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## Volunteer opportunities abound with City

Since 2012, the City Council has designated April as a “Month of Volunteerism” as a way to encourage residents to volunteer their time for the betterment of their community.

One way residents and businesses volunteer in the community is through the Volunteer Assistance Program, which is administered by the City’s Community Services Department. Since its inception in 2000, the program has helped improve the homes of nearly 1,000 residents.

The program allows prospective volunteers to be partnered with homeowners who lack the resources to properly upkeep their homes. With the oversight and expertise of the Community Services Department and the donation of materials, projects such as painting and other exterior work are completed at no cost to the resident or city.

For more information about the Volunteer Assistance Program or to inquire about volunteering, contact Community Services at 972-744-4180.



There are also volunteer opportunities at special events in Richardson. Each year, volunteers work around 5,000 hours at **Richardson’s Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival**, performing a number of duties including taking tickets, handing out programs and working the information booth. Events such as the Christmas Pa-

rade and Santa’s Village would not be possible without the help of volunteers.

City facilities such as the Animal Shelter and Senior Center also rely on a contingent of volunteers for their day-to-day operations. Animal Shelter volunteers help do everything from feeding animals to working off-site events, while

Senior Center volunteers greet visitors, work special events, teach bridge classes, call bingo, work the yearly flu clinic, serve meals and much more.

For a full list of volunteer opportunities through the City of Richardson see page 3 of this publication or visit [www.cor.net/richardsonvolunteers](http://www.cor.net/richardsonvolunteers).

## City Health Department works to combat mosquitoes

Mosquito season is upon us and the Richardson Health Department is working to combat the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses such as the West Nile, Chikungunya and Zika viruses. Health Department staff conduct mosquito control activities year-round but increase their efforts from April through October, the most active mosquito season in North Texas.

“We’ve put a lot of effort into minimizing the spread of mosquito-borne viruses through public education and mosquito management measures,” said Health Director Bill Alsop. “Unfortunately, we cannot eradicate mosquitoes so we must focus our efforts on reducing their impact on public health. North Texas is home to dozens of species of mosquitoes but not all of them transmit disease to humans, so we concentrate on those that do.”

Based on recommendations from public health experts including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Richardson Health Department will continue its comprehensive program of surveillance, breeding source reduction and controlling mosquito populations with larvicide, pupicide and adulticide. Surveillance efforts include trapping and testing mosquitoes. Mosquito spraying is typically conducted when surveillance identifies a virus in the mosquito population and control measures are necessary to reduce the population of adult mosquitoes.

“We have 12 mosquito management areas in the City with mosquito surveillance traps in each,” Alsop said. “The traps are set and collected on a weekly basis from April through October and mosquitoes are sent to a lab to test for

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Health Department staff routinely spray storm sewer drains to help combat mosquito habitats.

Featured Artist: Kristin DeSantis

## Cottonwood Art Festival

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FOOD COURT  
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# Summer water conservation plan in effect

**Beginning April 1, no lawn watering between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

It has been almost a full year since Richardson initiated its permanent water conservation strategy that was then referred to as the "New Normal." The strategy allows for lawn irrigation at even numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at odd numbered addresses on Wednesdays and Sundays. Watering is permitted at anytime on the allowed days from Nov. 1-March 31. Watering is not

permitted between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on the allowed days from April 1-Oct. 31.

This water conservation strategy is in place year round unless the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) asks for more severe restrictions due to drought conditions.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier and continuously monitors its water supply to de-

termine if there is a need for additional restrictions.

**Beginning April 1, lawn watering will not be permitted between the hours of 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on allowed watering days.**

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil. For more information, visit [www.cor.net/waterconservation](http://www.cor.net/waterconservation) or call 972-744-4220.

## TWICE-PER-WEEK WATERING:

**Lawn irrigation is prohibited from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or during periods of rain.**

Visit [www.cor.net/WaterConservation](http://www.cor.net/WaterConservation)

or call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

**Water Wednesday and Sunday for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)**

**Water Tuesday and Saturday for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)**

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This month, the City is celebrating its annual month of volunteerism. Since 2012, April has served as the month where we recognize the volunteers who donate their time to make causes close to their heart possible.

The April edition of *Richardson Today* highlights some of the great volunteer opportunities available to residents and business owners. From the Animal Shelter, where volunteers walk dogs, to Santa's Village, where volunteers bring our favorite Christmas characters to life, much of what we do in Richardson we can only do because of volunteers.

One of the largest volunteer opportunities in Richardson takes place each May during **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival**. The annual festival would not be possible without the help of about 1,500 volunteers, who perform duties ranging from taking tickets and working the children's area to manning the information booth. Communities across the country have copied our award-winning volunteer system, taking what we do in Richardson and modifying it to fit their needs.

Volunteers are also critical to keeping Richardson safe. The Police Department utilizes volunteers in a number of different roles, including the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program, which debuted in 2000. VIPS perform a variety of tasks including data entry, translation services, fingerprinting and special event support. A team of specially trained VIPS assist officers in the field, driving VIPS-



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marked vehicles and performing duties such as directing traffic, crash scene assistance and license plate scanning. Volunteers also participate in crime watch groups, serving as the Police Department's eyes and ears throughout the community and helping keep their neighborhoods safe.

If you feel yourself called to volunteer, take a look through this issue of *Richardson Today* and find something that interests you. Volunteering is not only personally rewarding, but it helps make Richardson a better place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,  
  
Paul Voelker  
Mayor

## NTMWD continues annual chlorine maintenance through April 4

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is continuing to conduct chlorine maintenance on the NTMWD Wylie, Tawakoni and Bonham water transmission systems and customers' distribution systems through April 4. Annually, NTMWD performs chlorine maintenance prior to the warm months of the year.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform chlorine maintenance to help reduce the need for water suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain chloramine residuals (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water. The flushing of water lines, during warm weather peri-

ods, maintains water quality to ensure the water supply is safe for human use and consumption.

The NTMWD utilizes chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide a longer lasting residual disinfection in water pipelines and storage facilities.

During the chlorine maintenance period, consumers who are sensitive to odor or taste changes in the water might notice a stronger smell or taste of chlorine. The chlorine maintenance does not have a negative effect on water quality.

For more information, visit [www.ntmwd.com](http://www.ntmwd.com).

### 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 CDTV videos on YouTube. Visit [www.cor.net/SocialMedia](http://www.cor.net/SocialMedia) for a full listing.



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### Receive City news updates by e-mail

Sign up to receive the City's "Week In Review" e-mail, which is sent each Friday, as well as to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and information about weather-related activities and the West Nile virus. Visit [www.cor.net/ENews](http://www.cor.net/ENews), and select the options you would like to subscribe to.



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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](http://www.cor.net).

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

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

### Requesting an Accommodation

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:

**Taylor Lough, ADA Coordinator**  
972-744-4208  
411 West Arapaho Rd., Ste. 201  
Richardson, TX 75080  
[ADACoordinator@cor.gov](mailto:ADACoordinator@cor.gov)

Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.



