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## April is "Month of Volunteerism"

Among the many things that strengthen the Richardson community are the acts of kindness that occur every day. From helping a neighbor paint a house to volunteering with one of the many nonprofit organizations in the city, Richardson residents care for one another.

To recognize this work, the City Council has again designated April as a "Month of Volunteerism." Throughout the month, the City will recognize the thousands of hours of work that residents, businesses and organizations contribute to their community. Assistance both large and small is recognized during the Month of Volunteerism.

"Designating a Month of Volunteerism was a way to show the rest of the community all the hard work that volunteers in Richardson do," Mayor Bob Townsend said. "We have many individuals and groups who are active in the community, and they deserve a pat on the back and a big 'Thank you' for everything they do for those in need."

From Trash Bash on April 6 to activities throughout the month coordinated through the Volunteer Assistance Program, the City plays

an active role in connecting people who want to volunteer to projects where they can help.

"We have a wide variety of projects that people and organizations can help with, and even something as small as painting a garage or trimming overgrown vegetation can help both a homeowner and the community as a whole," said Community Services Manager Lindsay Turman, who coordinates the Volunteer Assistance Program. "The program is a great way for us to match needs with people's ability to help."

The Month of Volunteerism was first recognized by the Richardson City Council last April. The initiative builds upon the Volunteer Assistance Program, which was created in 2000 to assist elderly and disabled residents in Richardson who cannot properly maintain their homes by connecting them with volunteer groups that can provide assistance. More than 725 projects have been completed since the Volunteer Assistance Program began.

Last year, approximately 25 service projects took place in conjunction with the Month of

Volunteerism, and even more are planned for 2013. Turman said the initiative has led to increased volunteerism in Richardson.

"People who initially volunteer throughout the month will inevitably come back and do more throughout the year," she said. "It's amazing to see the energy and involvement in the community that's built through the Month of Volunteerism."

For more information about the Month of Volunteerism in Richardson, visit [www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers](http://www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers).



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## City retains "Triple A" from both Moody's and S&P

Two credit rating agencies recently informed the City that they have again given Richardson their highest possible bond ratings. Richardson has maintained a AAA rating from Standard and Poor's for six years in a row, and this is the fourth year in a row the City has received a Aaa rating from Moody's.

In its rationale, S&P cited Richardson's, "Location and participation in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex economy, coupled with a sizable economic base of its own, which serves as a primary employment center with the significant presence of technology-based companies; very strong income and wealth levels; strong, tenured, and responsive management; historically very strong financial performance, which is partly due to its strong financial policies and practices; and moderate overall debt levels as a percentage of market value."

Moody's rationale reported that "the Aaa rating is reflective of a relatively sizable and affluent tax base that is bolstered by a substantial in-flow of employment; a strong financial management with historical stability reserve levels, and a moderate yet manageable debt burden."

"Richardson has a long history of being a well-run community, thanks to our high-tech background, progressive planning and efficient spending," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "All of these things are a big part of our

heritage, and the City Council continues to place a tremendous amount of focus on responsible fiscal policies. These ratings by external examiners reinforce that we are making good decisions, and we are excited about the investments we continue to be able to make in this community thanks to our exceptional performance."

Every year, the City sells certificates of obligation to fund replacement of capital equipment and infrastructure improvements. This year the City sold \$8.32 million, which includes funding for infrastructure, facility improvements, technology, equipment purchases, an ambulance and pumper, solid waste equipment and other long-term capital needs.

The City also issued \$20.7 million refunding bonds, resulting in interest savings on existing debt. The refunding bonds will not add new debt, and they will not extend the final maturity date of the existing bonds.

The Moody's rating places Richardson among the top 6.2 percent of rated cities in the nation and 2.2 percent of rated cities in Texas to hold Aaa status. It has given only four other cities in Texas the same designation. The Standard and Poor's AAA rating places Richardson among the top 5.5 percent of rated statewide communities.

Richardson is one of only five communities in Texas to hold "Triple A" ratings from both agencies.

## Festival seeks duet partner for "Elton John" sing along

One talented singer will have the opportunity to participate in multiple performances of "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" on-stage with the Elton John tribute act "Rocket Man" during *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts & Music Festival May 17-19.

Those who think they have what it takes are asked to submit a video or link of their rendition of "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," the hit song from 1976.

### Contest Rules:

- Applicants must be over 16 years of age.
- Applicants must fill out the application ([www.wildflowerfestival.com/singwithelton.html](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com/singwithelton.html))

and send it in along with their recorded performance. **Submissions must be received by April 12.**

- Performances can be MP4, uploaded to YouTube or recorded to DVD.
- Applicants must sing any portion of the song "Don't Go Breaking My Heart."
- Performances should be 1.5 minutes long.
- Solo or duet performances of the song "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" will be accepted.
- Submissions can be mailed or e-mailed (see info below).

Mail your video to:  
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Richardson, Texas 75081

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E-mail your video or link to:  
[Wildflower@cor.gov](mailto:Wildflower@cor.gov)

Live auditions for selected contest finalists will take place at Huffhines Recreation Center Sunday, April 21. For additional questions about the contest, call 972-744-4587 or e-mail [lauren.greenhaw@cor.gov](mailto:lauren.greenhaw@cor.gov).

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:



## Early voting for May 11 elections starts April 29

Early voting for the May 11, 2013, Mayoral, Richardson City Council and RISD School Board elections is available April 29-May 7 at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Dallas County Richardson residents may vote early in the Richardson City Council Election and the RISD School Board Election at City Hall or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. Call the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-637-7937 or visit [www.dallascountyvotes.org/elections-office/](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/elections-office/).

Collin County Richardson residents may vote early in the Mayoral, Richardson City Council Election at City Hall or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. If they wish to vote

early in the PISD School Board Election they must use Collin County early voting locations to do so. Call the Collin County Elections Department at 972-424-1460 (ext. 1990) or visit [www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections).

In order to vote in the May election, voters must submit their voter registration application to the Voter Registrar of the county they reside in by April 11, 2013. Voter registration cards are available in the City Secretary's office at Richardson City Hall or the Texas Secretary of State website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>.

### Dates and times for early voting at Dallas and Collin county locations:

**April 29-May 3 (Mon.-Fri.)**

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**May 4 (Sat.)**

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**May 5 (Sun.)**

1 p.m.-6 p.m.

**May 6-7 (Mon.-Tue.)**

7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day voting will take place Saturday, May 11 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the location designated for your precinct.

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

For more information, contact the Richardson City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or [aimee.nemer@cor.gov](mailto:aimee.nemer@cor.gov).

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Throughout April, we are calling attention to the kind and generous support of those in need by the thousands of volunteers we have in Richardson. The Month of Volunteerism will include service projects by neighborhoods, nonprofit organizations and businesses.

Last year was the first time that we designated April as a Month of Volunteerism, and the community responded in an amazing way. There were more than 25 service projects last year that beautified Richardson, assisted elderly and disabled homeowners, and much more.

Through the Month of Volunteerism, we will bring recognition to the many people who are active in Richardson. We know that volunteers are active here year-round, so this is a chance to thank everybody for a job well done and for making such important contributions to the city.

The City also plays an active role in promoting volunteerism. One of the oldest programs is the Volunteer Assistance Program, which has helped maintain more than 725 homes in Richardson since it was created in 2000. There is also the Trash Bash, when groups and individuals get out into our parks, natural areas and neighborhoods to remove tons of trash and recyclables. And we always encourage people to volunteer with City departments including



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the Library, the Animal Shelter, the Police Department and the Eisemann Center, just to name a few.

Volunteerism helps to assist others as well as to build pride in your community. During this special month, I hope you will be inspired to make a difference in your community by volunteering in some way. I, the City Council and the entire Richardson community thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Bob Townsend  
Mayor  
[bob.townsend@cor.gov](mailto:bob.townsend@cor.gov)

## Candidate forums set in April

A Richardson Mayoral and City Council candidate forum, a Richardson Independent School District Board of Trustees candidate forum and Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees candidate forums are scheduled in April for the May 11 elections.

### League of Women Voters Mayoral and Council Candidate Forum

April 24, 7 p.m.  
Richardson Civic Center/  
City Hall  
411 W. Arapaho Rd.  
Info: 972-470-0584

The forum will be streamed live on [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) and broadcast live on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the forum will also be available on the website and the City's cable channel.

