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Art Festival

MAY 4TH-5TH
COTTONWOOD PARK
RICHARDSON, TX

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SUNDAY 10A-6P
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Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 17-19

The final lineup of headlining acts is set for this year's *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts & Music Festival, which will take place May 17-19 at Galatyn Park Urban Center in Richardson. This year's lineup features everything from country legends to alternative rock favorites, as well as dozens of local and regional bands.



Charlie Daniels

Friday's lineup features country star Gretchen Wilson opening for The Charlie Daniels Band on the ViewPoint Bank Stage, with Cowboy Mouth and Spin Doctors opening for Uncle Kracker on the metroPCS Stage. Disco band Le Freak will perform on the Bud Light Stage.



38 Special

On Saturday, Blue Oyster Cult and Grand Funk Railroad will open for 38 Special on the ViewPoint Bank Stage. Seventy-Six, Eleven Hundred Springs and Reverend Horton Heat will open for Toadies on the metroPCS Stage.



Toadies

Entertainment on the final day of the festival will include Jolie Holliday, Ray Wylie Hubbard and Robert Earl Keen on the ViewPoint Bank Stage.



Robert Earl Keen

Elton John tribute act Rocket Man will perform five shows during the weekend in the Eisemann Center.

"The artists performing at this year's *Wildflower!* Festival are a diverse group with strong, devoted fan bases," said Geoff Fairchild, special events manager for the City of Richardson. "With top artists performing everything from classic rock to country to alternative rock, the 2013 lineup is sure to please."

Wildflower! is North Texas' largest music festival and has been named "Best of the Fests" by *D*

Magazine. In addition to the headlining acts, the 21st annual festival will include food vendors, street performers, a kids' area, art guitar auction, game zone and much more.

The 2013 festival's three-day pass are on sale for \$30 at any Metroplex Tom Thumb store or online through wildflowerfestival.com. Single-day adult tickets will be available at the gate for \$20 as well as through the festival's website. Kids age 5-12 will be admitted for \$3, and admission for kids 4 and under is free.

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.

Stay up to date on the latest *Wildflower!* information at wildflowerfestival.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/wildflowerfestival.

See page 3 and 4 for more information and a complete schedule of performances.

City launches "MyRichardson" smartphone mobile application

Last month the City of Richardson launched its MyRichardson mobile application for smartphone users. The MyRichardson application is available for Apple iOS and Android devices and provides users the ability to report a variety of issues.

"As the home of the Telecom Corridor® area, and as a focal point of the technology industry in the D/FW Metroplex, Richardson is proud to launch one of the first municipal mobile applications in the region," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "The whole world is moving to mobile platforms, and our residents expect to be able to connect with us in that way as well. Because of that, we wanted to be among the municipal innovators in mobile applications, and we hope our residents find it to be a useful tool and another reason to love living here."

The mobile application includes photo sharing and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) services to attach pictures and coordinates when issues are submitted. Examples of reportable issues include potholes, broken curbs and loose animals.

Richardson's new mobile application is available for download at www.cor.net/myrichardson, as



well as the iTunes App Store and the Android Market.

The City's Information Technology Department programmed the mobile application internally and integrated it with the City's already existing issues management service. By using existing staff, the City was able to save thousands of dollars in design and programming services.

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Richardson's new mobile application is available for download at www.cor.net/myrichardson, or scan the appropriate QR-Code.

Ground spraying done after positive West Nile virus test

If you keep a close watch on the local news, the City's website, *Richardson Today's* social media channels or the City's e-notification service, then you probably know Richardson conducted ground spraying for mosquito control last month. The Health Department scheduled the operation after mosquito traps tested positive for West Nile virus. Twelve traps are strategically placed across the city and are tested once a week to monitor the spread of the virus.

"Mosquito traps serve as an early indicator," said Health Department Director Bill Alsup. "We use them to detect the presence of the disease so we can take proactive measures to try to limit people's exposure."

