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State of the City Address

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The public is invited to attend the annual State of the City Address Jan. 30 at the Eise-mann Center.



Memorial Bricks

Available for Purchase

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The RFD and CFAAA are selling personalized engraved bricks to fund a bronze statue at the new Fire Training Center.



Annual Trash Bash is April 6

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The City's annual Trash Bash is scheduled for April 6. This year's event will include shredding, electronics recycling and a clothing drop off.

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Fire Training Center under construction

A new Fire Training Center now under construction will provide Richardson's firefighters a modern facility to prepare themselves to protect the community, as well as a place for responders to manage major incidents in the city.

Fire Chief Alan Palomba said that having a fire training facility in Richardson allows the City's firefighters to attain needed training while remaining on duty, reducing overtime cost and maintaining the ability to respond to emergencies. The facility will also let firefighters train for current construction types that are now common in Richardson.

Palomba said the new Fire Training Center counts toward the City's insurance rating, which helps to reduce homeowners' insurance premiums. It also helps in recruiting firefighters to Richardson, he said.

"It allows us to run our own fire academy, which leads to a higher quality of recruits," Palomba said. "The new Training Center will let us host regional classes, and it lets us do all of our required training and still be on duty in Richardson."

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



Rendering of Fire Training Center

It will include a classroom building, an equipment storage building and a training tower. The classroom building, which is being built to LEED green building standards, will include meeting rooms and offices, the backup emergency dispatch center and the Emergency Operations Center. There will also be space for storm spotters, who are used during severe weather events, to work.

Voters approved funding for the Fire Training Center portion of the project in the 2010 Bond Program. Funding for additional elements

of the facility will come from several sources, including emergency management grants.

Most areas of the classroom building will be dual-purpose, used for training day to day but also able to be used as briefing rooms and meeting rooms in the event of an emergency. By having equipment and space dedicated to emergency operations, key personnel will also be able to conduct training that they would use during an actual emergency.

"This is going to be a dedicated space that's ready to go at a mo-

ment's notice," said Emergency Management Coordinator Mistie Gardner. "Having a multifunctional facility is the most efficient use of city resources, because the rooms and equipment can be used both during training day to day as well as for enhanced coordination during the activation of the Emergency Operations Center when needed."

The new Fire Training Center is expected to be in operation by September of this year.

New Gymnastics Center opens

Members of the Richardson gymnastics program tumbled, vaulted and bounced in their new home during demonstrations that were part of the grand opening ceremonies for the City's new Gymnastics Center held Jan. 2.

The Richardson Parks and Recreation Department offers one of the finest and longest standing municipal gymnastics programs in Texas, and the completion of the new Gymnastics Center will help to bolster that program. The 16,000 square-foot facility, located at 300 E. Arapaho Rd., offers recreational and instructional programs that include tumbling, cheerlead-

ing, dance, club gymnastics and competitive team programs.

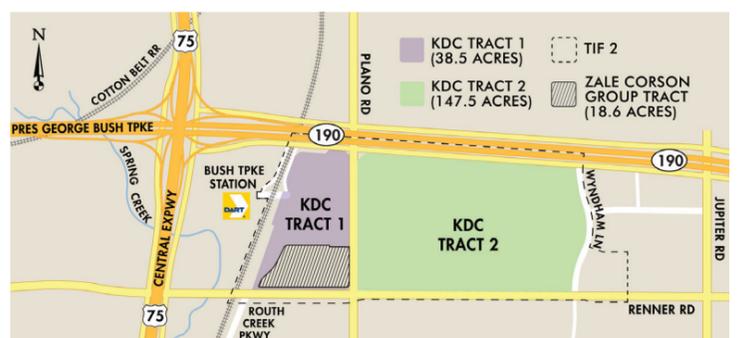
The building was designed with enough space to fit all of the equipment from the previous facility at Heights Recreation Center and allows for room to grow. Collapsible bleachers are also included that can seat 200 spectators when regional and state gymnastics meets are held at the Center.

The Richardson Gymnastics Center was funded through the 2010 Bond Program. With its modern design and anticipated LEED Certification, it is a show-case facility for the City that will be utilized year-round.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the Richardson Gymnastics Center. From left: Council Member Scott Dunn, Rep. Angie Chen Button, Mayor Bob Townsend, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka, Council Members Kendal Hartley and Amir Omar.

Zoning and TIF Zone Plan approved for \$1.5 billion project



The Richardson City Council last month approved zoning for 186 acres of land near Bush Turnpike and Central Expressway (US-75) that will become a \$1.5 billion master-planned project developed by KDC.

KDC's project, adjacent to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Bush Turnpike Station on its Red Line, includes key blocks of land on the east and west sides of Plano Road. The east side includes 147.5 acres of land on the north side of Renner Road, between Plano Road and Wyndham Lane. The west side includes 38.5 acres of land south of Bush Turnpike between Plano Road and the DART light rail tracks. Conceptual design is under way for an urban environment that will incorporate build-to-suit office buildings, an in-

tegrated healthcare facility, 3,925 multi-family residential units, hotels, retail and restaurants.

"KDC has been a tremendous development partner in Richardson and we are excited about this rezoning, which lays the groundwork for a major development at this very important crossroads, to serve the entire North Texas region," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "This site's outstanding location and multi-modal access will support the creation of a special project. We are fortunate to have a partner with the experience and ability that comes with KDC's involvement in the development of the site."

The mixed-use development is part of the City of Richardson's Tax Increment Financing Zone . . . continued on page 5



State of the City Address
Wednesday, Jan. 30
6 p.m.
Eisemann Center
Bank of America Theatre

The event and parking are free and open to the public.

The event will be shown live on the City's website and on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
Bob Townsend
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I hope you were able to visit our community's newest recreation facility, the Richardson Gymnastics Center, at the ribbon cutting and grand opening Jan. 2. This new facility will allow an already excellent gymnastics program to grow and thrive.

The Gymnastics Center is the first of several big openings this year for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Richardson community as a whole. This May and June, we will celebrate the opening of the new Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center, both of which will be amazing improvements to recreation in Richardson. Each of these facilities is funded through the 2010 Bond Program and represents your commitment to reinvesting in our community.

This is such an exciting time to be in Richardson, and progress on Bond projects is just one of the many things happening here. For a full update on topics that are important to our community—economic development, community vitality and neighborhood integrity, land use and development, education, transportation, public services, and much more—I would like to invite you to attend this year's State of the City Address.

The State of the City is your opportunity to learn about all of the major events of the past year and a look at the vision for the future.

The State of the City Address will be presented at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Bank of America Theatre at the Eisemann Center. The event and parking are free and open to the public, so I hope you will be able to join us. If you can't be there in person, it will be shown live on the City's website and on CTV (channel 16 on Time Warner Cable and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse).

I encourage you to see this year's State of the City, and I hope you can attend!

Sincerely,

 Bob Townsend
 Mayor
 bob.townsend@cor.gov

City Council Election packets available

The City of Richardson City Council election is held every two years. The next election will be May 11, 2013. Election packets for prospective candidates for Mayor and Places 1 through 6 are available in the City Secretary's office. The first business day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, Jan. 30 and the last day is Friday, March 1 by 5 p.m. For further information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290.

Important dates for voters

Last day to register to vote	Thursday, April 11
First day of early voting	Monday, April 29
Last day of early voting	Tuesday, May 7
Richardson City Council Election	May 11

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:



Sanitation schedule/recycle make up days

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Jan. 21. The table below shows the **recycle** make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, Jan. 21	Tuesday, Jan. 22
Tuesday, Jan. 22	Wednesday, Jan. 23

City facilities close for holiday Jan. 21

Facility	Closing dates
City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court	Jan. 21
Library and Animal Shelter	Jan. 21
Recreation Centers, Senior Center, Tennis Center and Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Nov. 12 and Nov. 26 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.