### Cable TV Replay Schedule

Forum air times	Apr. 25-May 9
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Sat. & Sun.

### League of Women Voters RISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

April 16, 7 p.m.  
RISD Admin. Building  
400 S. Greenville Ave.  
Info: 972-470-0584

Visit the League of Women Voters of Richardson website at [www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org) for more information.

### League of Women Voters Plano/Collin County PISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

April 20, 10:30-noon  
Schimelpfenig Library  
5024 Custer Rd., Plano

Visit the League of Women Voters of Plano/Collin County website at [www.lwvcollin.org](http://www.lwvcollin.org) for more information.

### Plano ISD Key Communicators and Plano ISD Council of PTAs PISD Board of Trustees Candidate Forum

April 25, 7 p.m.  
PISD Admin. Building  
2700 W. 15th St., Plano  
Info: [www.pisd.edu](http://www.pisd.edu)



## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Feb. 25 and March 11 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](http://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.

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### Feb. 25

#### Consent Agenda

**Ordinance No. 3898**, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and zoning map to grant a special permit for a motor vehicle service station with special conditions on a 1.69-acre tract of land zoned LR-M(2) local retail located at 3601 N. Jupiter Rd.

**Ordinance No. 4000**, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and zoning map by repealing ordinance No. 2635-A, a special permit for a restaurant

with drive-through service, in its entirety.

**Resolution No. 13-08**, approving the terms and conditions of advance funding agreements for the Routh Creek Parkway Project, the Infocom Drive Project, and the East Infocom Drive Project, said agreements being by and between the City of Richardson, Texas, and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation; and authorizing execution by the City Manager.

### March 11

#### Consent Agenda

**Resolution No. 13-10**, approving the terms and conditions of the Advance Funding Agreement for the Trail Infrastructure/Intersection Improvements Project, by and between the City of Richardson, Texas, and the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation; and authorizing its execution by the City Manager.

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## Volunteers provide guidance for improving the environment

Nine Richardson residents serve their community by helping to guide environmental programs in the city, providing input to the City Council on policy issues and increasing environmental awareness among residents.

Members of the Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) review requests to participate in the City's community garden program and are involved in this month's Trash Bash event, among many other activities.

"Volunteerism and service includes serving on a City board or commission, and I know each of the commissioners is proud of the work we have done together for Richardson," EAC Chair Rick Wilder said. "We have done a lot to improve environmental stewardship in our community, and we are always looking to do more."

Through recommendations from the EAC, the City Council adopted regulations for rainwater harvesting systems, for instance. Commissioners also volunteer their time to promote events such as Trash Bash and Learn 2 Live Green.

"Everything we can do to promote good stewardship in our community is worth the time and energy that everybody involved contributes," Wilder said.

The EAC is one of many boards and commissions that Richardson residents can apply to be a part of. Applicants for all boards are reviewed by the City Council, which appoints members of each.

Most serve in an advisory capacity, providing input to the Council about policies regarding various issues. The Arts Commission, for example, is currently involved in creation of Richardson's Cultural Arts Master Plan and makes recommendations to the Council for grant funding each year.

Other boards, including the City Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, have some decision-making authority.

For information about Richardson's boards and commissions,

visit [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) or call the City Secretary's office at 972-744-4292.



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## Handymen provide service with a smile

Retirement has proven to be a lot of hard work for a group of Richardson men, but that's how they like it.

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, six or so handymen—mostly retirees—volunteer to mend fences, change lightbulbs, rake leaves or do whatever else needs to be done for low income seniors who are unable to complete the chores themselves.

"For them it's a major project, but for us it's a minor project," said Gary Reim, who has volunteered as a handyman since 2007. "We can go in and fix it and take care of their problem, and they have one less thing to worry about."

The projects are coordinated through Seniors' Net, part of NETWORK of Community Ministries. Some tasks are requested directly by clients; others are referred from the City of Richardson when a qualifying senior has received a code violation that may be difficult for them to address.

The handymen receive an e-mail the day before a workday with instructions and contact information for the clients. They meet at NETWORK before heading out to form teams and gather supplies.

"They have heart for the aging, and they know that there's a need there," said Debbie Childre, director of Seniors' Net. "When you become an aged individual and you need to call somebody to do sometimes the simplest thing, having those guys available to help is a huge component to what we do at Seniors' Net."

Often certain handymen will be assigned specific projects based on their expertise. Robert Treadwell, who has been volunteering with the organization for three years, uses his background in electrical engineering to complete related tasks like installing ceiling fans.

He retired as a project engineer seven years ago and has enjoyed getting to know fellow Richardson residents as he helps meet their needs.

"Sometimes it's as rewarding to us as it is to them to get to hear some of their stories and some things that have gone on in their lives," Treadwell said. "It helps you establish a connection between the past and the present."

Gaines and Jeanne Lawrence are military veterans who have lived in Richardson for 38 years. As they've aged into their 80s, home maintenance projects have become difficult for them to complete on their own. They've called on the handymen to install railing, fix a leaky toilet and change out a garbage disposal.

"It's just wonderful," Gaines Lawrence said. "They do such a great job, are very polite and very nice, and they clean up after themselves."

**Seniors' Net Handymen Gary Reim (right) and Glenn Diefenbach (below) perform such tasks as yard work, fence mending and interior repairs for seniors who are unable to complete the chores themselves.**

Seniors' Net recently added two additional volunteer handymen, but they are always looking for more help. Childre hopes to grow the program, which she believes does much more than make physical repairs.

"When they see that these guys come with a smile on their face and are available to help with whatever it is, it eases the anxiety of the client and reassures them that there are people out there who can help in all aspects," Childre said. "I'm really proud of these guys. They do a great job with our community."

Contact NETWORK at 972-234-8880 or visit [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org).



## Richardson City Council honors organizations for volunteerism

The Richardson City Council kicked off Richardson's Month of Volunteerism by issuing proclamations honoring two organizations that have made significant contributions to the community.

Throughout April, events sponsored by the City as well as those led by civic organizations will be highlighted to raise awareness

about Richardson volunteers and the important contributions they make to the City.

The organizations recognized were The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and First United Methodist Church of Richardson Young Adult Group, both of which have completed several projects in the community.



Members of the Richardson City Council are pictured with representatives from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (above) and First United Methodist Church of Richardson Young Adult Group (below).



### Events/participants in Richardson's Month of Volunteerism include:

The Richardson City Council has dedicated April as Richardson's Month of Volunteerism. The following is a list of some of the events and participants taking part and celebrating volunteerism.

- City of Richardson
- Trash Bash: April 6
- Chase Oaks Church
- ShareFest: April 20 and 27
- Richardson East Church of Christ
- First United Methodist Church of Richardson
- Richardson Exchange Club
- Footwashers Ministries
- NETWORK of Community Ministries
- CommunityLink (BryJo Construction)
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Reservation HOA
- Community Services
- Staff projects

## Free pick up service helps the environment

Recycling usable yard wastes into mulch and compost helps save landfill space, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, promotes water conservation and returns organic matter back to the earth for beneficial use. Help the environment by placing lawn waste (yard clippings, leaves, small twigs and trimmings) in a biodegradable bag at your curb rather than a trash bag headed to the landfill. After you schedule a BABIC pick up, your yard waste will head to a North Texas Municipal Water District composting facility to be turned into high-quality mulch and compost that is available to Richardson residents at a discounted price ([www.texaspureproducts.com](http://www.texaspureproducts.com)).

Send your lawn waste to the composting facility by following these simple steps:

1. Put your leaves and small twigs in biodegradable heavy paper bags available at most home improvement stores and some grocery stores
  2. Call 972-744-4111, select prompt 2 or 3 to leave a message for a Special Collection/Brush or prompt 7 to speak to an attendant
  3. Then simply put the bags in the front on the parkway (grassy area between sidewalk and the street) by 7 a.m. the morning of your special collection day (the same day as your recycling day.)
- Note:** When doing a brush special collection and a bulky item special collection simultaneously, residents are highly encouraged to keep the two piles separate so that the brush can be mulched.

## Volunteer turns time into opportunity



**Animal Shelter intern Corinne Ryan administers medicine to one of the Shelter's residents.**

For nearly two years, Corinne Ryan has faithfully volunteered at the Richardson Animal Shelter, cleaning cages, feeding dogs and cats, and helping out wherever she can.

