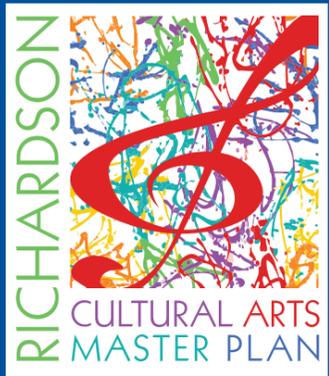


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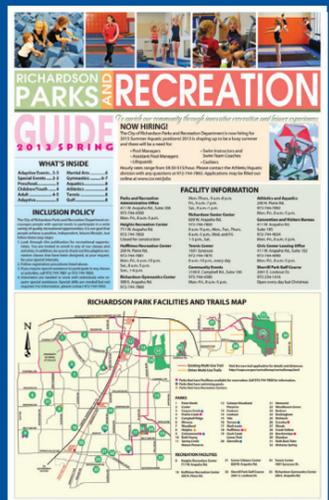
Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival's Facebook page has announced Robert Earl Keen, Uncle Kracker and the Toadies have signed to perform at the annual event.



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The public is invited to attend a meeting to discuss the draft version of the Cultural Arts Master Plan Feb. 19.



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State of the City Address updates community

Mayor reviews 2012 accomplishments, looks ahead to 2013 at annual event

With a \$1.6 billion, mixed-use, transit-oriented development adjacent to the DART Bush Turnpike Station set to begin construction this year and Alamo Drafthouse Cinema—"the coolest movie theater in the world"—opening this spring, and other major developments and accomplishments, Mayor Bob Townsend pronounced the state of the City of Richardson is "strong."

Townsend addressed members of the public, business leaders and civic leaders at the annual State of the City Address on Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Eisemann Center. The event was free and open to the public and was broadcast live on CITV and on the internet. Replays of the event will be televised and will be available on-demand on the City's website as well. (See replay schedule on page 2.)

During his presentation, Townsend outlined progress on the City Council's statement of goals, focusing on various "areas of excellence," noting major accomplishments during 2012 in each focus area.

"The strength of this community is no accident," Townsend said. "It is the result of a well-managed plan, decades in the making."

In addition to detailing accomplishments under the "areas of excellence," Townsend made special note of significant achievements that will provide a positive impact on the community for years to come.

The City maintained its "AAA" bond rating from both Moody's and Standard and Poor's. In addition, implementation of the 2010 Bond Program is progressing on schedule, with many major projects expected to be complete by the end of 2013.

Bush Turnpike Station Development

Townsend followed up on a major component of the 2012 State of the City Address, updating the community on development plans for property adjoining the DART Bush Turnpike Station.

Developer KDC recently announced plans to create a \$1.5 billion, mixed-use, transit-oriented development. State Farm Insur-



Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend presents the 2013 State of the City Address.

ance subsequently confirmed its signing of a 1.5 million-square-foot office lease at the site, the largest office lease in the Dallas area's history. More announcements related to prominent tenants at the site are expected soon. KDC's massive project includes build-to-suit office buildings, an integrated healthcare facility, nearly 4,000 multi-family units, hotels, retail space and restaurants.

Adjacent to KDC's project, the Zale Corson Group will soon begin construction on the first phase of 800 new Class-A apartments.

Together, the Zale Corson and KDC projects make this the largest commercial real estate development in North Texas in several years, as well as the largest build-to-suit office project currently under construction anywhere in Texas or, it is believed, anywhere in the United States.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Methodist Health System broke ground on a new, \$120 million re-

gional hospital at its Renner Road campus near the President George Bush Turnpike. The expansion will bring a four-story, acute-care hospital to the site, in addition to the cancer center, outpatient hospital and medical offices already there.

The existing Methodist Richardson Medical Center on Campbell Road will be renovated to maintain emergency/urgent care, primary care, and diagnostic and outpatient services, as well as to expand its post-acute care services such as inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care, and to add geriatric behavioral health services.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

The iconic Austin movie theater Alamo Drafthouse Cinema began construction last year on its first Metroplex location, which will be in Richardson's Heights Shopping Center. Wired.com has declared the Austin original as "the coolest movie theater in the world." The theater's grand opening is anticipated for late spring 2013.

During the State of the City Address, Mayor Bob Townsend discussed the 12 City Council initiatives in the 2011-2013 Statement of Goals. Each one is highlighted in this issue, and a video for each can be viewed in the online edition of the *Richardson Today* at www.cor.net.

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Law allows NTMWD to resume use of Lake Texoma

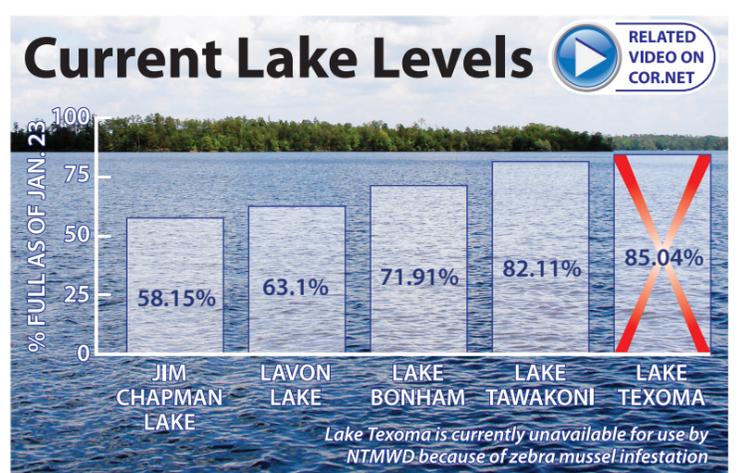
A new law will allow the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) to resume pumping water from Lake Texoma when a new \$300 million pipeline is completed in the fall of 2013.

NTMWD, which supplies water to Richardson, currently cannot utilize water from Lake Texoma, which represents 28 percent of its water supply, because of the invasive zebra mussel.

The change gives the NTMWD an exemption from the Lacey Act, which had prohibited use of water from Lake Texoma due to the presence of zebra mussels. Now use of water from the lake will be allowed as soon as a 46-mile pipeline to transfer water from the Texoma pump station directly to the water treatment plant in Wylie is completed. The closed pipeline and the water treatment process will prevent any invasive species, including the zebra mussels, from being released into the environment while restoring a major portion of the NTMWD's water supply.

Despite the legislative action that will restore the Lake Texoma water supply late next year, the NTMWD remains under Stage 2 water management measures in response to the current drought conditions. An unseasonably dry summer and fall has resulted in Lavon Lake, the district's primary reservoir, to drop almost nine feet below the normal water level.

Water efficient practices are necessary to extend the current available supplies until Lavon Lake receives much needed rain inflows and the Texoma supply is restored.



Stage 2 restrictions to be maintained through winter

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:



State of the City Address available for viewing

The 2013 State of the City Address held Jan. 30 at the Eisemann Center is available at www.cor.net/stateofthecity and will be replayed on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99 at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 28.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everybody who came out to this year's State of the City Address, held Jan. 30 at the Eisemann Center. It was an honor to be able to share Richardson's many accomplishments with members of the community. If you were not able to attend or watch it live, it will be replayed on CITYV and available online at www.cor.net/stateofthecity.



Mayor Bob Townsend
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We had a lot to celebrate about 2012. Methodist Health System broke ground for a new \$120 million regional hospital, Alamo Draft-house Cinema began construction on its first Metroplex location, and much more. You can read all about these accomplishments in this edition of *Richardson Today*.

