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The new Richardson Gymnastics Center will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 2 at its new location, 300 E. Arapaho Rd.



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Santa is the star of the show at his Village

Sleigh rides, reindeer treats and Christmas carols are among the many highlights for a child visiting Santa's Village, but nothing tops a visit with the Jolly Old Elf himself.

The steady line of hopeful young faces that wraps around his dwelling every night is proof. And Santa—who relies on his wife to help curl his beard and straighten his suit—couldn't be more proud.

"[Mrs. Claus] is the frame, and I'm the picture," Santa said. "The last thing out of her mouth when I walk out the door is, 'Go be a rock star.'"

Santa's celebrity and jolly demeanor have made him one of the most beloved figures on earth, but he always takes time out of his busy December schedule to visit with children at Santa's Village, which the City of Richardson first built in 1989.

Santa has watched the Village grow through the years from a tiny town underneath a tent to the 17 bright wooden dwellings that comprise it today. He's visited with thousands of kids in Richardson in the last 23 years—and now he looks forward to meeting the children of some of his first guests at Santa's Village.

"The kiddos are all excited, and they may do something real weird and mom might get upset," Santa said. "I'll say, 'Don't worry, daddy used to do the same thing.' So the apple doesn't fall far from the tree."

Although Santa is the star of the Village, he relies on the help of volunteers from the City of Richardson and local organizations to entertain crowds in the other dwellings. Many return each season to make sure everyone enjoys their annual visit.

"You know you've been doing this quite some time when you start to recognize kids from year to year," said Lisa Wheeler, a long-time volunteer.

Santa is an expert at connecting with kids, from getting them to pinpoint the gift they'd prefer for Christmas to helping them pose for the perfect holiday portrait.

"It's for the children, but I don't care if you're two weeks old lying in my arms or if you're 95 years old," Santa said. "You're still that child inside."

Santa's Village is open from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1-2, 6-9 and 13-16 next to City Hall. The line to visit with St. Nick closes

before 9 p.m. to make sure he has enough time to return to his Texas residence in Anna and feed the reindeer.

The line to meet Santa is sure to be the longest one at the village, but the star of the show is as eager to meet his guests as they are to

see him.

"I always tell them as they leave to please wish everybody a Merry Christmas," Santa said. "With everybody that you see, share the fun, share your experience, and tell them if they get a chance, to come see Santa in Richardson."



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Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established by Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 4, 2013. Locations listed below are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

- Custer Park
 700 W. Renner Rd.
 (near the tennis courts)

- Recycle Center
 102 N. Cottonwood Dr.
- 1500 Apollo Rd.
 (near the Huffhines Tennis Center courts)
- Breckinridge Park
 5200 Park Vista Rd.
 (near the baseball complex)

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

"Tree Cycle" your Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital landfill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to mulch their unflocked Christmas trees.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 31, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be mulched.

- **Tree cycling guidelines**
- Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day (your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4407 if you are unsure which day is your recycling day.



Richardson's Christmas Parade "Reindeer Games" is Dec. 1



Richardson's 41st Annual Christmas Parade—"Reindeer Games"—is Dec. 1 and will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north on Coit Road from Cherrywood to J.J. Pearce High School. The parade, produced by the City of Richardson, will have more than 100 entries including floats, marching units and bands representing civic clubs, schools, churches, homeowner's associations, area businesses and corporations. It promises to be a great event and a very special way to kick off the holiday season!

Green Bank is the lead sponsor for this event and has donated the expense of the this year's broadcast. Richardson residents will be able to view the parade on Richardson's Time Warner Cable, Channel 16 and ATT U-Verse, Channel 99 beginning Dec. 11 through Jan. 1, 2013. Please see the table for air times.

Rudolph Sponsor is the Richardson Rotary Clubs. Reindeer Sponsors include: Richardson YMCA Adventure Guides, Papa Murphy's Coit Road Richardson, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Friends of the Library, Alta Creekside Townhomes and Viewpoint Bank. Hospitality Sponsor is Corner Bakery.

The Parade's Award Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall Civic Center Complex. Be sure to stay after the Award Ceremony for the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village!

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

Parade air times	Dec. 1-Jan. 1
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Sat. & Sun.

Richardson city manager names two new assistant city managers

Last month Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson announced the selection of two assistant city managers. The new Assistant City Manager of Community Services is Don Magner, who was promoted from within the City of Richardson. The new Assistant City Manager of Administrative and Leisure Services is former Farmers Branch Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish.

The Assistant City Manager of Community Services oversees the:

- Community Services Department;
- Information Technology Department;
- Office of Emergency Management; and
- Public Services Department.

The Assistant City Manager of Administrative and Leisure Services oversees the:

- Parks and Recreation Department;
- Human Resources Department;
- Budget Office;
- Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations;
- Library Department; and
- Serves as Arts Liaison.

Magner's promotion to Assistant City Manager of Community Services was effective Nov. 12. He previously served as the director of Richardson's Community Services Department and will continue direct oversight of the department until a replacement director is selected.

"Don has a proven history of being able to implement new ideas and programs, and is very connected with the community," Johnson said. "His involvement as a leader on our team, and as a leader in our community, makes him a valuable asset to our organization, and there is simply nobody more qualified and able to serve as our new Assistant City Manager of Community Services than Don."

"Working for the City of Richardson has been a deeply enjoyable experience, and I'm very happy to have this new opportunity," said Magner. "It means a great deal to have the opportunity to continue the great work of our Community Services Department, while also having the opportunity to lead all



Don Magner



Shanna Sims-Bradish

of the departments that make up the City's Community Services."

Magner joined the City of Richardson in 1996. After a short stint conducting compensation analysis, he was assigned to the Building Inspection Department, where he served in a variety of inspection roles. In 2000, he was promoted to Assistant Building Official. Over the next three years, Magner played an important role in creating and implementing the City's Neighborhood Vitality & Integrity Strategy, which was adopted in 2003 and resulted in the creation of the Neighborhood Services Department.

After serving as the head of Neighborhood Services for eight years, Magner was named Director of Community Services, which houses: Building Inspection, Code Enforcement, Environmental Services, Community Programs and Reinvestment Strategies.

Magner earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1996 and a Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1999. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service's Leading, Educating and Developing (LEAD) Program.

Sims-Bradish's appointment to Assistant City Manager of Administrative and Leisure Services is effective Dec. 3. Sims-Bradish previously served as an Assistant City Manager in the City of Farmers Branch.

"Shanna has a remarkable reputation in the city management

profession, and has the diverse background needed to successfully lead our Administrative and Leisure Services," Johnson said. "Her abilities will be a perfect fit in our organization, and I am excited to have her become a part of our administrative team."

"The City of Richardson has a phenomenal reputation in municipal government, and the opportunity to be a part of it is extraordinary," said Sims-Bradish. "I am honored that my diverse background and experience have been identified as a good match, and I am greatly looking forward to my new role in the community."

