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## Richardson #HackWeek winners selected

Last month, two University of Texas at Dallas students put their academic talents to real-world use as they created a prize-winning road improvement application during a week-long #HackWeek competition.

UT Dallas, State Farm and the City of Richardson partnered to host the event where UT Dallas students, forming 15 teams, were tasked with using technology to improve service provided by the city of Richardson municipal government.

Specifically, the students worked on developing technological solutions related to increased parked car safety, awareness of alternative transportation options and improved roadway safety.

"Competitions like this continue to propel Richardson forward technologically and help the community retain its title as one of the world's most tech-savvy cities," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "UT Dallas has helped foster students with incredible STEM skills and provided a home for young tech innovators in an environment that allows them to flourish. I would like to thank State Farm for its logistical support and financial contribution in this challenge. This innovative, three-way partnership made it possible for students to take their knowledge and skills and apply them to real-world problems in an effort to make a difference in their community."

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 30, after a week of work, the student



Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker (center) is pictured with a \$25,000 grant check from State Farm that will be used to fund the implementation of a mobile app developed by two UT Dallas students as part of the #HackWeek competition.

teams made five-minute pitches featuring their proposed technological solutions. Subsequently, the judges selected three finalist teams who presented to a final judging panel.

The grand prize-winning team, Vijay Krishnan and Zane Merchant, designed a smartphone application that can alert the City where road repairs are needed. Once fully developed, the app would track road patterns and conditions within Richardson by using sensors already installed on Apple iPhones. The app would collect the data to help determine where emergent road issues may be appearing such as potholes. Over time, the app would crowdsource

data to automatically disregard locations with railroad crossings, speed bumps and other conditions where repairs would be inappropriate. It will then be able to track which areas in Richardson have the biggest road problems.

Ultimately, this application will help the City become aware of hazardous road conditions more quickly and enable a faster, more appropriate fix. This will help lower the number of accidents in the City, reduce vehicle damage caused by potholes and lessen the congestion on Richardson roadways.

In addition to Krishnan and Merchant, the other finalist teams were as follows:

- Seth Giovanetti and Spencer Wimmer presented an enhanced security camera that recognizes possible crimes by listening for glass breakage, car alarms, etc.

- Antriksh Agarwal, Niharika Callapalli, Raghav Mathur and Umang Shah presented a solution for radio-frequency identification (RFID) chips in registration stickers to help monitor intersections for violations.

State Farm has provided a \$25,000 grant to implement the winning technological solution. The grand prize-winning team will also receive \$1,000, lunch with the judges and some cool swag.

## City's website has long history www.cor.net



Richardson has long been known as a leader in technology, so it should be no surprise that our city was the first in Texas to have a web presence when it launched its first website in 1993. There have been revisions and upgrades over the years with the most recent complete redesign introduced in March 2012.

The website provides up-to-date information and quick-and-easy access to specific areas of service. Four quick links located on the primary viewing area highlight community projects or events, and the space can be used to provide emergency information.

The site features a "news" section where the most recent information and press releases are posted. When clicked, the news section goes to a page that allows users to access all information posted. Archives are also available,

and users can search the information by category or department.

The homepage also features "quick tabs" which can be used to more easily access specific types of information. The tabs are chosen from services that are most utilized, or to provide information on areas the City would like to specifically highlight.

Additionally, the site features "Residents," "Businesses," "Visitors," "Government," "Services," "Departments," and "I want to..." topics where users can search for information. An events calendar is also located on the homepage.

An upgrade to the website is planned sometime next year. Among the improvements planned, using analytics gathered over the last four years, pages that have been visited most often will be given a prominent location on the homepage for easy access.

## Webpage focuses on environment www.cor.net/environment

A new webpage will make learning about the City's environmental partnerships easier than ever. The Environmental Partnerships Initiatives webpage launched last month and aims to serve as a one-stop shop for residents to learn about environmental events, programs and outreach efforts in Richardson.

The site is broken down into three main sections—Plants, Conserves and Informs—based on the City's three initiatives. The Plants portion details partnerships that help enhance the city through properly placed and spaced plantings, while Conserves brings to light the many ways the City raises awareness and fosters conservation of natural resources. Finally, Informs includes information about outreach events and programs that promote environmental stewardship such as the upcoming America Recycles Day (Nov. 15), while also housing the monthly Environmental Resources Newsletter.

Each section includes contact information for city staff, which serves to connect residents with environmental-oriented volunteer opportunities in Richardson. Previously, volunteer opportunities were housed on the webpages of different city departments, making them sometimes difficult to find. On the new webpage, people can find information on volunteering for Trash Bash, nature walks, tree plantings and fundraising opportunities in one central, easy-to-navigate location. Additionally, environmentally minded residents may submit ideas, questions or comments to the city if they do not see an initiative they are interested in serving.



## Voting information for Nov. 8 elections

Voting in the Nov. 8 general and joint elections for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County must be done at the voter's designated polling location. The Richardson Civic Center/City Hall is **NOT** a polling location Nov. 8.

Voting in the Nov. 8 general and joint elections for Richardson residents who live in Collin County may be done at any of the Collin County election day vote centers.

Polling hours Nov. 8 are 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

<b>City of Richardson</b> 972-744-4290 www.cor.net/election	<b>Dallas County</b> 214-819-6389 www.DallasCountyVotes.org	<b>Collin County</b> 800-687-8546 (Toll Free) www.co.collin.tx.us/elections
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## Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be **NO** recycling, solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25. There will be no makeup days for solid waste and special pick up. The table below shows the **recycle** makeup days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Nov. 24	Wednesday, Nov. 23
Friday, Nov. 25	Saturday, Nov. 26

## City facilities close for Thanksgiving

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Gymnastics Center	Closed Nov. 24-25
Richardson Public Library	Closes 5 p.m. Nov. 23 Closed Nov. 24-25 Reopens Saturday, Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.
Richardson Animal Shelter	Closed Nov. 24-25 Reopens Saturday, Nov. 26
Recreation Centers, Tennis Center, and Senior Center	Closed Nov. 24 Reopen Friday, Nov. 25
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open Nov. 24

## Winter water conservation plan in effect

**Watering is allowed anytime on designated day.**

Beginning Nov. 1, residents may water their yards at anytime on their designated watering days to avoid watering during times when temperatures may drop below freezing.

Daytime watering is part of the City's winter watering schedule, and helps to avoid issues where water may run off onto streets and sidewalks and freeze, potentially causing dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and drivers. Even if it is your water day, residents are encouraged to refrain from watering when temperatures may drop below freezing during the day.

Visit [www.watermyyard.org](http://www.watermyyard.org) for ground moisture information, customized weekly watering recommendations and information on the best times to water your yard.

### TWICE-PER-WEEK WATERING:

Lawn irrigation is allowed anytime on designated day.  
Please water only as needed.

- 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)

NOVEMBER 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**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](http://www.cor.net/SocialMedia) for a full listing.