The Richardson Health Department began its monitoring program last month, the earliest it has ever begun testing. Historically, the City began its monitoring program in May, but the City Council approved increased surveillance this year due to the outbreak of West Nile virus cases experienced in the Metroplex in 2012. Whenever a trap tests positive, the Health Department initiates an immediate plan designed to lower mosquito populations in that area.

"When we receive positive test results it activates several levels of our overall mosquito abatement plan," said Alsup. "We actively treat for mosquitoes during the day in less visible ways. We are adulticiding and larviciding stagnant bodies of water, and we are fogging storm drains and other locations. The ground spraying is just another component to our overall plan, and is necessary to provide the one-two punch we are hoping will have the highest degree of effectiveness."

Richardson has developed a website that provides weekly test results from traps and provides sign-up for electronic notifications when ground spraying will be conducted. The site is located at www.cor.net/mosquito.

The Four D's of protection:

- **DRAIN** standing water around the home,
- Use insect repellent containing **DEET**,
- Avoid being outdoors at **DUSK** and **DAWN** when mosquitoes are most active,
- And **DRESS** to protect yourself with long sleeves and pants to reduce skin exposure.



Map shows updated mosquito information

The City of Richardson map shown indicates the 12 mosquito management areas and the 12 locations of the mosquito trap testing sites. Go to www.cor.net/mosquito and click on the area where you live to see the weekly mosquito trap test results, dates storm drains were sprayed and dates truck-mounted ground spraying was done (if necessary).

The website also allows you to sign up for mosquito spray notifications (be sure to enter your e-mail address and choose the mosquito spraying/West Nile check box).

www.cor.net/mosquito

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:

Stage 1 | **Stage 2** | Stage 3 | Stage 4

Early voting for elections continues through May 7

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

Dallas County Richardson residents may vote early in the Richardson Mayoral, 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/.

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, with the following exception. **Collin County voters may vote early at the Renner Frankford Library, 6400 Frankford Rd., for the PISD School Board and Richardson Mayoral, City Council elections on separate ballots.**

Call the Collin County Elections Department at 972-424-1460 (ext. 1990) or visit www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

If you are eligible to vote early by mail (absentee ballot), you should contact the voter registrar of your county to request a ballot. Applications for mail ballot must be submitted by May 3, 2013.

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.

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

- May 1-3**
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.



City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the March 25 and April 8 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

March 25
Ordinance No. 4002, authorizing the issuance of City of Richardson, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 and resolving other matters incident and related thereto, was approved.

Ordinance No. 4003, authorizing the issuance of City of Richardson, Texas, Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013 and resolving other matters incident and related thereto, was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-04 and adoption of Ordinance No. 4004, amending Ordinance No. 3839, West Spring Valley Corridor Planned Development District, by revising the maximum area allowed for signage on ground floor facades to no more than 20 percent of the total area of the ground floor facade or 200 square feet, whichever is less, was approved.

April 8
Variance 13-01: A request by Eyad Albelbaisi, representing Najah Cus-

tom Homes, for a variance to allow two adjoining residential lots to have a non-perpendicular lot line to the tangent street line, was approved. The subject properties are located at 301 and 305 Maple Street.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 13-11, approving the terms and conditions of a Right-of-Entry Agreement by and between the Kansas City Southern Railway Company and the City of Richardson, Texas, and authorizing its execution by the City Manager.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival is the premier community event produced by the City of Richardson. Nationally and internationally renowned stars—as well as some of the best musicians from North Texas—come to one venue for a weekend full of fun, May 17-19.

As a Richardson resident, you are able to receive discounted tickets to the *Wildflower!* Festival. Each household may purchase up to six tickets for each day of *Wildflower!* for \$10—a 50 percent discount. You may buy discounted tickets at the Customer Service Department at City Hall, Huffhines Recreation Center or the Senior Center during regular business hours through Saturday, May 18.

Now in its 21st year, *Wildflower!* has grown into one of the best of its kind in the country. More than 60,000 people will enter the gates at Galatyn Park Urban Center to see acts as diverse as The Charlie Daniels Band, 38 Special, Jolie Holliday, the Toadies and Robert Earl Keen. There will be far more music than I can list here, so be sure to read this edition of *Richardson Today* and to visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for a complete lineup of entertainment, as well as other festival information.

