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The Miss Texas Pageant was held in Richardson last month at the Eisemann Center.

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MRMC grows to serve community's needs



Room amenities in the new pediatric unit at MRMC are tailored to children and families and include a gaming system and space for two parents to spend the night.

"If you build it, they will come," the famous oft-repeated phrase from the movie, "Field of Dreams," might also be the mantra for Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC). When MRMC's \$120 million, 310,000-square-foot facility opened in 2014, more than 96,000 square feet of space was left empty for unspecified use in the distant future. Less than two years later, the space has been almost filled due to a booming population and a \$14 million finish-out, which created room for four additional beds for the postpartum unit, a new medical unit with 25 beds on the second floor and a new 12-bed unit for children.

"The expansion came years ahead of schedule because this area's population is growing so quickly," said Kenneth Hutchen-

rider, FACHE, President, Methodist Richardson Medical Center. "There was a great need to expand as soon as possible to meet the needs of the community."

The new "2 Medical" unit has been consistently fully occupied with patients since opening in November 2015. The expanded fourth floor postpartum unit, which opened in February 2016, is helping MRMC care for a record number of newborns, a number on pace to be slightly higher than the record 1,883 babies born there in 2015. The pediatric unit, a first for the hospital, also opened in February, in partnership with Children's HealthSM, and is nearing full utilization as the public becomes more aware of its services.

"Pediatric care at a hospital close by is a new concept in Rich-

ardson," said Hutchenrider. "Residents are used to driving longer distances to get these services. We're so glad that we can finally care for our community's youngest members throughout their childhood and ease the burden of travel for families."

Children's HealthSM Methodist Richardson Pediatric Services features five physicians provided by Children's HealthSM working alongside nurses from MRMC. It offers children ages 0-18 treatment for lower acuity, non-surgical conditions such as bacterial and viral infections, gastrointestinal respiratory disorders and more, as well as surgery after-care. At least one pediatric physician is available 24/7 to care for patients and provide consults in the Emergency Department. Care coordination is provided for transfer to another

facility if particular specialists are needed.

"It's a win-win for all involved," said Hutchenrider about the new pediatric unit. "Children's has been serving Dallas for more than 100 years and we are so fortunate to have their expertise at our facility."

Previously, MRMC provided pediatric care only at birth, including a successful Level 3 neonatal intensive care unit, and through the Emergency Department.

Plans call for the remaining empty space at MRMC to be finished out in the future, with room for seven additional postpartum beds. Remodeling of the postpartum area is currently in progress for the addition of a Level 2 nursery.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center is located at 2831 E. President George Bush Turnpike.



A playroom is provided in the pediatric unit for the siblings of patients.

Long term acute care available at MRMC Campbell campus

Vibra Healthcare, LLC and Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) recently announced the opening of a new long term acute care hospital (LTACH) that occupies 29,481 square feet on the third floor of Methodist Richardson Campus for Continuing Care, 401 W. Campbell Rd. Called Vibra Hospital of Richardson, it is the first LTACH in the Richardson community.

"We are very pleased to partner with Vibra to offer this hospital in Richardson," said Kenneth Hutchenrider, FACHE, President, Methodist Richardson Medical Center. "It is a valuable resource and a great comfort to our community to know this kind of care is available close to home."

The new hospital specializes in the treatment of patients with a variety of complex medical needs, including those who are recovering from illnesses such as strokes, cardiac and respiratory diseases, neurological and spinal cord injuries, multiple traumas, and wounds. When fully occupied, it will employ approximately 65 medical professionals and staff. Facilities include 14 private patient rooms, six intensive care rooms, a rehabilitation therapy gym area, a pharmacy, a three-bay dialysis suite, specialized procedure rooms and easy access to visitor parking. Vibra Hospital of Richardson is one of 92 specialty hospitals, transitional care units/facilities, and hospital-based outpatient physical therapy locations operated by Vibra Healthcare in 20 states.

In addition to the new LTACH, Methodist Richardson Campus for Continuing Care houses a full-service emergency department, a behavioral health and addiction recovery unit, older adult behavioral health services, and a wound care and hyperbaric center.



Don't let summer water use surprise you with a large bill

On average, Richardson residents use more than twice as much water during summer months and typically, the months of August and September see the highest amount of water usage for the year (see graph below).

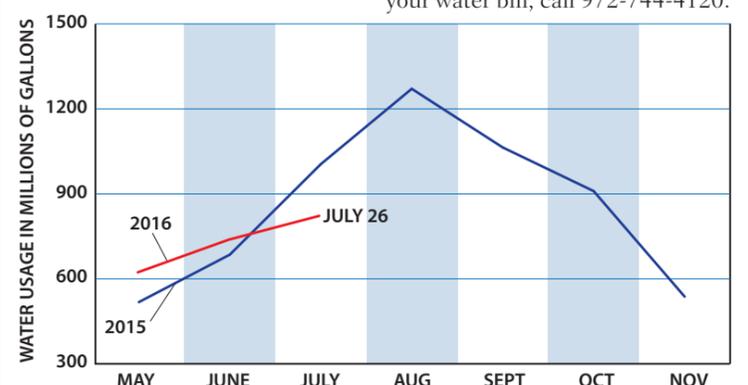
At the end of August last year, the City received several calls from residents concerned about high water bills. The increase came from a combination of the relaxation of water restrictions combined with a 67 percent increase in wholesale water rates since 2011, which were more noticeable after water restrictions were eased.

As we head into the hottest months of the year with historically high water usage, residents are reminded:

- A lawn watered two times a week for one hour each time, with five sprinkler heads dispersing a total of 30 gallons/minute, results in a monthly irrigation water consumption of 14,400 gallons.

You can keep your water rates down by only watering your yard when necessary. Visit www.WaterMyYard.org to enroll in the program that will let you know when you need to water.

If you have any questions about your water bill, call 972-744-4120.



The above graph shows water usage in Richardson for specific months in 2015 and 2016. Water usage for the month of July was 827 million gallons as of July 26.

Budget meetings open to the public, meetings will also be broadcast live

The City Council will hold public meetings Aug. 8, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 at City Hall to discuss the 2016-17 fiscal year budget and property tax rate. The City Council will vote to adopt the 2016-17 budget and property tax rate at its Sept. 12 meeting.

All meetings are open to the public and will be streamed live on the City website at www.cor.net/budget and broadcast live on the City's cable TV station on Time Warner Cable, channel 16, and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. On-demand replays of the meetings will also be available at www.cor.net/budget.

All the meetings will be held at the City Hall/Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. See schedule below.

Aug. 8	City Manager Budget Presentation	6 p.m. Richardson Room
Aug. 22	Public Hearing	7 p.m. Council Chambers
Aug. 29	Public Hearing	7 p.m. Council Chambers
Sept. 12	2016-17 budget and property tax rate adopted by City Council	7 p.m. Council Chambers

Summer water conservation plan in effect

No lawn watering between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

TWICE-PER-WEEK WATERING:
Lawn irrigation is prohibited from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or during periods of rain.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 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)

972-744-4220—www.cor.net/waterconservation

Labor Day sanitation schedule, recycle make-up days

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be **NO** recycling pick up, solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Sept. 5. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.



Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, Sept. 5	Tuesday, Sept. 6
Tuesday, Sept. 6	Wednesday, Sept. 7

City facility schedule for Labor Day holiday Sept. 5

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Library, Gymnastics Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center	Closed Sept. 5
Tennis Center	8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 5
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open
Heights Family Aquatic Center	noon-9 p.m. Sept. 5

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 for a full listing.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This issue of *Richardson Today* is all about community partnerships, and we are fortunate to have many people and organizations that come together to create the great foundation we have for our community. Some of the most high profile organizations are our educational partners, health providers and resident associations. We foster relationships with these groups, and many more, to promote the good work they do that makes Richardson a wonderful home.