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**BEST Place to get splattered with paint.**

The Cottonwood Art Festival, held the first weekend in May and October, needs teenagers to help at the always popular Children's ArtStop. E-mail [lisa.carter@cor.gov](mailto:lisa.carter@cor.gov).

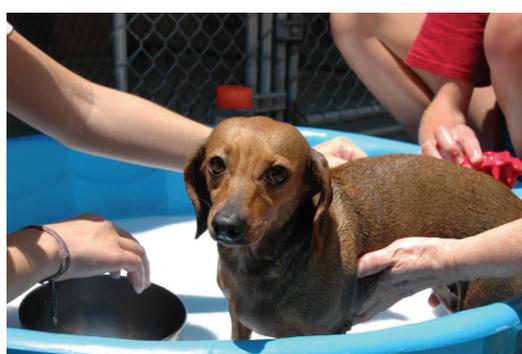


**BEST Place to help a neighbor.**

The Community Services Department Volunteer Assistance Program partners with local volunteer groups to help residents maintain their property. Projects include painting and cleaning up the exterior of homes whose owners lack the resources. E-mail [lindsay.turman@cor.gov](mailto:lindsay.turman@cor.gov) or go to [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs) for more information.

**BEST Place to see a Rock-n-Roll Hall of Famer.**

Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival is in need of volunteers ages 18 and older. Volunteer shifts are four hours and some duties include ticket taking, handing out programs, working the information booth and cashiering. Volunteers receive a "Volunteer T-shirt," a day pass for themselves and one extra for a friend. For each additional volunteer shift worked, volunteers receive an additional day pass for the event. E-mail [barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or visit [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) and click on "Get Involved."



**BEST Place to receive unconditional love.**

Volunteers at the Richardson Animal Shelter do everything from feeding, bathing and socializing animals to helping assist Shelter staff members at events off site. Call 972-744-4480 for more information.

# VOLUNTEERS HAVE THE BEST EXPERIENCES



**BEST Place to read a good book.**

Applications for the Richardson Library Summer Teen Volunteer Program are now available in the Children's Department. Other teen volunteer opportunities are available through the Teen Advisory Board. Contact the Teen Librarian for more information at 972-744-4358. Adult volunteers are also welcome. To fill out a volunteer application online, go to [www.cor.net/library](http://www.cor.net/library) or call 972-744-4350.

**A**PRIL IS THE "Month of Volunteerism" in Richardson, and residents who wish to get involved in their community have a number of fun, enjoyable ways to do so. The City's goal is to make volunteering a meaningful experience and to make sure the volunteers know that they are appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering but have not found the right fit, check out our "BEST Place" list to see if there is something that might be a perfect fit. Whether it is working with pets or getting the chance to listen to rock and roll, the City likely has something for you. More information about volunteering with the City is available at [www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers](http://www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers).

**BEST Place to see a Broadway show.**

Eisemann Center volunteers are needed for a variety of functions ranging from administrative work during normal business hours to helping out during performances on nights and weekends. If you are interested, go to [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) to apply online. If you have questions, call Pam Polsky at 972-744-4616.



**BEST Place to dress as an elf.**

Santa's Village could not operate without its volunteers, and some of the opportunities include strolling through the Village as a costumed character or helping in one of the dwellings. This event is ideal for teenage and adult organizations that would like to volunteer as a group. E-mail [lisa.carter@cor.gov](mailto:lisa.carter@cor.gov) for more information.



**BEST Place to keep your neighborhood safe.**

Prospective volunteers for the Richardson Police Department need to be at least 18 years old, live or work in Richardson and complete a background check. Opportunities include Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), Crime Watch Patrol and Neighborhood Crime Watch. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Meredith Watkins at 972-744-4842 or [meredith.watkins@cor.gov](mailto:meredith.watkins@cor.gov) if you are interested in VIPS. Visit the RPD website at [www.cor.net/pd](http://www.cor.net/pd) and click on Crime Prevention tab for Crime Watch Patrol and Neighborhood Crime Watch information.

**BEST Place to grow young.**

There are lots of volunteer opportunities available at the Richardson Senior Center, and you can contact Scarlett Ornelas at 972-744-7811 to get started.



**BEST Place to help shape our community.** (not pictured)

Applications to serve on one of the City's boards and commissions are reviewed by the City Council, which appoints members of each board or commission. Most serve in an advisory capacity, providing input to the Council about policies regarding various issues. For more information, call the City Secretary's office at 972-744-4292.

**BEST Place to meet Santa.** (not pictured)

Richardson's Christmas Parade is a holiday favorite every year and you can help to make it a continued success. The event needs adult volunteers for marshaling, parade line up (very early morning) and parking attendants. E-mail [barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or [kelli.cott@cor.gov](mailto:kelli.cott@cor.gov).

**BEST Place to hold a stopwatch.** (not pictured)

Corporate Challenge, an annual 10-week, Olympic-style competition, has area businesses competing in more than 20 athletic and non-athletic events starting in August. Volunteers are needed for everything from registration to scorekeepers to mile callers and so much more! Positions, dates, times and descriptions will be posted online at [www.cor.net/cc/](http://www.cor.net/cc/), BUT if you're interested in getting on the list now, e-mail [kyle.mcclure@cor.gov](mailto:kyle.mcclure@cor.gov)

# Eisemann Center volunteers help create a friendly environment

As the cast and crew scurry around backstage prior to a performance, there is just as much activity for the Eisemann Center volunteers as they prepare as well. These volunteers are essential in creating the professional, friendly environment that patrons and clients expect.

The *Encore!* Volunteer Program is a great way to give back to the local community especially for those that enjoy the performing arts. From concerts to local dance recitals to touring stage productions, Eisemann Center volunteers ensure that those coming to see the shows have the best experience.

“Our volunteers are the backbone of the Eisemann Center,” said Pam Polsky, Assistant House Manager at the Eisemann Center who coordinates the *Encore!* Program. “We couldn’t be as affordable to our clients and patrons without our dedicated volunteers.”

If you love music, dance and theater then the Eisemann Center’s *Encore!* Volunteer Program could be the place for you. It enables you to serve the community in the arts as well as make new friends. Volunteers age 16 and up may serve as greeters, ushers and ticket takers. In addition, some volunteers assist with administrative duties in the Eisemann Center’s offices.

No specific background is required to become a part of the Eisemann Center’s volunteer family—potential volunteers just need to have an interest and enthusiasm for the performing arts and a willingness to work with patrons in a friendly and respectful manner.

Schedules are flexible as the Eisemann Center hosts numerous performances each month. An online database allows for easy event sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers are required to work a minimum of two events per month. House Management assigns the individual jobs within each event, rotating the positions on a regular basis to provide all volunteers with multiple opportunities and experiences.

Currently, the *Encore!* Volunteers represent a wide range of ages, including high school and college students, families, middle aged working singles and couples, and retirees, who are especially helpful in covering events on weekdays.

