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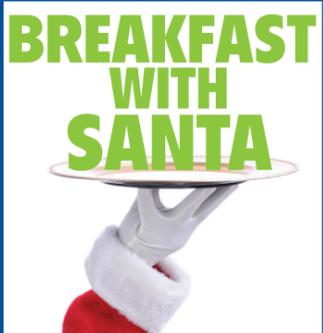


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Boys and girls ages 2-5 can share breakfast with Santa Dec. 15.

## Memories of Santa's Village span generations

Now that Santa's Village has lasted more than 25 years (it began in 1989), it has taken its place among area families' cherished holiday traditions that are passed down through generations. Over the past few years, Village organizers have been meeting many attendees who, as parents, introduced their children to Santa's Village back in its early days and are now getting to "see the joy" again through their grandchildren, as well as visitors who marveled at it as children who are now bringing their own kids.

"It's unique," said Michael Fischer, a longtime Richardson resident and father of two boys, Jack, age 10, and Chris, age 17. "You can take kids to the mall during the holidays, but this is different. It's like another world for the kids."

Michael and his wife, Sarah, both grew up in Richardson and have enjoyed experiencing Santa's Village with their sons for many years as well as in their own youth. Michael, who was 15 when Santa's Village opened, remembers skateboarding to the Village in its early



years and walking through with friends. "Once I started driving, sometimes I'd go out of my way to drive by, just to see all the lights," he said.

Sarah remembers singing there with the North Junior High Choir at age 13.

"My best friend, Lauren McCrea, helped pull the sleigh,

dressed as a reindeer!" she recalled.

Little did Sarah know then that the sleigh would be the "most favorite memory" of Santa's Village for her two sons. Jack also especially likes getting hot chocolate at the Castle Café, always the first stop when they arrive.

Sarah said that seeing the Village as it's constructed, a process that starts in late October, has also been a favorite with the boys.

"Noticing it for the first time through the car window is always exciting," she said. "And it's been fun for them to watch the progress."

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## Civic Center/City Hall sparkles with holiday decorations

Walk into the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall this month and you'll find more than event facilities and City offices. Depending on which entrance you use, you might see 200 poinsettias arranged into a 12 1/2-foot-tall tree; a "living room scene" complete with a fireplace, cozy armchair and Santa hanging from the ceiling; or a giant gingerbread house. Not to mention numerous oversized wreaths scattered throughout the building. For more than 30 years, City staff have decorated City Hall for the holidays, increasing the displays after 1989 when Santa's Village was built.



"A lot of people take photos inside City Hall during December," said Donna Leach, Civic Center Manager and coordinator of the decorating. "I've seen some families come here every year to take a holiday portrait in front of the poinsettia tree."

While Leach and her staff decorate the living room setting, located just inside the north entrance of the building, as well as a vignette at the east end of the building (currently the gingerbread house), the poinsettia tree is the "baby" of the Parks and Recreation Department. Beginning the last week of November, four to six workers construct a tree form out of concrete, brick and plywood platforms, placing 200-270 pots of poinsettias on the platforms, with the highest pot sitting solo atop a long metal pole in the center. The red and white poinsettias are placed in a different pattern each year and covered with a sprinkling of lights. Look for taller, wider poinsettias this year, with one plant filling the space that two used to fill, which allows for easier watering.

"My staff and I love how the building is transformed," said Leach. "It's a great opportunity to show off the Civic Center/City Hall."

She said around 2,000 people visit Santa's Village each night, and that many Santa's Village visitors walk through the building.

The public is welcome to come into the Civic Center/City Hall and take photos any time the building is open. On the days Santa's Village is operating, the building will be open until 9 p.m. The Civic Center/City Hall is closed Dec. 23-26 and the decorations are taken down during the week after Christmas.

## Annual parade Dec. 3 presents a "Magical, Musical Christmas"



Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Dec. 3 for the "Magical, Musical Christmas" 44th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade benefiting the NETWORK of Community Ministries.

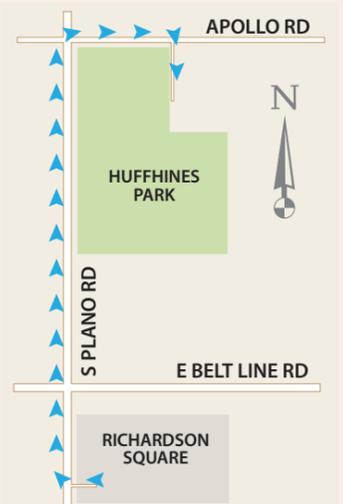
The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square on Plano Road to Apollo Road before ending at the Huffhines Ball Field parking lot. The Grand Marshals for this year's parade will be the City of Richardson's first responders.

Later that evening, the parade's award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall/Civic Center plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Be sure to stay after the award ceremony for the City's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village.

The parade is made possible by our sponsors which include Rudolph Sponsor: the Richardson Rotary Clubs; Reindeer Sponsors: Clay Cooley Richardson, Chris-

tensen Tire, Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the YMCA Richardson; Hospitality Sponsors: Panera Bread and Jason's Deli. A special thank you to Toyota of Richardson and the North Texas Mustang Club.

For information, contact Parade Manager Allison Rhinebarger at allison.rhinebarger@cor.gov or 972-744-7853.



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## Longer outdoor siren test set for Dec. 7

The City's Office of Emergency Management will conduct a full three-minute test of its Outdoor Warning System at noon Wednesday, Dec. 7. Emergency Management conducts a 30-second test of the Outdoor Warning System the first Wednesday of each month, with a full test at least once per year. The full test allows the system to work through one complete warning cycle as would be done during times of emergency.

As a reminder, citizens are not expected to hear these sirens

from inside a house or building. Their primary purpose is to move citizens indoors and allow them to seek shelter and more information.

The test will be rescheduled to Wednesday, Jan. 4 if there is inclement weather or overcast skies in the area during the time of the test scheduled for Dec. 7.

For more information on the Outdoor Warning System, visit [www.cor.net/sirens](http://www.cor.net/sirens) or call 972-744-0900 to speak with an Emergency Management representative.



## Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be **NO** recycling pick up, solid waste pick up or special pick up Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26 or Monday, Jan. 2, 2017. The table below shows the **recycle** makeup days.



Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Dec. 22	Wednesday, Dec. 21
Friday, Dec. 23	Thursday, Dec. 22
Monday, Dec. 26	Tuesday, Dec. 27
Tuesday, Dec. 27	Wednesday, Dec. 28
Monday, Jan. 2	Tuesday, Jan. 3
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Wednesday, Jan. 4

## City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court	Closed Dec. 23 and 26, Jan. 2
Richardson Public Library and Richardson Animal Shelter	Closed Dec. 24-26 5 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1-2
Recreation Centers and Senior Center	5 p.m. Dec. 24, Closed Dec. 25 5 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1
Tennis Center	3 p.m. Dec. 24, Closed Dec. 25 3 p.m. Dec. 31, Closed Jan. 1
Gymnastics Center	Closed Dec. 23-26 Closed Dec. 30-Jan. 1
Sherrill Park Golf Course	Closed Dec. 25

### City Social Media

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

Community Events. You can also view CITV videos on YouTube. Visit [www.cor.net/SocialMedia](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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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

With Christmas just around the corner, Richardson is getting into the holiday spirit in a big way. The north side of City Hall has been transformed into Santa's Village, with colorful buildings and festive decorations set to welcome the tens of thousands of people expected to visit the village this season once it officially opens Dec. 3.