Mayor Paul Voelker
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One of the City's most-recognizable partners is Methodist Health System. Dating back to hospital facilities first established by the Richardson Hospital Authority in 1966, the City has provided vital assistance and strategic guidance as the community's health care needs have evolved. The RHA's community-owned hospital facilities, known as Richardson Regional Medical Center, joined the highly regarded Methodist Health System in June 2009, becoming the Methodist Richardson Medical Center. Since that time, the City has served as a true partner to Methodist Richardson as its facilities and service offerings have continued to expand, and you can read more about some of its most recent developments on the front page.

businesses whose employees place a premium on their children receiving a good education. We are proud that children in Richardson can go from pre-school to a Ph.D without ever leaving the city.

And finally, our neighborhoods make the biggest difference. With a variety of HOA and neighborhood associations, Richardson is able to come together to do a lot to make our city a better place.

We thank all of our community partners and the work you do to make Richardson home!

Sincerely,

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About City Council Meetings

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

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

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

Requesting an Accommodation

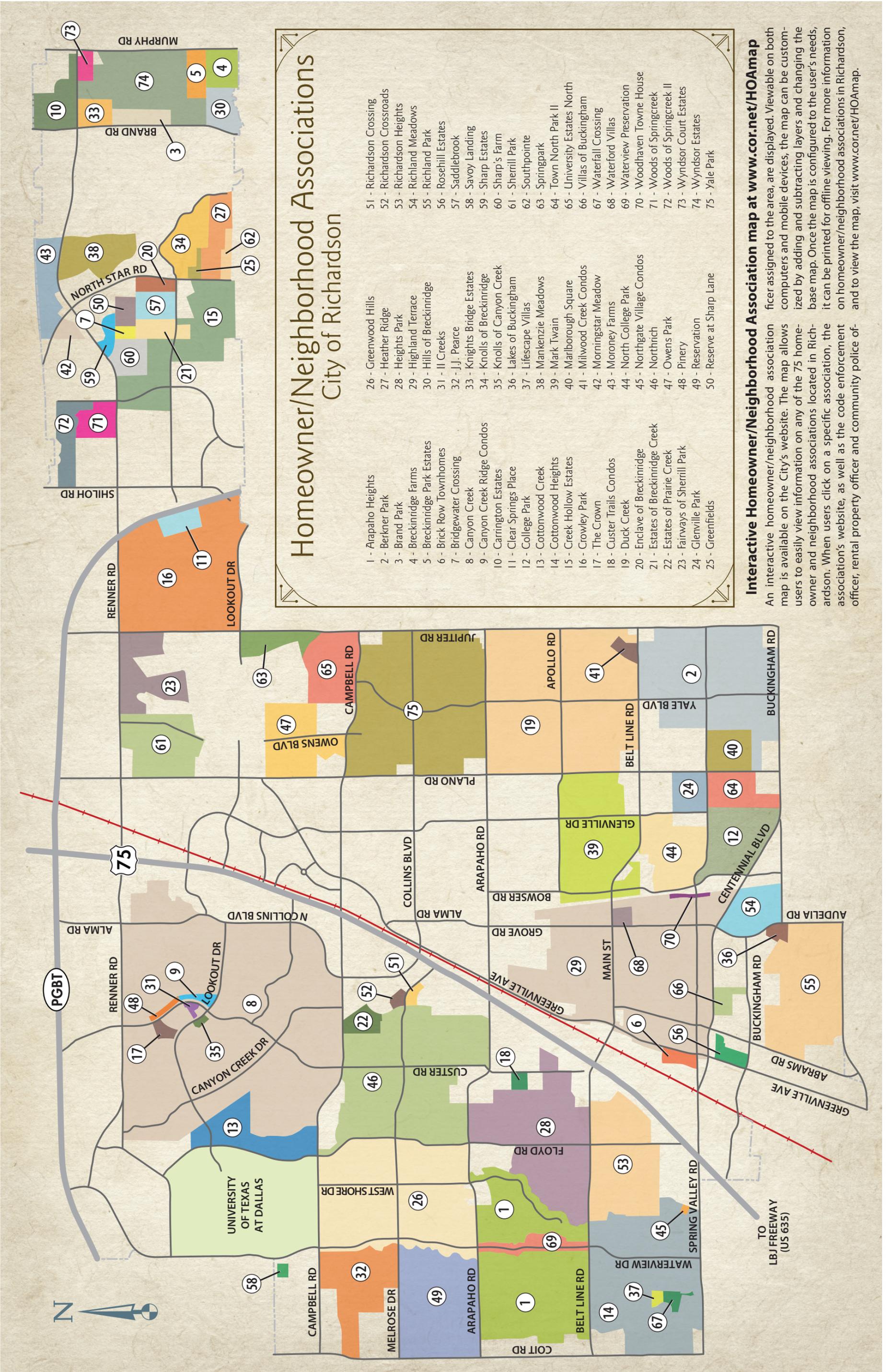
The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification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

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

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Interactive Homeowner/Neighborhood Association map at www.cor.net/HOAMap

An interactive homeowner/neighborhood association map is available on the City's website. The map allows users to easily view information on any of the 75 homeowner and neighborhood associations located in Richardson. When users click on a specific association, the association's website, as well as the code enforcement officer, rental property officer and community police officer assigned to the area, are displayed. Viewable on both computers and mobile devices, the map can be customized by adding and subtracting layers and changing the base map. Once the map is configured to the user's needs, it can be printed for offline viewing. For more information on homeowner/neighborhood associations in Richardson, and to view the map, visit www.cor.net/HOAMap.

HIIP provides incentive for large and small home improvements

The City of Richardson initiated the Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP) in 2007 as a way to show a commitment to redevelopment and reinvestment in residential neighborhoods. The program has been a huge success and allows existing Richardson residents and those new to the community the opportunity to receive an incentive payment for improvements made to their homes.

A variety of projects qualify for the Home Improvement Incentive Program. Projects must total a minimum investment of \$20,000. They can consist of interior remodeling like kitchen remodels, flooring and bathroom upgrades. They can also consist of exterior improvements like foundation repair, roofing, fencing, landscaping and pools. Large-scale tear downs and rebuilding of new homes also qualify for the program.

Since the programs' inception, more than 930 projects have been approved to participate. To date, 410 projects have received an incentive payment. As a direct result of the program, more than \$90.5 million in new home construction or remodels has occurred in Richardson.

Homeowners must fill out an application and submit it to the Community Services Division **prior** to beginning construction. Two years is provided for the work to be com-

pleted. Once the work is finished, the homeowner should contact Community Services so that an inspection can be performed to confirm completion of the project. Program participants must also provide Community Services with invoices proving that the work was completed.

The homeowner will receive a one-time incentive payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes based on the pre-renovation and post-renovation appraised value, with no cap on the maximum payment. The appraised value will be determined by the appraisal district

in the county where the property is located. The incentive will be paid April 1 of the first full calendar year following the project's completion.

The owners of the property pictured below in before and after photos received a one-time payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes based on the pre- and post-renovation appraised value.

For more information, or to download an application, visit www.cor.net/hiip or call 972-744-4180.



City's sign topper program complements neighborhoods

Richardson residents have discovered there is no better way to identify and show off their neighborhoods than by using a custom-designed street sign topper that is uniquely representative of the area in which they live.



The City's Sign Topper Program began in March 2006 when the City Council authorized the program to help neighborhoods be recognized for their unique character and encourage a sense of belonging and pride within neighborhoods. The City also wanted to help neighborhoods increase visibility to non-residents.

Only recognized neighborhood or homeowner associations whose name and boundaries are unlikely to change, whose name is formally established and widely accepted by residents and whose boundaries do not infringe on other neighborhood boundaries are eligible to take part in the program.

Neighborhoods that wish to participate in the Sign Topper Program must submit an appli-



cation, that is available online at www.cor.net/cs, to Community Services. The application must include a sketch of the proposed topper as well as a location map. Associations should not manufacture their sign toppers until their application is approved by Community Services.



While neighborhoods are responsible for the cost of manufacturing their toppers, the City covers all costs associated with installation.

To learn more about the Sign Topper Program visit www.cor.net/cs or call Community Services at 972-744-4180.