Sims-Bradish served the City of Farmers Branch beginning in 2008. In her post she supervised the Fire, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources and Library departments. She also previously supervised the City's Communications Department and the Economic Development and Tourism Department. From 2004 to 2008 Sims-Bradish served the Town of Addison as its Strategic Services Manager, and served in the City of Carrollton as Administrative Assistant to the City Manager (1997-1999) and Assistant to the City Manager (1999-2004).

Sims-Bradish earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas in 1997, where she was a Buford Watson Scholar. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri, where she graduated in 1995 with honors.

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Oct. 8 and Oct. 22 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.

Oct. 8

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-07: A request by Fahim U. Khan, representing DIBA Petroleum, Inc., for a Special Permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards to be located at 1401 E. Belt Line Rd. (Northeast corner of Belt Line Road and Plano Road), was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-16: A request by Duncan Kim, representing Bear Design-Build, for a Special Permit for a karaoke bar for a property located at 1310 W. Campbell Rd. (northeast corner of Campbell

Road and Coit Road), was approved with an amendment to restrict the operating hours to 5 p.m.–midnight.

Oct. 22

Continuation of Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-11: A request by John S. Kirk, representing Embrey Partners, Ltd., for a change in zoning for the Development of a Multi-family community to be located at the southeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Collins Boulevard. The applicant requested to continue this public hearing at the Nov. 12, City Council Meeting.

Building Elevations: A request by Richard Heidenreich, representing Centennial Park Richardson LTD, for approval of building elevations for a cabana at a pool at Brick Row, located at 152 Brick Row, was approved.

Variance 12-09: A request by Mark Housewright, representing Masterplan, for approval of a variance to the Subdivision and Development Code to remove a perimeter fence at Alta Creekside, located at the southeast corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Custer Parkway, was approved.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Now that shorter days, longer nights and a chill in the air have all arrived, that can only mean it's almost Christmastime.

In Richardson, the beginning of December includes the opening of Santa's Village, plus one of our community's longest running traditions, the annual Christmas Parade!

Just as it has for 40 previous years, the Christmas Parade will provide great family fun for all and show off that Richardson spirit to everybody who comes out. It will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and will travel along Coit Road from Cherrywood Drive to J.J. Pearce High School.

This year we will recognize one of Richardson's great leaders, former City Manager Bill Keffler and his wife, Chrissie, who will serve as grand marshals. Bill gave so much to Richardson during his 35-year career with the City, and I know he is honored to be leading this year's parade.

Later that day, the lights will be turned on at the Civic Center Complex as Santa's Village opens. Opening night is always a fun time, especially as we all watch Santa Claus arrive on a fire truck. Santa's Village will be open 6-9 p.m. Dec. 1-2, Dec. 6-9, and Dec. 13-16. Santa has many, many helpers who make his Village come to life every year—I'd like to extend a special thank you to all the many volun-



Mayor Bob Townsend
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teers who work to make this such a fun time for Richardson children.

Throughout December, you will also have an opportunity to see a variety of Christmas-themed entertainment here in Richardson. At the Eisemann Center alone, there will be several productions of The Nutcracker, as well as beautiful classical music and hilarious holiday-themed comedy.

No matter how you spend this month, I wish you the very best and hope you have a merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

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City workers, volunteers help prep and staff Santa's Village

Every year thousands of children and their families pour into Santa's Village, bringing the tiny dwellings to life for a few weekends before the Christmas holiday.

The Village is a favorite December tradition for many Richardson families, but the City workers and dozens of volunteers that build and run the village start getting ready long before the holiday season begins.

"We have so many things we have to do every day to keep it on schedule so we can open up on December 1," said Serri Ayers, Richardson's Superintendent of Community Events, who has helped prepare Santa's Village since it launched in 1989.

The 17 dwellings—which are stored in Princeton when not in use—are brought to the north side of Richardson City Hall in Octo-

ber. The City has a crew that constructs the village, and when the walls are up many of the volunteers spend a Saturday in November cleaning and preparing their dwelling for opening night.

City workers stay involved throughout the several weeks leading up to the opening of the Village to make sure the dwellings are in prime condition for guests.

"These are stored outside, so the weather takes a toll on them," Ayers said. "A lot of times we have to paint or redo some wood that has warped."

Meanwhile, leaders from local businesses and organizations that sponsor each dwelling are busy recruiting volunteers and preparing gifts and activities for each of the more than 10,000 children that walks through the miniature doors.

Laurie Burton of the Richardson Jaycees, which sponsors the Reindeer Shed, said it takes a team effort to disassemble an entire bale of hay into 10,000 packets of treats for the animals that power Santa's sleigh.

"Everybody takes some home and works on them when they can," Burton said.

When Santa's Village opens for the season, each sponsor sends several volunteers to its dwelling every night. The City also recruits 20 to 30 volunteers a night to fill in where needed or perform assigned tasks, such as entertaining the children waiting in line to visit with Santa Claus.

Although sponsoring a dwelling requires a huge commitment of time and volunteers, Ayers said turnover is rare. This year only one new group has opened shop in

Santa's Village.

"This is such a great commu-

nity project for different services," Ayers said. "It's a way to give back."



Members of the Richardson Public Library Teen Advisory Board (from left) Emily Wright, Huy Deng and Henry Kim help decorate Santa's Village in preparation for opening night Dec. 1.

Annual B&I awards presented

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce held its annual Business and Industry Awards Luncheon in November to honor businesses and organizations for their contributions to the local economy and the community. The Chamber and the Richardson Rotary Clubs have held the event for the past 30 years. This year, seven awards were presented by the Chamber and three individuals were recognized by the Rotary Clubs.

Rotary Awards

Ethics: Maurine Dickey

Service Above Self: Jim Waldorf

Unsung Hero: Ted Ellis

Chamber Awards

Commercial Real Estate Project

Stream Data Center-Richardson II

Stream Data Center was recognized for the creation of a 72,500-square-foot data center in Richardson, representing a significant community investment that will provide a sizeable economic impact and reinforce Richardson's status as the "data center capital" of North Texas.

Community Involvement

Cisco Systems/Richardson

For more than 10 years, Cisco and its employees have been actively involved in Richardson, lending their time and talents to the community's schools, city departments and events and many charitable organizations.

Environmental

Fujitsu Network Communications

Fujitsu Network Communications earned recognition for setting a positive example by promoting sustainability across its entire supply chain and in the daily work life of its staff.

International Business

Hitachi Communications Technologies America, Inc.

Hitachi Communications Technologies America, Inc., a subsidiary of Hitachi Inc., leased a 16,000-square-foot research and development facility initially employing 45 workers for its LTE technology. In 2011, the company relocated 112 employees from Atlanta to further support the development of LTE technology at the facility.