As you can read in this issue of the *Richardson Today*, visiting Santa's Village has become an annual tradition for many Richardson families. Among these attendees are three generations of the Fischer family, who have been loyal Santa's Village attendees since it began in 1989. For the Fischers and so many other Richardson residents, Christmas would not be the same without Santa's Village.

Of course, Christmas in Richardson really kicks off with the Christmas Parade. Now in its 44th year, the parade serves as the official start of the holiday season for thousands of people. I hope you and your loved ones can join us for the colorful, holiday-themed floats that will be accompanied by the music of high school marching bands as they travel down Plano Road spreading holiday cheer.

Finally, the Eisemann Center will continue to serve as a great destination for shows that will promote your holiday cheer. This month, five different dance groups will present "The Nutcracker," and there's also a Joy to the World Jazz Concert, a Christmas show by Vocal Majority men's chorus



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and the always-popular Richardson Symphony Orchestra Holiday Classics performance.

You can find out more about Santa's Village, the Christmas Parade and the Eisemann Center performances in this issue of *Richardson Today*.

As the year comes to a close and we look back on all that we have accomplished, I want to wish you and your family the best for the holiday season and a very happy New Year!

Sincerely,  


Paul Voelker  
Mayor



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### About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Monday 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.

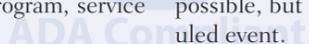
City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

## 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**  
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[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.



# Santa's Village

**Prancer's Performance Stage**  
Enjoy music and dancing throughout the event. See the full schedule on page 4.

**Santa's House & Workshop**  
Tour Santa's Workshop on the way to Santa's House where you'll get your picture taken with Santa!

**Petting Zoo & Santa's Pet Shop**  
Play with puppies & kittens from the Animal Shelter and visit the petting zoo.

**North Pole Police Station**  
Meet Mr. Gruff the crime dog and get a police badge sticker.

**Polar Bear Credit Union**  
Take your card to the ATM machine and get a prize.

**K-ELF TV Station**  
Kids are interviewed inside by an elf!

**Mrs. Claus' Bakery**  
Visit Mrs. Claus and get a cookie!

**Ornament Factory**  
Watch the elves work, help out and take an ornament home!

**Santa's Reindeer Shed**  
Get your nose stamped and receive "magic" pellets to feed the reindeer on Christmas Eve!

**Frosty's House**  
Visit Frosty and make a wintery craft.

**Santa's Little Symphony**  
Play an instrument and be a part of Santa's orchestra!

**Beary Good Hospital**  
Get weighed and measured.

**Santa's Library**  
Visit "The Cat in the Hat" library!

**Santa's City Hall**  
Santa's storage area. Not open to the public.

**Castle Café**  
Buy a little snack or drink to support the COR Swim Team.

**Santa's Post Office**  
Write a letter to Santa, get it stamped and mail it right here in the Village.

**Santa's Fire Station**  
Put on a jacket and helmet and be a firefighter.

**LIBRARY**

**ENTRANCE**

**CITY HALL**

**Santa's Village Operating Hours**

Dec. 3-4	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 8-11	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 15-18	6-9 p.m.

Hometown Thursday is Dec. 8 and 15  
[www.cor.net/SantasVillage](http://www.cor.net/SantasVillage)

**HOMETOWN THURSDAYS**

Richardson residents may pick up FREE tickets for Dec. 8 and 15 at these locations while supplies last:

- Richardson City Hall
- Heights Rec Center
- Huffines Rec Center



# Richardson Holiday Calendar

Dec. 1-2	Vocal Majority Chorus	Home for the Holidays	www.vocalmajority.com	8 p.m.	\$15-\$53
Dec. 1-3	Core Theatre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	www.thecoretheatre.org	8 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 3	44th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade		www.cor.net/christmasparade	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 3	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	www.royaleballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$20-\$25
Dec. 3	Tuzer Ballet	Excerpts from The Nutcracker	www.cor.net/library	4 p.m. & 5 p.m.	Free
<i>Free tickets available at the Library at 10 a.m. Dec. 3. First-come, first-served.</i>					
Dec. 3	Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village		www.cor.net/santasvillage	6 p.m.	Free
Dec. 3	UT Dallas	40th Annual Holiday Sing	www.utdallas.edu/ah/programs/arts/musi/holidaysing.html	7 p.m.	Free
Dec. 3	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	Holiday Classics	www.richardsonsymphony.org	8 p.m.	\$15-\$87
Dec. 4	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	The Nutcracker	www.royaleballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$20-\$25
Dec. 4	Vocal Majority Chorus	Home for the Holidays	www.vocalmajority.com	2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$53
Dec. 7	Richardson Community Band	Holiday Concert	www.cor.net/seniorcenter	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 8-10	Core Theatre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	www.thecoretheatre.org	8 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 9-10	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.danceada.com/companies/dallas-repertoire-ballet	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 9-10	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 10	The Contemporary Chorale	Christmas with the Chorale	www.thecontemporarychorale.org	2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 11	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.danceada.com/companies/dallas-repertoire-ballet	2 p.m.	\$22-\$52
Dec. 11	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 11	Core Theatre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	www.thecoretheatre.org	3 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 11	RLB Productions	Joy to the World Jazz Concert	www.eisemanncenter.com	7:30 p.m.	\$25
Dec. 15	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 15-17	Core Theatre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	www.thecoretheatre.org	8 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 16	Texas Winds Flute Trio	Holiday Music	www.cor.net/seniorcenter	11 a.m.	Free
Dec. 16-17	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 17	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.tuzerballet.com	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$15-\$55
Dec. 18	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 18	Tuzer Ballet	The Nutcracker	www.tuzerballet.com	2 p.m.	\$15-\$55
Dec. 18	Core Theatre	The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge	www.thecoretheatre.org	3 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 18	Plano Symphony Orchestra	Home for the Holidays	www.planosymphony.org	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$17-\$44
Dec. 20-21	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	www.ccballet.com	7:30 p.m.	\$22-\$77
Dec. 21	Movie Mornings at the Library	Elf	www.cor.net/library	10:30 a.m.	Free
Dec. 22	Collin County Ballet Theatre	The Nutcracker	www.ccballet.com	12:30 p.m.	\$17-\$57
Dec. 22	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 23	The Hip Hop Nutcracker		www.eisemanncenter.com	7:30 p.m.	\$39-\$56
Dec. 23	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 29	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 30	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 31	Richardson Theatre Centre	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	www.richardsontheatrecentre.net	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$22

## Santa's Village Events

**Saturday, Dec. 3**  
 5 p.m. Parade Awards Ceremony  
 6 p.m. Richardson Community Band  
 7 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers  
 7:45 p.m. Noel Kerns

