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A review of events and milestones that occurred in 2015.



Citizens Fire Academy Page 8

The next 10-week Citizens Fire Academy class begins March 17.



Annual Trash Bash is April 16 Page 8

Save the date for the City's annual Trash Bash that will be held April 16.

Mayor delivers State of the City Address

Mayor Paul Voelker reported that the state of Richardson is strong at this year's State of the City Address, a free and open-to-the-public event held at the Eisemann Center last month. He recognized many of the success stories that occurred in Richardson in 2015 and highlighted some great things the City is looking ahead to in 2016.

The theme for the evening was "Playing a Different Game," and throughout the address it was referenced to illustrate that even though cities may have to play with the same pieces to reach their goals, since the beginning, Richardson leaders have played their pieces in such a way as to position the City for a stable and prosperous future.

From the early days of Richardson's high-tech industry that helped established the present-day Telecom Corridor® area, community leaders, many of whom worked for high-tech companies, had the vision and foresight to look to the future. They realized that highways, public transit, quality educational opportunities and solid infrastructure would not only benefit residents but would also be an incentive for companies to locate here.

Mayor Voelker noted that recent success stories in Richardson, such as the CityLine development, could not have happened without past and present leaders, who developed innovative approaches and formulated well-managed plans that have enabled the City to provide and maintain quality services to residents while still keeping the City attractive to business and industry.

"Last year we saw the \$1.5 billion CityLine development at US 75 and Bush Turnpike begin to take shape," Mayor Voelker said. "Thousands of State Farm employees moved into their offices and several restaurants are now open with more to come. Raytheon's three-building office complex was completed and Whole Foods Market will open this spring. The CityLine project has been a real game changer for our community."

Once thought of as a destination location primarily for business and the telecommunications industry, Richardson is quickly becoming a hot spot for "foodies." In addition to the new eateries at CityLine, Canyon Creek Plaza on West Campbell Road was renovated and offers a variety of dining choices. Restaurant Park, located on the west side of US 75 south of Belt Line Road, broke ground last summer and eventually will provide up to seven culinary options. Both of these projects were aided by economic development incentives.

In his address, Mayor Voelker highlighted four key areas of focus in the budget passed by the City Council last year: increasing economic development efforts, a commitment to maintaining infrastructure, public safety initiatives and improving customer service and community experience.

Infrastructure

Richardson has played a different game in the Metroplex, more than doubling the amount of money allocated to infrastructure improvements over the last three years. The City's game-changing Home Improvement Incentive Program, the first of its kind in the Metroplex, encourages residents to reinvest in their properties by offering an economic incentive that lowers the financial hurdle homeowners face when looking to make significant investments to their property. The result is an increase in value of the Richardson's housing stock and the overall betterment of neighborhoods. Incentive payments have been made for 333 projects since the program began in 2007.

Public Safety

The City has experienced tremendous growth over the last year and to enhance public safety the 2015-16 Budget includes funding to staff a new ambulance and to add five positions in the Police Department. Among the new hires is a new Public Safety Officer position, to assist with less urgent calls such as stranded motorists, minor



Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker presented the 2016 State of the City Address at the Eisemann Center Jan. 27. (www.cor.net/stateofthecity)

car accidents and taking reports in the field from incidents, freeing up other officers for more demanding tasks.

Customer Service and Community Experience

The City of Richardson plays a different game by focusing on the customer to improve the "Community Experience." Having a responsive and customer-oriented City government is a primary goal for the City Council. First impressions make a difference and City staff members welcome the opportunity for one-on-one interactions with residents at City Hall or other City facilities.

Economic Development

Richardson continues to be one of the best locations in the Metroplex for corporate relocations and expansions. Much of this success is driven by the City's access to many of the critical assets required for high-tech and innovative businesses. One is Richardson's connection to a well-educated workforce. Richardson also benefits from access to three major transportation arteries—Cen-

tral Expressway, I-635, President George Bush Turnpike—and to four DART light rail stations, more than any city outside of Dallas. Added to that, the 2015-16 Budget includes an increase in the economic development fund to six-tenths of one cent out of the City property tax rate to build a business development war chest.

"As we move from 2015 to 2016 we are eager to share the many wonderful successes the City of Richardson has enjoyed," Mayor Voelker said as he concluded the State of the City Address. "Richardson continues to be recognized for its innovators in the Telecom Corridor® area and international business leadership. However, new reputations have emerged for the city including its growth in popularity as a foodie destination and millennial-friendly environment. A result, no doubt, from our playing a different game."

More information about the City's 2015 highlights and accomplishments may be found on page 4 of this publication.

The annual State of the City Address was free and open to the public and was broadcast live on CITV and the Internet. Replays of the event will be televised and available on-demand at www.cor.net/stateofthecity. (See replay schedule on page 2.)

Richardson makes the "Best of . . ." lists in 2015

Residents, visitors, employers and workers in Richardson are not the only ones who appreciate our forward-thinking community. National and local publications and websites took notice in 2015, naming Richardson to some prestigious "Best of . . ." lists.

- *Forbes* magazine named Richardson as one of the 100 best cities in the country for millennials to relocate, outranking places like New Orleans, San Diego and Orlando. Closer to home, *Forbes* also placed Richardson above Houston, Round Rock, Plano, Dallas and Denton.
- Richardson's amenities, such as affordability, environment and safety, were recognized by *The Dallas Morning News* and *Wallet Hub* as they named Richardson as one of the best cities in the Metroplex, and 12th best in the nation, for first-time home buyers.
- Smart Asset placed Richardson second in the NATION on its "Boom Town" list, citing the city's growth and attractiveness for employment. Richardson ranked higher than McKinney, Frisco and even Austin.

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State of the City Address available for viewing

Watch replay broadcasts of the 2016 State of the City Address on the City's cable channel through Feb. 27 or online at any time.

Broadcast Schedule

When: 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
6 p.m. Saturdays

Where: Time Warner Cable, channel 16
AT&T U-Verse, channel 99

Online Viewing

www.cor.net/StateoftheCity
www.youtube.com/RichardsonCITV

NTMWD will conduct annual free chlorine maintenance March 7-April 4

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has scheduled a free chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on its water transmission system and customer cities' distribution systems for a 28-day period from March 7-April 4. The free chlorine maintenance is a water system maintenance function as well as a water conservation measure. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform a free chlorine maintenance in order to maintain proper chloramine levels (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.

The chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, are used to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide

a longer lasting residual disinfection in the water pipelines and water storage facilities.

The free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and the water remains safe for use. Consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a slight change during this period, however this palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water. For more information, visit www.ntmwd.com.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we turn the page from 2015 to 2016 we are eager to share the many wonderful successes the City of Richardson has enjoyed. Richardson continues to be recognized for its innovators in the Telecom Corridor® area and international business leadership. However, new reputations have emerged for the city including its growth in popularity as a foodie destination and millennial-friendly environment. A result, no doubt, from our playing a different game—a theme you will hear many times if you have an opportunity to watch the State of the City Address online.



Mayor Paul Voelker
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As it has been in the past few years, a lot happened at CityLine in 2015, including the first State Farm employees moving in. When construction on the fourth building is complete later this year, about 10,000 State Farm employees will call CityLine home. Raytheon is also preparing to move into its new facility, and several restaurants opened in the development, with more planning to open this year.