Newcomer Business

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.

Safety-Kleen, a leader in oil recycling and clean technology, moved its 300-person headquarters to 2600 North Central Expressway, making it one of the largest corporate moves to Richardson in 2012.

Richardson Loyalty

Polytronix

Polytronix, an innovator in the design, manufacturing and marketing of liquid crystal displays (LCDs) and assemblies, had outgrown its facility and chose to stay in Richardson, purchasing a building that had been vacant for more than six years and doubling its space in Richardson from 50,000 square feet to 100,000 square feet.

Public/Nonprofit/Educational

Richardson Symphony Orchestra

The Richardson Symphony has been an enduring part of Richardson's cultural arts legacy and is celebrating its 50th anniversary.



Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend presents the B&I Public/Nonprofit/Educational award to RSO President/Executive Director George Landis.



Richardson Animal Shelter earns statewide recognition

The City of Richardson's Animal Shelter received the prestigious recognition of Humane Educator of the Year at the Texas Animal Control Association's (TACA) 38th Annual Conference last month in Houston. Richardson has earned this recognition three times in the past for the Shelter's outstanding community involvement and education activities.

"Richardson's Animal Shelter is very deserving of this recognition as Humane Educator of the Year," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "We are proud of the work the Shelter has done to educate our residents and offer such great services not only to residents, but also to provide exceptional care to animals in need."

The Humane Educator Award is given every year by TACA, a statewide association committed to the advancement of all animal control and animal welfare professionals through education, leadership and advocacy. The award recognizes 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.

Earlier this year, the Shelter made a proactive goal to increase its digital outreach by launching a Facebook page, which has more than 800 likes and has helped connect animals in need with other rescue groups and foster homes across Texas. The Shelter hosts an extensive number of events each year, and with the implementation and growth of the Facebook page, the events have received more attention and increased attendance.

Some of the outreach programs provided by the City include the highly successful AnimalLuv events, participation with various homeowners' associations, events with children in public schools, public petting zoos, the City Wide Pet Day and a presence at Richardson's *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival.

The Richardson Animal Shelter is an open adoption facility and is passionate about rescuing, protecting and relocating pets to new homes. For more information, call 972-744-4480, visit the www.cor.net or www.facebook.com/RichardsonAnimalShelter.

Altrusa honors "Outstanding Women of Today"

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow at the 9th annual luncheon Oct. 26.

Of the 36 women nominated, the winners were: Corporate: Lois Reed, *The Dallas Morning News*; Education: Susan Barkley, Richland College; Government: Rhonda Bonner, Richardson Police Department; Nonprofit: Janna Gardner, Healing Hands Ministries; Small Business: Janice Peters, Hudson Peters Commercial; and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow: Lacy Durham, Deloitte Tax.



2012 Richardson Altrusa honorees—(l-r) Lacy Durham, Janice Peters, Rhonda Bonner, Janna Gardner, Susan Barkley and Lois Reed

Richardson voters approve Charter Amendment

In the Nov. 6 Charter Amendment Election held last month, Richardson voters approved an amendment to the City Charter that provides for the direct election of the City's mayor.

The City Council canvassed and approved the election results at its Nov. 19 meeting and the results were as follows:

- 24,214 voted for the amendment
- 8,087 voted against it

Immediately after approving the results, the City Council adopted an ordinance that amends the City Charter. Previously, under the Richardson City Charter, a council member was appointed to the position of mayor by the council members. With the charter change, the mayor will be directly elected by voters beginning in May 2013.

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:



City earns third Gold Circle Award for financial transparency efforts



Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Gold Member

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has reaffirmed Richardson as a Gold member in the State Comptroller's Leadership Circle Awards. The award recognizes Richardson for its efforts to make finances open and accessible.

The Gold Leadership Circle Award, the Comptroller's highest ranking, is reserved for those local governments "that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online," according to the Comptroller's Web site, located at www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/checkup/leadership.php. "Providing access to information and financial records is a high priority for the City Council," said Mayor Bob Townsend. "Our ability to continue to receive this important recognition is a good indication that we're not only achieving our goals, but that we are also serving as an example for others."

The City's Financial Transparency website went online Dec. 1, 2010, and provides the ability to

sort through a variety of municipal financial documents. Of special note, the City Council wanted to provide residents access to the City's check register. The register makes available information on all payments issued by the City. It shows how much money is being paid for an assortment of goods and services by each department.

The website also provides an assortment of other reporting services such as access to City employee salaries, an online form to facilitate open records requests and a program enabling convenient tracking of projects included in the 2010 Bond Program.

The City's financial transparency website is located at <http://www.cor.net/transparency>.

Richardson named Top 10 Digital City

The City of Richardson has been named a top 10 digital city government by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government (Center) and the Digital Communities Program in the 12th annual Digital Cities Survey. Richardson was the only Texas municipality recognized in the top 10 in the 75,000-124,999 population category.

"We are honored to be recognized nationally for our digital efforts and high-tech innovation," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "Richardson and its Telecom Corridor® area have a long-standing global reputation for technological innovation.

This honor further validates that our City government continues to serve as a leader in developing and implementing municipal technology initiatives, which helps enable us to more efficiently and effectively serve our community."

The survey criteria focused on results achieved by cities, via the use of technology, in operating efficiencies and realizing strategic objectives despite current fiscal constraints. The cities ranked in the survey had solutions to questions such as how the city has dealt with the economic downturn.

The survey also asked the cities how they handle technology chal-

lenges such as keeping up with use of mobile devices for government business, social media technology and management, data safety as well as usability and telework and issues such as code changes.

Learn more at www.digitalcommunities.com.



Sanitation schedule/recycle make up days

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Dec. 24; Tuesday, Dec. 25; or Tuesday, Jan. 1. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, Dec. 24	Wednesday, Dec. 26
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Wednesday, Dec. 26
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Wednesday, Jan. 2

City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates
City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court	Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1
Library and Animal Shelter	Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1
Recreation Centers	5 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Senior Center	5 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Tennis Center	3 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

McKamy Spring Park is officially dedicated

Members of the Richardson City Council and other City officials gathered last month to officially dedicate McKamy Spring Park, a two-acre park within the Brick Row development near Centennial and Spring Valley roads. The park includes a playground, walking trails, pedestrian connections to the surrounding neighborhood and other features.

McKamy Spring is one of the City's oldest landmarks and is a natural spring that was once a frequent destination of the Caddo Yoi-uanne Indian Tribe of North Texas. The park is on land once owned by Thomas F. McKamy, Richardson's first mayor.



Richardson City Council Members watered a tree during the McKamy Spring Park dedication ceremony.

City property taxes due to county by Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31, 2013 and should be paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes.