### Richardson Today Staff

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

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### Receive City news updates by e-mail

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



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Every two years, the City Council sets goals for its upcoming term. One of our current goals is "to effectively and efficiently manage city resources while maintaining and enhancing city services." I believe one way we can enhance city services is by improving the experience residents and businesses have when they interact with the city.

The city has worked to improve its customer service by embracing technology and innovation. Richardson has finished in the top four in the nation in its population group for the past two years in the Digital Cities Survey, which rates cities on a number of things including transparency and technology innovation. In Richardson, we have a long history of innovation. In 1993, we were the first city in Texas to have a website, and to this day our website remains an important tool to communicate with residents and business owners.

Two of the most recent innovations on the website were the launch of Richardson Projects ([www.cor.net/projects](http://www.cor.net/projects)) and an online application that makes it easy to get information about zoning change requests ([www.cor.net/zoningrequest](http://www.cor.net/zoningrequest)). Both are part of a communication plan to keep residents in the loop about new development projects and construction in Richardson. To learn more information about a zoning case or infrastructure project, website visitors use interactive online maps to locate and find out the scope of the zoning request or the duration of the project.



**Mayor Paul Voelker**  
[paul.voelker@cor.gov](mailto:paul.voelker@cor.gov)

Our website ([www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net)) has also been key in simplifying and speeding up the process of paying water bills, signing up for brush and bulky item collection, or registering for parks and recreation classes. With a few clicks of the mouse, all of these things, and more, can be done 24 hours a day from anywhere with Internet access.

As I hope you can see, we take technology and innovation seriously in Richardson, and I think our city is a better place because of that.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker  
Mayor



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972-744-4203  
[www.cor.net/council](http://www.cor.net/council)

### About City Council Meetings

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

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

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

## Requesting an Accommodation

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

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

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

Read, Request, Report, Submit, Apply, Register, Pay, Discover...

it's all Online!

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

**Express a Concern**

Concerns ranging from abandoned shopping carts and illegal dumping to stray animals and sidewalks in need of repair can be submitted using an easy-to-fill-out online form.

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

**Building Permits**

Applying for a permit can be as easy as filling out an online form. In addition to electrical, plumbing, gas or mechanical permits, you can also apply for garage sale permits online.

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

**MyRichardson App**

Links to download the MyRichardson App can be found online. The app allows users to quickly report issues, including uploading photos, as well as request BABIC service, find city contact information and information such as a resident's assigned recycling and trash days.

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

**BABIC**

Residents can request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection to pick up items such as tree limbs or old appliances by filling out an online request form.

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

**I Want to Read**

The City puts out several different publications including *Richardson Today* and *Week in Review*, and all of them can be read under the I Want to Read section of the homepage.

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

**Jobs Available at the City**

A complete listing of open full-time, part-time and seasonal positions is available on the City's website. Applicants can also find out job requirements and fill out a job application online.

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

**Richardson Projects**

Richardson Projects was launched in June 2016 and allows users to track the progress of 2015 Bond Program and general fund projects by using an interactive, on-line map.

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

**Sherrill Park Golf Course**

Book tee times, find tournament schedules, register for lessons and tour both award-winning courses on Sherrill Park's website.

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

**Zoning Change Request**

Ever wondered what that zoning change request sign you see posted means? If so, the zoning change request webpage has the answer. An interactive map allows for quick identification of requests, as well as information on the request, copies of the staff report and video from City Plan Commission or City Council meetings.

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

**Recycling**

Information on assigned recycling days, holiday schedules, BABIC, what can be recycled and composting can be found on the City's recycling webpage. Residents can also find information on buying blue recycling bags.

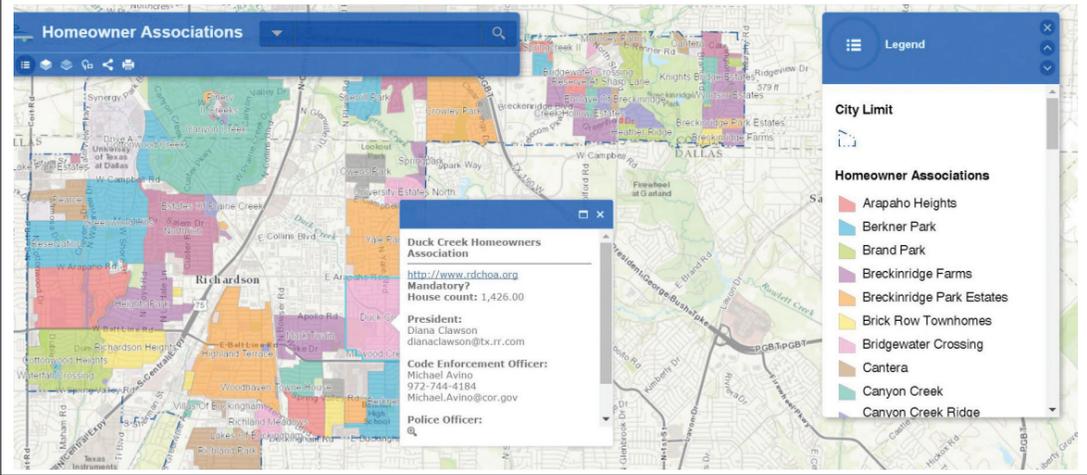


## Interactive map makes looking up HOAs easy [www.cor.net/HOAMap](http://www.cor.net/HOAMap)

The City's Geographic Information Services Department has created an online interactive homeowners association map. The map allows users to view information on any of the 77 registered homeowner and neighborhood associations located in Richardson.

The website is an interactive tool that provides residents the opportunity to know their neighborhood. It also offers a look at neighboring associations to get ideas about neighborhood-centric events and programs.

When users click on a specific neighborhood association, the association's website, as well as the code enforcement officer, rental property officer and community police officer assigned to the area, is displayed. The map, which is designed to be viewable on both computers and mobile devices, also allows users to quickly identify association boundaries. Users have the ability to customize the map and once the map is configured to the user's needs, it can be printed for offline viewing. It may also be shared through Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and e-mail.



## Online options make it easy to pay water bill, go paperless [www.cor.net/payyourbill](http://www.cor.net/payyourbill)

The City of Richardson's Water Customer Service Department offers several ways to pay your utility bill online including:

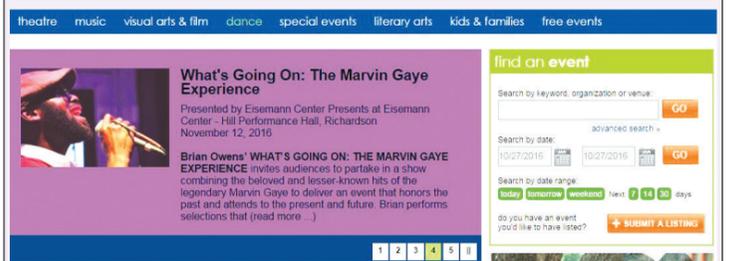
- Monthly automatic bank draft with no service fee
- Recurring or one-time credit card payment with an online account, no service fee
- Quick pay for a one-time credit card payment. No online account needed and no service fee, [www.cor.net/quickpay](http://www.cor.net/quickpay)
- [www.cor.net/newservice](http://www.cor.net/newservice)

- **Transfer Service:** [www.cor.net/transferservice](http://www.cor.net/transferservice)
- **Disconnect Service:** [www.cor.net/disconnect](http://www.cor.net/disconnect)

For residents looking to avoid clutter, call, e-mail or go to [www.cor.net/waterpayment](http://www.cor.net/waterpayment) to sign up for the paperless option and stop the printing and mailing of monthly bills.

