



# Neighborhood Resources: A Quick Overview

## ***Community Services Online at [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs)***

An interactive site designed to give residents instant access to city personnel, to publicize city programs and services, and to provide residents with information to help create stronger, healthier neighborhoods..

### ***Quick Codes:***

A quick and easy way to reference codes and ordinances that have been adopted to protect the vitality and integrity of Richardson's neighborhoods.

### ***Apartment Inspection Program:***

The Apartment Inspection Program works to ensure that the City's multi-family housing is maintained in a safe and healthy manner.

### ***Community Revitalization Award:***

Community Revitalization Awards are granted to Richardson property owners who have positively impacted their communities by making significant exterior improvements to their homes or commercial properties.

### ***Crime Prevention:***

The Crime Prevention Unit works in a cooperative effort with citizens to reduce criminal opportunity and to enhance the quality of life in our community. Learn how to partner with the Richardson Police Department on a wide array of programs designed to effectively prevent neighborhood crime.

### ***Email Update Program:***

Stay informed about code enforcement activity taking place in your neighborhood by signing up to receive bi-monthly Community Services Email Updates. View participating neighborhoods and register online.

### ***Graffiti Abatement Program:***

The Graffiti Abatement Program is designed to facilitate the prompt and persistent removal of graffiti to prevent the degradation of neighborhoods and further vandalism. Residential and commercial property owners can contact Community Services to take advantage of the free removal service.

### ***Home Improvement Incentive Program(HIIP):***

The HIIP is an innovative tax rebate program intended to encourage reinvestment in Richardson's aging housing stock. Homeowners who conduct a significant improvement project (\$20,000 or more) will receive a one-time rebate equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in city taxes .

### ***Matching Fund Beautification Program:***

The Matching Fund Beautification Program enables neighborhood groups to partner with the city to fund beautification projects in their communities. The costs associated with the project are divided evenly between the neighborhood group and the city, as is the labor required to finish the work.

### ***Neighborhood Vitality Program:***

The Neighborhood Vitality Program is designed to improve the aesthetic of Richardson neighborhoods by providing funding for the construction of bridge enhancements, entry features, and screening walls in neighborhoods around the city.

### ***Rental Registration Program:***

The Rental Registration Program ensures that tenants of rental houses and duplexes are provided with dwellings that meet minimum safety, health, fire and zoning standards.

### ***Sign Topper Program:***

Neighborhood associations interested in furthering a sense of neighborhood identity can apply for the Sign Topper Program. This program helps neighborhoods be recognized for their unique character via the installation of identification signage above street signs at entry points and major intersections.

### ***Volunteer Assistance Program:***

The Volunteer Assistance Program unites property owners who cannot properly maintain their property due to age, finance or disability with volunteer groups who wish to provide assistance.