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Richardson's Pawtoberfest comes to Huffhines Park Oct. 15 from 3-7 p.m.



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The annual National Night Out event for neighborhoods will take place Tuesday, Oct. 4 from 6-8 p.m.



**Electronics Recycling
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The RCPAAA will sponsor an electronics recycling and shredding event Oct. 15 in the City Hall parking lot from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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2016-17 Budget includes tax rate decrease, extra funding for infrastructure and growth

In a sharp contrast from 2010, this year a robust economy matched with exceptional growth has provided Richardson residents and businesses with a City budget that allows a 1-cent property tax rate decrease in addition to more money to pay for infrastructure and other community needs.

The 2016-17 Budget, approved by the City Council last month, focuses on four key initiatives: reinvesting in the City's key infrastructure, strengthening public safety staffing and resources, increasing economic development funding, and enhancing customer/city experiences. It also included a property tax rate reduction to \$0.62516 per \$100 in valuation that combines with a \$70,000 senior property tax exemption that was increased from \$60,000 and approved by the City Council earlier this year.

Large corporate projects like Raytheon's recent relocation to CityLine and new corporate headquarter relocations to the city and its Telecom Corridor® area are adding thousands of jobs and boosting demand for business and residential property in the city. That demand has increased prop-

erty owner values enough to create a \$252 million budget for this fiscal year, up 4.9 percent from 2015-16. The additional funding is allowing the community to dedicate funds in areas to catch up on infrastructure needs and to promote continued growth for the future.

"The theme of the 2016-17 Budget is 'Intersection of Opportunity and Mission,'" said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. "This year we had an opportunity to implement a tax rate decrease while also making meaningful improvements to maintain and improve our infrastructure, enhance our Police and Fire capacity, build our resources to take advantage of future economic development opportunities and fast-track construction of the public safety complex, which will save money and help us make significant progress on the 2015 Bond Program."

2016-17 Budget highlights:

- Funding has once again been increased for infrastructure needs that include street and alley repairs, as almost \$4 million is now dedicated to the maintenance of the city's roadways.



- This year's budget includes allocation for three new police officers and a fire management technician. This brings the total to 25 new public safety hires over the past three years.
- Funding continues for economic development through a program started last year to build resources to attract catalyst projects designed to encourage redevelopment and create quality employment centers.
- The budget allocates funding for the acceleration of the 2015 G.O. Public Safety Campus

project and addition of the Fire Station 1/Administration building reconstruction.

"Overall, this budget is responsive to community needs and responsible with taxpayer dollars, and reflects our mission of being among the most effective and efficient municipal governments in the DFW area," Johnson said.

For a detailed look at the 2016-17 Budget, go to www.cor.net/budget.

Page 3 of this publication contains more information about the city's expenditures and revenues for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Budget includes water/sewer, solid waste rate increases

The 2016-17 Budget calls for increases to the City's water and sewer rates, as well as the residential solid waste rate.

The water and sewer rates will increase 8.25 percent and will be reflected in November water bills. In addition to the cost associated with maintaining the City's infrastructure, the North Texas Municipal Water District is increasing the wholesale water rate by 24 cents per 1,000 gallons, costing the city \$2.6 million more than last year. The city's cost for wholesale water will increase to \$27.9 million.

For the 2016-17 fiscal year, an average water and sewer bill will increase \$6.71 a month. This is based on usage of 8,000 gallons a month from October through May and 18,000 gallons a month for June through September.

Last year the City adopted a new water conservation plan that maintains water restrictions on a permanent basis, due to the need to promote long-term conservation. Before the drought, unlimited watering was allowed, but now watering is kept to only two days a week, and only during some times of day depending on the season. Water users are also encouraged to only water as needed. Customers may receive free weekly watering recommendations at www.watermyyard.org. More information is also available at www.cor.net/waterconservation.

This year's budget also includes an increase in the residential solid waste rate by \$3 per month and related commercial rate adjustments to help offset the increasing costs of recycling services. This is the first increase in the residential monthly collection fee since 2008-09.

For more information, call Richardson's Water and Sewer Customer Service at 972-744-4120 or Solid Waste at 972-744-4220.



Survey to seek input on parks

Richardson residents will be given the opportunity to provide input about what they would like to see in the parks and recreational programs in Richardson when an online survey is opened this month. Results of the survey will aid in the update to the City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The online survey is open to all Richardson residents and will ask for responses to questions such as what do you like or not like about city parks and rec centers; how do you utilize the parks and rec facilities; what additions would you like to see in the future; what special events in the city have you attended; and what did you think of the event.

Superintendent of Parks Planning Kurt Beilharz indicated that plans call for the survey to be available online early this month and can be found at www.cor.net/parksurvey as well as on the Parks Department homepage at www.cor.net/parksdepartment and the department's Facebook page.

"The goal of this survey is to get a representative sample from our residents so that we have a clear idea of what people think about the parks and recreation system and what their vision is for future additions as we move forward," Beilharz said. "The survey responses will be compiled by the consultant team that is working with us and incorporated into the update to our current Master Plan."

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Take the survey at www.cor.net/parksurvey



Online survey to seek input on parks

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Richardson's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan is a comprehensive planning tool used to help guide City Council Members and staff when making decisions related to parks, recreation and open space. It is used to assist in the implementation of those decisions and set guidelines for future park and open space development.

According to Beilharz, Richardson revises the Master Plan every five years and the City asked for community input during the last update conducted in 2010.

"We received invaluable contributions from our residents for the 2010 Master Plan," Beilharz said. "The Heights Family Aquatic Center, the Richardson Dog Park

and the Spring Creek Nature Area expansion were developed in part from their suggestions and recommendations."

For more information, call 972-744-4300 or e-mail kurt.beilharz@cor.gov.



Early voting begins Oct. 24 for Nov. 8 elections

Early voting for the Nov. 8 general and joint elections for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County will be available at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. Richardson Civic Center/City Hall is NOT a polling location Nov. 8.

Early voting for Richardson residents who live in Collin County will be available at the Methodist Richardson Medical Center, 2831 E. President George Bush Turnpike, conference room A first floor, or at any of the other Collin County early voting locations.

Last day to register to vote for the Nov. 8 elections is Oct. 11.

Below are dates and times for early voting in Dallas and Collin counties.

DATE	DALLAS COUNTY	COLLIN COUNTY
Oct. 24-28	7 a.m.-7 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. 29	7 a.m.-7 p.m.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 30	1-6 p.m.	1-6 p.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 4	7 a.m.-7 p.m.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.

City of Richardson
972-744-4290
www.cor.net/election

Dallas County
214-819-6389
www.DallasCountyVotes.org

Collin County
972-547-1990
www.co.collin.tx.us/elections

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.

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

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

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

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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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.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fiscally speaking, this was one of the most exciting years for Richardson in a very long time. Thanks to our booming local economy, the demand for property is on the upswing providing much needed money to help us invest in infrastructure and public safety enhancements. On top of that, the City Council and I are very happy that we were also able to lower the tax rate by a penny per \$100 of value, while also bolstering funds for economic development and some other needs in our community.

Enhancing infrastructure maintenance has been one of our top priorities on the City Council for several years. This year's budget increases the funds dedicated to street maintenance to \$3.26 million, while also putting \$652,000 toward the launch of a new annual alley maintenance initiative and \$300,000 for 10 bridge maintenance projects.

The budget also includes funds to hire three new police officers and one new fire management code technician, increasing the total of new public safety hires in the last three years to 25. This is helping us to meet growth needs at CityLine, UT Dallas and other areas in the community. The budget also allows us to accelerate the construction of Fire Station 1 and the Fire Administration Offices.

