

2012 Corporate Challenge raises \$160,000

The 15th annual Richardson Corporate Challenge held its closing ceremony Oct. 19 and a check for \$160,000 was presented to Special Olympics Texas, the competition's beneficiary. Corporate Challenge is a 10-week Olympic-style competition among Richardson-area businesses.

from the Richardson Corporate Challenge since the competition began in 1998.

The Corporate Challenge lasts from August to October and includes contests in 23 events.



Thousands of employees from more than 50 DFW-area businesses took part in this year's competition. The closing ceremonies featured an award given to the winning companies in each division and the check presentation to Special Olympics Texas, which has received more than \$1 million

Stage 2 outdoor irrigation schedule (twice a week until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	Tuesdays and Saturdays
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Wednesdays and Sundays

Currently we are at:



Holiday schedule recycle make up days

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Thursday, Nov. 22	Wednesday, Nov. 21
Friday, Nov. 23	Saturday, Nov. 24

City facilities close for Thanksgiving

The City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court will close Nov. 22-23 and reopen Nov. 26 at 8 a.m. The Library and Animal Shelter will close Nov. 22-23 and reopen for regular hours Nov. 24. Recreation Centers, the Tennis Center and Senior Center will close Nov. 22 and reopen Friday and Saturday.

FREE Men's Health Tune-Up

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon
Richardson Civic Center—411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Come boost your health at the Men's Health Tune-Up! The event features a free health screening for hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes and prostate cancer.

Physician-experts will discuss issues common with men such as indigestion, erectile dysfunction, sleep habits and heart, prostate, and back health. A healthy breakfast, hearty conversation and giveaways

are also included. Space is limited, so register today by calling 972-4 DR LINE or by visiting www.MethodistHealthSystem.org/TuneUp.



City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

Sept. 10

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-13: A request by Michael F. Twichell, representing Shire Development, LLC, for amendments to the PD Planned Development standards to accommodate the development of an independent living facility for property located at the northwest corner of Infocom Drive and Shire Boulevard, currently zoned PD Planned Development, was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-14: A request by Grey Stogner, representing Crestview Real Estate, LLC, for a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards at 170 E. Spring Valley Rd. (between Spring Valley Road and Centennial Boulevard, east of DART Light

Rail), currently zoned PD Planned Development, was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-15: A request by Eldon Haacke, representing Terraform Companies, for a Special Permit for a special events and entertainment facility with modified development standards, for a property located at the northeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Glenville Drive, currently zoned I-M(1) Industrial, was approved.

Consent Agenda Adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 3881, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 12, to add Article VII Community Homes for Disabled Persons, to establish location regulations for qualifying community homes for disabled persons.

Sept. 24

Consent Agenda Adoption of the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 3882, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by amending and restating Ordinance No. 3586 to permit the development of an independent living facility.

Ordinance No. 3883, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning to grant a special permit for a motor vehicle service station with special conditions on a 0.96-acre tract of land zoned Spring Valley Station District PD Planned Development located at 170 E. Spring Valley Rd.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Since long before Richardson was founded, water has played an important role in the lives of people who have called this area home, from the creeks and springs that early settlers used to the pipes and water towers we depend upon today.

Early on, town fathers knew that in order to grow as a community, Richardson needed modern amenities—running water and a sewer system. They invested in these utilities, which allowed businesses to grow and the Fire Department to better protect Richardson citizens.

Decades later, in the 1950s, Richardson was faced with challenges during the postwar boom period, and City leaders then wisely decided to work with neighboring communities to form the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). That partnership has allowed our community and our region to thrive and prosper. We would not be able to support the number of high-tech companies that call Richardson home—Texas Instruments, Fujitsu and TriQuint Semiconductor, just to name a few—without the reliable water supply we enjoy today.

We are now building for the future in Richardson. NTMWD is planning new water resources, as well as building a new pipeline to restore the ability to use water from Lake Texoma, which represents 28 percent of our water supply. The City and NTMWD have also worked with our neighbors in Dallas to provide backup water supplies for our community.



Mayor Bob Townsend
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Within our community, we have invested in our infrastructure to provide a reliable supply of water. Under a partnership with UT Dallas, we will be building a new water tower in the northwestern part of the city. And other towers and water lines are maintained and upgraded as needed by the hard-working crews in our Public Services Department.

Water is one of our most important basic needs, and we are fortunate in Richardson for the many years of foresight and planning that are continuing to this day.

Sincerely,

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Floyd Branch Watershed construction begins

Construction is set to begin this month on drainage improvements within the Floyd Branch Watershed, which collects drainage from 2.6 square miles in south central Richardson and eventually flows to White Rock Lake.

As part of the project, a new right turn lane from westbound Main Street to the northbound US-75 frontage road will be built, as will a new bridge over Floyd Branch at West Phillips Street.

The project will add capacity to the area's drainage system by adding new underground drainage pipes north and south of Main Street between US-75 and the DART rail line. No existing open channels will be enclosed.

The project will be constructed in several phases, with final completion expected by spring of 2014. Work on the first phase is expected to begin this month, and construction will impact Main Street traffic between May and July 2013.

The City is taking several steps to minimize the impact of construction, including keeping two lanes of Main Street open in each direction during peak traffic hours and performing as much work as possible at night.

In addition to improving the

decades-old drainage system, addressing drainage system deficiencies will also allow for the possibility of future development, since current conditions have been a costly deterrent to redevelopment along the City's Main Street and Central Expressway corridors.



Tree the Town has first planting of the Fall

Last month, the Richardson City Council celebrated the planting of 120 trees as part of the Tree the Town program. The planting was sponsored by Evergreen at Richardson Senior Living at North Star and Renner roads.

Richardson's Tree the Town program started in April 2010 as North Texas' largest tree planting initiative. The program's goal is to plant 50,000 trees in Richardson during the next 10 years on private and public property through the support of sponsorships and individual participation.

Since its inception, Tree the Town has served as the catalyst for the "Tree North Texas" initiative that has a goal of planting 3 million trees by the year 2021. Richardson's Tree the Town program was put on hold in 2011 due



Richardson City Council Members and the staff at Evergreen at Richardson Senior Living celebrated the planting of 120 trees as part of Richardson's Tree the Town program

to extreme drought conditions experienced in and around the city. So far more than 7,500 trees have been registered in the program.

If you would like more information about the Tree the Town program, visit www.treethetown.com.

NTMWD pipeline project will restore water supply

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The pipeline project will cost \$300 million, and it is the only viable solution to both protect the environment and allow NTMWD to serve Richardson and its other member and customer cities.

Bidding is currently under way for the project, and the pipeline's route is being prepared for construction. The 96-inch-diameter pipe is being manufactured by two contractors at four locations, including two in the Metroplex.

"This is an important project because of the 28 percent of the water resources that we'll be regaining," said Cliff Miller, Richardson's Assistant City Manager-Development Services.

Construction will take place in phases to connect the new pipeline to the NTMWD treatment plant. A portion of the project will be complete in November 2013, with the final construction planned to be complete in spring 2014.