Last year was also a good year for our Parks and Recreation Department. In August, we opened our first dog park, the Bush Central Barkway, which has proven very popular with residents and their canine friends. One month later, the City's largest-ever ribbon cutting was held to commemorate the opening of Northrich Park, which completed a goal in the 2010 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan to have a park located within walking distance of every neighborhood in the city. Also in October, Sherrill Park Course 1 reopened after a seven-

month renovation that included all new greens. Of course, we also have the recently approved 2015 Bond Program as well.

Hopefully you were able to see the 2016 State of the City Address Jan. 27 at the Eisemann Center. In case you were not able to attend or watch the broadcast live, the Address is available for viewing on Richardson's television channels and online at www.cor.net/stateofthecity.

I hope you have a chance to watch it and agree that Richardson is a place where residents and businesses enjoy a high quality of life, and is a place we are all proud to call "home!"

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including *Richardson Today*, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, Parks and Police departments and Richardson's

Community Events. You can also view CITV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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Richardson Today is a monthly publication of the City of Richardson. It is free for Richardson residents. The publication is designed to keep citizens of Richardson informed of activities and news that may be of interest to them. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning this or future issues, please send them to:

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The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service or activity, are requested to contact:

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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Mondays at 6 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net.

The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

January

Spring Creek Nature Area land purchase finalized
City earns highest level, Platinum Leadership Circle Award for Transparency



Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Platinum Member

March

City saves \$7 million on bond refinance and receives AAA status from both agencies



City Council adopts/approves Public Art Master Plan

April

Annual Trash Bash is held



Library introduces 3D printer to patrons



May

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival



Events & Milestones

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June

RealPage announces move of corporate headquarters to Richardson



City receives CLIDE award for Spring Creek Nature Area expansion



July

Richardson named Bicycle Friendly Community



Miss Texas crowned at the Eisemann Center



August



Frontier Communications announces plans to open an office in the Telecom Corridor® area



Richardson Dog Park opens



Geico Insurance announces it will move into old Fossil headquarters

September

Northrich Park opens

Food Truck Park opens



October

Sherrill Park Course 1 reopens after renovations

Surgery suite opens at Animal Shelter



November

Voters approve Charter and Bond elections



City receives Legacy Award from MRMC



December

City ranks third in Digital Cities Survey



During the annual State of the City Address held last month, Mayor Paul Voelker noted that the City of Richardson had an amazing year in 2015 and is well positioned for even greater success in 2016. The information below is a glimpse back at some of the many highlights of last year as well as a brief look ahead at what is in store for Richardson.

Economic Development



State Farm at CityLine

This fiscal year the City Council unanimously approved an increase in the economic development fund to six-tenths of one cent out of the City property tax rate to build a business development war chest. This fund will help level the playing field and strengthen the City's position as it continues efforts to attract quality economic development.

Among the newest members to Richardson's corporate community are State Farm and Raytheon, located at CityLine, a new \$1.5 billion development situated near the crossroads of US 75 and the Bush Turnpike and located adjacent to DART's Bush Turnpike light rail station. CityLine has attracted a unique assortment of services, such as the high-end Aloft Hotel, a new Whole Foods grocery store and a long list of unique dining options, along with Children's Medical Center and Texas Health Resources.

Just to the south, along Central Expressway near Spring Valley, Richardson Restaurant Park is under construction. The project was made possible with economic development incentives from the City and is an outgrowth of the reinvestment and redevelopment strategy for the West Spring Valley Corridor. An agreement has already been inked with The Rock Wood-Fired Kitchen and Dog Haus is opening a restaurant at the site. Negotiations with other national restaurant groups and local one-of-a-kind chef-driven concepts are underway. Doors will open sometime this summer.

Last year, nearly 4,000 jobs were created in the City as a result of leases signed by RealPage, Frontier Communications and GEICO, with assistance from Richardson's economic development partners at the Chamber of Commerce. Richardson continues to be one of the best locations in the Metroplex for corporate relocations and expansions.

Infrastructure



During the past three years, as the local economy has grown, the City Council has steadily increased funding to focus on streets, screening walls, bridge railings, traffic signs and pavement markers.

The passage of the new 2015 Bond Program brings \$115 million in investment to the Richardson community, and more improvements are on the horizon.

- Some projects included in the 2015 Bond Program:
- A renovated public safety campus near Main Street
 - A new and expanded Fire Station 3
 - Nearly \$40 million in street repairs and rehabilitation
 - New playground equipment at several parks
 - The extension of new trails at Spring Creek Nature Area
 - Reconstruction of more than 10 miles of sidewalks

A program that sets Richardson apart from the rest is its game-changing Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP). This program has allowed the City to leverage private dollars to promote community redevelopment and reinvestment. By providing a one-time incentive payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City property taxes, HIIP spurred more than \$27 million in new home construction or remodels in 2015 alone and more than \$70 million total since its inception in 2007.

Public Safety



The Richardson City Council has always placed an importance on providing a level of support necessary to maintain one of the most well-trained and well-equipped police and fire departments in the Metroplex.

The City has experienced tremendous growth over the last year and to enhance public safety, this year's budget includes funding to staff a new ambulance and to add five positions in the Police Department. Among the new hires is a new position called the Public Safety Officer, who will assist with less urgent calls such as stranded motorists, minor car accidents, and taking reports in the field from incidents, freeing up other officers for some of their more demanding tasks.

The City also continues to support infrastructure improvements that build on the Richardson Fire Department's Class 1 Insurance Services Office rating. The ISO rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection, and Richardson has the highest rating attainable.

Community Experience



Sherrill Park Course 1

Having a responsive and customer-oriented City government is a primary goal for the City Council. First impressions make a difference and City staff welcome the opportunity for one-on-one interactions with residents at City Hall or other City facilities.

Being responsive to the community's desire to achieve bigger things, like new parks or community initiatives, is also part of the plan.

The following are just some of the City's "Community Experiences" in 2015:

- More than 500 elementary students helped cut the ribbon for Northrich Park's opening
- Sherrill Park Course 1 was renovated
- Bush Central Barkway Dog Park opened
- Surgical Suite opened at Animal Shelter
- 3D printer was made available to patrons at Library
- Food Truck Park opened

Richardson's emphasis on utilizing customer service to improve the "Community Experience" helped the City earn local and national recognition by being named to several "Best of . . ." lists in 2015 (see story on page 1).

Education



University of Texas at Dallas

Companies need educated workers and employees want quality educational opportunities for their families, and Richardson is at the crossroads of some of the best educational programs available in the Metroplex.

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The University of Texas at Dallas specializes in producing graduates in the fields of engineering, computer science and bio-technology, among an assortment of many other degrees and fields of concentration. Richardson is one of the few places in the Metroplex where an individual can make the journey from pre-school to PhD without ever leaving City borders.

The Richardson and Plano Independent School Districts have long-standing reputations for educational excellence, and are continually recognized at both the state and national levels. In recognition of the Telecom Corridor® area's demand for high-tech education, both districts have a long history of building STEM programs that cultivate technical expertise, even at the elementary school level.

Richland and Collin College coordinate with RISD and PISD to offer dual credit enrollment to high school students, so that teens preparing to attend college can earn early credits.

Richardson's access to excellent educational institutions is a key contributor to many career and employment opportunities available in the City.