Traffic programs keep neighborhoods safe

Speeding vehicles are a concern in some neighborhoods in Richardson. Drivers who exceed the speed limit not only put the safety of children and other pedestrians at risk, they also endanger drivers who are obeying the speed limit. To help discourage drivers from speeding, the City of Richardson has implemented a series of programs that use a combination of engineering designs and police enforcement. The following are some of the ways the City works to keep neighborhoods safe from speeding drivers.

SMART Trailer

Once a resident brings a speed-related concern to the City, a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Tool, or SMART trailer, is placed on the street. This trailer features a digital display of passing motorists' speed, alerting drivers when they have exceeded the posted speed limit.



Enforcement

If the resident's concern is confirmed, enforcement is turned over to the police department. The first step is a speed survey, which is performed by Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Pairs of VIPS go out with radar equipment to locations where multiple complaints have been received. They collect reliable information on violations and time of day, allowing officers to determine the severity of the issue.

Speed Cushions

A final step to control speed is the use of traffic calming devices, the most common type being speed cushions. Though rarely used, they are effective, said Dave Carter, Assistant Director of Development Services. To date, the City has installed the cushions in only one location, the 700 block of Dumont Drive.

"Certain residential streets get more traffic because of how they connect to other traffic collecting roads in the city," Carter said. "National studies show speed cushions are effective in those areas, and that's why we implemented a program in Richardson to use them here."

The process for installing cushions requires the street to meet strict criteria, which Carter said is not easy to do, adding that most streets will not qualify. The requirements include a study of traffic volume and measured speeds along the street, a petition of neighborhood residents to gauge interest and, as a final step, a vote of nearby residents to determine if they would like the cushions installed. The vote is required because some residents don't like the cushions, so their installation has the potential of creating neighborhood disagreements. If the requirements are met, a 60-day trial period is held to gauge the effectiveness. Following that period, permanent installation can take place. For more information on the speed cushion installation process, including all requirements, visit www.cor.net/trafficcalming.

One thing the City does not advocate is installing STOP signs to control speeders. Studies have shown that STOP signs placed strictly for speed control have a much higher violation rate, and actually create increased speeds between the signs as drivers try to "make up" the lost time they incur by stopping. Drivers are also more likely to run the STOP sign if they don't anticipate cross traffic. Traffic signals are also not used to control speeding, although they can be timed to control the volume of traffic flow, Carter said.

Anyone looking for more information regarding traffic calming measures in the community can contact the Traffic Operations Division at 972-744-4330.

Workforce development: partnering to build long-term solutions



Camille Garcia
Public Affairs Senior Manager
State Farm

Through the collaborative efforts of the Richardson Chamber's Education and Workforce Committee, the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) and

higher education institutions that serve the city, the Chamber and its partners are working to bridge the gap between education and Richardson's upcoming workforce needs.

The committee and school district are working to align the educational curriculum with the demands of current and future Richardson employers, in an effort to sustain a long-term workforce that will fill industry's needs and help grow the business community.

The Education and Workforce Committee has recently expanded its strategic plan's focus from sole support of the district and educational institutions, to researching and developing ways that Chamber member businesses can provide tangible support of the curriculum.

The committee has also worked with the school district to identify specific opportunities that will help teachers prepare their students for the workforce, which include:

- Opportunities for both students and teachers to receive exposure and training in industry best practices
- Internship opportunities for both teachers and students to gain hands-on experience
- Professional development opportunities for teachers to continue to learn and keep their certifications up-to-date
- Funding for new equipment
- Active educational roles, through which industry leaders can serve as adjunct professors and teach classes about a specific industry or business

Today, we are seeking businesses in various industries to partner with us and turn these opportunities into a reality. We need a range of corporate partners from small, entrepreneurial start-ups to thriving growth-stage companies and large, well-established national/global firms.

The initiatives are great ways to get involved, help students build skills that will make them work-

force-ready, and sustain our robust business climate for years to come.

I strongly encourage you to visit our web page at www.richardsonchamber.com and contact me at camille.garcia.hd71@statefarm.com to learn more about how your business can get engaged.

"From the Boardroom" is a recurring guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, produced in cooperation with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.



What to know about door-to-door solicitation

Recently, the City has received several complaints and inquiries regarding door-to-door solicitation in Richardson neighborhoods. While such solicitation is typically legal, the City's solicitation ordinance gives residents a simple way to keep solicitors away.

Residents who do not wish to be visited by solicitors should hang a "No Solicitors" sign near their front door. The owner or manager of a multi-family unit or apartment complex should place the sign near the entrance to the complex, which will designate the entire complex as a no solicitation zone.

The solicitation ordinance covers actions such as selling products door-to-door, placing fliers or handbills on doors, seeking signatures on a petition or conducting a survey. Anyone wishing to solicit in Richardson, including nonprofits and schools, must first receive a permit from the Richardson Police Department. Once a permit is received, solicitors must display their permit card on them at all times while soliciting.

Solicitors must follow several rules while working. First, any fliers or other advertisements left on a door must be secured with a rubber band; securing the information via tape or other methods is not permitted. Also, solicitors must not place any information on the doors of residences that have a "No Solicitors" sign. Finally, the name of the commercial handbill dis-

tributor or sponsor must be clearly printed on each handbill or other advertisement that is distributed.

The solicitation ordinance does not allow the placement of fliers or other advertisements under the windshield wipers of any motor vehicles in Richardson, regardless of whether they are parked on public or private property.

People who are canvassing, such as for a political candidate, are not required to have a soliciting permit.

Solicitation fees

Fees are \$35 for a single permit, plus \$10 for each additional person who is soliciting for the same product or company. While schools and charitable organizations must have a permit, these organizations are exempt from the permit fee. The City accepts checks or cash (exact change only). There is a \$10 fee to replace lost permit cards.

When soliciting is not allowed

No solicitation is allowed at any time on Sundays, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day.

For more information on the solicitation ordinance, including how to file a complaint against a solicitor, information on permit fees or how to apply for a permit, visit www.cor.net/solicitation or call the Richardson Police Department at 972-744-4800.

New Miss Texas is crowned at Eisemann Center July 2

Miss Plano Caroline Carothers was named the new Miss Texas July 2 at the Eisemann Center. This is the third year the Miss Texas Pageant has been held at the facility, attracting hundreds of spectators from across the state to witness the crowning moment of the Texas icon.

Carothers is a feature baton twirler at Baylor University, where she is studying to become a math teacher. As Miss Texas, Carothers receives a \$15,000 scholarship.

Margana Wood, Miss Houston, was first runner-up, followed by second runner-up Miss Lubbock Sydney Webster and third runner-up Miss Park Cities Madison Fuller.

Carothers will represent Texas in the Miss America Pageant Sept. 11 in Atlantic City, N.J.



Caroline Carothers

Fire Chief Alan Palomba to retire Aug. 31



Alan Palomba

Richardson's Fire Chief Alan Palomba will retire from the City of Richardson effective Aug. 31 after almost 29 years of service to the Richardson community.

Palomba joined the Richardson Fire Department in 1987 as a firefighter. He was promoted to Driver/Engineer in 1994, and progressed

through the ranks to Lieutenant in 1998, Captain in 1999 and Battalion Chief in November 1999. In 2001, he was named Assistant Chief of Operations followed by his promotion to Fire Chief in July 2005 to lead and direct Fire Department operations including Emergency and Disaster response, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Prevention activities.

"There have been many challenges and a lot of great achievements due to the support of the Richardson Fire Department staff and the community," Palomba said. "I have seen many changes in the City and am proud of the members for their hard work and the service they provide, making Richardson one of the top-rated departments in the country."

Among his many accomplishments, Chief Palomba developed a Strategic Master Plan for Operations and Facilities. Through

this plan, a modern Fire Training/Emergency Operations Center was constructed, fire stations were rebuilt and relocated to improve response times and update facilities, and the City ISO PPC insurance rating was improved to a Class 1, making Richardson one of only 132 ISO Class 1 fire departments in the country.