Nov. 12
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 Jan. 28 City Council Meeting.

Nov. 26
Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-17: A request by John T. Evans, representing SWC Beltline G.P. Inc., to revoke Ordinance 2903-A, a Special Permit for retail sales in conjunction with a wholesale and distribution center for men's clothing and approval of a Special Permit for a restaurant with modified development and a private club with modified development standards to be located at 1050 N. Central Expressway (east side of Central Expressway, north of Arapaho Road), was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-18: A request by Michael J. Wright, representing M.J. Wright & Associates, Inc., to amend the O-M Office special conditions to accommodate the development of multiple 1-story office buildings on a property located on the north side of Campbell Road, west of Waterview Parkway, was approved.

Consent Agenda
 Considered the following resolutions:
Resolution No. 12-22, authorizing execution of an agreement requesting North Central Texas Council of Governments ("NCTCOG") to pursue development of the Cotton Belt Rail Project utilizing Senate Bill 1048 ("Public and Private Facilities and Infrastructure Act).

Resolution No. 12-23, adopting the City of Richardson Investment Policy, declaring that the City Council has completed its review of the Investment Policy and Investment Strategies of the City and that the policy records any changes to either the Investment Policy or Investment Strategies.

Resolution No. 12-24, approving the terms and conditions of an Inter Local Cooperation Agreement by and between the County of Dallas and the City of Richardson for a Dallas County Capital Improvement Program Funding Agreement for the construction and funding for improvements to Spring Valley Road and Bridge Reconstruction for Cottonwood Creek and Hunt Branch.

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City, UTD receive award for transit-oriented development master plan

Plan shows potential for future development on Cotton Belt Rail Line at north end of campus

The City of Richardson and UT Dallas were honored by the Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC) at the annual Urban Design Awards event held last month. The two entities received a Dream Study Award for their UT Dallas North Campus Transit-Oriented Development master plan, which creates a framework for potential development near the proposed UT Dallas DART Station along the Cotton Belt Rail Line, at the north end of the university campus. The GDPC recognizes organizations and municipalities that are working to build a sustainable future for the Dallas region.

"Richardson is honored to work with great partners, like UT Dallas, that recognize the importance of collaborating for the benefit of the city and its residents," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "We are excited to receive this recognition from the Greater Dallas Planning Council, which underscores our dedication to sustainability and regional leadership efforts."

The Dream Study Award recognizes an unbuilt project that displays sustainability efforts in the planning process. The GDPC,

established in 1946, presented the annual awards at the Trammell & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art in the Dallas Arts District on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

"We want our faculty, staff and students to be connected to the community, and this visionary master plan outlines that eloquently," said Vice President for Administration Dr. Calvin Jamison. "The University is growing in size and students, and this exciting development would be a welcome addition to our campus and community life."

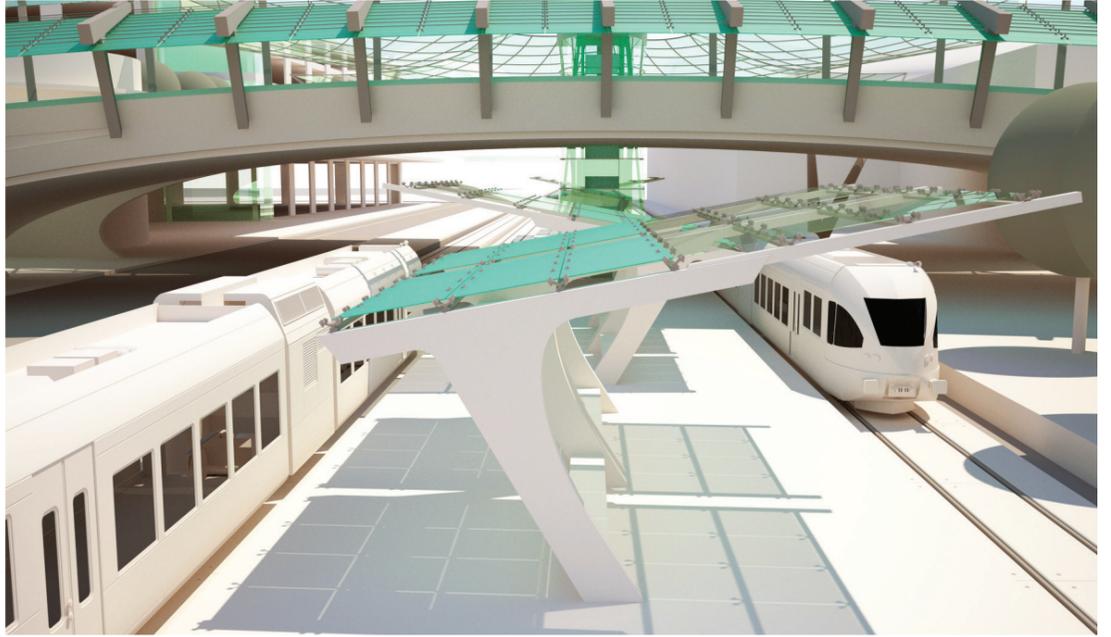
The UT Dallas North Campus Transit-Oriented Development master plan was initiated in the fall of 2008 when the City of Richardson, UT Dallas and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) decided to collaborate to plan a transit-oriented development (TOD) near the proposed UT Dallas DART Station and campus. With the help of Jacobs Engineering Group and Ragsdale Consulting, which specializes in traffic engineering, the team conducted an extensive study and developed the proposed master plan.

The site included in the master plan, the UT Dallas North Campus, is located north of the existing academic facilities along the Cotton Belt rail corridor, which is owned by DART. Passenger service on the Cotton Belt is included in DART's 2030 system plan, and the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central

Texas Council of Governments is currently working to advance that time frame dramatically through its Innovative Finance Initiative.

The proposed UT Dallas Station would link the campus to DFW International Airport and function as the focal point for the new pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use environment. Proposed land

uses for the site include campus-related residential and retail, office, research and development facilities, an event center, a hotel, a park, other residential housing and public open spaces. A university-related office/research campus is also planned just outside the primary TOD area.



Rendering of DART station on UTD campus

Rental Registration Program sees changes for new year

All annual fees are due in January

The City of Richardson's Residential Rental Registration Program has made several administrative enhancements to the program to create efficiencies for property owners.

The annual rental registration fee of \$75 for each rental property is now due from all rental property owners in January of each year. A reminder notice will be mailed regarding the annual registration fee at the start of each year. The reminder notice will include all the rental properties for an owner. Payments will continue to be accepted via mail, online or at City Hall Room 101.

The rental registration application is only required at the initial registration and whenever a change of occupancy or tenancy occurs. If there is no change in occupancy or tenancy, an application does not need to be turned in with your annual rental

registration fee. In addition, you are still only required to schedule an inspection when a change of occupancy or tenancy occurs.

The purpose of the City of Richardson's Residential Rental Registration Program is to protect the vitality and integrity of the City by ensuring its rental housing stock is maintained in a safe and healthy manner and that tenants are provided dwelling units that meet minimum fire, building and health standards.

Please be assured that Community Services staff is committed to being accessible and providing timely inspections to avoid any unnecessary delays for you and your tenant. If you have questions about Richardson's Residential Rental Registration Program, please contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

Help keep lawns clear of free publications

There are several free publications that are currently being delivered throughout Richardson neighborhoods. During the holiday season, this activity may have increased for advertising purposes. The most commonly distributed publication is the *Dallas Morning News Briefing*. It is freely distributed to neighborhoods every Wednesday through Saturday. It is a single-section paper that contains the day's most important news, as well as coupons.