There is much more to come in 2013, with development about to begin at the Bush Station area and the continued implementation of the 2010 Bond Program.

The Bush Station development is going to be a game-changer for Richardson—on one portion of the area alone, KDC plans \$1.5 billion in development, with a mix of corporate offices, apartments, retail and restaurants situated in a walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment around the DART light rail station. Zale Corson Group will also break ground soon on the first phase of an adjacent \$120 million development of 800 high-quality multi-family units for the transit-oriented center.

The City is making significant strides in fulfilling the vision of the 2010 Bond Program, with

more major projects expected to be complete by the end of this year including a new Heights Recreation Center and Family Aquatics Center, as well as a new Fire Training Center. Additional work will be complete on new screening walls, neighborhood entry features, bridge aesthetic projects, new alley segments, resurfaced residential streets, and flood erosion and prevention projects in various neighborhoods.

With all of these great projects already happening in Richardson, 2013 is going to be yet another great year for our community.

Sincerely,

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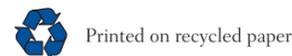


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City Council Election packets available

The City of Richardson City Council election is held every two years. The next election will be Saturday, May 11. 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 was 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
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Low-Cost Heart Screenings

Monday, Feb. 11 and Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7-10 a.m.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center

Campbell Road, Medical Plaza 1, Conference Center

Heart screenings can detect a variety of risk factors that can lead to heart disease. If you'd like to take advantage of Methodist Richardson's low-cost lipid profile and blood glucose screenings, here are the details: No appointment is necessary. Just stop by the Methodist Richardson Conference Center Monday, Feb. 11, or Tuesday, Feb. 12, between 7 and 10 a.m. to be screened. Screenings are only \$15 (cash or check). A 10-hour fast, including from caffeinated beverages, before your blood test is required for accurate results. Pick up your results at the Heart to Heart event between 9 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

Jump-start Your Health at Heart to Heart

Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m. to noon

Charles W. Eisemann Center, Bank of America Hall

2351 Performance Dr.

At Heart to Heart, you will:

- Get the results from low-cost heart screenings
- Learn fun ways to get and stay fit with group exercise and fitness demonstrations
- Enjoy heart-healthy cooking demonstrations
- Hear from a panel of physicians about heart health and some of the latest treatments and diagnostic options
- Enjoy heart-healthy refreshments, giveaways and more

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Dec. 10 and Jan. 14 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.

Dec. 10

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-19 and Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 3892: Amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by adopting an alternate Regulating Plan and Development Standards for a 38.5 acre portion of the 57.1 acre tract of land described in Ordinance No. 3806, said 38.5 acre tract being described in Exhibit "A," was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 12-20 and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 3893: Amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by changing the zoning of a 147.5-acre tract of land located in the F.J. Vance Survey, Abstract No. 939, in the City of Richardson, Collin County, Texas, and described in Exhibit "A" hereto, from PD Planned Development and C-M Commercial to PD Planned Development; adopting use and Development Regulations including, but not limited to, a Concept Plan and a Development Plan, was approved.

Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 3984:

Approving a Final Project and Financing Plan for Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number Two, City of Richardson, Texas, was approved.

Resolution No. 12-25, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City an Infrastructure Reimbursement Agreement for Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone number Two, City of Richardson, with Bush/75 Partners, L.P., a Texas Limited Partnership, L.P., a Texas Limited Partnership, Its related entities, successors, and assigns, was approved.

Resolution No. 12-26, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City a Professional Services Agreement with Ronny J. Glanton, Inc., for the management of Sherrill Park Golf Course, was approved.

Jan. 14

Resolution No. 13-03, designating the real property located at the 400 block of Weathered Drive, Richardson, Texas as a neighborhood park; naming the Heights Neighborhood Small Park "Durham Park."

Resolution No. 13-01, providing for the redemption of a portion of the outstanding "City of Richardson, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2004;" and resolving other matters incident and related to the redemption of such obligations.

Resolution No. 13-04, establishing fees and charges for the usage of certain Park and Recreation facilities in the City of Richardson by residents and non-residents.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 3895, amending the Code of Ordinances to allow the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption upon approval of a special permit in accordance with Article XXII-A of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance granted after Oct. 1, 2011.

Goal: Public Services

Richardson focuses intently on providing a wide range of dependable, high-quality, accessible public services to residents and corporate citizens, recognizing the City's responsibility to continuously monitor and respond to the needs of the community.

In 2012, the City celebrated many accomplishments in the Public Services arena.

The following are just some of the great things that have happened in the community over the past year:

- The City declared April the "Month of Volunteerism" to highlight the work of Richardson-area organizations that assist people in need throughout the community.
- The Richardson Police Department



The Volunteer Assistance Program helps homeowners in need with volunteer support.

ment recently implemented shift changes to put more officers on the street during peak

call times. The department's Crime Prevention Unit also celebrated another successful National Night Out, earning recognition as second nationwide for best National Night Out event among similarly sized cities.

- The Richardson Fire Department relocated Fire Station No. 4, to improve fire and emergency response times. The department also began construction on a new Fire Training Center, which includes a new Emergency Operations Center.
- The City's Animal Shelter earned recognition as the Humane Educator of the Year from the Texas Animal Control



The Animal Shelter's Facebook page was one of several communication initiatives that helped the Shelter earn recognition as the Humane Educator of the Year.

Association for its communication efforts.

- Sherrill Park Golf Course No. 1 earned recognition, for the second year in a row, as the

top-ranked economy course in Texas from *The Dallas Morning News*. Course No. 2 also earned top-10 honors statewide in the same category.

Goal: Community Vitality and Neighborhood Integrity

The City has numerous programs to promote healthy neighborhoods, including incentives and recognition programs such as the annual Community Revitalization Awards, as well as the enforcement of codes and ordinances. Richardson also works with partners including homeowner's and neighborhood associations to realize a shared vision for the community.



Steps taken to accomplish this goal in 2012 include:

- Richardson property owners applied for more than \$300,000 in tax rebates through the City's Home Improvement Incentive Program, enabling them to make an estimated \$4.7 million in improvements to their homes and bringing significant added

value to local neighborhoods.

- Nearly all of the neighborhood vitality-related projects from the City's 2010 Bond Program will be complete by the end of 2013. Those projects, totaling approximately \$24 million, include new screening walls, neighborhood entry features, bridge aesthetic projects, new alley segments, resurfaced residential streets, and flood erosion and prevention projects in various neighborhoods.
- Richardson earned recognition as a Gold-Certified Scenic City, making it one of only nine Texas



cities to earn Scenic City Certification last year.

Goal: Economic Development

Through the Richardson Economic Development Partnership, a joint initiative with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, the City provides a fertile business environment.

The partnership was recognized in 2012 with a Gold Medal Award in the High Performance Economic Development category from the International Economic Development Council. The award recognized Richardson for announcing the most jobs and capital investment created anywhere in the U.S. over the previous year, among communities with a population of 25,000-100,000.



Also in 2012:

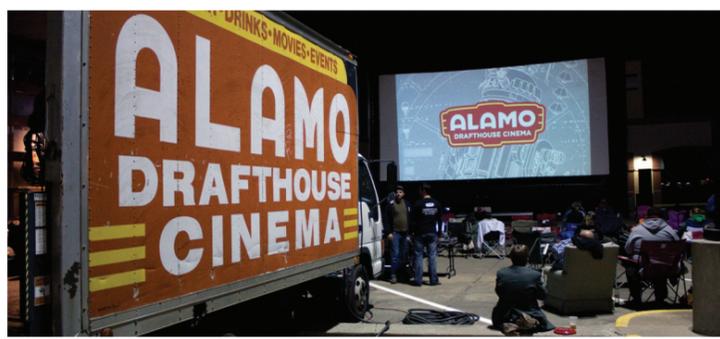
- The Mayor's Office of International Business Development hosted multiple trips of representatives from China and Japan to Richardson, including 50 Chinese investors who came to the community to look at investment opportunities.