Health



Methodist Richardson Medical Center

In the 1960s, the City Council planted the seeds for the growth of health care in Richardson by creating the Richardson Hospital Authority. Six years ago, Methodist Health System took over its efforts and continues to work with the City to grow health care services. That partnership continues to mature, and last November the Methodist Foundation recognized the City for its many contributions with its Legacy Award.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center continues to expand its services with advanced cardiovascular and neuro-radiology suites, extensive outpatient services focused on minimally invasive treatments, and the adjacent Cancer Center with leading-edge diagnostic and treatment technologies. Less than one year after opening, the facility is already undergoing an \$8 million expansion to increase the number of patient beds by 20 percent.

Meanwhile, Methodist's Campbell Road Campus for Continuing Care maintains an emergency department and specializes in behavioral health services, outpatient lab, radiology, physical therapy, diabetes education and mammography screening.

A new medical facility also opened late last year within the CityLine development. Texas Health Resources and Children's Health Pediatric Group now operate a three-story, medical office building located at the southwest corner of Plano Road and Bush Turnpike. This facility will focus on health services to support the more than 10,000 people who will soon work at CityLine and will also offer specialized pediatric services.

“Eisemann Educates” pairs national touring act with UT Dallas students

Ever since the Eisemann Center opened in 2002, its staff's first priority has been to accommodate and support local organizations such as community and regional arts groups, businesses and schools. One way this is accomplished is through residency activities, part of the Eisemann Educates program, that brings local students together with some of the national touring acts that appear on Eisemann Center stages. Thanks to residency activities, students from across the area have been thrilled to learn from such professionals as The King's Singers, Pilobolus and the Alexander String Quartet, to name a few.

This month, the dancing and acting duo Sossy Mechanics are in residence at the UT Dallas School of Arts and Humanities for two weeks, developing a performance piece with the UTDance Ensemble. (Sossy Mechanics' show, "Trick Boxing: Swingin' in the Ring" is at the Eisemann Center Feb. 11-14.) It marks the 11th time that UT Dallas has been involved with Eisemann Educates residency activities.

"The partnership with the Eisemann Center is especially valuable and important," said Dennis Kratz, Dean of the UT Dallas School of Arts and Humanities. "It represents our commitment to creating an educational environment that integrates the arts into every student's education and encourages all students—whatever their major—to integrate the arts into their lives."

The UTDance Ensemble's 13 members, representing a variety of majors including Engineering, Art and Performance and Business, have been working every day since Jan. 30 with Sossy Mechanics. Also known as Brian Sostek and Megan McClellan, the duo has instructed students of all ages and abilities while touring the U.S., Canada and England over the past 15 years and brings a sense of whimsy, exacting standards and a cinematic aesthetic to their work. They have earned critical acclaim, awards and a devoted following for their performances, and many accolades for their teaching skills, including "the uncanny ability to get students to achieve more than they themselves think they can."

At UT Dallas, they are creating a performance piece based on the intersection of science and art, a nod to the university's reputation in science, technology and engineering. The UT Dallas/Sossy Mechanics showcase begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre. It is free and open to the public.

Michele Hanlon, Associate Dean in UT Dallas' School of Arts and Humanities, said the residencies are "directly enriching" for students and that several former residency students are now professional performers and teachers in the arts.

"The example (provided by the residencies) of intense commitment, thoughtful processes, and hard work toward the creative application of original thought is invaluable to all our students," she said.

Last February as part of an Eisemann Educates residency, the UTDance Ensemble learned from the Taylor 2 dance company, a branch of the Paul Taylor Dance Company, which performed at the Eisemann Center.



TRICK BOXING

Other area schools that have benefited from Eisemann Educates residencies include all four Richardson ISD high schools (Richardson, Lake Highlands, Berkner and Pearce) West Junior High School, Parkhill Junior High School, Plano Senior High School and schools in Dallas ISD and Carrollton ISD. The Eisemann Educates program also includes outreach initiatives such as providing tickets to music teachers, low-income students and social service agencies in the community.

Sossy Mechanics' "Trick Boxing: Swingin' in the Ring," billed as

"bringing the aesthetic of classic movie musicals to the stage, with Megan, Brian and four puppets playing 16 different characters using rapid-fire dialogue, physical comedy, and Fred and Ginger-style dancing amidst 1930s music," will be performed Feb. 11-13 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees Feb. 13 and 14. Tickets are \$38-\$45.

For more information about Sossy Mechanics, go to www.sosymechanics.com. To purchase tickets, visit www.eisemanncenter.com or call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, 972-744-4650.

Richardson assists in tornado aftermath

Several Richardson City employees spent many hours assisting with rescue, security, cleanup and other needs in Garland and Rowlett after a tornado struck those cities in December.

Richardson emergency services personnel began assisting shortly after the tornado struck. Emergency Management staff served as the Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Coordinator for the region and as command support in both Dallas County and Garland operation centers as well as at the state disaster district operations center. Staff also assisted in the Multi-Agency Resource Center and helped facilitate a tour for FEMA and the State Individual Assistance Team in order to assess damage in Garland. As a member of the 39-city PWERT, Richardson's Public Services Department provided equipment and staff who worked with Rowlett Public Works



to help remove debris and clear roadways.

Richardson Police provided three officers and a sergeant round the clock for several days in Rowlett to help with traffic control checkpoints protecting the perimeter of affected areas.

As part of the Dallas County Mutual Aid agreement, Richardson Fire personnel responded to several Rowlett residential areas

with major damage at the request of the Rowlett Fire Department, to search for victims, assess victims for medical needs and account for all residents. A Richardson battalion chief also assisted Rowlett Fire command staff immediately after the tornado struck. Fire staff also filled in at Garland fire stations for two days, as all of Garland's fire and EMS assets were at the destruction area.

Communication channels used in emergency

During and after an emergency, disseminating timely and accurate information is extremely important. To ensure this goal is met, the City of Richardson has a number of communications channels at its disposal to keep residents informed.

In the case of severe weather, residents should turn to local media for up-to-the-minute weather reports. However, in the aftermath of a storm such as a tornado or severe flooding, when local media may be focusing on other areas of the Metroplex, the City can use its communications channels to provide critical information directly to residents.

One of the City's main communication tools is its television channel. Seen on both Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99), as well as online at www.cor.net/city, the channel allows information, such as uncut video from press

conferences, to be distributed straight to residents. Emergency content placed on the television channel would also be uploaded to the City's YouTube page, allowing residents to share the video on social media.

In addition to YouTube, the city has three other social media channels that would be used to distribute information in an emergency. The City has accounts on Twitter, Facebook and NextDoor, a newer social network that allows the delivery of messages to specific neighborhoods. Press releases, which are traditionally posted to www.cor.net when they are sent to local media, would be shared on social media to ensure they reach a greater audience.

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Telephone solicitation not used by Fire and Police departments

Residents are urged to be aware of groups claiming to be affiliated with the Richardson Police or Fire departments that are seeking donations via telephone. No group affiliated with the City of Richardson, including those associated with the police and fire departments, uses the telephone to request donations.

In December, some Richardson residents received calls from the Association for Firefighters and Paramedics, which claimed it was affiliated with the Richardson Fire Department. The Association of Firefighters and Paramedics was sued by the state of California in 2010 and forced to return \$100,000 in donations due to its business practices, and is in no way affiliated with the Richardson Fire Department. Please note that the calls from the association came from a 214 phone number even though it is based in Santa Ana, Calif.