These services have become increasingly popular and provide savings to the city. For more information, e-mail Water Customer Service at [customer.service@cor.gov](mailto:customer.service@cor.gov), visit the above-mentioned webpages or call 972-744-4120.

## Browse the offerings at the cultural arts website [www.artsinrichardson.com](http://www.artsinrichardson.com)



When you're ready to have a night on the town and trying to decide what to do, look no further than the Richardson Cultural Arts website, a great resource to bookmark for information on local performances and arts events, from high school theater to art festivals to professional touring shows. Listings are divided into eight categories including Music, Literary Arts, Theatre, Visual Arts & Film, Dance, Special Events, Kids & Families, and Free Events. Visitors can tab through the categories or search for events by keywords, organizations or dates. Links in each listing make it easy to find further information and purchase tickets online when available.

A special "sidebar" feature of the site is a comprehensive listing of public art in Richardson, an

eclectic, alphabetized collection of sculptures, paintings, landscape art, architectural gems and water features that you can click on to discover where a particular item is located. Photographs are included with each listing.

The website was launched in 2014 to fulfill a goal of the City's Cultural Arts Master Plan to serve as a guide to help strengthen the arts community in Richardson. The site is continually updated by the City and the local arts groups as well as institutional partners such as UT Dallas, PISD and RISD. The site has a submission feature so that the public can submit any arts related event for consideration to be listed. A total of 35 local organizations may populate the website at any given time.

## Parks webpage provides facility information [www.cor.net/parks](http://www.cor.net/parks)

There more than 40 miles of trails and walkways that traverse Richardson from north to south and east to west, and an extensive trail map is just one thing you can find on the Parks and Recreation Department homepage. The page serves as the jumping-off point to pages detailing all of the department's services and facilities including two recreation centers, five swimming pools, the Senior Center, a dog park, a gymnastics center and the Huffhines Tennis Center.



One of the most popular sections on the parks webpage is online class registration. Users can search the catalog of classes and programs and then register and pay via credit card to reserve their spot. Classes are searchable by subcategories such as Children/Youth, Adaptive Recreation or Special Events, or by using the barcode number found in the parks and recreation guides published five times a year in *Richardson Today*, and also viewable from the parks homepage.

The homepage also allows users to keep up to date on community events, which range from art festivals to fireworks shows. Among the upcoming events users can find out information about are the 44th annual Christmas Parade (Dec. 3) and Santa's Village (Dec. 3-18).

To view online class registration, go to [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline).

## Register a pet, find a pet on Shelter webpage [www.cor.net/animalshelter](http://www.cor.net/animalshelter)



and a live web cam) plus an active social media presence, the Shelter touches hearts worldwide.

In addition to finding pets to adopt and posting notices of lost or found animals, visitors to the Shelter's webpage can:

- Register pets online
- Learn what to do if you find orphaned or injured wildlife
- Learn how to reserve a humane animal trap
- Find a wish list of items that can be donated to the Shelter
- Make an online financial donation
- Give a unique gift to someone by purchasing and donating a

For more than six years, the Richardson Animal Shelter has been a leader among animal shelters in using technology to help animals get adopted. With a multi-faceted website (including an interactive lost and found page, an adoptable animals page

pet bed to the Shelter in their name

- Sign up for iGive.com and BringPetsHome.com, two ways to shop online that benefit the Shelter
- Take steps to become an animal foster parent: download an application and guide book, set up an orientation
- Discover a list of reduced spay/neuter programs
- Download forms to become a Shelter volunteer
- Have fun at the Kids' Page, with its printable coloring book and animal word search puzzles

## Online guide for new residents

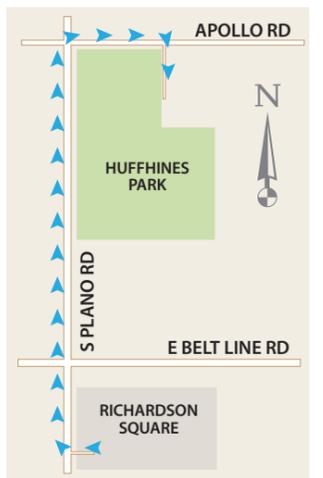
Visit the City's online guide for new residents which includes information regarding setting up water, gas and electric service, solid waste and recycling pickup, applying for City permits, changing your address, things to do in Richardson and more.

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

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

## Christmas Parade is Dec. 3, registration open until Nov. 27

The 44th annual Richardson Christmas Parade benefitting the NETWORK of Community Ministries is set for Dec. 3. The theme is Magical, Musical Christmas! Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme with their costumes, vehicles and floats. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square on Plano Road to Apollo Road before ending at the Huffhines Ball Field parking lot. Come kick-off the holiday season and get in the Christmas spirit by participating in this exciting, annual event! Registration forms may be downloaded at [www.cor.net/christmasparade](http://www.cor.net/christmasparade). The deadline for registration is Nov. 27.



**New this year ...** Are you in high school and looking for some volunteer hours? Do you love Instagram? We have the perfect contest for you! We are looking for two parade judges and will be using Instagram to find them. Be sure to follow us on Instagram at @RichardsonParksandRec for all the details and don't forget to use #magicalmusicalchristmas to enter!

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 NETWORK.

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

## Website makes it easy to apply [www.cor.net/iwantto](http://www.cor.net/iwantto)

People wishing to apply for a city-issued permit, file a job application or register a pet do not need to travel to City Hall. All of these things can easily be done via the City's website with just a few simple clicks of the mouse.

On the website you will find links for alarm, health, garage sale and solicitation permits, plus a listing of jobs available with the city and a place to register a pet.

Putting services such as filing for permits or registering pets online is just one way the City uses technology as a way to improve customer service. For the past two years, Richardson has been the top ranked city in Texas and placed in the top four nationally (for its population group) in the Digital Cities Survey.



## Library's online services offer convenience, cost savings [www.cor.net/library](http://www.cor.net/library)

If you are a Richardson resident, you know that the four stories of the Richardson Public Library are filled with an extensive collection of books, media, historical items, art, technology and events. But did you know that what it offers online is even more mind-boggling?