Earlier this year she took her service to the next level when she became the shelter's first intern. Although she's still a volunteer, her duties now include tasks typically reserved for staff members—such as giving vaccines—as the J.J. Pearce High School senior learns skills to prepare her to study zool-

ogy at Colorado State University next year.

"It's pretty cool getting to learn what people actually do here," Ryan said.

Although Ryan's position is unique at the Shelter, the willingness of local people to help out is not. Last year 1,700 people went through volunteer orientation and gave 5,287 hours of time to help pets in need at the Shelter.

"The volunteers have become an essential part of assisting the staff with daily operations and spe-

cial events," said Dennis Wooten, Richardson's assistant director of health-animal services. "All of the staff at the Shelter recognize and appreciate the tremendous support the community provides by volunteering."

Volunteers do everything from feeding, bathing and socializing animals to helping assist Shelter staff members at events off site. The volunteers learn about responsible pet care, ownership and safety as they help promote them in the community.

All volunteers must attend an orientation class, which is held at 4:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Applicants must be at least 10 years old and must be at least 15 years old to volunteer without supervision. Learn more about volunteering at [www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers](http://www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers) or by calling 972-744-4480.

Volunteering at the Shelter can be a lot of hard work, but many who give their time—like Ryan—enjoy the rewards of working with animals in need.

"When this little, scruffy, scared dog comes in, and a few weeks later it gets adopted, that's my favorite thing," she said.



## Crowley Park NA residents get early start on Trash Bash

The residents of the Crowley Park neighborhood participated in an early Trash Bash in February. The Crowley Park Neighborhood Association and the City of Richardson sponsor the winter Trash Bash to enable the participants to access the wooded areas of the park. The enthusiastic volunteers scoured the woods and collected 41 bags (23 trash and 18 recycle). Read about this year's Trash Bash on page 8.

## from books



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## Interested in volunteering? City of Richardson has a program for you

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give." As we celebrate April as a Month of Volunteerism in Richardson, a special thanks is given to those people who give of their time to help make a difference.

"Volunteering in Richardson is a great way for residents to get involved in their community in a fun and enjoyable way," said Barbara Cottone, a longtime City employee, now retired, who serves as volunteer coordinator for the Parks and Recreation Department. "People will volunteer for the first time at an event and develop new friendships and relationships and continue to come back to volunteer every year. Our goal is to make volunteering a meaningful experience and to make sure our volunteers know that they are appreciated."

If you are interested in volunteering but have not found the right fit, the following list provides a brief description and contact information for some of the volunteer programs the City of Richardson offers. More information about volunteering with the City is available at [www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers](http://www.cor.net/RichardsonVolunteers), or through the contacts listed below.

### Animal Shelter

If you love animals then there is no better place to volunteer. For a brief description of volunteer opportunities at the Animal Shelter see story on this page. Call 972-744-4480 for more information.



### Boards and Commissions

Richardson residents may apply to be a member on one of City's boards or commissions. Applications are reviewed by the City Council, which appoints members of each board or commission. Most serve in an advisory capacity, providing input to the Council about policies regarding various issues. For more information, call the City Secretary's office at 972-744-4292.

### Christmas Parade

This long-time tradition is a holiday favorite every year and you can help to make it a continued success. The event needs adult volunteers for marshaling, parade line up (very early morning) and parking attendants. Contact [barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or [melanie.sprott@cor.gov](mailto:melanie.sprott@cor.gov).

### Corporate Challenge

It's close to game time...and we need volunteers for the 2013 Corporate Challenge! This 10-week Olympic style competition has area businesses competing in more than 20 athletic and non-athletic events starting in August. We're in need of volunteers for everything from registration to scorekeepers to mile callers and so much more! Positions, dates, times and descriptions will be posted online at [www.cor.net/cc/](http://www.cor.net/cc/), BUT if you're interested in getting on the list now please send your contact information to Melanie Sprott at [melanie.sprott@cor.gov](mailto:melanie.sprott@cor.gov). Game On!



**Children's ArtStop**

### Cottonwood Art Festival (May and October)

This biannual event held the first weekend in May and October needs teenagers to help at the always popular Children's ArtStop. Individuals, scout groups, high school organizations, etc., assist children with their craft projects. Contact [barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or [melanie.sprott@cor.gov](mailto:melanie.sprott@cor.gov).

### Eisemann Center

Volunteers are needed for ushering, student performances, matinee or evening performances, marketing and development activities, administrative office duties and special events. Volunteer opportunities are in conjunction with performances that occur mostly at night and on weekends. Administration opportunities take place during normal business hours Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are interested, go to [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) to apply online. If you have questions, call Susan Powers at 972-744-4615.

### Library

Applications for the Summer Teen Volunteer Program are now available. Please visit the Children's Department for further information. Other teen volunteer opportunities are available through the Teen Advisory Board. Contact the Teen Librarian for more information at 972-744-4358. To fill out a volunteer application online, go to [www.cor.net/library](http://www.cor.net/library).

### Richardson Police Department

Prospective volunteers need to be at least 18 years old, live or work in Richardson and complete a background check. Opportunities include Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), Crime Watch Patrol and Neighborhood Crime Watch. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Sue Stevens at 972-744-4842 or [sue.stevens@cor.gov](mailto:sue.stevens@cor.gov) if you are interested in VIPS. Visit the RPD website at [www.cor.net/pd](http://www.cor.net/pd) and click on Crime Prevention tab for Crime Watch Patrol and Neighborhood Crime Watch information.

### Santa's Village

Each year Santa's Village gives visitors the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus and experience a variety of holiday activities at the tiny dwellings. This free event is open to the public and put on by the City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department. Santa's Village could not operate without its volunteers, and some of the opportunities include strolling through the Village as a costumed character or helping in one of the dwellings. This event is ideal for

teenage and adult organizations that would like to volunteer as a group. Contact [lauren.greenhaw@cor.gov](mailto:lauren.greenhaw@cor.gov) for more information.

### Senior Center

There are lots of volunteer opportunities available at the Richardson Senior Center, and you can contact Scarlett Ornelas at 972-744-7811 to get started. A new group that meets at the Center is called the "Richardson Rowdies," and they would love for you to join them. The "Rowdies" volunteer at various non-profits throughout Dallas and Collin County helping with mail-outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. Transportation is provided to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Michael Gondran at 214-525-6167 (ext. 1667).



**These volunteers make improvements to a backyard as part of the City's Volunteer Assistance Program.**

### Volunteer Assistance Program

The City's Community Services Department partners with local volunteer groups to help residents maintain their property. The purpose of the program is to unite owners who cannot properly maintain their property due to age, finance or disability with volunteer groups who wish to provide assistance. Community Services provides the expertise and experience needed during the planning, implementing and evaluating stages of each volunteer project. Projects include painting and cleaning up the exterior of homes that have a code violation, but whose owners lack the resources to abate it. All projects are completed with donated materials at no cost to the resident or the City. Contact [lindsay.turman@cor.gov](mailto:lindsay.turman@cor.gov) or go to [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs) for more information.

### Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival

Come join the fun and be a part of one of the best music festivals in the nation. This year's festival will be held May 17-19, and volunteers 18 years and older are needed. Volunteer shifts are four hours and some duties include ticket taking, handing out programs, floater, kids area, access control, information booth and cashiering. Volunteers receive a "Volunteer T-shirt," a day pass for themselves and one extra for a friend. For each additional volunteer shift worked, volunteers receive an additional day pass for the event. Contact [barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or visit [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) and click on "Get Involved."

# Health Department enhances mosquito control program

Even before the annual mosquito season begins, the Richardson Health Department is working to combat the spread of the West Nile virus through prevention and public education measures.

In 2012, North Texas (especially Dallas County) was at the epicenter of a widespread outbreak of West Nile virus, both in humans and in mosquito test samples, on a scale that had never been seen before.

To improve the response, the Health Department is implementing additional mosquito management measures, in conjunction with other cities and health agencies in the Metroplex.

“Even before now, we had a robust program, which included surveillance, public information, and controlling mosquito populations with larvicide and pupicide to keep mosquitoes from developing into adults,” Health Director Bill Alsup said. “This year and in the

future, we will further enhance our program to help control the spread of the West Nile virus.”