In addition to restoring the availability of Lake Texoma, the

pipeline provides additional benefits to NTMWD, such as allowing NTMWD to access water from Lake Chapman, Lake Tawakoni and the East Fork Wetlands Project in the event that Lavon Lake ever becomes contaminated or otherwise unusable.

Even after the Lake Texoma supply is restored, it is not yet clear how water conservation measures will change, Miller said. Currently, residents and businesses are limited to using their sprinklers or irrigation systems up to two days per week, as needed. A 10 percent water use reduction goal is also currently in effect.

Miller said Richardson residents have responded well since conservation measures were put into place.

"We've really seen our citizens and businesses stepping up and exceeding our 10 percent goal," he said. "That does so much for conserving our resources, which is important as our area continues to grow."

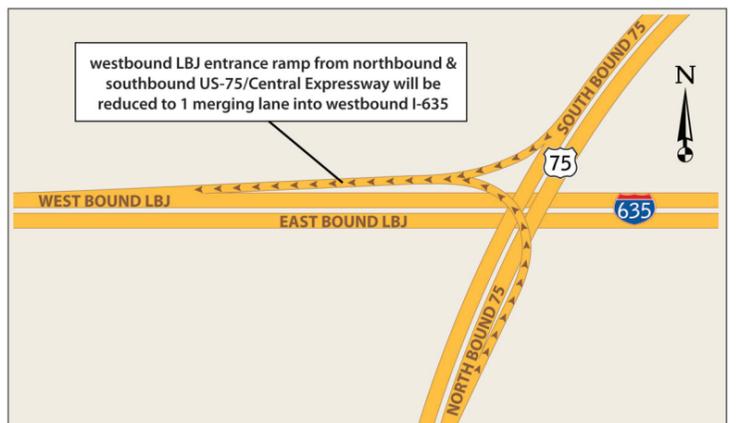
Exits from US-75 to westbound I-635 reduced to one lane

Entrance ramps from northbound and southbound US-75 (Central Expressway) have been reduced to one merging lane onto westbound I-635 (LBJ Freeway).

In addition, the entrance ramp to westbound LBJ from Coit Road

has been moved temporarily.

Both changes are expected to be in place for approximately one year. They will allow for ongoing construction of the LBJ Express project to continue.



City Charter Amendment, General Election are Nov. 6

The City of Richardson Charter Amendment Election and the General Election are Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Dallas County voters must vote at their polling precinct location on Election Day. The precinct number is listed on your voter registration card. If you do not know the location of your voting site, you may obtain that information online or on the telephone.

Collin County voters may vote at any polling location in Collin County on Election Day.

Richardson City Hall is NOT a voting location on Election Day.

For more information, contact the appropriate county election office listed below.

Dallas County:
www.dallascountyvotes.org
214-819-6300

Collin County:
www.co.collin.tx.us/elections
972-424-1460 ext. 1990
(Metro)

Polling sites on Election Day are open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.



Enmienda A La Carta De Estatutos De La Ciudad, Elección General son el 6 de nov.

La Elección De Enmienda A La Carta De Estatutos de la Ciudad De Richardson y la Elección General se llevarán a cabo el martes, 6 de noviembre.

Los electores del Condado Dallas tienen que votar en el centro electoral de su recinto en el día de elecciones. El número del distrito electoral se encuentra en su tarjeta de inscripción de electores. Si no conoce la ubicación de su centro electoral, puede obtener esa información en línea o por teléfono.

Los electores del Condado Collin pueden votar en cualquier centro de votación del Condado Collin en el día de elecciones.

El Ayuntamiento la Ciudad De Richardson NO es un centro de votación en el día de elecciones.

Para más información, contacte la correspondiente oficina de elecciones en la siguiente lista.

Condado Dallas:
www.dallascountyvotes.org
214-819-6300

Condado Collin:
www.co.collin.tx.us/elections
972-424-1460 ext. 1990
(Metro)

Los centros de votación estarán abiertos el día de elecciones desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m.



Indoor Water Conservation Kit

Help conserve water with the City of Richardson's indoor water conservation kit.

The indoor kit contains 2 Earth Massage Showerheads, 2 Faucet Sink Aerators, 1 Toilet Tank Bank, 1 Swivel Kitchen Aerator, 1 Leak Detection Pack and 1 Flow Meter Bag. Cost is \$8 each.

You can purchase the kit at the Water Customer Service Office, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 101, and at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.



Richardson receives “Gold Scenic City” certification

Award recognizes community amenities that enhance quality of life and economic development



The Richardson City Council was presented with a plaque and a street sign signifying that Richardson is a Gold Scenic City. Pictured from left are: Council Member Kendal Hartley, Mayor Bob Townsend, Council Member Scott Dunn, Keith Stone, who serves as a director and executive board member for Scenic Texas, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka, Council Member Mark Solomon and Council Member Amir Omar.

The City of Richardson is one of just nine Texas municipalities awarded Scenic City Certification recently by the Scenic City Certification Program of Scenic Texas. Richardson scored high in the detailed evaluation process, receiving Gold Certification for its landscape ordinance, strict signage regulations, lighting standards and protection of landscaping during construction projects.

“Richardson has developed a reputation over the decades of being one of the best communities in the Metroplex for living, working and enjoying a wide array of natural and artistic amenities,” said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. “From our wildflower plantings in medians to our interconnected

trails that span the city, Richardson has always been a great choice for families and professionals who are looking for a higher standard of living, and we appreciate the recognition of our work by Scenic Texas and its partner organizations, who are striving to promote these same qualities across the state.”

The Scenic City Certification Program is the first in the United States to incorporate a comprehensive set of model standards for design and development of public roadways and public spaces into one program. Applicant cities present their existing standards for assessment and scoring against the model. Cities with the highest evaluation scores are certified.

“The City of Richardson has demonstrated that strong scenic standards build a strong city in terms of economic development and quality of life for residents. This is a win-win situation,” said Anne Culver, executive director of the Scenic City Certification Program.

“Earning Scenic City certification is the result of Richardson’s smart and thoughtful decision-making regarding the development, redevelopment and growth of a community,” she said.

Richardson is now one of 36 Texas cities certified under the program from 2010 to 2012. For more information on the Scenic City Certification Program visit: www.sceniccitycertification.org.

Water Operations makes sure water is there when it is needed

Richardson residents and businesses depend every day upon a longtime partnership between the North Texas Municipal Water District and the City’s Water Operations Department to be sure that water flows when you turn on the shower, wash your clothes or fill a glass from your faucet.

The Water District handles delivering treated water to Richardson’s storage facilities, but once it gets here, it becomes the responsibility of City Water Operations personnel to make sure it is safe and available to residents when they need it.

“Our Water Operations employees take pride in delivering safe and ‘Superior’ quality drinking water to our residents,” Public Services Director Jerry Ortega said. “‘Superior’ is the highest rating designated by the Texas State’s Commission on Environmental Quality, and I am very proud to say this highest water quality rating reflects the efforts, hard work and dedication instilled in our water operators as they continue to deliver this superior resource and service daily.”

