas Pledger will conduct a workshop on managing stress at 7 p.m. July 31 in the Basement Program Room. Dr. Pledger is a Richardson chiropractor specializing in wellness and pain management who will share his best tips and strategies for not letting stress take over our lives. The event is free and open to all.

New opera collection dedicated Aug. 27

The Living Opera, North Texas' premier chamber opera company, will present selections from favorite operas at the Library at 7 p.m. Aug. 27. The performance will highlight the dedication of the Susan Hirsch Opera Collection, a group of the best available new opera CDs. The Friends of the Richardson Public Library are donating the collection in memory of Library Assistant Susan Hirsch whose enthusiasm for opera was contagious. One of the missions of The Living Opera is to bring opera to life for people who don't think that they like opera as well as for opera fans. The public is invited to this free event to be held in the Basement Program Room. Light refreshments will be served.

July Calendar

<p>2 First Wednesday Book Club, noon-2 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. Brown Bag Lunch. Discuss book suggestions for 2009.</p> <p>Game on! Teen Gamers Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>4 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH HOLIDAY.</p> <p>5 Dewey KNIT? Knitting Group, Children's Program Room, 2-3:30 p.m.</p> <p>6 Tales for Tails, Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> <p>8 Friends of the Library Board Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p>	<p>9 BOOKbabble Book Discussion Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Second Floor Conference Room. "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith. Registration required. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.</p> <p>11 Introduction to Microsoft Excel, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> <p>12 Family Fun Day, 3:30-5 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>13 Tales for Tails, Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> <p>16 BOOKbabble Book Discussion Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Second Floor Conference Room. "Black Swan Green" by David Mitchell. Registration required. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.</p>	<p>18 Job Searching on the Internet, 9-11a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> <p>19 Introduction to Microsoft Word, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> <p>Family Fun Day, 3:30-5 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>20 Friends of the Library Membership Revival, 2-4 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>Tales for Tails, Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> <p>21 Writer's Guild of Texas, 7-9 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>22 Script It! Teen program, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>25 Introduction to the Internet, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> <p>Random Reading Teen Book Club, 2-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> <p>26 Searching the Internet, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> <p>Family Fun Day, 3:30-5 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> <p>27 Tales for Tails, Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, 3-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> <p>31 "Managing Stress" presented by Dr. Thomas Pledger, 7-8 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p>
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