RHS student videos help to recruit lifeguards

In the past few years Richardson, along with other North Texas cities and many communities nationwide, has faced a shortage of applicants for lifeguards at its public pools. After last year’s shortage, the City of Richardson and its Parks and Recreation Department launched an innovative approach, partnering with the Richardson Independent School District and students from Richardson High School (RHS), in order to bolster recruitment numbers for the upcoming pool season. The City invited students in the RHS Communication Arts Program, led by Director of Magnet Communications Brent Morton, to produce videos that will help Richardson’s Parks and Recreation Department attract more lifeguard applicants.

Two talented student teams created the videos, one featuring interviews with Richardson lifeguards and another utilizing images and music in a “montage” approach. Both videos are now available on the City’s YouTube channel and at www.cor.net/lifeguardvideo.

“In previous years our aquatics and athletics manager was still hiring and training people up through August because we were never able to maintain consistent numbers and stay fully staffed for all locations,” said Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Yvonne Falgout. “We enlisted Richardson High School students to help us appeal to our peers through these videos and show potential applicants that a lifeguard position is an interesting and fun part-time summer job.”

The Parks and Recreation Department began recruitment efforts earlier this year by holding a job fair during the holiday break. To support continued recruiting, the new videos are featured on the City’s website and have been introduced on the City’s social media channels. Another job fair is planned for March 14 from 4-7 p.m. at Huffhines Recreation Center. In addition to the lifeguard positions, the City will also hire up to 30 additional positions including swim instructors, swim team coaches and pool cashiers.

Interested applicants should visit www.cor.net/lifeguard, call 972-744-4001 or e-mail erika.bashaw@cor.gov. The City recommends that applicants already have a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification, but they can submit an application even without one. However, applicants will need to obtain this certificate prior to having their application considered. Information about classes in the area can be found at www.redcross.org.

Plano ISD’s Academy High School offers unique learning experience

Plano ISD’s Academy High School is not your typical high school. While it houses grades nine through 12, the 420 pupils are not called students, they are called “learners,” while teachers are referred to as “facilitators.” And the differences don’t end there. Project-based learning and a school facility that promotes collaboration and creativity in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and math is the rule, not the exception.

The interdisciplinary aspect of the curriculum calls for students to work on six- to eight-week projects that combine all of their classes. On any given day, student projects may range from using power tools to building a solar car to using computers to program robots. While students at the school don’t participate in Plano ISD extracurricular activities, student clubs covering everything from filmaking allow students to explore their interests outside of the classroom.

The new high school was one of three application-only academies that opened in 2013, part of a push by Plano ISD to offer students alternative, personalized ways to learn. Academy High School, the Health Science Academy (at Williams High School and Plano East Senior High School in conjunction with Collin College) and Bi World School (at Plano East), have proven popular with both students, parents and educators.

Students at Academy High School are able to get a head start on their college careers by enrolling in dual credit courses at the University of North Texas. Currently, students can earn college credit in three courses—writing, statistics and computer science—at prices that are lower than what they would pay for the same class at the university.

Not only is Richardson a hotbed of technology-related industries and university research, it’s filled with opportunities for study in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) at its elementary and secondary schools.

The Richardson Independent School District offers several STEM-related programs, including:

- Math, Science and Technology Magnet Elementary School (MST)
- Arts and Technology Magnet at Richardson West Junior High School (West)
- Math, Science and Leadership Magnet at Westwood Junior High School
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Residents should receive a letter in the mail this month from Mayor Paul Voelker that can be turned in to any one of several City facilities to be redeemed for two rolls of 26 GB recycling bags (52 total).

Through the Blue Bag Program, homeowners can combine all of their recyclable material into one bag and place it out for weekly pickup service. The City recycles all plastics #1-7 (with the exception of Styrofoam), and also collects aluminum, tin, steel, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, mixed paper, plastic grocery bags, paper grocery bags, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, paperboard/chipboard, junk mail, glass containers (clear and all color glass) and pots and pans.

The City of Richardson also provides a drop-off recycling center that is open to residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is located at the Westside Pump Station at 102 N. Cottonwood Dr., near the intersection of Cottonwood Drive and Belt Line Road. For more information on the City's recycling program visit www.cor.net/recycling.

Chlorine maintenance is March 13-April 10

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has scheduled a chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on its water transmission system and customer cities' distribution systems for a 28-day period from March 13-April 10. The chlorine maintenance is a water system maintenance function as well as a water conservation measure. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD.

The North Texas Municipal Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform chlorine maintenance to help reduce the need for suppliers to flush systems in order to maintain proper chlorine levels (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water. The chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, are used to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide a longer lasting residual disinfection in the water pipelines and water storage facilities.

During the chlorine maintenance period, the disinfection residual consists of chlorine alone without the ammonia. The chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and the water remains safe for use. Consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a slight change in the quality of the drinking water. For more information, visit tnmwd.com/Cfact-sheets.

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About City Council Meetings

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

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

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City Social Media

Community Events. You can also view CITV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/socialmedia for a full listing.

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Requesting an Accommodation

The City of Richardson will make all reasonable accommodations in 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:

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Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.
• Each semester, Richland serves some 20,000 credit and 4,800 non-credit students who come from more than 130 countries and speak 79 first languages.