Recently, Community Services has received several complaints from concerned residents about the accumulation of these publications. Community Services would like your assistance to ensure that these publications do not accumulate in yards, which is against City code. If you receive these publications,

please do not allow the papers to accumulate. Instead, regularly collect and recycle the papers with your household trash. Your efforts will improve the appearance of your street and help keep Richardson a great place to live, work and play!

If you want to stop delivery of these publications, please contact the distributor directly. There should be a phone number or website provided on the publication to discontinue service. Please call the DMN Customer Care team at 214-977-8333 or visit dallasnews.com/briefing to stop receiving the *Briefing* publication. Delivery should cease in two business days or less.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Community Services at 972-744-4180.

NTMWD to conduct chlorine maintenance

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has scheduled a free chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on the NTMWD Wylie water transmission system and customer cities' distribution systems for a 28-day period beginning Jan. 14. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD.

Free chlorine maintenance allows water suppliers to maintain

the disinfectant residual in their systems without flushing systems, thus conserving water.

The NTMWD utilizes chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, in the water treatment process and to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and water remains safe for use. Consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a change during this period. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water provided to consumers.

New Year's resolution: No more grease down the drain

The New Year usually brings resolutions: plans to exercise, quit smoking or eat better. We resolve to do something or change something to help ourselves. How about a resolution that helps you and the environment? While cutting the fat in your diet, try cutting the fat you put down your drain and help keep our creeks cleaner too.

Restaurants and other businesses that produce oil and grease are required to install equipment in their sewer lines to capture grease and other food wastes, preventing these from entering the sewer lines. However, the City still has a problem with grease and food products clogging sanitary sewer lines. One source is oil and grease from home cooking in the family kitchen. The problem is exaggerated at apartments and

other multi-family dwellings where many kitchens are connected to the same sewer line.

Fats, oils and grease that are poured down the kitchen sink will cool and can solidify in sewer pipes. Oil and grease solids cling to the inside walls of the pipes causing narrowing and eventually grease blockage in the sewers. This blockage will cause a sewer back up, either in your home or out of a sewer manhole. Backed-up sinks and overflowing toilets can cause major problems in your home, but if the back-up is in the City main line, the problem gets even bigger. Data collected by the Environmental Protection Agency suggests that grease blockage is the primary cause of 40-50 percent of sewer overflows nationwide and a secondary cause in an additional 10-25 percent.

The "stuff" you send down the kitchen drain is supposed to go to the wastewater treatment plant, but a sewer overflow contaminates our streets and storm drains and stormwater sends this sewage contamination directly to creeks and rivers causing pollution, unsafe conditions and fish kills.

In Richardson, about half of the sewer main overflows are caused by grease build up. Sewer overflows and the stormwater pollution they create are a major concern and can result in substantial ecological damage to streams and the imposition of costly fines to the municipality. There are a few simple steps that we all can take to prevent costly sewage overflows and stormwater pollution:

- Never pour fats, oils or grease from cooking down the sink.

Even if you run hot water down the drain, the grease will eventually harden either in your sewer line or the City sewer main, causing a blockage.

- Pour all fats, oils and greases into a coffee can or other durable container. Put the can in the refrigerator to solidify and dispose properly. Take 1-5 gallon containers of used cooking oil to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center at 11234 Plano Rd. Small quantities of fat can be disposed in the trash if solidified, but send it to the landfill only as a last resort. Find an approved drop off location near you at the ceasethegrease.org website.
- Wipe out excess grease from plates, pots and pans with a paper towel or newspaper

before washing or placing in the dishwasher. Toss the paper towel in the trash.

- Put food scraps in the trash, not down the garbage disposal.
- Never pour oils, grease or waste of any kind in the street or in storm drains.

These suggestions can and will save you money. Most sewer backups occur between the house and the City's sewer main, where the property owner is responsible for correcting the problem (hiring a plumber).

Proper disposal of fats, oil and grease reduces both the need for City crews to unstop sewer lines, and the cost of sewage treatment.

Resolve to dispose of your grease properly and help keep Richardson beautiful.



The 2010 Bond Program is being implemented on schedule, with more than \$46 million (70 percent) of projects in bidding, under construction or complete. An additional \$14.5 million (22 percent) of projects are currently under design, with the remainder of the \$66 million total Bond Program scheduled to start design in 2013.

The City Council set an aggressive implementation schedule for the Bond Program, which voters approved in May 2010. Rich-

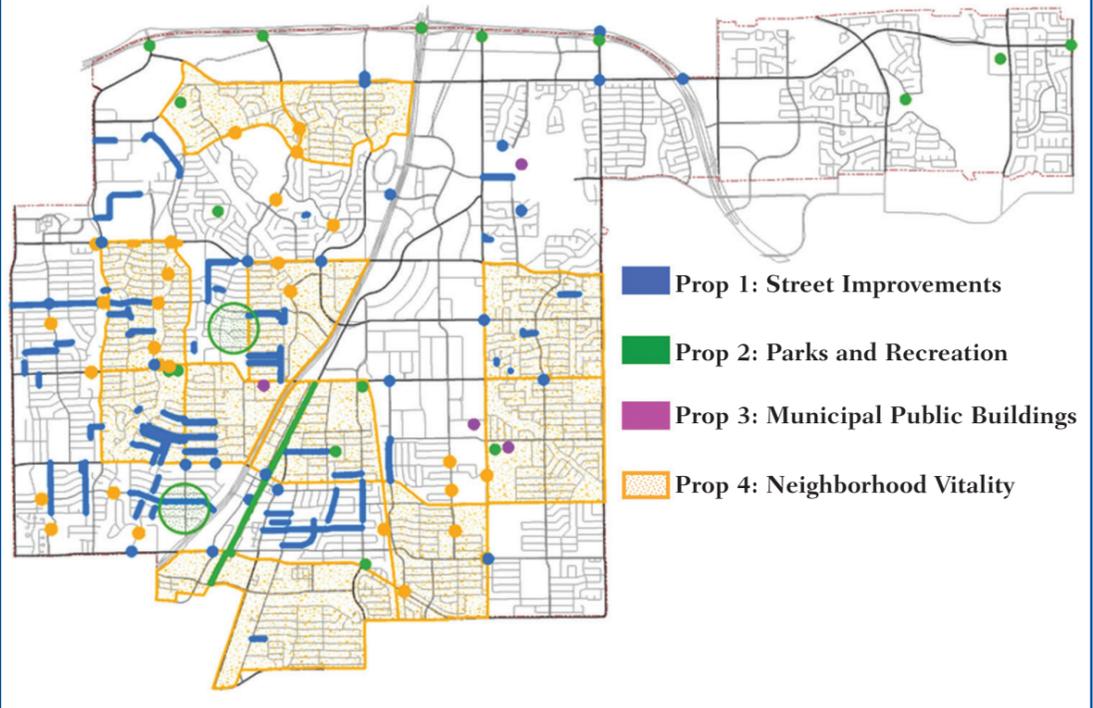
ardson's Capital Projects Department is continuing to meet that schedule for each of the four propositions.

This issue of *Richardson Today* provides brief descriptions of the status of each project included in the four 2010 Bond Program propositions.

Visit the City's bond tracker website at www.cor.net.



2010 Bond Program project map by proposition



Proposition 1: Street Improvements

The largest of the four 2010 Bond propositions, Proposition 1, includes \$24.7 million for street and alley repair, street capacity and intersection projects, traffic control devices, and drainage projects.

The street and alley repair program focused on infrastructure with the lowest Pavement Condition Index (PCI). Traffic signals, a signal communications network, upgraded signal cabinets and improvements to the Traffic Operations Center help traffic flow more smoothly. New roads at UT Dallas and an extension of the Galatyn Overpass relieve traffic concerns

and provide needed road connections. Flood prevention, erosion control and culverts will increase drainage capacity and protect Richardson's waterways.