**Additional measures include:**

- Earlier monitoring of mosquito populations using traps throughout the city
- Residential pool abatement, to reduce areas where mosquitoes can breed
- Closer collaboration among departments to reduce areas where water can become stagnant
- Deploying fish that can eat mosquito larvae, and increasing the areas where larvicide is used
- Improving the adulticide response by working with a private contractor that can provide additional ground spraying capacity
- Collaborating more closely with regional partners to provide an

improved response across all agencies

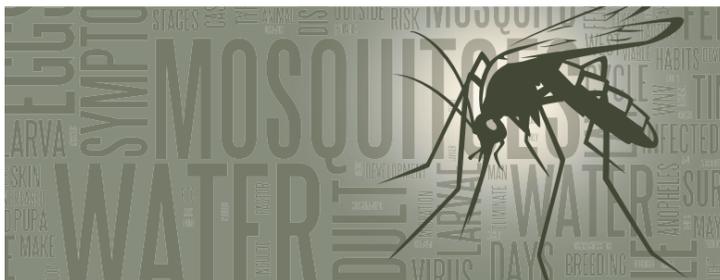
“These new and enhanced measures were implemented following recommendations from public health experts, including the Centers for Disease Control,” Alsup said. “The goal is not to eradicate mosquitoes, but instead to keep a harmful disease from spreading throughout the community.”

In addition to measures that the City is implementing, Alsup said, it is imperative for members of the public to protect themselves from mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus. People should follow the “Four D’s”:

- **Drain** standing water
- Avoid being out at **Dusk** and **Dawn**
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants
- Apply an insect repellent containing **DEET**

West Nile virus is a potentially serious illness that is transmitted by a bite from an infected mosquito that’s already carrying the virus. Most people will not show any sign of infection, but many will have mild symptoms such as fever, headache and body aches. Rarely, symptoms may require medical care or hospitalization. The people who are most susceptible to the disease are the very young, the very old and those with weakened immune systems.

For more information, visit [www.cor.net/mosquito](http://www.cor.net/mosquito). News updates about mosquito control and the West Nile virus will also be provided on Facebook and Twitter at [www.facebook.com/RichardsonToday](http://www.facebook.com/RichardsonToday) and [www.twitter.com/RichardsonToday](http://www.twitter.com/RichardsonToday).



## Property tax valuations mailed to homeowners in May

Property valuation notices for 2013 should arrive in Richardson mailboxes during the first week of May. Homeowners often do not realize that all city, county and school taxes are based, in part, on property valuations determined by their central appraisal district (CAD) office. If owners disagree with the property valuation, they have the right to protest it with the central appraisal district office listed on the notice, not the city.

Homeowners residing in Dallas County will receive a notice in the mail from the Dallas CAD only if their property value increases, the ownership changes, the property was rendered, or the property had a capped value in the previous year. However, an appraisal notice will be available on all accounts via the Dallas CAD website, [www.dallascad.org](http://www.dallascad.org). All homeowners living in the Collin County portion of Richardson will receive a notice from the CAD of Collin County whether or not their appraisal changes.

For Richardson residents living in Dallas County, protests and questions should be directed to the Dallas CAD (2949 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247-6195) at 214-905-9402 or

214-631-0910 or [www.dallascad.org](http://www.dallascad.org). Residents of Collin County should direct their protests and questions to the Collin CAD (250 Eldorado Pkwy., McKinney, TX 75069) at 469-742-9200 or [www.collincad.org](http://www.collincad.org). The CAD websites contain appraised values, exemption information, online maps, forms and FAQ's.

**Protests due within 30 days**

In the past, many taxpayers have lost opportunities to protest property valuations because they failed to file their written protest within the deadlines set by the Texas Legislature. If taxpayers disagree with the appraised value or exemption status, they should file a written protest with the appraisal district office immediately. This protest should identify the property owner, the location of the property in dispute, and a general statement as to the nature of the protest. The protest must be filed by the deadline date stated on the notice of value.

If the protest is filed on time, the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) will hear the case

in the taxpayer's respective district. The taxpayer will be notified in writing of the scheduled hearing date, which will be at least 15 days after the date of the original protest. The ARBs begin their reviews of appraisal records in May and finish in July. The decisions made by the boards are binding for one year only. However, the boards' decisions can be appealed to the district court or through binding arbitration.

**Property Tax Basics booklet available**

These procedures and all other details about property valuations are further explained in a booklet called "Property Tax Basics." The information is available on the Internet at [www.cpa.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.cpa.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/), the Internet site of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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

## Tickets on sale this month for annual Wildflower! Festival



Three rock bands will play the ViewPoint Bank Stage on Saturday, May 18—38 Special, Grand Funk Railroad and Blue Oyster Cult. Headlining opening night, May 17, on the stage will be Southern rock legend Charlie Daniels Band, with country star Gretchen Wilson opening for them.

They join Robert Earl Keen, the Toadies, Uncle Kracker, The Reverend Horton Heat, Cowboy Mouth, Spin Doctors and Rocket Man, The Best of Elton John among many other musical acts scheduled to perform at the 21st annual Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival, May 17-19 at Galatyn Park.

Also this year, the History Channel's Cross Country Cookout Tour featuring Trace "The Rib Whisperer" Arnold will stop at Wildflower! as part of its nine-city tour.

Three-day passes for the festival will go on sale Monday, April 15, online at [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) and at all Metroplex Tom

Thumb stores. Passes are \$30 and will be available until 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 17. Single-day tickets will also be available online beginning April 15. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$3 for kids ages 5-12. Admission is free for those 4 and younger.

**\$10 tickets for residents Half price Sunday Kids free on Sunday**

Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets per each day of the festival per household for only \$10 each.

Kids 12 and under get in free on Sunday with a paid adult courtesy of Bank of America and adult tickets are \$10 on Sunday courtesy of Cisco.

Watch for additional information and a full entertainment lineup in the May edition of Richardson Today. You can also get the latest news and complete festival information at [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com) and on the Wildflower! Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WildflowerFestival](http://www.facebook.com/WildflowerFestival).



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Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

**Trash Bash**  
April 6  
[www.cor.net/TrashBash](http://www.cor.net/TrashBash)

**Texas Stamp Dealers**  
April 19-20  
[www.texasphilatelic.org](http://www.texasphilatelic.org)

**411 W. Arapaho Rd.**  
Richardson, Texas 75080  
[www.cor.net/civiccenter](http://www.cor.net/civiccenter)

**North Texas Cake Show**  
April 27-28  
[www.northtexascakeshow.com](http://www.northtexascakeshow.com)



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RICHARDSON TEXAS

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](http://www.cor.net/dsdl) and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.

# LEARN 2 LIVE GREEN

The City of Richardson is proud to be a sponsor of this event. Visit Richardson's Public Services booth inside the Angelika theater.

**Saturday April 13**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**The Shops at Legacy**

**Learn about:**

- Waste reduction and recycling
- Indoor air quality
- Water quality and conservation
- Home energy efficiency
- Green building and remodeling

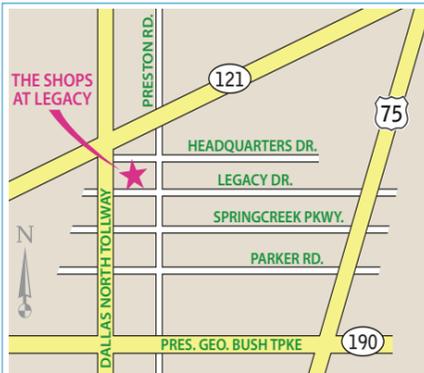
Go to the website to pre-register for DIY workshops on:

Food waste composting	Rainwater harvesting	Container gardening
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Entertainment:

Crafts for Kids	Blackland Prairie Raptor Center	Radio Disney	Bubble Show with Linda Berman
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[learn2livegreen.com](http://learn2livegreen.com)



# April 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 [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost)

#### Richardson Kiwanis Club

[www.richardsonkiwanis.com](http://www.richardsonkiwanis.com)

or [steagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steagle@sbcglobal.net)

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

972-235-5667

#### Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

### Family Groups

#### Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or

[www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com](http://www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com)

#### MOMS Club

#### of Richardson—East

[momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com)

com

#### MOMS Club

#### of Richardson—West

[momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com)

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

972-235-1400

or [www.texasreelers.org](http://www.texasreelers.org)

### Special Interest Groups

#### AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

#### Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

972-690-4075

#### Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

972-239-3501

or <http://hasr.org/about/>

#### League of Women Voters of Richardson

972-470-0584

[www.lwvrichardson.org](http://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](http://richardsoncommunityband.org)

[info@richardsoncommunityband.org](mailto:info@richardsoncommunityband.org)