- Alamo Drafthouse Cinema announced plans to build its first Metroplex location and new concept theater in Richardson.
- CapLease Incorporated purchased two office parks in Richardson for \$46 million.
- Extend Health, a leading provider of health benefit management services, brought 260 new jobs to Richardson with the opening of its new service center located near Bush Turnpike and Renner Road.
- California-based Inogen Incorporated, a health services provider and manufacturer of oxygen therapy equipment, opened a corporate office in Richardson and announced expansion for up to 200 employees at new offices at Cardinal Park One near US-75 and Collins Boulevard.
- Genpact Limited, a business process and technology management company, opened a new service center in Richardson.

- Safety-Kleen Systems Inc. moved its headquarters and 300 employees to Richardson from Plano.
- Cassidian Communications moved its land mobile radio business unit to Richardson from Frisco.

Richardson leads in international business activity

Richardson is recognized by the Texas Legislature as the official International Business Capital of North Texas. Countries represented by more than 50 companies in the City include:



Alamo Drafthouse Cinema held a preview event in 2012 in advance of its planned opening in the spring of 2013.

Goal: Education

The City is an active partner with local educational institutions in achieving excellence in education for Richardson residents and the corporate community.

The City of Richardson is served by two of the highest rated independent school districts in Texas and the nation, the Richardson Independent School District serving the City's Dallas County residents, and the Plano Independent School District serving the City's Collin County residents. The University of Texas at Dallas calls the City home, and Richland College is just south of the City limits.

- Richardson ISD now has 23 nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools and has earned the rating of "Recognized" for six consecutive years from the Texas Education Agency. RISD has also been named Best Academically Performing school district in Texas by Education Resource Group.
- Plano ISD, which covers part of Richardson, also now has 23 nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools and is introducing three new student choice programs



through its academies for Health Sciences, International Baccalaureate and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

- Plano Senior and Plano East High Schools were both ranked by *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report* among the best high schools in America.
- UT Dallas experienced record enrollment for the Fall 2012 semester, and the incoming freshmen class boasted the highest average SAT scores and the largest number of National Merit Scholars in the school's history. UT Dallas students this year had the highest SAT score for freshmen of any public university in Texas, and there were more National Merit Scholars in the freshmen class than the rest of the University of Texas System combined.
- Richland College offers Richardson high school students the opportunity to enroll in Richland Collegiate High School, one of the first junior-senior dual-credit charter schools administered by a community college.



Goal: Healthcare Facilities and Community Wellness



At the heart of the community is Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC), one of the many health care providers with which the City of Richardson actively partners to achieve excellence in medical care for Richardson residents and businesses. The City also promotes healthy lifestyles and community wellness through a variety of programs and recreational opportunities. In 2012:

- Methodist Health System broke ground for a new, \$120 million regional hospital at its Renner Road campus near the President George Bush Turnpike. The expansion will bring a four-story, acute-care hospital to the site, in addition to the cancer center, outpatient hospital and medical offices already there.
- Methodist Health System's ex-



Rendering of the new Methodist Richardson Medical Center at the Bush/Renner campus.

- isting facility on Campbell Road will be renovated to maintain emergency/urgent care, primary care, and diagnostic and outpatient services, as well as to expand its post-acute care services such as inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care, and to add geriatric behavioral health services.
- The City participated in the re-

gional response to the West Nile virus outbreak last year, proactively spraying to help control the spread of the disease and taking steps to reduce resident exposure to the illness.

- The City built the new Richardson Gymnastics Center, part of the 2010 Bond Program, a state-of-the-art facility for gymnastics program participants.

Goal: Land Use and Development

Richardson guides land use and development within its borders to address a variety of issues, including compatibility between residential and non-residential uses, long-range community needs, and environmental sustainability.

Among the City's current areas of emphasis are transit-oriented development opportunities and redevelopment efforts in special study areas across the City.

New zoning regulations are being studied to bring improvements to Richardson's historic downtown and portions of the Central Expressway corridor. Based on public input during the study process, City officials are now developing an implementation plan to support redevelopment in this area.

A separate study focusing on the large quantity of older, under-performing flex space east of Central Expressway is now under way.



An artist rendering of a potential "catalyst site" development included in a plan to support new investment in the Main Street/Central Expressway Corridor.

Also in 2012, the City of Richardson and UT Dallas earned a Dream Study Award from the Greater Dallas Planning Council, in recognition of the UT Dallas North Campus Transit-Oriented Development master plan. The

plan 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.

Goal: Governance

Transparency, ethical behavior and fiscal accountability are core principles that Richardson is committed to. The City works diligently to foster open, transparent and accountable government through proactive communications and other efforts, including its financial transparency website, www.cor.net/transparency.

For its efforts, the City has earned the Texas Comptroller's Gold Leadership Circle Award for the last three years. Other achievements include:

- Richardson was named a top-10 digital city government by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and the Digital Communities Program, recog-

nizing its use of technology to create operating efficiencies and realize strategic objectives despite fiscal constraints. Richardson was the only Texas municipality recognized in the top 10 of its population category.

- The City was the only municipality nationwide to earn a 2012 Best of Business Intelligence Editor's Choice Award from *Computerworld Magazine*. The honor recognized Richardson's use of business intelligence and predictive analytics to gain valuable operational insights from existing data.



Goal: Marketing

The Richardson City Council is aware of how important it is to effectively market the community to a variety of audiences, including potential residents, prospective businesses, meeting planners, business travelers, visitors, media, surrounding municipalities, affiliated professional organizations and other key influencers.

The City promotes the community in many different ways, with events such as the *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts & Music Festival and the Cottonwood Art Festival that attract crowds from across the region. Performances and programs at the Eisemann Center draw visitors from beyond City borders as well. Local businesses

are supported through programs such as the City's Convention and Visitor Bureau's Dine Smart-Dine Local program. Through Dine Smart-Dine Local, coupons for local restaurants are e-mailed weekly to more than 3,000 subscribers to the service.

Highlights of the City's marketing efforts in 2012 include:

- The City received recognition from national media, such as a feature on the Anderson Cooper Show, showcasing its Telecom Corridor® brand and its partnerships with the international business community.
- The Eisemann Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a series of special, open-to-the-public events.



Goal: Communication

The City works to promote a meaningful flow of information and two-way dialogue with the community through a variety of communication platforms, including the City website at www.cor.net, social media, and regular delivery of electronic and printed materials.

Effective, strategic communication with key stakeholders is a critical part of affirming that Richardson is a great place to live, learn, conduct business and enjoy recreational and cultural activities.

- In 2012:
- The City redesigned and re-launched its website, offering expanded online services for residents, businesses and visitors. The new site earned several prominent awards, including the Gold Tami Award for web design from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers.
- The City's *Richardson Today* monthly newsletter earned the Silver Star Award for best pub-



The City's website, www.cor.net, was fully redesigned in 2012. It provides enhanced online services, as well as news and calendar items for residents, businesses and visitors.

lication in Texas from the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers.