It is not just that you can search the Library's entire catalog from the comfort of your own home or in a coffee shop halfway across the globe. With a Library card, you can also "hold a place" and reserve books online, and when they're available to be picked up, they're waiting for you near the front of the Library, like having your own book concierge service. You can renew a book online, too, and sign up for reminders to get notifications when a book is due. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Here are several more things you can do online, FOR FREE, just by having a Richardson Library card:

- Download thousands of audiobooks, eBooks, music, movies, television shows and magazines
- Online resources for class assignments, from elementary through high school
- Get test prep help for the SAT, ACT, PSAT, GED, GRE, LSAT and many more
- Learn any of 80 languages with self-directed lessons and live teachers



- Take six-week continuing education courses and in some cases, earn certification, in areas including computer applications, business, health care, writing/publishing, teaching/education and design/composition
- Subscribe to any of 26 different weekly and monthly e-newsletters published by the Library, including "What's Happening at the Library," "Staff Favorites" and "New Movies on DVD"
- Download up-to-date legal forms, including personalized forms and state-specific legal information
- Enhance your business or learn how to start a business
- Learn how-to instructions for small engine repair, home improvement fix-its, arts and crafts, collecting, gardening, model building and more
- Look up past news articles from local publications, including *The Dallas Morning News* (1984-2016) and *The Richardson Echo* (1920-1966)
- Prepare for a new job
- Prepare for U.S. citizenship

## Be "in the know" with the City's social media [www.cor.net/social](http://www.cor.net/social)

Just about every entity has a social media presence these days, and the City of Richardson is no exception. With more than 10 City departments and festivals using one or more forms of social media (including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube), you can keep up to date with all things Richardson by "liking" and "following." Even if you read *Richardson Today* from cover to cover and subscribe to the weekly online newsletter *Week in Review*, there's still unique information to be found on social media (not to mention some cool photos). For example, did you know that Oct. 7 was National Coffee with a Cop Day, and that representatives from the Richardson Police Department were at a Starbucks on East Renner Road that day for a meet and greet, along with free coffee? You would if you keep up with the RPD's Facebook page!

Here are more examples of what you can find among City of Richardson social media outlets:

- **For pet lovers:** The Animal Shelter posts several photos each week of newly adopted dogs and cats and their families that will warm your heart; photos of lost pets that you can share to help find the owners; and photos of pets up for adoption.
- **For art and music fans:** The Eisemann Center shares news about performers who have performed at the Eisemann Center; news about free events such as "meet the artist" receptions in the Green Gallery; and information about the latest acts that have been booked into the Eisemann

Center. **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** shares information/deadlines for the next **Wildflower!** event; during the festival, Tweets and blog posts keep festival goers abreast of fun facts and schedule changes. The Cottonwood Art Festival also has a social media presence.

- **For recreation enthusiasts:** Parks and Recreation shares news about special events they're hosting; updates on parks after severe weather; the latest on Parks and Recreation classes; photographs from past special events; and the latest on new parks and trails.
- **For literary lovers:** The Library shares book recommendations; great Throwback Thursday images gathered from the Library's collection, including vintage advertisements and high school yearbook photos; notable dates in literary history; and info on the Library's latest free workshops and classes.
- **For safety conscious residents:** The Richardson Police Department shares video of crimes so you can help identify the perpetrators via viewing and sharing; information on new hires; and information on police-sponsored special events like National Night Out and Drug Take-Back Day. The City's Office of Emergency Management shares up-to-date information about severe weather affecting the Richardson area as well as advice on how to prepare for disasters.



## Richardson neighborhoods continue to be selected for "Best of" lists

Last month, neighborhoods around Breckinridge Park were identified by *The Dallas Morning News* as being the sixth best place to live in the DFW Metroplex. More than 300 DFW-area neighborhoods were ranked in its annual Top 10 listing, that based its scores in 11 categories including schools, pet friendliness, safety from crime, proximity to shopping/dining/entertainment, parks/green spaces and walkability.

Richardson neighborhoods across the city have also been identified in past DMN issues as being among the safest, healthiest and among the best for foodies. Earlier this year *D Magazine* also rated the Heights Neighborhood in its "Hoods on The Rise" listing and *Jack FM* rated Richardson as the 12th best place to live in Texas.



## International business sustains Richardson's global success



**Charlie Chen**  
2015 Board Chairman  
Chamber of Commerce



Richardson's reputation for business innovation has long attracted many of the world's leading companies. Our globally known Telecom Corridor® brand reflects our rich heritage of technological ingenuity and workforce diversity, and the Texas Legislature has also recognized Richardson as the International Business Capital of North Texas.

Today, more than 60 international companies have operations in Richardson, including the headquarters or major operations of companies from Asia, Europe, South and Central America, and the Middle East.

Thanks to our continuing, proactive efforts, we expect international commerce to continue driving much of Richardson's future success.

Richardson's strong international focus led the City and

Chamber to form the Mayor's Office of International Business in 2011. This office has three primary objectives: (1) driving foreign direct investment (FDI) in Richardson by international businesses; (2) supporting Richardson-based businesses' current international commerce activities; and (3) opening new international business opportunities.

Five years later, Richardson's attractiveness as a destination for inbound FDI has earned the city high rankings in the last two "American Cities of the Future" reports from *fDi Magazine*.

In the past year, the Mayor's Office of International Business has been especially busy with its strategic efforts:

- Attracted three foreign companies to set up operations in Richardson—V2 Plus from Taiwan, DirectLine Distribut-

ing and Yankon Lighting from China.

- Hosted 33 delegations, with 210 dignitaries and visitors from 18 different countries/regions.
- Attended SXSW Interactive Conference and met with the French Tech delegation and other international companies.
- Attended the SelectUSA Investment Summit in Washington, D.C., meeting with more than a dozen foreign companies interested in setting up U.S. operations.
- Hosted the SME Development Chamber of India, representing 48,000 small and mid-sized businesses in India, and began work on a bilateral agreement.
- Attended a series of meetings in Japan and Taiwan, strengthening ties with Richardson-related businesses overseas and prospective business partners.

Richardson's international business development program is extremely beneficial, as it not only creates better-paying jobs, but also injects new ideas and approaches into our business community, enhances corporate competitiveness, increases local tax revenues, and stimulate purchases from local suppliers.

Supporting this valuable flow of knowledge and investment opportunities will continue to be a major point of emphasis for the Mayor's Office of International Business in the years ahead.

Charlie Chen is the CEO of *DFW Technology* and served as the 2015 board chairman for the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

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

# Calendar

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

### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

**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.

**Nov. 14**  
**VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE** 1-2 p.m.  
 Join us in honoring all those who fought for our freedom and the way of life we enjoy today. We will host a reception of cake, coffee, music and a time to visit.  
*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*  
 John Fitzgerald Kennedy

**Nov. 17**  
**LUNCH AND LEARN** Noon.  
 AmerLife and Health Services of the Southwest will offer a Medicare Q&A seminar to answer any questions and concerns before Medicare open enrollment ends in December. RSVP requested at 972-744-7800.