"Chief Palomba has a lot to be proud of with his service here, and we are equally proud of him and wish him the best as he begins his retirement and much-deserved break," Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson said. "During his tenure, Richardson has received national and regional recognition for our fire response and emergency medical services and our community was made safer on his watch. Our goal now is to work diligently to find a capable candidate who will meet the needs to fill this very important position."

Aprima moves headquarters to Richardson

Aprima Medical Software, Inc., a leading provider of innovative electronic health records, practice management and revenue cycle management solutions for medical practices, has signed a lease for an approximately 55,000-square-foot corporate headquarters at 1010 E. Arapaho Rd. in Richardson.

The facility will initially house about 250 Aprima employees, who will relocate from other North Texas facilities, including the company's current headquarters in Carrollton. Aprima expects to take occupancy of the new facility beginning this month.

"Aprima Medical Software's relocation further validates Richardson's strong commitment to supporting leadership and innovation in the healthcare and information technology sectors," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "We are very pleased to welcome Aprima to Richardson's incredibly vibrant Telecom Corridor® area. We know they will benefit from synergies with other business innovators and academic partners in our community, and we wish them much success in the future."

REDP aims to attract young professionals

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) recently launched a new talent attraction campaign and microsite in an effort to better tell the city's story and attract millennial workers to live, work and play in Richardson.

Richardson has a robust business climate that has helped establish plenty of job opportunities, but there are currently more technical

positions open than qualified candidates to fill them.

To attract this new talent, the REDP created www.RealRichardson.com, a microsite that will help connect young professionals with job prospects, housing opportunities and a variety of amenities in Richardson.

The site, which also houses videos that showcase the community's appealing features, focuses on three goals:

- Fulfill Richardson's corporate employers' demand for a high-tech workforce
- Help fill the abundant, upscale, urban-style housing currently available or being built in Richardson
- Actualize the city's vision of Richardson as a "live, work and play" environment

To learn more, visit www.RealRichardson.com.

MyRichardson App simplifies reporting process

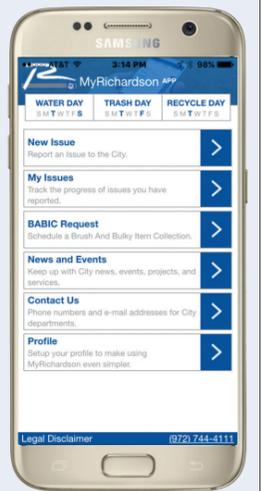
Residents wishing to quickly get in touch with the City can do so via their smartphones thanks to the City's MyRichardson App. The free app is available for both Android and Apple devices.

Reporting an issue the City needs to address is one of the primary features of the app. Issues are broken down by individual City department to speed up the reporting process. From stray animals and potholes to illegally dumped trash and excessive water runoff, just about any issue a person may come across can be reported via the app in just a few simple steps.

On the app's issue submission screen, users can attach a photo of the issue to aid city staff in enforcement. The app also uses GPS data to pinpoint where the issue is located. Once an issue is submitted, its progress can be tracked via the app.

In addition to reporting issues, the app also allows users to keep current on Richardson news, request brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) service, find contact information for City departments and create a profile that customizes the app with information such as a resident's trash and recycling days.

For more information on the app, including download links, visit www.cor.net/myrichardson.



Online guide for new residents is launched

Visit the City's online guide for new residents which includes information regarding setting up water, gas and electric service, solid waste and recycling pickup, applying for City permits, changing your address, things to do in Richardson and more.

WWW.COR.NET/NRG

SERVICE ACTIVATION Start your move off right with a list of service providers. You can also activate your water online!	WASTE Trash, Recycling, BABIC and more.	ADDRESS CHANGE Easy steps to make sure you get your mail.	PERMITS Looking to do some work on your new home? First check out our permit info.
EDUCATION Great public and higher education opportunities.	TRANSPORTATION Get to know our public transportation systems, toll tag information and local airports.	SEE MORE Neighborhoods Things to See and Do Safety Stay Connected	

HEALTH & Wellness EXPO

Thursday, August 11, 11 am - 4 pm
Richardson Civic Center
Free to attend

Find local professionals who can help your health & fitness, nutrition and special needs.
 Try healthy food from local restaurants.

Title sponsor

Back to School Information



2016-17 Richardson ISD Calendar

Aug. 22 Classes begin	March 13-17 Spring break
Sept. 5 Labor Day holiday	April 14 Staff/student holiday
Oct. 10 Student holiday	April 17 Holiday or snow make-up day
Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving holidays	May 29 Memorial Day holiday
Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Winter break/student holidays	May 31 Classes end
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King holiday	June 4-5 Graduation
Feb. 20 Student holiday	

2016-17 Plano ISD Calendar

Aug. 22 Classes begin	April 14 Staff/student holiday or snow make-up day
Sept. 5 Labor Day holiday	April 17 Student holiday or snow make-up day
Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving holidays	May 29 Memorial Day holiday
Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Winter break/student holidays	June 2 Classes end
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King holiday	TBA Graduation
Feb. 20 Student holiday	
March 6-10 Spring break	



SCHOOL HOURS

Richardson ISD 469-593-0000 www.risd.org Grades K-6 7:50 a.m.-3 p.m. Junior High 8:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Senior High 9 a.m.-4:10 p.m.	Plano ISD 469-752-8100 www.pisd.edu Elementary 7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Middle School 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. High School & Senior High School 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m.
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Free Immunization Clinic

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

To be eligible for this free clinic, you must be a Richardson resident or an RISD student, be 18 years old or younger, and **not have private health insurance that covers immunizations or be enrolled in CHIP.**

Hours

(by appointment only—call 972-744-4076 to schedule)
Tuesdays 4:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

A partnership of the City of Richardson, Methodist Richardson Medical Center and Junior League of Richardson

Two school supply drives underway

The RISD Partners Program is collecting school supplies for families in need to reduce the number of students who return to school in the fall without school supplies. Cash or check donations are also accepted. Contact RISD Community Relations Manager Mary Worthington at 469-593-0307 or mary.worthington@risd.org for information.

Donations can be dropped off at the RISD Administration Building, 400 S. Greenville Ave., from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on weekdays.

NETWORK of Community Ministries is holding its Tools 4 School drive to fill backpacks with school supplies for RISD students. Call 972-234-8880 for more information.

Donations can be dropped off at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Facial tissues
- Manila paper
- Construction paper
- Binders (2 and 3 inch)

- Composition books
- Notebook paper/wide-ruled notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (one and three subject)
- Folders with pockets/brads
- #2 pencils
- Erasers
- Markers
- Crayons
- Black, blue and red pens
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks/Elmer's Glue
- Scissors
- Rulers

RISD registration information

Elementary

Registration for new students occurs from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. from Tuesday, Aug. 9, to Friday, Aug. 12 at each elementary school in the district. For registration after Aug. 15, contact your child's school for registration hours and dates.



Secondary (Grades 7-12)

For registration information for students in grades 7-12, contact your child's school.

Questions?

Contact your school, visit www.risd.org or call 469-593-0000 for more information.

PISD registration information

Elementary (Grades K-5)

Register at your child's assigned school between 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 8 and 9. No appointment necessary.



High school (Grades 9-10)

New students should contact their schools to schedule appointments. Appointments are 9 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Aug. 1-3.

Senior high school (Grades 11-12)

New students should contact their schools to schedule appointments.

Questions?

Please visit www.pisd.edu or call 469-752-8295.

Please bring the following documents to registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residence (gas, water, electric bill, or current lease)
- Parent Driver's License
- Current Immunization Record (Visit www.risd.org/immunization or www.pisd.edu/parents/health/immunizations.shtml for requirements.)



Crossing guards needed

The City is hiring school crossing guards. Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. They must be able to work three hours a day. Beginning salary is \$9 per hour. For more information, call Human Resources at 972-744-4001.

Health and Safety Fair is Aug. 20

Richardson firefighters, police officers and emergency management personnel will be on hand for Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church's 11th annual Health and Safety Fair Aug. 20. The event is 9 a.m.-noon at the church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd.