- Social media efforts expanded to increase access to City projects, services and events,

a Facebook page for the Main Street/Central Expressway enhancement and redevelopment study, and live Facebook and Twitter reporting during signature City festivals and events.

Goal: Transportation and Mobility

The safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services is essential to both economic vitality and a high quality of life in Richardson.

As an example of this commitment, Richardson was the first suburban community in North Texas to host four DART light rail stations, and the City is aggressively pushing for further expansion of transit options in the community through its ongoing support of the Cotton Belt Rail Line Innovative Financing Initiative.

Recent progress on transportation and mobility issues includes:

- As part of the 2010 Bond Program, nearly \$24 million is being committed to local roadway improvements, new alleys and neighborhood sidewalk replacement projects. Much of this work is expected to be



Bike lanes are an important part of the Richardson transportation system.

- complete by the end of 2013.
- In 2012, the City installed an Intelligent Transportation System to improve traffic flow into and throughout the City, allowing the City's Traffic Management Center to monitor intersections via video camera and to remotely control signals at 150 key intersections in order to alleviate congestion.



Goal: Environmental Management

Richardson is committed to encouraging and implementing programs that contribute to a sustainable quality of life and economic benefits, such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, storm water quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies.

The City's environmental management strategy encompasses a wide variety of initiatives. Accomplishments in 2012 include:

- The City achieved its water conservation goals, in addition to beginning to develop new supply connections to support continued water access in times of future resource scarcity.
- All of Richardson's most recently constructed civic buildings have achieved Silver LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The recently completed Fire Station No. 4 and the newly opened

Richardson Gymnastics Center are both designed to meet LEED certification standards, and the City is currently constructing a new Heights Recreation Center and a new Fire Training Center, each of which is designed to meet LEED certification standards.

- The City won a 2012 Working for Clean Air Award from the North Texas Commission, recognizing organizations that demonstrate outstanding efforts to improve local air quality.



All of Richardson's most recently constructed civic buildings have achieved Silver LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The recently completed Fire Station No. 4 (left) and the new Fire Training Center (right) are designed to meet LEED certification standards.

Goal: Fiscal Responsibility

Sound financial management practices based on conservative budgeting policies, aggressive collection efforts and conscientious capital financing and bond security programs are hallmarks of Richardson's fiscal management. Achievements in 2012 include:

- The City maintained AAA (highest available) ratings from both Standard & Poor's (five years consecutively) and Moody's (three years running), and received a clean opinion

from KPMG during an independent audit of the City's financial records.

- For the third consecutive year, the Texas Comptroller recognized Richardson as a Gold member in the Comptroller's Leadership Circle Awards for fiscal transparency.
- The City negotiated a new five-year agreement for the purchase of electricity from the Texas General Land Office, saving the City approximately \$750,000 per year beginning in October 2013.



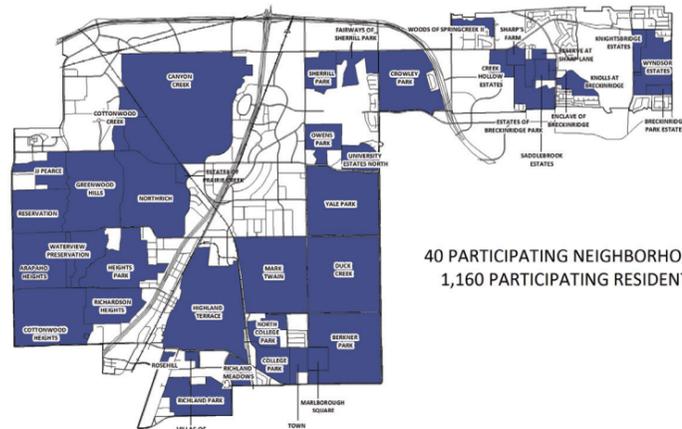
E-Mail Update Program helps to connect residents with City staff

In 2004, the City of Richardson launched the E-Mail Update Program and according to Assistant City Manager-Community Services Don Magner, the initiative has accomplished what it set out to achieve by establishing permanent lines of communication between residents and staff so that information about ongoing code enforcement activity can be shared.

Residents who register for the program receive an e-mail every other week detailing code enforcement activity in their neighborhood.

“Residents are also encouraged to contact staff with questions and/or to report possible violations that are not listed in the report,” Magner said.

Also included in the update is a feature that highlights topics of interest to community leaders. Features are carefully crafted to communicate timely information about City services and events, to inform leaders of City policies and procedures, to encourage leaders to take action to reinforce positive



40 PARTICIPATING NEIGHBORHOODS
1,160 PARTICIPATING RESIDENTS

standards and to work with City officials and staff to develop policies that foster an attractive and safe community.

Today more than 1,100 residents from 40 different neighborhoods participate in the award-winning program. Year after year, Community Services experiences a decrease in the number of citizen complaints and an increase in the number of residents working with staff to identify issues that need to be addressed.

“The program has been very successful,” Magner said. “The two-way communication encouraged by the program has resulted in a better working relationship between residents and staff that has carried over to other initiatives.”

To join the existing E-Mail Update Program of any of the neighborhoods indicated on the map, or to start a new E-Mail Update Program in your neighborhood, please contact Community Services at 972-744-4180.

Wildflower! Festival is May 17-19

Wildflower! Richardson’s Arts & Music Festival is still months away, but organizers have been hard at work behind the scenes signing bands and generating online buzz about the 21st annual weekend of art and music.

The *Wildflower!* Facebook page announced several major acts last month, including local alternative rock band Toadies, Texas singer and songwriter Robert Earl Keen and country/rock star Uncle Kracker. Additional performers will be announced on Facebook in the coming weeks as the festival draws near.

Announcing new *Wildflower!* acts through Facebook allows some of the festival’s biggest fans to hear the news first and share it right away.

“It’s interesting to see the instant feedback of people saying, ‘Hey, I can’t wait!’” said Community Events Manager Geoff Fairchild.

Fairchild, who has helped guide *Wildflower!* for 11 years, has watched technology transform the process of announcing performers. He organized press conferences to share the news during his early years in Richardson and began announcing bands online once the festival had a website. Now social media allows *Wildflower!* news to reach festivalgoers and their followers and friends immediately.

Many *Wildflower!* fans closely monitor the festival’s Facebook page as the event draws near, eager to learn of the latest acts to sign on, Fairchild said.

This year’s festival will take place May 17-19 at Galatyn Park. In addition to a lineup of local and nationally known performers, the three-day event will include a variety of food vendors, an art guitar auction, a kid’s area, music competitions and much more.

“It’s a fun, safe, family-friendly weekend that you can come out and see great entertainment for a really modest price and do so in an environment that you know is quality,” Fairchild said. “It’s a fun weekend where we try to have something for everybody.”

LINKS

Wildflower! website:

www.wildflowerfestival.com

Wildflower! Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival



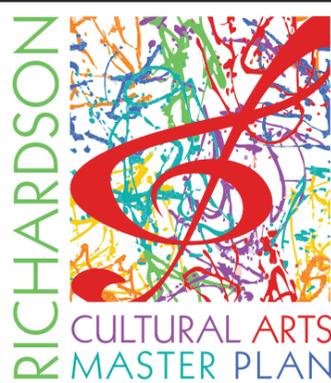
Richardson Central Rotary Club recognizes City employees with awards

Park Maintenance Supervisor Greg Dismore and Community Services Supervisor Lindsay Turman-Gregory were presented this year’s Supervisor of the Year and Employee of the Year awards from the Richardson Central Rotary Club.