**Sunday, Dec. 4**  
 6 p.m. Sun Lee Taekwondo  
 6:15 p.m. Movers-n-Shakers Pom Squad  
 6:25 p.m. I.C.E. Pro Artist  
 7 p.m. Edge Dance and Performing Arts Center  
 7:30 p.m. Amy's Studio of Performing Arts  
 8 p.m. Preston Dance Center

**Thursday, Dec. 8**  
 6 p.m. The Heights Children's Choir  
 6:30 p.m. Alchemy Singers  
 7 p.m. RISD PACE—Cheerleading Squad  
 7:30 p.m. Berkner HS Latin Dance  
 8 p.m. Skyview Showchoir  
 8:30 p.m. Rich-Tone Chorus

**Friday, Dec. 9**  
 6 p.m. Legacy Dance Boutique  
 7 p.m. Read Play Love  
 7:30 p.m. Richardson Texas Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ LDS Choir  
 8 p.m. North JHS Choirs  
 8:30 p.m. J.J. Pearce HS Choir Forte

**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
 6 p.m. Yale ES Choir  
 6:30 p.m. Class Act Tap Company  
 7 p.m. Studio Dance Centre's Frisco Youth Dance Ensemble  
 7:30 p.m. Tuzer Ballet  
 8 p.m. Richardson HS Legacy  
 8:30 p.m. J.J. Pearce HS Mustang Stampede

**Sunday, Dec. 11**  
 6 p.m. Angela's Angels from Arabesque  
 7 p.m. Sounding Brass

**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
 6 p.m. Canyon Creek ES Choir & Musik  
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts NETX Service Unit 163/164  
 7 p.m. RISD PACE—The 12 Days of PACE-mast!  
 7:30 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers  
 8 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers  
 8:30 p.m. Alchemy Singers

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
 6 p.m. London School of Dance  
 6:30 p.m. Dartmouth ES Honor Choir  
 7 p.m. St. Paul's Youth Music Ministry  
 7:30 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts  
 8 p.m. Huffhines Dance Department  
 8:30 p.m. Richardson HS Desperados & Eaglettes

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
 6 p.m. Big D Chorus  
 6:30 p.m. Talent 'N More Dance  
 7 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers  
 7:30 p.m. Big Springs Baptist Church Band  
 8 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers  
 8:30 p.m. Big Springs Baptist Church Choir

**Sunday, Dec. 18**  
 6 p.m. Madelyn Greer  
 6:30 p.m. Showtime Dance Academy  
 7 p.m. Sounding Brass

Visit [www.cor.net/SantasVillage](http://www.cor.net/SantasVillage) for more information. Operating hours for Santa's Village are listed on page 3.



# Memories of Santa's Village span multiple generations

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Michael's mom, Susan, couldn't be more pleased to see how successful Santa's Village has become and that she's been able to see her grandchildren enjoy it. A Richardson resident for 39 years and a member of Leadership Richardson's Class II, Susan was a volunteer at the Village its very first year. (She's been involved with volunteering for the City ever since, including as a Parks and Recreation

Commission member for the past 10 years.) She recalls handing out cookies to happy children, marveling at the poinsettia tree inside City Hall, and cold nights walking around the village with the family, including out-of-town relatives.

Her husband and family patriarch Alan has a special place in his heart for Santa's Village thanks to a cute Chihuahua named Gracie. Susan spotted the dog one night in 2012 at the Village's Pet Shop, a

building run by the Animal Shelter that features adoptable pets. She phoned Alan to come take a look. Alan, who had already been at the Village earlier in the night with Chris and Jack, arrived just after the Village closed and the Shelter crew was packing to leave.

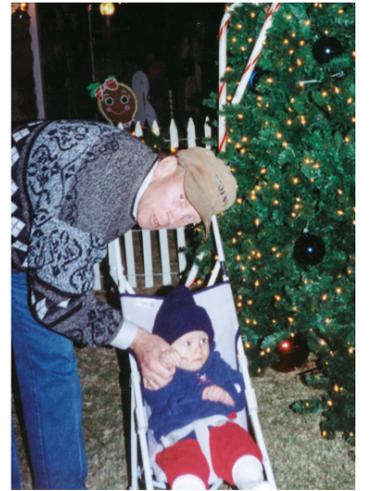
"She was the size of a TV remote control," recalled Alan of the dog. "They'd put a tiny pink tutu on her and the weight of it kept tipping her over!"

"The next thing I know, we owned a dog, a collar and a tutu!" said Susan.

The whole family is looking forward to this year's Santa's Village, at which they will be introducing the Village's lights, colors and traditions to a new Fischer—17-month-old Avery, the daughter and first child of Alan and Susan's son, Steven, and his wife, Sarah, also Richardson residents.

"We're going to be doing this a long time," laughed Susan.

Alan added, "It's like I tell Chris—I once pushed you in a stroller through Santa's Village, and someday you're going to be there pushing me!"



Alan Fischer is pictured with his grandson Chris during his first visit to Santa's Village in 1999.



Members of the Fischer family have a long tradition of visiting and volunteering at Santa's Village. Pictured from left: Jack, Michael, Gracie the Chihuahua, Sarah, Susan, Alan and Chris.

## "Hometown Thursdays" at Santa's Village

Again this year, Santa's Village will offer special resident's nights, dubbed "Hometown Thursdays." Richardson residents wishing to attend "Hometown Thursdays" Dec. 8 or 15 are able to receive up to eight free tickets that are avail-

able at City Hall and the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers.

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

Santa's Village is located on the City Hall/Civic Center plaza at 411 W. Arapaho Rd., and will remain free and open to all visitors Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from Dec. 3-4, 8-11 and 15-18.

### 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.

## NNO places in top 10 in nation

The City of Richardson has placed 10th in the nation among its peers in the National Night Out award rankings published by the National Association of Town Watch. The ranking places Richardson as one of only three Texas communities with a population between 100,000-300,000 to make the top 10.

"This is a wonderful annual event, and we are very happy to see our community receive this recognition for our participation," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "We are regularly recognized as being one of the safest communities in the state of Texas and in the nation. This is made possible by our excellent police department and the outstanding support of the people who live and work here."

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, Richardson residents celebrate National Night Out with a variety of citywide and neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts and visits from local officials and law enforcement. This year, the City of Richardson had more than 180 block parties and collected almost 6,500 pounds of can food donations for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food pantry.



## EDGE Awards recognize local businesses

Several local businesses were recognized for their impact on the Richardson community at this year's Richardson EDGE awards luncheon held last month.

EDGE is the economic development growth and expansion initiative of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP). Each year, REDP, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Rotary Clubs recognize Richardson individuals, companies and organizations that have achieved extraordinary success and/or made a significant investment in Richardson.

### This year's recipients

#### Commercial Real Estate

**Project Award**  
3400 @ CityLine



#### Community Involvement Award

Richardson Bike Mart



#### Entrepreneurship Award

Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Texas at Dallas



#### Environmental Award

Whole Foods



#### International Business Award

LINTEC of America, Inc.