• Richland Collegiate High School was one of the first junior-senior dual credit charter schools administered by a community college and is rated “exemplary” by the Texas Education Agency.

• The Richland College Dual Credit/Concurrent Enrollment Program provides a unique opportunity for motivated high school students to receive college credit while they are completing high school.

• Richland College is the first community college to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, presented by the President of the United States and the Secretary of Commerce, the nation’s highest honor for performance excellence.

• The TEAM Center at Richland College prepares students for entry-level manufacturing jobs.

• Of the 66 rated PISD schools, all received a rating of “Met Standard” in all areas of the STAAR test.

• 23 Department of Education National Blue Ribbon campuses.

• 94.6% of Plano ISD graduates pursue higher education.

• In 2016, 78 Plano ISD seniors earned National Merit Semifinalist standing.

• Since 2001, Plano ISD’s eSchool program has enabled more than 36,000 students to take high school courses online.

• Plano ISD has three academies for high school students: Academy High School, the Health Science Academy at Williams High School and Plano East Senior High School in conjunction with Collin College, and IB World School at Plano East.

• Plano ISD was awarded as one of the “Best 100 Communities for Music Education in America.” Plano ISD has made this list each year since the start of the program in 1999.

• 390 National Merit Scholars have attended UT Dallas.

• UT Dallas’ enrollment has increased 144 percent since 2000 (10,945 to 26,797).

• UT Dallas was ranked first in Texas, second in the U.S. and 25th in the world in 2016 on Times Higher Education magazine’s list of most outstanding young universities (under 50 years old).

• The Naveen Jindal School of Management’s MBA program was among the top 50 in Bloomberg Businessweek’s 2015 rankings of best business schools.

• 18 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Dallas recruit from UT Dallas.

• The School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences’ Callier Center has two programs nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

• UT Dallas is among 115 U.S. universities with a “RI University” classification assigned by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

• 77 percent of RISD schools earned at least one academic distinction, compared to 51 percent in Texas.

• 23 Department of Education National Blue Ribbon campuses.

• All four RISD high schools named among America’s Best High Schools by Newsweek.

• Eight RISD schools named to Texas Honor Roll by Education Resource Partnership.

• West Junior High partnered with Google International in 2014 to become the first fully integrated “Google Campus” in the world.

• More than 500 companies and organizations partner with RISD.

• PTA volunteers log more than 225,000 volunteer hours per year.

• Named a Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants.

• Consistent state finalists in marching band, concert band and orchestra.
Having the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, the city not only makes it possible for a student to journey from kindergarten to Ph.D. without ever leaving the boundaries of the city, but students benefit from the school’s presence all along the way. The highly ranked university has been a major asset to area children and teens with its many camps, workshops and outreach programs, enhancing the students’ studies and introducing them to something new.

Students as young as age 5 benefit from the University of Texas at Dallas’ Science and Engineering Center (SEEC), which began eight years ago by 1993 Nobel Prize winner Dr. Russell Hulse. The Center provides contact science exhibits to libraries throughout the DFW area, check out science kits for hands-on exploration and discovery activities for children in grades K-12. In addition, SEEC, in conjunction with faculty members from the University’s Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, has hosted robotics competitions including Texas BEST & UIL State Robotics competitions and an annual Explore Engineering Day on campus for K-12 students interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Jonsson School also hosts after-school coding clubs at area elementary and high schools, including several in Plano and at RISD’s Dartmouth Elementary, as well as more than 100 coding camps in the summer. Custom-tailored workshops and low-cost tutoring in computer science is also available.

Jonsson School faculty members are also instrumental in the Young Women in Science and Engineering Investigators program, which pairs mentors (including high school teachers, UT Dallas students and faculty, and industry professionals from corporations such as Texas Instruments and Cisco) with teams of female juniors or seniors from low socioeconomic backgrounds on a year-long science project. The top five finalists are eligible to apply for scholarship support to attend UT Dallas.

The Jonsson School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics’ Education Department reaches out to local schoolchildren through its UTeach program, placing pre-service teachers in classrooms in the RISD and other districts. In any given school year, the department has more than 200 students in the field, teaching and observing lessons from upper elementary through high school. You can also see them in internships at local museums and libraries.

The G-Force Mentor Program, offered by the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement, includes UT Dallas students spending 20 hours per week at area high schools, assisting students with classroom college applications, completing admissions applications, planning college visits and applying for financial aid and scholarships. UT Dallas’ Center for Children and Families (CCF) and its Callier Center for Communica- tion Disorders (CCCD) conduct screening fairs three times per year at select area elementary schools. CCF and Callier staff and speech-language therapists provide hearing and language screenings while CCF screens the children for developmental milestones. In addition, UT Dallas student volunteers provide fun learning activities for the children while they wait to be screened.

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For more information, visit www.utd.edu

Richland TEAM Center helps students with job placement

Richland College students who wish to pursue a career in advanced manufacturing now have industry-recognized training equipment at their fingertips. The Richland College Technology, Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing (TEAM) Center, the only one of its kind in North Texas, opened in April 2016 and prepares students for entry-level positions in the fields of engineering, electrical engineering technology, electronics technology, and advanced manufacturing.

Funding the TEAM Center was a collaborative effort between the college, the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD), Texas Instruments and the U.S. Department of Labor, which awarded the college a $3.25 million grant.