The event began 11 years ago as a place for students to get required back-to-school immunizations, but has since expanded to

include much more. A fire truck will be on site and firefighters will offer CPR instruction, while police officers will provide bike helmets and safety tips.

This year will also feature a voter registration table, a short presentation by a Richardson Emergency Management representative, and the always popular Richardson doctors at their "ask the doctor" table.

Back-to-school sales tax holiday is Aug. 5-7

The annual tax-free shopping weekend is Aug. 5-7. Sales tax will not be charged on clothing, footwear, school-related backpacks and school supplies from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 to midnight Sunday, Aug. 7. The exemption applies to

each article of clothing, footwear, backpack or supply sold for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are purchased.

For more information, visit the Texas Comptroller's website at www.texasatholiday.org.

New teachers luncheon

Teachers new to the Richardson Independent School District will be welcomed and honored by the RISD Excellence in Education Foundation Aug. 10.

The 58th Annual New Teachers Luncheon will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel—Dallas/Richardson, 900 E. Lookout Dr.

Individual tickets are \$50 each and are on sale until Aug. 5. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Elizabeth Hart at elizabeth.hart@risdfoundation.org.



PISD seeks volunteers

Support education in Plano ISD by becoming a Plano Partner. Volunteer applications are available at www.pisd.edu/about.us/partners.volunteers/index.shtml.

Eisemann Center, Cultural Arts & Community Events

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Aug. 16 OUT TO LUNCH The Out to Lunch Bunch will go to Cheddar's. The van will leave the Senior Center at 11 a.m. Cost is \$1 for transportation. Cost of lunch is on your own.</p>	<p>Aug. 16 LUNCH AND LEARN Noon. The Plaza of Richardson will present Strokes: Prevention and Recovery, where you will learn the early warning signs of a stroke, steps that can be taken to help prevent a stroke and how to recover from a stroke should one occur. You will become knowledgeable of the differences between the facts and myths of strokes. RSVP to 972-744-7800 required. No fee.</p>	<p>Aug. 25 TRIP SHOW 1 p.m. Heritage Tours and the Senior Center invite you to attend the preview of our upcoming travel opportunities for the end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017. Get your suitcases out! We have exciting travel destinations planned that will put you in a traveling mood.</p>
<p>Aug. 31 SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER 7 p.m. Accomplished violinist Lev Kardonsky is back to help us bid summer farewell. Coffee and dessert will be served after the concert. Please purchase your tickets in advance at the Senior Center or call 972-744-7800 to purchase over the phone. Cost is \$4.</p>	<p>Sept. 7 TEXAS WINDS QUARTET CONCERT 10 a.m. There will be music in the air at the Senior Center as you start your day with the relaxing sounds of the Texas Winds Quartet. No fee.</p>	<p>Sept. 21-22 FLU SHOT CLINIC Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sept. 22, 1-6 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.</p>

North Texas Horse Country
Sept. 17
North Texas is the home of lavish race horse breeding farms. We will visit several and also browse the Square in Denton. A tour of the county courthouse and lunch at Mom's on Main will also be included. We will depart from the Senior Center by motor coach at 8 a.m. and return to the Center around 4:30 p.m. \$99

Fall in the Cajun Country
Oct. 17-20
A motor coach will transport us to southwestern Louisiana, home of great food, music, history and the joie de vivre lifestyle. We will visit antebellum mansions, eat at six of the best Cajun restaurants, visit Avery Island and Jungle Gardens, tour sugar cane plantations during the harvest, and visit America's oldest operating rice mill. We will also take a swamp tour. Price is \$882 for a double room, \$1,030 for a single room.

Upcoming Travel Opportunity
Call 972-744-7810 for trip details
Christmas in Williamsburg—Nov. 28-Dec.1

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>Aug. 2 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "U.S. Service Academies Part 2" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 3 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Spare Parts" by Joshua Davis. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 6 DEWEY KNIT 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 10 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>
<p>Aug. 13 3D PRINTING WITH 123D DESIGN (INTERMEDIATE LEVEL) 10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for more information.</p>	<p>Aug. 15 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Craft of Writing presented by Pat Haddock. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 17 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "Same Sky" by Amanda Eyre Ward. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 17 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Training Room. E-mail WGTcritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>
<p>Aug. 18 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Dear Leader: My Escape from North Korea" by Jang Jin-Sung. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 19 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY The Library will be open regular hours beginning Aug. 20.</p>	<p>Aug. 23 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Spare Parts" by Joshua Davis. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Aug. 25 RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK REVIEW/DISCUSSION Presented by C.J. Critt. 6:30-8 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>Aug. 4 TEEN MURDER MYSTERY 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. For ages 13-18.</p>	<p>Aug. 13 BACK-TO-SCHOOL: CRITTERMAN 3:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For ages 6 and older.</p>	<p>Aug. 16 PEROT TECH TRUCK EXPLORE THE WIND PROGRAM 4-6 p.m. Basement Program Room. For ages 8 and older.</p>
<p>Aug. 19 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF IN-SERVICE DAY The Library will be open regular hours beginning Aug. 20.</p>	<p>Aug. 27 INTERACTIVE MOVIE: "WILLY WONKA" 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. All ages welcome.</p>	<p>Aug. 28 TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS 3-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.</p>

Coming up at the Civic Center

- Dallas Comic Show**
Aug. 6-7
www.dallascomicshow.com
- Richardson Health and Wellness Expo**
Aug. 11
www.richardsonchamber.com
- Lone Star Mint**
Aug. 19-21
www.lsmint.com
- Texas Stamp Dealers**
Aug. 26-27
www.tsdastamps.com
- Dallas Bead Market**
Aug. 26-27
www.thebeadmarket.net



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

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

- "IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE MURDER"**
Presented by Pegasus Theatre.
(8 p.m. Aug. 4, 5 and 6; 3 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7. \$22-\$42. Visit www.pegasustheatre.org.)
- "FOREVER ELVIS"**
STARRING KRAIG PARKER AND VICTOR TREVINO WITH THE ROYAL TRIBUTE BAND
(8 p.m. Aug. 20. \$27-\$52. Visit www.thekinglives.com.)
- ROBERT DUBAC'S "THE MALE INTELLECT: AN OXYMORON"**
(8 p.m. Aug. 26-27; 2 p.m. Aug. 27. \$32-\$40. Visit www.robertdubac.com.)
- "CIRQUE DU SOUND"**
Presented by the Rich-Tone Chorus.
(7:30 p.m. Aug. 27. \$15-\$40. Visit www.richtones.org.)

Altrusa accepting grant applications

Altrusa International of Richardson is accepting applications for grants to area nonprofits for special projects. Only grant requests up to \$2,000 will be considered. Grant applications are available at www.altrusarichardson.com. The deadline for submission is Aug. 31. Altrusa of Richardson is a service organization that provides assistance to nonprofits and college scholarships to graduating seniors. For more information, contact Janet Vance at janetlvance@gmail.com.

Seniors' Net monthly seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars at 741 S. Sherman St.

Aug. 23 Medication Management with Jessica Walker

For more information, call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880, ext. 125.

The Shop/Dine Richardson program sends subscribers dining offers plus information and offers from local shopping outlets and professional services. You may sign up for the Shop/Dine Richardson weekly e-mail by going to www.richardsonchamber.com/shop.

RALC looking for ESL tutors

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center is in need of ESL tutors. A free training session will be held from 9:45 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Richardson Professional Development Center, Building C Room 100, 701 W. Belt Line Rd. No teaching experience or ability to speak another language required. To sign up, e-mail Sara Bramlett at volunteer@ralc.org or visit www.ralc.org.

National Night Out 2016 is Oct. 4



National Night Out (NNO) is the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program. This year marks the 33rd anniversary of police-community partnership recognition across the nation and in U.S. territories and military installations worldwide. This is also the 33rd year of the Richardson Police Department's local Neighborhood Watch program, a community-based, self-help program that empowers residents to take control of their neighborhoods

in an effort to discourage criminal activity. The goal of both programs is to enhance the quality of life for citizens within their own communities.