#### Newcomer Business Award

GEICO®



#### Public/Non-Profit/Education Award

Junior Achievement of Dallas



#### Redevelopment Award

Shop Companies



#### Richardson Loyalty Award

Texas Instruments for RFab



# Recruiting for tomorrow today: the importance of the REDP talent attraction campaign



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Human Resources  
Team Manager, State Farm



Earlier this year, the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) launched a new talent attraction campaign and microsite in an effort to, "...better tell the city's story and attract young professionals already living in the DFW region to live, work and play in Richardson."

Richardson has a robust business climate that has helped establish plenty of job opportunities. In fact, Richardson's economic vibrancy is one of the key reasons Richardson was just named the 3rd-best city to live in nationally by 24/7 Wall Street and USA TODAY. But there are currently more technical positions open in Richardson than qualified candidates to fill them.

Of course, attracting and retaining talent is a major focus for most organizations, but the way young professionals search for jobs has changed. Historically, when companies had hiring needs, they would place a newspaper ad, post a job online, visit a career fair or ask for employee referrals, then simply wait for candidates to flow in. In today's competitive recruiting environment, however, this reactive approach is no longer sufficient.

To help Richardson companies proactively attract badly needed talent, the REDP created Real-Richardson.com, a microsite that connects young professionals with job prospects, housing opportunities and a variety of lifestyle amenities in the community—from

dining destinations to shopping and entertainment offerings.

In so doing, the REDP's campaign will benefit employers, community leaders, residential communities, employees and prospective employees alike. It will also help convey a key marketing message for our community: Richardson has the ability to meet all of a young professional's needs, both within work and outside of work, making it a very attractive prospect.

Ultimately, this campaign will build a workforce pipeline that will enable Richardson employers to save overall time and costs associated with hiring. Additionally, it will benefit the community by en-

tering young professionals to settle down and raise families here.

I am proud that Richardson is investing in the future success of this community not only by building today's workforce, but also laying the groundwork for a long-term pipeline of professionals to enrich our city's companies and neighborhoods for years to come.

Abbe Montgomery is an HR Team Manager for State Farm and a tri-chair of Tech Titans' HR Forum.

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

## Symbolic check represents volunteer hours



Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson held its 13th annual "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow" awards luncheon Oct. 28. During the event, Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker was presented a ceremonial check for \$256,804 representing the 10,800 hours of volunteer time invested in the city by the organization in the past year.

At the event, Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored seven recipients as they were named "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow." Of the 32 women nominated, the winners were Rev. Julie Klossner, Mary Poss, Lanet Greenhaw, Deanna Kuykendall, Barbara Adamson, Jan Arrant and Fran Osborn.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson provides support to many agencies, including the Richardson Public Library, Animal Shelter, RISD and NETWORK of Community Ministries. It also helps make the Richardson Reads One Book event possible. The Altrusa Foundation was created in 1992 to administer the funds used in awarding grants and scholarships and in supporting community service projects.



Mayor Paul Voelker receives a ceremonial check from Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson president Nancy Rohm.



Pictured from left are the recipients of the "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow:" Rev. Julie Klossner (Woman of Tomorrow), Mary Poss, Lanet Greenhaw, Deanna Kuykendall, Barbara Adamson, Jan Arrant and Fran Osborn.

## City achieves high ranking for government technology

The Center for Digital Government, a research and advisory institute for government information technology practices, ranked Richardson fourth nationally in its size category (pop. 75,000 to 124,999) in the 2016 Digital Cities Survey. The Survey recognized cities that place an emphasis on technology and increasing government transparency.

Richardson has been on the leading edge of government technology since the Digital Age began, establishing one of the first municipal websites of its kind in the nation.

Open to all U.S. cities, the Digital Cities Survey focuses on 10 initiatives across four categories: citizen engagement, policy, operations, and technology and data. Richardson is one of only two Texas cities to be ranked in this size category, and is the only Texas city to rank in the top five in its respective size category. For more information, go to <http://www.govtech.com/dc/digital-cities/>.



## Property taxes due Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31, 2017 and should be paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes.

Collin County residents can make city, school and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, city and Dallas County taxes are paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811. Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the RISD tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

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

## Calendar

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

#### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

<p><b>Dec. 6</b> <b>LUNCH AND LEARN</b> Noon. The Plaza at Richardson will discuss diabetes and nutrition. You will learn how nutrition plays an important part of controlling diabetes and may help prevent a diabetic diagnosis. No fee. RSVP at 972-744-7800.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 7</b> <b>RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 16</b> <b>EYE SCREENING</b> 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The Carter Eye Van will offer free screenings for potential eye disease and vision impairment. The van will be parked on the Senior Center's north parking lot. This service is an eye screening only. No fee.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 16</b> <b>HOLIDAY MUSIC WITH THE TEXAS WINDS FLUTE TRIO</b> 11 a.m. The Texas Winds flute trio's holiday performance will be a welcome break from the hectic pace of the season. Come relax with music and refreshments. No fee.</p>

#### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

##### Upcoming Trips

We have great travel destinations planned for you in 2017. Both one-day and longer overnight trips offer the opportunity for you to travel and experience new adventures. Our trips will include visits to historical courthouses, painted churches in Schulenburg, Texas, Waco's now-famous silos from the HGTV television show "Fixer Upper," Big Bend National Park, Archer City, Texas, and Natchitoches, La. around Christmas. We are offering a variety of destinations for you to explore and enjoy. Please call Beth at 972-744-7810 for more information.

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

#### ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p><b>Dec. 1</b> <b>JERRY BARLOW—CELTIC FINGER-STYLE GUITARIST AND STORYTELLER</b> 6:30-8 p.m. First Floor Youth Services Room.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 3</b> <b>DEWEY KNIT</b> 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 6</b> <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN</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>Dec. 13</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>Dec. 13</b> <b>LUNCHTIME LECTURES: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN</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>Dec. 14</b> <b>SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE</b> 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Same Sky" by Amanda Eyre Ward. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 15</b> <b>REAL READS BOOK CLUB</b> 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "A Curious Mind: The Secret to a Bigger Life" by Brian Grazer. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 19</b> <b>WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS</b> 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 21</b> <b>THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE</b> 10:30 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "Mary Coin" by Marisa Silver. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 21</b> <b>COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP</b> 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTcritiquegroup@gmail.com for more information.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 24-26</b> <b>CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE</b> The Library will be closed all day from Dec. 24-26. It will reopen at 10 a.m. Dec. 27.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 31-Jan. 2</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE</b> The Library will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 31 and will be closed all day Jan. 1-2. The Library will reopen at 10 a.m. Jan. 3.</p>

#### CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p><b>Dec. 5</b> <b>FAMILY STORYTIME</b> 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 10</b> <b>TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND DIY DUCT TAPE CRAFTS</b> 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 19/21</b> <b>BUILD A BOT ROBOTICS WORKSHOP</b> 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Ages 9-12. Registration required.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 21</b> <b>MOVIE MORNINGS @ RPL: "ELF"</b> 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. First Floor Program Room.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 28</b> <b>CTECH: LEARN CONNECT CREATE—FOR KIDS</b> 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4359 to register.</p>
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# Cultural Arts & Community

## Eisemann Center Presents features two December shows

The 2016-17 Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month with two shows featuring folk music and a modern twist on classical ballet.