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](http://www.abwa-richardson.org)

#### Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or

[richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com)

#### Richardson Red Hat Chapter

972-744-7800

#### Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

#### Richardson Wireless Klub

<http://k5rkw.org>

#### Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

#### National Osteoporosis Foundation 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](mailto:dchildre@thenetwork.org)

### Support Groups

#### Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505

#### DFW Spondylitis Support Group

[degrowkingsley@gmail.com](mailto:degrowkingsley@gmail.com)

### Toastmasters Groups

#### Hallelujah High Toastmasters

[vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net](mailto: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

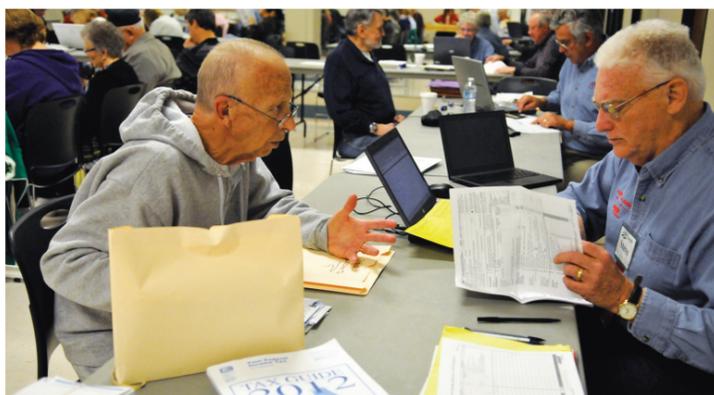
972-644-6871

#### Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.  
972-744-7800



AARP Tax-Aide assistance continues in April.

### Special Events

#### AARP Tax-Aide Program

Fridays through April 12

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

Sign-in begins at 10 a.m. on each date and is first-come, first-served. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays to assist you with your income tax preparation.

#### Out to Lunch Bunch

April 16—Maxim's

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!

#### Mother's Day Tea

May 8—1 p.m.

Bring out your spring hats and gloves and join us for a Ladies' Afternoon Tea. If you wish, bring your favorite tea cup to enjoy your different tea choices.

Finger foods and entertainment by Jackie Payne will round off your relaxing afternoon with your friends. Please register in advance. Space is limited. Cost: \$4.

### Richardson Community Band Concert

May 15—7:30 p.m.

The time has changed. The flowers and trees are in bloom. It must be spring—and time for our Spring Concert with the Richardson Community Band. Enjoy an evening with music and laughter. Light refreshments. Free event.

### Health Connection

"Taking Care of Your Feet"

April 25—10 a.m.

Dick Greiner, Board Certified Podiatrist with HealthCare Products, LLC, will discuss the primary maladies of the foot as well as proper foot care. He will also discuss the Medicare Therapeutic Shoe Bill (TSB) for diabetics. Refreshments provided. Free event.

### Day Trips

#### Kimbell Art Museum

#### Bernini Sculpting in Clay

April 10

Cost: \$20

Leave Senior Center at 10 a.m., return to Senior Center at 4 p.m.

This exhibition features 40 clay models and 30 drawings by the

great Baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini. This is a walking trip, so please wear comfortable shoes. Due to ticket availability we will not be able to offer refunds. Lunch is not included in fee, but Kimbell's lunch buffet will be open.

### Travel Opportunities

Check the Senior Center Travel Board or call 972-744-7800 for more information.

### Far West Texas & Big Bend

June 3-7

**Cost:** \$1,695 per person for double occupancy, \$1,920 for single occupancy. \$250 deposit. Cost includes four lunches and three dinners, airfare, and motorcoach to and from the airport from the Senior Center and transportation tours in west Texas

This is your chance to see the most dramatic scenery in Texas. You will take a leisurely motorcoach tour through the West Texas Trans-Pecos region and Big Bend area with stops of interests. Here are a few highlights:

- Tour of the McDonald Observatory with a nighttime Star Party
- An afternoon in Big Bend National Park
- Drives on 3 of the top 4 "Most Scenic Drives in Texas" as voted by Texas Highways
- Searching for the Marfa Lights.
- Stops at the Petroleum Museum in Midland and the West of Pecos Museum in Pecos
- Stop in Fort Davis, the most photogenic town in the region.
- View the memorabilia from the movie *Giant* at the El Paisano Hotel in Marfa

## At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.  
972-744-4350



### General Interest

#### Find Dallas Morning News

#### Articles in NewsBank

#### Lunchtime Lecture

April 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room.

No registration required.

Call 972-744-4355 for info.

#### Richardson Civic Art Society Meeting and Demonstration

April 16, 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room.

Maureen Brouillette, Mixed Media/Collage.

#### Friends of the Library

#### Spring Book Sale

April 26-27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 28, 2-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.

### Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

#### First Wednesday Book Club

April 3, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson.

Call 972-744-4376.

#### Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

April 10, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Call Janet Vance,

972-744-4376.

### Third Wednesday

#### BOOKbabble Group

April 17, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

#### Fourth Tuesday

#### BOOKbabble Group

April 23, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. 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

April 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Introduction to Computers

April 10, 10 a.m.-noon

#### Job Searching on the Internet

April 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

#### Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

April 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Introduction to Microsoft Word 2003

April 23, 10-11:30 a.m.

### Children's Activities

#### Family Storytime

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

Children's Program Room.

Everyone welcome.

#### It's Elementary! Storytime

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

Children's Program Room.

Grades K-4.

#### Tales for Tails

April 21, 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.

### Teen Activities

#### Special Interest

#### Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program.

April 6, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.

#### AARP Tax Assistance

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

#### Writers' Guild of Texas

April 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room.

#### Community Writers' Critique Group

April 17, 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Second Floor Conference Room.

Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

#### Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

April 18, 1:30-3 p.m. Historical book review presented by Roger Fortney. Basement Program Room.

## AARP offers free tax filing help

Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low to

# Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

## Eisemann Center Presents

### "Backstage at the Eisemann Center"

RELATED VIDEO ON COR.NET  
The Swingle Singers

April at the Eisemann Center features both big-name stars and Broadway hits. Tickets to all shows are available at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or at 972-744-4650.



#### Alan Safier as George Burns in *Say Goodnight Gracie*

8 p.m. April 3, 4, 5, 6

2 p.m. April 6, 7

Tickets: \$37-\$40

[www.alansafier.com/#!\\_sgg](http://www.alansafier.com/#!_sgg)

Alan Safier stars in *Say Goodnight Gracie*, the hit Broadway play that invites you to spend an evening in the uplifting company of the world's favorite and funniest centenarian. George Burns, who spanned over 90 years of entertainment history, is now alive and kicking—and singing and dancing!—in a stunning solo performance punctuated with vintage photographs and video.

#### Seussical

2:30 p.m. April 7  
Tickets: \$12-\$22

"Oh, the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved stories collide in an unforgettable musical caper! Adapted from the Broadway version, this adaptation of *Seussical*, especially for young audiences, features 13 actors and enhanced production elements.

Don't forget Story Time at Barnes & Noble on 15th St. in Plano at 7 p.m. Friday, April 5.

#### Paul Taylor Dance Company

8 p.m. April 13

Tickets: \$45-\$65

[www.ptdc.org](http://www.ptdc.org)

The Paul Taylor Dance Company returns to the Eisemann Center for the sixth time. The company was first seen at the Eisemann Center in October 2002, performing the critically acclaimed *Dream Girls*, commissioned by the City of Richardson to commemorate the Eisemann Center opening. Dances for this performance will include "Brandenburgs," "The Uncommitted" and "Le Sacre du Printemps (The Rehearsal)."

#### Ed Asner starring as FDR

8 p.m. April 27  
Tickets: \$37-\$55

*FDR* explores the life of one of America's best-loved presidents and the events and decisions that shaped a nation. This powerful play follows the iconic president as he reflects on his years in office, from inauguration to the trials of World War II. Ed Asner—recipient of seven Emmy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards and member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame—stars in the solo performance drama, based upon Dore Schary's Broadway hit *Sunrise at Campobello*, which ran 70 weeks on Broadway.



## Richardson Community Band honors longtime conductor

Listening to the Richardson Community Band has become a summertime tradition for many people, as they pack the lawn of the Civic Center every other week to hear songs that range from patriotic anthems to traditional favorites.

The band's following has grown since its humble beginning in 1970, when the musicians would often outnumber the audience, said Ben Sloan, who has played trumpet in the band since it began. Band members credit conductor George Jones with much of their success.