This is the 27th year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit.

NNO Kick-off event Aug. 2

A kick-off event will be held Tuesday, Aug. 2 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center, located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. The event is for all neighborhood watch block captains, coordinators, neighborhood association safety chairpersons and crime watch patrol coordinators, and those who will be coordinating a National Night Out block party. There will be drawings for NNO party specialty

visits, along with NNO party packs and NNO banners.

RSVP on the National Night Out page at www.richardsonpolice.net.

National Night Out 2016

The main event takes place Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 6-8 p.m. Officers, dignitaries and VIPs will ride out to visit residents at their neighborhood block parties all over the City of Richardson to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. NNO showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.

For more information, and to register your block party, go to www.richardsonpolice.net or contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Video Crime Watch Program "captures" thieves on camera

Richardson residents are helping police investigate crime, using technology they have installed to protect their own property.

Under the Police Department's Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program, residents can let police know they have a home video surveillance system and are registered in a Police Department database. Officers investigating crimes can then quickly access that information and contact participants.

"The program has helped patrol officers and detectives by providing them with another tool to use when they are investigating crimes that occur in residential neighborhoods," said Richardson Police Officer Mike Wiczorek of the Crime Prevention Unit. "The video footage provides them descriptions of suspects and vehicles and can pinpoint a more accurate time when the offense occurred."

Since the program's launch, more than 200 residents have registered.

Wiczorek said that more residents are using video home surveillance systems, and the more people who register with the Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program, the more resources there are available for officers to investigate crime.

To register with the program, visit www.richardsonpolice.net and navigate to the Crime Prevention page to find "Neighborhood Video Crime Watch" on the menu. If you have questions, you can contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

NEIGHBORHOOD VIDEO CRIME WATCH



Body camera funding approved for RPD

Last month, the City Council authorized the Richardson Police Department to purchase body cameras, which will be partially funded by a grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's office. The \$137,256 grant will help cover the initial cost of the cameras for 110 officers, video storage and accessories.

The use of body cameras in law enforcement has been proven to be an effective tool at de-escalating confrontations and reducing complaints against officers. Additionally, the cameras offer documentation of police/public encounters and serve as an important device in collecting evidence.

The department plans to deploy the cameras beginning in the fourth quarter of this year.

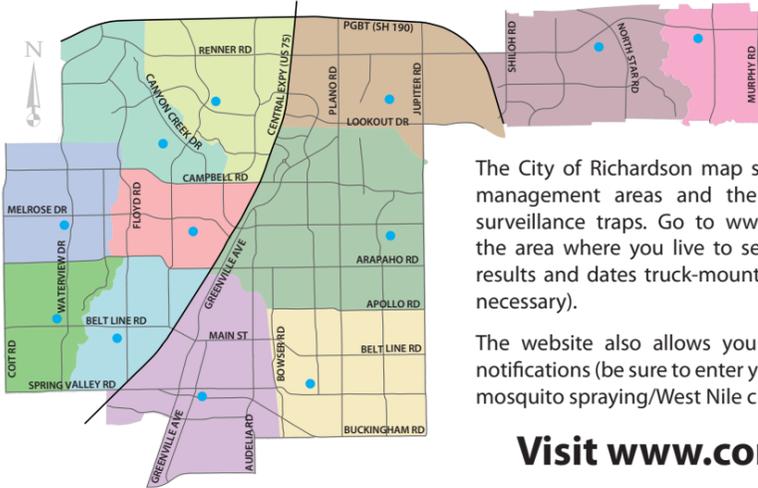
Blue Bags available Sept. 10 at Fire Station 6

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Fire Station 6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls for \$3.50 for residents, or \$4 for non-residents. Blue bag letters are redeemable at this location as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

Normally, Fire Station 6 offers the bags on the first Saturday of every month. The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.



Find information online about mosquito control activity



The City of Richardson map shown indicates the 12 mosquito management areas and the 12 locations of the mosquito surveillance traps. Go to www.cor.net/mosquito and click on the area where you live to see the weekly mosquito trap test results and dates truck-mounted ground spraying was done (if necessary).

The website also allows you to sign up for mosquito spray notifications (be sure to enter your e-mail address and choose the mosquito spraying/West Nile check box).

Visit www.cor.net/mosquito

CITY WIDE PET DAY & SPLASH DAY COMBINE TO BRING YOU



SATURDAY • AUG. 20 • 11 A.M.-4 P.M.
TERRACE PARK & POOL • 300 N. LOIS LANE



\$5 per dog to swim, humans free

No pre-registration required, but pool capacity will be monitored for fun and safety

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Rescue groups • Exhibitors • Entertainment

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Floodplain management program targets risk reduction and preparedness

In Texas, floods can occur at any time of year and cause more damage and loss of life than any other natural hazard. To reduce the risk of flooding in Richardson, the City provides services and information to homeowners, businesses and the public as part of the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program.

The program provides information on flood preparedness and prevention, flood safety and flood insurance. Regulation of floodplain development, preservation of open space and storm drain system maintenance are also part of the services provided through the program. More information about the program can be obtained at the Capital Projects page on the City website, www.cor.net/capitalprojects, or by contacting the City of Richardson Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280.

Preparedness, Protection

- Preparation for severe storms and floods should include maintaining a working flashlight and battery powered radio or television to monitor the latest storm information.
- Flood protection may involve improving lot grading, flood proofing buildings or simply keeping streams and drainageways clear of debris, fences and dense vegetation that may obstruct the flow of stormwater. Engineers from the Capital Projects Department can provide site-specific assistance to property owners who request additional information regarding flood prevention measures. Requests for assistance can be made by calling 972-744-4280.
- Dumping of debris or fill in creeks or streams should be reported to the Community Services Division at 972-744-4180.

Flood Safety

- City staff can offer safety tips and information that will help protect lives and property in the event of a flood. For example, one of the most important flood safety tips for drivers is "do not drive your car into high water." Many deaths associated with floods occur as a result of vehicles and passengers being washed off roadways. Most vehicles can be easily swept away in just two feet of rushing water.

Flood Insurance and Information

- All properties in Richardson are eligible to obtain flood insurance policies, which cover damages due to flooding. Such damages are not covered by standard homeowner's policies. Flood insurance policies

must be purchased 30 days in advance of the effective coverage date. Additional information regarding flooding, flood maps, and optional and mandatory flood insurance requirements can be obtained at www.cor.net/floodplains or from the Capital Projects Department. The department also has elevations certificates for some properties on file. These certificates provide important data related to flood insurance.

Regulation of Floodplain Development and Other Services

- Construction, re-grading or placing fill near streams or drainageways may require City review and permits. Often, the City of Richardson has information that is used for planning, construction or home improvements that is more detailed or recent than the Federal Emergency Management Agency has published for insurance purposes.

Prior to purchase of or construction on a property near a stream or drainageway, contact the Richardson Capital Projects Department to obtain additional floodplain management information and local regulations. The planned modifications or construction will be reviewed so that flooding problems can be avoided. Call Capital Projects at 972-744-4280.

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Pools close for season

Heights Family Aquatic Center will be open additional days

Cottonwood and Terrace pools close Aug. 1

Canyon Creek and Glenville pools close Aug. 14

Heights Family Aquatic Center operating dates and hours:

Dates	Hours
Aug. 15-19	1-8 p.m.
Aug. 20-21	noon-9 p.m.
Aug. 27-28	noon-9 p.m.
Sept. 3-4	noon-9 p.m.
Sept. 5 (Labor Day)	noon-9 p.m.



Huffhines Tennis Center

Summer Slam Tennis Camps

Come have summer fun at Huffhines Tennis Center! Huffhines is offering summer tennis camps for ages 5-16 years of age for players of all levels. Camps will be held Monday through Friday the weeks of Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Camp cost is \$40 daily or \$150 weekly.