Water Operation crews are responsible for maintaining the City’s distribution, pumping and storage systems that are comprised of five pump stations, seven

ground storage tanks and seven elevated storage tanks. As part of the Public Works Services Capital Project Plan, an eighth water tower is planned for construction in the near future on the UT Dallas campus.

The City’s water storage capacity is 36.25 million gallons, with a pumping capacity of 98.9 million gallons per day. It takes 555 miles of water mains, ranging in size from 4 to 36 inches in diameter, to deliver the water to homes and businesses in Richardson. There are 23 potable water pumps with pumping capacities that range from 2.1 to 17.5 million gallons per day. These pumps, plus the elevation of the water towers, are what pressurizes and distributes water throughout the entire system. A state-of-the-art Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system is used to manage and control the water as it moves throughout the City, and from which samples are taken/tested daily at various points in the City to ensure water is of the highest quality when it reaches residents.

The City’s Water Operations Department also includes the Wastewater Sewer Division, the Meter Division and the Construction and Rehabilitation Division.

Wastewater Sewer Division personnel oversee a system consisting of 499.2 miles of collection mains ranging in size from 6 to 36 inches in diameter. The system also contains 3,920 manholes and 1,732 main line clean-outs.

Workers in the Meter Division are responsible for 33,177 residential, commercial and industrial water meters in the City.

Construction and Rehabilitation crews handle the installation, replacement and repair of water and sewer mains. Since 1987, the division has replaced and installed

approximately 109,413 linear feet of water and sewer pipe.

If you have a water or wastewater question or concern, call the

City’s 24/7 Response Center line at 972-744-4111 or the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

Water Operations Quick Facts	
555 miles of water mains	36.25 million gallons storage capacity
4,096 fire hydrants	98.9 million gallons per day pumping capacity
33,177 water meters	499 miles of wastewater collection mains
12,529 water valves	1,732 main line clean-outs
3,920 manholes	23 potable water pumps



Two Water Operations employees stand atop one of the City’s seven ground storage tanks in Richardson that have a total storage capacity of 27.5 million gallons of water.

Richardson’s 41st annual Christmas Parade presents “Reindeer Games” Dec. 1

Bill and Chrissie Keffler are Grand Marshals

Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Dec. 1, for the 41st Annual Richardson Christmas Parade produced by the City of Richardson, benefitting the NETWORK of Community Ministries. The theme for this year’s parade is “Reindeer Games.”

Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes and floats. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Cherrywood Drive along Coit Road to J.J. Pearce High School. Groups of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in this festive tradition! Come on out to the parade whether you’re on a float, in a marching group or a spectator. Registration forms may be downloaded online by going to www.cor.net/ChristmasParade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 21.

The Grand Marshals for this year’s parade will be former Richardson City Manager Bill Keffler and his wife Chrissie. Bill served the City of Richardson and its residents for 35 years, the last 17 as City Manager before he retired May 31 of this year. He and his wife Chrissie have raised their five children in Richardson.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson Barbara Cottone at Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4310.

The Parade’s Award Ceremony will be held Saturday evening at 5 p.m., just prior to the City’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa’s Village.



Recycling Roundup

The City of Richardson’s Public Services Department invited second grade students from Northrich Elementary School to participate in the sixth Richie’s Recycling Roundup held on City Hall grounds Oct. 25. The students learned what Richardson accepts in its recycling program and why it’s important to recycle, all while having fun at the western-themed event. The event concluded with an obstacle course, where the kids were cheered on by their classmates and the City’s Recycling Mascot, Richie. The students had a wonderful time and were able to learn about living green in Richardson while having fun.

972-744-4180

www.cor.net/cs

Community Services

Pete Burks Community Service Day helps those in need

The Richardson Community Services Department recently coordinated with Footwashers Ministries Inc., to help residents in need on what was the single largest service project related to the City's Volunteer Assistance Program.

More than 260 volunteers worked on projects at 27 homes and at the Richardson Family YMCA during the "Pete Burks Service Day" Sept. 22. The event was named in honor of Army 2nd Lt. Pete Burks, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2007.



The Community Services Department has administered the City's Volunteer Assistance Program since 2000 with a goal of bringing together owners who cannot properly maintain their homes and volunteer groups who wish to provide assistance. Community Services helps plan, implement and evaluate every project to ensure a positive experience for all. While eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis and extenuating circumstances are always taken into consideration, the following guidelines are used to assist in determining necessity:

A person must:

- reside in the City of Richardson
- occupy the home as a home-stead
- demonstrate a hardship such as age, finances or disability, and
- have an absence of family or friends who could perform the required work

For groups interested in organizing a volunteer project, the Community Services staff is available to meet with group representatives to discuss the characteristics of potential volunteer projects. These introductory meetings cover topics such as skills, interests and availability. On project day, a member of the Community Ser-

VICES team visits the project while the group is working to ensure it is progressing as intended, to answer questions and address concerns, and to offer technical advice and counsel.

Personal satisfaction is a key factor in volunteer motivation, so Community Services makes an effort to let every volunteer know that his or her participation was important and appreciated. While there is no predetermined manner in which it does so, the City formally recognizes each volunteer group for its efforts.

"We want every volunteer to know how much we appreciate

the time and energy he or she commits to bettering the lives of Richardson residents," Director of Community Services Don Magner said. "We also work hard to ensure volunteers have a positive experience by making certain they are assigned projects that are consistent with their experience and expertise. Our staff really enjoys working in the community and we want to lead by example in this regard."

For more information about the Volunteer Assistance Program, contact Community Services at 972-744-4180.



Recycle or dispose of cooking oil properly

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and many of us will celebrate with the preparation of a special meal for family and friends. But when the feast is over and it's time to clean up, cooking oils should be disposed of properly.

Richardson residents are asked not to dump cooking grease or oil down the sink because it can clog sewer pipes. If your sewer line becomes clogged, it can back wastewater into your home. Clogged pipes farther downstream in the sewer system can cause wastewater to overflow into streets and yards or to back up into other homes.

Excessive amounts of grease and oil can also cause problems at the wastewater treatment plant by interfering with processes used to clean wastewater. Oil and grease should never be dumped into a storm drain. Storm water receives no treatment, so oil dumped into storm drains will pollute local streams.

Cooking grease that is at room temperature and solid, such as bacon grease, lard and vegetable shortening, may be placed in the

trash. Small quantities of liquid cooking oil should be placed in a sealed container with an absorbent material such as paper towels, shredded newspaper or rags before it is disposed of in the trash. The absorbent material keeps the oil from leaking out of the garbage truck, which can also cause environmental problems.

Reusing turkey fryer oil saves money and reduces the amount of waste produced. Consider using peanut oil to fry your turkey because it can be filtered and reused several times before its quality deteriorates. For storage, pour the used oil back into the original container. Large quantities of cooking oil, such as from a turkey fryer, require special handling in disposal. Liquid wastes are generally not accepted by trash haulers or sanitary landfills. Even when placed in a sealed container, the oil is likely to leak out during handling because of the heavy equipment used by the hauler and the landfill operator.