Due to Richland College’s location in the Telecom Corridor® area, the TEAM Center is strategically positioned to train students in the specialized skills they need to enter the local workforce, where these skills are in high demand. Many times the equipment students learn on will be identical to the equipment used by manufacturers.

“The TEAM Center is fully equipped to provide students exceptional hands-on, industry-specific, degree-focused, problem-based learning experiences and career training with stackable industry-recognized certifications,” said Dr. Kathy K. Eggleston, Richland College president.

The program, which not only helps students, but could also help the local economy continue to grow, Eggleston said, adding that the DCCCD is committed to improving the local economy by growing middle-class jobs.

City plans to build inclusive playground

The City of Richardson plans to develop its first inclusive playground at Cottonwood Park, through the use of 2015 General Obligation funds and community partnerships. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, all children have access to the City’s playgrounds, but an inclusive playground would help children of varying abilities interact and play together through creative design, materials and equipment.

Inclusive playgrounds are becoming a core service provided by many communities today, and they are in line with the City Council’s 2013-17 Statement of Goals, which pairs mentors (including high school teachers, UT Dallas students and faculty, and industry professionals from corporations such as Texas Instruments and Cisco) with teams of female juniors or seniors from low socioeconomic backgrounds on a year-long science project. The top five finalists are eligible to apply for scholarship support to attend UT Dallas.

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Rotary Club presents City Employee Awards

Assistant Parks Superintendent Chris Acuff and Senior Adminis- trative Secretary Cynthia Sandlin were recently named the 2016 Supervisor of the Year and Employee of the Year, respectively, by the Richardson Rotary Club. The awards, given by the club since 1992, are specially designed to rec- ognize City employees who make significant contributions during the past year.

Acuff began his City of Richardson career as a part-time helper with the Parks Maintenance Division in the summer of 1993, right after graduation from Garland High School. That November he was hired into a full-time Maintenance Helper II position and worked his way up to his current position as Assistant Parks Supervisor, earning licenses and certifications along the way. As of Jan. 1 of this year, he was named Assistant Parks Superintendent. Acuff was recognized by the Rotary for his efforts in the maintenance operations and employee morale as well as for his dedication and work ethic. He has been involved in the planning and execution of Richardson’s Family Fourth Celebration, Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival and the Corporate Challenge opening and closing ceremonies.

Sandlin has been with the City for more than 16 years, starting as Facilities Operations Assistant in 2000 and promoted to Senior Operations Assistant in 2006 and Senior Administrative Secretary in 2012. She was recognized for her contributions and positive, can-do attitude when the Solid Waste Di- vision experienced vacancies in key administrative and leadership posi- tions when vacant. Sandlin also dealt with recovery from a serious vehicular accident. Like Acuff, she is heavily involved with the City’s Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival and coordi- nates all the Solid Waste Depart- ment’s activities in support of the Festival.
Sixteen properties receive Revitalization Award

Sixteen projects were recognized in February as part of the 22nd annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Mayor Pro Temp Mark Standing, City Council Member Bob Townsend, City Plan Commission Chair Ron Taylor, City Plan Commission Ken Southard and Ann May representing the Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.ccr.net/ CRA for more information.

Properties receiving an award are:

**Kaufman Brownstones**

310-227 N Kaufman St.

This townhouse development was the first infill project within the Main Street/Central Expressway Planned Development District. Constructed on a 0.6-acre vacant parcel, the development includes six recently completed townhomes: three, three-bed, 2,400-square-foot townhomes were praised by the judges for their uniqueness, architectural character and two-car garages. By facing Kaufman Street, the newly constructed residential units create an inviting public realm with ornamental trees featured in front of each unit.

**Brown Residence**

326 Cressot Dr.

This 1960’s Canyon Creek home underwent an extensive remodel, which was completed in 2015. The improvements include a second-story addition and a new first floor design on the existing slab. The original brick line was torn down and a new two-story Craftsman-style home was built on the existing pier and beam foundation. The wide front porch incorporates brick and tapered wood posts supporting a standing seam metal roof. Craftsman touches are seen through custom hand cut open rafter tails and cedar shingle accents. New landscaping, including the preservation of existing trees, and a mailbox design that mirrors the tapered porch posts, complete the project.

**Hatfield Residence**

308 Fall Creek Dr.

This 1969 Prairie Creek home was demolished creating the opportunity for a California-styled contemporary home. The façade features red brick with clay pine accents, showcasing floor-to-ceiling windows throughout the home. A new side patio extends the living space and is enclosed with a metal and wood fence. New landscaping beds along the front of the home and removal of ivy beds along the side provide an improved pedestrian experience. New awnings shade the façade openings to the restaurant on evenings and weekends.

**Kollaja Residence**

108 West Shore Dr.

This Heights Park ranch home built in 1962 was renovated inside and out. The project was designed and managed by the owners of the home. Exterior improvements include new windows and doors, and painted brick. The new concrete walkway welcomes visitors to the home. New landscaping reflects the modern styling of the home. A fountain utilizing leftover granite from the kitchen renovation and a bench built from wood from the new backyard deck were installed adjacent to the front entry.

**Martin Residence**

610 Copper Ridge Dr.

A 1960’s condemned home was torn down and replaced with a 4,300-square-foot, four-bedroom, four-bath home. The modern-style structure includes stucco, brick and wood in its exterior façade. Built to LEED standards, the home’s character is highlighted by floor-to-ceiling windows allowing ample natural lighting. An accent wall shields views into the home while allowing natural light into the interior spaces.