**Nov. 22**  
**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON**  
 Noon-2 p.m.  
 Join us for a turkey dinner with all the fix-in'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

**Dec. 7**  
**RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT** 7:30 p.m.  
 The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert. Do not miss a toe tapping evening that has been a Senior Center holiday tradition for more than 20 years. Refreshments served after the concert. No fee.

**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.



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

### ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p><b>Nov. 2</b>  <b>FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB</b>                  7-8:45 p.m. First Floor Program Room.                  "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.                  Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 4</b>  <b>INTRO TO INSTAGRAM</b>                  10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room.                  Call 972-744-4359 to register.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 5</b>  <b>BORN TO READ EARLY LITERACY PARENT WORKSHOP</b>                  10 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room.                  Call 972-744-4358 to register.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 5</b>  <b>DEWEY KNIT</b>                  2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 8</b>  <b>ROMANTIC INTERLUDES BOOK CLUB</b>                  10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Call Karen Gibbs at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 9</b>  <b>SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE</b>                  10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Monday, Monday" by Elizabeth Crook. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information</p>	<p><b>Nov. 11</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2010</b>                  10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 12</b>  <b>HOLIDAY GREETING CARD WORKSHOP</b>                  10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4374 to register.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 15</b>  <b>RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION</b>                  6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Bev Boren will speak about watercolor. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 15</b>  <b>FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABLE</b>                  7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Delicious Foods" by James Hannaham. Call 972-744-4352 for information. (Date was moved because of Thanksgiving.)</p>	<p><b>Nov. 16</b>  <b>THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE</b>                  10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Euphoria" by Lily King. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 16</b>  <b>COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP</b> 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Training Room. E-mail WGTcritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 17</b>  <b>RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING</b>                  "Looking Back at Bunker Hill for People Who Love History," presented by Barbara Baylis. 1:30-3 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Stacey Davis at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 17</b>  <b>REAL READS BOOK CLUB</b>                  7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Blood Aces: The Wild Ride of Benny Binion, the Texas Gangster Who Created Vegas Poker" by Doug J. Swanson. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 18</b>  <b>COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 2010</b> 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4361 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 19</b>  <b>3D PRINTING WITH 123D DESIGN WORKSHOP</b> 10:30 a.m.-noon. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4359 to register.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 21</b>  <b>WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS</b>                  7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Writing Memoir" presented by Drema Hall Berkheimer. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 22</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PART 1</b> presented by Richard Cudlipp. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 23-25</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE</b>                  The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and will be closed all day Nov. 24-25.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 29</b>  <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PART 2</b> presented by Richard Cudlipp. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>

### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p><b>Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28</b>  <b>FAMILY STORYTIME</b> 6:45-7:15 p.m.                  Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 8, 22</b>  <b>KIDS CAMP-IN AND WRITE!</b> 6-8 p.m.                  Basement Program Room. Ages 10-17. Registration required. Call 972-744-4358 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 10</b>  <b>COOKIES AND COLORING</b> 3:30-5:30 p.m.                  Basement Program Room. All ages welcome.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 10</b>  <b>A NOVEL IDEA TEEN BOOK CLUB</b>                  6-7 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Wrath and the Dawn" by Renee Ahdieh. Call Jenn Delmar-Rollings at 972-744-4358 for information.</p>
<p><b>Nov. 12</b>  <b>CHESS PUZZLES &amp; PLAY WITH ALEXEY ROOT</b> 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4358 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 19</b>  <b>KIDS CAMP-IN AND WRITE!</b> 2-4 p.m.                  Basement Program Room. Ages 10-17. Registration required. Call 972-744-4358 for information.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 23-25</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE</b>                  The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and will be closed all day Nov. 24-25.</p>	<p><b>Nov. 26</b>  <b>TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) MEETING AND MOVIE: "FIFTH WAVE"</b>                  2-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Jenn Delmar-Rollings at 972-744-4358 for information.</p>

### Coming up at the Civic Center

**Dallas Bridge Tournament**  
 Nov. 3-6  
[www.d16acbl.org/U176](http://www.d16acbl.org/U176)



**Jingle Bell Bazaar**  
 Nov. 19-20  
[www.jinglebellbazaar.weebly.com](http://www.jinglebellbazaar.weebly.com)



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## SHOPDINE

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](http://www.richardsonchamber.com/shop).

### Senior's Net seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars from 10 a.m.-noon at NETWORK of Community Ministries, 741 S. Sherman St.

**Nov. 15**  
**Social Security with Monte Brown**

For information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 125, or visit [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).

# Cultural Arts & Community

## Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month

The 2016-17 Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month with four shows ranging from comedy to Motown.

Visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.



**Marvin Gaye Experience**

**What's Going On:  
The Marvin Gaye Experience**  
8 p.m. Nov. 12  
Tickets \$38-\$53

Brian Owens' "What's Going On: The Marvin Gaye Experience" invites audiences to partake in a show combining the beloved and lesser-known hits of the legendary Marvin Gaye to deliver an event that honors the past and attends to the present and future.

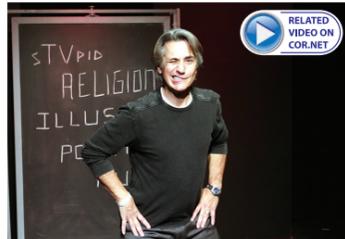
Owens performs selections that span Gaye's music-making career. Early solo hits like "Can I Get a Witness" and "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" share space with "You're All I Need to Get By" and other classic duets, along with perennial crowd-pleasers like "Let's Get It On" and "Got To Give It Up." This is an Eisemann Center Presents MainStage Show.

**The Frog Bride**  
2:30 p.m. Nov. 13  
Tickets \$13-\$23



**The Frog Bride**

When a King sends his three sons to find their brides, two return with fair ladies. The last returns with ... a frog?! "The Frog Bride" is a hip adaptation of a classic Russian tale. Two outstanding musicians weave one of Prokofiev's classics with an original jazz-funk score, as David Gonzalez performs every role against a backdrop of stunning live video projection and moving images by painter Kandinsky. This production is part of the Methodist Richardson Family Theatre Series.



**The Book of Moron**

**The Book of Moron**  
8 p.m. Nov. 17-19  
2 p.m. Nov. 19-20  
Tickets \$38-\$42

Robert Dubac's newest Off-Broadway hit, "The Book of

Moron," has been described as one of the most "hilarious," "intelligent" and "scorching" satirical attacks on idiocracy since Mark Twain. (And "idiocracy" isn't even a word. How dumb is that?) *The New York Times* raves, "Riding shotgun with intelligence and absurdity, 'The Book of Moron' crashes head first into the barriers of sex, race, religion, politics and the media. It may be offensive to some but there's laughter for all!" Having been brainwashed by a culture that worships Kardashians over character, delusion over truth and selfies over self-effacement, Dubac begins his journey with three simple questions: Who am I? What do I believe? What's the point? This show is part of the Eisemann Center Presents Theatre Series.