The Richardson Firefighters Association Local 1954 only solicits donations via its Smokin' 18

Golf Tournament. Members of the department also participate in the nationwide "Fill the Boot" campaign each spring to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During the campaign, firefighters will be in uniform while seeking donations at intersections in the city.

The Richardson Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #105 raises funds via direct mail. Please note that all mail sent out by the Lodge will include the Lodge name, address, website and the photo and name of the current Lodge president. The first mailer for the 2016 fundraising drive went out in December, with two more following later this year.

Anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to be a representative of the Richardson Fire Department is encouraged to call 972-744-5700 for verification, while anyone who receives a call from someone claiming to be affiliated with the Richardson Police Department is asked to call 972-744-4800.

RISD holds annual book fair

This year's RISD Council of PTAs' used book fair will be held Feb. 11-14 at the RISD Professional Development Center, 701 W. Belt Line Rd. (SW corner of Floyd and Belt Line roads).

Thousands of used books, CDs and DVDs will be available, with prices starting at \$1. Cash, checks with ID and credit cards will be accepted, and all sales Thursday and Friday will be tax-free.

Proceeds from the four-day event help fund scholarships in memory of Dr. J.J. Pearce, who served as superintendent of the RISD from 1946-1977. Since it began in 1982, the fair has generated more than \$800,000 in scholarship funds. Council delegates, students, teachers, staff and parents at local schools help collect, sort and deliver items and volunteer at the sale.

Volunteers from the community are welcome to help at the sale. To sign up and for more information, go to www.risdpta.org/used-book-fair.html.



City property taxes delinquent Feb. 1

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson were due Jan. 31 and should have been paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes.

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

Collin County residents can make city, school and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, city and Dallas County taxes are paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

Calendar

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Please call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.

<p>Feb. 3 IT'S TIME FOR A MUSICAL CELEBRATION 11 a.m. Join us for a performance of the Texas Winds Musical Outreach. The Texas Winds Harp and Cello Duo will be here to perform. There will be celebration and music in the air. No fee.</p>	<p>Feb. 3 VEGAS SHOW NIGHT AT THE SENIOR CENTER 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night of entertainment, Vegas Style. Marty Ruiz and Rhonda Medina will sing and entertain us with their Marilyn Monroe and Dean Martin show, "Something's Gotta Give." Photos will be available for you as a memento of your evening and light hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center and will not be sold at the door. Hope to see you in Vegas! \$5.</p>	<p>Feb. 10 GG'S THEATRE PRESENTS "TEA TIME MATINEE VALENTINES" 2:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of song and dance celebrating Valentines. The Senior Center van will leave the Center at 1:30 p.m. and return to the Center after the performance. Purchase tickets by phone at 972-744-7800 or stop by the Senior Center. Tea and cookies served at the theater. \$11.</p>
<p>March 3-April 7 TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH 1-3:30 p.m. The Dallas Area Agency on Aging will present a six-week workshop on Thursdays on how to take charge of on-going health issues. Topics will cover dealing with pain, depression, arthritis, heart disease, other health concerns, use of medication, healthy eating, exercise, working with health care providers, problem solving and developing action plans. Limited to 16 people. Call 972-744-7800 to register. No fee.</p>	<p>March 9 JACKSON POLLACK: BLIND SPOT 10:30 a.m. This has been called a "once in a lifetime" exhibition. Dallas is the third major U.S. exhibition to focus solely on Jackson Pollack, hailed as "the greatest painter this country has ever produced." The van will leave the Center at 10:30 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. Lunch is available at the Buffet Café. Register over the phone with a credit card at 972-744-7800 or at the Senior Center. \$25</p>	<p>March 26 "SEE IT BEFORE IT'S GONE" 9:30 a.m. Spend a fun day with Rose-Mary Rumbley as she leads us on a tour of Metroplex locations under consideration for major changes. Is it progress or is it losing our architectural heritage? Rose-Mary will tell us the history of the locations that helped shape the Metroplex and will give her special humorous opinion on the matter, as only she can. The van leaves the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for more information. \$84.</p>

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>Feb. 2 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "WWII Pacific Naval Battles" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 3 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Soul of an Octopus" by Sy Montgomery. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 6 DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.</p>
<p>Feb. 9 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "WWII in Southeast Asia" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 10 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 15 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 16 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Custer in the Civil War, Part 1" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p>Feb. 16 RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Jane Monsson will speak about texturing in mixed media. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 17 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "Finding Jake" by Bryan Reardon. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 17 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 18 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 1:30-3 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Writing Your Memoirs" presented by Catherine Torrez. Call Stacey Davis at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>
<p>Feb. 18 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Deep Down Dark: Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle that Set Them Free" by Hector Tobar. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 19 COMPUTER CLASS: "INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL 2010" 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.</p>	<p>Feb. 20 COLORING AND COCKTAILS (MOCK-TAILS): "GREAT COLOR-IN" 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Adults and teens only.</p>	<p>Feb. 23 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Custer in the Civil War, Part 2" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p>Feb. 23 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Euphoria" by Lily King. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Feb. 27 C-TECH 3D PRINTING AND TINKER CAD 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Laptop required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for more information.</p>		

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>Feb. 6 HEARTY ARTY VALENTINE PARTY 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>Feb. 7 TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS! 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.</p>	<p>Feb. 13 TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND SWEET CRAFTERNOON PROGRAM 2-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.</p>
<p>Feb. 20 MOVIE MORNINGS: "DISNEY'S INSIDE OUT" 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Ages 6 and older only.</p>	<p>Feb. 25 COOKIES AND COLORING 3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. All ages.</p>	

Coming up at the Civic Center

- Daddy/Daughter Dance**
Feb. 12
www.cor.net/parksonline
- Antique Elegance**
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- Dallas Bead Market**
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Library to host annual RALC murder mystery fundraiser

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center's annual murder mystery fundraiser will be held Feb. 20 at the Richardson Public Library. It's a fun interactive "whodunit" performance featuring community leaders and professional actors, with attendees working in teams to solve the "crime." The event will also feature a raffle and silent auction.

The guest actors for this year include Coby Pewitt, Assistant Police Chief; Kim Caston, Richardson ISD Board of Trustees President; Celina Cardenas, Atmos Energy Public Affairs Manager; and Adam Keller, financial advisor with Atlas Wealth Advisors.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and include hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ralc.org/murder-mystery. If you prefer to pay with a check, send the check to RALC, PO Box 835936, Richardson, TX 75083. If paying by check, please e-mail director@ralc.org to let the RALC know to expect the check.

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month

The Eisemann Center Presents season continues with several fantastic shows. The schedule has something for everyone, ranging from children's theater and modern dance to classical music and the sounds of the 1930s.

Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.



Trick Boxing

**"Trick Boxing:
Swingin' in the Ring"**
8 p.m. Feb. 11-13
2 p.m. Feb. 13-14
Tickets \$38-\$45

Bringing the aesthetic of classic movie musicals to the stage, two actor/dancers and four ridiculous puppets playing 16 different characters, use rapid-fire dialogue, physical comedy, 1930's music (think Benny Goodman), Fred and Ginger-style dancing and boxing to tell a romantic rags-to-riches story about beating the odds and spending your time wisely in "Trick

Boxing: Swingin' in the Ring." The artists of Sossy Mechanics, Megan McClellan and Brian Sostek will also be engaged with arts and humanities students at UT Dallas during a two-week residency.