Jones, the director of fine arts at Garland ISD, first conducted the band on an interim basis during the summer of 1977. He stepped up to the role once again shortly before a 1983 concert when the conductor became ill and has led the band ever since.

He's embraced his role as conductor, because it provides a way for adults who don't become professional musicians to continue playing and performing.

"I have spent my life teaching kids to love music," Jones said. "After they graduate from high school or college, there's nothing else for them to do."

The Richardson Community Band will honor Jones' 30 years as conductor at a Pops Showcase con-

cert at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at the Eisemann Center. Charles W. Eisemann, whose name adorns the performing arts venue, will serve as the guest narrator.

In the last three decades, Jones has changed the image of the band by creating the popular outdoor Summer Series and being more selective with when and where they play. The band didn't have a permanent home in its early days, and the musicians never knew where they'd be playing.

"It was almost like, 'I dare you to find us,'" Jones said. "It was like a scavenger hunt."

Now the band performs its concerts at the Eisemann Center, Richardson Senior Center or on the lawn of the Civic Center. They also perform at Santa's Village and the Family Fourth celebration. Many of the concerts are free, and the band works to keep admission prices low at other shows.

None of the 60 band members—including Jones—are paid. The musicians include everyone from students to retirees and have varying skill levels.

"In this group there's a very wide variety of ability," said Barbara Clark, who has played trumpet in the band since 1977. "George is a professional, and he pushes us to excellence."



George Jones leads a recent Richardson Community Band rehearsal.

The band practices once a week for two hours at Westwood Junior High School. Jones jokes with the musicians and keeps the mood light throughout rehearsal, but commitment and hard work are expected of everyone who joins the group. Sloan has only missed a handful of practices in his 43 years with the band.

"We work hard, and we work on good music, but it's not over the top...so you can have fun with it," Sloan said.

The band's dedicated spirit is evident through a project called *Sousa Marches We've Missed*, which has a goal of performing all 134 available marches written by John Philip Sousa. They've only got nine more to go, and the final pieces have been tricky to track down, Jones said.

In addition to the marches, the band plays a variety of songs at each performance. Jones believes that the diverse selection has set the band apart from others in the area and helped grow its audience.

"In every concert there's going to be something—whether you're a kid or adult—you're going to enjoy," Jones said.



The Richardson Community Band plays throughout Richardson, including at the Eisemann Center.

## Also 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](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

#### Richardson Symphony Orchestra

*New Works...New Adventures*  
8 p.m. April 7

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$80

[www.richardsonorchestra.org](http://www.richardsonorchestra.org)

#### Plano Community Band

"Spring Pops!"

with vocalist Michele Todd

2:30 p.m. April 14

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: Free

[www.planoband.com](http://www.planoband.com)

#### The Vocal Majority Chorus

Spring Shows 2013

*That 70s Show*

8 p.m. April 19, 20

2 p.m. April 20

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$43

[www.vocalmajority.com](http://www.vocalmajority.com)

#### Lone Star Wind Orchestra presents

*Notes from Japan*

2:30 p.m. April 28

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$20-\$40

[www.lonestarwindorchestra.com](http://www.lonestarwindorchestra.com)

## Artist to demonstrate mixed-media painting

Noted artist Maureen Brouillette will demonstrate her creative approach at the April 16 meeting of the Richardson Civic Art Society. Using layers of paint and paper, Brouillette combines reality with abstraction to yield visually exciting paintings. For a preview of her work, visit [www.mbrouillette.com](http://www.mbrouillette.com). The demonstration will begin at 7 p.m. in the Richardson Public Library.



RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement on third Tuesdays at 6:45

p.m. Anyone is welcome and may join. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

## Repertory Company Theatre presents two shows in April

Repertory Company Theatre will host two shows this month, a one-night cabaret event and a presentation of *The Odd Couple*.

Repertory Company Theatre is supported in part by a grant from the Richardson Arts Commission. RCT is located at 650 N. Coit Rd. Visit [www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com) for more information or call 972-690-5029.

If you've missed out on the Twilight experience, now is the time to see what everyone is talking about. *Twilight Cabaret: Welcome!* is an evening of music and fun in a casual atmosphere.

Tickets includes dessert and coffee bar. Singers include Chad Bozarth, Mary Margaret Flaming, Carolyn Wirtz and Rachel Womack. Hosted by Michelle Breedlove. The show will be at 8 p.m. April 22. Tickets are \$10.

Neil Simon's classic comedy *The Odd Couple* is one of Broadway's funniest.

Felix has just broken up with his wife. With nowhere else to go, he is urged by his good friend, Oscar, to move in with him. Oscar



"The Odd Couple"

is a disorganized, casual, incurable slob, while Felix is an uptight, neat and neurotic control freak. In this hilarious tale of mismatched buddies, they'll learn that love, trust, and friendship are more important than living in different worlds. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays April 19-28. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$12 youths.

## Altrusa Marketplace benefits organization

The 5th Altrusa Marketplace is back, bigger and better than ever!

More than 25 vendors will offer such wares as jewelry, baby goods, books, clothes, accessories, handbags, sweets, woodcrafts, stained glass, home décor, Pampered Chef, Beauticontrol, and much more. Leland's Gold & Diamonds will also be purchasing old gold and precious metal.

The event is free and will take place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. May 4 at

Friends Place, 1960 Nantucket Dr.

Musicians representing several RISD bands will entertain shoppers and passersby from 10 a.m. to noon, while Fuzzy's will serve their famous tacos and more from noon to 1 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, which has been making our community better through leadership, partnership and service for 47 years.

# April 6 Trash Bash to provide several recycling options

Twenty one years after the City of Richardson's first Trash Bash was held at the Richardson Service Center on Columbia Drive, the event's main goal is still to encourage residents to go out in their neighborhoods to clean up and beautify the city. Over the years, Trash Bash has evolved into an event that is not just about getting trash out of the neighborhoods and into the landfill, but also about keeping recyclable materials out of it.

This year's April 6 Trash Bash will provide several recycling opportunities in the parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall complex (See the map on this page). There will be educational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza there will also be activities for everyone. The following list provides a description of what is available at this year's Trash Bash.

### 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### City Hall parking lot

- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding
- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Plastic grocery bag recycling
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers, please bring your own containers to take your compost home)
- Clothing drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

### 11 a.m.-1 p.m. inside City Hall

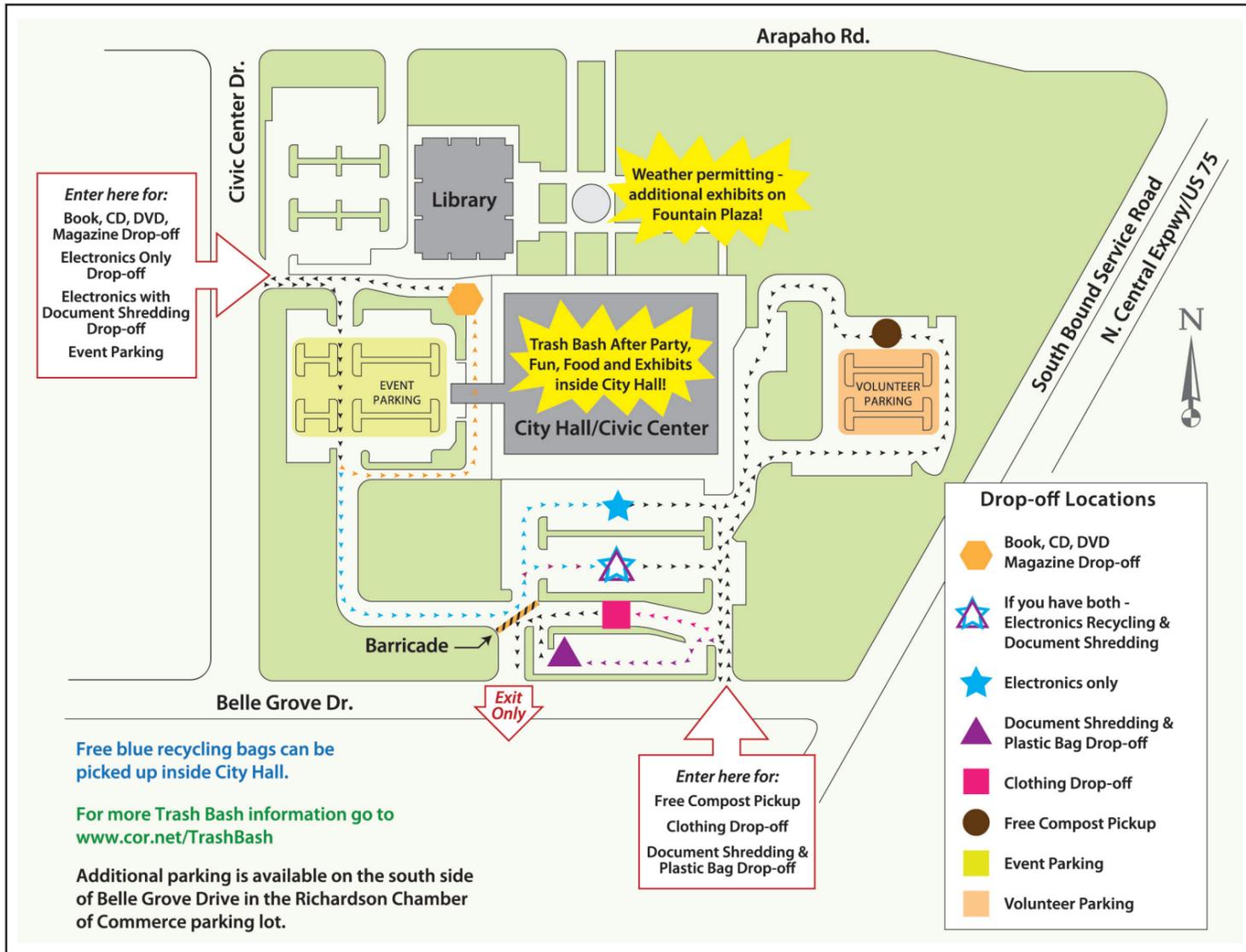
- Environmental Education Fair
- Free recycling bags
- Refreshments