**Reid Residence**

2405 Briarfield Dr.

The original 1960’s Prairie Creek home was torn down and replaced by a modern traditional-styled two-story home with a full length front porch creating a balance with three French doors. Windows were placed along the upper floor and an accent dormer over the front-facing garage features accent gables that complete the new home design.

**Williams Residence**

328 Sutton Place

This 1991’s Canyon Creek home was completely renovated with an overhaul of the first story and the addition of a second story. With the addition of the second story, a new Craftsman façade was created allowing light into the home while preserving the original brick. Horizontal windows along the second floor bring in natural light while also highlighting the detail of the roof lines. Expanded planting beds and a low retaining wall along the driveway enhance the home’s landscaping. The judging committee felt that the improvements to the home updated the character of the neighborhood.

**3rd Street Custom Homes**

313 Fall Creek Dr.

This 1970’s Prairie Creek home was completely transformed from a 2,900-square-foot home into this 3,900-square-foot modern master piece sitting on a half-acre lot. Mature trees and new landscaping beds frame the home. The front façade changed dramatically, adding windows and a new front door to bring light into the home. The addition of a fully functional second story and a third garage spot complete the home’s design.

**Pollo Tropical**

106 W. Campbell Rd.

The former Grandy’s that had been torn down several years before was replaced with a new drive-through restaurant. The building is constructed of grey brick and beige stone, with dark grey split-faced CMU elements. Multi-colored decorative aluminum awnings and screens were incorporated into the building design. A trellis element and white cornice along the top of the building adds detail to the building design. Additional site improvements include new landscape beds, replacement of sidewalks and new parking lot pavement.

**Torchy’s Tacos/Tokyo Joe’s/Snuffer’s at Canyon Creek Plaza**

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**Starbucks/Pei Wei at Pavillion East**

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**Shamm Mediterranean Cuisine**

314 E. Main St.

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**Starbucks**

501 W. Belt Line Rd.

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Headliners announced for Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival

Organizers of the City’s annual Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, to be held May 19-21, have announced headliners including a variety of award-winning eclectic performers to help commemorate the Festival’s 25 years of music, art and food. Headliners announced Feb. 20 include the B-52s, X-Ambassadors, Guster, Martha Davis and The Motels, The All-American Rejects, Bowling for Soup, Shooter Jennings, The Outlaws and Ruthie Foster.

Additional headliners are expected to be announced in April.

Tickets will be available for purchase April 1. For a complete list of bands and up-to-date event information, visit the newly revamped Festival website at www.wildflowerfestival.com and follow @wildflowerfest on social media.

Calendar

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**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

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

**March 3-April 14**

**ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST**

Please call 972-744-4358 for information.

March 1
FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
7:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "A Curious Mind" by Brian Grazer. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4939 for information.

March 4, 18
DIGITAL DROP-IN
10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

March 8
SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKCLUBBABLE
10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "It’s Forth & Back" by Helen Macdonald. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

March 11
INTRO TO FACEBOOK

March 15
THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKCLUBBABLE
10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "H is for Hawk" by Helen Macdonald. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

March 18
SILK SCARF PAINTING PROGRAM
10 a.m.- noon. Basement Program Room. Registration required. Call 972-744-4359 for more information.

March 21
RCS MEETING AND DEMONSTRA-
10:30-11:45 a.m. Basement Program Room. Beth Eschbach will speak about acrylics. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-
463-4593 for information.

March 28
LUNCHTIME LECTURES
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "John Quincy Adams" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Verna Patrith at 972-
744-4352 for more information.

March 9
A NOVEL IDEA TEEN BOOK CLUB
6-7 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Third Twin" by C.J. Omololu. Call the teen librarian at 972-744-4358 for information.

March 13-17
SPRING MAKE-CATION
The Library has a full week of Spring Break activities planned. See page 12 for a full schedule.

March 3
STUPID ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AND STORYTIME
4:30-5:15 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

March 10
BOWLING FOR SOUP CONCERT
7:30-9:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

March 26
TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS!
3-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES**

Upcoming Trips

We have great travel destinations planned for you in 2017. Both one day and overnight trips offer the opportunity to travel and experience new adventures. Call Beth at 972-744-7810 for more information.

Archer City with Rosemary Rumbley—April 29

In Archer City, you will spend the day immersed in an authentic re-creation of a longhorn cattle drive on the Chisholm Trail from Texas to Kansas. A guided drive around Archer City, home of author Larry McMurtry and the “Last Picture Show,” and a visit to his world famous rare and used book store rounds out your visit to Archer City. Rosemary Rumbley’s book review on the McMurtry classic, “Lonesome Dove,” will entertain you during the motor coach ride.

The Wonders of Waco—June 14-15

Joanna and Chip Gaines’ smash hit “Fixer Upper” has put their Magnolia Center and Silos and Waco on the map! We will shop and browse at Magnolia Center and visit the Homestead Heritage Village, the Dr Pepper Museum, the Texas Rangers Museum, the Armstrong Browning Library and the newest national monument: Waco Mammoth National Monument. A driving tour will take us through the Baylor University campus, down streets lined with 19th century homes and allow us to view the historic Suspension Bridge. Price: $368 double occupancy, $428 single.