Hard Travelin' with Woody

"Hard Travelin' with Woody"
7:30 p.m. Feb. 20
Tickets \$35

Hop a box car through the dustbowl with Woody Guthrie and commune with the stories and songs of America's iconic folk-singer, saint-of-the-workingman and poet-of-the-people in this critically acclaimed multimedia one-man play with Woody's music and artworks. Woody plays for a union meeting of striking mineworkers who are on the verge of breaking due to vigilante violence. "Hard Travelin' With Woody" is a one-man multimedia play written and performed by Randy Noojin in the classic style of Woody Guthrie.

**Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®**
7:30 p.m. Feb. 22
Tickets \$28-\$33

Favorite compositions of yesteryear—and today! This is the

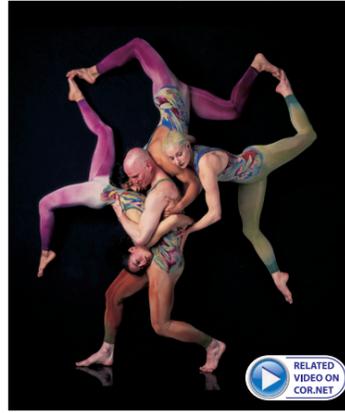


Jeffrey Siegel

enthralling music of the elegant salon and the concert hall, including the works of Brahms, Liszt, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, and Gershwin. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.

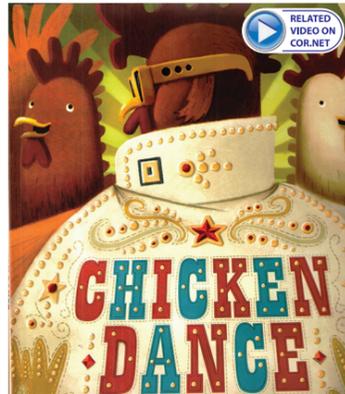
Pilobolus Dance Theater
8 p.m. Feb. 27
Tickets \$44-\$60

Making their third appearance at the Eisemann Center, Pilobolus is the present-day vehicle for more than 40 years' worth of their most inventive and groundbreaking work. The company tours exten-



Pilobolus Dance Theater

sively in the United States, splitting time between performing and teaching, and creating new works in the Pilobolus Lab's International Collaborators Project. Physically and intellectually, the company engages and inspires audiences around the world through performance, education and creative consultation.



Chicken Dance

"Chicken Dance"
2:30 p.m. Feb. 28
Tickets \$13-\$23

ArtsPower's newest musical, "Chicken Dance," portrays the colorful story of Marge and Lola, two

barnyard chickens on a mission to win the barnyard talent contest first prize of two tickets to see the great Elvis Poultry in concert! But first, they must present a performance that will score higher than a flock of very talented ducks, who seem to have the contest locked up. Can Marge and Lola face their challengers, against all odds, and win the talent contest?



The Quebe Sisters

The Quebe Sisters
7:30 p.m. March 12
Tickets \$42

The Quebe Sisters, an American fiddle Western swing group from Burleson, Texas, consist of sisters Grace, Sophia and Hulda Quebe. Formed in 2002, the band performs Western swing, vintage country and Western (Bob Wills, Sons of the Pioneers) and traditional Texas-style fiddle tunes. The Quebe Sisters tour nationally and internationally, including appearances on the Grand Ole Opry and at Lincoln Center.

RCT presents "Cotton Patch Gospel"

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2015-16 season with "Cotton Patch Gospel—The Musical" Feb. 5-14 at the Promenade Theatre.

Written by Tom Key and Russell Treyz with music and lyrics by Harry Chapin, "Cotton Patch Gospel" is based on the Gospels according to Matthew and John while presenting Jesus in a southern setting, Gainsville, Ga., with bluegrass and country music. The musical is considered by many as Chapin's best. Come to laugh and be entertained!

The Promenade Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Group rates are also available. For tickets call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Attendees may bring a new



or gently used Bible to the show and receive a second ticket at half price. Bibles are being collected for the Dallas Life Foundation, which works to meet the needs of homeless men, women, children

and families in the Dallas area.

RCT's 2015-16 season also includes performances of "The Secret Garden," "Will Roger's Follies," "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Evita" and "Xanadu."

Seniors' Net hosts free monthly seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars on topics affecting the aging population. Seminars are 10 a.m.-noon at 741 S. Sherman St.

Feb. 16

Where to Start to Love Your Heart
with Nutritionist Robert Gilbard

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit www.thenetwork.org.

NETWORK was founded in 1985 and provides health and emergency services to children, low-income families and senior citizens in need within Richardson ISD.

Eisemann Center

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For tickets visit www.eisemanncenter.com
or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "Back to Back: Music of Billy Joel and Elton John."
(8 p.m. Feb. 6. \$17-\$87. Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, presents "Knockout Concert" featuring Time for Three.
(8 p.m. Feb. 20. \$13-\$85. Visit www.planosymphony.org for tickets.)

RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

The Richardson Community Band presents "Hooray for Hollywood."
(3 p.m. Feb. 21. Free. Visit www.richardsoncommunityband.org.)

LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA

The Lone Star Wind Orchestra presents "tashokt."
(4:30 p.m. Feb. 21. \$21. Visit www.lonestarwindorchestra.com.)

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(2:30 p.m. Feb. 27. \$22-\$32. Visit www.iexcelevents.com.)

RTC presents "On Golden Pond"

The Richardson Theatre Centre's 2016 season is underway with a performance of "On Golden Pond" through Feb. 7. Directed by Rachael Lindley, the production focuses on Ethel and Norman Thayer who spend each summer at their home on Golden Pond, and the relationships between them and their family. The play stars Eddy Herring, Karen Jordan, Budd Mahan, Leigh Wyatt Moore, Riley Niksich and Steve Niksich.

Performances take place at the Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. Shows will be held Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Thursday and Sunday performances are \$20, while Friday and Saturday performances are \$22. Groups of eight or more receive \$2 off the ticket price. For information, visit www.richardsontheatrecentre.net or call 972-699-1130.

Save the Date: 2016 Trash Bash is April 16

This year's Trash Bash will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 16 and provide several recycling opportunities. There will be educational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza there will also be activities for everyone. The following preliminary list provides a description of what will be available at this year's Trash Bash and drop off locations.

First United Methodist Church Richardson parking lot

- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding

City Hall parking lot

- Residential cooking oil/grease
- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers; please bring your own containers to take your compost home)
- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Inside City Hall

- Environmental education fair
- Free recycling bags



- Refreshments
- Free plants
- Door prizes

Fountain Plaza

- City and DART vehicles on display
- Animal Shelter adoptable animals
- Entertainment by Just Jazz—classic jazz

Look in future editions of *Richardson Today* for updated activities and recycling options. For additional information or questions, please visit www.cor.net/trashbash or call 972-744-4076.

Residents must look out for each other to bike, walk and drive safely

In the City of Richardson and across the Dallas-Fort Worth area, people bike, walk and drive to jobs, schools, grocery stores and other destinations. The Look Out Texans campaign encourages residents to watch out for one another and offers specific tips to bike, walk and drive safely together. The campaign also features North Texans, helping bring a greater sense of community and respect to our roads.