Since Bond Program implementation began, Terrace Drive, Tyler Street and several alleys have been rebuilt, while numerous traffic signal and cabinet replacements have been completed.

Major projects under construction include the Galatyn Overpass extension; Melrose Drive, Dumont Drive, South Grove Road, North Bowser Road and additional alley reconstruction; erosion control projects; additional traffic signals

and cabinet upgrades; and traffic communications and Traffic Operations Center upgrades. Construction on the Floyd Branch Drainage Improvement Project south of Main Street started construction last month.

Design is under way on additional neighborhood streets and alleys, UTD roads, Spring Valley Road/Weathered Drive intersection improvements and more traffic signal rebuilds. Turn lanes at major intersections, which are partially funded through the Bond Program, are also under design.



Improvements made on Tyler Street

Proposition 2: Park and Recreational Facilities



The new Richardson Gymnastics Center

Proposition 2 includes \$22.6 million for a new Heights recreation center, aquatic center and gymnastics center; playground redevelopment; a new pedestrian bridge at Breckinridge Park; the development of two new parks; the Central Trail extension and new walking trails in several parks; new City entry signs; shade structures at ball fields; and City-wide upgrades to parks to better comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Gymnastics Center

The new Richardson Gymnastics Center opened Jan. 2 (see story on page 1).

Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center

The Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center are currently under construction and both projects are expected to be completed in late May/early June. The new 25,000 square-foot rec center will include a dedicated game room, a full sized gymnasium, classrooms and workout rooms. The new Heights Family Aquatics Center includes 8,000 square feet of surface water and will feature modern aquatic ameni-

ties such as a zero-entry pool with splash playground, current channel, vortex pool, instructional water area, lap swim, play features for a variety of ages, a double flume slide and shade structures.

Both facilities are designed to fit with the surrounding neighborhoods' midcentury modern architecture and the rec center is designed to be certified as LEED silver.

Neighborhood Parks

Two new City parks are included in the 2010 Bond Program. Construction has begun on the first park, located on four contiguous lots from 400 to 406 S. Weathered Dr., and will include a playground, pavilion, plaza, open play lawn and butterfly garden. Some of the features will include bricks from the homes that will be demolished to make room for the park. Construction is expected to be complete by May of this year.

Plans call for the second park to be located in the Northrich area near Custer Road, between Arapaho and Campbell roads. Concept development of the park is underway in conjunction with the Richardson Independent School District.

Pedestrian Bridge at Breckinridge Park

This project replaces the previous bridge across Beck Branch that was destroyed by a fallen tree. The bridge is currently being fabricated and the foundation construction and the bridge installation are scheduled to be completed in February.

Trails

The City will utilize \$2.5 million in funding from Dallas County to extend the Central Trail. It currently starts at Renner Road and Routh Creek Parkway in north Richardson and ends at the Arapaho Road DART Station. Plans call for the trail to extend to Richardson's southern City limit and eventually connect with Dallas' White Rock Creek Trail. The project includes the creation of a storm water drainage system from Main to Phillips Street, which will be paid for by the City, allowing the County to fund the construction of the trail. The City plans to begin construction on the trail this month and complete the project in early 2014.

The 2010 Bond Program will also finance the construction of 6-foot-wide walking trails in selected neighborhood parks. These trails are in the preliminary planning and design stages.

Shade Structures and Entry Signs

Eight new shade structures were installed at Breckinridge and Huffhines ball fields in the summer of 2011. Five new entry signs are scheduled to begin design in the next five months and will be located on Watterview, Custer, Plano, Jupiter and Renner roads.

Playground and ADA Upgrades

Funds will be used for playground redevelopment at up to four locations where the playgrounds are in need of replacement due to the age of the equipment and lack of compliance with current safety standards. Proposition 2 also includes funds for City-wide upgrades to parks to better comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Both these projects are in the initial stages of design.



Rendering of the new Heights Family Aquatics Center

Proposition 3: Municipal Public Buildings

Each of the four projects included in Proposition 3 are complete or are under construction.

Fire Station No. 4 and Fire Training Center

Of the total \$10.5 million in projects, the largest were Fire Station No. 4 and a new Fire Training Center. Fire Station No. 4 opened at its new location on Apollo Road near Plano Road in July, while the Fire Training Center is now under construction and is expected to be complete by early fall 2013 (see story on page 1 for additional de-

tails on the Fire Training Center project).

The new station replaced the old Fire Station 4, which was built in 1973. The new station includes features to meet regulatory requirements not able to be accommodated at the old site and accommodates today's operational staffing needs and larger fire vehicles.

Animal Shelter

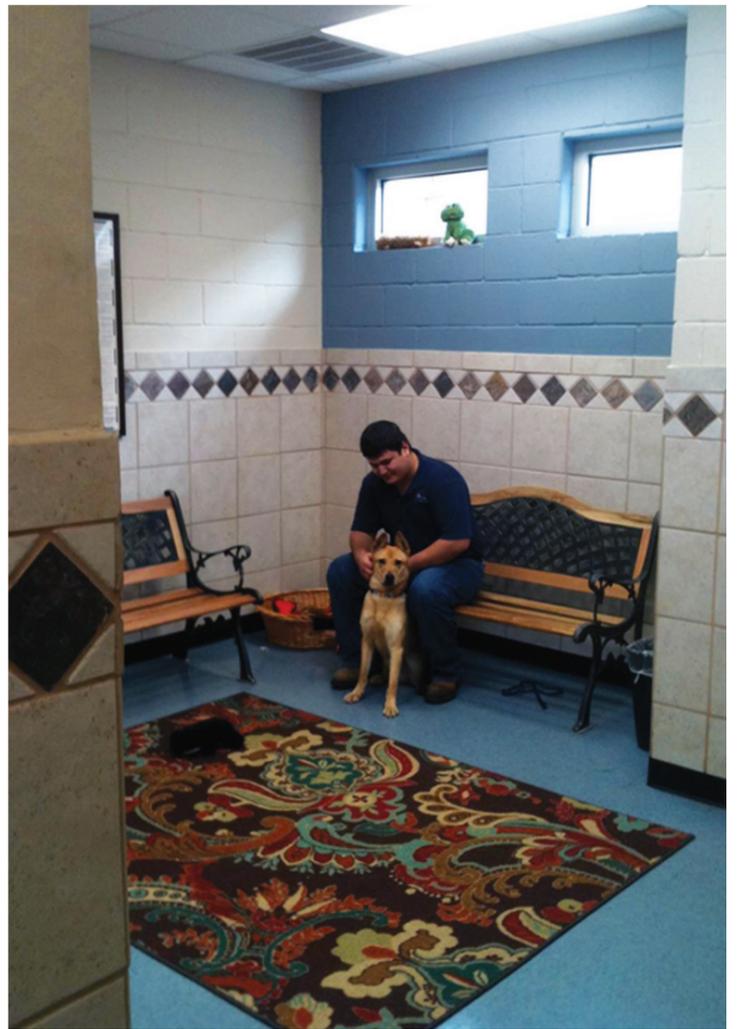
Another project included in Proposition 3 was a canine visitation area at the Animal Shelter, which opened in 2011.

Library

The final project is a new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) materials handling system for the Richardson Public Library. This project will speed the check-out and check-in process for Library materials. This month, RFID tags will be applied to all Library materials, and self-service check-out kiosks and updated staffed check-out stations will be installed. An automated materials handling system is expected to be in place by April or May.



The new Fire Station No. 4



The new Canine Visitation Area

Proposition 4: Neighborhood Vitality



Sidewalk Repair Project

Included in Proposition 4 are more than \$6 million for sidewalk repairs in 11 areas of the City and \$2 million* for screening walls, entry features and bridge enhancement and landscaping projects in various locations. (*An additional \$1 million for neighborhood re-

quested projects is funded from the previous bond program projects savings.)