**All is Calm:**

**The Christmas Truce of 1914**  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 29  
Tickets \$38-\$56

This extraordinary event took place in 1914, the first year of the war, and was never again repeated. Thousands of men put down their guns and left their trenches to



**All is Calm**

meet their enemies in No Man's Land. They exchanged gifts of tobacco, rum and chocolates; even photographs of love ones. They sang songs, played a game of soccer and buried each other's dead. Upon orders from above, they eventually returned to their trenches and re-instigated a war that would last four more years. This is an Eisemann Center Presents MainStage Show.

## Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

### RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

Happy Birthday Mr. Souza.  
(3 p.m. Nov. 6. Free. Visit [www.richardsoncommunityband.org](http://www.richardsoncommunityband.org).)

### PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "MUSICAL MARVELS"

(8 p.m. Nov. 19. \$13-\$85. Visit [www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org) for tickets.)

### CHAMBERLAIN PERFORMING ARTS' "THE NUTCRACKER"

Tiler Peck and Tyler Angle from the New York City Ballet star in this performance. (7 p.m. Nov. 25, 2 p.m. Nov. 26-27. \$15-\$100. Visit [www.chamberlainperformingarts.org](http://www.chamberlainperformingarts.org).)

### "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

(7:30 p.m. Nov. 25-26, 1:30 p.m. Nov. 26-27. \$12-\$20. Visit [www.creativeartsforchrist.com](http://www.creativeartsforchrist.com).)

## Arts, crafts part of annual Senior Center Holiday Bazaar

The Senior Center Holiday Bazaar will be held 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

The popular Senior Holiday Bazaar features handmade arts and crafts of all varieties, including jewelry, quilts, ceramics, paintings, doll clothes, needle works, and many other craft items created by local seniors.

The Senior Center concession will be offering hot dogs, chili, taco salad and nachos (just to mention a few food items), for all to try. For more information, call 972-744-7800. Admission is free.



### RTC to perform

### "Senior Moments"

The Richardson Theatre Centre presents "Senior Moments" through 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](http://www.richardsontheatrecentre.net) or call 972-699-1130 for more information.

### RCT brings Broadway to Richardson

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2016-17 season with a special Thanksgiving weekend performance for those who need a break from turkey and football. The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission.

At 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26, RCT will perform "Lights of Broadway—A Dinner Theatre." Tickets are \$40 and include admission to the show and buffet dinner plus coffee and dessert bar. The performance will feature Dallas' best performers and your favorite songs from Broadway.

The performance will be held at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com) or by calling 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](http://www.rcttheatre.com).



## Student art exhibit set to open at Library

Artwork by Richardson ISD fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be exhibited at the Richardson Public Library beginning Nov. 8. The exhibit is the product of a student art contest celebrating the United Nations' International Day of Peace and is focused on the

theme, "Imagine a World at Peace."

The contest and exhibition are sponsored by Richardson Altrusa Foundation, Richardson Arts Alliance, RISD, Richardson Civic Art Society, Canyon Creek Art and Frame and Richardson Public Library. The top three art works

from each participating school can be viewed in the Library's third floor gallery space through the end of November. First, second and third place winners and honorable mentions from the exhibition will be announced Dec. 4 at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

## Richardson Woman's Club is "Home for the Holidays"

The Richardson Woman's Club "Home for the Holidays" Tour of Homes and Artisan Marketplace is Nov. 12-13 and is a great way to kick off the holiday shopping season.

The 53rd annual Tour of Homes features three unique Richardson residences that have been decorated for the holidays by professional designers. These stunning homes, which range from traditional designs to a southwestern motif, will appeal to tour visitors of all tastes. The RWC Clubhouse, which may actually be considered a fourth home on the Tour, will also be beautifully decorated for the holidays! Guests who dine at the catered luncheon may view the Clubhouse decorations, especially the beautiful nutcrackers on dis-

play. The fun continues with an Artisan Marketplace and the Bake Shop, where homemade goodies are sold.

The Tour of Homes is open 1-4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, while the Marketplace is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. The Holiday Luncheon will be held both days from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The Luncheon and Marketplace will take place at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr.

All proceeds from Home for the Holidays benefit the multiple community services provided by the Richardson Woman's Club since 1955. For tickets, contact Brenda Boston at [brendaboston@outlook.com](mailto:brendaboston@outlook.com). Visit [www.richardsonwomensclub.com](http://www.richardsonwomensclub.com) for more information.

## FREE recycling bags are available to residents Nov. 15 and 19 to celebrate America Recycles Day

One free roll of blue recycling bags will be available to Richardson residents (with proof of residency) Tuesday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 19 to celebrate America Recycles Day.

The availability of free bags comes as the City Council has placed an increased focus on recycling to raise awareness and to provide more programs to help boost the amount of material that is diverted from landfills.

There is a limit of one roll of bags per household. Free bags will **ONLY** be available the following **specific** dates, times and locations:

**Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Richardson City Hall  
411 W. Arapaho Rd.

**Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Huffhines Recreation Center  
200 N. Plano Rd.

**Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Heights Recreation Center  
711 W. Arapaho Rd.

**Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
Fire Station 6  
3591 Park Vista Rd.

Learn more about the City's recycling program at [www.cor.net/recycling](http://www.cor.net/recycling) or call 972-744-4410.



## \$220,200 raised for Special Olympics Texas

The 19th annual Richardson Corporate Challenge, a 10-week, athletic and non-athletic competition among area businesses sponsored by the City of Richardson, held its closing ceremony Oct. 13 at the Civic Center and recognized the winning companies in six divisions. The winners were:

- Division A—Texas Instruments
- Division AA—Pioneer Natural Resources
- Division B—Markit
- Division BB—VCE
- Division C—Kosmos Energy
- Division D—L-3 Mustang Technology

This year employees from more than 50 DFW-area companies participated in the Richardson Corporate Challenge. They raised \$220,200 to support Special Olympics Texas, the event's beneficiary. Corporate Challenge has raised more than \$2 million in its 19-year history.

Registration for the 2017 Richardson Corporate Challenge is now open to companies of all sizes in the DFW area. For more information, visit [www.cor.net/cc](http://www.cor.net/cc).



## National Night Out shines again

The City of Richardson held its annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Oct. 4. More than 180 registered neighborhood parties participated and helped collect more than 6,000 pounds of food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food bank.

This was the 27th year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. The event promotes awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement.