In North Texas between 2010 and 2014, there were more than 8,200 reported bicycle and pedestrian crashes involving motor vehicles that resulted in more than 500 fatalities, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Local, state and federal transportation partners are focused on improving the safety for all road users through roadway design solutions as well as increasing awareness of how people can bike, walk and drive safely.

For example, people bicycling should follow the same traffic rules as vehicles, ride in the same direction as traffic, always stop at traffic signals and stop signs and use hand signals to notify others of maneuvers like turning, changing lanes and stopping.

People walking must be alert and visible. Pedestrians should always cross streets at crosswalks



Richardson has more than 15 miles of bike lanes and has designated certain roadways as signed bike routes. The lane pictured above is a "buffered" bike lane and does not allow parked cars.

and intersections where they can gauge traffic and be visible. Before crossing, eye contact with drivers ensures they are seen. Crossing at unmarked areas, between parked cars or between vehicles stopped at a traffic signal is not safe because motorists may not see pedestrians.

Finally, people driving should allow at least three feet when passing someone on a bicycle. State law allows bicyclists to ride on roadways and use the middle of a lane. Drivers must also look out for people walking, always yield-

ing to crossing pedestrians. Drivers should remember that people walking, bicycling and driving in Richardson are their neighbors and friends.

Understanding how people bicycling, walking and driving should interact together is important to improving safety on area roads and protecting our friends, families and neighbors. To see all 21 safety tips that will be highlighted around the region and learn more about the Look Out Texans campaign, visit www.LookOutTexans.org.

Citizens Fire Academy begins March 17

The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week from 6:30-9 p.m. (dinner is provided) at the new Fire Training Center located at 1621 E. Lookout Dr. Academy participants will receive an insider's view of the vast services the RFD provides. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls.

The next CFA class begins March 17 and will graduate May 26. If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to www.cor.net/fire and download an application.

The intent of the CFA classes is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it's an opportunity

to experience firsthand the duties and responsibilities of firefighters. Learn about the firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground operations,

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



Luv Your Pet Day!



February 14, 2016
Adult Pet Adoption fee \$14!
1-3pm: Microchipping \$15 & Nail Trims \$5

This event is sponsored by Richardson AnimalLuv and will be held at the Richardson Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr. For more information, call 972-744-4480 or visit www.cor.net/animalservices.

Blue Bags available Feb. 6 at Fire Station 6

Fire Station 6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls of 25 for \$3.50 for residents, or \$4 for non-residents. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

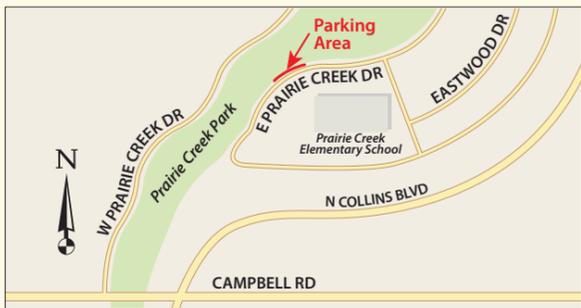
The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.

Be prepared for winter weather!

Plan for extremely cold weather every winter—it's always a possibility.

- Turn off sprinkler systems to prevent damage to your system from freezing water and to prevent ice on roadways.
- Be sure your heater is well ventilated and working properly.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries if needed.
- Keep plenty of water and food on hand for you and your pets.
- Use caution driving, especially on overpasses and bridges.
- Create a Winter Weather Kit in case you get stranded. Visit www.ready.gov/winter-weather.
- Winterize your pipes and keep faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.
- Keep trees trimmed and away from power lines.
- During power outages, leave on just your porch light and one indoor light to reduce initial demand once power is restored.





Urban Naturalist walks continue in 2016

The upcoming schedule of Urban Naturalist contains five walks at Breckinridge Park, Prairie Creek Park Discovery Point and the Spring Creek Nature Area. The walks are \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents, with the exception of the Animal Architecture walk, which is \$5 for youth age 17 and under accompanied by an adult at no additional charge. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or going to www.cor.net/parksonline. No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in the areas where these walks take place, so plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Walks are restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet at the parking lot at 3404 Moroney Drive for the walks at Breckinridge Park, the Galatyn Plaza fountain for the Spring Creek Nature Area walks and along the street at 2105 East Prairie Creek Drive for the Prairie Creek Park Discovery Point walks.

TROUT LILY DISCOVERY WALK

A magnificent opportunity awaits those adventurous enough to walk with Texas Master Naturalist Jim Varnum on a tour of Breckinridge Park in search of the truly unique Trout Lily, one of the first bloomers of spring. The blooms of the Trout Lily, or dog-tooth violet, persist only a short time and are easily overlooked in their natural setting, but these are the premiere native plant announcing the approaching spring bloom of other wildflowers. Please bring your cameras for some up close photography opportunities of this gem of the woodlands and binoculars may come in handy for other sightings in the park.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.,
25 participants, Course Number: 87434

THE GEOLOGY AND FOSSILS OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

The world around North Central Texas was much different thousands of years ago, and those conditions shaped the way we live today. Geologist Conrad Harrison will take us on a journey back in time to understand how our soils formed and identify fossils that are present in our region. We will visit the creek banks as well as the upland areas of Breckinridge Park as Harrison explains what we see today and how it relates to past events. Naturalists of all ages will enjoy this walk. Please bring a small magnifying glass if you have one for more detailed observations.

Saturday, March 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
25 participants, Course Number: 89122

ANIMAL ARCHITECTURE & UNIQUE HOMES

It is truly amazing how the wild creatures in our natural areas are so innovative with their building techniques for providing shelter and food. This unique program will be presented to our younger Richardson Urban Naturalists by Sandy Penz and will include interactive opportunities with animal architecture present in the natural environment. The walk will take place at Discovery Point, an outdoor educational area in Prairie Creek Park. Some walking in the park should be anticipated. The program is limited to young naturalists under age 17 at \$5 each. Please note that children must be accompanied by a non-paying adult.

Saturday, March 19, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
25 participants, Course Number: 89124

EARLY HISTORY OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

What a storied past our region of North Central Texas possesses from the formative years of the Blackland Prairie to the settlement of our area. Ernie Stokely will take us on a walking tour of Spring Creek Nature Area and peel back the layers of time to give us a glimpse of what life was like centuries ago. We will also gain an understanding of the Native American influences and why this area may have been chosen by early settlers. This is a fully accessible walk and one that all ages will enjoy.

Saturday, March 26, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
25 participants, Course Number: 89123

BIRDS OF WINTER

In winter, Breckinridge Park is host to many migrating species of birds. Master Audubon Birders will guide hikers through the park's natural areas in search of these many bird species. This weekend coincides with the Cornell/Audubon Great Backyard Bird Count and all species identified by the group will be recorded into the database of this nationwide event. Binoculars are highly recommended but not required for this birding nature walk.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
25 participants, Course Number: 87431

Archery class offered at Heights Rec Center

Youth 12 and under who wish to learn about archery are invited to enroll in a beginning archery class at Heights Recreation Center. The weekly class is designed for the archer who is yet to discover their natural potential and will cover all the basics including range safety and beginning fundamentals.

Heights is able to offer archery classes thanks to the sharpshooting of Heights Recreation Center Manager Daniel Allen (pictured to the right), who won the necessary equipment in an archery contest last year at a Texas Recreation and Parks Society meeting.