“Our oldest volunteer is 94,” marveled Polsky.

For more information about volunteering and to apply online, go to [www.eisemanncenter.com/EisemannVolunteerProgram](http://www.eisemanncenter.com/EisemannVolunteerProgram). Orientation and training sessions are held as needed and as the Eisemann Center schedule allows.



# Eisemann Center Atrium named for Michelle Thames

The Richardson City Council honored the memory of former City employee Michelle Thames in February by naming an area of the Eisemann Center for her. The lobby area outside the Aisle 12 entry to the Bank of America Theatre will now be known as the Michelle Thames Atrium.

Thames, who passed away in 2015, worked for the City from 1991-2012, most recently serving as Assistant City Manager for Administrative and Leisure Services. Her leadership and devotion to the arts in Richardson was instrumental in the design, development and construction oversight associated with the building of the Eisemann Center. She was active on the Gala Executive Committee that planned and executed the week-long opening of the Eisemann Center in September 2002.

Over the next decade, Thames advised and provided administrative leadership while working closely with the staff of the Eisemann Center, helping to bring national and international touring artists to the Eisemann Center and cement its reputation as one of the top venues in the area for both the arts and corporate presentations.



Pictured from left are Council Member Bob Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Solomon, Phil, Katie and Sarah Thames, Mayor Paul Voelker and Council Members Marta Gómez Frey and Steve Mitchell.

## Tickets on sale April 18 for annual Wildflower! Festival

**Richardson’s Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** is set for May 20-22 and features headliners The Guess Who, Survivor, Peter Frampton, Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx, Black Joe Lewis and Jimmie Vaughan.

Three-day passes go on sale for \$40 Monday, April 18, at any Metroplex Tom Thumb store or online through [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com). The three-day pass will be available for sale until 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 20. Single-day adult tickets will be available at the gate for \$25, as well as through the festival’s website beginning April 18. Kids ages 5-12 will be admitted for \$5, and admission for kids 4 and under is free.

Starting April 18, Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets per each day of the Festival per household for only \$12 each. Go to [www.wildflowerfestival.com/tickets.html](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/tickets.html) to get full details.

**Kids admitted free with paid adult Sunday, May 22**

Children 12 and under will get in free Sunday, May 22 with a paid adult ticket courtesy of Amegy Bank.

Watch for additional information and a full entertainment lineup in the May edition of *Richardson Today*. You can also get the latest news and complete festival information at [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) and on the **Wildflower!** Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival](http://www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival).

## Be a “Kindness Ninja” April 2-3

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is sponsoring a “Weekend of Kindness” April 2-3 to encourage groups and individuals to sign up on its Facebook page and make a concerted effort to be a “Kindness Ninja.”

People are being asked to pay it forward, to do something nice for a friend, family member or a complete stranger. Participants are asked to report back on what happened during the Weekend of Kindness, with photos if possible. Residents may also participate by donating to one of Altrusa’s Partner Charities.

Here are a few more suggestions from Altrusa Richardson on showing kindness:

- Pay for the person behind you at the coffee shop;
- Put a note in your mailbox to thank the postal worker;
- Pick up trash in the neighborhood park;
- Teach a child about kindness to animals while you walk your dog.

So far, participants include the Richardson City Council, Lions Club, Rotary Club and many Altrusans.

To sign up, go to [www.facebook.com/AltrusaRichardsonTexas](http://www.facebook.com/AltrusaRichardsonTexas).

## Moms and daughters join forces to benefit City through National Charity League

Though the Richardson area chapter of National Charity League has only been in existence about 11 years, its members (some as young as age 12) have collectively logged more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service, with more than 6,000 hours devoted to City of Richardson facilities and events. The mother-daughter organization has also spent numerous hours volunteering for City-connected nonprofit

organizations such as the Richardson Theatre Centre, NETWORK of Community Ministries, Richardson AnimaLuv and Methodist Richardson Medical Center’s Foundation and Auxiliary.

“We have an incredible group of women and girls,” said chapter president Kim Follis. “Every week you can find our members volunteering somewhere in the Richardson community.”

NCL, Inc., founded in 1925, counts 213 chapters across the U.S. among its membership with 24 in the Metroplex, all following a mission involving service, leadership and cultural experiences. Each mother and daughter pair volunteers in the community for a certain number of hours each year, and each chapter determines a list of local organizations/entities where the hours can be earned. The Richardson area chapter, begun in 2005, is comprised of 140-160 girls in grades 7-12 (residing within RISD attendance boundaries) and their mothers.

“It’s a win-win for everyone involved,” said Joanie Scott, Richardson resident and founding president of the Richardson area chapter, who participated in the chapter for eight years with two daughters. “It’s a great source of help for local nonprofit organizations, it helps the chapter members expand their minds and hearts as they learn more about our community and its needs, it gives both the girls and moms a variety of leadership experiences, and also gives them some very special, quality time together—teens can be so busy, so that means a lot.”

Scott especially enjoyed volunteering with her daughters through NCL at the RISD Council of PTAs’ Used Book Fair; 1 Million 4 Anna, a local foundation that assists children and teens with cancer; and the Cottonwood Art Festival. In past years, the chapter supplied volunteers to help with the Library’s summer reading program and helped walk dogs at the Animal Shelter. The group currently bakes and delivers cookies to Richardson Fire Stations and supports the Animal Shelter through events such as AnimaLuv’s Dog Wash, Splash Day and City Wide Pet Day.

“We’ve had several members adopt dogs from the Shelter after volunteering there,” Follis said. “Now that’s what I’d call a volunteer gift that keeps on giving!”

For more information about NCL, go to [www.nationalcharityleague.org](http://www.nationalcharityleague.org).



Members of the Richardson area chapter of National Charity League help out each year at the Animal Shelter’s dog wash.

## Construction hours for Noise Ordinance clarified

Last month the City Council amended an ordinance that regulates the level of noise allowed to be generated from construction sites located in or near residential areas. The Council took up the issue after some complaints were made in neighborhoods where weekend work was disturbing the neighbors near some projects.

Construction work is already allowed to occur anywhere in the city every day of the week, including weekends. However, the City Council amended the City ordinance regulating noise from such sites to be limited to a reasonable level any time between 6 p.m.-7 a.m. and on weekends.

The level of what is reasonable noise is determined by a decibel scale and on the frequency of the noise. Someone mowing their lawn or intermittently operating a power

tool on a weekend would not qualify, whereas using a jack hammer or concrete saw would likely be in violation of the ordinance.

Noise from construction sites is not limited anywhere in the city between the hours of 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

### Guidelines for construction noise complaints

#### Construction noise is in violation of City Ordinance when:

- Continuous and excessive noise exceeds maximum permissible limits between 6 p.m.-7 a.m. any day of the week.
- Continuous and excessive noise exceeds maximum permissible limits at any time Saturday or Sunday.