In addition to the 1-cent reduction in the property tax rate, earlier this year the City Council was able to approve an increase in the senior tax rate exemption from



Mayor Paul Voelker
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\$60,000 to \$70,000. The Council approved this increase in March, allowing our seniors to see an annual savings of \$441.61, up from \$381.10 last year.

As we enter our new fiscal year, I believe this budget will allow the City to maintain the level of service we have come to expect. You can read more about the new budget impacts in this edition of Richardson Today.

You can also find more information on the budget, including video of the discussions that led up to its passage, by visiting www.cor.net/budget.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
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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.

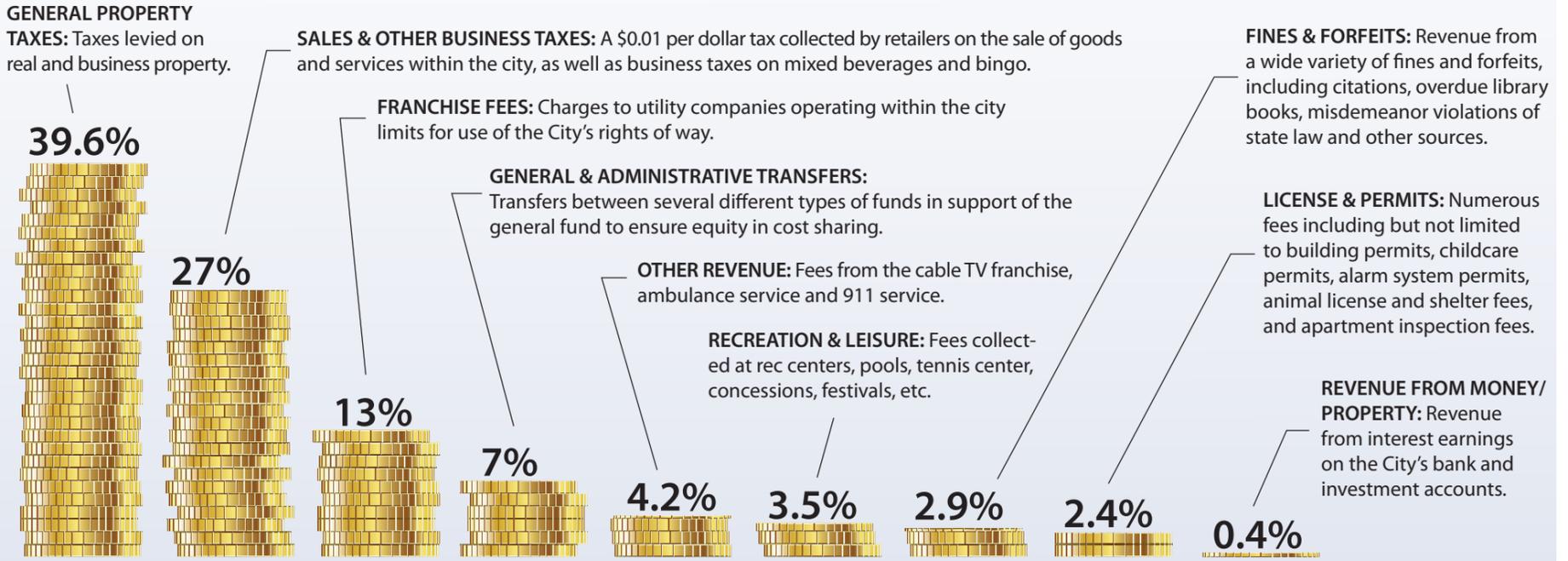
City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at www.cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.



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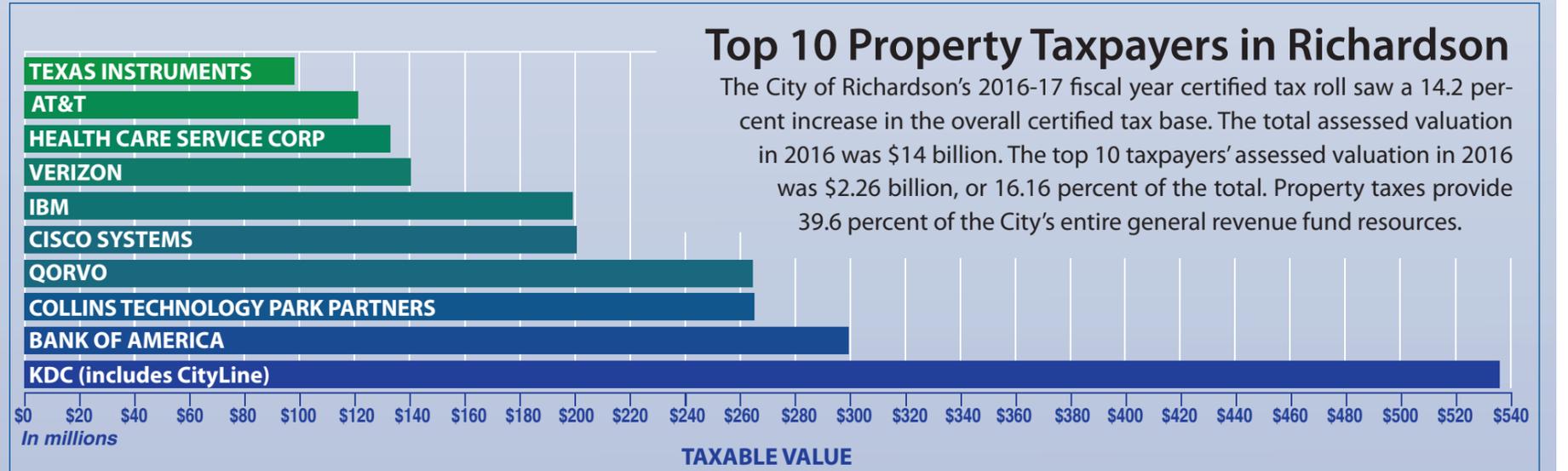
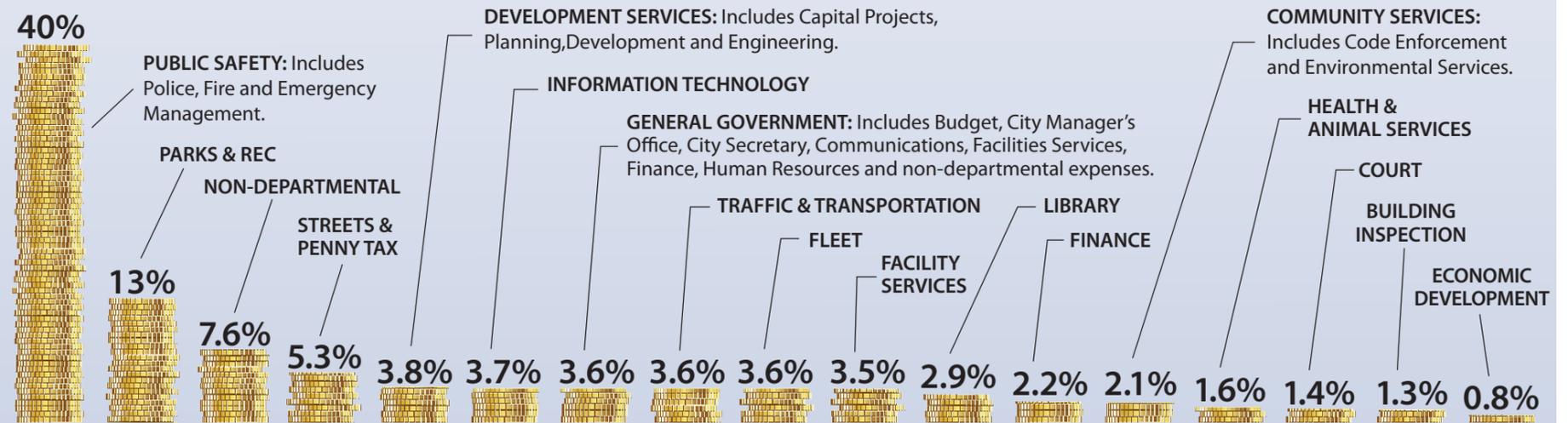
CITY BUDDGET

General Fund Revenues \$123,442,420



General Fund Expenditures \$123,279,216

The General Fund Expenditures graph represents operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) broken down by category of service.