Restaurants and other food service facilities must pay to have cooking grease picked up for re-

cycling. Richardson residents can help protect the environment by taking unwanted turkey fryer oil to the Dallas Area Home Chemical Collection Center. The Center is located just two miles south of Richardson at 11234 Plano Rd. The phone number is 214-553-1765.

Used cooking oil is not a hazardous chemical, but the Home Chemical Collection Center can make sure that it is handled properly. Cooking oil received by the Center may be blended and reused as fuel in an industrial process.

Residents can be a big help in protecting homes and the environment from problems caused by improper disposal of grease and oil. For more information call the Health Department at 972-744-4080.



Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 12-19

The Richardson shoe box drop off location for Operation Christmas Child is once again at Trinity Bible Church, 400 W. Campbell Rd. (972-234-2390). Shoe box drop off hours are:

Nov. 12-17: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
(Monday to Saturday)

Nov. 18: 1-5 p.m. (Sunday)

Nov. 19: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Monday)

Donors can use an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. The box can be wrapped (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. The donor determines whether their gift

will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Gifts suggestions are school supplies; small toys: dolls, balls, yo-yo, slinky, jump ropes; hygiene items: toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, mild bar soap in a Ziploc bag; hard candy/mints/gum placed in a Ziploc bag, hair clips, toy jewelry, socks, and T-shirts. These are just some of the items a generous donor can put in a shoe box and bring to the drop off location. Don't hesitate to include a note to the child and a photo of

yourself or your family in a separate envelope.

Operation Christmas Child requests a \$7 donation for each shoe box to help cover shipping costs. More information can be found at www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.



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Call us! 972-744-4090

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Coming up at the
Richardson Civic Center

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Tournament
Nov. 1-4
www.d16acbl.org/U176

Flags of Iwo Jima
Presentation
Nov. 9

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Nov. 17
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November Calendar

Richardson Civic Organizations

Civic Groups

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

972-231-4683 or bnperry@aol.com

Exchange Club of Richardson

972-680-8613

The Junior League of Richardson, jlrtx.com

Richardson Central

Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge

972-234-2485

Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-385-3321 or http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or steagle@sbcglobal.net

Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or www.canyoncreekmomclub.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

214-793-1646, 972-690-8525, 972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506

Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club

972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273

972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

Plano/Richardson Coin Club

214-287-4817

Richardson Humane Society

972-234-5117

Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304 or www.abwa-richardson.org

Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

Richardson Wireless Klub

http://k5rkw.org

Seniors' Net

972-234-8880 ext. 115 or dchildre@thenetwork.org

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation North Dallas Support Group

972-965-1467

Woman's Center in Richardson

972-238-9516

Support Groups

Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505

DFW Spondylitis Support Group

degrowkingsley@gmail.com

Toastmasters Groups

Hallelujah High Toastmasters

vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net

Richardson Evening Toastmasters

214-534-0885

Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters

972-387-4709

Richardson Noon Toastmasters

469-235-3586

Texins Toastmasters

214-566-4086 or http://texins.freetoasthost.org

Veterans Groups

Richardson American Legion Post #368

972-479-1505

Richardson VFW Post 8627

972-671-8627

Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627

972-231-0495

Korean War Veterans

972-279-7000

North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530

972-231-3269

WWII Veterans

214-361-6294

Military Officers Women's Club

972-644-6871

Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800



Special Events

Senior Holiday Bazaar

Nov. 9-10—9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Do not miss the opportunity to get a jump start finding that perfect hand-crafted item for everybody on your holiday gift list.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 20—noon-2 p.m.

Let's share Thanksgiving together! Join us for a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixins. Dinner will be served at noon in the Grand Hall at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Dave Tanner is back and will entertain us with his dinner music and another of his special programs. Call 972-744-7800 for more information. Cost: \$8.50.

Richardson Community Band Holiday Concert

Dec. 5—7:30 p.m.

The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert to start off our holiday season. Do not miss a toe tapping evening that has been a Senior Center holiday tradition for over 20 years. Refreshments served after the concert. Concert is free.

Cookies and Carols

Dec. 14—1-2 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of a "tried and true" holiday tradition. You bring a plate of your favorite holiday cookies to share, and we will provide the hot chocolate. The Achord Trio will entertain you with "A Toy Land Christmas." No fee, but bring your favorite cookies to share!

Travel Opportunities

Check our Travel Board at the Senior Center for travel opportunities with the Senior Center and Heritage Tours.

Galveston's

Dickens on the Strand

Nov. 30-Dec. 2

Three-day, two-night trip

Depart by motor coach from the Senior Center at 8 a.m. Nov. 30 and return to the Senior Center at approximately 8 p.m. Dec. 2.

Cost: \$659 per person, double occupancy; \$808 per person, single occupancy

We will travel to Galveston Island for the annual Dickens on the Strand Festival. Several rest stops are planned, including lunch at The Farmhouse Café in Huntsville (on your own).

We will stay right on the beach at the Hotel Galvez. Friday night we will dine at Gaido's, and after dinner we will be entertained by George Lee, a veteran speaker recently featured on the History Channel. He will regale you with tales of the colorful history of the island.

Saturday is for spending time at the festival downtown, enjoying the many blocks of holiday merriment. Saturday evening we will tour the historic showplaces of the Menard Home and Bishop's Palace while sipping champagne. Both will be decorated for Christmas to put you in the holiday spirit. Dinner will be at Clary's, a favorite to the locals. After dinner you may choose to take a private ghost and history tour with a concierge through the back stage areas of the Hotel Galvez.

Sunday morning will start with a brunch at the Garten Verein followed by a driving tour of the city. Jan Johnson, the author of "Driving Tours of Galveston," will be with us to give her narrative tour of Galveston before we head back to Richardson.

HASR to recognize volunteers Nov. 7

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) will celebrate the spirit of volunteerism in the community when the organization recognizes volunteers who have made a significant contribution in Richardson at the annual Volunteer of the Year Awards Luncheon.

The event will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 North Cliffe. Richardson ISD Trustee Karen Ellis will be the guest speaker.

HASR is a coalition of social service agencies and supports social services in the Richardson



Independent School District geographic area. HASR was founded in 1989 as a 501 (c) (3) organization by the Social Service Task Force of Leadership Richardson. HASR's purpose is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson in a non-profit, non-political forum for better communication, coordination and cooperation among the service agencies serving RISD.

For more information, visit www.HASR.org.

Seniors' Net accepting holiday basket donations

Seniors' Net will provide holiday baskets for its aging clients. Donations of personal care items and food are currently being accepted. Personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, lip balm and cotton swabs are welcome.

Food items such as corn, green beans, mushroom soup, cornbread mix, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, fruit and much more are also appreciated.



If you, your church group, neighborhood association or employer are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause to help bring a smile to Seniors' Net's aging clients during the holiday season, please call Debbie Childre, Director of Seniors' Net, at 972-234-8880 ext. 115.