The awards are specially designed to recognize City employees that make significant contributions during the past year. The Richardson Central Rotary Club has presented the awards to City employees since 1992.



Pictured from left: Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson, Lindsay Turman-Gregory, Greg Dismore and Central Rotary Club President Rich Benat.



Join us!

As we review and discuss the draft version of the Cultural Arts Master Plan

City of Richardson Cultural Arts Master Plan Public Meeting
Tuesday
February 19, 2013
7 p.m.

Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, Richardson Room
411 West Arapaho Rd., Richardson, Texas

RSVP by Mon., Feb. 18 to 972-744-4209 or kimberly.sheldon@cor.gov

Water Customer Service website offers new options

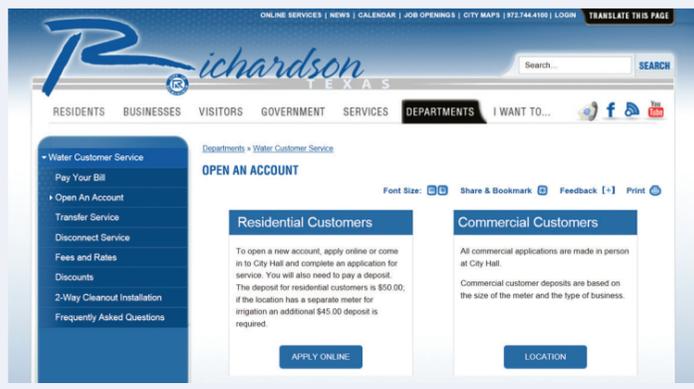
The City’s Water Customer Service Department has added features to its website that allow Richardson residents to open, transfer or close an account online. Previously, these actions had to be completed in person at City Hall.

To use the new service, residential customers may go to <http://cor.net/index.aspx?page=1631>

and click on the “Apply Online” link. New accounts require a deposit of \$50, which may be paid online with a credit or debit card.

Business water customers must still go to City Hall to set up an account.

For more information, call 972-744-4120 or e-mail customer.service@cor.gov.



Chamber of Commerce annual meeting is March 26

Sen. Ted Cruz is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the Richardson Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting next month.

The event will be held Tuesday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m. at the Renaissance Hotel-Dallas/Richardson and will include the

announcement of the 2012 Richardson Citizen of the Year.

Registration for the annual meeting is available online at www.richardsonchamber.com/annualmeeting or by calling the Chamber office at 972-792-2800.



Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

Antique Elegance
Feb. 16-17
antiqueeleganceshow.com

411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, Texas 75080
www.cor.net/civiccenter

Accommodates groups from 10 to 750
Call us! 972-744-4090

Chocolate, Blues and Business Networking Festival
Feb. 26
chocolatebluesandbusiness.com

- Meetings
- Receptions
- Trade Shows
- Seminars
- Social Functions

- Career Fairs
- Affordable Rates
- Personalized Service
- Convenient Location
- Clean and Comfortable



Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions.

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

February Calendar

Richardson Civic Organizations

Civic Groups

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

972-231-4683 or bnperry@aol.com

Exchange Club of Richardson

972-680-8613

The Junior League of Richardson

jlrtx.com

Richardson Central Kiwanis Club

214-739-5610

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge

972-234-2485

Richardson Central Rotary

972-690-0637

Richardson East Rotary

972-442-5295

Richardson Host Lions Club

972-385-3321 or http://

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/

RichardsonHost

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com or

steagle@sbcglobal.net

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

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or

www.canyoncreekmomclub.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

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

972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506

Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club

972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

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 Community Band

richardsoncommunityband.org

info@richardsoncommunityband.org

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://k5rwk.org

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group

214-477-7214

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

degrowthkingsley@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

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Fridays Feb. 1-April 5

10:30 a.m.-4p.m.

Sign-in will be taken no earlier than 10 a.m. on each date. AARP's income tax assistance program will begin Feb. 1 and run through tax season. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Feb. 19

Siciliano's: A Taste of Italy

Cost for the trip is \$.50, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

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 evening 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.

St. Patrick's Day Dance

This is no Blarney! Radio station KAAM and morning show host Dave Tanner will host our St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 13. Your Irish eyes will be a-smiling with a fun afternoon of song, dance and light refreshments.

Watch for details in the *Richardson Today* March calendar and at the Senior Center. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

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. 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.

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

Natchez & Louisiana:

Before and After the War

April 3-7

Cost: \$1,219 per person for double occupancy, \$1,399 for single occupancy

A tour to Natchitoches, Alexandria, Colfax and Natchez. For all those enamored with the Old South, join us for this time-traveling adventure where you will experience the life in rural Louisiana and the elegant riverfront city of Natchez. You will experience the grandeur and glory of plantation life before the Civil War and Reconstruction after. Your Old South experience will offer:

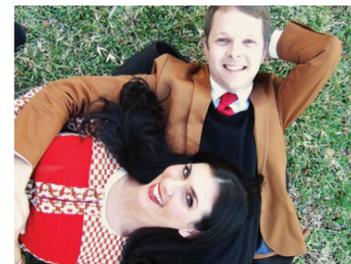
- The Natchez Pilgrimage of Homes
- The Confederate Pageant in Natchez
- Private dinners at the Dunleith and Loyd Hall
- Visit the working cotton plantation of Frogmore
- A memorable dinner at Tunks in Alexandria
- Lunches at Stanton Hall, Magnolia Bar and Grill and the Mariner's
- Private tours with local historians in Natchez, Alexandria, Natchitoches and Colfax, and the curator of the Melrose Plantation in the Cane River area.
- Free time to shop and sightsee in Natchitoches and Natchez
- Accommodations at The Grand in Natchez and the Best Western in Alexandria

RCT shows include Valentine's Day special

Repertory Company Theatre will present three shows in February.

Neil Simon's *Barefoot in the Park* will run Feb. 8-17. Conservative young lawyer Paul Bratter and his bride, Corie, struggle after the ecstasy of the honeymoon gives way to the reality of setting up a home in New York. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12-\$20.

"Valentine Cabaret" (8 p.m. Feb. 14) will be an evening of fa-



Barefoot in the Park

vorite duets sung by the acclaimed REP Company Singers. All seat-

ing is reserved. Tickets are \$15, including a dessert and coffee bar.

"Broadway's Best" will round out the month of shows. "Broadway's Best" is a rousing, entertaining evening of the best Broadway has to offer. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1-2, and 2 p.m. March 3. Tickets are \$30-\$65.

For tickets to all shows, call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Altrusa Richardson celebrates 47 years

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson will celebrate its 47 years of service to the Richardson community with a birthday dinner at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Richardson Woman's Club.

Altrusa was honored as the Outstanding Group organization by Helping Agencies Serving Richardson for its work with Terrace

Elementary children. Altrusa was also recognized with the Ability Connection Outstanding Organization Award for its work with Ability House, a group home in Richardson for people with disabilities.

For more information about Altrusa of Richardson or to attend the birthday celebration, visit altrusarichardson.com.

Seniors' Net holds seminars

Seniors' Net will host 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. For information, call 972-234-8880.

Feb. 5: Debbie Childre, Director of Seniors' Net, "Ways We Can Help" including a tour of NETWORK

Feb. 19: Paul Markowitz, Senior Living Specialist, "Moving Into Residential Living—Where to Go & What to Ask"

AARP offers tax preparation help

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 is available 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays at the Senior

Center, and noon-4 p.m. Mondays at the Library.