Top 10 Property Taxpayers in Richardson

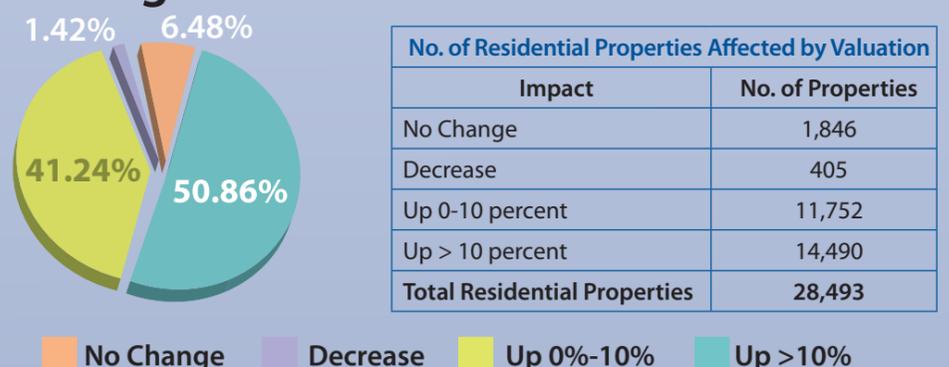
The City of Richardson's 2016-17 fiscal year certified tax roll saw a 14.2 percent increase in the overall certified tax base. The total assessed valuation in 2016 was \$14 billion. The top 10 taxpayers' assessed valuation in 2016 was \$2.26 billion, or 16.16 percent of the total. Property taxes provide 39.6 percent of the City's entire general revenue fund resources.

Commercial vs. Residential Tax Base



A greater percentage of the City of Richardson's property tax base is from commercial property, as compared to residential property.

Change in Residential Valuation 2016-17



No. of Residential Properties Affected by Valuation	
Impact	No. of Properties
No Change	1,846
Decrease	405
Up 0-10 percent	11,752
Up > 10 percent	14,490
Total Residential Properties	28,493

Budget includes focus on public safety

Hiring new police and fire personnel are part of the increased funding included in the 2016-17 Budget. The addition of the positions plus other resources being put toward public safety initiatives will help as Richardson continues to experience growth at CityLine, UT Dallas and other areas.

Funding is included for three new police officers as well as a new fire management code technician. The four hires will bring the total number of new public safety hires over the past three years to 25. The budget also continues funding for the three firefighters, four police officers and one evidence technician who were hired part-way through last year. Also, given the continued pressure to attract and retain the most qualified public safety employees, funding will provide a 2 percent salary increase for all public safety employees to ensure the City remains competitive with similar cities and reflect the increasing complexities of fire and police services.

The budget also includes funds for the second year of the Police Department's body camera initiative, which includes outfitting



110 officers with the cameras. 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.

Finally, the budget includes funds for the Public Safety Campus Master Plan and the reconstruction of Fire Station No. 1 and the Fire Administration Offices. While a portion of the campus,

which includes facilities for both the Police and Fire departments, will be funded with money from the 2015 Bond Program, money from the 2016-17 Budget will allow the project's final phase to be completed on an accelerated schedule, providing for greater efficiencies and reduced escalation cost resulting in substantial, long-term project savings.

For more information on the public safety initiatives in the 2016-17 Budget, visit www.cor.net/budget.

Eisemann Center continually, quietly changing

The City's Eisemann Center could almost be called a "sleight-of-hand" artist much like the illusionists that have performed on its stages. Of the many significant changes made to the Eisemann Center in its 14 years of existence, most are hardly noticed.

"The trick to maintaining a facility like this is to make subtle changes," said Bill Fox, Technical and Operations Manager at the Eisemann Center. "Changes that don't compete with the original artistic sense and architecture, that aren't jarring to the public."

The Eisemann Center's latest batch of improvements is no exception. Those benches in the lobby that match perfectly with the woodgrain in the Hill Performance Hall, that you're sure have been there forever? Brand new, replacing the former all-black benches, and larger. That announcement that the performance is about to start? Much crisper and clearer than before, thanks to a new high-quality speaker in the lobby that replaces the one formerly in the ceiling. The 12-foot-tall speaker is cleverly hidden alongside an architectural column. And if you walk the main aisles in either of the Eisemann Center's performance areas, it's much safer now due to silver edges and faces added to all steps.

Other improvements include new carpeting in both performance spaces, upgrades to broadcast equipment and the addition of LED stage lights, which offer more than 1,000 colors and change color instantly via computer.

A facilities maintenance fee added to every ticket sold for Eisemann Center events enables the projects to be self-funded.

"As the facility ages and technology advances, it's important to be able to update as needed for the safety of our patrons as well as to remain relevant as a top-notch performance space," Fox said.

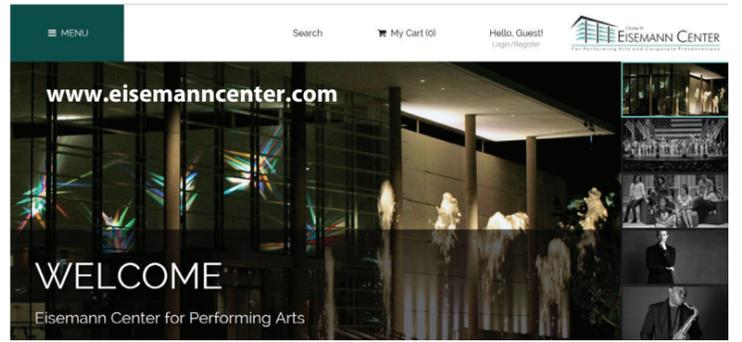
He noted that one of the best compliments is when people are amazed that the facility is 14 years old.

"They'll say they thought it was only 5 years old ... I think we're holding our age well."



A 12-foot-tall speaker is cleverly hidden alongside a column in the Eisemann Center lobby.

Eisemann Center website is now more user friendly



If you've visited the Eisemann Center's website since July 7, you might have noticed it's taken on a new look, with easier-to-use functions and several new capabilities.

Featuring bigger, bolder photos and a cleaner design, it's now accessible in all digital formats including mobile phone, tablet and desktop. Which means you can purchase tickets to "Doctor Kaboom!" while, well, waiting in a doctor's office, or choose seats to "Taj Express" while in the express line at the grocery store. You can also purchase Eisemann Center Presents series subscriptions online, with renewable seats, available previously only by phone, fax or in person, and even buy the personalized build-your-own flex packages, which offer increasing discounts with every show chosen.

"We worked on the site a year before launching it," said Sarah Nesbit, Marketing and Development Manager for the Eisemann Center and a member of the website design team. "We had patrons and clients take a look at it in its

formative stages to make sure it met their needs."

Other new features include a group ticket sales request form, and the ability for clients to offer subscription sales. The Richardson Symphony Orchestra is the first client to be integrated into online subscription sales, with plans for more clients to be added.

Several features found on the previous website have been streamlined, including seat selection, gift certificate ordering, rental inquiries and volunteer sign-up. Future additions to the site include a virtual tour of the facility and the ability to purchase seat names in honor or memory of friends and family members.