Classes will be held in March, April and May. For more information, including class



dates, times and cost, see page 4 of the Spring 2016 Parks and Recreation Guide, which is inserted in this issue of *Richardson Today*.

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2016 PHOTO CONTEST



Best of Student Division/Best of Show: Lily Flandorfer



Best of Adult Division: Carol Busby



Best of Proficient Division: Mike Zapata

The winners for the 2016 City of Richardson Photo Contest were announced Jan. 29. The winners were Lily Flandorfer, "Lost in Space," (Best of Student Division and Best of Show); Carol Busby, "Caught Red-handed," (Best of Adult Division); and Mike Zapata, "Stark Leaf, Fabulous Flora," (Best of Proficient Division).

Winning photographs are on display on the third floor of the Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr., through Feb. 21.

Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony and judge's workshop from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Civic Center Grand Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

In addition, the photographs of this year's featured artist, Mike Mezeul II, will be on display through Feb. 25 at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.

For a complete list of this year's winners, visit www.cor.net/photocontest.

Sherrill Park

Sherrill Park is in great shape and now is a good time to check out the newly renovated Course 1. New greens have been installed on all 18 holes, with the location, shape and contour of another handful of greens also changed. Work was also carried out on bunkers and 113 new trees were planted throughout the course.

Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. For information call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

Huffhines Tennis Center

Tennis lessons for juniors and adults are available at the Huffhines Tennis Center, as are group and private lessons. Private lessons are available in 30-minute blocks.

Huffhines Tennis Center is located at 1601 Syracuse Dr. Fees are \$2 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance.

Visit www.cor.net/tennis for more information.

NOW HIRING!

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department is looking for some enthusiastic people to join its team! This is shaping up to be a busy year, and there will be a need for the following part-time and seasonal jobs:

- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors/Team Coaches
- Gymnastics Instructors/Coaches
- Recreation Support Technicians
- Cashiers
- Camp Counselors
- Camp Directors

Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs. Call 972-744-7855 for information on camp jobs, 972-744-7892 for aquatic jobs, and 972-744-7860 for gymnastics jobs.

Senior Center **820 W. Arapaho Rd.** **972-744-7800**

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

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tue., Thurs., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Sat., 1-5 p.m.

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

Classes

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

Fundamentals of Windows
You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts Feb. 1. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Excel 101
This class will introduce you to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. You will learn functions of the Excel menus, ribbon bars and create spreadsheets and lists. Classes are held Mondays 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts Feb. 1. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



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

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

Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay
Learn how to sell on the Internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales. The next two-class sessions will be Feb. 16 and 23 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon or an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without.

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

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Feb. 1 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$63 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102
This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Feb. 1 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership; \$63 without a membership.

iPhone 101
A beginner's class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn how to set up and use your phone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Feb. 20 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPhone 102
This class will cover how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Feb. 20 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

Great Family Storytelling 1.0
L.E. Taylor, author of *Elgan and Grace-A Twentieth Century Saga* believes, "everyone has a story to tell." This workshop will stimulate and strengthen the brain through personal recall of life experiences. Whether you're a wannabe family legacy writer or a seasoned lit-major from way back ... you will discover you do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. This workshop offers secrets and insights to help you get started. Next four-week session starts Feb. 9, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

Oil Painting
A new session of oil painting instruction is held the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Starts Feb. 4. Four-month fee: \$60.



Fun with Oils
A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month.

The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55 and older. This facility is especially designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enrichment and fellowship.

Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. So, for the benefit of all patrons, the Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

NEW!! Watercolor

Renata Sharman will offer watercolor classes for beginners. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Students will create their own art work using florals, seasonal themes, abstracts or landscape, for their watercolor project. Intermediate and advance self-pace students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes start Feb. 2. Cost is \$80. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

NEW!! "Color My World" No Fee

Coloring books are not just for kids anymore. Come join in the newest craze, coloring for adults. Coloring is reintroducing art as an important component of health and wellness. Spending time coloring and visiting has shown to release stress, promotes creativity and happiness. Color pens, crayons and pictures will be provided or bring your own. A table will be set up with coloring supplies every Thursday from 1-4 p.m. for visiting and coloring. You do not have to stay in the lines!

Beginner Square Dance
Lessons are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$7 per person with a Senior Center membership or \$10 a class without a membership.

Plus Square Dance
Every first, third and fifth Monday from 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance. Cost is \$50 per dancer per quarter.

Plus Dancing
The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. Cost is \$42 per quarter.

Adult Piano Lessons
Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$85 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

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

Crochet

Classes are taught Thursdays from 2:15-4:15 p.m. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

NEW!! Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. The next five-week session begins March 2. Classes cost \$50.

NEW!! Mah Jongg Class
Class starts March 7 from 10 a.m.-noon. Class will be held every Monday for six weeks. Cost of each session is \$36. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Next eight-week class session starts March 4 from 1-2 p.m. Fee: \$48.

Pocket Billiards Class
Ted Swanson, recognized by the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, offers individually scheduled two-hour classes tailored for the student's needs. Classes are Saturdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are available. Please register before day of class or call 972-744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

AARP "Smart Driver" Program

Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reductions. Please check with your insurance company for percentage of reduction. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center:

Feb. 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	6-10 p.m.

Programs

AARP Tax Aid Program
Feb. 5-April 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m.—No Fee

AARP's income tax assistance program is Feb. 5-April 15. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.*Please bring your Social Security card with you.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome.

Senior Table Tennis
Players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

Shuffleboard
Shuffleboard is available for play during regular Senior Center hours.

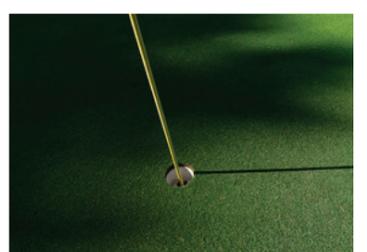
Pool Tournaments

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Due to Friday pool tournaments, open play is from 3:30-5 p.m. only.

Happy Birthday Party
We celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER. Cake and punch is served at 1 p.m. The next celebration is March 28 for birthdays in March, April and May.

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

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



Senior Golf League

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. 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 Alan Tanowitz, president, 972-231-6882, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

Senior Bowling League

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2015-16 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613.

Photography Club

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

Texas Reelers Square Dance

The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing the first and third Friday of every month from 7:30-10 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance. Admission is \$7.

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Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fee is \$7 per person.

The Saturday Night Vintage Dance Club

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

Feb. 6	Doc Gibbs
Feb. 13	Bill G. Band
Feb. 27	Tommy Chandler

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.

Richardson Public Library

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

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College

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

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. Next meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 1. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

Chess Club

The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Youth and adults of all playing strengths are welcome. The club activities include Swiss Tournaments, Opening Theme matches and video matches. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.



NEW!! Scrabble Club

Come join us Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. to meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun evening playing scrabble. Those 16 and over are welcome to participate, ages 12-15 with an adult.

Mental Aerobics

Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia and a general mental playground. We have a large room and welcome drop-ins who enjoy thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. Mondays at 10 a.m.

Backgammon

If you are interested in playing backgammon once a week at the Senior Center, please call 972-744-7800.

Let's Play "42"

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

Bingo

Next Bingo is Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.