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

**March 1**

COMMUNITY WRITERS’ CRITIQUE GROUP
7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WOTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for more information.

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RALC murder mystery fundraiser set for April 1

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center’s annual murder mystery fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 1, at the Richardson Public Library. It’s a fun interactive "who done it" performance featuring community leaders and professional actors, with attendees working in teams to solve the “crime.” The event will also feature a silent auction.

The guest actors for this year include Bill Sproull, Richardson Chamber of Commerce President; Clayton Oliphant, lead pastor at First United Methodist Church Richardson; Brenda Payne, Richardson ISD Assistant Superintendent-Elementary; and Greg Kish, attorney at Kish, Manke&Rowley.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 each and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and drinks. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ralc.org/murder-mystery. If you prefer to pay by check, please e-mail director@ralc.org to let the RALC know to expect the check.

The Other Mozart

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

The Other Mozart is the true and untold story of Nannerl Mozart, the sister of Amadeus. Nannerl was a prodigy, keyboard virtuoso and composer who performed throughout Europe with her brother to equal acclaim, but her work and her story faded away, lost to history. Created by Sylvia Miloh, the production is a stunning 18-foot dress designed by Magdalena Dahovska from the National Theatre of Poland. Directed by Isaac Byrne, The Other Mozart is based on facts, stories and lines pulled directly from the Mozart family’s handwritten heartbreak letters.

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Richardson Theatre Centre to perform “Death by Design” March 17-April 2

What happens when you mix the brilliant wit of Noel Coward with the intricate plotting of Agatha Christie? Edward Bennett, a playwright, and his wife Sorel Bennett, an actress, have combined both elements to create a play about murder, hence “Death by Design.” The original play written by Noel Coward received a disastrous opening night. But after a few cuts and head to Cookham after the manual was sold, it’s left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre sense of humor, to solve the crime.

The RTC is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are $25, and $20 for Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit www.richardsontheatrecentre.net.

Women of Ireland

8 p.m. March 18
Tickets $33-$54

Women of Ireland is not just another Irish dance show, it is an innovative and exciting full stage concert production that showcases the next generation of Ireland’s leading female performers. It brings together all that is great about the traditions of music, song and dance in Ireland and is unique in the way these genres are interwoven into a kaleidoscopic entertainment experience.

The Other Mozart

8 p.m. March 23-25
2 p.m. March 25-26
Tickets $38-$44

The Other Mozart is the story of the only Mozart sister, Nannerl. When one of the guests is murdered, it’s left to Bridgit, the feisty Irish maid with a macabre sense of humor, to solve the crime.

Richardson Theatre Centre

“Broadway’s Best”

Replay Repertory Company Theatre
continues its 2016-17 season by bringing Broadway’s best to Rich-

The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission. Performances are held at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd. Showtimes are: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23, 20, March 16, 9, 2 March 23-25, April 6, 3 and April 20, 13, and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Feb. 25, March 11, 4, 18, 11, 18, April 15 and 29. Tickets are $25 for adults and $15 for youth. Visit http://www.richardsontheatrecentre.net or call 972-699-1130 for more information.

Replay Company Theatre presents “Broadway’s Best”

Upcoming theater classes
Spring Break Camp—“The Princess & the Pea,” March 13-17, Monday through Friday.
“Little Mermaid,” March 20-April 26, ages 8-18, Monday/Thursday/Wednesday/Tuesday/Thursday.
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Eisemann Center Presents performs three March shows

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RPD assigns two new Crime Prevention Officers

The Richardson Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit recently welcomed two new members to its team, Officer Michelle Jones and Officer David Beregszaszy.

Officer Jones began her career with the Richardson Police Department in November 1998 as a Public Safety Telecommunicator. During her time in Communications, Jones served as a training officer and as an acting supervisor. Jones became a police officer in January 2011 and served three years in the Patrol Division before transferring to the Special Operations Division in January 2014 where she was assigned as a School Resource Officer at Berkner High School.

Officer Jones holds a Bachelor of General Studies Degree from Texas Woman’s University and has been assigned to the east side of Richardson.

Officer Beregszaszy came to the Richardson Police Department from the Houston Police Department, where he worked for five years as a De-
tention Officer. He has been with the RPD for nine years and previously served in the Patrol Division as a Tactical Crime Prevention Officer. He

twice was awarded the “Commanders Coin”, once for locating and arrest-
ing an aggravated robbery suspect and again for stopping the vehicle of a driver who was in diabetic shock and driving straight toward the front
doors of a local business. Beregszaszy has been assigned to the west side of Richardson.

The goal of the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is to form lasting partnerships with citizens and businesses within the City of Richardson in an effort to prevent crime. You can reach the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 or e-mail at crime_prevention@cor.gov.

Free leak detection tablet packs available March 20-24

One of the largest water wast-
ers in the home is a leaking toi-
et. Did you know that toilet leaks
could waste more than 200 gal-
lons of water a day? Although you
can usually hear a running toilet,
some toilet leaks are silent. To de-
tect a silent leak, pick up a FREE
leak detection tablet pack during
regular business hours at the fol-
lowing locations March 20-24

- City Hall
- 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Suite 101
- Service Center
- 1200 E. Arapaho Dr.
- Heights Res Center
- 711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Halliburton Res Center
- 200 N. Plano Rd.
- Senior Citizens Center
- 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Fire Station 6 offers fire bags March 4

Fire Station 6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls for $3.50 for resi-
dents, or $4 for non-resi-
dents. 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.