"We have full content management ability now, so we are continually tweaking it to make it better," Nesbit said. "It's a work in progress."

To check out the website, go to www.eisemanncenter.com. No app is needed to access the mobile format from mobile devices.

Pool repairs, renovations included in 2016-17 Budget

Several City pools will receive upgrades as part of the 2016-17 Budget. Funds have been set aside for three new diving boards, as well as new pool furniture, which will be replaced as needed. The Cottonwood Pool is scheduled to receive a new pool liner. Additionally, there are funds available to conduct repairs on pool buildings, restrooms and pump houses where needs exist.



New signs enhance safety at Spring Creek Nature Area

Crews from the City's Parks and Recreation Department recently installed more than 30 trail locate signs at the Spring Creek Nature Area, adding a beneficial feature to the 100-acre park and its network of trails. Each sign has a letter and number designation unique to its location, which will help trail users communicate effectively with the City's 911 dispatch system in case of emergency, and guide first responders to their location. Signs are spaced so that they will be visible in locations along the trail with no other unique landmarks.

In case of emergency, a trail user would call 911 and give the letter and number combination on the sign. Plans are being considered for similar signs to be installed along other City trails in the future.



Richardson Projects City construction website

- Richardson Projects is a construction tracking website that provides information to residents on infrastructure projects funded through the general fund and the 2015 Bond Program.
- The campaign utilizes signs placed at construction sites to provide information on the project and promote the website.
- Since 2010, the general fund dollars that are dedicated to infrastructure needs have been increased every year. This year almost \$4 million is dedicated to the maintenance of roadways.

www.cor.net/projects

Huffhines Art Trails crafts a unique niche for 40 years

In the colorful fabric that makes up Richardson's arts scene, Huffhines Art Trails is the handmade, hand-dyed thread, quietly keeping America's rich heritage of crafting alive in our city since 1976.

Still nestled among the trees of Huffhines Park, the two-day festival, to be held Oct. 22-23, has evolved from more than 200 local crafters selling items such as painted wooden yard art cutouts, doll clothes, and necklaces created from store bought beads, to about 135 fine arts craftspersons from across the country offering items such as turned walnut bowls with inlaid turquoise, shawls and sweaters hand woven from handmade fibers, and earrings made from hand blown glass beads.

"As the demographic of the craft world has changed, so has our festival," said Suzanne Etman, Community Events Manager and director of Huffhines Art Trails since 2008. "The Internet and its

"how to" videos allows people to make their own crafts. The items customers are willing to spend money on have to be of a quality beyond what they are able to create themselves. Today there are less people applying to sell crafts at our festival, but those that we accept have exquisite work."

In addition to shopping, Huffhines Art Trails has traditionally offered festival-goers a centrally located main stage featuring local and regional entertainment; children's activities; numerous fall photo set-ups (think pumpkins, gourds and lots of bales of hay) and several food vendors.

New this year, in commemoration of the festival's 40th anniversary, are craft demonstrators, including a blacksmith, basket weaver, potter and felter. Attendees can also see Dutch oven cooking demonstrations and wood working in action. New food vendors include TC Roasted Corn,

Kona Ice and Wild West Soda Saloon, featuring homemade, hand-crafted, soda fountain type drinks with flavors including sarsaparilla,

orange cream, black cherry, cherry limeade and root beer.

Huffhines Park is located at 1500 Apollo Rd. Hours for Huff-

hines Art Trails are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.huffhinesarttrails.com.



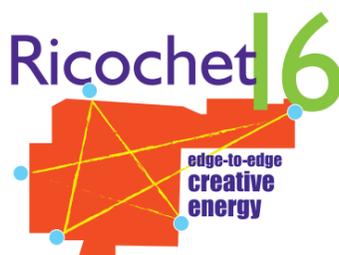
Ricochet16 event will be held Oct. 7-8

The second annual Ricochet event, a multi-location, live art "happening" coordinated by Arts Incubator of Richardson (AIR), takes place Oct. 7-8 and once again will be filled with creativity of all kinds. Moving from place to place across Richardson, you can listen to more than a dozen musical groups, see chalk artists in action, pose for a portrait with your dog, color in coloring books 'til your heart's content, touch a tree that's been yarn bombed, fly a kite, find public art on a self-guided bike ride, make art from recycled materials, and much more.

The Saturday events are free and take place from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.—venues include Galatyn Commons, Richardson Public Library, Heights Village shopping center, Four Bullets Brewery and Bush Central Barkway, the City's dog park. Some locations will include food trucks (prices vary). A ticketed kick-off party for adults takes place Friday evening, Oct. 7 at the Richardson Mercantile featuring live music, "rustic" bites, a cash bar and shopping.

With Ricochet16, AIR continues the purpose of last year's Rico-

chet15 event to "create greater awareness of the vibrant arts and creative community in Richardson." AIR is funded in part by a grant from the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission. For more information and a complete Ricochet16 schedule, go to www.art-sincubatorrichardson.org.



CityLine Park opens



City of Richardson officials, KDC representatives and other CityLine affiliated partners cut the ribbon last month officially opening CityLine Park at the CityLine transit-orientated, mixed-used development.

The new park, located at Routh Creek Parkway and CityLine Drive, features an elevated boardwalk, a modern, steel gazebo and almost six acres of trees, and connects to the citywide hike and bike trail system. It is one of two neighborhood parks planned for the CityLine development. Future plans call for it to connect to the Spring Creek Nature Area as trails expand there. The Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan recommends that a park be located within walking distance of every neighborhood in the city.

Trash fee discount for seniors

Richardson residents age 65 or older are eligible for a discount on their residential trash collection fee. In order to qualify, residents must submit a completed application, available online, along with proof of age, such as a driver's license, to customer.service@cor.gov. Seniors may also bring proof of age and fill out the application in the Water Customer Service Office in City Hall, located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Room 101. The person signing up must listed on the City water account and in the case of married couples, either spouse may fill out the form.

Residents may apply for the discount the day they turn 65 and it will take effect on the next bill. With the discount, the charge for residential trash collection, including sales tax and the state mandated landfill fee, is \$16.57. The same charge without the discount is \$21.25.

Senior property tax exemption increased

The 2016-17 Budget includes an increase of the senior property tax exemption from \$60,000 to \$70,000. Disabled and senior citizen homeowners will see a tax savings of \$437.61, up from \$381.10. The exemption has been \$60,000 since tax year 2014 (2014-15 fiscal year). The exemption is available to residents over 65 years of age, disabled persons and surviving spouses.

Under the City's Financial Policies, the City Council regularly reviews the property tax exemption for citizens over age 65 and disabled persons with a goal to maintain a tax benefit of approximately 30 percent of the average home value. The current average senior home value is \$229,526. The \$70,000 exemption maintains this policy goal at 30.50 percent.

If the tax exemption is already in place, no action is needed on the part of the taxpayer. To apply for tax exemptions, residents should contact the appraisal district in which their property is located. For property in Dallas County, contact the Dallas Central Appraisal District at 214-631-0910 or at www.dallascad.org. For property in Collin County, contact the Collin Central Appraisal District at 469-742-9200 or at www.collincad.org.

Property tax bills to be mailed during October

The Dallas County and Collin County tax offices will mail property tax statements to Richardson residents this month based on values set by the county appraisal districts as of Jan. 1, 2016.

The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will receive a statement from the county tax office in which the property is located.

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

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

All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2017.