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

Collin County residents can make City and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

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



Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

1st Annual Brazilian Talent & Business Fair
Dec. 1
brasilnotexas.com/index108.htm

Texas Stamp Dealer
Dec. 7-8

Life Line Screening
Dec. 10
secure.lifelinescreening.com

Books are Fun Book Fair
Dec. 13-14

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Shop local this holiday season

If everyone in Richardson switches just \$10 of their online spending to a local business, that will be a \$1 million dollar* boost to the Richardson economy.

You have the power to create jobs, fund more city services, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development.

*Based on Richardson estimated population of 101,217.

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Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail. For more information, go to www.cor.net/dsdl and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.

Richardson Holiday Calendar

Dec. 1	41st Annual Richardson Christmas Parade		Coit Rd. from Cherrywood Dr. to JJ Pearce HS	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 1	Tuzer Ballet	Excerpts from <i>The Nutcracker</i>	Richardson Public Library	4 or 5 p.m.	Free with ticket
			Free tickets available at the Library beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 1. First come, first-served.		
Dec. 1	Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village		City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6 p.m.	Free
Dec. 1	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 1	RLB Productions	<i>Joy to the World</i> Jazz Concert	Eisemann Center	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 1	Richardson Symphony Orchestra	<i>Holiday Classics</i> with Ben Utecht	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$15-\$80
Dec. 2	Collin County Ballet Theatre	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$15-\$75
Dec. 2	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 5	Richardson Community Band	Holiday Concert	Richardson Senior Center	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 6	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 7	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$15-\$55
Dec. 7	Eisemann Center Presents	Steve Solomon in <i>My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$38-\$45
Dec. 7	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 8	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$10-\$50
Dec. 8	Eisemann Center Presents	Steve Solomon in <i>My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$38-\$45
Dec. 8	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 8	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 8	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 9	Dallas Repertoire Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$10-\$50
Dec. 9	Eisemann Center Presents	Steve Solomon in <i>My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$38-\$45
Dec. 9	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	2 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 9	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 9	Lone Star Wind Orchestra	<i>A Holiday Jubilee</i>	Dallas City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St., Dallas	2:30 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 9	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 11	Eisemann Center Presents	Christmas with Los Romeros accompanied by Massimo Paris and Concerto Málaga	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$45-\$65
Dec. 13	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	¡Navidadmania!	Christmas Storytime in Spanish	Richardson Public Library	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 13	Vocal Majority	<i>A Christmas at the South Pole</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 14	Cookies and Carols	Achord Trio	Richardson Senior Center	1-2 p.m.	Free
Dec. 14	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 14	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 14	Vocal Majority	<i>A Christmas at the South Pole</i>	Eisemann Center	8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 14	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 15	Vocal Majority	<i>A Christmas at the South Pole</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 15	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 15	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 15	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 15	The Contemporary Chorale	Christmas Concert	St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd.	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$20
Dec. 15	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 15	UT Dallas	36th Annual Holiday Sing	UTD Theatre	8 p.m.	Free
Dec. 16	Vocal Majority	<i>A Christmas at the South Pole</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 16	Royale Ballet Dance Academy	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 16	RCT Theatre	<i>The Sound of Music</i>	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	2 p.m.	\$14-\$25
Dec. 16	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 16	Plano Symphony Orchestra	<i>Home for the Holidays</i>	St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Plano	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$42
Dec. 16	Santa's Village	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 20	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 21	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 22	Tuzer Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$15-\$40
Dec. 22	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 23	Tuzer Ballet	<i>The Nutcracker</i>	Eisemann Center	2 p.m.	\$15-\$40
Dec. 23	Richardson Theatre Center	<i>Christmas Belles</i>	RTC, 2701 Custer Pkwy.	2 p.m.	\$20

December 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.canyoncreekmomsclub.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
http://hasr.org/about/

League of Women Voters of Richardson
972-470-0584
www.lwrichardson.org

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 Red Hat Chapter
972-744-7800

Richardson Retired School Personnel
214-890-6989

Richardson Wireless Klub
http://k5rwk.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

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

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

Carter Eye Screening Dec. 4—10 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Carter Eye Van will be at the Senior Center's north parking lot offering eye health screenings on Tuesday, Dec. 4. No appointment necessary. No fee!

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. 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!

Out to Lunch Bunch Dec. 18—11:30 a.m. Chocolate Angel
Cost is \$2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch.

Travel Opportunities
Check the Senior Center Travel Board and call 972-744-7800 for more information. Upcoming trips:

- Feb. 7:** Greenville (day trip): "Cotton, Audie Murphy, Wine and You"
- Spring:** "Natchez and the Civil War"
- April:** Granbury (day trip)
- September:** Big Bend and Far West Texas

HASR recognizes community volunteers

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) honored 16 Volunteer of the Year nominees in five categories at a luncheon Nov. 7. Award winners were:

- Community Leadership:** Dean McGee, nominated by The Counseling Place
- Humanitarian:** Pauline Chen, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center
- Education:** Diane Reed, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

- Group:** Altrusa International of Richardson, nominated by Terrace Elementary
- The Dot McCalpin Founder's Award:** Nancy Davenport
HASR's mission is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson through better communication, coordination and cooperation among agencies in the community. For more information, visit www.HASR.org.

City Wide Pet Day raises funds for Animal Shelter

The Seventh Annual City Wide Pet Day drew more than 3,500 people and their animals to Owens Spring Creek Farm on Nov. 3.

The event, coordinated by Richardson AnimaLuv, supports the Richardson Animal Shelter. Proceeds will help provide spay and neuter services to pets of low-income families.

AnimaLuv would like to thank the following sponsors and vendors:

Sponsors

Frito Lay
Bank of America
Dr Pepper
Vision Bank
David's Meat Market
Bruce Miller Nursery
Tom Thumb
HomeAgain Microchips
Dollar General
Petco
Corner Bakery
Kona Ice

Animal Medical Center of Richardson
Invisible Fence
Starbucks
Velvet Snout
Austin Cotton T-Shirts
Reliable Chevrolet
R&R Home Animal Care Service
Three Dog Bakery
Bank of Texas
VCA Pet Hospital
Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Vendors

Wiki Wags
Invisible Fence
Fetch! Pet Care
ZoLao Apparel Inc.
Feed My Canine
Four Paws Muse
Bow Wow Wow Designs
Bean Dogs Cafe
Pooch Motel



More than 3,500 people and their pets attended the Seventh Annual City Wide Pet Day in November.

Animal Shelter Holiday Open House is Dec. 1

AnimaLuv is hosting a Holiday Open House noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Richardson Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr. Enjoy food, treats and drinks for \$1 each.



2012 HASR Volunteer of the Year Award winners (L-R) Pauline Chen, Dean McGee, Diane Reed, Nancy Davenport and Kimberly Kierce, representing Altrusa International.

Free AARP tax preparation help available beginning Feb. 1

Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.

The service will be available 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays begin-

ning Feb. 1, 2013 at the Senior Center, and noon-4 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 1 at the Library.