Sidewalks

Funds are being used to repair sidewalks in 11 regions of the City that impact more than 5,000 residential properties.

The sidewalk repair areas were determined by a City-wide repair needs inventory that was performed in 2003 and subdivided the City into 27 sidewalk repair regions. The regions were then ranked according to the identified sidewalk repair needs. Eleven of the 27 regions were completed with the 2006 Bond Program funding. When the 11 areas in the 2010 Bond Program are completed it will leave only five identified areas for repair in the future.

Six of the 2010 Bond Program sidewalk regions have been completed, and regions seven and eight are under construction and are expected to be complete this spring. Regions nine, 10 and 11 are in the initial phases of design and plans call for their completion by the end of this year.

HOA Requested Neighborhood Vitality

The Neighborhood Vitality Program was established to create an improved image for older neigh-

borhoods that is consistent with new residential development and to provide incentives for continued community reinvestment into homes and property. The 2010 Bond Program includes funding for the construction of screening walls, entry features, bridge enhancements and landscaping projects.

The Community Services Department held a call for projects where all homeowner/neighbor-

hood associations were able to apply for improvements that will heighten the individual identity of the neighborhood. After reviewing all applications, the City Council determined the final funding strategy, and 15 neighborhoods were selected to receive improvements.

Currently 14 of the 15 neighborhoods have projects that are in some stage of the process. The design for the remaining project is scheduled to begin this spring.



Bridge enhancement on Plano Road

Council/CPC discuss Main/75 Study

The City Plan Commission and City Council met in a joint work session last month to discuss the Main Street/Central Expressway Enhancement/Redevelopment Study. Following a presentation from staff and the consulting team, Commissioners and Council Members discussed various

aspects of the draft recommendations and the study process.

The draft implementation plan is scheduled for briefing and discussion at the Jan. 28 City Council meeting. Work on revised zoning regulations and design guidelines will begin in the late spring/early summer this year.



Artist rendering of Main Street-Central area

City Council approves zoning and TIF Zone Plan

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2 outlined in the Bush/75 Urban Center Development Infrastructure Support Strategy. In addition to the zoning approval, the City Council also adopted and approved the final plan for the TIF zone.

The TIF, established in 2011, uses funds generated through increased real property tax values realized from new development within the district over a 25-year period to reimburse the developer for up-front costs incurred to install necessary public infrastructure and other public improvements.

"We started out with a vision of what this property could be and worked alongside the City of Richardson to make it happen," said KDC Chief Executive Officer Steve Van Amburgh. "The devel-

opment will have a great mix of amenities in a pedestrian-friendly environment that is inviting to corporate users and the community. The transit-oriented development will be a great addition to Richardson's vitality."

KDC has previously developed three award-winning projects in Richardson: the 800,000-square-foot Nortel Networks Galatyn Park Campus in 2001 (now occupied by Bank of America and State Farm), the 1.1 million-square-foot Blue Cross Blue Shield Campus in 2009, and the 535,000-square-foot Fossil Campus in 2011.

"KDC and the City of Richardson have had a long and successful track record and we are extremely pleased to again be teaming with them on the largest project in our company's history," said Toby Grove, KDC president.

"The site is one of the finest undeveloped properties in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, and perhaps in any major U.S. metropolitan area," said Walt Mountford, KDC Executive Vice President. "It is uniquely surrounded by the vehicular and light rail infrastructure that corporate clients seek and their employees demand."

KDC's 38.5-acre tract west of Plano Road is part of a planned 57.1-acre mixed-use, transit-oriented development originally approved in early 2011. The remainder, approximately 18.6 acres, is planned to be developed by Zale Corson Group beginning in 2013. The area, along Renner Road west of Plano Road, would include approximately 800 multifamily residential units, retail-ready ground floor space, structured parking and planned streetscape amenities.

January 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, jlr.tx.com

Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge

972-234-2485

Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-385-3321 or http://

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/

RichardsonHost

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or

steagle@sbcglobal.net

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

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or

www.canyoncreekmomclub.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

214-793-1646, 972-690-8525,

972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506

Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club

972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

http://hasr.org/about/

League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

www.lwvrichardson.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-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304 or

www.abwa-richardson.org

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://k5rkw.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

An African Adventure: Bicycling the Length of Africa

Jan. 10—2 p.m.

John Davis, a 40-year resident of Richardson, cycled through 10 countries with a group of 42 intrepid bicyclists—7,350 miles in four months. He will give a slide show presentation that will take you along on his adventures from Cairo to Cape Town. You will share his experience of a lifetime camping in a desert, going on a safari in Tanzania, getting splashed by Victoria Falls in Zambia, and climbing the Sossusvlei Dunes in Namibia. Come take an afternoon African adventure without even leaving Richardson.

John has given this entertaining presentation to many groups and always ends with a quote from Mark Twain: "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." No fee.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Jan. 15

Siciliano's: A Taste of Italy

Cost for the trip is \$2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch.

A Vegas Show Night at the Richardson Senior Center

Feb. 6—6:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun night of entertainment, VEGAS STYLE. There will be a variety of great Vegas-style entertainment, a dessert bar, light hors d'oeuvres, and a photo-op. Dress in your best Vegas attire for a chance to win a door prize. Remember: "What happens at the Senior Center stays at the Senior Center!"

Tickets on sale now at the Center. Fee: \$5.

Health Connection

"Movement is Medicine"

Feb. 28—10 a.m.

Optimum Life will present a program that will discuss the dimensions of wellness: physical, emotional, purposeful, social, spiritual and intellectual. Physical wellness is supported in large part by exercise and movement. Join us on this amazing journey on how to live the optimum life. Refreshments and door prizes!

Travel Opportunities

The 2013 travel schedule is shaping up to be one of the most varied ever! Check the Senior Center Travel Board or call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Senior Center

2013 Trip Show

Jan. 17—1:30 p.m.

The Richardson Senior Center and Heritage Tours cordially in-

vite you to our 2013 Travel Show. We will unveil 2013 travel opportunities for you to plan your next destination. Do not miss out on learning where your next adventure may take you!

Greenville: Cotton, Audie Murphy, Wine and You

Feb. 7

Depart from the Senior Center: 9 a.m. Return to the Senior Center: approximately 5 p.m.

Cost: \$102

We will take a visit to the prominent northeast Texas town of Greenville, a major center of Civil War recruitment, cotton activity in the late 1800s, and presently in an economic resurgence.

The day will include:

- A private tour of the Audie Murphy/Cotton Industry Museum
- A visit to the brand new Collin Street Bakery
- Lunch at the City Bistro on the courthouse square
- Wine tasting at the Landon Winery
- Private driving/stopping tour with the Greenville Director of Tourism

Future trips

Spring: "Natchez and the Civil War"

April: Granbury (day trip)

September: Big Bend and Far West Texas

Oil painter will present demonstration to RCAS

Becky Parks, a well-known Dallas oil painter, will present a painting demonstration to the Richardson Civic Art Society at its Jan. 15 meeting.

Parks creates beautiful landscape scenes from her travels in Texas, France and beyond using luminous color combinations and a light touch. Her work may be viewed at www.beckyparksartist.com.

RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement at 6:45 p.m. the third Tuesday of



the month. Anyone is welcome and may join. RCAS is supported

in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.



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Jan. 17-20

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Seniors' Net holds seminars

Seniors' Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.-noon at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Jan. 8

Lisa Miller: "When Is It Time?"
Memory care

Jan. 22

Agnes Hoffman: "My Life as a Holocaust Survivor"

For more information call 972-234-8880.

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Eisemann Center Presents includes "Story Books," "Video Games"

Children's stories and a concert event featuring music from the most popular video games of all time will be at the Eisemann Center in January.

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.