If you live in:			
Dallas County		Collin County	
Tax	Pay to	Tax	Pay to
City	Dallas County	City	Collin County
County	Dallas County	County	Collin County
School	RISD	School	Collin County

Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

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

<p>Oct. 3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Noon. Join the Senior Center and the Richardson Police Department as we host National Night Out at the Senior Center. We will provide the entertainment, hot dogs and sides, you bring a dessert. Come for fun and information on how to help fight crime in your neighborhood.</p>	<p>Oct. 18 OUT TO LUNCH The Out to Lunch Bunch will go to Olive Garden. The van will leave the Senior Center at 11 a.m. Cost is 50 cents for transportation. Cost of lunch is on your own.</p>	<p>Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY 1-2:30 p.m. The Red Fats invite all to an afternoon of ghoulish fun. Come in costume for a costume contest, treats, fun, games, prizes and maybe a trick or two! Bring a treat. No fee.</p>
<p>Nov. 2 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY 10-11:30 a.m. The City of Richardson Emergency Management and Homeland Security will give a presentation on how to be prepared when an emergency happens. Discussion on creating emergency plans, creating emergency supply kits and other preparedness tips will get you prepared should a disaster strike. No fee.</p>	<p>Nov. 11-12 HOLIDAY BAZAAR 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday Nov. 11-12. Mark your calendars to find that special holiday gift at the bazaar.</p>	<p>Nov. 22 THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON Noon-2 p.m. Join us for a turkey dinner with all the fixin's at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Tickets on sale at the Senior Center or by phone at 972-744-7800 with a credit card. Cost: \$8.50</p>

Fall in the Cajun Country—Oct. 17-20
A motor coach will transport you to southwestern Louisiana, home of the Cajun Culture. 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, tour a swamp and visit America's oldest operating rice mill. Price is \$882 for a double room and \$1,030 for a single room.

Celebration Travel Show—Oct. 27, 1 p.m.
The Senior Center will host a presentation by Celebration Senior Travel on their upcoming senior cruise destination, which will cruise out of Galveston on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas to Cozumel, Mexico; George Town, Grand Cayman and Falmouth, Jamaica from April 23-30, 2017. Join us to learn how you could sail away with Celebration Senior Travel.

Christmas in Williamsburg—Nov. 28-Dec. 1
See Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown in all their Colonial Christmas finery. Rates are \$1,848 per person for a double room and \$2,211 per person for a single room. Call 972-744-7810 for more information.

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>Oct. 1 DEWEY KNIT 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 5 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. First Floor Program Room. "The Razor's Edge" by Somerset Maugham. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 7-9 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE Basement Program Room. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 7-8, and 2-5 p.m., Oct. 9.</p>	<p>Oct. 7 PINTASTIC! GETTING STARTED WITH PINTEREST 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4359 to register.</p>
<p>Oct. 8 CPR HEARTSAVER CLASS 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 to register.</p>	<p>Oct. 11 ROMANTIC INTERLUDES BOOK CLUB 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Call Karen Gibbs at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 12 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Mary Coin" by Marisa Silver. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 14 COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL 2010 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>
<p>Oct. 15 ALTERED BOOK WORKSHOP 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4374 to register.</p>	<p>Oct. 17 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Writing horror presented by Russell C. Connor. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 18 HISTORY OF RICHARDSON: FROM FARM COMMUNITY TO TECHNOLOGY CENTER 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>Oct. 18 RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Maribeth Jagger will speak about alcohol ink. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>
<p>Oct. 19 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 19 3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD WORKSHOP 10:30 a.m.-noon. First Floor Program Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 to register.</p>	<p>Oct. 19 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Training Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 20 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING "RESEARCHING GERMAN IMMIGRANTS" Presented by Carol Harper. 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Stacey Davis at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>
<p>Oct. 20 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Empathy Exams" by Leslie Jamison. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 25 RED RIVER BRIDGE WAR Presented by Rusty Williams. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Training Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 25 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Same Sky" by Amanda Ward. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>Oct. 13 COOKIES AND COLORING 3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>Oct. 13 A NOVEL IDEA TEEN BOOK CLUB 6-7 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Shadowshaper" by Daniel Jose Older. Call Jenn Delmar-Rollings at 972-744-4358 for information.</p>	<p>Oct. 22 SPOOK-A-LICIOUS HALLOWEEN HAPPENING 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p>Oct. 23 TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS! 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.</p>	<p>Oct. 29 TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) MEETING AND GOOGLE GLASS PROGRAM 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Jenn Delmar-Rollings at 972-744-4358 for information.</p>	

Coming up at the Civic Center

North Dallas Mothers of Twins Twice as Nice Sale
Oct. 1
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Accommodates groups from 10-750
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SHOP/DINE Richardson CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Each Friday, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Shop/Dine Richardson program sends subscribers dining offers plus information and offers from local shopping outlets and professional services.

Shop/Dine Richardson is meant to provide more visibility to Richardson businesses and encourage subscribers to shop locally. You may sign up for the Shop/Dine Richardson weekly e-mail by going to www.richardsonchamber.com/shop.

Senior's Net seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at NETWORK of Community Ministries, 741 S. Sherman St.

Oct. 18
Medicare 101
with Dana Schultz

Appointments for Medicare counseling will be available during this open enrollment period. For information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 125, or visit www.thenetwork.org.



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

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center Presents season kicks off this month

The 2016-17 Eisemann Center Presents season begins this month with five fantastic shows. The schedule has something for everyone, ranging from comedy and magic to classical music.

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



Doktor Kaboom!

Doktor Kaboom!
Live Wire: The Electricity Tour
2:30 p.m. Oct. 9
Tickets \$12-\$20

Doktor Kaboom! performs original interactive science comedy shows for audiences of all ages, creatively blending theater arts with the wonders of scientific exploration. Join Doktor Kaboom! for a sidesplitting journey of increasingly spectacular (and often successful) science experiments designed to involve, excite, educate and entertain. Commissioned

by the Kennedy Center. This production is part of the Methodist Richardson Family Theatre Series.



Jeffrey Siegel

Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®
7:30 p.m. Oct. 10
Tickets \$28-\$34

Come hear the passionate melodies and intoxicating rhythms of some of Spain's greatest composers including Albeniz, Grandados, de Falla and others. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is

a question and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.



Sammy Miller

Sammy Miller
7:30 p.m. Oct. 15
Tickets \$28-\$38

A native of Los Angeles, Grammy-nominated drummer Sammy Miller has become known for his unique maturity and relentless focus on making music that "feels good" as a drummer, singer and bandleader. Upon completing his Master's at The Juilliard School, Miller formed his ensemble, The

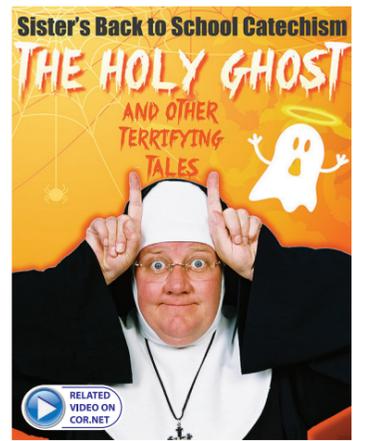
Congregation. As a band they are focused on sharing the power of community through their music—joyful jazz. This Spotlight Artist performance will take place in the Hill Performance Hall. Sammy Miller and the Congregation are part of the Eisemann Center Presents Spotlight Artists lineup.



Adam Trent

The Futurist—Adam Trent
8 p.m. Oct. 22
Tickets \$32-\$48

Adam Trent is a star magician for a new generation of magic fans, fusing classic techniques, dancing, comedy and technology in a show that shatters stereotypes for those who think they've seen it all. His edgy, fun style has been described as "Justin Timberlake meets David Copperfield," and has put him on a fast-track to global fame. He performs more than 300 solo headline shows each year, national and international TV appearances and performed in Broadway's "The Illusionists."