#### Examples of construction and excessive noise:

- Compressors/generators (running for an extended duration)
- Use of heavy equipment\* (demolition work, heavy excavation, etc.)
- Continuous outdoor use of loud power tools (commercial saws, jack hammers, etc.)

#### \* Vehicle back up warning systems are exempt

To make a noise complaint, contact the City's 24-hour response line at 972-744-4111.

For more information or questions, contact the Richardson Health Department at 972-744-4080.

## Dealing with damage, debris after severe weather



The severe weather that rolled through Richardson the night of March 23 resulted in hail damage to homes, commercial properties and some municipal property and vehicles. Following the storm, the big push is cleanup and repair work. For some, part of the work will mean dealing with insurance companies and contractors for roof, window and fence repairs.

Workers in the City's Community Services Department urge all property owners to make sure to choose reputable contractors for any repair work. After a big storm, people posing as workers may go door-to-door and take deposits for repair work before disappearing.

It is also important to ask for a copy of construction permits for roof or fence repairs. Permits are

required for all roof replacements, but permits for fence repairs are only needed if the area being repaired is greater than 25 percent of the fence perimeter. Some people may also need to repair siding (above photo). Permits are required for all siding repairs or replacements, but are not needed for window replacements.

Anyone with questions regarding how to find a reputable contractor can contact the City's Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or visit [www.ntrca.com](http://www.ntrca.com) to find reputable roofing contractors in North Texas.

#### Getting rid of storm debris

Anyone cleaning up debris after the hail storm is reminded that Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) is a service of-

fered to Richardson residents at no additional charge. The service is designed to help residents dispose of large amounts of brush or oversized items, such as storm debris, unwanted appliances or furniture, that cannot be placed out for regular trash collection. Pickup requests need to be made at least 24 hours in advance of your collection day, which is the same day as your recycle day.

#### There are several ways to request a BABIC:

- Call the Response Center line 972-744-4111 and use prompt 1
- Call the Response Center line 972-744-4111 and press 7 to speak to an attendant
- Make an online request at [www.cor.net/BABIC](http://www.cor.net/BABIC)
- Use the MyRichardson mobile application (for more information visit [www.cor.net/myrichardson](http://www.cor.net/myrichardson))

Residents are asked to set out brush or bulky items for collection in the front on the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street. If it is a corner house, you may set the items out on the grassy area (the parkway) on the side street. If you are on a corner house, please ensure you make it known what street you are leaving the debris on and keep it clear so trucks can have access.

## City Health Department combats mosquitoes

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the West Nile virus. We are also conducting surveillance for the species of mosquitoes that carry Chikungunya and Zika viruses."

#### When mosquito spraying will occur:

- If a mosquito sample tests positive for the West Nile virus the management area will be sprayed.
- If a resident is diagnosed with the West Nile virus, then surveillance traps will be placed at or near the person's home. But spraying will be scheduled only if a mosquito from these traps tests positive for West Nile virus.
- If a resident is confirmed to have contracted the Chikungunya or Zika viruses, then spraying will be done in a small, localized area due to limited flight range of the type of mosquito that carries these viruses.

According to Alsup, spraying protocols vary because different types of mosquitoes carry the viruses. In addition, each mosquito species has a different behavior pattern including breeding site, flight range, preferred blood source, and life expectancy. The transmission cycles for the diseases are also different. Zika and Chikungunya are transmitted by a mosquito biting an infected person and then biting another person, while the West Nile virus is spread when the mosquito bites a human after biting an infected bird.

The Health Department schedules West Nile virus spraying events during overnight hours to limit exposure to people who may wish to avoid contact with the pesticide used to control mosquito populations. Spraying events begin at 9 p.m. with the goal of ending by 4 a.m., though they may run until 4:30 a.m. depending upon the size of the spray area. As part of plans to increase the response to incidents of finding the viruses in people and mosquito traps, targeted neighborhoods are sprayed twice. The start time, duration and frequency may vary if spraying is done for the Zika or Chikungunya viruses.

#### How to protect yourself

Alsup said the public should continue to play its part in helping prevent the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses by following "The Four D's":

- **Drain** standing water,
- Avoid being out at **dusk** and **dawn**
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants
- Apply insect repellent containing **DEET** or other effective repellants all day every day

Additionally, residents can apply commercially available pesticides according to the label to areas that harbor mosquitoes such as shrubs, groundcover, under raised decks and around storage areas.

For additional tips, as well as an ongoing list of mosquito surveillance locations, test results and treatments by neighborhood, go to [www.cor.net/mosquito](http://www.cor.net/mosquito).

## Express permitting program launched for building permits



The City of Richardson recently launched an Express Permitting Program that will increase the speed that some building permits submitted by small business owners are reviewed. The new program will streamline the permitting process and meet the City Council's adopted strategic goals, including enhancing customer service. The program began March 1 and provides a guaranteed plan review time of three business days from date of submittal.

Projects that are eligible for the new permitting program include tenant finish-outs and interior remodeling projects of 5,000 square feet or less for business/professional offices and retail occupancies where hazardous materials are not stored, used or dispensed. Exterior remodels that do not increase the square footage of the building or increase its height, such as façade enhancements, reroofs or roof repairs, will also be covered under the program, as will any other project specifically authorized by the City's Building Official. An estimated 35-45 percent of the building permits received by the City will be eligible for the program, said Building Official Brent Tignor.

Prior to the launch of the program, permits took an average of 5-10 business days to approve. By placing the express building permits in a separate group rather than in a group with all other permits, they will be reviewed within the three-day window, Tignor said, adding that the review process for these smaller projects is typically fairly simple.

More information about the program, including submittal requirements, is available at [www.cor.net/buildingsinspection](http://www.cor.net/buildingsinspection).

## Light Rail station is renamed



Bush Turnpike Light Rail Station has officially become CityLine/Bush Station to better identify with its rapidly changing surroundings. The light rail station is already one of the busiest in the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, and is growing in popularity as CityLine and other area developments begin to open.

## Animal Shelter courtyard opens

A ribbon cutting was held last month to mark the opening of a new courtyard at the Animal Shelter. Officially named the Richardson Animal Luv Pet Courtyard, it was funded by local nonprofit Richardson Animal Luv. The outdoor, enclosed area fulfills a longtime need of the Shelter, providing space for potential adoptive families to interact with adoptable Shelter pets off leash.

Founded in 2004, Richardson Animal Luv's mission is to support the City of Richardson Animal Shelter through special events and other fundraising opportunities, including City Wide Pet Day and Dog Splash Day.