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

RISD Council of PTAs USED BOOK FAIR



Thursday-Saturday

Feb. 14-16

10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday

Feb. 17

noon-6 p.m.

Dal-Rich Shopping Center

(Southeast corner

of Belt Line Road and Coit Road)

Proceeds benefit the Dr. J.J. Pearce Memorial Scholarships Fund, the RISD Council of PTAs and local PTAs.

“Late Nite Catechism” returns to Eisemann Center stage

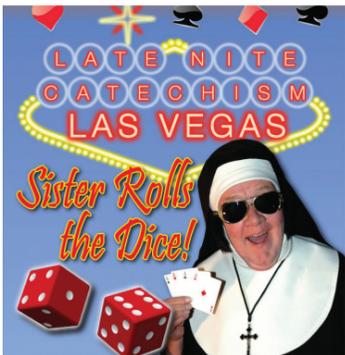
With the return of the popular “Late Nite Catechism” series and a new presentation of cabaret style music, February at the Eisemann Center will have arts and entertainment for all.

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.

Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice!
8 p.m. Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9
2 p.m. Feb. 9, 10
Tickets: \$37-\$40

Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice! is the latest class in the sinfully funny Catechism series.

The convent needs a new roof, so the order has decided to pool their salaries together and send Sister with her teaching certificate in-hand, (along with her extensive gambling experience running Church Bingo for the last 25 years) to Las Vegas! Sister will tackle topics ranging from magicians and show girls to live animal acts.



Ramona Quimby
2:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Tickets: \$12-\$22

Ramona, the exasperating but lovable third-grader, has delighted young readers for over fifty years

through the books of Newbery Medal-winning writer Beverly Cleary. Now, she comes to life on the stage in the Theatreworks USA presentation of Two Beans Production's *Ramona Quimby*.

Don't forget Story Time at Barnes & Noble on 15th St. in Plano at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Gregg Edelman's Broadway Love Songs
7 p.m. Feb. 15
9:30 p.m. Feb. 15
Tickets: \$30-\$38

Eisemann Center Presents is trying out a new programming initiative that will offer patrons the opportunity to experience the exceptional vocal talents of Gregg Edelman this month and Sally Mayes on March 15 in an intimate concert setting—cabaret style—in the Bank of America Theatre. Limited seating will be available at tables set directly in front of the performers (\$38 seat) or in existing fixed seating (\$30 seat). A bar will be conveniently located in the venue for beverages and small snacks. Both shows will be performed without intermission, lasting about 70 minutes. We hope you'll test the waters with us as each of these two prominent Broadway and cabaret artists presents an intimate evening of music.

The Swingle Singers
8 p.m. Feb. 22
Tickets: \$37-\$55

The Swingle Singers are an international a cappella phenomenon. For more than four decades, the unmistakable sound of “Swingle singing” has defined the art form. Their repertoire includes classical, jazz, Latin, pop and rock, all accompanied by their own vocal rhythm section. The Swingle Singers will be joined by the UT Dallas Chamber Singers' Glee Choir. The



The Swingle Singers

residency is presented in partnership with the UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities.

Sir James Galway: Legacy Tour
8 p.m. March 2
Tickets: \$49-\$65

Joined by his wife, Lady Jeanne Galway, the living legend of the flute, Sir James Galway, is regarded as the supreme interpreter of the classical flute repertoire and a consummate entertainer. Sir James has made himself a modern musical master whose virtuosity on the flute is equaled only by his limitless vision. Through extensive touring, more than 30 million albums sold and his frequent international television appearances, Sir James has endeared himself to millions worldwide and is a tireless promoter of the arts.



Sir James Galway

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



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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/lncvegas.asp

The City of Plano presents Chamberlain Performing Arts'

Coppélia
7:30 p.m. Feb. 9
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$10-\$100
chamberlainperformingarts.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Ramona Quimby
2:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$12-\$22

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7 p.m. Feb. 15
9:30 p.m. Feb. 15
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$30-\$38
www.greggedelman.com/index/

Richardson Symphony Orchestra

Cherish the Ladies
8 p.m. Feb. 16
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$20-\$80
www.richardsonssymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Swingle Singers, presented in partnership with the UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities
8 p.m. Feb. 22
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$37-\$55
www.swinglesingers.com/

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

The Five Browns with the Plano Symphony
with featured guest artists:
The Five Browns, Piano
8:15 p.m. Feb. 23
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$9-\$75
www.planosymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Asleep at the Wheel: On Stage and On Screen
8 p.m. March 1
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$30-\$48
www.asleepatthewheel.com/

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Sir James Galway: Legacy Tour
8 p.m. March 2
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$49-\$65
www.jamesgalway.com/

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

Feb. 19, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Marian Hirsch, pastels.

Lunchtime Lectures: “Picking Stocks Using Value Line and Other Library Resources”

Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Norman Tang and Ryan Wood. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

Book Groups

First Wednesday Book Club

Feb. 6, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. “The Paris Wife” by Paula McLain, facilitated by Paulette Platko. Registration requested. Call 972-744-4376 for info.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 13, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. “Remember Ben Clayton” by Stephen Harrigan. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 20, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 26, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. “The Language of Flowers” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. 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.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2003

Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction to Computers

Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to

Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Job Searching on the Internet

Feb. 22, 10-11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003

Feb. 26, 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.

Clifford's Big Red Birthday Party

Feb. 9, 2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Tales for Tails

Feb. 17, 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.

Teen Activities

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

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

Upstage Me!

Teen Improvisation
Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m.

First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.

AARP Tax Assistance

Every Monday through April 15, noon-4 p.m., Basement Program Room.

Writers' Guild of Texas

Feb. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Feb. 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

Feb. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. “World War II—Right Under Our Noses” presented by Barbara Bayliss. Basement Training Room.

Eisemann Center Presents adds “Asleep at the Wheel”

Eisemann Center Presents has added a surefire hit to the 10th Anniversary 2012-2013 season.

Asleep at the Wheel: On Screen and On Stage will appear at the Hill Performance Hall at 8 p.m. March 1. Tickets are \$30-\$48 and are available at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling 972-744-4650.

The show is a special concert experience with a documentary film about the band's 42-plus years of history, followed by a full-length live performance. The Eisemann Center is the first venue to present this new concert created by Ray Benson and Asleep at the Wheel.

The world premiere will be at this year's South By Southwest festival. The documentary includes



video of rare performances, photos and present day interviews.

As the film ends, Ray Benson and Asleep at the Wheel take the stage and perform a full concert of fan favorites and current music, celebrating both the historic achievements and the continued vitality of this legendary Grammy-winning ensemble.

Deter crime by removing OPPORTUNITY from the crime triangle



Thieves have figured out that there is money to be made by pilaging and plundering in driveways, parking lots and parking garages. After all, accessories have elevated the standard “base model” car equipped with just an FM radio, to a personalized extension of the owner’s home or office—complete with a satellite stereo system, digital music player, amplifiers, speaker boxes and LCD monitors, not to mention custom wheels and countless add-on sport and “racing” upgrades.

Today’s vehicles have become quite an appealing target. Not only do accessories provide a source of quick and easy cash, but the risks of detection and apprehension are relatively low because most parking areas are isolated and screened from view. Besides, who pays any attention to car alarms, or marks their property, or records the serial numbers of accessories?

Crime Prevention starts with a basic instructional model referred to as the “Crime Triangle.” Sides of the Crime Triangle include Ability (the criminal’s knowledge and skill level required to commit a particular crime) and Desire (whether or not the criminal wants to commit the act).