Sister's Back to School Catechism

Sister's Back to School Catechism

8 p.m. Oct. 27-29
2 p.m. Oct. 29-30
Tickets \$37-\$42

Sister is preparing her class for another long year of Catechism. You're in store for another hysterical lesson with "Back to School Catechism: The Holy Ghost and Other Terrifying Tales." In this session we find out the Church's take on all the familiar Halloween tales of ghosts and goblins. Full of Sister's signature class participation, you may get hands-on experience in how to build a Catholic appropriate Halloween costume. This show is part of the Eisemann Center Presents Theatre Series.

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPENING NIGHT CONCERT
with guest artist Tessa Lark on violin.
(8 p.m. Oct. 1. \$15-\$87. Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS INSTITUTE
(7:30 p.m. Oct. 4. \$35-\$100.)

RUSSIAN GRAND BALLET PRESENTS "THE SLEEPING BEAUTY"
(7 p.m. Oct. 6. \$17-\$100.)

TWO PIANO BENEFIT RECITAL WITH MICHELLE CHEN AND CHRISTOPHER KUO
(8 p.m. Oct. 7. \$35.)

BARBARA AND FRANK: THE CONCERT THAT NEVER WAS
(7:30 p.m. Oct. 8. \$29-\$56.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN"
(8 p.m. Oct. 29. \$14-\$80. Visit www.planosymphony.org for tickets.)

RCAS Membership Show begins Oct. 1

The Richardson Civic Art Society's Annual Membership Show kicks off Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 5. As it has been in previous years, the show will be held at the Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.

The juror for the show will be Jill Foltz, an artist and cultural historian who has taught arts and humanities classes at the college level since 2010. You can read more about her at www.jillfoltz.com.

All current RCAS members may enter up to three works of art in the show. Non-members may join prior to the show in order to participate. Take-in will be Sat-

urday, Oct. 1, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library's Third Floor Gallery. Entry fees are \$25 for one piece, \$30 for two or \$35 for three. Cash and merchandise awards totaling more than \$1,400 will be presented at the monthly membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Library's Basement Meeting Room.

RCAS meets on third Tuesdays of each month at 6:45-8:45 p.m. at the Library. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Cultural Arts Commission. For more information, visit www.richardson-arts.org.

Outstanding women to be honored at Altrusa's annual awards luncheon

Altrusa International of Richardson will hold its annual "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow" awards luncheon at noon, Oct. 28, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, 900 E. Look-out Dr. Nominated women will be honored for their outstanding leadership in their fields. Five winners will be announced in specific categories, with an additional award, "Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow," given to a nominee 35 years old or younger who is employed in one of the categories.

This year's nominees include:

- **Nonprofits:** Barbara Adamson, Donna Cranston, Anna McFarland, Sydney Plant, Claire Turner, Lori C. Villarreal
- **Small Business:** Celia R. Aragon, Colleen Halbert, Greta Horowitz, Fran Osborn, Lauren Robertson, Mabel Simpson, Jo Trizila

- **Education:** Lanet Greenhaw, Lois Parrott, Angela Sledge, Carolyn Stratton, Joan Swim, Rachel Wolf
- **Government:** Deanna R. Kuykendall, Donna Leach
- **Health Care:** Jan Arrant, Sally Bober, Janna Brewer, Michelle Rowton
- **Corporate:** Jolene J. Hersch, Cindi Jackson, Sandra Mondy, Ronda Moreland, Mary Poss
- **Outstanding Women of Tomorrow:** Rev. Julie Klossner, Rachel Kuhr

Luncheon tickets are \$50 and must be purchased by Oct. 14 at www.altrusarichardson.com/outstanding-women. Chance drawing tickets are available for \$10 each or three for \$25. A list of prizes can be found at the above website. All money raised goes toward grants to area nonprofits, college scholarships and the club's service projects.

RTC to perform "Senior Moments"

The Richardson Theatre Centre presents "Senior Moments," Oct. 21-Nov. 6.

Recently retired Thelma Peters finds herself bored with staying home after a lifetime of work and decides to start a bridge game to reconnect with old friends. However, the game never really gets off the ground as one by one we are introduced to the characters and their unique personalities and own special interests.

Performances take place at 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. Shows are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Thursday and Sunday performances are \$20, while Friday and Saturday performances are \$22. Visit www.richardsontheatrecentre.net or call 972-699-1130 for more information.

RCT gets into the Halloween season

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2016-17 season with "Little Shop of Horrors," Oct. 21-30. The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission.

A doo-wop spoof of 1950s sci-fi disaster movies, "Little Shop of Horrors" follows the misadventures of Seymour, a down-and-out floral assistant who longs to get the girl of his dreams and escape life on skid row. He becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, R&B-singing carnivore who offers him fame and fortune in exchange for feeding its growing appetite, finally revealing itself to be an alien creature poised for global domination! Laced with dark humor and irresistible music, "Little Shop of Horrors" is one of the longest-running off-Broadway shows of all time and is ideal for the Halloween season.

Performances are held at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. For tickets, visit www.rcttheatre.com or call 972-690-5029.

Upcoming theater classes

- "Once Upon a Christmas Time," Nov. 2-Dec. 3, ages 6-12, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.
- "Goldie Locks," January and February, ages 7-17, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, 5-7 p.m.
- Spring Break Camp—"The Princess & the Pea," March 13-17, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Classes held at Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. Classes end in performances. For information, visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Junior League meet and greet scheduled

Interested in becoming a member of the Junior League of Richardson? Join the club for a meet and greet information session with current members Monday, Oct. 17, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Marcus Café, 2701 Custer Parkway #700, in Richardson.

Electronics recycling, document shredding event is Oct. 15

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (RCPAAA) will hold an electronics recycling and document shredding event Oct. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the City Hall/Civic Center south parking lot at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Approach the area by going south on the Central Expressway service road and turning right (west) on Belle Grove Drive, toward the post office. Then turn right (north) on Civic Center Drive.

Acceptable electronics for recycling include:

- **Personal and Home Electronics**—phones, GPS devices, calculators, MP3 players, PDAs, radios, cable/satellite receivers, VCRs, DVD player/



recorders, remote controls, speakers, digital and NON-disposable film cameras, etc. **CRT TVs or computer monitors CANNOT be accepted. Flat screen monitors and televisions are OK.**

- **Home Office Equipment**—desktop computers, speakers, printers, inkjet/laser cartridges,

keyboards/mice, routers, copiers, fax machines, scanners, shredders, typewriters, etc.

- **Automobile Electronics**—radios, DVD players, speakers, etc.

NO Hazardous waste items will be accepted. This includes, but is not limited to, batteries, paint, cleaners and fluorescent bulbs. You may visit the Richardson website at www.cor.net/hhw for more information on hazardous waste disposal.

Personal shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. Your documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely by a commercial shredding company.



There is no charge to drop off your unwanted electronic items and personal shredding for recycling, but donations are encouraged for the RCPAAA, a 501(c)(3) tax deductible charitable organization.

Your donations are used to provide general support to the

Richardson Police Department employees, their families and provide college scholarships for their children.

Please be generous as this event, offered twice a year, is the only fundraising event for the RCPAAA. These events are intended for the disposal of household electronics and shredding. Prior to accepting commercial quantities, a fair donation will be agreed upon. For shredding, the charge will be \$4 per file storage box or equivalent.

Any questions may be addressed to Bill Zeigler at 214-886-5634 or bdz75080@gmail.com.

Richardson water wise landscape tour

Tour beautiful city landscapes that have thrived in the Texas summer heat!

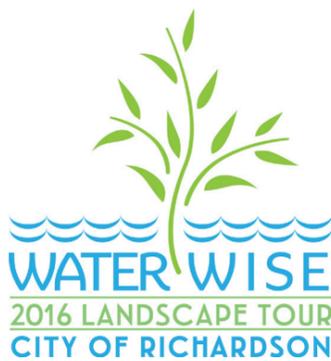
Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tour Headquarters
Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr.