Medicare counseling now available

Seniors' Net is now accepting appointments for Medicare counseling. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the Seniors' Net Call Center at 972-234-8880 ext. 118 or 119. Must be a Seniors' Net client. Appointments are limited.

Longtime editor to discuss Iwo Jima photograph

Veteran Associated Press photo editor Hal Buell will discuss the story behind the photograph of the raising of the American flag on Iwo Jima at a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Buell will discuss the story of the photograph and trace the lifelong journey of Joe Rosenthal and his remarkable picture. The presentation will include more than 100 photographs and video clips to add to Buell's telling of the full story of the famous photo, the battle of Iwo Jima, the photo's impact on World War II, and the photo's legacy as a lasting, patriotic symbol.

Concert will benefit Seniors' Net

A free concert at Woodcreek Church will feature musicians including the North Dallas Trombone Choir, Firewheel Gospel Jubilee, UT Dallas Chamber Singers and Musical Theatre Workshop students, and the Woodcreek Worship Team.

The concert will take place 6:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, at Woodcreek Church, 3400 E. Renner Rd. in Richardson.

Admission is free, and donations will benefit the Seniors' Net program at The NETWORK of Community Ministries.

RCT to perform Broadway classics

The Repertory Company Theatre will present an evening of Broadway entertainment 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24.

"Lights of Broadway" will include performances of classic musicals by Laura Alley, Mia Fisher, Gary Land and Kirk Corley, hosted by Michelle Breedlove. It will be a surefire hit for Broadway fans and music lovers alike.

Tickets are \$20 and include a dessert bar and coffee.

Call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Repertory Company Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd.



Breedlove

November Calendar

Drawing instructor to give art demonstration

Dr. Jane Cross, Ph.D, will present an interactive demonstration of easy drawing techniques at the Richardson Civic Art Society meeting at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 in the Richardson Public Library Basement Program Room.

Dr. Cross is a Betty Edwards Certified *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain* Instructor and teaches Discover Drawing for SMU's Informal Courses and the Dallas Parks and Recreation Department. Part of her mission in life is to help people of all ages discover and express their inborn creative abilities.



RCAS meets at the Library the third Tuesday of every month. Anyone is welcome. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

- No teaching experience required
- No need to speak another language
- Free training
- Daytime and evening opportunities this fall

Tutor Training Workshop

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3
Richardson Public Library

Call 972-644-5119 or e-mail
director@ralc.org for details

Did you know?

10,000+ Richardson residents don't speak English well ... but many want to learn. Make it possible - make a difference!



At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

Lunchtime Lectures

Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room.

America's Founding Fathers, presented by Richard Cudlipp.

"Forming Good Relationships with Young Children"

Nov. 10, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Basement Program Room.

Presented by Dr. Margaret Owen, Director of the UT Dallas Center for Children and Families. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Richardson Civic Arts Society Membership Show

Ends Nov. 10; on second floor.

Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

Nov. 20, 6:45-8:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room. Jane Cross, Drawing.

Book Groups

First Wednesday Book Club

Nov. 7, 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Nine Parts of Desire" by Geraldine Brooks, presented by Ethel McDaniel. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Nov. 14, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Fourth Tuesday

BOOKbabble

Nov. 27, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Shadow of the Wind" by Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

(meeting on the fourth Wednesday in November)

Nov. 28, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Submission" by Amy Waldman. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Computer Classes

Richardson Public Library card needed for required registration. Call 972-744-4361 after 10 a.m. weekdays.

Introduction to MS Excel 2003

Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Internet 101

Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-noon

Microsoft Word

Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-noon

Job Searching on the Internet

Nov. 30, 10-11:30 a.m.

Children's Activities

Family Storytime

Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m.

Children's Program Room.

Everyone welcome.

It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Children's Program Room.

Grades K-4.

Craftivity!

Nov. 10, 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Children's Games and crafts.

Teen Activities

Domino Domination

Nov. 17, 2-5 p.m. Program and food drive. Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. Nov. 3, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.

Writer's Guild of Texas

Nov. 19, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Nov. 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

Nov. 15, 1:30-3 p.m. "Nowhere but Texas—RAF Pilots Sent to Terrell, Texas" by PBS (DVD Show). Basement Training Room.

The Library will be closed Nov. 22-23

Eisemann Center Presents season continues with music, fairy tales

Unique musical comedy, a multi-media entertainment event and a fun, family-friendly twist on fairy tales will be the highlight of November at the Eisemann Center. Tickets and multi-event packages to Eisemann Center Presents shows are available by visiting www.eisemanncenter.com or calling the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

Broadway's Next H!T Musical

8 p.m. Nov. 7, 8, 9, 10
2 p.m. Nov. 10, 11
Tickets: \$37-\$40

Broadway's Next H!T Musical abandons the same ol' song and dance to create a brand new, fully improvised musical comedy every

performance! Every lyric, melody and jazz hand is made up on the spot to create a show that is absolutely hilarious. The show's first act is an award ceremony spotlighting songs based on audience-created song titles and the second act is the ENTIRE musical based on the winning song from act one.

Ricky Nelson Remembered starring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson

8 p.m. Nov. 15
Tickets: \$34-\$52

Ricky Nelson Remembered is a unique multi-media entertainment event featuring the live music of Ricky Nelson's hit songs (including "Hello Mary Lou," "Travelin' Man," "Garden Party") performed



Matthew and Gunnar Nelson

by Ricky's own twin sons Matthew and Gunnar. The show includes never before seen big-screen video footage of the Nelson family with interviews from celebrities influenced by Ricky Nelson. The show also features the Stone Canyon Band.

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales

2:30 p.m. Nov. 18
Tickets: \$12-\$22

Produced by Griffin Theatre Company, *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*, based on the book by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith, deconstructs the tradition of the fairy tale. Characters slide in and out of tales; Cinderella rebuffs Rumpelstiltskin, and Goldilocks meets the Three Elephants.



Broadway's Next H!T Musical

Eisemann Center Ticket Office
972-744-4650
Monday-Saturday,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
One hour before performances
Tickets available online at:
www.eisemanncenter.com



TI Foundation presents

Chamberlain Performing Arts'

The Nutcracker

7:30 p.m. Nov. 23

2 p.m. Nov. 24, 25

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$100

www.chamberlainperformingarts.org

Collin County Ballet Theatre presents

The Nutcracker with the Plano Symphony Orchestra

7 p.m. Nov. 30, 2 p.m. Dec. 2

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$75

www.ccballet.com

Richardson Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Classics with Ben Utecht

8 p.m. Dec. 1

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$80

www.richardsonssymphonyorchestra.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Steve Solomon in My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm

Home for the Holidays

8 p.m. Dec 7, 8

2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$38-\$45

www.stevesolomoncomedy.com

At the Eisemann Center

Lone Star Wind Orchestra presents

Chamber Music Showcase

7:30 p.m. Nov. 3

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$20

www.lonestarwindorchestra.com

Richardson Community Band presents

"Hail to the Chief!"