What to Bring

Bring a tennis racquet, a hat/visor and a small snack. Don't stress if you don't have a racquet. Huffhines has demo racquets to get players started and proper size of racquet will be selected.

What Campers Get

Camp T-shirt, awesome tennis skills, meet new tennis friends, tennis tournament and pizza party.

How to Sign Up

Stop by the Tennis Center, call 972-744-7870 or visit www.cor.net/tennis.

City Champions Crowned

The Richardson Tennis program hosted the 34th Richardson Open in late June. The tournament was played at three sites—Huffhines, Richardson High School and the University of Texas at Dallas. A total of 245 players from elementary school age to 80 competed.

Private Lessons

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.

Huffhines Tennis 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 for more information.



Sherrill Park Golf Course

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).

City Championship

Sherrill Park Golf Course will hold its annual City Championship Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28. The tournament will be played on Course 1.

Entry fee will be \$150, or \$80 and 2 punches if you have a resident punch card. The cost includes green fees and cart. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The tournament will be flighted by handicap, and it is preferred that entrants have a verifiable USGA handicap. Trophies and awards will be given for all flights, as well as a ladies' flight. The resident champion will have his name inscribed on the Pro Shop trophy and will take home a championship plaque.

For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416.

Upcoming Tournaments

Sept. 18 Two-man	Nov. 5-6 Richardson Cup
Oct. 16 Two-man	Dec. 18 Year-end two-man Stableford

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



Corporate Challenge begins this month

The 19th annual Richardson Corporate Challenge, a 10-week, Olympic-style competition between local businesses, kicks off this month.

More than 13,000 employees from 56 DFW-area corporations and organizations are expected to take part in the event, which benefits Special Olympics Texas.

The Richardson Corporate Challenge is the only one of its kind in Texas, and is believed to be one of the three largest multi-day Corporate Challenge events in the U.S. Since the program's inception in 1998, the event has raised more than \$1.8 million for Special Olympics Texas and its programs across the region.

The event kicks off Aug. 12 with the opening ceremonies in Galatyn Plaza. From that point until the closing ceremonies two months later, participants will



The "Great Walk," held this year on Aug. 12 at Galatyn Plaza, is part of the Corporate Challenge opening ceremonies and awards points to teams based on the number of participants they have.

compete in 25 events ranging from athletic sports such as softball, basketball and flag football, to non-athletic contests such as darts, billiards and miniature golf.

Learn more about Corporate Challenge and check out a complete schedule of events online at www.cor.net/cc.

Register NOW!
Richardson Soccer Association
Fall 2016 Season!

- The 2016 Fall Season begins in mid-September.
- Seasons are typically 6-10 games. Kids as young as 3 years old can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2017.)

How to Register:

Online: www.richardsonssoccer.org

In Person:

651 N. Plano Rd. #421
(Between Arapaho and Belt Line)
Monday-Thursday: 1-4 p.m.
(Other days by appointment only)
972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:

Regular Registration: Aug. 1-13



Visit www.richardsonssoccer.org to register online!

CITY OF RICHARDSON 2016 CORPORATE CHALLENGE

6th ANNUAL great RIDE

SAT., SEPT. 3, 2016
MUSIC • FOOD • FUN • RAFFLE

MINIMUM DONATION
\$20 per rider
\$10 per passenger
Registration includes:
Coffee, donuts & water at start,
lunch at finish
Souvenir for first 300 participants

Start & Finish Location: Galatyn Plaza
Approximately a 90 mile group ride
2351 Performance Dr., Richardson, 75082

Registration begins: 7:30 a.m. Kickstands up: 9:30 a.m.

Festivities begin: 11:30 a.m.
Music • Food • Raffle Drawings • Vendors

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT
For registration visit: www.COR.net/GreatRide
For additional questions: Donna.Leach@COR.Gov • 972-744-4092

Thank You To Our Sponsors



Four upcoming walks are planned as part of Richardson's Urban Naturalist program, which seeks to connect residents to the natural world in an urban environment. The walks are \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Register for the walks by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881), or online at www.cor.net/parksonline.

No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in the portions of Breckinridge Park and the Spring Creek Nature Area where the walks will occur. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars and cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Children may attend for free but must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Meet at Entrance C for the Aug. 27 walk and the parking lot at 3404 Moroney Dr. for the Nov. 12 walk at Breckinridge Park, and along Braeburn Drive adjacent to Foxboro Park for the Spring Creek Nature Area walks. Once parked, take the paved trail that travels under Plano Road and into the south end of the Spring Creek Nature Area.

Native Plant ID/Ethnobotany (Breckinridge Park)

Saturday, Aug. 27, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 92064

Identification of Invasive Species Plants (Spring Creek Nature Area)

Saturday, Oct. 8, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 92065

Biodiversity of Wildlife in the Spring Creek Nature Area

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9-11 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 92066

The Geology of Breckinridge Park

Saturday, Nov. 12, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 92067

For full course descriptions, visit www.cor.net/parksonline.

Like our Facebook page

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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 7. 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 7 of this publication.

Classes

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

NEW!!

“Color My World”

Come join in the newest craze, coloring for adults. Coloring is reintroducing art as an important component of health and wellness. 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. No fee.

NEW!! Watercolor

Renata Sharman will offer watercolor classes for beginners. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. 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 Aug. 2. Cost is \$80 with membership or \$22 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

Senior Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who were active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Aug. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate.

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tax ID#: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____

Any special requests?

Oil and Acrylic Painting

Joanna Clifton provides oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Next session will start Aug. 4. Cost is \$80 for four classes with a membership.

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!! Technology Help Desk

Instructor Ed Sanders offers 30-minute individual assistance for any portable device (iPhone or Android smartphone, cell phone, iPad, reader, laptop) or any topic accessible via the device (e-mail, Facebook, website maintenance, texting/Tweeting, photography, Microsoft Office, etc.) Register in advance at the Senior Center or by calling 972-744-7800. Assistance is available the fourth Saturday of every month. First 30-minute session starts at 1 p.m. and last session begins at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 a session with a membership; \$23 without.

NEW!! Technology Monday Getting Started with Windows 10

Windows 10 is here and many are wondering if they should adopt it now or later. For those currently using Windows 8 or Windows 7 Professional the answer is upgrade now while it's free! Attendees will receive a demonstration of new W10 features and learn how to obtain W10 (upgrade or purchase new computer), how to migrate your data and apps to W10, and how to configure W10 to maximize productivity. Class starts Aug. 1, 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership; \$23 without.

iPad Instruction 101

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

iPad Instruction 102

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

iPhone 101

This beginner's class covers the basics of the iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Aug. 20 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$49 with membership; \$52 without. Ages 18 and over are welcome.

iPhone 102

This class covers how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Aug. 20 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$49 with membership; \$52 without. Ages 18 and over are welcome.

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

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

NEW!! Learn the Right Way to Sell Your Treasures

Are you thinking of downsizing? This class will show you how to present items for sale on various online list sites that do not involve shipping and handling or fees. Bring your laptop with you and let's get started. Next class is Aug. 30 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 with Senior Center membership; \$23 without.

NEW!!

Learn to Ride with Uber

This class will cover Uber transportation, its cost, where it is available, safety, how to request the service and how to request food delivery. You will also learn about other transportation services available through Uber. Next class is Sept. 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 with membership; \$13 without. Please bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

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. You do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. Next session starts Sept. 6, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$80 with membership.

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. Cost 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.

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

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.

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.

NEW!! Ukulele Players

Attention all ukulele enthusiasts and potential ukulele players. Let's get together to play, share songs and techniques. All levels of players are welcome. Thursday nights, 7-9 p.m. No fee. Senior Center membership required.

Beginner Square Dance

Lessons are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$75 per person with membership or \$78 per person without membership.

Square Dance: The Incredibles

This group will be dance angels for the beginner's class that will start Aug. 2. The group will dance the last hour as members of The Incredibles. Cost is \$65 per person for the quarter or \$10 nightly fee.

ADD Plus Square Dance

Dance the first, third and fifth Monday from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$50 per dancer per quarter with membership, \$53 without; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without. Session ends Sept. 19.