Look for local talent singing in the Hill Performance Hall at the Eisemann Center, doing a duet with Rocket Man—the Best of Elton John. The Singer/Songwriter Stage, also in the Eisemann Center, is always a fantastic place to find both established and up-and-coming talent.



Mayor Bob Townsend
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Alamo Drafthouse Cinema will be holding a special event, showing off the unique type of entertainment they will be bringing to our community later this spring. The Movie Night will take place Saturday, May 18.

Events like this could not happen without support from our sponsors and the thousands of volunteers from throughout the community, and I would like to thank you for your help once again this year. Get ready for a great weekend full of fun and entertainment, and I look forward to seeing you out there!

Sincerely,

Bob Townsend

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Candidate forum available for viewing



A video recording of the League of Women Voters Mayoral and City Council candidate forum held at the Richardson Civic Center is available for viewing until May 9. You can see the forum in its entirety on-demand on the City's website at www.cor.net, and on Time Warner, Channel 16 and on ATT U-Verse, Channel 99 at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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Wildflower! 2013 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE Schedule as of April 25. All acts, times and locations are subject to change or cancellation without notice. To get the latest schedule and instant festival info, text WFF to 88500. For Performance Row schedule, see page 4.

	1 ViewPoint Bank Stage	2 metroPCS Stage	3 Bud Light Stage	4 Courtyard Stage	5 Singer/Songwriter Stage— Bank of America Theatre (Eisemann Center)	6 Hill Hall (Eisemann Center)
FRIDAY, MAY 17	6:45 p.m. blacktopGYPSY 8:15 p.m. Gretchen Wilson 10 p.m. The Charlie Daniels Band	6:15 p.m. People on Vacation 7:30 p.m. Cowboy Mouth 9 p.m. Spin Doctors 10:30 p.m. Uncle Kracker	6:15 p.m. The Breakfast Club Band 7:45 p.m. Party Static 9:15 p.m. AMLI Galatyn Station presents the Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak	6:15 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Association Spotlight 7:30 p.m. Paul Sachs	6:30 p.m. Tom Prasada-Rao 7:30 p.m. Bill Ward & 2-Bit Palomino 8:45 p.m. The Waymores 10 p.m. Eliza Gilkyson	Rocket Man, the Best of Elton John, 9 p.m.
SATURDAY, MAY 18	1 p.m. Droidekka 2:15 p.m. Urizen 3:30 p.m. Missile 5 p.m. Hysteria—a tribute to Def Leppard 6:30 p.m. Blue Oyster Cult 8:15 p.m. Grand Funk Railroad 10 p.m. 38 Special	noon Nervous Curtains 1:15 p.m. Sir Name and the Janes 2:45 p.m. Midnight Movie 4:15 p.m. Seventy-Six 5:45 p.m. Descender 7:15 p.m. Eleven Hundred Springs 8:45 p.m. Reverend Horton Heat 10:30 p.m. Toadies	11:30 a.m. Joe Tucker 1 p.m. Club Wood 2:30 p.m. Spookeasy 4 p.m. Dead Flowers 5:30 p.m. Mike Saunders 7 p.m. Day Job Refugees 9:30 p.m. It's "Movie Night" at Wildflower! Alamo Drafthouse Cinema presents "Wayne's World"	11 a.m. Dallas Songwriters Association Spotlight 2 p.m. Cole Risner 3:15 p.m. Heather McCready 4:15 p.m. Emily Grace Berry & Freddie Steady Krc 6:30 p.m. Dave Murphy 7:30 p.m. Joe Crookston 8:45 p.m. Wyatt Easterling 9:45 p.m. Chris Alvarado	11:30 a.m. Songwriters Contest—10 Finalists 1:30 p.m. Parker Millsap 2:30 p.m. Joe Crookston 3:45 p.m. Sally Barris and Don Henry Song Swap 5 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners Announced 5:15 p.m. Amy Speace 6:30 p.m. Tom Kimmel 7:45 p.m. Brother Sun 9 p.m. Slaid Cleaves	Rocket Man, the Best of Elton John, 7, 9 p.m. ROCKET MAN PLAYING: RICHIE ZBACH, GLORE & NAIL, "MIDNIGHT MOBILE" THE BEST OF ELTON JOHN
SUNDAY, MAY 19	1:45 p.m. Chuck Ligon Band 3:15 p.m. Jolie Holliday 4:45 p.m. Ray Wylie Hubbard 6:30 p.m. Robert Earl Keen	"Tribute Band Sunday" 1:45 p.m. Thin White Dukes—a tribute to David Bowie 4:45 p.m. Worlds Apart—a tribute to Journey 6:15 p.m. Bebe Le Strange—a tribute to Heart	1:30 p.m. Venetian Sailors 6 p.m. Boxcar Bandits	12:30 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Association Spotlight 3 p.m. Mikaela Kahn 5 p.m. Zach Balch 6 p.m. Ellis Island	1 p.m. Budding Talent Vocal Competition 2:30 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners' Rounds 3:45 p.m. Tom Faulkner 5 p.m. Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines	Rocket Man, the Best of Elton John, 2:45, 5:15 p.m.