The following is a list of the 2016 NNO Neighborhood winners

### East Sector

#### Overall Winner

Creek Hollow Estates: Marc Winandy, Jerri Strong, Karen Trousdale

#### 1st Runner Up

Yale Park: Jennifer Fowler, Anne Luke, Repsie Jamison

#### 2nd Runner Up

Woods of Spring Creek: Mary Jo Wyse

#### 3rd Runner Up

College Park, Glenville Park, North College Park,

Town North Park: Francisco Otal, Warren Malhiot,

Janice Gromadin, Patti Glen, Len Foster

#### Honorable Mention

Highland Terrace: Molly Moore, Lauren Bell

### West Sector

#### Overall Winner

Heights Park: Herb and Nancy DuPlant

#### 1st Runner Up

J.J. Pearce 1200 Eton: Tom Cave

#### 2nd Runner Up

600 Lockwood: Allie Travis, Regina Harrison

#### 3rd Runner Up

300 Meadowlark Dr.: Jeff Wolfe, Jill Burt

#### Honorable Mention

1300 Chippewa: Patty Fitch

#### Multi-Family

La Mirada Apartments

#### Higher Caliber Award

Richardson Senior Center: Beth Owens, Tara Zavala



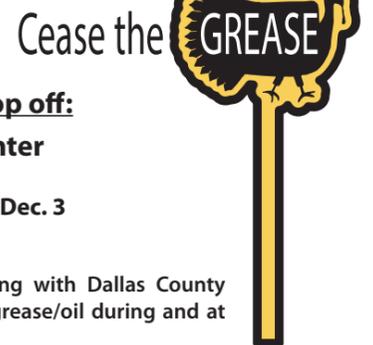
## 2016 Holiday Grease Roundup Nov. 28-Dec. 3

Cooking grease clogs up the sewer system



Don't pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain! Recycle it for free instead! Grease clogs your pipes and can even cause sewer backups. Protect your home, city and environment by recycling it during this regional collection event!

- Grease hardens in the pipes, causing major clogs and sewer overflows.
- If the sewer overflows, city crews have to shut down streets, tying up traffic and increasing expenses for you and the city.
- Don't pour grease and cooking oil down the drain. After you deep-fry food, cool the used oil. Put the grease into a rigid plastic container with a screw-top lid (the container the oil came in may work), and recycle it at a drop off location that accepts used cooking oil and grease. (see below)



### Location for grease drop off:

**Richardson Service Center**  
1260 Columbia Dr.  
Monday, Nov. 28-Saturday, Dec. 3  
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

This year the City is partnering with Dallas County Schools. They will collect the grease/oil during and at the end of the collection event.

Go to [www.CeaseTheGreaseNTX.com](http://www.CeaseTheGreaseNTX.com) to learn more.



## Compost Yard Waste & Save Landfill Space

**Do It Yourself** Mulching and composting provide nutrients needed for a healthy lawn. You'll save time and money by not having to use fertilizers in your yard.

Grass clippings can be left on your lawn—they'll break down quickly.

Leaves can be shredded (with a mulching lawnmower or your regular lawnmower) and mulched.

If you have a compost pile or bin, grass and leaves can be added to help your whole garden.

**Bag Them Up** Brush and yard trimmings can also be turned into mulch and compost through Richardson's Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) program.

To schedule a BABIC pickup call 972-744-4111, visit [www.cor.net/BABIC](http://www.cor.net/BABIC) or use the MyRichardson App. Be sure to mention you have yard trimmings for compost. Your BABIC pickup day is the same as your recycle day. If you are unsure of your BABIC/Recycle Day go to [www.cor.net/recycling](http://www.cor.net/recycling).

Put leaves and grass into a **compostable** bag and leave them by the street in **front** of your home. (Compostable bags may be purchased at local home improvement stores.)

**Benefits** Placing your brush and yard trimmings in compostable bags diverts it from the landfill, which saves the City money. It also provides beneficial reuse for your lawn and garden.

### Be Sure To...

Use a **compostable** bag. Regular plastic and biodegradable bags are not compostable and will be taken to the landfill. The City's blue recycling bags are not compostable.



Separate brush from bulky items (appliances, furniture, etc.) if you are having both picked up.



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If you have questions, or need further information, please contact  
Kaylan VanPelt  
972-234-8880 ext. 110 or e-mail [kvanel@thenetwork.org](mailto:kvanel@thenetwork.org)

# Two remaining Urban Naturalist walks planned for fall

Two 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](http://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 walk. Once parked, take the paved trail that travels under Plano Road and into the south end of the Spring Creek Nature Area.

## 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 to produce the landscape of North Texas? Join geologist Conrad Harrison for a nature



walk in 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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# Santa's Village kicks off Dec. 3

Santa's Village opens for the 2016 holiday season Dec. 3 following the Christmas Parade award ceremony.

Again this year, Santa's Village will offer a special resident's night, dubbed "Hometown Thursdays." Richardson residents wishing to attend "Hometown Thursdays" Dec. 8 or 15 can receive up to eight free tickets that will be available at City Hall and the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers beginning Nov. 28.

Residents must bring documentation (a water bill or driver's license) to show proof of residency. Tickets are available while supplies last.

Santa's Village will remain free and open to all visitors Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from Dec. 3-4, 9-11 and 16-18.



## Santa's Village Operating Hours

Dec. 3-4	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 8-11 (Dec. 8 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 15-18 (Dec. 15 is "Hometown Thursday")	6-9 p.m.

## 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 stocked 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 Kourtney 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](http://www.cor.net/tennis).

## Golfing in Richardson

Sherrill Park is in great shape and now is a good time to get out before winter and colder temperatures arrive.

There are two upcoming tournaments at Sherrill Park. Kicking things off is the Richardson Cup Nov. 5-6. The tournament year closes out with the year-end two-man Stableford tournament Dec. 18.

For more information on these tournaments, or to schedule tee times or private lessons, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or visit [www.sherrillparkgolf.com](http://www.sherrillparkgolf.com).

## Spirit Run set for Nov. 5

The annual RISD Excellence in Education Foundation Spirit Run is Nov. 5 at Galatyn Park. Registration begins at 7 a.m., with the one mile walk/fun run starting at 8 a.m. and the 5K beginning at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is at 9:30 a.m.

Four high schools will compete for bragging rights and a coveted traveling Spirit Trophy based on the runners' end of race votes. Each school will be assigned one of four spirit stops and their drum lines, cheer squads and jazz bands will entertain runners and cheer them to the finish.

Registration is \$30 through Nov. 4 and \$35 the day of the race. Runners aged 18 and under may register for \$10. Packet pickup is noon-7 p.m. Nov. 3 and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Nov. 4 at Richardson Bike Mart, 1452 W. Campbell Rd. For more information, visit [www.risdspirirun.com](http://www.risdspirirun.com).

The mission of the Excellence in Education Foundation is to promote enrichment, innovation and excellence in education. It provides funding for programs, raises funds for the enrichment and innovations of teaching, recognizes and rewards excellence in teaching and performance, and reinforces positive relations with the community.

# FAMILY NIGHT at the Ballpark

Nov. 12-13  
Course #92417

Keffler Baseball Fields  
Breckinridge Park  
5300 E. Renner Rd.

4 p.m. Check in/Set up	\$12 per resident
6 p.m. Dinner	\$14 per non-resident
8 p.m. Outdoor movie "The Sandlot"	Ages 3 and under are free.
10:30 p.m. Lights out	Bring your tent, sleeping bag, flashlights, chairs, blankets and additional snacks.
7 a.m. Light breakfast	
8:30 a.m. Head home	

Games, crafts, dinner, movie, breakfast & more!