It is first come, first served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

Toy and food drive ends Dec. 14

The Richardson Fire Department is working to collect toys and food for The NETWORK through Friday, Dec. 14. Donations of unwrapped toys may be made at any Richardson Fire Station, the Service Center or at City Hall Room 106 or Room 202.

Gift suggestions include Lincoln Logs, CD players, gift cards, radios, arts and crafts, Barbie dolls and clothes, pen and pencil sets, makeup, and fleece blankets. Wheeled toys such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, skates or tricycles are not given as gifts through the program.

“Home for the Holidays,” musical entertainment play at Eisemann Center

The 10th Anniversary season of Eisemann Center Presents brings cultural arts lovers a mix of comedy and music this month.

Tickets to all Eisemann Center Presents shows may be purchased at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.

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

Tickets: \$38-\$45

From the star and creator of one of the longest running one-man comedy shows in history (*My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy*) comes *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm Home for the Holidays*.



A time of peace, a time of joy—a time of remembering why you left home in the first place. Steve has more wild and hilarious stories and characterizations about his family, friends and the other folks we



meet whose sole purpose was to drive him into therapy in the first place.



Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® *Claude Debussy: Clair de lune, Fireworks and Beyond!*

7:30 p.m. Dec. 10

Tickets: \$25-\$30

In addition to the beloved *Clair de lune* and dazzling *Fireworks*, this program offers the humorous homage to Samuel Pickwick, the enchanting *Girl with the Flaxen Hair* and the climactic *Isle of Joy*. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety, and there is a question and answer session following the concert. If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear pianist Jeffrey Siegel talk about the great composers'



lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.

The Romeros with Massimo Paris and Concerto Málaga

8 p.m. Dec. 11

Tickets: \$45-\$65

The guitar quartet The Romeros, known as the “Royal Family of the Guitar,” and Concerto Málaga, conducted by Massimo Paris, will present works celebrating Christmas from the CD by the same name, in new arrangements with tunes from Spain, Germany and the United States. The history of the Christmas carol extends back to the Middle Ages, producing a rich tradition which continues to the modern era. This selection of new and familiar Christmas music presents the genre in unique musical colors.



Jennifer McMillin

RCT to perform *The Sound of Music*

Repertory Company Theatre will come alive with *The Sound of Music* this holiday season.

The classic musical features an unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein score, including “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi” and “Climb Every Mountain.”

The Sound of Music follows a spirited young postulant named Maria, who is sent to serve as a governess for Captain Von Trapp, a widower with seven children. Her unorthodox methods quickly win over the children but clash with the regimental conduct the Captain insists upon.

Playing the role of Maria is Jennifer McMillin. Captain Von Trapp is played by Jack Agnew, while Jill Brooks plays the Mother Abbess.

The Sound of Music will be performed Dec. 7-16 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for youth. Group rates are available. For tickets, call 972-690-5029.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Richardson Woman's Club Dec. 13, 14, 15
 Founders Hall, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr. Noon-5 p.m.
 972-238-0841

Many exciting and diverse vendors!

4 Women Shopping travels abroad to find exotic gifts and jewelry

Nail Ritz sells art pens to make custom fingernail art, a hit with teenagers and adults

Unique bird feeders creatively made from plates and cups

Seasonal Christmas wreaths and Christmas ornaments

Multi-colored and textured hand-knitted scarves and baby sweater sets

Jewelry from fun to real pearls

One-of-a-kind purses...and much more!

At the Eisemann Center

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



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.cballet.com

RLB Productions presents

“Joy to the World” Jazz Concert
7:30 p.m. Dec. 1
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$20
rlbproductions.com

Richardson Symphony Orchestra

Holiday Classics with Ben Utecht
8 p.m. Dec. 1
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$15-\$80
richardsonsymphonyorchestra.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

Dallas Repertoire Ballet 20th Anniversary

The Nutcracker
8 p.m. Dec. 7, 8
2 p.m. Dec. 8, 9
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$10-\$50
www.danceada.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations®
Claude Debussy: Clair de lune, Fireworks and Beyond!
7:30 p.m. Dec. 10
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$25-\$30
www.keyboardconversations.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Romeros with Massimo Paris and Concerto Málaga
8 p.m. Dec. 11
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$45-\$65
www.romeroguitarquartet.com
The Vocal Majority Chorus
Christmas Shows 2012:
A Christmas at the South Pole
8 p.m. Dec. 13, 14, 15
2 p.m. Dec. 15, 16
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$10-\$43
www.vocalmajority.com

Royale Ballet Dance Academy presents

The Nutcracker
2 p.m. Dec. 15, 16
7 p.m. Dec. 15, 16
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$10-\$20
www.royaleballet.com

Tuzer Ballet presents

The Nutcracker
2 p.m. Dec. 22, 23
7 p.m. Dec. 22
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$15-\$40
www.tuzerballet.com

Pegasus Theatre presents

XSR:Die!
(Cross Stage Right-Die!)
8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30, 31
8 p.m. Jan. 3, 4, 5
3 p.m. Jan. 5, 6
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$20 Dec. 29, 30, Jan. 3
\$50 Opening Night Dec. 31, (includes cake and champagne in the lobby after the performance)
\$30 Jan. 4, Jan. 5 (3 p.m.), Jan. 6
\$35 Jan. 5 (8 p.m.)
www.pegasustheatre.org

Watch Matthew and Gunner Nelson backstage at the Eisemann Center.



At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

Tuzer Ballet presents excerpts from *The Nutcracker*

Dec. 1, 4-4:30 p.m. and 5-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Free ticket required, available beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 1.

Me Oh Maya!

Dec. 21, 2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For 2nd-5th graders only. Celebrate the end of the Mayan calendar!

Book Groups

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group
Dec. 12, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. “The Widower's Tale” by Julia Glass. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Dec. 19, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. “Before I Go to Sleep” by S.J. Walker. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

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.

¡Navidadmania! Christmas Storytime in Spanish

Dec. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Teen Activities

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Dec. 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Cracked Up Crazy Comedies

Dec. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. Dec. 1, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

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

Writer's Guild of Texas

Dec. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Dec. 19, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Holiday closure information

The Richardson Public Library will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1. The Library will reopen for normal business hours Wednesday, Dec. 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Don't make the holiday season a happy one for criminals

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into allowing burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but for different reasons—people rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy! Here are some tips on how to remove criminal opportunity and enjoy a safe holiday season:

If you are traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, to park in your driveway from time to time and to set out some trash for you.
- Arrange to have mail and newspapers gathered and circulars removed from the front door.

- For an extended absence, submit a House Watch request to have the Police Department check on the home while you are away.

If you are out for the evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or television to make it appear that someone is home.
- Be especially vigilant in locking doors and windows when you leave, even if you are only gone for a few minutes.
- Avoid "displaying" gifts at a window where they can be seen from the outside.