Plus Square Dance Lessons

Plus Square dance lessons are held Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. and started July 28. Lessons will be every Thursday evening for 15 weeks. Cost is \$75.

Plus Funshop

Dance the second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. Cost is \$42 per quarter with membership, \$45 without; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without. Session ends Sept. 26.

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.

NEW!! Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for next session. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without.

NEW!! Mah Jongg Class

Next class starts Sept. 5 from 10 a.m.-noon. Class will be held every Monday for six weeks. Cost of session is \$36 with membership; \$39 without. 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 Aug. 26 from 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$48 with membership.

Pocket Billiards Class

Ted Swanson 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. Cost is \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

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.

Richardson Public Library

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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 Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. for birthdays in September, October and November.

Sing-A-Long

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

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 Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch or you may purchase a lunch from the Senior Center's concession.

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 need professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. No fee.

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

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 life-long learning with classes at Richland College. If you are 65 years or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Bingo

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

Tatting

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

Yarn Arts

Yarn Art is held Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

Needleworks

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

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.

The Richardson Senior Dance

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

Aug. 6	Bill G Band
Aug. 13	Doc Gibbs
Aug. 27	Jim Baker

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.

NEW!! Scrabble Club

Come join us Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. 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 must be accompanied 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.

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. 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 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. 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 the 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. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment for Aug. 5.

RSVP Volunteer Program

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

Flu Shot Clinic

Flu shots will be offered at the Senior Center Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sept. 22, 1-6 p.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

Health Connection Fall Risk Assessment by Fyzical Therapy

Aug. 25—10 a.m.—No Fee
Fyzical Therapy will provide free Fall Risk Assessment. A physical therapist will test all major components of one's balance including a vestibular test.

First Richardson Helpers

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

The Memory Café

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

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Fitness**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. Cost 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. If you would like more information call 972-744-7800.

Hatha Yoga for all ages

Bharati Amin instructs classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 with membership.

Tai Chi for all ages

Philip Russell teaches 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

This Zumba class has been modified for older participants. Zumba Gold is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. Class is first Monday of month at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 a month (four classes) or \$7 per class with membership.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Julie Miller. Classes are for beginners as well as those with some experience. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Cost is \$5 per class with membership. Class is held Mondays at 10 a.m.

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. Cost is \$25 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. Cost is \$25 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$4 per class.

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 \$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.

Aerobic Exercise

Renate Racher teaches exercise class Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Cost is \$2 with a membership.

NEW!! Chair Yoga

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

WaterAerobic Classes

Instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction at two locations.

Three punch card options:

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

The punch card may be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

Rise and Shine: Cottonwood Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F

Designed for intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Cottonwood Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind. This class is for all ages including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: J.J. Pearce High School Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

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

Games**Canasta**

Thur. and Fri. 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle

Mon., Tue., Wed., 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

Wed. and Thur. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

Robin's Nest Craft Store

For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest Craft Store inside 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.

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

The library will be closed Friday, Aug. 19 for Staff Development Day. It will reopen Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.

Gelli Plate Printing



Presented by guest artist Deanna Wood

Have fun learning this technique for making prints from gelatin plates using paint, stencils and more

Saturday, Aug. 6 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room • Adults and Teens

Call 972-744-4374 to register.



Learn & Create:

3D Printing & 123D Design

Adults and Teens

Saturday

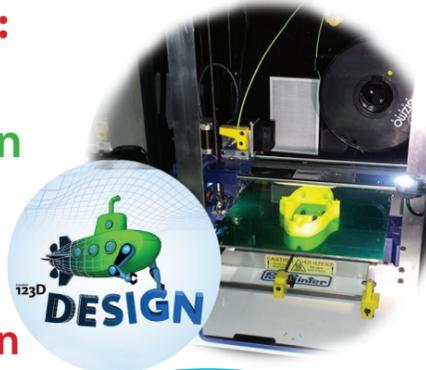
Aug. 13

10:30 a.m.-noon

Basement Program Room

Laptop required

No registration required



Intermediate Level

Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.



Critterman is Coming!

Meet live Lone Star native critters that played a part in Texas history

Saturday, Aug. 13

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

It's a Back-to-School Lone Star Special for ages 6 and up!

Book Review and Discussion with C.J. Critt

Writer for Radio Disney, Voice Artist, Actress, Author of Plays for Screen & Stage



C.J. Critt will lead a discussion of the Richardson Reads One Book: "Spare Parts" by Joshua Davis

Thursday, Aug. 25

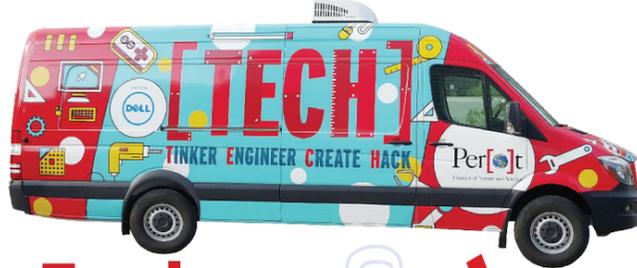
6:30-8 p.m.

Basement Program Room Adults and Teens



Registration not required. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Perot Tech Truck



Explore the WIND

with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science Mobile TECH Crew

Experience hands-on STEAM fun and learning

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m.

Ages 8 and up

Basement Program Room

MOVIE MORNING

WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Rated: G



Your golden ticket to interactive movie fun! Enjoy the movie along with your Wonka goody bag while supplies last!

Saturday, Aug. 27

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Teen Murder Mystery

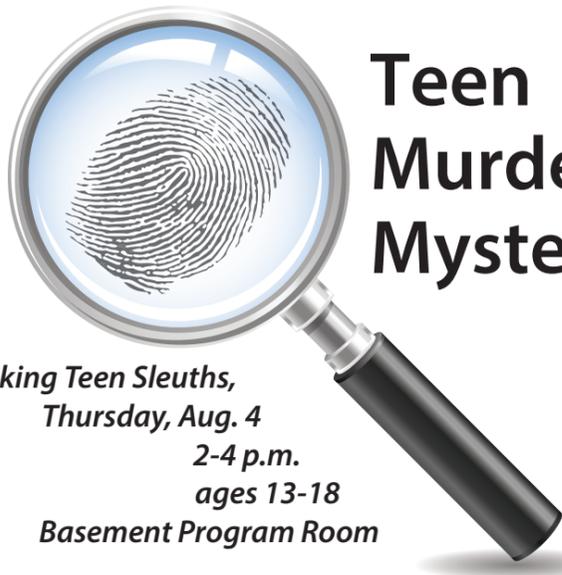
Seeking Teen Sleuths,

Thursday, Aug. 4

2-4 p.m.

ages 13-18

Basement Program Room



Tales for Tails

With the wag of a tail and the turn of a page—YOU'RE READING!



Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

Sunday, Aug. 28

3-4 p.m.

Tickets available at 2:30 p.m.

For Readers in Grades K-4 First Floor Program Room

BABYSTEPS STORYTIME

Baby Steps is a five-week program for Richardson residents 6 weeks to 12 months old who are accompanied by at least one parent. The program is designed to assist parents in preparing their pre-walkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy tools.

Baby Steps begins Monday, Aug. 1 and ends Wednesday, Aug. 31 in the First Floor Program Room. Registration is now open. For more information, please call 972-744-4358.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon. 6-6:20 p.m.

Wed. 10:15-10:35 a.m.



Love Romance Novels?

Join us to discuss some all-time classics plus up-and-coming new romance authors and their books

Starting Sept. 13

2nd Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room

Get in on this Book Club from the start!

Call 972-744-4350 to register starting Aug. 29.



FAMILY STORYTIME

Family Storytime is a five-week program that begins Monday, Aug. 1. Children and their parents or adult caregivers will participate in stories, fingerplays, action rhymes, and puppetry. This evening program is geared for ages 3-7, however, all ages are welcome to drop in. No registration required. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Mondays beginning Aug. 1, 6:45-7:15 p.m., First Floor Program Room