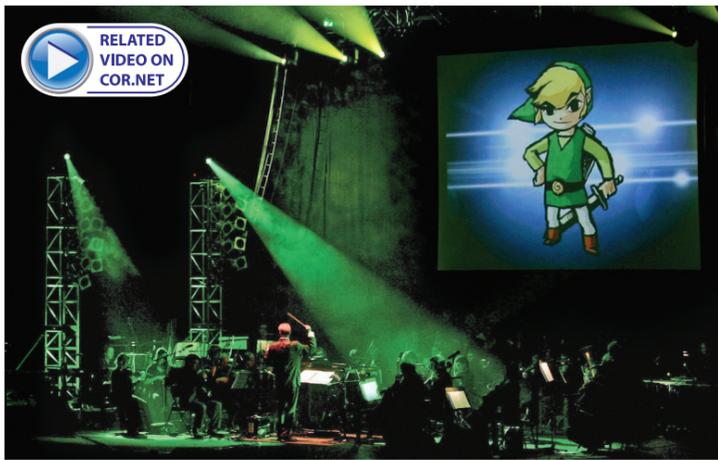
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and Other Story Books

2:30 p.m. Jan. 20
Tickets: \$12-\$22

Theatreworks USA's musical revue *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie & Other Story Books* presents issues and ideas relevant to a diverse audience.



The featured books include: *Amazing Grace*, *Borreguita and the Coyote*, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, *Imogene's*



Antlers, *Master Man*, *Math Curse* and *Owen*. There will also be a Story Time at Barnes & Noble on 15th Street in Plano at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

Video Games Live™

7 p.m. Jan. 26
Tickets: \$38-\$56

Video Games Live™ is an immersive concert event featuring music from the most popular video games of all time. Produced

and hosted by superstar game industry veteran Tommy Tallarico, this performance will also include the RISD All-City Orchestra and Chorus along with exclusive video, music, lighting, well known solo performers, electronic percussion, and interactive segments creating an explosive entertainment experience. Exciting pre- and post-show lobby activities will be announced closer to show time.

Pegasus Theatre returns to Eisemann Center

Pegasus Theatre returns to the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre this January with *XSR:Die!*, the latest in the group's Living Black & White™ adventure.

XSR:Die! (theatre lingo meaning to cross stage right and die) takes place backstage at a Broadway theatre. It's opening night of a new play by famed playwright, Clayton Farrell. The tyrannical director, Douglas Mallory, wants to make a last-minute change to the climactic scene of the play. A shot rings out and someone falls dead! Fortunately for the killer, Harry Hunsacker (would-be actor turned would-be detective) has stumbled



into the wrong theatre, and things just get a lot more complicated!

XSR:Die! will be at the Eisemann Center through Jan. 20.

Visit www.eisemanncenter.com or call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

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



Pegasus Theatre presents

XSR:Die!

(Cross Stage Right-Die!)

8 p.m. Jan. 3-5, 10-12, 17-19

3 p.m. Jan. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$20 Thursdays

\$30 Fridays, Saturday afternoons

and Sundays

\$35 Saturday nights

pegasustheatre.org

Beatlemania Now presents

"Magical Symphony Tour"

featuring The Richardson

Symphony Orchestra

3 p.m. Jan. 5, 6

8 p.m. Jan. 5

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$34-\$52

beatlemanianow.com

Local Spiritual Assembly of Bahá'í of Plano presents

"Life"

8 p.m. Jan. 12

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$35 in advance

\$50 day of performance

niloo.org

Plano Symphony Orchestra

presents

Dueling Fiddles

with featured guest artists Natalie

McMaster and Vesselin Demirev

8:15 p.m. Jan. 19

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$9-\$75

planosymphony.org

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If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

and Other Story Books

2:30 p.m. Jan. 20

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$12-\$22

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Video Games Live™

7 p.m. Jan. 26

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$38-\$56

videogameslive.com

Richardson Community Band presents

In the Good Ol' Summertime

2 p.m. Jan. 27

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$7

richardsoncommunityband.org



EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas:

Sister Rolls the Dice!

8 p.m. Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9

2 p.m. Feb. 9, 10

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$37-\$40

www.entertainmentevents.com/shows/Incvegas.asp

The City of Plano presents Chamberlain Performing Arts'

Coppélia

7:30 p.m. Feb. 9

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$100

www.chamberlainperformingarts.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Ramona Quimby

2:30 p.m. Feb. 10

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$12-\$22

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



The Library will be **closed Jan. 21.**

General Interest

Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

Jan. 15, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Becky Parks, oil.

"Get Organized for 2013!"

Jan. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Basement Program Room.

Presented by Allison Venuto.

Book Groups

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 9, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second

Floor Conference Room. "The

Language of Flowers" by Vanessa

Diffenbaugh. Registration

requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-

744-4376.

Third Wednesday

BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 16, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second

Floor Conference Room. "To

Dance with the White Dog" by

Terry Kay. Registration requested.

Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday

BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 22, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second

Floor Conference Room. "The

Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles.

Registration requested. Call Janet

Vance, 972-744-4376.

Computer Classes

Richardson Public Library card

needed for required registration.

Call 972-744-4361 after 10

a.m. weekdays.

Internet 101

Jan. 16, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to

Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

Jan. 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Job Searching on the Internet

Jan. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.

Microsoft Word

Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-noon

Children's Activities

Family Storytime

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

Children's Program Room.

Everyone welcome.

It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Children's Program Room.

Grades K-4.

Craftivity!

Jan. 19, 3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room.

Tales for Tails

Jan. 20, 3-4 p.m. Children's

Program Room.

Teen Activities

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Jan. 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Basement

Program Room.

Movie-Goers Assemble!

Teen Movie Night

Jan. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement

Program Room.

Special Interest

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

Jan. 17, 7-8:45 p.m. "Skirts and

Skirmishes—Wars and Widows:

Finding Soldiers, Widows, and

Veterans' Military and Pension

Records" presented by Paula

Perkins. Basement Training

Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Jan. 23, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room. Call

Janet Vance at 972-744-4376

for information.

Writer's Guild of Texas

Jan. 28, 7-8:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room.

Tax preparation help starts 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 beginning Feb. 1 at the Senior Center, and noon-4 p.m. Mondays beginning Feb. 4 at the Library.

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

Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

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

Did you know?

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



Tutor Training Workshop

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Richardson Public Library

Call 972-644-5119 or e-mail

director@ralc.org for details



Personalized bricks to help fund memorial statue at Fire Training Center

Richardson's new Fire Training Center will be one of the first stops for the City's future firefighters, but a new brick walkway and bronze statue leading up to its doors will pay tribute to the men and women who have already served in fire departments locally and beyond.

The Richardson Fire Department and Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association are selling personalized engraved bricks to help fund the statue. The statue is still being designed, but it will honor the service of local firefighters and the 343 firefighters who lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"If you live or work or have a business in Richardson, this is a

perfect opportunity to get your name in that brick and be part of history here," said Steve Dossett, RFD assistant chief and fire marshal.

Each four-by-eight inch brick costs \$50 and can be engraved with a family or business name, inspirational thought, memorial, birthday greeting or other message and an optional choice of logo. The "Walk of Honor" leading up to the statue has space for 6,000 bricks, and the department is hoping to sell as many as possible before it is built in March.

The statue is expected to be installed this spring, several months before the scheduled opening of the Fire Training Center this Sep-

tember. The new Center will replace an aging training tower that was built in the 1950s and classroom space built in the 1970s. It will include an administration building with meeting rooms and offices, a training tower, a backup emergency dispatch center and the emergency operations center.

The new Fire Training Center is funded through the 2010 Bond Program, emergency management grants and other sources, but the memorial walkway and statue will be funded entirely through the brick fundraiser and other donations. Brick order forms are available at City Hall, by e-mailing cfaaabricks@gmail.com or by visiting <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1668>.