If you are shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you. Thieves are "shopping" too. Assume someone is watching you and act accordingly.
- Secure your vehicle at all times and don't leave packages in plain view.

- Lock packages in the trunk or cargo area as you are leaving and prior to stopping at the next destination.
- Seek out high visibility parking in busy, high-traffic areas.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Use front pockets, a fanny pack or a smaller, less conspicuous bag.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay by check or credit card, whenever possible.
- If shopping with children, make certain there is a plan to "stay put" if lost or to meet at a predetermined location. Smaller children should also know how to ask a store clerk, security guard or police officer for help, if needed.
- Take a friend or family member along. There is safety in numbers.

Above all, trust your instincts. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable, don't be afraid to pause, change directions or ask for assistance. Let's watch out for one another and make the holidays a safe and happy time for everyone...except criminals.

For more information, or to request a House Watch while you are out of town for the holidays, contact the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



Have a safe holiday

The holidays mean good food, parties and lots of family and friends. Unfortunately, it's also the time of year when there are a lot of home fires. The Richardson Fire Department would like every resident to have a happy and safe holiday season. To help ensure this, the following are some safety measures that you can use in planning for the holidays.

Christmas tree

- When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed, or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.

Candles

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles away from natural and artificial Christmas trees and from all holiday decorations.

Smoke alarms

- A quick check of your smoke alarm will ensure that you will have sufficient warning of impending danger.
- A smoke alarm, fire extinguisher or carbon monoxide detector make excellent Christmas gifts.

Christmastime is a joyous occasion. We must not let the excitement of that time be overshadowed by a destructive fire at home. Instead, let's give ourselves a gift of fire safety that will last throughout the year.

Richardson honored for air quality efforts

The City of Richardson has been named a winner of the 2012 Working for Clean Air Award in the public sector under 1,000 employees category. The recognition was given at the 8th annual Working for Clean Air Awards reception Nov. 1, at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, where EPA Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry gave a special keynote address. State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown and energy entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens also gave remarks celebrating the clean air accomplishments of the City of Richardson and other winners.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized by the North Texas Commission for our efforts to protect air quality in the North Texas region," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "The Working for Clean Air Awards is a great way to bring together businesses and municipalities in the region who are all champions of this important cause. We are proud of our com-

munity's efforts to be a leader in this area."

The Working for Clean Air Awards program, administered by the North Texas Commission (NTC), recognizes area organizations that "demonstrate outstanding efforts to improve local air quality." The City of Richardson was chosen from more than 30 organizations that applied for award consideration. Richardson was one of only three Metroplex cities that received a Clean Air Award.

Richardson earned recognition for its noteworthy air quality-related initiatives, which include:

- The City's in-house carpool and vanpool ride matching program, which allows employees to find out about carpool and vanpool options on the City's intranet.
- The City subsidizes 50 percent of DART passes for employees and offers free shuttles from Richardson-area DART stations.

- The City implemented a plan requiring that all new buildings within Richardson have to be built with minimum LEED certifications.

- The City has two electric car charging stations at the Huffhines Recreation Center that are available to the public.

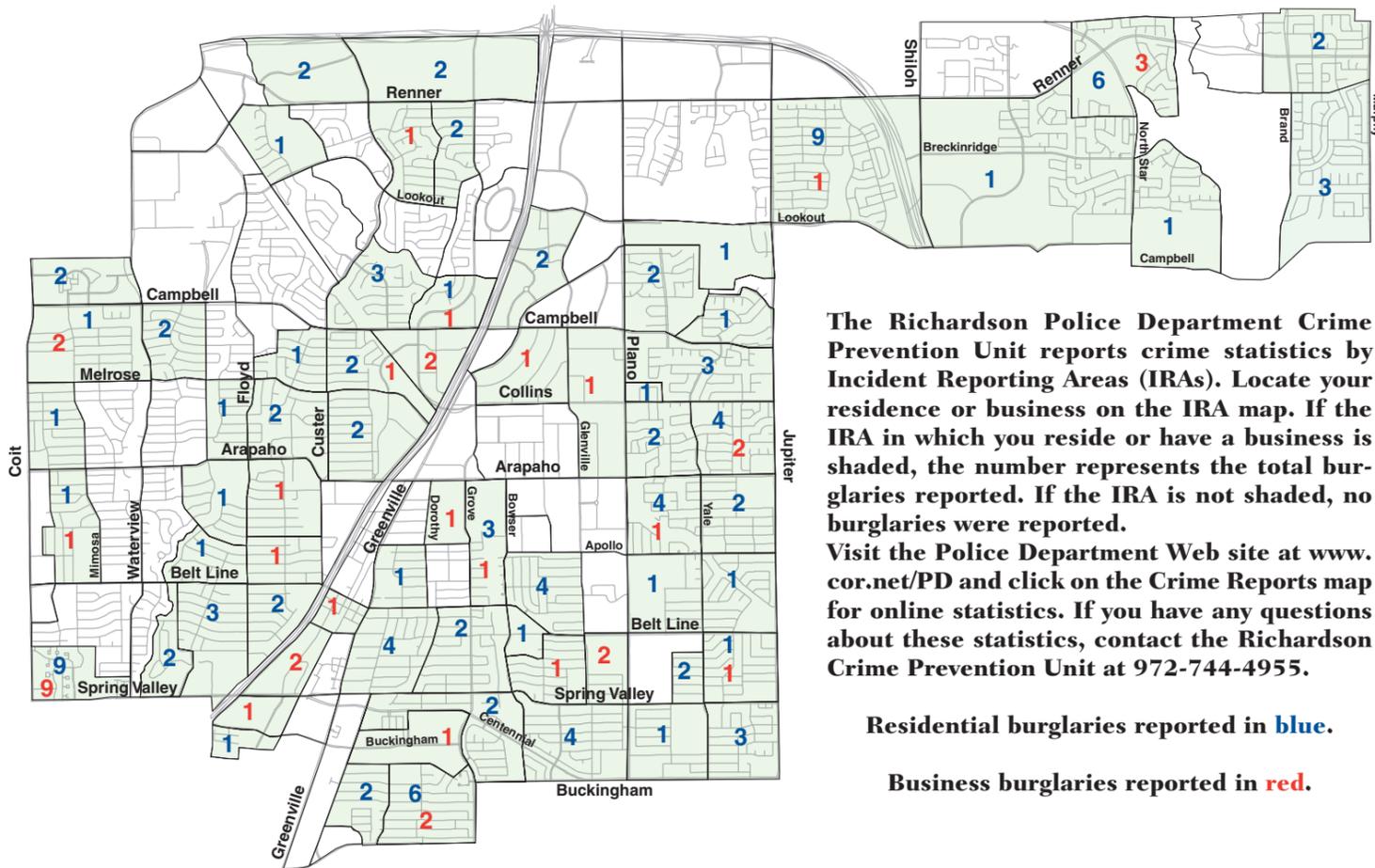
The NTC is a regional non-

profit consortium of businesses, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development entities and higher education institutions in the North Texas region. The NTC improves the economic vitality, infrastructure and lifestyle of North Texas by marketing the region, promoting collaboration and advocating on critical issues.