Opportunity is the third side of the Crime Triangle—the only one that we, as potential crime targets, can influence.

One of the goals of every police officer, sheriff’s deputy or constable is to stress to citizens the importance of removing an opportunity for a crime to be perpetrated against them. Quite simply, if the opportunity is removed, the crime cannot occur, because there is no target. Effective crime prevention emphasizes the importance of identifying potential criminal opportunity, and then implementing some kind of action to remove or reduce that opportunity. Every

citizen plays an important role in impacting crime by identifying vulnerabilities in their own individual home, business, or personal security practices, and then implementing some action to shrink or remove that potential criminal target. Even early policing practitioners some 200 years ago realized that the most effective contribution to crime prevention was citizen participation.

What are some ways to remove the opportunity for a vehicle burglary to occur? Lock your doors and keep windows tightly closed. Enhance your driveway lighting. Park your vehicle in an area offering high visibility. Clean out the clutter and park inside the garage (and keep the overhead door closed).

How do you make your vehicle less attractive to a burglar? Simply ask yourself what you would look for if you were a thief. Remove the garage door opener (a key to

your house) nightly. Do not leave valuables such as purses, laptops, bags, packages, briefcases, radar detectors, spare change—anything of value—in plain view. Something hidden under a seat or a jacket will also tempt a thief. Even a dangling power cord might invite a smashed window. Those product window stickers and decals (the popular white Apple logo comes to mind) advertise what you have to someone who might want it. Also, many a thief has followed a high-powered sound system to a driveway or parking lot.

There are many more citizens than police officers, and working together to address crime problems will increase the number of success stories. Short of the old cliché “the police cannot be everywhere at once,” proactive measures implemented by citizens, such as removing opportunity and “hardening the target,” actually can assist police efforts to thwart crime.

Removing the thief’s source of easy cash, creating an unacceptable risk of detection and apprehension for the offender and discouraging further criminal attempts in a “non-productive” area all help.

The next time you park your vehicle choose your spot strategically, whether you’re at home, work, school or the mall. Take the time to identify what might attract the attention of a thief, then remove it and lock your car. You and your property will be safer if you do.

Next CFA class begins March 7

The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in the City of Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week for three hours at the Fire Training Center located at 2600 Owens Blvd. Academy participants will receive an insider’s view of the vast services the RFD provides. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls.

The intent of the CFA classes is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it’s an opportunity to experience first hand what duties and responsibilities firefighters have. Learn about the

firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground operations, emergency management, training requirements and administration of the RFD. After completing the program, participants will be able to use their knowledge to create a safer home and work environment and educate others about the RFD and the services provided to the community.

The next CFA begins March 7 and will graduate May 14. If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to www.cor.net/fire and download an application.



New iPads help Shelter visitors find perfect pet

The Richardson Animal Shelter recently installed two new iPads to help inform visitors about dogs, cats and other pets in need of a home. Users can view detailed information on each pet at the shelter to help find the perfect fit for their family.

The new technology replaced unreliable touchscreen monitors that were connected to a computer that required frequent rebooting. The iPads access the internet wirelessly through a WiFi connection, which is also available for Shelter guests to use if they prefer to bring their own mobile device.

“Our IT department does an outstanding job of making sure current technology is available and utilized to make the services we provide as efficient as they can be,” said Dennis Wooten, the City’s Assistant Director of Health-Animal Services. “This new iPad technology is another step in that direction.”

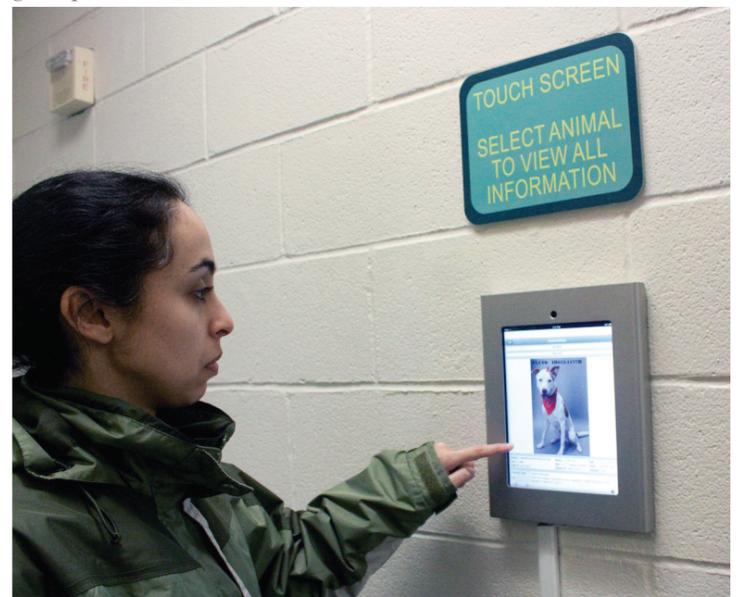
The iPads are loaded with almost all of the information the Shelter has about each animal, from age and breed to medical records and behavioral observations. Visitors are able to find answers to most questions about the pets on the iPads, which frees up time for the Shelter staff members to take care of the animals and assist those who may not be comfortable with using the new technology.

The transition has been an easy one for most shelter visitors, because many people already know how to use an iPad, said Richardson Deputy CIO of Application and Development Eric Matthews, who came up with the plan to install the new system.

“More and more people are familiar with tablets and how to swipe and touch them, making this interface easier for our citizens than a mouse-style touchscreen in the old units,” Matthews said.

Many people are surprised to see iPads in an animal shelter, Wooten said, but visitors have been eager to use them and have given positive feedback.

“People don’t expect the Animal Shelter to have the latest in technology, but Richardson has always been a little different in that regard,” Wooten said.



April 6 is annual Trash Bash—REAL to provide free roll of recycle bags

Trash Bash 2013 will be held Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come and join the City of Richardson Health and Public

Services Departments and City Council, Richardson Environmental Advisory Commission, Richardson Environmental Action League

(REAL), Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), YMCA, Friends of the Library, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), Wal-Mart, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), HEB and NETWORK of Community Ministries in the biggest Trash Bash ever!

The clean-up celebration will begin around 11 a.m. at the Richardson Civic Center. We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of REAL and will have a special guest appearance by Richie the Recycling Duck. This year the event will be held in conjunction with KTB Texas Trash Off. Along with the clean-up event we will once again offer document shred-

ding and electronics recycling sponsored by CPAAA, plastic bag recycling sponsored by Wal-Mart, educational booths, pizza and door prizes. The document shredding, electronics recycling and plastic bag recycling will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New for this year, REAL will provide one free roll of 26 recycling bags for each Richardson residence to encourage more people to recycle. In light of this grand occasion, the City will provide up to 2.5 cubic feet (cf) of Texas Pure Compost, which is made from Richardson-grown tree trimmings, all collected through the highly regarded BABIC program. Please bring your own containers to take

your compost home (four, 5-gallon size painter’s buckets equal 2.5 cf, approximately). We will also collect clothing for NETWORK of Community Ministries. Items needed are clothing and coats for men, women and children. No undergarments please. Accessories such as shoes, ties and belts will be also accepted. Clothing should be gently used and washed. Place items in grocery sacks, paper bags or boxes. Please do not put items in trash bags.

Also, Friends of the Library will accept donations of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

For more information please call 972-744-4076 or visit www.cor.net/TrashBash.