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.

### A Band Called Honalee

7:30 p.m. Dec. 10

Tickets \$40

A Band Called Honalee is a modern-day folk trio inspired by



A Band Called Honalee

the music and legacy of Peter, Paul and Mary. Musically accomplished, interactive and energetic, their shows allow audiences to experience this timeless music live

onstage once again. Ring in the holidays with Peace on Earth, our joyous evening of Olde English Christmas carols, Celtic favorites and of course, Honalee's signature twist on iconic folk and folk-rock songs of the 1960s. Returning for a second appearance, at the Eisemann Center.

### The Hip Hop Nutcracker

7:30 p.m. Dec. 23

Tickets \$39-\$56

The Hip Hop Nutcracker is an evening-length production per-

formed by a supercharged cast of a dozen all-star dancers, a DJ and a violinist. Through the spells cast by the mysterious Drosselmeyer, Maria-Clara and her Nutcracker prince, travel back in time to the moment when her parents first meet in a nightclub. Digital scenery transforms E.T.A. Hoffmann's story of a palace of sugarplums into a romance set in 1980s Brooklyn. The dance work celebrates love, community and the magic of New Year's Eve.



The Hip Hop Nutcracker

## "Cats" brings Broadway to Richardson

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2016-17 season with a performance of the Broadway classic, "Cats" Dec. 9-18. The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission.

"Cats," featuring a score by Andrew Lloyd Webber with lyrics by T.S. Eliot, Trevor Nunn and Richard Stilgoe, ran for 21 years in London and 18 years on Broadway. It won seven Tony Awards, including best musical. Based on Eliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats, the tuner tells the story of the Jellicle cats and each cat's individual quest to be selected as the lucky one who will ascend to "the Heaviside Layer." The musical will be performed by RCT's acclaimed Rep Company actors.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. The performances 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. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth. Group rates are available.

### Upcoming theater classes

- "Goldie Locks," Jan. 16-Feb. 18, ages 7-16, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Spring Break Camp—"The Princess & the Pea," March 13-17, Monday through

Friday.

- "The Little Mermaid," March 20-April 26, ages 8-18, Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday.

Classes held at Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. Classes end in performances. For more information on the School of Music Theatre, visit [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com).

## RTC presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

The Richardson Theatre Centre is getting into the holiday season with a production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," Dec. 9-31.

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids—probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem—and the fun—when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on!

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. No performances will be held Dec. 24 or Dec. 25. Visit [www.richardsontheatrecentre.net](http://www.richardsontheatrecentre.net) or call 972-699-1130 for more information.

## Eisemann Center gift certificates make perfect gifts

Gift certificates to the Eisemann Center make the perfect gift for arts lovers this holiday season.

Your favorite arts patron may redeem gift certificates for any show that is sold through the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, such as the current season of Eisemann Center Presents, with upcoming shows that include "Disenchanted," "The Original Stars of American Bandstand," Tina Packer's "Women of Will," "A Carlin Home Companion: Growing Up with George," Paul



Taylor Dance Company and the ever-popular Keyboard Conversations® series hosted by Jeffrey Siegel. If family entertainment is more up your alley, then check out the upcoming presentations from the Methodist Richardson

Medical Center Family Theatre Series including "Charlotte's Web," "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" and "Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play."

Visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) for a complete calendar of upcoming performances.

Gift certificates may be purchased at [www.eisemanncenter.com/gift-certificates](http://www.eisemanncenter.com/gift-certificates) or through the Ticket Office in person or by calling 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and beginning one hour before performances.

## RCAS announces winners of annual art show

The winners of the Richardson Civic Art Society's annual Membership Show and Sale have been announced.

The Best of Show went to Asieh Amiri for "Affection" and the Judge's Choice Award was won by Wendy Koehrsen for "Trouble." The First Time Entry Award went to Bess Salomon for "Jamie."

Awards were also given out in four categories: Collage/Mixed Media, Pastel/Graphics, Water Media and Oils/Acrylics. For a full list of winners, visit [www.richardson-arts.org](http://www.richardson-arts.org).

RCAS meets at the Richardson Library on third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Dec. 20 and focuses on oil/acrylic collage/mixed media.

## Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

### VOCAL MAJORITY CHORUS "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

(8 p.m. Dec. 1, 2; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4. \$15-\$53.

Visit [www.vocalmajority.com](http://www.vocalmajority.com).)

### ROYALE BALLET DANCE ACADEMY "THE NUTCRACKER"

(2 p.m. Dec. 3, 4; and 7 p.m. Dec. 3, 4. \$20-25.

Visit [www.royaleballet.com](http://www.royaleballet.com).)

### RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "HOLIDAY CLASSICS"

(8 p.m. Dec. 3. \$15-\$87. Visit [www.richardsonsymphony.org](http://www.richardsonsymphony.org).)

### DALLAS REPERTOIRE BALLET "THE NUTCRACKER"

(7:30 p.m. Dec. 9, 10; and 2 p.m. Dec. 11. \$22-\$52.

Visit [www.danceada.com](http://www.danceada.com).)

### ARAMART INSTITUTE—MOHSEN NAMJOO & THE BAND

(8 p.m. Dec. 9. \$30-\$100. Visit [www.aramartinstitute.com](http://www.aramartinstitute.com).)

### TUZER BALLET "THE NUTCRACKER"

(2 p.m. Dec. 17, 18; and 7 p.m. Dec. 17. \$15-\$55.

Visit [www.tuzerballet.com](http://www.tuzerballet.com).)

### COLLIN COUNTY BALLET THEATRE "THE NUTCRACKER"

(7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 21; and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 22. \$17-\$77.

Visit [www.ccballet.com](http://www.ccballet.com).)

### PEGASUS THEATRE PRESENTS "DEATH ON DELIVERY"

(8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and Jan. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21;

3 p.m. Jan. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22. \$22-\$42.

Visit [www.pegasustheatre.com](http://www.pegasustheatre.com).)

## Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

### Tutor Training Workshop

10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Richardson Public Library

Please register by Jan. 3.

To register or receive more information, visit [www.ralc.org](http://www.ralc.org).



- No teaching experience needed

- No need to speak another language

- Free training

- Daytime and evening opportunities available



When you shop at small businesses, 48% of your dollars stay local. The money you spend in Richardson contributes to secondary spending in our community. Also, when you visit your neighborhood restaurant or store, you're more likely to develop a relationship with the owner, making your service even better.



Sign up for a weekly email featuring Richardson businesses and specials.

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



## Coming up at the Civic Center

Texas Stamp Dealers

Dec. 9-10

[www.tsdstamps.com](http://www.tsdstamps.com)



411 W. Arapaho Rd.  
Richardson, Texas 75080  
[www.cor.net/civiccenter](http://www.cor.net/civiccenter)



Accommodates groups from 10-750  
Call us! 972-744-4090

### “Tree Cycle” your Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital land-fill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to “tree cycle” their unflocked Christmas trees.