There are two electric car charging stations at Huffhines Recreation Center.

Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Entertainment at Santa's Village

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| <p>Saturday, Dec. 1</p> <p>5 p.m. Parade Awards Ceremony</p> <p>6 p.m. Opening Ceremony & Lighting of Santa's Village</p> <p>6:05 p.m. Richardson Community Band</p> <p>7 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Robert Gotcher</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 2</p> <p>6 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Plano Children's Theatre Scrooge</p> <p>7 p.m. First Baptist Church Richardson Jazz Band</p> <p>8 p.m. TBD</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 6</p> <p>6 p.m. Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Texas Reelers Dance Club</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers</p> <p>8 p.m. TBD</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 7</p> <p>6 p.m. Yale Elementary Honor Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Praise Party School of Dance</p> <p>7 p.m. Power House of Dance</p> <p>8 p.m. JJ Pearce HS Forté</p> | <p>8:30 p.m. Amy's Studio of Performing Arts</p> <p>Saturday, Dec. 8</p> <p>6 p.m. Melva Smith School of Dance</p> <p>7 p.m. The Contemporary Chorale</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Richardson North Junior High Encore</p> <p>8 p.m. TBD</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 9</p> <p>6 p.m. Jay Wilson & Friends Sounding Brass</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 13</p> <p>6 p.m. Richardson North Junior High Glee</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Mustang Stampede</p> <p>6:55 p.m. Garland Divas Dance Group</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Richardson High School Desperados</p> <p>7:30 p.m. UTD MusNets Carolers</p> <p>8 p.m. Prairie Creek Elementary Sign Choir</p> <p>8:30 p.m. TBD</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 14</p> <p>6 p.m. Dartmouth Elementary Choir</p> <p>6:30 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Children/Teen Choir</p> |
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- 7 p.m. London School of Dance
- 7:30 p.m. Richardson High School Choir, Legacy
- 8 p.m. Kassy Levels
- Saturday, Dec. 15**
- 6 p.m. Class Act Tap Company
- 6:30 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers
- 7 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts
- 7:30 p.m. Studio Dance Centre: Beyond the Floor & Beyond the Floor II
- 8 p.m. Creative Arts Dance Team
- Sunday, Dec. 16**
- 6 p.m. Keagan Riley & Greg Wright
- 6:30 p.m. Talent N More Dance Centre
- 7 p.m. Sounding Brass

Heights Recreation Center closes to public after 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 other City recreation facilities. Through the 2010 Bond Program, the City is building a new

Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center, as well as a new Gymnastics Center. 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. 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.

Gymnastics Center to open Jan. 2



The new Richardson Gymnastics Center will open with a ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013. The new center features more available space for a growing program. Classes and hours will be announced soon, along with a new pricing structure. The philosophy of Richardson Gymnastics is to keep all fees affordable for Richardson residents. Non-residents are welcome at a slightly higher charge. For more information, call the Gymnastics Center at 972-744-7860 or visit www.cor.net/parks.

Sherrill Park Golf Course



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

Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.
Private Lessons
\$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
Jan. 7-25
Meet twice per week for three weeks.
Adult Leagues
Jan. 14-March 1
Call for pricing information.

2013 CITY OF RICHARDSON PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



2013 Photo Contest Dates
Best of Show 2012 Winners' Exhibit and 2012 Judges' Exhibit
Jan. 5-23 • Library 3rd Floor

Entries accepted
Jan. 7-20 • Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available
Jan. 25 • visit www.cor.net/photocontest

2013 Contest Results Exhibit
Jan. 26-Feb. 18 • Library 3rd Floor

2013 Awards Ceremony & Workshop
Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m. • Civic Center Grand Hall

2012 Winners
Top: Adult Best of Show, Mark Collins (composited color)
Middle: Proficient Best of Show, Jack Pitney (people color)
Bottom: Student Best of Show, Miranda Moses (children color)

2013 ENTRY FORM (ONE for each entry)

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Division (check one)
 STUDENT (School Name: _____)
 ADULT (over 18)
 PROFICIENT (in the art of photography)

Entry title: _____

Abstract Altered* Architecture Children Cityscape Domestic Animal Floral
 Humor People Photo Journalism Scenic Still Life Waterscape Wildlife

*Describe alterations: _____
 COLOR BLACK/WHITE

Combined total of photos entered in ALL categories: _____
 Judges' comments: _____

For more information, visit www.cor.net/photocontest.

Adaptive Theatrical Christmas



Friday, Dec. 7
3:15-9:30 p.m.
Heights Park

Registration #70896
www.cor.net/parksonline



Adaptive Event

Ages 18 and older. Join us for a fun and exciting evening at the theater. We will meet at Heights Park, then take a van to Fort Worth for dinner in Sundance Square and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas at Casa Mañana! In this musical, Molly is having trouble finding her Christmas spirit with her daddy off to war. Determined to make it a Christmas to remember, Molly's mother takes her on a magical treasure hunt, where they encounter dancing elves, Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus himself! Very limited enrollment! Don't forget to bring money for dinner! Hope to see you there! Fee is \$40.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Huffhines Recreation Center
Thursday, Dec. 20

Registration #69047: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Registration #69048: 10-11 a.m.
www.cor.net/parksonline

Fee: \$10 per person.
Boys and girls ages 2-5.
Limited seating so register today!
Pre-registration required.
Two seating times.

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

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:

Dec. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	6-10 p.m.
Jan. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	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:

Dec. 4 and 6	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:

Dec. 10 and 13	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 8 and 15	1:15-4:15 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.

Private Voice Lessons

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

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.

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.

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** will start Jan. 15 and run through May 28. Price is \$65 per person if registered and paid on or before Jan. 15; \$75 per person if registered and paid after Jan. 15.

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 Jan. 9.

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 Feb. 18 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 start in 2013.

Fundamentals of Windows XP

Next sessions start 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 Jan. 7 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 Jan. 7 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 Jan. 22 and Jan. 29 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, Jan. 7 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, Jan. 7 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 March 3 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 Jan. 5. 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 Jan. 17. 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.

Richardson Public Library

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



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.

Sing-A-Long

Come and sing your favorite melodies at our sing-a-long at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

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



Last month the Senior Richardson Chess Club held a chess rematch with the RHSA young adult Campbell Green Chess Club. The Richardson Chess Club was looking for redemption from their 15-5 loss last year but had to be satisfied with a draw.