- Free plants
  - Door prizes
  - Styrofoam (EPS) recycling (please place in bags)
  - Richie the Recycling Duck
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fountain Plaza**
- City and DART vehicles on display
  - Animal Shelter adoptable animals and pet registration

- Children's bounce house
  - Recycle bales
- Sponsors and Partners**
- Richardson City Council
  - Health Department
  - Public Services Department
  - Community Services Department
  - Fire Department
  - Police Department
  - Animal Services

- Richardson Environmental Advisory Commission
- Richardson Environmental Action League (REAL)
- Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
- Friends of the Library
- NETWORK of Community Ministries

- DART
  - North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD)
  - Keep Texas Beautiful
  - Texas A&M AgriLife Center
  - HEB
  - YMCA
  - Wal-Mart
- For more information please call 972-744-4076 or visit [www.cor.net/TrashBash](http://www.cor.net/TrashBash).



## WaterWise Irrigation Workshop

"Get to Know Your Sprinkler System"

Saturday, May 4—rain or shine

9 a.m.-noon

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center

17360 Coit Rd.

Dallas, Texas 75252

Like most things, your sprinkler system needs maintenance and since summer is just around the corner, now is a great time to ensure that your sprinkler system is operating at peak efficiency. Outdoor watering accounts for up to 60 percent of water use in the spring and summer and this FREE workshop will help you make sure your system won't waste a single drop.

The WaterWise Irrigation Workshop is designed for residents to gain a better understanding for how your automatic irrigation (sprinkler) system oper-

ates. This outdoor event (rain or shine) will have operating above ground irrigation systems with professional irrigators to guide you through specific conservation items such as high pressure symptoms; simple repairs; programming controllers, and more. Registration is limited so sign up today.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon and takes about an hour to visit all stations. Some stations have specific times for demonstrations.

Visit <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/> to reserve your spot.



## April 7-13 is Animal Control Officer Week

The National Animal Control Association has announced April 7-13 as National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week. This annual national effort celebrates and promotes the continuing upgrade and professionalism of Animal Control.

The week of appreciation gives recognition to the hard-working men and women of Animal Control who risk their lives and spend huge amounts of personnel resources including time away from family and friends while serving the public. This is a week that the whole community can say, "Thank You," for helping when no one else would or would even know how to.

The Richardson Animal Shelter is an open adoption facility and welcomes everyone to visit the facility. The Shelter encourages interaction between visitors and adoptable pets. The adoptable animals look forward to daily visits and socialization by volunteers and visitors. The Richardson Shelter is passionate about rescuing, protecting and relocating pets to new homes. The Shelter has re-



Animal Services Staff

ceived four Texas Animal Control Association's "Humane Educators Awards" for its community involvement and education activities. Visit Richardson Animal Services online at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) or stop by at 1330 Columbia Dr. (one block south of the intersection of Plano and Arapaho roads). Call 972-744-4480 during regular hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. For after hours service requests please contact the Response Center at 972-744-4111.

### Rabies Vaccination Clinic May 4

Richardson's Animal Services will host a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, May 4 from 1-3 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr.

The cost is \$5 for altered pets and \$10 for unaltered pets and includes a 2013 City registration. Please have dogs leashed and cats contained. For more information please contact the Animal Shelter staff at 972-744-4480.

## RPD Crime Watch Patrol class is April 10

The Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has scheduled a Crime Watch Patrol class for Wednesday, April 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (location to be determined).

Individuals interested in attending the CWP class are required to complete and submit an application and pass a background check before

they receive approval to attend. Applications can be submitted online at <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?recordid=155&page=68>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

**Cottonwood**  
Art Festival

**MAY 4TH-5TH**  
COTTONWOOD PARK  
RICHARDSON, TX

SATURDAY 10A-7P  
SUNDAY 10A-6P  
**FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PARKING**

COTTONWOODARTFESTIVAL.COM

Featured Artist: Michelle Mardis

**THE WILD WILD WEST**  
Mother & Son  
DANCE

Huffhines Recreation Center presents Mother & Son Wild, Wild West Dance. So get your Cowboy boots and hats on for a Wild, Wild West Dance. Live DJ and much more! Buffet style refreshments of various snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Price of \$10 per person & \$5 for additional child.

**Saturday, April 20**  
7-9 p.m.  
Age: 6-18  
Huffhines Rec Center  
Registration #72004  
www.cor.net/parksonline

**Wildflower! seeks talented performers**

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 bands are not.

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

**Join the Ladies Golf League**

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels. The league plays on Tuesday mornings, 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:

- Nancy Stubbs, 972-669-8909
- Debbie Willens, 248-705-2795
- Barbara Burkhalter, 972-867-5863

**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!

**Sherrill Park Golf Course**  
2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

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

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

**Tournaments**  
April 14—Two Man Masters  
May 12—Spring Invitational  
June 16—Parent/Child

To book tee times and tour both courses, visit [www.sherrillparkgolf.com](http://www.sherrillparkgolf.com)

**Huffhines Tennis Center**  
1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

**Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors**  
April 1-19  
April 29-May 17  
Meet twice per week for three weeks.

**Adult Leagues**  
May 6-June 21  
**Call for pricing information.**

**2013 Wildflower! Student Art Contest**  
**Music MAGNIFIED**



**Guidelines**

- ZOOM IN & BLOW IT UP!** Pick a musical instrument, any one you like, then draw, paint or color a portion of the instrument—in a BIG WAY!
- The contest is open to all students in Kindergarten-6th grade.
  - Wildflower! will provide 12" square white poster boards. All entries must be designed on these poster boards ONLY so they are uniform in size and fit our display walls at the Festival.
  - Use pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints to cover your whole poster board with lots of detail and color.
  - Securely attach your entry form on the back of the poster board.
  - Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in EACH grade level. Winners will be posted on the Wildflower! website no later than May 10, 2013. All entries will be displayed at the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, May 17-19, 2013 in the Kidz Korner.
  - Entries must be picked up from the Community Events Office the week of May 28 through May 31, 2013.
  - For more information or where to pick up an entry poster board, e-mail [suzanne.etman@cor.gov](mailto:suzanne.etman@cor.gov) or call 972-744-4580.



**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Please securely attach this form to the back of your entry. All entries must be delivered to the City of Richardson's Community Events Office by **APRIL 29, 2013**. The office is located at 2100 E. Campbell Rd., Ste. 100, Richardson, TX 75081

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Get instant festival info on your mobile phone! Text WFF to 88500 [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com)

# 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:

April 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 18	6-10 p.m.
May 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May 16	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:

April 2 and 4	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:

April 8 and 11	6-9 p.m.
April 13 and 20	1:15-4:15 p.m.
April 22 and 25	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.