972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Wildflower! Budding Talent contest auditions to be held

Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival's annual youth talent show—the Budding Talent competition—will give young singers a chance to perform at this year's *Wildflower!* Festival.

Auditions will take place April 21. Winning singers in five categories from preschool (age 3) to 12th grade will perform at the *Wildflower!* Festival on Sunday, May 19.

Contestants will need to sing one song from memory and bring an accompaniment CD to the audition. They may also accompany themselves on an acoustic guitar or piano or bring an accompanist. Small vocal ensembles of two to four singers are also eligible, but no bands will be allowed to enter the contest.

To audition, contestants must pre-register by e-mailing wildflowerbuddingtalent@yahoo.com.

Ladies Golf League seeks participants

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels. The league plays on Tuesday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2, March through October.

If you would like to enjoy a round of golf and meet a great group of ladies at the same time, this is the place for you. For further information, please contact Elaine Curry, president, at 972-780-5299, or Nancy Stubbs, vice president, at 972-669-8909.

Now Hiring!

Applications are being accepted for 2013 Summer Aquatic positions!

- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors and Swim Team Coaches
- Cashiers

Pay is \$9.50-\$15 per hour.

Please contact the Athletic/Aquatic division with any questions at 972-744-7892.

Visit www.cor.net/jobs to apply!



Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors
Feb. 4-22
March 5-30

Meet twice per week for three weeks.

Adult Leagues
Jan. 14-March 1
March 4-April 19

Call for pricing information.



Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr.
972-234-1416

Private Lessons

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

Tournaments

Feb. 24—Two Man Best Ball
March 17—Two Man 6/6/6
April 14—Two Man Masters
May 12—Spring Invitational

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



Book tee times and tour both courses at www.sherrillparkgolf.com

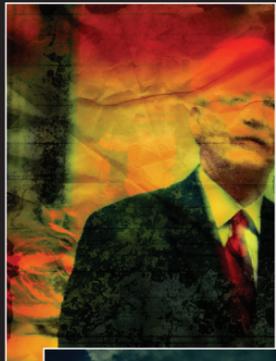
Adaptive Event

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



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 Contest Results Exhibit

Through Feb. 18
Library 3rd Floor

2013 Awards Ceremony & Workshop

Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m.
Civic Center Grand Hall



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:

Feb. 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	6-10 p.m.
March 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March 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:

Feb. 5 and 7	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:

Feb. 11 and 14	6-9 p.m.
Feb. 9 and 16	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Feb. 25 and 28	6-9 p.m.

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

Robin's Nest Craft Store

For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest Craft Store in the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts which are for sale. Open to the public.

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.

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

Beginner Square Dance Lessons
Classes began Jan. 22 and will continue through May 28.

Plus Square Dance
Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter.

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, 11:30-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins Feb. 6.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.



Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of both hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters are welcome. The class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

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.

ABC Quilting
This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to "catch up" on their quilt tops. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Internet Usage Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows/Power Point
Next sessions start TBA.

Fundamentals of Windows
This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. You will learn by hands on experience and learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts March 4. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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 Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 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, Feb. 4 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, Feb. 4 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

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 March 14. 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.

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

Feb. 2	Gary Lee
Feb. 9	Doc Gibbs
Feb. 23	Bill G Band

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Int./Adv. 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



Dewey LaRochelle, President, Eppard Chapter 1273, National Active and Retired Federal Employees, presents Senior Center and Program Manager Beth Owens with a check in appreciation for all of the assistance provided to the chapter by her and the Senior Center staff. The chapter will hold a 40th anniversary celebration Feb. 14 at the Senior Center at 10 a.m. The Eppard chapter was organized for approximately 123 retired federal employees living primarily in Richardson and Plano.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AARP Tax Aid Program Fridays—Feb. 1-April 5 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Name sign-ins will be taken no earlier than 10 a.m. on each date. AARP's income tax assistance program will begin Feb. 1 and run through April 5. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.

Services

Chair Massage

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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



Friendly Visitors

VNA Eldercare provides one-on-one companionship and transportation for seniors who are no longer driving and still living independently. A volunteer can take the client to the grocery, pharmacy or department store. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reinsurance program. 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.

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 to schedule your appointment.

Counseling Services

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

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 FREE 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. The next meeting is Feb. 7.

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.

NEW!! Zumba Gold Plus

If you are well on your way on your fitness journey, you may now be ready to step it up a notch and join Zumba Gold Plus. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Fee is \$5 per class.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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"

Everyone who 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.

NEW!!! Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screening and check hearing aids on the first Wednesday of every month from 9-10 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 for your appointment.

Games

Canasta

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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



Literacy Starts @ Birth

A **free** reading-readiness workshop for parents, caregivers and educators!

**Saturday, March 2
2:30-4:30 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

Learn tips, activities, information and games designed to help you prepare your child (from birth to six years old) for reading readiness.

No registration required. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 972-744-4358.

Register for citizenship classes

Registration starts Feb. 4 for the Library's next session of citizenship classes, which will begin March 3 and run through May 26. Please call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368 to request a required English test.

Sign up for Bookletters

Did you know that you can have newsletters with the latest information about forthcoming books, DVDs, music CDs, and audiobooks delivered right to your e-mail?

Through BookLetters you can be informed about your favorite genre: mystery, science fiction, romance, children's books and more. You can also receive "What's Happening @ the Library," a listing of all the Library events for adults happening during the month. Or,

you can sign up for "Kidz Can Do" which provides regular updates about children's programs.

If you see an interesting book or other item, BookLetters allows users to instantly access each item in the Library's online catalog to check on availability.

To sign up online for any BookLetter go to the Library's website: www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com and click on BookLetters under "For Adults."

Learn to use Library resources for smart investing

Did you know that the Library is a great place for novice investors to research companies and their stocks? Join investment counselors Norman Tang and Ryan Wood as they demystify the process of using Library resources such as Value Line to pick stocks.

This free presentation will be held 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Library's Basement Program room as the February offering in the Library's ongoing "Lunchtime Lecture" series.

Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like. No registration is needed. Call 972-744-4350 for more information.

The Civil War Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by Richard Cudlipp from Collin College's SAIL Program (Seniors Active in Learning)



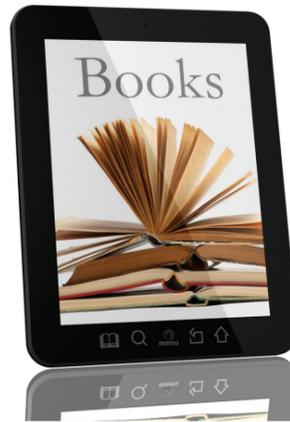
March 19 Civil War Causes, Background and Beginnings

March 26 Civil War, 1862
The Year the War Could Have Ended

April 2 Civil War, 1863
The Climax, Gettysburg and Vicksburg

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. you are welcome to bring your lunch
Basement Program Room
Please call 972-744-4376 for more information.
Registration not required.

The Richardson Public Library is looking for technology savvy volunteers



- Do you use a Kindle, Nook, or other e-reader?
- Are you a good communicator?
- Would you like to help others learn how to download e-books?

If you are interested, join our e-book instruction team. Please e-mail liane.martins@cor.gov.

Tales for Tails

For Readers in Grades K-4



Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

3-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17
Children's Program Room

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!

Tax forms are available

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

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

Winter Storytimes

For Richardson residents.

Valid Library card and registration are required.

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 through March 6.

Choose one of the following times:
Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday 11-11:30 a.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 through 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.

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 through March 4.

Choose one of the following times:
Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 6-6:30 p.m.



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.