# Calendar

## Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd. • 972-744-7800

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

<p><b>April 26</b>  <b>JOY DAVIS PRESENTS: THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM</b> 1 p.m. Actress, author and public speaker Joy Davis will dramatize scenes from "Man of La Mancha." The review will begin with the author Cervantes, and his intent to create the character of Don Quixote, and then move on to several of the most dramatic scenes from the play. Magnificent music was written for the play. One of the most memorable pieces of music is "The Impossible Dream." \$3</p>	<p><b>May 2</b>  <b>MOTHER'S DAY VINTAGE STYLE SHOW AND TEA</b> 11 a.m. Stoneybrook Memory Care is sponsoring a Mother's Day Vintage Style Show and Tea. Ladies from the Senior Center will model fun vintage clothes from Garland Vintage Clothing. You will enjoy tea and a light ladies tea lunch while reminiscing of a fashion era gone by. RSVP required for food count. No fee.</p>	<p><b>May 18</b>  <b>RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT</b> 7:30 p.m. The time has changed ... the flowers and trees are starting to bloom ... it must be spring! It is time for our spring concert with the Richardson Community Band. Enjoy an evening of music and laughter. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. No fee.</p>
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### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Last year, Richardson Senior Center members took trips to the Texas Hill Country, Corpus Christi and Nashville, so don't miss out this year!  
 The Senior Center has fun destinations planned for your 2016 travel opportunities. Call Beth at 972-744-7810 for more information.

## Library 900 Civic Center Dr. • 972-744-4350

### ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p><b>April 2</b>  <b>DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS</b> 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 5</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES</b> 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Transcontinental Railroads and Depots" presented by Dr. Richard Furlong, P.E. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 6</b>  <b>FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB</b> 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Girl You Left Behind" by Jojo Moyes. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 8</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: JOB SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET</b> 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>
<p><b>April 12</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES</b> 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Holy Cities and Shrines of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Part 1" presented by Earnest Deadwyler. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 13</b>  <b>SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Calling Me Home" by Julie Kibler. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 15</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: "INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL 2010"</b> 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 16</b>  <b>LEARN &amp; CREATE: MAKE PAPER FLOWERS (FOR MOTHER'S DAY/SPRING)</b> 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p><b>April 16</b>  <b>3D PRINTING AND 123D DESIGN</b> 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Laptop required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for more information.</p>	<p><b>April 18</b>  <b>WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 19</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES</b> 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Holy Cities and Shrines of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Part 2" presented by Earnest Deadwyler. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 19</b>  <b>RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION</b> 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Pat Kochen will speak about watercolor. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>
<p><b>April 20</b>  <b>THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 10:30 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "Boston Girl" by Anita Diamant. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 20</b>  <b>COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP</b> 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTcritiquegroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p><b>April 21</b>  <b>RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING</b> 1:30-3 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Wright Brothers" presented by Roger Fortney. Call Stacey Davis at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 21</b>  <b>REAL READS BOOK CLUB</b> 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Unremarried Widow: A Memoir" by Artis Henderson. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>
<p><b>April 22, 23, 24</b>  <b>FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE</b> 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 22 and 23, 2-5 p.m. on April 24. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p><b>April 26</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES</b> 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Holy Cities and Shrines of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Part 3" presented by Earnest Deadwyler. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 26</b>  <b>FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE</b> 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Finding Jake" by Bryan Reardon. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p><b>April 30</b>  <b>CHESS EXHIBITION WITH UT DALLAS CHESS TEAM</b> 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p><b>April 2</b>  <b>TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND FIND THE KEY TEEN PROGRAM</b> 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p><b>April 9</b>  <b>CRAFTIVITY! CHILDREN'S GAMES AND CRAFTS</b> 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p><b>April 10</b>  <b>TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS!</b> 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4</p>	<p><b>April 14</b>  <b>COOKIES AND COLORING</b> 3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. All ages.</p>
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### Coming up at the Civic Center

- Texas Stamp Dealers  
April 8-9  
www.tsdastamps.com
  - Dallas Record Show  
April 9  
www.dallasrecordshow.com
  - Real Heroes Award Ceremony  
April 14  
www.richardsonrealheroes.com
  - Trash Bash  
April 16  
www.cor.net/trashbash
- Accommodates groups from 10-750  
Call us! 972-744-4090



Creative Memories  
April 30

411 W. Arapaho Rd.  
Richardson, Texas 75080  
www.cor.net/civiccenter

## SHOP/DINE Richardson CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Changes are coming April 8 to the City's popular Dine Smart Dine Local (DSDL) program, as it transitions to Shop/Dine Richardson and will be managed by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.  
 The DSDL program began in February 2010 and provided subscribers weekly e-mails containing discounts, offers, special promotions and coupons from local restaurants.  
 The Shop/Dine Richardson program will continue to send subscribers dining offers plus information and offers from local shopping outlets and pro-

fessional services. Shop/Dine Richardson is meant to provide more visibility to Richardson businesses and encourage subscribers to shop locally.  
 You may sign up for the Shop/Dine Richardson weekly e-mail by going to www.richardsonchamber.com/shop. The first e-mail will be sent to subscribers April 8. There is no charge to subscribe.  
 The DSDL website at www.cor.net/dsdl will still serve as a searchable database to locate and discover local food establishments by restaurant type or cuisine.

### Tax preparation help offered through April 18

Need a little help on your taxes? If so, Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.  
 The service is available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at the Library and 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays at the Senior Center. The program will run through April 15 at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and April 18 at the Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.  
 The tax help is first-come, first-served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

## Cultural Arts & Community

# Eisemann Center Presents season concludes this month

Eisemann Center Presents wraps up this month with four shows. Visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://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.



**The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told**

**"The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told!"**

2:30 p.m. April 10  
Tickets \$13-\$23

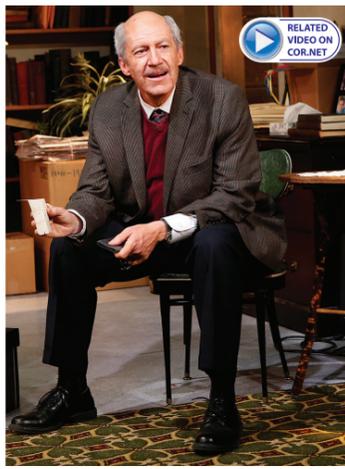
"The Greatest Pirate Story Never Told!" is Off Broadway's improvised, interactive, musical pirate adventure filled with boatloads of laugh-out-loud moments for both kids and grown-ups! Flung into the future by a musical-loving Sea Witch, a crew of misfit pirates-turned-actors must perform the greatest pirate epic ever seen on stage! But when their script is partially obscured by a tragic squid ink accident, the crew must turn to the audience to fill in the missing bits of the plot.

**"Wiesenthal"**

8 p.m. April 14, 15, 16  
2 p.m. April 16, 17

Tickets \$43-\$48

Filled with hope, humanity and humor, "Wiesenthal" is the riveting true story of Simon Wiesenthal, an ordinary man who did extraordinary things. Nicknamed the "Jewish James Bond," he devoted his life to bringing more than 1,100 Nazi war criminals to justice. Intelligent, funny, flawed and noble, Wiesenthal was a universal hero. His unbelievable dedication and tenacity over decades is honored



**Wiesenthal**

in this play, written by and starring Tom Dugan.

**Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations®**

7:30 p.m. April 18

Tickets \$28-\$33

Visually inspired musical masterpieces—the program will include the vibrant "Etude Tableaux" of Rachmaninoff, the gorgeous, colorful "Preludes of Debussy" and Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively



**Jeffrey Siegel**

commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. 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.



**The Summit: The Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6**

**"The Summit: The Manhattan Transfer Meets Take 6"**

8 p.m. April 23

Tickets \$47-\$65

Combining forces for the first time, The Manhattan Transfer and Take 6, two of the most acclaimed, award-winning vocal groups in pop music, create an unforgettable concert event that will thrill audiences of all ages. Each of these legendary acts has 10 Grammy Awards to its credit among a host of other recognitions. Each will perform a set, culminating with a duet featuring the tightest harmonies known in the music business, as well as innovative arrangements and funky grooves.

## RCT presents "The Secret Garden"

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2015-16 season with "The Secret Garden" April 22-May 1 at the Promenade Theatre.

This beloved, Tony Award-winning musical is more Harry Potter than Hans Christian Andersen and may be the archetype of the modern fairy tale. The rich Lucy Simon score includes several celebrated songs from the contemporary musical theater canon, including "Come To My Garden," "A Bit of Earth" and the show-stopping duet, "Lily's Eyes." The play was dubbed by *Time* magazine "the best American musical of the Broadway season" during its 1991 premiere.

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. For tickets call 972-690-5029 or visit [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com).

RCT's 2015-16 season also includes performances of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," "Evita" and "Bye Bye Birdie."



## NETWORK hosts Woman to Woman Week

NETWORK of Community Ministries is focusing on preventing breast cancer during its Woman to Woman Week, April 11-15. The week will feature free women's health seminars, free mammograms and a special film fest just for women.

The week kicks off with a focus on prevention via early detection. From 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, NETWORK will partner with UT Southwestern to perform mammograms. UTSW requires preregistration and walk-ins will not be accepted. The screenings will take place at NETWORK's office at

# NETWORK

**We Impact Lives**

741 S. Sherman St. Call 972-234-8880 ext. 107 to preregister.

From 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, guest speakers will give presentations at NETWORK. The week wraps up on Friday with the Lunafest Film Festival, a national traveling festival of short films by, for and about

women. There will be a showing at 10 a.m. intended for senior attendees, with additional showings at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information about any of the NETWORK of Community Ministries' Woman to Woman Week events, call NETWORK at 972-234-8880.

## Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

### RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "All About That Bass."  
(8 p.m. April 2. \$17-\$87. Visit [www.richardsonsymphony.org](http://www.richardsonsymphony.org).)

### RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

The Richardson Community Band presents "Spring Fling."  
(3 p.m. April 3. Free. Visit [www.richardsoncommunityband.org](http://www.richardsoncommunityband.org).)

### "THE FREQUENCY OF DEATH"

Presented by Pegasus Theatre in RadioVision.  
(8 p.m. April 4. \$17. Visit [www.pegasustheatre.com](http://www.pegasustheatre.com).)

### "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN"

Presented by Prestonwood Christian Academy.  
(7:30 p.m. April 6-9, and 1:30 p.m. April 9. \$12-\$25. Visit [www.prestonwoodchristian.org](http://www.prestonwoodchristian.org).)

### "FOCAL POINTE" WITH BRUCE WOOD DANCE PROJECT

Presented by the City of Plano and Chamberlain Performing Arts.  
(7:30 p.m. April 9. \$15-\$100. Visit [www.chamberlainperformingarts.org](http://www.chamberlainperformingarts.org).)

### MISS DALLAS & MISS DALLAS TEEN 2016 PAGEANT

(3 p.m. April 10. \$30. Visit [www.missdallaspageant.com](http://www.missdallaspageant.com).)

### "CAMPAIGNING FOR HARMONY: A WHISTLE-STOP TOUR OF AMERICA"

Presented by The Vocal Majority Chorus.  
(2 p.m. and 8 p.m. April 16, and 2 p.m. April 17. \$15-\$49. Visit [www.vocalmajority.com](http://www.vocalmajority.com).)

### JAZZ ONSTAGE FEATURING RAY BAKER

Presented by RLB Productions. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hope's Door.  
(7:30 p.m. April 21. \$25. Visit [www.rlbproductions.com](http://www.rlbproductions.com).)

### CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL OF BALLET 2016 ANNUAL SPRING PERFORMANCE

(2 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 30. \$15-\$25. Visit [www.chamberlainschoolofballet.com](http://www.chamberlainschoolofballet.com).)

## Richardson Woman's Club Fashion Show and Tea set for April 14

The Richardson Woman's Club Living in Style Designer Fashion Show and Tea is at 2-4 p.m. April 14. This year's fashion show will feature original designs by local design house Allie-Coosh. A reception will follow immediately after the show where Allie-Coosh will have clothing, jewelry, purses, scarves and accessories available for purchase.

All proceeds benefit the RWC's philanthropic efforts. The event will take place at the Richardson Woman's Club Founders Hall, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr., Richardson. Tickets are \$35 and are available from Jean Sturt at 214-532-9984.

Visit [www.richardsonwomansclub.com](http://www.richardsonwomansclub.com) for more information.

## 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.

**April 19  
Preparing for Long-term Care**

For more information, call Rosemary Conoley at

972-234-8880, ext. 125, or visit the NETWORK of Community Ministries website at [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).

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

# April 16 Trash Bash to provide several recycling options

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 be activities for everyone. This year the electronic recycling and paper shredding will be held at the First United Methodist Church Richardson parking lot. New this year will be **bags** of Texas Pure **compost** and **mulch** (see below). The following are some of the activities planned for the day:

**Starting at 9 a.m.**

**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)
- **NEW!!** 500 **bags** of both Texas Pure **compost** (1 cubic foot) and **mulch** (2 cubic feet) will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis, only one bag of each allowed per person/vehicle
- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

**Starting at 11 a.m.**

**Trash Bash After Party at the Civic Center**

**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

For additional information or questions, please visit [www.cor.net/trashbash](http://www.cor.net/trashbash) or call 972-744-4076.



## Register for RPD's Summer Safety Camp



For Richardson residents only. Children must have completed kindergarten but have not yet entered 4th grade.

An adult is required to check child in the first day of camp and stay for a brief meeting. Parents may drop off as early as 8:30 a.m. but must pick up no later than 12:30 p.m. each day.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children may attend only one session per year. Children who have not attended Safety Camp in the past will be processed first. If any openings exist after those applications are processed, prior attendees will be placed in the camp.

**Learn about:**

- 9-1-1
- Poison safety
- Stranger danger
- Water safety
- Internet safety
- And much more!
- Animal safety

**9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday**

**Richardson Police and Fire Substation, 2003 E. Renner Rd.**

**Weekly sessions begin June 6 and end the week of Aug. 8. \$10 per child, per week. There will be no camp July 4.**

**E-mail [SummerSafetyCamp@cor.gov](mailto:SummerSafetyCamp@cor.gov) or leave a message at 972-744-4949 for more information.**

**Register at [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline)**

*Registration codes are under the Special Interest section of Summer Day Camps.*

## Richardson Animal Shelter to hold annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic May 7

The Richardson Animal Shelter will host a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, May 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr.