### 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 April 1. 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 April 23 and April 30 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, April 1 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, April 1 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

**NEW!!! RECOLLECTIONS**  
"Best for Seniors" brings its unique Memory and Mind training course called RECOLLECTIONS to the Senior Center every Thursday at 11 a.m. Learn how and what you remember through creative mental exercises aimed at strengthening your ability to retain and use various types of information. This class has lively discussions, custom-designed worksheets and excellent instruction in an atmosphere of fellowship and lots of FUN! Fee is \$5 per class.

### 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.

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.

### 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 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins April 3.

### Quilt Essentials

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

### ABC Quilting

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

### 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.

### 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 214-321-9637 for more details. Next class will start May 9. 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

### 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.

### Sing-A-Long

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

### 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. Summer birthdays will be celebrated June 24.

### 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.

### Reelers Square Dance

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

### The Vintage Dance Club

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

April 6	Gary Lee
April 13	Bill G Band
April 27	Mike Ribley Trio

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.-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.

### 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.

### 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
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Open Line Dance	3rd Thur.	7-9 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

## 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.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



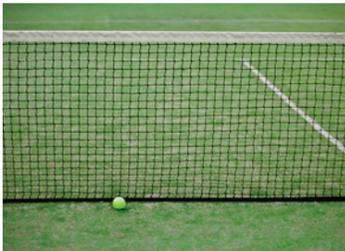
**Crafter Mary Ray is ready to show you all of the new spring craft items available in the Robin's Nest. The Robin's Nest Craft Store is located inside of the Senior Center. Store hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. Stop in to shop for that special gift or something just for you.**

### Shuffleboard Tournaments

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

### Senior 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.-noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-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.

**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 May 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus).

## Services

### AARP Tax Aid Program Fridays—Through April 12 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Name sign-ins will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. AARP's income tax assistance program will run through April 12. 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.

### 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.

### Chair Massage

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

### 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.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Blood Pressure Checks

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



### 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 now open Thursdays and Fridays 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. Counselors are available the first Friday of every month. 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 Help Needed!!!

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, but do not know where to start, how about becoming a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a "Richardson Rowdies" volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various non-profits throughout Dallas and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Michael Gondran at 214-525-6167 (ext. 1667).

### 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 April 4.

## 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. Classes are held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

### Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

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

### Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. of the month for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. 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 8:15-9:15 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 10-11 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 Berkner High School, located at 1600 E. Spring Valley 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 an impact exercise class? Join Elaine Hosage, our Center's personal trainer, for chair exercises designed just for you. Class are held Mondays, 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.-4:30 p.m.

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

## 2013 "One Book" pick is revealed

The suspense is over for Richardson book lovers! *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak was announced on March 20 as the Richardson Reads One Book Choice for 2013, the program's 10th anniversary.



The book will be promoted throughout 2013 as a vehicle for bringing the community together through reading, related programs, consideration of the book's important issues, and group discussion.

Zusak is the child of German and Austrian parents who immigrated to Australia after World War II.

Zusak published three novels before writing *The Book Thief*, which was published in 2006. In *The Book Thief*, the heroine, Liesel Meminger, is an illiterate orphan who was given to a foster family after her Communist father was arrested. Her little brother dies en route to their new home. After her brother's hasty burial, Liesel steals her first book, *The Grave Digger's Handbook*. From this inauspicious start to her personal library, she is taught to read her book by her fos-

ter father. She goes on to steal more books, eventually risking stealing a book from a Nazi book burning.

The germ of the idea for *The Book Thief* grew out of Zusak's parents' stories of their experiences during World War II. In an interview for Random House, the author explained the genesis of his most widely acclaimed novel.

"I heard stories of cities on fire, teenagers who were whipped for giving starving Jewish people bread on their way to concentration camps, and people huddled in bomb shelters... But I also had a book thief set in my hometown of Sydney," he said. "I just brought the two ideas together and realized the

importance of words in Nazi Germany. I thought of Hitler destroying people with words, and now I had a girl who was stealing them back, as she read books..."

The book has an impeccable pedigree from major book critics and is loved throughout the world by both teen and adult readers—a fitting choice to celebrate the Richardson Reads One Book Program's 10th anniversary.

Richardson Reads One Book is one of the oldest and most recognized "One Book" programs in Texas. Selections are chosen by a Board of librarians and community leaders. Selections must appeal to a broad spectrum of ages and must contain discussible, thought-provoking issues that are currently relevant to our community.

The highlight of each year's program is always the author's visit to discuss the "One Book" with students at Richardson High School and to offer a free public lecture. Zusak's public presentation will be held Sept. 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Richardson.

### Learn about digital archives

Reference Librarian Stacey Davis will teach a mini-course on using the Library's NewsBank database to locate articles from the *Dallas Morning News* archive, as well as the *Richardson Echo* newspaper from the 1920s through 1965.

The presentation will be offered on Wednesday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and is part of the Library's lunchtime lectures series.

The *Richardson Echo* digital archives recently became available through the Library and are an indispensable tool to find information about the early days of Richardson.

Everyone is invited to attend this free program. No registration is required. For more information call Hanna Jurecki at 972-744-4350. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

### New services assist patrons

Two new services will be offered to Library patrons beginning this month.

The first will serve people who live in Richardson who love to read but are unable to come to the Library due to age or disability.

The Library will offer "Books by Mail" services to homebound patrons. The service includes music CDs and educational and documentary DVDs as well as regular and large print books and audiobooks.

"Books by Mail" patrons will have the opportunity to borrow up to three items at a time. To receive

an application for the "Books by Mail" service, contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.

"Book a Librarian" is another great new service that will begin in April. If you are involved in a research project and coming up short, schedule an appointment with one of our librarians for some in-depth research help.

Appointments will be available on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call Hanna Jurecki at 972-744-4350 for more information or to "Book a Librarian" for research assistance.

**FREE!**

# Shakespeare Man

aka Robert Clover Brown

**Monday, April 15**  
**7-8 p.m.**

**Find out about Shakespeare's world at this interactive performance by the Bard**

**Basement Program Room**

Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for more information.  
Funded by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library.

**COME WORK**

# BENEATH THE SURFACE

**Become a Teen Summer Volunteer!**

*Applicants must . . .*

- Pick up your application at the Youth Services Desk April 1-30
- Live in the city of Richardson
- Have a valid Richardson Library card
- Enter grades 9-12 the fall of 2013

**Application Deadline:**  
**6 p.m., April 30**

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

## Tales for Tails

**For Readers in Grades K-4**

Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

**3-4 p.m., Sunday, April 21**  
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  
(Parents, please meet your children at the Program Room door at 4:45 p.m.)

**No registration required. Do drop in!**

### 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

# Celebrate cinco de mayo

**Saturday May 4**  
**2:30-4 p.m.**  
Basement Program Room

**Sábado 4 de mayo**  
**2:30-4 p.m.**  
Salón de Programación en el sótano

- Enjoy a puppet show
- Teatro de títeres
- Make cinco de mayo crafts!
- ¡Manualidades para niños!
- Listen to traditional Mexican music performed by Mariachi Estrellas of Garland
- Música tradicional mexicana con Mariachi Estrellas de Garland

For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744 4358. Para más información, llame al Departamento de Niños al 972-744-4358.

# Celebre el cinco de mayo

**RALC**  
RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

THE RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER PRESENTS

# MURDER for REAL!

Interactive mystery play produced by and featuring The Murder Mystery Players

**STARRING Community Leaders**

Dan Johnson  
Richardson City Manager

Bill DeGaetano  
Alamo Drafthouse Cinema DFW COO

Kay Reynolds  
Retired RISD Principal

Bill Ferrell  
The Heights Administrative Pastor

**Saturday, April 6** \$45 Regular Ticket • \$60 VIP Ticket  
Available from the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, 972-644-5119.

**Doors open: 7 p.m.**  
**Play begins: 7:30 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, a local non-profit providing free ESL instruction for adults in Richardson.

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## Spring Book Sale

**Friday, April 26**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27**  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sunday, April 28\***  
2-5 p.m.

\* April 28 is "Bag Day"! Buy a bag of books for \$10.

**Library Basement Program Room**

For information, call 972-744-4350 or visit [www.RichardsonFOL.org](http://www.RichardsonFOL.org).