2 p.m. Nov. 4

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$7

www.richardsoncommunityband.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Broadway's Next H!T Musical

8 p.m. Nov. 7, 8, 9, 10

2 p.m. Nov. 10, 11

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$37-\$40

www.broadwaysnexthitmusical.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Ricky Nelson Remembered starring

Matthew and Gunnar Nelson

8 p.m. Nov. 15

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$34-\$52

www.rickynelsonremembered.com

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

PSO 30th Anniversary Celebration

8:15 p.m. Nov. 17

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$9-\$75

www.planosymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other

Fairly Stupid Tales

2:30 p.m. Nov. 18

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$12-\$22



Ground is broken for new Fire Training Center

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the City's new Fire Training Center took place last month and construction has begun on the new facility. Plans call for the Center to be complete in September 2013.

Richardson's new Fire Training Center will provide firefighters a modern training facility, replacing one that is outdated and in poor condition. The new Training Center will also include a backup emergency dispatch center and

an emergency operations center, which will improve the City's ability to respond to major incidents.

Voters approved funding for the Fire Training Center portion of the project in the 2010 Bond Program. Funding for additional elements of the facility will come from several sources, including emergency management grants.

The existing facility, on Lookout Drive east of Plano Road, includes a training tower that was built in the early 1950s and classroom space built in the early 1970s. The new Fire Training Center will be located near the existing one, on City-owned property formerly used as a storage facility.

It will include a classroom building, an equipment storage building and a training tower. The classroom building will include meeting rooms and offices, the backup emergency dispatch center and the Emergency Operations



Artist rendering of Fire Training Center



Pictured at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Fire Training Center are from left: Council Members Mark Solomon, Amir Omar and Scott Dunn; Mayor Bob Townsend; Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka; and Council Members Kendal Hartley and Steve Mitchell.

Center. Most areas of the classroom building will be dual-purpose, used for training day to day but also able to be used as briefing rooms and meeting rooms in the event of an emergency.

The Fire Training Center will be used to train new recruits, for current firefighters to conduct re-

quired training exercises and to conduct multi-company drills that are required for the City to maintain its fire insurance rating.

Plans for the area also include reconstruction of East Lookout Drive as a pedestrian-friendly street that will connect to Lookout Park and nearby trails.

National Night Out winners announced

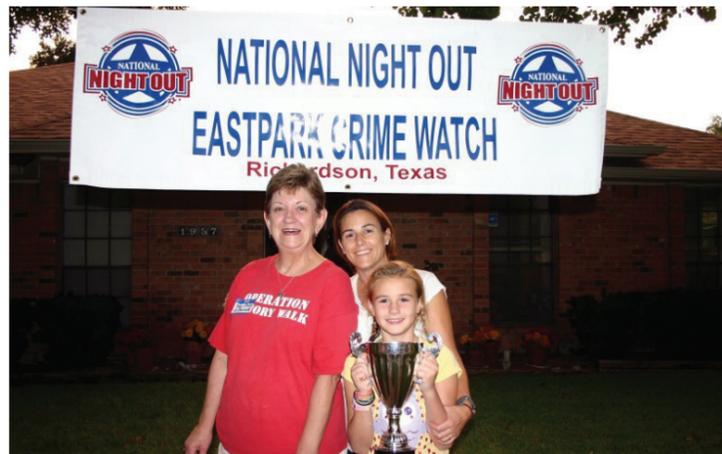
The City of Richardson held its annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Oct. 2. More than 187 registered neighborhood parties participated and helped to collect more than 6,000 pounds of food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food bank.

This was the 23rd year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. The event promotes awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement.

The following is a list of the 2012 NNO winners.

West Side

- Overall Winner**
400 Blk Malden/1400 Blk Lorrie: Zach Vaughn
- 1st Runner-Up**
1300 Blk Chippewa: Patti Fitch
- 2nd Runner Up**
Reservation Area-Complete block of Mohawk: Tom Calvert
- Honorable Mention**
300 Blk Woodcrest Dr/2900 Blk Canyon Brook: Bob & Marita Walsh



- Multi-Family**
Shenandoah Apartments: Jenny Garcia
- Honorable Mention Multi-Family**
La Mirada & Wyndham Chase Apartments: Marisela Figueroa, Bradley Hopkins
- East Side**
- Overall Winner**
Eastpark Drive Crime Watch: Kay Rose George
- 1st Runner Up**
Knolls of Breckingridge: Jona Thomas
- 2nd Runner Up**
Creek Hollow: Jerri Strong

- 3rd Runner Up**
Reserve at Sharp Lane: Kris Voelker
- Honorable Mention**
Richland Meadows: Bo Lin
- Multi-Family**
Atria Senior Living: Lauren Patterson
- Higher Caliber Award**
College Park; Glenville Park; North College Park; Town North Park: Patti Glenn, Chieu Mai, Kathy Hill, Jennifer Otal, Janice Elway, Janice Ramirez, Agnes Hergert



Animal Shelter Facebook page is nominated for award

The Richardson Animal Shelter Facebook page features lots of furry friends available for adoption to the more than 700 followers of the site. Many of these animals have found loving homes due to efforts of the Animal Shelter staff to keep the Facebook page current, informative and fun.

As a result of these efforts, the page has been nominated for a Humane Educator Award, which is given each year by the Texas Animal Control Association to recognize outstanding agencies and people in the animal care and control profession who promote humane education to the children and adults in their own community or in the state.

Visit the Animal Shelter Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/RichardsonAnimalShelter.

♥ Richardson AnimaLuv Seventh Annual

CITY WIDE PET DAY

BENEFITING THE RICHARDSON ANIMAL SHELTER

ALL PETS WELCOME!

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$1 ADMISSION

SHARING EARTH WITH ANIMALS

Owens Farm in Richardson
Plano Road & East Lookout Drive

www.richardsonanimaluv.org
Twitter: @RAnimaLuv #CitywidePetDay

PET PARADE FOR KIDS AND ADULTS • MICROCHIPPING • CONCESSIONS • BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS • NAIL CLIPPING • ANIMAL ADOPTION GROUPS • RAFFLE

Proceeds will support spay/neuter services for pets of low income families.

Free compost seminar is Nov. 10

Saturday, Nov. 10
10 a.m. to noon
Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Mary Tynes.

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of www.mastercomposter.com. She also publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper into the Pile," which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Please contact Ryan Delzell at 972-744-4404 to make reservations, as space is limited for this event.

A simple way to process the leaves of Fall

1. If your mower has a bag, mow the leaves into the bag until it is full. If you don't have a bag on your mower you will have to rake.
2. Dump the leaves into a large trash can.
3. Remove the shield from your weed trimmer and place it half-way down into the leaves.
4. Fire up your weed trimmer and move it up and down. The string acts like a blender and reduces the leaves to about 25 percent of their original volume. Add more leaves.
5. The leaves can then be spread around shrubs or into your compost pile.
6. If you still want to send the leaves to the landfill, just put a bag into the trash can before you add the first batch of leaves.
7. This process takes a little more time to get everything set up, but it is a good lesson to teach your children about recycling our natural resources.