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 bur-
glaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no

burglaries were reported.

Visit the Police Department website at www.cor.net/crimestats for online statistics. If the IRA is not shaded, no

burglaries reported in blue.

Residential burglaries reported in red.

Water conservation outreach programs offered

Lawn Care Maintenance

Tuesday, March 9
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr.

Is the green in your lawn weeds or grass? Do you have brown circles in your yard? Proper lawn care

maintenance is a key component to a healthy lawn.

This program covers basic lawn maintenance prac-
tices and selecting the right turf grass to improve the

health and longevity of your landscape. You will learn

to maintain your landscape using less water, fer-
tilizer and pesticides.
Cost is free but seating is limited. Please register
at www.cityofallen.org/newcomer.

If you have any questions, please contact Mi-

chelle Mann at michelle.mann@cor.gov or call 972-

744-4228.

Collin County Master Garden Show

Saturday, March 18
9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sunday, March 19
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Myers Park and Event Center
7117 Country Rd. 166, McKinney

This garden show is an indoor event packed with

exciting and informative educational events with

hands-on activities and demos from local experts.
Speakers will present timely information on outdoor

living in North Texas.
Cost is a $2 donation per person and free parking
will be available.
Please visit http://ccmagtx.org/thegardenshow for
more information.

Residential/business burglaries Nov. 16-Feb. 15

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burglaries were reported.

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Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

The drop-off location for electronics recycling &
document shredding has MOVED

to Richardson Square Mall.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
Drop-off hours for this event are 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sponsored by the Richardson Citizen
Police Academy Alumni Association

For more information, call 972-656-9636 or visit www.rcpaaa.org.

More details about events will be published in the April Richardson Today.

Richardson Today, March 2017
Photo contest winners announced

The 2017 City of Richardson Photo Contest concluded in late January and results were announced last month. Once again, the annual event attracted dozens of photographers, both amateur and professional, from throughout the Metroplex.

The first place winners in each division are shown here. For a complete list of winners, visit www.cor.net/photocontest.

Name: ______________________________________ Age: ___________________________
School: ___________________________________________________________________________ Grade: ______________

Charlie Gonzalez—“Ruster on Fire”
Best of Show/First Place Adult Division

Anjali Gonuguntla—“Wildflower Rhapsody in Richardson”
First Place Student Division

Nicholas Glover—“Opaque”
First Place Professional Division

With yourself as the subject, draw, paint or create a collage portrait in the style of pop artist Andy Warhol. Warhol used bright, bold, block color in his POPular work that made him a very famous artist. Have fun!

GUIDELINES

The contest is open to all students in kindergarten-fifth grade.

Wildflower will provide 12” square white poster boards. All entries must be designed on these poster boards ONLY so they are uniform in size and will fit our display walls at the festival.

Use colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints to cover your whole poster board with lots of detail and color. Secondarily attach your entry form on the back of the poster board.

Ribbon winners will be selected at the Wildflower Festival:

- 1st place ribbon winners
- 2nd place ribbon winners
- Honorable Mention in EACH grade level

Please securely attach this form to the back of your entry. Sherrill Park is located at 2201 E. Lookout Drive at the south end of Galatyn Woodland Preserve Park.

Edible, Medicinal and Useful Plants of North Texas
(Spring Creek Nature Area)
Saturday, April 8, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 94665

Geology of Breckinridge Park
Saturday, April 1, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 94660

Plant Ecology and Plant Succession in Spring Creek Nature Area
Saturday, April 22, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 25 participants, Course Number: 94667

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

Sherrill Park Golf Course

The weather may be fluctuating from warm to cold, but one thing that is not changing is that Sherrill Park is in great shape and now is the time to get out and play. To schedule tee times or private lessons, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com. Sherrill Park is located at 2201 E. Lookout Dr. in Richardson.

Sherrill Park app

Sherrill Park now has a free smartphone app that includes tee-to-trouble mapping, a stats tracker, a link to order food and drinks and the ability to schedule tee times. Floyver videos of both courses will soon be available. The app can be downloaded from the Apple app store or Google Play.

Huffhines Tennis Center

With 10 lighted courts, a fully stocked pro shop and private and semi-private lessons, the Huffhines 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, and private lessons with the tennis pros are available in 30-minute or one-hour blocks.

Huffhines Tennis Center is located in the southeast corner of Huffhines Park. Court fees are $3 per person for 1 1/2 hours. 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.
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 your own safety and the safety of others, we require that all participants take full responsibility for their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walk independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

### 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/parkonline by using your laptop or desktop computer or with a credit card, check or cash.

#### Technology Help Desk

Instructor Ed Sanders is offering assistance for any Windows or Android portable device (cell phone, smartphone, tablet) or desktops. He can provide any solution accessible through the device and the internet (email, Facebook, website maintenance, photography, application usage and install/removal). This is a great opportunity to resolve your technology issues in the comfort of your own knowledge. Assistance is available the fourth Saturday of every other month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No fee.

#### Learn the Right Way to Sell your Treasures

Are you thinking of downsizing? This class will show you how to prepare, the online sale and online auction process. If you sell on online list sites that do not involve shipping and handling or fees being charged to you, let’s get started. Next class is March 25 from 7:30-9 p.m. Cost is $20 with membership, $52 without.