Tatting

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

Yarn Arts

A group of like-minded people meet together to do yarn arts Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

Needleworks

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and hand-crafts. We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 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. Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

The Seniors' Net

The NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services designed to help seniors in the community remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include: handyman program, senior informational seminars, Loaves of Love, home delivered groceries, medical equipment and holiday baskets. The "Loaves of Love" program has expanded! Seniors residing within the Richardson ISD may shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. For more information, call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880 ext. 125.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Counselors are available the first Friday in February, April, June and August. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment for Feb. 5.

RSVP Volunteer Program

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, how about becoming a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 2-3 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment.

Chair Massage

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

Health Connection

**March 24—10 a.m.—No Fee
"Home is the Best Place to Heal"**

Jim Waldorf, founding member of the DFW Durable Medical Equipment Exchange, will discuss the increasing need of medical equipment for those with financial and insurance challenges. He will present valuable information on how to obtain medical equipment or how to donate unused medical equipment. Available medical equipment for those in need may mean the difference in being able to stay at home or finding alternative living accommodations.

First Richardson Helpers

First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of bathroom grab bars and outdoor hand rails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FRH provides assistance with code enforcement issues. To request service, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-996-0160 or online at www.FirstRichardsonHelpers.org. Click on "Request for Services."

The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new free program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café is held the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Feb. 4.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Fitness

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered the first Monday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; first Wednesday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Fee is \$20 a month or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Fit for Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday of the month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

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 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$4 per class.

Tai Chi for all ages

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

Zumba Gold

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. Please call 972-744-7800 for class information.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Julie Miller. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee is \$5 per class.

WaterAerobic Classes

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

Aerobic Exercise

Renata Racher teaches exercise class Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Class fee is \$2.

Hatha Yoga for all ages

Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee is \$5.

Pickleball

The Richardson Senior Center Pickleball instruction and play is offered every Friday at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee is \$16 a month (refunds not available) plus membership or \$5 per lesson plus membership. (Richardson resident SENIOR CENTER only membership cost is a one-time fee of \$5. Non-resident SENIOR CENTER only membership is \$15 a year.) Instructor is David Wilmot. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports among seniors. If you are interested and would like more information call 972-744-7800.

NEW!! Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair. Chair yoga will help you with flexibility, breathing, relaxation and overall physical fitness without the difficulty of getting down or up from the floor. Class is held Mondays from 9-10 a.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$20 monthly (four classes). Class starts Feb. 8.

Private Trainer

How is your balance?

This personalized fitness program is designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$60 each with a six-session commitment (\$90 each session for couples). Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population (older adult) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

NEW!! Silver Punchers

This class is a combination of punching drills and stretch exercises to simultaneously provide an effective cardio workout that will increase your balance, motor skills, eye hand coordination and help you regain the physical strength lost due to inactivity. Class is held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and taught by certified trainer Jessie Dorsey. \$5 per class.

Games

Canasta

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m. If you are interested in taking bridge lessons please call 972-744 7800.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Aubrey
Beg. Line Dance	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$11/Month	Halvorson
Int. Line Dance	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Int./Adv. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

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CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Learn & Create:
3D Printing & Tinkercad
Adults & Teens
Saturday, Feb. 27
2-4 p.m.
 Laptop required

3D Printing & 123Design
Adults & Teens
Saturday, March 5
2-4 p.m.
 Laptop or iPad required

Basement Program Room
 No registration required.
 Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

Spring Make-Cation

A week full of presentations, activities, crafts, books and fun, clicking, connecting and learning!

March 8-11
 Basement Program Room



Tuesday
 1:30-2:15 p.m. OR 2:45-3:30 p.m.
 Ages 7-10 years old
 Keith Graves, author and illustrator, visits to read from his books and provide a fun drawing demonstration.



Wednesday
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Learn Create Connect
 Quercetti Kaleido Gears (for all ages)
 LEGOs (best for ages 3 and up)
 Snap Circuits Jr (best for ages 8 and up)



Thursday
 2-4 p.m.
 Perot Museum's TECH Truck: Mini Arcade
 Tinker, learn and experiment by creating a mini arcade
 Ages 9-13 years old



Friday
 2-3:30 p.m.
 Puppets, Puppets Everywhere!
 Puppetry Workshop
 Ages 5-12 years old

Spring Make-Cation presented by the Friends of Richardson Library



Cookies & Coloring
for all ages!
Thursday, Feb. 25
3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Basement Program Room

Come for an afternoon of coloring, relaxing and enjoying refreshments.
 No registration required.



Coloring & Cocktails
 (mocktails)
Adults & Teens
Saturday, Feb. 20
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 No registration required
 Basement Program Room
 Call 972-744-4374 for more information.

Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by Richard Cudlipp

- Feb. 2: *Pacific Naval Battles*
- Feb. 9: *WWII in Southeast Asia*
- Feb. 16: *General Custer Part I*
- Feb. 23: *General Custer Part II*

Tuesdays
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room. No registration required.
 You are welcome to bring your lunch.
 Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

AARP offers FREE Tax Preparation Help

At the Library:
Mondays
Feb. 1-April 18
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the Senior Center:
 (820 Arapaho Rd.)
Fridays
Feb. 5-April 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

2015 tax forms in basement: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ

For low- to moderate-income taxpayers, with an emphasis on Seniors. First-come, first-served. Bring Social Security card, 2014 Tax Return and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Library offers *Books by Mail* services to *homebound patrons*. This service includes:

- audiobooks
- music CDs
- nonfiction DVDs
- regular books and large print books

Complete the online Books by Mail application posted on the Library's website at www.RichardsonPublicLibrary.com under the tab titled "For Adults."

Call 972-744-4393 for more information.

Digital Drop-In
 happens every
Saturday
10 a.m.-noon
2nd floor
Bring your device!

Got a new mobile device? Come learn how to download FREE eBooks & audiobooks



presented by

Award-Winning Master Gardener
Chrissy Cortez-Mathis

Saturday, March 5
10:30 a.m.-noon

Basement Program Room
 Adults & Teens welcome

FREE-no registration required

Please contact Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.



Movie Mornings

Saturday, Feb. 20
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PG - Ages 6+
 First Floor Program Room



Make Valentine CRAFTS!

Enjoy a PUPPET SHOW!

Saturday, Feb. 6
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Recommended for Pre-K to 4th graders

Tales for Tails



Free tickets will be distributed in the Children's Department beginning at 2:30 p.m. the day of the event, on first-come, first-served basis.

Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

Sunday, Feb. 7
3-4 p.m.

For Readers in Grades K-4
 Children's Program Room

Winter Wiggle Worms

A 6-week program for Richardson residents 12-36 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon	10:30-10:50 a.m.	Group AM1
Mon	11:15-11:35 a.m.	Group AM2
Tue	5:15-5:35 p.m.	Group PM1
Tue	6-6:20 p.m.	Group PM2
Thu	10:30-10:50 a.m.	Group AM3
Thu	11:15-11:35 a.m.	Group AM4

Registration required.
 (Children must be 12 months old by Jan. 1, 2016.) *Wiggle Worms* ends Thursday, March 3.

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.



3-6 Year Old Winter Storytime

A 6-week program for Richardson residents, ages 3-6, filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Tues	3:45-4:15 p.m.	Group ST1
Tues	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Group ST2
Wed	3:45-4:15 p.m.	Group ST3

Registration required. (Children must be 3 years old by Jan. 1, 2016.) Children attend *Storytime* independently. *Storytime* ends Wednesday, March 2.

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.