From Dec. 23-Jan. 31, 2017, Richardson residents may “tree cycle” in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.
2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting.

#### Tree cycling guidelines

- Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day. (Your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4111 if you are unsure which day is your BABIC day.

### Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established by Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 5, 2017. Locations listed are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

- 1500 Apollo Rd. (near the Huffhines Tennis Center courts)
- Breckinridge Park 5200 Park Vista Rd. (near the baseball complex)

If you prefer to throw the boxes away, place them inside a black bag so you do not advertise that you have a new computer or TV in your home. For more information about preventing crime or to make your home and neighborhood safer, please contact the Richardson Police Department at 972-744-4955.

- Custer Park 700 W. Renner Rd. (near the tennis courts)
- Recycle Center 102 N. Cottonwood Dr.



### Lock, take and hide to prevent theft

The Insurance Council of Texas, along with State Farm and the Richardson Police Department (RPD), are reminding shoppers and drivers to “Lock, Take and Hide”—secure belongings (i.e. hide valuables), lock the car and take the keys. The Insurance Council provided the City with 100 “Lock, Take and Hide” parking lot signs last month as part of an ongoing effort to prevent crime. The Insurance Council also gave 100 signs to the City in 2014, which have been placed in parking areas across Richardson.

Richardson Police report that motorists frequently leave keys, laptops, purses, briefcases and other valuables inside their parked vehicles in

plain view, making their cars easy targets for crime and even easier targets when the car is unlocked.

The signs are available to businesses for posting on their property. To inquire about the signs, contact the RPD Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



### Visible addresses help first responders



Police officers and firefighters respond to calls as quickly as possible, but they can only offer assistance if they can find the correct location. That is where residents come in. In order to enable the

departments to respond quickly during an emergency, address numbers must be posted so that they are clearly visible from the street and alley.

The numbers must be posted on both the curbside mailbox or curb, and the front of the house, plus at the back of the residence on the garage, fence or other structure between three and 10 feet off the ground. Numbers must be a minimum of three inches high so they are easily seen both day and night.

For more information, visit [www.cor.net/address](http://www.cor.net/address) or call the City’s Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

### ‘Tis the season for urban wildlife

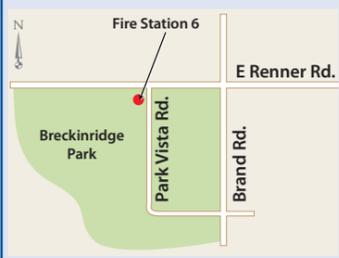
As fall turns into winter, the chances of spotting predatory animals such as bobcats and coyotes increases as they search for food and prepare for winter. Residents are encouraged to report sightings of nuisance wildlife or deceased animals by calling Animal Services at 972-744-4480 or the City’s 24/7 Response Center at 972-744-4111. Sightings may also be reported online at [www.cor.net/concerns](http://www.cor.net/concerns) or on the MyRichardson App, which now includes a Wild Animals issue on the main “new Issue” page.



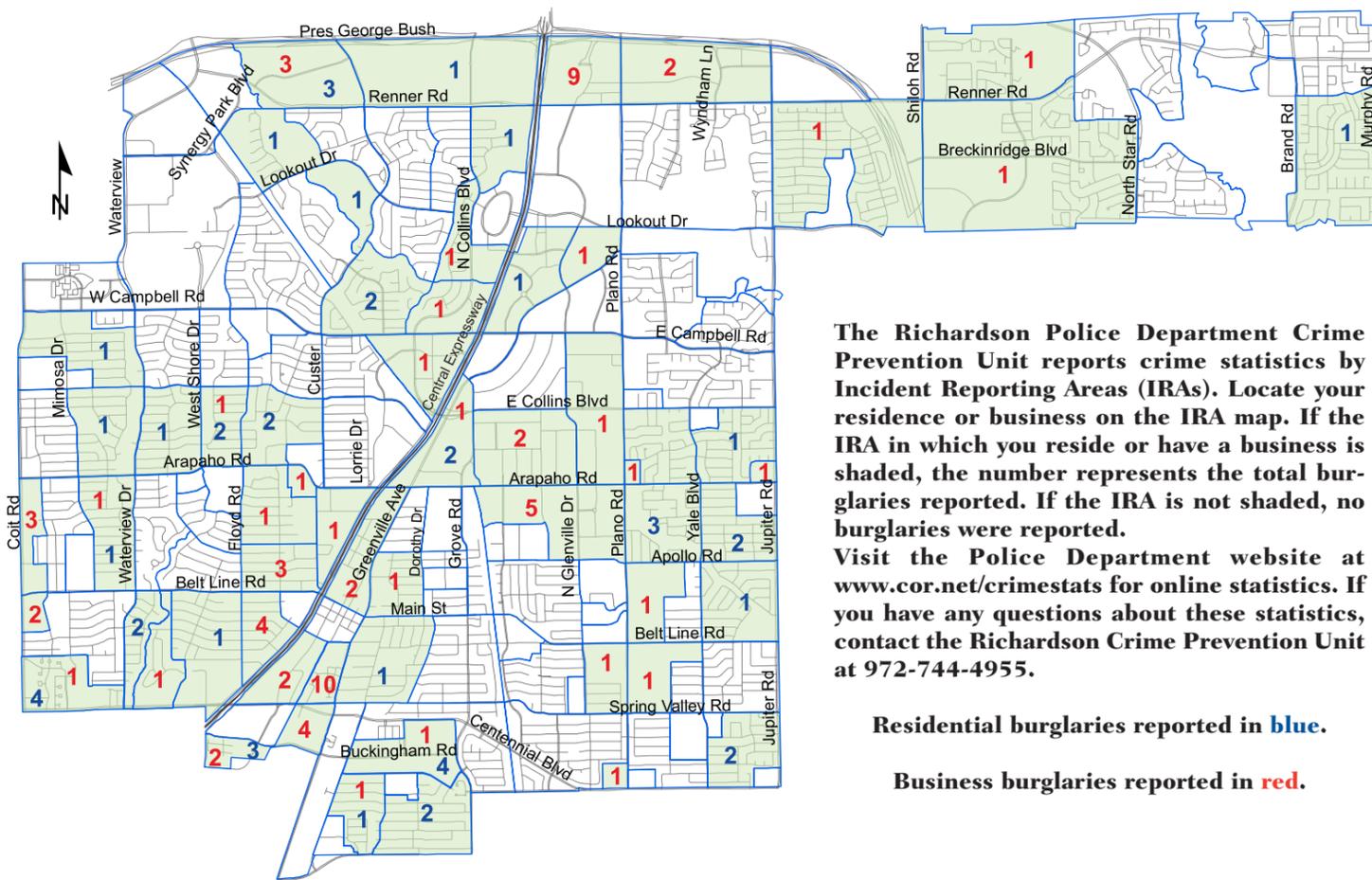
### Fire Station 6 offers blue bags Dec. 3

Fire Station 6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls for \$3.50 for residents, or \$4 for non-residents. Blue bag letters are honored at this location as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

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



### Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit reports crime statistics by Incident Reporting Areas (IRAs). Locate your residence or business on the IRA map. If the IRA in which you reside or have a business is shaded, the number represents the total burglaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no burglaries were reported.