#### Ukulele Players

Attention all ukulele enthusiasts and potential ukulele players. Let’s get together to play, share song ideas and techniques. Drop-in fee is free with membership or $15 drop-in fee without.

#### Crochet

Classes are taught Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. for new class. For new students, please bring a #9 or #10 crochet hook and a skrim of four-ply yarn.

#### Pocket Billiards Class

Red Swanson offers individually scheduled two-hour classes Sat.-Sun. for $20 per hour. This class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Students will be divided into a class or call 774-7880. Cost is $10 per class or membership.

#### Quilt Essentials

Learn the art of hand piping and quilting as well as sewing machine piping and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilter welcome. Class meets Thursdays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for 10 weeks and first-time students are $35 per month and for additional students for $52 per month with membership. Free buddy-sewing time is 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. Darlene Minton is the instructor.

#### Beginner Square Dance

“Smart Driver” Program

Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is used for possible 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. Registrations may be made by calling 774-7880. Please pay the instructor at the time of class. Sponsor is the Richardson Senior Center.

March 7: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March 16: 6-10 p.m.

#### Bingo

Next bingo is March 16 at 6 p.m. at 101 South Park. Cost is $10 per card if you have a #J or #H crochet hook and a skrim of four-ply yarn.

#### Sing-A-Long

Come and sing your favorite melodies at our sing-a-long at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at 101 South Park. Cost is $4 with Senior Center membership.

#### Ukulele Players

Learn how to get started with Twitter, the online news and social media. This class is 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 your own safety and the safety of others, we require that all participants take full responsibility for their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walk independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

#### Richardson Public Library

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

#### Tatting

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a needle and thread. It is fast and easy and the project is finished in only one stitch. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8:30 p.m. and have supplies for you to start. Free.

#### Happy Birthday Party

We celebrate birthdays that are in March at 101 South Park. Please bring a sack lunch or you will be responsible for your own refreshments. The Richardson’s Hulffines 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 9 a.m.-noon. Intermediate level skill is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help you advance to a higher level. For information, call 774-7870.

#### Senior Golf League

The Richardson’s Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 years or older playing at all skill levels. The nightly tournaments are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Alan Tanowitz, president, at 214-231-6822 or Jim White, treasurer, at 214-234-3393.

#### Senior Bowling League

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and improve the same. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2016-17 season. For more information, call and talk to Steven Teffen, 972-865-9631.

#### AARP Tax Aid Program

Through April 14

No Fee

AARP’s income tax assistance program is through April 14. Volunteers trained by AARP provide assistance from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation and filing. Please bring your individual Social Security card and a copy of 2016 tax return.

#### Richardson Public Library

AARP offers piano lessons to adults 55 years and older. Cost is $15 per month with a membership. AARP’s income tax assistance program is through April 14. Volunteers trained by AARP provide assistance from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation and filing. Please bring your individual Social Security card and a copy of 2016 tax return.
Emeritus Plus 50 Program at Richardson College
Explore your options in classes at Richardson College for ages 50 and over. If you are 65 years of age or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-236-6722 or visit www.richard-son.edu/emeritus.

Chess Club
The club meets on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Youth and adults of all playing strengths are welcomed to play in the activity during activities include Swiss Tournaments, Theme matches and video match-es. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

Beck Rousers Square Dance
The Beck Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-11 p.m. at Senior Center. For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Medical Nutrition Therapy
The Medical Nutrition Therapy program is designed to be delivered in a patient centered manner. The focus of this program is to educate the patient about nutrition related to their disease and to provide dietary modifications to help them manage their disease better. This educational program is designed for those living with diabetes. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks
Free in the coffee area are available Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class
Classes for this next level of fitness are designed for both those who are younger; the time between each visit was longer, and those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and related conditions. The workshop will discuss the effects of aging on your body; preventing and monitoring low blood sugar; nutrition and healthy eating; injury prevention and exercise; goal setting, and problem solving.

Health Connection
March 23—10 a.m.—No fee. Eat Right for Clear Vision and Healthy Eyes Dr. Carey Patrick will talk on aging with healthy eyes. He will discuss how diet may be a key to reducing or preventing some of the major eye conditions and diseases that affect older adults.

Healing Screening
Zions Healing of North Texas will offer free healing screenings and check health aids the first Friday of each month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Relief of Love Program
The “Loaves and Fishes” program, provides food stuffs such as eggs, milk, butter, bread, and vegetables to those in need. For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

NEW! B.A.S.I.C.S for Healthy Living
Baby, Healthy, and Strong—Improve Cognitive Skills
As we age, the connection between our minds and bodies is no longer direct as it was 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, which can also improve cognitive skills. Class is held Tuesdays, 12:15-1 p.m. Cost is $10 a month.