Sponsored by Richardson Rotary Club

Register in-person at or by calling Heights (972-744-7850) or Huffhines (972-744-7881) recreation centers by Nov. 9. For questions, contact Erika Bashaw at 972-744-7893.

## Follow us on Instagram

Parks and Recreation is now on Instagram. The page features 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!



# 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 at [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline), 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, cellphone, 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 membership; \$23 without.

#### NEW!! Technology Monday Taking Photos with your iPhone, iPad or Adroid

Taking photos is one of the most common usages of our cellphones, smartphones and tablets. Learn how to take photos, share your pictures, and organize and file your pictures. Bring your device to class so you can practice. Class is held Nov. 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 with membership; \$23 without.

#### iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Nov. 7 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$45 with membership; \$48 without.

#### iPad Instruction 102

This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Nov. 7 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$45 with membership; \$48 without.

#### iPhone 101

This beginner's class covers the basics of the iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Nov. 19 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, Nov. 19 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 Nov. 29 from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership; \$23 without. Please pre-register at the Senior Center or call 972-744-7800 to register with a credit card.

### 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 is Jan. 10, 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 Nov. 3. Cost is \$80 for four classes with a membership.

#### Fun with Oils

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

### NEW!!

#### "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 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New session starts Nov. 1. 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.

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.

#### 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. 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.

Nov. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	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 Dec. 16 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

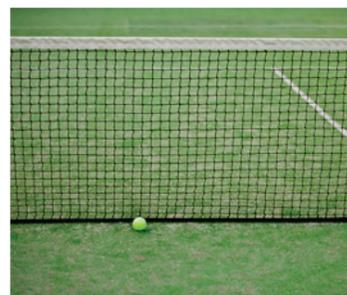
Players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

#### 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 Jim White, treasurer, at 972-234-6167.

#### Senior Bowling League

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

#### Richardson Public Library

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

#### 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 Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

#### Tatting

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

#### Yarn Arts

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

#### Needleworks

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

#### 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.

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**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.

**Mental Aerobics**

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

**Backgammon**

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

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

**Rebel Rousers Square Dance**

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

**Emeritus Plus 50 Program at Richland College**

Explore 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](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus).

**Chess Club**

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

**The Richardson Senior Dance**

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

Nov. 5	Tommy Chandler
Nov. 12	No Dance
Nov. 26	Doc Gibbs

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.

**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 Nov. 4.

**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.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

**Health Connection****Nov. 2—10 a.m.—No Fee**

Richardson's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will give a presentation on how to be prepared when an emergency happens. Discussion on creating emergency plans and emergency supply kits and other preparedness tips will get you prepared should a disaster strike.

**First Richardson Helpers**

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

**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 Nov. 3.

**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.

**Senior Holiday Bazaar—Nov. 11-12**

The 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, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop in and shop early for special handmade holiday gifts.

**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**

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, Rummikub, 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.

# CTECH@RPL

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY  
RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Learn & Create:**  
**3D Printing &  
123D Design**  
For ages 16 and older

**Saturday, Nov. 19**  
**10:30-noon**  
*Registration and laptop required*  
First Floor Program Room



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

## Intro to Instagram

Learn the basics of this popular smartphone photo-sharing app—from setting up an account and finding friends to taking and sharing photos and applying filters.



**Hands-On Class • Bring your own smart device**  
**Friday, Nov. 4** **Adults & Teens**  
**10. a.m.-noon** Call 972-744-4359 to register  
**Basement Training Room** and for more information.

## HOLIDAY GREETING CARD



**Saturday, Nov. 12**  
**10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
Adults and teens  
Basement Program Room  
**Registration required.**  
Call 972-744-4374 to register.

FREE program funded by the Friends of the Library



### Celtic Fingerstyle Guitar

Acclaimed Celtic Guitarist  
Virtuoso Musician and Composer  
World-class Storyteller  
As heard on NPR and PBS

## Jerry Barlow

**Thursday, Dec. 1**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
First Floor Youth Services Department  
Everyone is invited!

For more information please call 972-744-4376. This is a FREE program funded by the Friends of the Library.

## Lunchtime Lecture Series

### Benjamin Franklin

Presented by Richard Cudlipp

**Tuesdays**  
**Nov. 22** **Nov. 29**  
**Dec. 6** **Dec. 13**  
**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**  
Adults & teens welcome.  
Basement Program Room  
You are welcome to bring your lunch.  
Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

### Enjoy Chess Puzzles and Play with Alexey Root

Former U.S. Women's Chess Champion and author of "Prepare with Chess Strategy"

Students and parents welcome

**Saturday, Nov. 12**  
**2-4 p.m.**  
Basement Program Room

Learn chess strategy from a champion by solving chess puzzles and playing with others.

### Microsoft Powerpoint 2010

COMPUTER CLASS

Introduction to MS Powerpoint 2010  
**Friday, Nov. 11**  
**10 a.m.-noon**  
Basement Training Room  
Registration is required with a valid Richardson Public Library card. Call 972-744-4359 to register and for more information.

## BABYSTEPS

BabySteps for Richardson residents six weeks to 12 months old accompanied by at least one parent. BabySteps ends Wednesday, Dec. 7. Registration required.

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.

### Microsoft Word 2010

COMPUTER CLASS

Introduction to MS Word 2010  
**Friday, Nov. 18**  
**10 a.m.-noon**  
Basement Training Room  
Registration is required with a valid Richardson Public Library card. Call 972-744-4359 to register and for more information.

### Born to Read

**Saturday, Nov. 5**  
**10 a.m.-noon**  
Basement Program Room

Build your child's pre-literacy skills using books, songs, manipulatives and activities that emphasize the basics of Every Child Ready to Read. Five make and take projects are included!

Parents with children up to age five are welcome. Register by calling 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

**Mondays, through Dec. 5**  
**6:45-7:15 p.m.**

Family Storytime is a 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.

## Kids Camp-In and Write!

Kids ages 10-17 experience three weeks of worry-free novel writing in conjunction with the National Novel Writing Month Young Writers Program.

**Basement Program Room**  
**Registration is required.**

Call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.

Part 1:	Tuesday	Nov. 8	6-8 p.m.
Part 2:	Saturday	Nov. 19	2-4 p.m.
Part 3:	Tuesday	Nov. 22	6-8 p.m.

The New York Times bestselling series by

# RICK YANCEY

Teen Flix  
**Saturday, Nov. 26**  
**2:30-4:30 p.m.**  
Basement Program Room

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE

# THE 5<sup>TH</sup> WAVE

Rated: PG-13

## A novel Idea

a teen book club for ages 13-18

This month's book is the "Wrath and the Dawn" by Renée Ahdieh—read it and join the conversation!

**Thursday, Nov. 10**  
**6-7 p.m.**  
Second Floor Conference Room