Visit the Police Department website at [www.cor.net/crimestats](http://www.cor.net/crimestats) for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

# Annual photo contest kicks off next month

The 2017 City of Richardson Photo Contest begins next month. The annual event attracts some of the top amateur and professional photographers in Richardson and throughout the area, who compete in a number of categories including abstract, cityscape/architecture and people.

Entries will be accepted from Jan. 14-29 at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., and results will be announced Feb. 3. Entry fees are \$5 in the student division and \$10 in the adult or proficient division.

Photographers who don't have access to photo editing software, especially those wishing to enter the experimental/enhanced category, which allows for the "alteration and manipulation of the scene or subject using post production effects," should know that the Richardson Public Library's second floor creative space, C-Tech, has computers with the full Adobe Creative Suite, including Adobe Photoshop. Use of the computers



2016 Best of Student Division/Best of Show: Lily Flandorfer

is free on a first-come, first-served basis, but requires a Library card.

Accompanying the photo contest again this year is the featured artist exhibit. From Jan. 11-Feb. 24, the work of Inge Johnsson will be on display at Huffhines Recreation Center. A native of Sweden, Johnsson has traveled the United States and the world for more than 25 years capturing images that



2016 Best of Adult Division: Carol Busby

have graced the pages of magazines such as *National Geographic Traveler*, *Smithsonian* and *Texas Highways*, to name a few. His work can be seen at [www.ingejohnsson.photoshelter.com](http://www.ingejohnsson.photoshelter.com).

Photos from the 2016 contest judges and 2016 Best of Division winners will be on display on the third floor of the Richardson Public Library Jan. 13-Feb. 3, while the win-



2016 Best of Proficient Division: Mike Zapata

ners of this year's contest can be seen at the same place Feb. 4-19.

The 2017 Awards Ceremony and Judges Workshop is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

For a complete list of rules, categories and requirements on how entries must be presented, visit [www.cor.net/photocontest](http://www.cor.net/photocontest).



## Santa's Village Picture Opportunities



Santa's Village closes for the season the night of Dec. 18, but the buildings will remain in place and the lights will continue to be lit through Jan. 2. Visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds and take photographs daily from 8 a.m.-9 p.m.



**Santa Claus**  
A New Musical

Adaptive Event 



**Adaptive Theatrical Christmas**  
Friday, Dec. 9 • 3:30-9:45 p.m.  
Heights Recreation Center  
Course #93574

Ages 18 years and older. We will meet at Heights Recreation Center and take a van to Fort Worth. Once there, we will eat dinner and go to Casa Mañana for "Santa Claus—A New Musical!" When Santa announces that this will be his last Christmas, the search is on for someone to fill some very big boots. This show is sure to put a smile on your face and get you in the holiday spirit! Very limited enrollment! Don't forget to bring money for dinner. Fee is \$42 for residents and \$44 for non-residents plus the cost of food.

**Nutcracker**  
Afternoon Tea



Sponsored by Tuzer Ballet

**Huffhines Recreation Center**  
Sunday, Dec. 11, 2-3:30 p.m.

Course #92516 • Ages 3-9 • Pre-register by Dec. 9

\$5 per child plus receive a discount code for the Nutcracker performance tickets at the Eisemann Center.

Come join in the holiday fun! Have your picture taken with Tuzer Ballet's famous Nutcracker characters and enjoy tea/lemonade, snacks and ballet crafts!

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Create a holiday memory and share breakfast with Santa Claus! Your child will also make a craft and receive a small treat from Santa.

Boys and girls ages 2-5.

Limited seating, so please register by Dec. 14! Pre-registration required. Two seating times.

**Huffhines Recreation Center**  
Thursday, Dec. 15

#92325: 8:30-9:30 a.m. or #92326: 10-11 a.m.  
Fee: \$10 per person

## 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.

The tournament year is wrapping up at Sherrill Park, with the sole remaining event being 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).

## 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 Android

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 Dec. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 with membership; \$23 without.

#### 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 Dec. 27 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.

#### iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Dec. 5 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, Dec. 5 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, Dec. 17 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, Dec. 17 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$49 with membership; \$52 without. Ages 18 and over are welcome.

### 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 Jan. 14 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 with membership; \$13 without. Please bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

#### 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.

**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 Dec. 1. 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.

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

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

### NEW!! Watercolor

Renata Sharman will offer watercolor classes for beginners. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Intermediate and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New session starts Dec. 6. Cost is \$80 with membership or \$22 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

### Beginner Square Dance

Lessons are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$75 per person with membership; \$78 without. Class time is 6:30-8 p.m.

### Square Dance: The Incredibles

This group will be dance angels for the beginner's class 7-9 p.m. The group will dance the last hour as members of The Incredibles. Cost is \$65 per person for the quarter or \$10 nightly fee.

### ADD Plus Square Dance

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

### Plus Square Dance Lessons

Plus Square dance lessons are held Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. 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.

Dec. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	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 Jan. 19 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 Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

### 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.

### Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is available for play during regular Senior Center hours.

### 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 Dec. 15 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.

### Needlework

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. 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 and have some fun. Next meeting is Feb. 6 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.

**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.

**NEW!! Texas Canasta**

Texas Canasta will be taught Fridays, 10-11 a.m. No fee. Please call 972-744-7800 to put your name on the interested list. Space is limited!

**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.

**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).

**The Richardson Senior Dance**

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

Dec. 3	Jim Baker/ Swinging Ballroom
Dec. 10	Tommy Chandler
Dec. 24	No Dance

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.

**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.

**Chess Club**

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

**Services****City of Richardson Transportation Service**

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

**The Seniors' Net**

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

**Hearing Screening**

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 1:30-3 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment.

**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 Feb. 3.

**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.

**NEW!! B.A.S.I.C.S for Healthy Living**

Body Awareness Support (to) Improve Cognitive Skills

As we age, the connection between our minds and bodies can become less direct than when we were younger; the time between thought and action increases, and control of our bodies decreases. This class is designed to improve body awareness and motor control that can also improve cognitive skills. Class is held Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 a month.

**Chair Massage**

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

**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 Dec. 1.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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

**Blood Pressure Checks**

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

**Fitness****Pilates Class**

Learn the basics of mat Pilates. Class meets every Monday from 10-11 a.m. Beginners as well as those with more experience are welcome. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Cost is \$5 per class and 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.

**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 \$8 a month (refunds not available) plus membership or \$3 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.