Heights Recreation Center closes for construction Dec. 15

Heights Recreation Center will close to the public at the end of the business day Dec. 15 as construction at the site advances to the next phase.

Classes and events normally scheduled to take place at Heights Recreation Center will be accommodated as schedules and space allows at three locations: Huffhines Recreation Center, the Senior Center and the new Richardson Gymnastics Center, which is scheduled to open with a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 2, 2013.

Information about class locations is included in the Winter 2013 Recreation Guide, which is included in this edition of *Richardson Today*.

Through the 2010 Bond Program, the City is building a new Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center, as well as the Gymnastics Center.

The new facilities will replace ones that have served the Richardson community for decades. These facilities are a part of the Heights Park Master Plan and have been designed to fit in with the surrounding neighborhoods' midcen-



Construction is progressing on the new Heights Recreation Center, which is scheduled to open at the end of May 2013. The current facility will close after Dec. 15, 2012.

Visit our online edition to play videos previewing the new recreation facilities.



ture modern architecture. The Recreation Center is scheduled to open at the end of May 2013, while the new Family Aquatics Center is scheduled to open in June 2013.

The new Heights Recreation Center will be 25,000 square

feet, the same size as Huffhines Recreation Center, with areas for classes, exercise and recreation. And the Richardson Gymnastics Center's relocation to its own building on Arapaho and Grove roads will allow the popular gymnastics program to expand.

For information about the facilities, construction updates and to sign up for classes, visit the Parks and Recreation Department's website at www.cor.net/parks.

Handmade arts, crafts part of annual Holiday Bazaar at Senior Center

The annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10 at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

The popular Holiday Bazaar features handmade arts and crafts of all varieties, including jewelry, woodworking, needlework, quilts, stained glass, ceramics, paintings, hand-decorated cards and Christmas decor created mostly by Richardson residents age 55 and older.

Also open during the bazaar is "The Porch," the Senior Center snack bar where sandwiches and cookies are available.

For more information, call 972-744-4800. All booths have already been reserved. Admission is free.



The Senior Center's annual holiday bazaar is a popular place to find handmade arts and crafts of all varieties.

Letter from Santa Request Form

Send your child a personalized letter from Santa Claus at Santa's Village! For children ages 1 month and older. A form is printed on page 2 of the Winter 2013 Recreation Guide in this issue of *Richardson Today*.



Sherrill Park Golf Course



2001 E. Lookout Dr.
972-234-1416
www.sherrillparkgolf.com

Upcoming Tournaments

Nov. 3-4: Richardson Cup Matches
Dec. 2: Year End Two Man Stableford
Call 972-234-1416 to register.

Private Lessons

\$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

Nov. 26-Dec. 14
Meet twice per week for three weeks.

Adult Leagues

Nov. 5-Dec. 23

Call for pricing information.

SANTA'S VILLAGE
City Hall Fountain Plaza
Dec. 1-2, 6-9, 13-16
6-9 p.m.
FREE Admission & FREE Parking. Small fee for concessions.
Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Santa! For those who forget, we will take a color digital picture for you, which will be available by e-mail from the City of Richardson.

GOBBLE HOBBLE
5K & FAMILY FUN RUN
2012 NOV. 17
Presented by BlueCross BlueShield of Texas
Benefiting The Counseling Place
Saturday, Nov. 17
Galatyn Park Urban Center
7 a.m. Packet pickup and registration
8:30 a.m. Family Fun Run/Walk begins
9 a.m. Gobble Hobble begins
10 a.m. Awards
10:30 a.m. KidZone closes
www.gobblehobble.com or 972-744-4858

SPiRiT RUN
Benefiting the Students, Teachers & EIE Foundation of RISD
Saturday, Nov. 10
Galatyn Park Urban Center
Registration: 7 a.m.
1 Mile Walk/Fun Run: 8 a.m.
5K: 8:30 a.m.
Awards: 9:30 a.m.
\$30 through Nov. 8
\$35 race day registration
\$10 ages 18 and under
www.RISDSpiritRun.com
PRESENTED BY
RISD Excellence in Education Foundation

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.

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

Classes

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

AARP Driver Safety Classes
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. Fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 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 as follows:

Nov. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	6-10 p.m.
Dec. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	6-10 p.m.



Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness

Completion of this six-hour course provides attendees with an additional 5 percent discount on their auto liability and collision insurance, good for three years. The course provides information on how alcohol and drugs affect driving and summarizes current laws. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Nov. 6 and 8	6-9 p.m.
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Cost for the class with membership: 55 and over, \$15; 54 and under, \$25; without membership: 55 and over, \$18; 54 and under, \$28. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal

Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Nov. 12 and 13	6-9 p.m.
Nov. 26 and 29	6-9 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$27 with membership; \$30 without membership. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Robin's Nest Craft Store

For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest Craft Store in 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 which are for sale. Open to the public.

Private Voice Lessons
Private Voice Lessons are available by appointment. The cost is \$25 per hour. Call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

Adult Piano Lessons
Cheryl Hayes, who has more than 40 years of teaching experience, offers adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Cost is \$55 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.



NEW! Natural Body Rhythm
Using both sound and color, you will stretch your body's muscular system and wake up your central nervous system from the tips of your toes to the top of your head. This is an exercise program that you can take home with you and do wherever you are. Instructor is Cheryl Hayes. The next four-week session will start Monday, Jan. 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fee is \$25 a month.

Plus Square Dance
Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter. **Plus Lessons/Tuesday Nights** began July 31 and run through Nov. 6. Price is \$75 per person.

Friendship Plus
The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance-\$7 per dancer.

Ceramics
Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your supplies and pay firing fees.

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.

Oil Painting
Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this four-week class is \$50.

Becky Parks Art Lessons
These monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are Wednesdays, 12:15-4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins Nov. 7.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 1-3 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 both hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters are welcome. The 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. Free buddy-sewing time (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC Quilting
This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. 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. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Internet Usage
In this class you will learn about internet service providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The next two-week session starts Nov. 19 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows/Power Point
Next sessions starts in 2013.

Fundamentals of Windows XP
Next sessions starts in 2013.

Windows 8 Introduction
The course will give you an introduction to Windows 8 changes compared to Windows 7. You will be able to see the new program demonstrated on a computer and watch a video on the operation of Windows 8. The first session will start Dec. 3 for two consecutive Mondays. Classes are from 1-2 p.m. Class fee is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

VISTA (Fundamentals of Windows) and Windows 7 (Fundamentals of Windows)
These classes are designed for the novice and are taught concurrently. The next four-week session starts Nov. 19 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$85 with membership; \$88 without. Our instructor is Frank Davis.