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 Feb. 4. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

The Vintage Dance Club

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

Dec. 1	Gary Lee
Dec. 8	Russ Dorsey
Dec. 22	Bill G. Band
Dec. 29	Doc Gibbs

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are \$5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

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

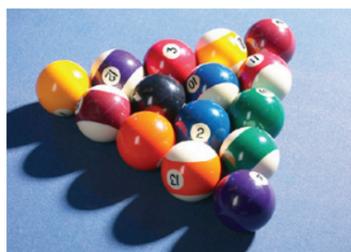
Richardson's Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men's group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For more information, contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-744-7870.

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.

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.

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.

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 reinsurance program. For information, call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

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. Please call 972-744-7800 for 2013 scheduled appointment dates.

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.



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. NO CLASSES in DECEMBER.

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

Winter 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, Rummikub, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.

RPL lists top books for holiday gifts

Adult Non-Fiction

- 1775: A Good Year for Revolution
by Kevin Phillips
- Custer
by Larry McMurtry
- Call the Midwife: A Memoir of Birth, Joy and Hard Times
by Jennifer Worth
- Edible Dallas & Fort Worth: The Cookbook
by Terri Taylor
- The Greatest Tennis Matches of All Time
by Steve Flink
- Happier at Home: Kiss More, Jump More, Abandon a Project, Read Samuel Johnson, and My Other Experiments in the Practice of Everyday Life
by Gretchen Rubin
- John Brown's Spy: The Adventurous Life and Tragic Confession of John E. Cook
by Steven Lubet
- The John Lennon Letters
by John Lennon
- Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot
by Billy O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
- Let the People In: The Life and Times of Ann Richards
by Jan Reid
- Looking at Ansel Adams
by Andrea G. Stillman
- The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace
by H. W. Brands
- The Mark Inside
by Amy Reading
- My Ideal Bookshelf
by Jane Mount

- Steven Spielberg: A Retrospective
by Richard Schnickel
- Sweet on Texas: Loveable Confections from the Lone Star State
by Denise Gee
- Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Coast Trail
by Cheryl Strayed

Adult Fiction

- Alif the Unseen
by G. Willow Wilson
- Angels at the Table
by Debbie Macomber
- Bring Up the Bodies
by Hilary Mantel
- Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver
- Gone Girl
by Gillian Flynn
- The Light Between Oceans
by M.L. Stedman
- Last Man
by Vince Flynn
- Malice of Fortune
by Michael Ennis
- Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore
by Robin Sloan
- Notorious Nineteen
by Janet Evanovich
- Racketeer
by John Grisham
- Tell the Wolves I'm Home
by Carol Rifka Brunt
- The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce
- Yellow Birds
by Kevin Powers

Teens

- Legend
by Marie Lu

- Clockwork Angel
by Cassandre Clare
- The Perks of Being a Wallflower
by Stephen Chbosky
- Beautiful Creatures
by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Grades 3-6

- Wonder
by R.J. Palacio
- DK Optical Illusions
by Gemma Westing
- LEGO Ideas Book
by Daniel Lipkowitz
- Star Wars Origami
by Chris Alexander
- A Kick in the Head
selected by Paul B. Janeczko

Grades K-2

- When Your Porcupine Feels Prickly
by Kathy Dezam Beynette
- Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
by Sherry Duskey Rinker

Preschoolers

- Press Here
by Hervé Tullet
- Happy
by Mies Van Hout
- Andrew Drew and Drew
by Barney Saltzberg
- The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?
by Mo Willems
- This is Not My Hat
by Jon Klassen

Infants

- Peek-a-who?
by Nina Laden
- Look Look Outside
by Peter Linenthal
- First 100 Words
by Roger Priddy



For more information, please call 972-744-4358

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 all day Saturday, Dec. 1. First come, first served.

It's the Season for Seuss!

Santa's Library
at Santa's Village
City Hall Fountain Plaza

Dec. 1-2
Dec. 6-9
Dec. 13-16
6-9 p.m.

¡NAVIDAD MANÍA!

Acompáñanos en nuestra celebración navideña. Habrá cuentos infantiles en español y tendremos juegos y manualidades para toda la familia.

Join us for our Christmas celebration entirely in Spanish: holiday games, crafts and stories for the whole family!

Jueves, 13 de Diciembre
6:30-7:30 p.m.
En el sótano de la biblioteca

Thurs., Dec. 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Para más información llame al departamento infantil de la biblioteca, 972-744-4358

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Library literacy program given accreditation

The Richardson Public Library was recently awarded accreditation for its Plaza Comunitaria program from ProLiteracy, which champions the power of literacy to improve the lives of adults and their families, communities and societies.

Plaza Comunitaria is a volunteer-based adult literacy program developed by the Library in collaboration with the Mexican National Institute of Adult Education (INEA) and the Richardson Independent School District.

The program makes English and basic computer classes available to Spanish-speaking adults and students who are completing elementary, intermediate or GED courses.

The Plaza Comunitaria program also offers citizenship classes. For more information, call 972-744-4350 or visit www.cor.net/library.

Tax forms to be available

2012 Federal Income Tax forms will be available at the Library after Jan. 1. Call 972-744-4355 for more information.



LEGOs needed!

Do you have unused LEGOs? Consider donating them to the Library's Children's Department!

Thank you for your support!

Not-A-Box Party!

it's a B.Y.O.B.* event:

*BYOB = "BRING YOUR OWN BOX"
Bring a plain cardboard box of any size. Art supplies will be provided.

Inspired by the book by Antoinette Portis
Saturday, Jan. 5
2-4 p.m.
for ages 3-6

Basement Program Room
For more information, please call Youth Services: 972-744-4358

First, you'll hear a reading of the popular book *Not A Box* by Antoinette Portis. Then you'll use your imagination, your wonder, your creativity—AND your box—to make a masterpiece!

WATCH MOVIES

MOVIE NIGHT
Cracked Up Crazy Comedies
Tuesday, Dec. 4
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

Teens: 6th-12th grade

ADMIT ONE

EAT POPCORN

ME OH MAYA

Friday, Dec. 21
2-3:30 p.m.

2nd-5th graders only
Basement Program Room

For more information, please call 972-744-4358.

Celebrate the end of the Mayan calendar:
Dress up as a Mayan warrior!
Make Mayan crafts! Play Mayan games, learn exciting facts about the Mayans—me oh Maya!

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InPerson
Author Lecture Series

InPerson 2013: Focus on Texas Authors

Deborah Crombie
New York Times best-selling author of the Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James series.

Jim Dent
Sports journalist and author of six books, including the New York Times best-seller *The Junction Boys*.

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

Tickets \$20, available through Jan. 22 at **RichardsonFOL.com** and:
Arapaho Pharmacy, 819 W. Arapaho Rd.
Joy's Hallmark, 819 W. Arapaho Rd. (January only)

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