Services
City of Richardson Transportation Service
Transportation is offered to Richardson residents 55 and over to any place within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. Richardson Transportation Service will give you free service. For doctor’s appoint-ment, transportation to and from the volun-teer locations. For more informa-tion, call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

City of Richardson Senior Center
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: handymen pro-grams, senior informational semi-nars, Loaves of Love, home deliv-ery groceries, medical equipment checks, and more. The “Loaves of Love” program has expanded! Seniors residing within the Rich-ardson area ages 55 and over will receive a meal delivered to their home for a small fee. If you are interested in learning more call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

March 4 Dick Gibbs
March 11 Jim Baker
March 25 Tommy Chandler

Games
Canasta
Thur. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Texas Canasta
Friday, 10:30 a.m.
Pinochle
Mon., Tue., Wed., 9:30 a.m.
’niver Bridge
Wednesday, 11:15 a.m.
Bunco
Friday, 12:30 p.m.
Scrabble
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Emutris Plus 50 Program at Richardson College
Explore your options in classes at Richardson College for ages 50 and over. If you are 65 years of age or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-236-6722 or visit www.richard-son.edu/emeritus.

Chess Club
The club meets on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Youth and adults of all playing strengths are welcomed to play in the activity during activities include Swiss Tournaments, Theme matches and video match-es. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

Beck Rousers Square Dance
The Beck Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-11 p.m. at Senior Center. For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Medical Nutrition Therapy
The Medical Nutrition Therapy program is designed to be delivered in a patient centered manner. The focus of this program is to educate the patient about nutrition related to their disease and to provide dietary modifications to help them manage their disease better. This educational program is designed for those living with diabetes. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks
Free in the coffee area are available Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class
Classes for this next level of fitness are designed for both those who are younger; the time between each visit was longer, and those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and related conditions. The workshop will discuss the effects of aging on your body; preventing and monitoring low blood sugar; nutrition and healthy eating; injury prevention and exercise; goal setting, and problem solving.

Health Connection
March 23—10 a.m.—No fee. Eat Right for Clear Vision and Healthy Eyes Dr. Carey Patrick will talk on aging with healthy eyes. He will discuss how diet may be a key to reducing or preventing some of the major eye conditions and diseases that affect older adults.

Healing Screening
Zions Healing of North Texas will offer free healing screenings and check health aids the first Friday of each month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Relief of Love Program
The “Loaves and Fishes” program, provides food stuffs such as eggs, milk, butter, bread, and vegetables to those in need. For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

NEW! B.A.S.I.C.S for Healthy Living
Baby, Healthy, and Strong—Improve Cognitive Skills
As we age, the connection between our minds and bodies is no longer direct as it was 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, which can also improve cognitive skills. Class is held Tuesdays, 12:15-1 p.m. Cost is $10 a month.

Chair Yoga
Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga practiced while sitting in a chair. It helps with flexibility, breathing, relaxation and overall physical fitness without the diffi-culty 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 mem- bership.

Pilates Class
Learn the basics of Pilates. Class meets every Monday from 10:11 a.m. Beginners as well as those who have taken Pilates are welcome. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, balance and gain balance. Cost is $5 per class and is for all ages and fitness lev-els.

Water Aerobic Classes
Classes meet Monday, Wednes-day 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 3 classes is $25 per person. Classes are 10 class punch card (three month expiration). For more information call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 or the Richardson Se-nior Center at 972-744-7800.

Pickleball
The Richardson Senior Center picklball class instructor and play is offered every Friday at Huffines Recreation Center while at 11500 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is $8 a month (refunds not available) plus Senior Center membership fee. Share your game. Share your membership (Richardson resident Senior Center only membership) or membership at the Richardson Senior Center while a non-resident. (Senior Center only membership is $15 a year). Instructor is David Wilmot. If you would like more information call 972-744-7800.
The following programs are daily from 2-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Snuggle Buddy Storytime & Sleepover
Friday, March 3, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
First Floor Program Room
Storytime for children ages 3-8 with their snuggly friends—sleepover reserved for snuggle buddies! Children are invited to kiss and tuck in snuggle buddy before leaving the Library, then view their nighttime fun via Facebook! Call 972-744-4358 for details.

Baby Booksit
storytime for pre-walkers
Introduce baby to books, stories, rhymes, finger plays, music and other early literacy tools.

BabySteps
BabySteps for Richardson residents 12-24 months old accompanied by at least one parent.

John Quincy Adams
Presented by Richard Cudlipp
Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
March 21, 28 and April 4, 11
Adults and Teens
Basement Program Room
Lunchtime Lecture
You are welcome to bring your lunch. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Baby Booksit for Richardson residents 6 weeks-12 months old accompanied by at least one parent.

BABY STEPS begins Monday, March 20 and ends Wednesday, April 26. Registration is required, call 972-744-4358.

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Silk Scarf Art
Create a wearable work of art from permanent markers, rubbing alcohol and a blank silk scarf
Presented by Judy Nordseth
Saturday, March 18
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Adults and Teens
Basement Program Room
All supplies provided
Register starting March 3 at 972-744-4374.

Tales for Tails
Thanks to the Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!
Read to real dogs
Sunday, March 26
3-4 p.m.
For Readers in Grades K-4
First Floor Program Room

Intro to Facebook
Hands-On Class
Learn how Facebook can reconnect you with acquaintances from your past, help you keep up with current family and friends, and follow your favorite organizations!
Saturday, March 11
10 a.m.-noon
Adults and Teens
Observers welcome
Basement Training Room
Call 972-744-4359 to register and for more information.

A novel Idea
Read this month’s book club selection, “The Third Twin” by C.J. Omololu, and join the discussion!

Cookies & Coloring
Yummy for all ages!
Thursday, March 30
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
No registration required.