The cost is \$5 for altered pets and \$10 for unaltered pets and includes a 2016 City registration. Please have dogs leashed and cats contained. For more information, call 972-744-4480.



## Help for your landscape from Texas A&M AgriLife

*Classes are free but you must complete the online registration form. All classes will be at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Building C, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252. For more information, call 972-231-5362 or go online to [dallas.tamu.edu/courses](http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses).*

**Water Efficient Landscape**

Sat., April 2, 9 a.m.-noon  
Is your landscape brown and crispy? Learn to create and install a water efficient landscape or garden. You will learn proper soil preparation, a large selection of minimal water use plants that are native and adaptive, and how to design and plan a small or large project. Plant list provided.

**Shade Gardening**

Tue., April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Shaded out? Do you have areas in your landscape where nothing grows because there is not enough sunlight? Come learn a new way to landscape for the shade.

## Low-water-use plant sale is April 30

The City of Richardson will co-host a low-water-use plant sale Saturday, April 30 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Home Depot located at 2220 N. Coit Rd. Master gardeners, plant experts and irrigation specialists will be available to answer questions and offer ideas and tips for landscaping in North Texas.



The event is one of several partnerships taking place this spring between member cities of the Texas SmartScape™ program and participating retailers, in an effort to offer residents savings on select varieties of low-water-use plants that thrive in the Texas heat. For questions about the event, e-mail [info@txsmartscape.com](mailto:info@txsmartscape.com) or visit [www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com).

**Severe Weather is always a possibility—Be prepared before it strikes!**



- Purchase a NOAA All Hazards Radio for reliable indoor, audible warnings
- Keep documentation and supply kit up-to-date
- Make a simple plan: [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan)



**Watch vs. Warning—Know the Difference:**

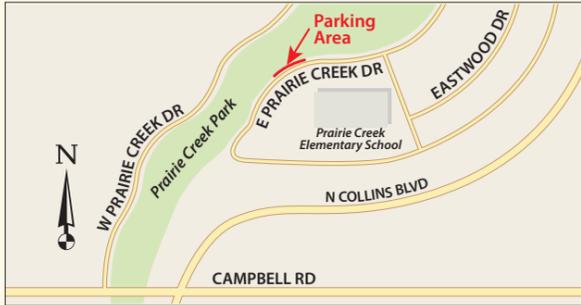
**WATCH:**  
Conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, usually issued for a lengthy time period

**ACTIONS FOR WATCH:**  
Stay informed of changing conditions and alert for warnings

**WARNING:**  
Severe thunderstorm or tornado is occurring or imminent

**ACTIONS FOR WARNING:**  
Take cover immediately (away from outside windows with as many walls between you and outside as possible), monitor conditions via radio





# Urban Naturalist walks continue in April

The upcoming Urban Naturalist schedule contains walks at Breckinridge Park and Prairie Creek Park Discovery Point. The walks are \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or going to [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://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. Children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult. Please meet at the parking lot at 3404 Moroney Dr. for the walks at Breckinridge Park and along the street at 2105 East Prairie Creek Dr. for the Prairie Creek Park Discovery Point walk.

## BUTTERFLIES OF NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

North Central Texas is blessed with many beautiful and unique species of butterflies whose beauty graces our outdoors. Becky Rader will describe which of these butterfly species are year-round residents and which migrate through. Each species is unique in its own way and special emphasis will be given to the Monarch butterfly and Richardson's efforts to help support and sustain a healthy Monarch population. Monarchs migrate through our area twice a year and we hope to experience the spring migration on this walk as the species is moving from win-

tering in Central Mexico on its way north. Rader will help us understand what you can do to your own landscape to help support a healthy environment for butterflies. All ages will enjoy this walk at Breckinridge Park.

Saturday, April 2, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,  
25 participants, Course Number: 89125

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY LIKE A PRO

Sharpen your skills and learn the finer points of nature photography for your trips planned to far off wonders. Larry Ammann will lead this walk in Breckinridge Park natural areas to give you the insights of a true artist and professional with a camera. Larry has been a co-featured artist on the Green Mezzanine in the Eisemann Center as well as the featured artist showing in Huffhines Recreation Center promoting the annual photography contest. With Larry's insights and tips you will gain valuable skills in your nature photography endeavors. Bring your camera and prepare for an enjoyable walk while learning from a true professional. All ages and all photography

skill levels will greatly benefit from Larry's time with you.  
Saturday, April 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
25 participants, Course Number: 89126

## BIRDS OF THE SPRING MIGRATION

We are thankful in North Texas we have so many birds that travel through our area on their annual migrations and the timing for this walk is at the peak of the spring journey north for many species. Prairie Creek Park is a quality birding area and Master Birder Michael Cameron of the Prairie and Timbers Audubon will lead us on a walk through the park to identify and enjoy the many species present during this spring migration. All ages will enjoy this walk beginning at Discovery Point, an outdoor educational area in Prairie Creek Park. Binoculars are highly recommended along with a note pad for later referencing some of the more unique and special bird sightings of the morning.

Saturday, April 30, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,  
25 participants, Course Number: 89127

## Sherrill Park

### Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League is open to women with golf experience. Members play Tuesday mornings from March to October. For information, contact Nancy Stubbs (972-669-8909) or Kathy Hill (214-803-2166).

Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. For information, call 972-234-1416 or visit [www.sherrillparkgolf.com](http://www.sherrillparkgolf.com).

## Huffhines Tennis Center

Lessons for juniors and adults are available at the Huffhines Tennis Center. Group lessons are available in three-week blocks for \$60-\$108. Private lessons are also available in 30 minute or one hour blocks.

The Center is located at 1601 Syracuse Dr. Fees are \$3 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](http://www.cor.net/tennis) for more information.

## NOW HIRING!

The 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 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](http://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.

suzanne.etman@cor.gov or call 972-744-4584. www.facebook.com/WildflowerFestival. Wildflower! ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL."/&gt;

# 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 TBA. 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.

### iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, April 4 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, April 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a 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, April 16 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership, \$23 without membership.

### iPhone 102

This class will cover how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, April 16 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership, \$23 without membership.

### NEW!! Learn the Right Way to Sell Your Treasures

Are you thinking of downsizing? Do you know that there are several ways to offer your items online, while keeping it local? This class will show you how to present items for sale on various online list sites that do not involve shipping or handling and no fees. Sign up for a two-hour class and learn easy ways of selling unwanted items for a profit. Bring your laptop with you and let's get started. Classes are held the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. Next class is April 26. Cost for class is \$20 with Senior Center membership; \$23 without a membership.