**Pinochle**

Mon., Tue., Wed., 9:30 a.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

**Party Bridge**

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

**Bunco**

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

**Scrabble**

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

**Cribbage**

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Mah Jongg**

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

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

**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.

## Librarians suggest books for holiday giving

### Adult Fiction

*Another Brooklyn*  
by Jacqueline Woodson

*The Association of Small Bombs*  
by Karan Mahajan

*Before the Fall*  
by Noah Hawley

*Dark Matter*  
by Blake Crouch

*Dictionary of Mutual Understanding*  
by Jackie Copleton

*A Gentleman in Moscow*  
by Amor Towles

*The Last One*  
by Alexandra Oliva

*News of the World*  
by Paulette Jiles

*Orphan X*  
by Gregg Hurwitz

*The Other Einstein*  
by Marie Benedict

*The Survivor*  
by Vince Flynn

*The Throw Back Special*  
by Chris Bachelder

*The Underground Railroad*  
by Colson Whitehead

*The Whistler*  
by John Grisham

*The Woman in Cabin 10*  
by Ruth Ware

### Adult Non Fiction

*Between the World and Me*  
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

*The Book: A Cover-to-Cover Exploration of the Most Powerful Object of Our Time*  
by Keith Houston

*Born to Run*  
by Bruce Springsteen

*A Curious Mind: The Secret to a Bigger Life*  
by Brian Grazer

*A Different Kind of Daughter: The Girl Who Hid From the Taliban in Plain Sight*  
by Katharine Holstein

*Eleanor and Hick: The Love Affair That Shaped A First Lady*  
by Susan Quinn

*Geography of Genius: A Search For the World's Most Creative Places From Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley*  
by Eric Weiner

*Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill*  
by Candice Millard

*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*  
by J.D. Vance

*Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race*  
by Margot Lee Shetterly

*In Such Good Company: Eleven Years of Laughter, Mayhem, and Fun in the Sandbox*  
by Carol Burnett

*Life Reimagined: The Science, Art, and Opportunity of Midlife*  
by Barbara Bradley Hagerty

*Miles and Miles of Texas: 100 Years of the Texas Highway Department*  
by Carol Dawson

*Pancakes in Paris: Living the American Dream in France*  
by Craig Carlson

*The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis*  
by Elizabeth Letts

### Young Adult

*Burn Baby Burn*  
by Meg Medina

*Every Heart a Doorway*  
by Seanan McGuire

*March (trilogy)*  
by John Lewis

*Red Queen*  
by Victoria Aveyard

*Remnant Chronicles (series)*  
by Mary E. Pearson

*The Scorpion Rules*  
by Erin Bow

*The Season*  
by Jonah Lisa Dyer

*Six of Crows and Crooked Kingdom*  
by Leigh Bardugo

*The Sun Is Also A Star*  
by Nicola Yoon

*Three Dark Crowns*  
by Kendare Blake

*When the Moon Was Ours*  
by Anna-Marie McLemore

### Juvenile Fiction

*Booked*  
by Kwame Alexander

*The Book Scavenger*  
by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

*Full of Beans*  
by Jennifer L. Holm

*Gertie's Leap to Greatness*  
by Kate Beasley

*Ghosts (graphic novel)*  
by Raina Telgemeier

*Inquisitor's Tale*  
by Adam Gidwitz

*Juana & Lucas*  
by Juana Medina

*Raymie Nightingale*  
by Kate DiCamillo

*Royal Wedding Disaster*  
by Meg Cabot

*The War That Saved My Life*  
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*The Wild Robot*  
by Peter Brown

*When the Sea Turned to Silver*  
by Grace Lin

*Wolf Hollow*  
by Lauren Wolk

*The Worst Night Ever*  
by Dave Barry

### Picture Books

*Bedtime for Batman*  
by Michael Dahl

*A Child of Books*  
by Oliver Jeffers

*Click, Clack, Surprise*  
by Doreen Cronin

*The Cranky Ballerina*  
by Elise Gravel

*Dirt + Water = Mud*  
by Katherine Hannigan

*Frank and Lucky Get Schooled*  
by Lynne Rae Perkins

*I Love Cake*  
by Tammi Sauer

*Is That Wise, Pig?*  
by Jan Thomas

*Last Stop on Market Street*  
by Matt de la Pena

*Lion Lessons*  
by Jon Agee

*Mother Bruce*  
by Ryan T. Higgins

*Penguin Problems*  
by Jory John

*Rules of the House*  
by Mac Barnett

*The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles*  
by Michelle Cuevas

*Woodpecker Wants a Waffle*  
by Steve Breen



The Library will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1 and 2, and close at 5 p.m. on Dec. 31 to observe the Christmas and New Year holidays.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Richardson residents can request from home items that are on the shelf?

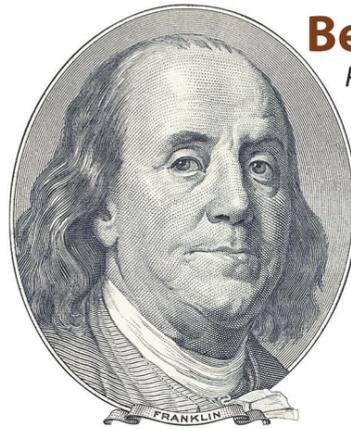
You can request an item by calling the Library or by going to our website.

Call No.	Status	Due Date	
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When you are notified, please pick up your hold within four days.

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## Lunchtime Lecture Series



### Benjamin Franklin

Presented by Richard Cudlipp

Tuesdays

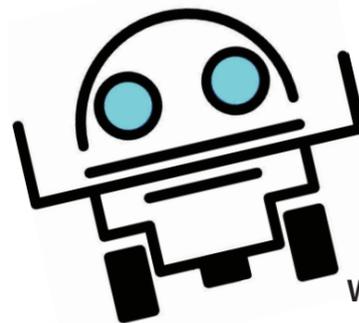
Dec. 6 Dec. 13  
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Adults & teens welcome.  
Basement Program Room

You are welcome to bring your lunch.  
Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

## Build a Bot: Robotics

Use LEGO Mindstorms to build a basic three-wheeled robot and program it.



Ages 9-12 years  
Beginners are welcome!

Please select ONE workshop to attend:

Monday, Dec. 19, 2-4 p.m.  
or  
Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m.

Registration required.  
First Floor Program Room

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



**Learn. Create. Connect.**

*Constructive fun with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*

LEGOs: For all ages  
Ozobots: For ages 6+  
MaKey MaKey: For ages 8+

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**  
2-4 p.m.  
Basement Program Room

Families tinker and experiment together!

Snap Circuits Jr.: For ages 8+  
Quercetti Kaleido Gears: For all ages

Try our new Ozobots!

**Duct Tape**

DIY Crafting Fun for Ages 10-18

**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
3-4 p.m.  
Basement Program Room

Make flowers, wallets and more from multicolored and patterned duct tape.

Movie Mornings  
Rated: PG

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**Wednesday, Dec. 21**  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
First Floor Program Room

Tuzer Ballet Company  
*presents excerpts from*

**THE NUTCRACKER**

**Saturday Dec. 3**  
4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room

A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of two presentations. Limited tickets will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Youth Services Department. All ages welcome, no registration required. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

*Love Romance Novels?*

Romantic Interludes  
BOOK CLUB

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

**10:30 a.m. Second Tuesdays**  
Second Floor Conference Room  
Call 972-744-4350 to register.

Visit Santa's Library in ...

*Santa's Village*

**6-9 p.m.**

**Dec. 3-4 • Dec. 8-11  
Dec. 15-18**

Fountain Plaza (behind the Library)