Dossett hopes that Richardson residents will consider the brick fundraiser as an easy way to show



Rendering of the new training tower

their support for the fire department and leave their mark on a piece of the City's history.

"It's something they can come back and look at years from now

and see their name in that brick and feel a sense of pride," Dossett said. "They helped fund this brick,

but they also funded the statue that's going to be there."

Nextdoor.com helps keep neighbors connected

The Richardson Police Department has joined Nextdoor.com to provide Richardson residents with information about crimes that occur in their neighborhoods.

Research has shown that one of the best ways to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors. When neighbors know each other, they look out for one another. Nextdoor makes it easy to meet your neighbors, enhance Neighborhood Crime Watch groups, communicate suspicious activity and may prevent crime before it happens.

Nextdoor.com is a secure website being used across the country, helping neighborhoods communi-

cate within their geographic area. Each Nextdoor neighborhood is password protected and private to you and your neighbors. Members must verify that they live in the neighborhood before they can join. Citizens can feel confident knowing that they are talking with people who actually live in their neighborhood. None of the information shared on Nextdoor is available on search engines. And personal information is not shared with advertisers or third parties.

"More than 2,200 people in 46 neighborhoods in Richardson are currently using Nextdoor to share information and receive our updates and the number is

continuing to grow each day," said Richardson Crime Prevention Unit Police Officer Mike Wieczorek. "We feel it is important to keep residents informed and aware of crime and this will be another great resource to communicate safety and awareness messages. We encourage citizens to take advantage of these free resources to stay informed."

The Richardson Police Department also uses, Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, Crimereports.com and www.richardsonpolice.net to make information available. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 for more information.



Sign in

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Over 6,000 communities across the U.S. are using Nextdoor to strengthen their neighborhoods

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Email address

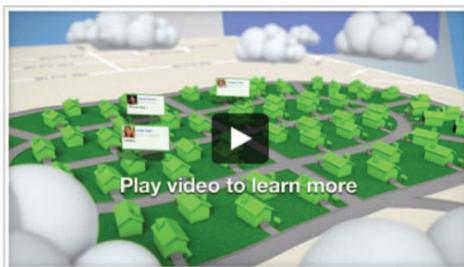
Street address

City

State Zipcode

Check availability — it's free.

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Nextdoor can keep your neighborhood safe throughout the year. [Learn more](#)



"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.

Richardson residents may "tree cycle" until Jan. 31 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.



NNO earns recognition

An outstanding show of support from Richardson residents has once again helped the City's National Night Out event earn recognition as one to the top events in the nation.

The National Association of Town Watch awarded Richardson 2nd place for the 2012 National Night Out competition, which showcases citizen participation between police departments and the communities they serve.

Richardson has been recognized as one of the top National Night Out communities in the na-

tion for the past 19 years and was awarded 1st place in 2001, 2005, 2007 and 2010 for communities in the 50,000 to 99,000 population category.

The Richardson Police Department had almost 190 registered neighborhood block parties for 2012 in addition to various crime prevention programs throughout the year that served the residential and business communities. The City thanks all those who participated and looks forward to another great event in 2013.

April 6 Trash Bash includes shredding, electronics recycling and clothing drop off

To celebrate the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the City of Richardson is joining forces with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization to hold Trash Bash 2013, a City-wide cleanup that removes litter from the streets, parks and waterways of Richardson. This year it will also coincide with the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off which is part of the partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation. All citizens, social organizations and civic groups are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Personnel will hand out trash bags, release forms and area as-

signments to the contact person Thursday, April 4 from 6-7 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall.

In conjunction with Trash Bash, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will offer document shredding and electronics recycling. Bring your bags and boxes of old documents and electronics to the trucks that will be at City Hall. Documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely.

In an effort to reduce the number of plastic grocery bags/wraps that enter our environment, we will have an area available for you to recycle them near the trucks.

New for 2013 will be a reusable clothing drive. The clothing will be donated to the local non-

profit organization, NETWORK of Community Ministries, Inc. NETWORK responds to human needs by giving assistance with the goal of helping individuals achieve long-term independence. Items that are needed are clothing and coats for men, women and children. No undergarments please. They also accept accessories such as shoes, ties and belts. Clothing should be gently used and washed. Place items in grocery sacks, paper bags or boxes. Please do not put items in trash bags.

For additional information or questions please visit www.cor.net or call 972-744-4076. Please come out and make this the best TRASH BASH yet.



972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Santa thanks his Village volunteers

The following groups and organizations generously donated their time and talent for the continued success of Santa's Village. Many thanks to all. We couldn't do it without you!

Sponsors and Volunteers

- COR Animal Shelter
- COR Fire Department
- COR Library
- COR Police Department
- COR Recycling
- COR Swim Team
- Leadership Richardson Class XXVIII
- Leadership Richardson Alumni Association
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Neighborhood Credit Union
- Richardson Family YMCA
- Richardson Jaycees
- Richardson Junior League
- Richardson Rotary
- Richardson East Rotary
- Richardson Woman's Club
- Richardson Youth Leadership
- Symphony League

Entertainment

- Amy's Studio of Performing Arts
- Berkner High School Ramblers
- Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel
- Centre for Dance
- Class Act Tap Company
- Creative Arts Dance Team
- Dallas Tap Dazzlers
- Dartmouth Elementary Choir
- Dixie Grand Cloggers
- Dove Academy of Dance Arts
- Edge Dance & Performing Arts Center Show Team
- Emily Joyce
- First Baptist Church Richardson Jazz Band
- Garland Divas Dance Group
- J.J. Pearce High School Forté
- Kassy Levels
- Keagan Riley & Greg Wright
- Kenadi Paredes
- London School of Dance
- Melva Smith School of Dance
- Mustang Stampede
- Plano Children's Theatre Scrooge
- Power House of Dance

- Prairie Creek Elementary Sign Choir
- Praise Party School of Dance
- Richardson Community Band
- Richardson High School Desperados
- Richardson High School Choir, Legacy
- Richardson North Junior High Encore
- Richardson North Junior High Glee
- Robert Gotcher
- Sounding Brass
- St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Children/Teen Choir
- Studio Dance Centre: Beyond the Floor & Beyond the Floor II
- Talent N More Dance Centre
- Texas Reelers Dance Club
- The Contemporary Chorale
- UTD MusNets Carolers
- Yale Elementary Honor Choir

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all the families, individuals and group volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make the holiday season brighter.

Sherrill Park Golf Course



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www.sherrillparkgolf.com

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Private Lessons

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Tournaments

Visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com for 2013 tournament dates.

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.



Register NOW! Richardson Soccer Association Spring 2013 Season!

- The 2013 Spring Season begins mid-February to mid-March, depending on the age group.
- Seasons are typically 6-10 games. Kids as young as 3 years old can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2013.)
- RSA offers coach and referee clinics, as well as player skills clinics—no experience required!

How to Register:

Online: www.richardsonsoccer.org
In Person: 651 N. Plano Rd. #421 (S. of Arapaho, N. of Belt Line)
Mon-Thur: 1-6 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*

Online Registration: Through Jan. 11
Office Registration: Jan. 2-11
Late Registration: Jan. 12-19
Wait List: Begins Jan. 20

*Special requirements for new players and those outside of the City of Richardson. Players must live in ZIP codes 75080, 75081 or 75082 to participate.

Visit www.richardsonsoccer.org to register online and for more details!



Valentine Jubilee

**Richardson Civic Center
Richardson Room
Saturday, Feb. 9, 7-9:30 p.m.
Registration #70899, www.cor.net/parksonline
Ages 18 and older
Fee: \$20 per person**

Join us at the Richardson Civic Center as we celebrate this exciting and romantic holiday with a dance. It will surely be all your heart desires! No date necessary. You will enjoy a sit-down dinner as well as a full night of dancing! We will have plenty of fun with food, dancing, contests and more! Space is limited, so register today. Due to catering, registration ends Feb. 5, or when full. Sorry, no drop-in registration will be available.