- "Ask an Expert" about irrigation and landscaping
- Pick up plant lists and home tour details
- Receive a free soil moisture meter while supplies last

Find tour information and view the map at www.cor.net/landscapetour



The inaugural water wise landscape tour is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 8. The tour's headquarters and starting point will be the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

The event includes a tour of Richardson homes featuring water-friendly outdoor landscapes. The City has teamed up with volunteers and passionate homeowners who are eager to answer questions about ways to maximize water savings by choosing native plants that thrive in the Texas climate. Ask questions, take pictures and jot down ideas as you help plant the idea throughout the community that native landscaping is not only environmentally conscious, but beautiful as well. Free soil moisture meters will be given out at the Service Center while supplies last.

To see a list of homes on the tour, plus a list of the native plants found at each residence, visit www.cor.net/landscapetour.

For more information, contact Michelle Mann at michelle.mann@cor.gov or call 972-744-4228.

Annual Christmas Parade is Dec. 3

"Magical, Musical Christmas!"

What better way to honor those who serve our community every day than to have our first responders be this year's "Magical, Musical Christmas Parade" Grand Marshals! The 44th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade is Saturday morning, Dec. 3 on the east side of town. Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme with their costumes, vehicles and floats. Come kick off the holiday season and get in the Christmas spirit by participating in this exciting, annual event.

Registration forms will be available online beginning Nov. 1 by going to www.cor.net/Christmas-

Parade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 27.

Would you like to become a Friend of the Parade? There are two levels for your convenience: VIP Silver package (\$40-2 people) and VIP Gold package (\$60-4 people). Includes a friends' recognition event, parking pass, VIP seating, refreshments and a gift

card that will go directly to a recipient of the NETWORK of Community Ministries.

For information regarding the parade or becoming a Friend of the Parade, contact Parade Manager Allison Rhinebarger at allison.rhinebarger@cor.gov or 972-744-7853.



Annual NNO celebration will take place 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.



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

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, go to www.richardsonpolice.net or contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Compost seminar is Oct. 15

A free compost seminar will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by keeping grass clippings and leaves out of the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed into valuable nutrients for the yard and flowerbeds. Participants will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques.

The seminar is taught by Mary Tynes, a nationally known expert on backyard composting and the site editor of www.mastercomposter.com.

Space is limited for this event, so please contact Victoria Sum at victoria.sum@cor.gov to make a reservation.



Blue Bags will be available Oct. 1 at Fire Station 6

Fire Station 6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Oct. 1 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 honored at this location as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

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.



Three remaining Urban Naturalist walks planned for fall

Three 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. Walkers should meet at 3404 Moroney Dr. for the 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.

IDENTIFICATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES PLANTS

Join Texas Master Naturalist Rich Jaynes for a walk in the recently acquired northern acreage of Spring Creek Nature Area to identify and discuss invasive plants and their effect on plant community ecology. Jaynes has a background in plant community ecology and hydrology. He has worked as a plant biologist and hydrologist for the U.S. Forest Service, has been an instructor for college botany and ecology courses, a field botanist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's prairie remnant survey, and currently works as a senior environmental scientist for a local engineering firm.

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

BIODIVERSITY OF WILDLIFE IN THE SPRING CREEK NATURE AREA

Join Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for an informative

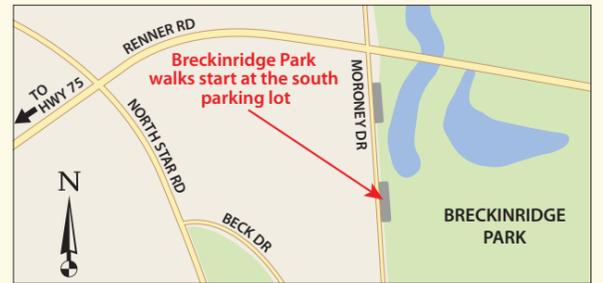
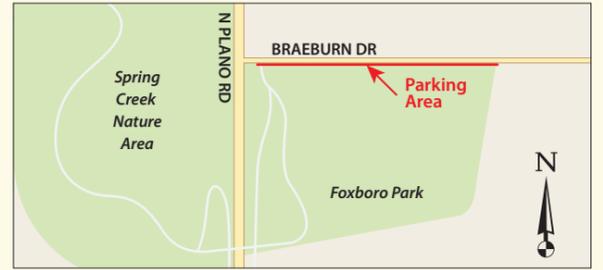
nature walk and exploration in Spring Creek Nature Area to spot and identify a variety of interesting bugs, plants and evidence of wildlife. The Nature Area is under pressure from intense urban development on all sides and Kieschnick will discuss how this is affecting wildlife habitats in urban areas. Be sure to bring a camera and a curious mind—you never know what we'll find!

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

THE GEOLOGY OF BRECKINRIDGE PARK

Why is there rock under the soil and how did it get there? What happened in nature over time to produce the landscape of North Texas? Join geologist Conrad Harrison for a guided nature walk in the lowlands and highlands of Breckinridge Park as he explains the story of the physical structure and the history of the land and the processes that have acted on it.

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



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Pawtoberfest comes to Huffhines Park Oct. 15

Man's best friend, food trucks, live music, dog-specific vendors and craft beer are coming to Huffhines Park Oct. 15 from 3-7 p.m. as part of the inaugural Pawtoberfest celebration.

German-inspired food and beer will be on hand to get you into the Oktoberfest spirit. At Pawtoberfest, you'll be able to spend quality time with your pup and friends in the relaxed setting of Huffhines Park.

Limited tasting tickets available, buy early. For tickets and more information, visit www.cor.net/pawtoberfest.



Golfing in Richardson

Richardson golfers will have several opportunities to show off their skills over the next few months.

The Richardson Chamber Golf Classic is slated for Oct. 4 at Canyon Creek Country Club. For more information, visit www.richardsonchamber.com/pages/golfclassic.

There are three upcoming tournaments at Sherrill Park. Kicking things off is a two-man tournament Oct. 16, followed by the Richardson Cup Nov. 5-6. To close things off, Sherrill Park is hosting its year-end two-man Stableford tournament Dec. 18.

For more information on these three tournaments, or to schedule tee times or private lessons, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

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OCTOBER 1 & 2
Saturday: 10a-7p • Sunday: 10a-5p

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Craft Beer Garden
Food Court
Mimosa Mornings

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

Featured Artist: Michael Viola

CottonwoodArtFestival.com

ART TRAILS

Huffhines

40th ANNIVERSARY!

Nestled in the trees of Huffhines Park, Huffhines Art Trails has become a tradition for many of its annual visitors. The whimsical array of talent on the trails is what makes the show a true shopper's delight! Patrons stroll trail after trail for those personal treasures and unique holiday gifts! Art is not the only thing the trail has to offer! A live entertainment stage with local talent adds to the already festive environment. Throw in an adventurous scavenger hunt for the kids, a one-of-a-kind café, craft beer garden, and food vendors with delicious treats and you have an incredible weekend of ART, MUSIC & FUN!! We'll see you on the trails!

OCT. 22-23

HUFFHINES PARK
200 N. Plano Rd.

SAT. & SUN.
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

Get in the game at the Tennis Center

If you are looking for a place to show off your serve or slice backhand, check out the Huffhines Tennis Center. With 10 lighted courts, a fully stacked pro shop and private and semi-private lessons, the Tennis Center has everything you need.

Lessons for juniors and adults are available in group or one-on-one settings. Group lessons are available in three-week blocks at a cost of \$60-\$108. Private lessons with Tennis Pro Shawn Foster and Assistant Tennis Pros Walt Williams and Courtney Chumbley are available in 30 minute or one hour blocks.