Learn the Right Way to Sell on EBay
Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be Nov. 20 and Nov. 27 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Nov. 5 from 7-8 p.m. In September only this class will be a three-week session. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102
This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Nov. 5 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

Create a Website
This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, You Tube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts Dec. 17 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

NEW!! Remembering When
A certified instructor will guide you through seven classes designed to help you begin writing your own autobiography. Rediscover memories that have been forgotten but were important to your life. All materials and supplies are provided. Classes will be held 1:30-3 p.m. Saturdays. The next seven-class session starts Nov. 24. Cost of the session is \$125, less than \$20 for each class. A friend or family member is welcome to attend with you to assist with bringing back memories.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Call the instructor, Susan Garza, at 972-479-9367 for more details. Next class will start Nov. 1. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Second Oratory Language (ESOL)

Tatyana Sherman will bring her 34 years of teaching experience to the Senior Center. Both ESL and ESOL classes start the first Saturday of the month for four weeks.

ESL Beginning English 1
1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$50
Speaking English 1
3 p.m.-5 p.m. \$50
Tatyana is available for private tutoring and teaching additional languages. For more details call 214-570-1619.

Programs

Happy Birthday Party
We now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June. Winter birthdays (December, January and February) will be celebrated Dec. 17.

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 have to own 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.

Chess Club
The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

Book Club
Come join a lively book discussion group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for information.

Reelers Square Dance
The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Next meeting is Nov. 5. Call 972-744-7800 for more information and questions.

Dance Classes at the Senior Center				
Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	3-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
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
Beg. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Easy/Int. Line Dance	Wed.	1:30-2:45 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Int./Adv. Line Dance	Wed.	2:45-4 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
General Line Dance	Thur.	2-3 p.m.	\$5/Month	
Open Line Dance	3rd Thur.	6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



The annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

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 Vintage Dance Club

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

Nov. 3	Gary Lee
Nov. 10	No Dance
Nov. 24	Russ Dorsey

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.

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 2012 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.



Senior Golf League

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 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 and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. 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 Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

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. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 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 more information, contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-744-7870.

Senior Table Tennis

Serious players who love the game are invited to play on Monday and Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.



Shuffleboard Tournaments

Shuffleboard tournaments are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Register by 12:30 p.m. the day of the event; play begins at 1 p.m.

Pool Tournaments

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College

Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from computers to art to history and more! Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or log on to www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Richardson Public Library

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

Senior Holiday Bazaar Nov. 9 and 10

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

Tatting

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

Needleworks

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Yarn Arts

A group of like-minded people meet together to do yarn arts Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter.

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.

Services

City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 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. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

The Seniors' Net

The Seniors' Net helps seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Debbie Childre at 972-234-8880. The Seniors' Net "Loaves of Love" program allows seniors residing within the Richardson ISD to shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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. Appointments may be scheduled now for Nov. 2. Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$40 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for appointment.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Friendly Visitors

VNA ElderCare provides one-on-one companionship and transportation for seniors who are no longer driving and still living independently. A volunteer can take the client to the grocery, pharmacy or department store. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reassurance program. For information, call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

RSVP Volunteer Program

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our RSVP group. Activities are minor clerical duties. Transportation and lunch are provided by the agency we are volunteering for. For more information, please call Mary Kelley at 214-525-6163.

Chair Massage

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

New!! The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new 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. Memory Café will meet the first Thursday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. The next meeting is Dec. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. No fee.

Fitness

Zumba Gold

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. You will learn easy-to-follow moves to zesty music in a party upbeat atmosphere. Class is held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Come and participate in strength training that works all muscle groups to fun and motivating music. Two classes offered: Mon., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks, begins the first Monday each month; Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks, begins the first Wednesday each month. Fee is \$20 or \$7 per class.

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. of the month for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Our certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

Hatha (physical) yoga stretching and breathing exercises not only relieve stress and relax the body, they increase the body's strength, stamina, vigor, flexibility, endurance and resistance to disease. Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.

Personal Training

How is your balance?

Are you experiencing difficulties with your balance or even getting up out of a chair? Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. Men and women in their 70s and 80s will dramatically improve their strength, agility and mobility with strength training. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$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 (seniors) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

Tai Chi for all Ages

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is \$7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee is \$5.

Aerobic Exercise

Exercise classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Renata Racher teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class fee is \$2 for her class.

WaterAerobic Classes

Fall sessions are now in progress. Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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). For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Games

Canasta

Thursday, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Free TOEFL classes offered

Registration for the next session of free TOEFL preparation classes is in progress through November. Classes will be held 2-5 p.m. Saturdays from Jan. 12, 2013, through April 20, 2013.

To register, you must pass a Level 5 English test and purchase the textbook. Call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368 to register or for more information.

America's Founding Fathers



Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by Richard Cudlipp

Was the United States founded as a Christian nation?

Tuesday, Nov. 6

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. *you are welcome to bring your lunch*

Basement Program Room

Please call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Building Relationships with Young Children

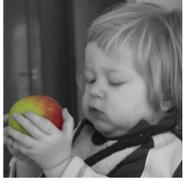
featuring *The READY Method*

Saturday, Nov. 10

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Basement Program Room

Parents, child care providers and early childhood professionals are invited to this FREE program. No registration required. Please call 972-744-4376 for information



Presented by Dr. Margaret Owen, Director, UT Dallas Center for Children and Families

Center for Children and Families
Promoting optimal family and child development

Don't miss it! Family Storytime

Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m., Children's Program Room

Geared for children ages 3-7 but the whole family can attend! Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, movement activities and puppets. No registration required. Do drop in! Information: 972-744-4358.



It's Elementary!

STORYTIME FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

Tuesdays
4:15-4:45 p.m.
Children's Program Room

Drop in
NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!

DOMINO DOMINATION FOOD AND PET FOOD DRIVE

Most-needed items:

- canned meats • soup • rice • beans • pasta • macaroni and cheese • canned fruit • canned vegetables • shampoo • detergent • deodorant • soap • diapers • dog and cat food (Purina or Pedigree only) • Coats are needed, children through adults, and can be new or very gently used • Monetary donations and pet store gift cards also accepted!

For each item donated, one domino will be added to the big domino train—to be knocked down at 5 p.m. Saturday!

Saturday, Nov. 17
2-5 p.m.

Basement Program Room



Richardson Public Library's Teen Advisory Board will be collecting items for the NETWORK of Community Ministries' Food Pantry AND the Richardson Animal Shelter



Tuzer Ballet Company performs excerpts from the nutcracker

Saturday, Dec. 1

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. 1. First come, first-served.

For more information, please call 972-744-4358



LEGOs needed!

Do you have unused LEGOs?

Please consider donating them to the Library's Children's Department!

Thank you for your support!

CRAFTIVITY!

Crafts & Games

Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, Nov. 10
3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For residents and non-residents.

No registration required.



An evening of conversation and literary entertainment with best-selling Texas authors

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013
Reception 6 p.m., Lecture 7 p.m.
Richardson Civic Center Grand Hall
411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Tickets: FOL/RWC Members \$15, Non-Members \$20



Deborah Crombie

New York Times best-selling author of the Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James series. Her latest novel, *No Mark Upon Her*, was published in 2012.



Jim Dent

Sports journalist and author of six books, including the *New York Times* best-seller *The Junction Boys*. His latest is *Courage Beyond The Game: The Freddie Steinmark Story*.

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