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.

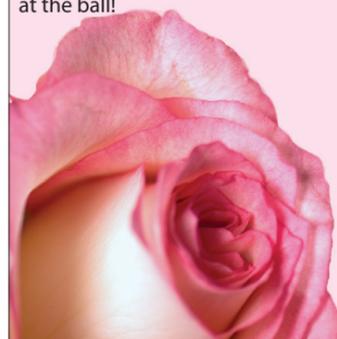
Daddy/ Daughter Valentine Ball

The pleasure of your company is requested at our 12th annual Valentine's Ball. Daddies, this is your chance to treat your little girl(s) like the princess(es) she(they) is(are). You will enjoy a buffet style dinner and a full night of dancing to music from a professional DJ. You will have plenty of fun with food, dancing, special effects lighting, contests and more! Don't miss this opportunity to dance the night away with your little sweetheart(s)! This will truly be a night that your little girl(s) will always remember! See you at the ball!

**Richardson Civic Center
Grand Hall
Friday, Feb. 8,
6:30-9:30 p.m.
Attire: Sunday
Best-Formal
Registration #65782
www.cor.net/parksonline**

**Ages 5 and older with a dad,
grandad, uncle
or other father figure.**

- ♥ Fee is \$60 per couple and INCLUDES a photograph of you and your daughter from a professional photographer.
- ♥ Additional daughter is \$25 without an additional photograph or \$35 with an additional photograph.
- ♥ LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!! REGISTRATION DEADLINE, FEB. 2, OR WHEN FULL!



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:

Jan. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	6-10 p.m.
Feb. 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	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:

Jan. 8 and 10	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:

Jan. 14 and 17	6-9 p.m.
Jan. 12 and 19	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Jan. 28 and 31	6-9 p.m.

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

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.



Beginner Square Dance Lessons
The beginner session of Plus Square Dance classes will start with a chili dinner Jan. 15, 7-9 p.m. Classes will start Jan. 22. Cost is \$65 per person if registered on or before Jan. 22. Fee will be \$75 if registered after Jan. 22.

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.

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

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

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. Beginner 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 TBA.

Fundamentals of Windows XP

Next sessions start TBA.

Windows 8 Introduction

Next sessions start TBA.

VISTA (Fundamentals of Windows) and Windows 7 (Fundamentals of Windows)

Next sessions start TBA.

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

Next sessions start TBA.

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. Spring birthdays (March, April, May) will be celebrated March 25.

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



"Quilt Hugs" volunteers are preparing to distribute 29 quilts that the ladies have made over the course of the year. The quilts, sewn with love, will be distributed to NETWORK, Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County and Hope's Door. The ladies work on the quilts every Wednesday afternoon at the Senior Center and spend many hours at home to have quilts ready for those that may need a "Quilt Hug." Pictured from left are Marilyn Barnhouse, Delores King and Doris Faulkner. Not pictured is Marcelle Hendel.

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.

Jan. 5	Gary Lee
Jan. 12	Doc Gibbs
Jan. 26	Ronnie Martin

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.

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.

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.

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.

Pool Tournaments

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

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.

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 2013 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 information, call 972-744-7870.

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.

Services

Chair Massage

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

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.

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 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. Next class starts Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

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

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

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

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

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.

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.

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.

Personal Training

How is your balance?

Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. 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.

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.

WaterAerobic Classes

Winter sessions are now in progress. 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.

NEW!!!

Sit and Be Fit

Do you want to gain flexibility and strength, but are unable to participate in impact exercise classes? Join Elaine Hosage, our Center's personal trainer, for chair exercises designed just for you. Class will start Monday Feb. 4, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$20 a month.

NEW!!!

"Seniors on the Move"

Starting in January everyone that registers for an exercise or fitness class is eligible to participate in our new program, "Seniors on the Move." We will track your monthly exercise commitment and you will have a chance to win 48 classes for one of the participating exercise or fitness programs of your choice. Please call 972-744-7800 or ask your class instructor for more detailed information. Remember.... Keep Moving.

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.

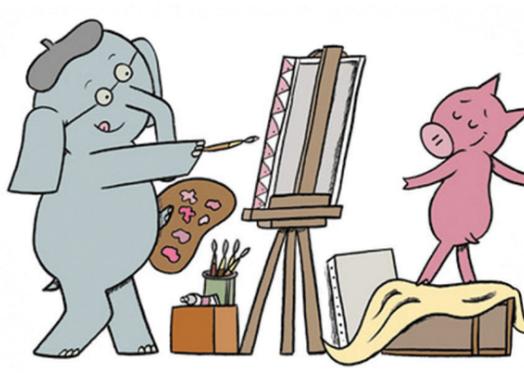
Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, Rummikub, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.



A MOVIE GOERS ASSEMBLE
SUPERHERO MOVIES

POPCORN Tuesday, Jan. 22
6:30-8:30 p.m.
6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room

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



**CRAFTS!
GAMES**

It's a
Mo Willems
CRAFTIVITY!

COME AND GO FAMILY FUN! Saturday, Jan. 19
3-4:30 p.m.
All ages!
No registration required
Basement Program Room

For more information, call 972-744-4358.



We Love Clifford!
Join us for a Big Red birthday party celebrating Clifford's 50th birthday

Saturday, Feb. 9
2-3:30 p.m.
for ages 3-7
Basement Program Room

Make canine crafts! Hear fun dog stories!
Enjoy birthday cake!

For more information, call the Children's Department at 972-744-4358.

Get organized for 2013!

If you're tired of ignoring your overstuffed closets and have no idea what's in all those boxes in your garage, then come to the Library to get some great organizing tips from professional organizer Allison Venuto. The program will be presented 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 in the Library's Basement Program Room.

Allison Venuto (MA in Conflict Resolution, BS in Education) is a native Texan and Richardson resident who is a professional educator and personal organizer. Find out the most critical steps to quickly clearing out a space, and discover how to go forward with a new attitude about clutter.

"Organizing is my passion," says Venuto. "I can help people find more free time in the day to reach their goals and dreams."

The program is free and open to all. No advance registration is required. For more information, call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.

Tax forms are available
2012 Federal Income Tax forms are now available at the Library. Call 972-744-4355 for more information.



Tales for Tails
For Readers in Grades K-4
Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!
3-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 20
Children's Program Room

Family Storytime
Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m., Children's Program Room
Geared for children ages 3-7 and their families, featuring stories, rhymes, fingerplays, movement activities and puppets.
No registration required. Do drop in!
Information: 972-744-4358.

It's Elementary!
STORYTIME FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4
Tuesdays
4:15-4:45 p.m.
Children's Program Room
Drop in—NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Winter Storytimes
For Richardson residents. Valid Library card and registration are required.

Required registration began Jan. 2.
Visit the Children's Department or call 972-744-4358.

Storytime
A six-week program for children ages 3-6 filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by Jan. 28. Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only. Program runs Jan. 29-March 6. Choose one of the following times:
Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

BabySteps
A six-week program for children ages 6 weeks to 12 months accompanied by at least one parent. Designed to assist parents in preparing prewalkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and other early literacy tools. Program runs Jan. 28-March 4.
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 6-6:30 p.m.

Wiggle Worms
A six-week program for 12-36 month-olds, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Children must be 12 months old by Jan. 28. Program runs Jan. 28-March 7.
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 11-11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10:15-10:45 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-7 p.m.



UPSTAGE ME!

TEEN IMPROV GAMES
Tuesday, Feb. 5
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Teens 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room
For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

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

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24
Richardson Civic Center Grand Hall
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