The Center is located in the southeast corner of Huffhines Park. Court fees are \$3 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance. Preference is given to Richardson residents if numerous reservation requests are received. For more information, visit www.cor.net/tennis.

Follow us on Instagram

Parks and Recreation is launching its Instagram page Oct. 1. The page will feature behind-the-scenes photos, "beauty" shots of parks and facilities, contests and giveaways and photos of special events. It will be a great way to interact with residents, so follow us at @RichardsonParksandRec!

SPIRIT RUN!
Benefiting the Students, Teachers & EIE Foundation of RSD

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GALATYN PARK
RICHARDSON, TX

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

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

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

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

Classes

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

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 Facebook Fundamentals

Are you interested in learning how to set up a Facebook account? You will learn how to keep in touch with family and friends while protecting your posts and information from everyone. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop to practice during class. Class is held Oct. 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 with membership; \$23 without.

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 have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Non-residents may now register. 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?

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Oct. 3 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, Oct. 3 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, Oct. 15 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, Oct. 15 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$49 with membership; \$52 without. Ages 18 and over are welcome.

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 Oct. 25 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 with 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 TBA 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 TBA, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$80 with membership.

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 starts Oct. 6. 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.

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!! "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. New session starts Oct. 4. Cost is \$80 with membership or \$22 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

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; \$78 without. Class time is 6:30-8 p.m.

Square Dance: The Incredibles

This group will be dance angels for the beginner's class 7-9 p.m. 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.

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.

NEW!! Bridge Lessons

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

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.



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.

Oct. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	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.

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 Nov. 3 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 welcome. 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.

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.

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 Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. for birthdays in December, January and February.

Bingo
Next Bingo is Oct. 20 at 2 p.m.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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.

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 Nov. 7 at 11:30 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.

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.

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.

The Richardson Senior Dance

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

Oct. 1	Doc Gibbs
Oct. 8	Jim Baker Swinging Ballroom
Oct. 22	Bill G. Band

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.

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.

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.

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 Oct. 7.

RSVP Volunteer Program

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community, why not become a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies"? If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags" and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

Health Connection**Oct. 18—1 p.m.—No Fee**

Have questions and need some help during Medicare open enrollment? National Health will be at the Senior Center for a presentation on "Medicare... What plan is best for you?" A Q&A will be held after the presentation.

Health Connection**Oct. 27—10 a.m.—No Fee**

"Hearing Loss, Tinnitus and Balance Disorders" will be discussed by Dr. Marilyn Hinrichs, from Advanced Hearing Center. Please RSVP at 972-744-7800.

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 Oct. 6.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

Fitness**Pilates Class**

Learn the basics of mat Pilates. Class meets every Monday from 10-11 a.m. Beginners as well as those with more experience are welcome. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels.

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.

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.

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.

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 for four weeks 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 of 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.

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.

**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.

Aerobic Exercise

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

Water Aerobic Classes

The fall Water Aerobics session has begun. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at J.J. Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). Call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800. 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 a.m.

Pinocle

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

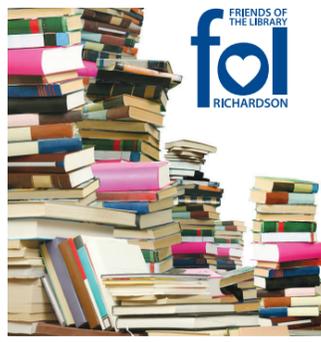
Wed. and Thur. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, Rummi-Cubes, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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

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.



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RICHARDSON

Fall Book Sale

Friday, Oct. 7 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 9 2-5 p.m.

Richardson Public Library
Basement Program Room

RichardsonFOL.org
972-226-2167

PINTASTIC!

Getting Started with Pinterest



Friday, Oct. 7
10 a.m.-noon
Basement Training Room

Adults & Teens

Hands-On Class • Bring your own laptop or smart device

Are you ready to pin?
Learn how to get started with Pinterest, a digital scrapbook for organizing online ideas—recipes, carpentry projects, book lists—or whatever you like to collect!
Call 972-744-4359 to register and for more information.



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CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY
RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learn & Create: 3D Printing & Tinkercad

For ages 13 and older

Wednesday, Oct. 19
6:30-8 p.m.
Registration and laptop required
First Floor Program Room

Call 972-744-4359 to register & for more information.

Try Google Cardboard

Saturday, Oct. 29
3-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

For ages 10-18 only. Registration is required.
Call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.



Create a cardboard version of Google Glass

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Don't let it fade away...

CPR Heartsaver Class

with Mary Shaul, Registered Nurse



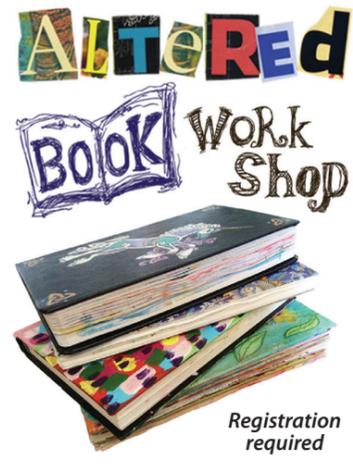
and keep the beat

Saturday, Oct. 8
10 a.m.-noon
First Floor Program Room
Registration required.

Be a LIFESAVER



Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register.



ALTERED BOOK WORKSHOP

UPCYCLED Art Journal
Altered book workshop
Create an art journal from an old book

Saturday, Oct. 15
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Adults & Teens ages 13+
Basement Program Room

Registration required

Call 972-744-4374 to register.



Cookies & Coloring for kids of all ages!

Thursday, Oct. 13
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
No registration required.

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, Oct. 23
3-4 p.m.

For readers in grades K-4
First Floor Program Room

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

SPOOK-A-LICIOUS

FREE! All Ages!

Saturday, Oct. 22
2-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Spook-tacular Halloween Happening!
Enjoy stories, crafts and trick-or-treating with puppets!
Come in costume!



Lunchtime Lectures

The Red River Bridge War

A Texas-Oklahoma Border Battle

Presented by author and historian Rusty Williams

Tuesday, Oct. 25
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

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

BABY STEPS

BabySteps for Richardson residents six weeks to 12 months old accompanied by at least one parent.

BABY STEPS begins Monday, Oct. 31 and ends Wednesday, Dec. 7. Required registration begins Monday, Oct. 17.

Please choose ONE of the following times:
Mon. 6-6:20 p.m. Group BS PM
Wed. 10:15-10:35 a.m. Group BS AM

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

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Ask a Reference Librarian about borrowing our ZTE Spro 2 Smart Projector

Present and project like a pro!



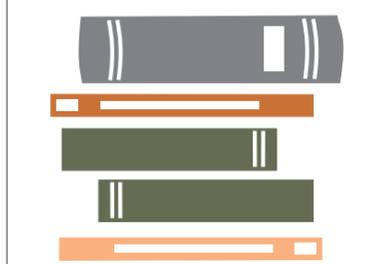
Compact, portable smart projector with an LCD touchscreen and access to the web. Project videos, presentations and images from your phone and the web.

Available for in-house use only

FAMILY STORYTIME

Mondays, Oct. 31-Dec. 5
6:45-7:15 p.m.

Family Storytime is a six-week drop-in storytime for all ages, however the stories and activities are geared for ages 3-7. Everyone is welcome, no registration required. For more information, call 972-744-4358.




A Novel Idea

a teen book club for ages 13-18

Thursday, Oct. 13
6-7 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room

A Novel Idea participants vote each month to select which titles to read in the upcoming months. Mark your calendar for the second Thursday of each month.