### NEW!!

### Learn to Ride with Uber

Are you looking for alternate transportation? Do you want to avoid traffic and driving the busy highways? This class will answer: What is Uber transportation? How much does it cost? Where is it available? Is it safe? How do you request the service? How do you request food delivery? You will also learn about other transportation services available through Uber. Next class day TBA, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 with a Senior Center membership; \$13 without a membership. Please bring your iPhone or Android smart phone to class.

### 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 advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes start April 5. Cost is \$80 with membership. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

### Oil and Acrylic Painting

A new session of oil painting instruction starts the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Next session will start April 7. Cost is \$60 for four classes with a membership.

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.

### 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 with membership.

### NEW!!

### "Color My World"

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. A multi-generational table is available for you to enjoy the fun of coloring with your grandchildren. You do not have to stay in the lines! No Fee.

### 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:

April 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 21	6-10 p.m.

### 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 session starts April 5, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80 with membership.

### Beginner Square Dance

Lessons are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$7 per person with membership or \$10 a class without 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 with membership; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without membership.

### Plus Funshop

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. Cost is \$42 per quarter with membership; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without membership.

### Adult Piano Lessons

Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$85 with membership. 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 with a membership. 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 with membership. 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 April 6. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

### NEW!! Mah Jongg Class

Class starts April 18 from 9 a.m.-noon. Class will be held every Monday for six weeks. Cost of session is \$36 with membership; \$39 without membership. 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 April 29 from 1-2 p.m. Fee: \$48 with membership.

### 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.

## Programs

### AARP Tax Aid Program

Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Friday, April 15 to assist you with your income tax preparation. No fee. \*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.

### 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.

### Sing-A-Long

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

### Richardson Public Library

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

### 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 June 27 for birthdays in June, July and August.

## 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.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

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**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 a.m. May. 2 and will be part of the Mother's Day Tea and Vintage Style Show. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions. No Fee.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance). Admission is \$7.

**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.

**Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College**

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

**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 Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-noon to meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun time playing scrabble. Those 16 and over are welcome to participate, ages 12-15 with an adult.

**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.

**The Richardson Senior Dance**

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

April 2	Bill G. Band
April 9	Doc Gibbs
April 23	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.

**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.

**Bingo**

Next Bingo is April 21 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 handcrafts. We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Services****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 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (last destination pick up). 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.

**Hearing Screening**

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids this first Friday of each month from 1:30-3 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.

**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 April 1.

**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.

**Health Connection**

**April 21—10 a.m.—No Fee**  
"Life Happens:"

**How to Plan for Declining Health"** Long term care facilities are private pay and could cost an average of \$5,000 per month. This puts an extraordinary financial burden on many families. Aaron Miller with Miller Law Office will discuss how to plan for long term care should the need arise.

**NEW!! Transitions and New Beginnings Workshop**

This is a monthly wellness workshop aimed at encouraging personal growth through education and support. Monthly topics will be developed through discussion and research that will encourage new skills and master old ones. Workshops are held the second Saturday of the month from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$29 per month. Pre-registration is required. Workshop April 9 is "Financial Security . . . when is enough enough?"

**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](http://www.firstrichardsonhelpers.org). Click on "Request for Services."

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

**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 March 3.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

**Fitness****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 with membership.

**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 Wednesdays 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 with membership. 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. Class starts April 6, 9:30 a.m. Class fee is \$25 a month (four classes) with membership.

**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 with membership.

**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 with membership.

**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) with membership. 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 with a membership.

**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 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$20 monthly (four classes) with membership.

**Games****Canasta**

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

**Pinocle**

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

# CTECH@RPL

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

## 3D Printing & 123Design

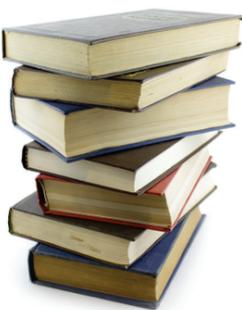
Adults & Teens  
Saturday  
April 16  
2-4 p.m.  
No registration required



Intermediate Level

Basement Program Room Laptop or iPad required  
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

# Spring Book Sale



**f** FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
RICHARDSON

April 22 ..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
April 23 ..... 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
April 24 ..... 2-5 p.m.

Basement Program Room

## Lunchtime Lectures

Contemporary **COLOSSAL** Constructions

*Presented by Dr. Richard Furlong, P.E.*  
Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
April 5 Transcontinental Railroads & Depots



## Make: Spring Paper Flowers

Adults & Teens

Saturday, April 16  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room

Call 972-744-4374 to register starting April 1.



## Holy Cities & Shrines of Judaism, Christianity & Islam

Lectures on Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, Mecca, Medina, shrines of Iraq & Iran, plus key Jewish and Christian sacred places

*Presented by Earnest Deadwyler*  
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3

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



# CHESS EXHIBITION

Internationally Renowned Chess Team  
University of Texas at Dallas

Blindfolded chess master playing with GIANT chess pieces  
Simultaneous games against ALL challengers

All ages welcome!  
Saturday, April 30  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room

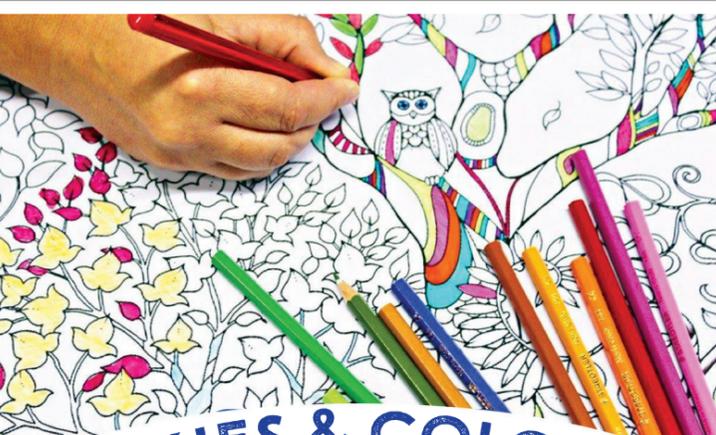
To reserve a spot to play the UT Dallas chess team member in a simultaneous game, please RSVP to Chess Program Director James Stallings, james.stallings@utdallas.edu. No registration required to come and watch. For more info, call 972-744-4376.



## COOKIES & COLORING

for all ages!  
No registration required

Come for an afternoon of coloring, relaxing and enjoying refreshments.  
Thursday, April 14  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room



## Digital Drop-In

Need help downloading FREE eBooks, audiobooks and eMagazines from the Library?

Drop by from 10 a.m.-noon on the 1st or 3rd Saturday. Bring your device. Library 2nd Floor



## AARP offers FREE Tax Preparation Help

At the Library: Mondays Through April 18 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
At the Senior Center: (820 Arapaho Rd.) Fridays Through 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.

## Tales for Tails

Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

Sunday, April 10  
3-4 p.m.  
For Readers in Grades K-4  
Children's Program Room

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.



## Crafttivity!

Crafts & Games!  
Come and go family fun for all ages!

Saturday, April 9  
3-4:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room  
No registration required

For more information, call 972-744-4358.