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You can't miss this!

FRIDAY NIGHT

AMLI Galatyn Station hosts the **Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak** at the Bud Light Stage!

SATURDAY

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema presents Movie Night—9:30 p.m., Bud Light Stage

It's "Party Time" at *Wildflower!* as the Rolling Roadshow presents a free screening of "Wayne's World," including an air guitar contest.



You can bring your own factory-sealed water bottle to *Wildflower!* One, one-liter, sealed bottle of water per person can come through the gates.

SUNDAY

HALF PRICE SUNDAY

Courtesy of Cisco, Sunday admission is just \$10 for adults!

Budding Talent Finals

1 p.m., Bank of America Theatre in the Eisemann Center

This year's contestants include:
Seedlings—Preschool/Kindergarten
Sprouts—Grades 1-3
Buds—Grades 4-6
Jr. *Wildflowers!*—Grades 7-9
Wildflowers!—Grades 10-12

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Sunnyland Fiesta Siesta
Game Havens Game Zone
Reimagine Recycling Showcase



Guitar Art Auction

Bidding ends at 5 p.m. Sunday!

Festival sponsors, celebrities, sports figures and local artists are invited to enter a decorated guitar. Guitar entries, either electric or acoustic, can be transformed, painted, tiled, airbrushed or gilded in gold—there are all kinds of expressions of individuality, music, even *Wildflower!* itself.

The guitars are displayed in the Eisemann Center and sold in a silent auction for the duration of the festival. Proceeds from the auction benefit the NETWORK of Community Ministries and secondary-level fine art programs in Richardson ISD.



WildRide! and WildRun!

Saturday, May 18

6 a.m.—on-site registration
8 a.m.—Bike Rally starts
8:30 a.m.—5K starts

Join us for the 10th annual WildRide! WildRun! Against Cancer and fun run/walk through scenic Richardson parks.

Join the 10 for 10 campaign—make a \$10 donation for the 10th anniversary.

The event raised more than \$175,000 last year for Methodist Richardson Cancer Center. Cyclists can choose from 16, 40, or 64 scenic miles that start in Richardson and pass through Plano, Murphy, Wylie and Garland; cross the dam at Lavon Lake and meander through Nevada and Josephine.

WildRun!, a timed 5K run, will take runners and walkers through Richardson parks. The run is facilitated by Run On! Racing Systems. All are welcome to participate in the run/walk. Registration fees are the same for timed or untimed.

Ride registration is \$40 (\$20 for ages 4-12); run registration is \$35 (\$20 for ages 4-12).

For more information or to register, visit www.wildrunagainstcancer.com or call 972-498-7678.

Food Vendors

A La Carte/The Skillet (variety)
Amazing Ad Specialties (carnival/variety)
Ben & Jerry's
Conway Comdogs (and funnel cakes)
Crawfish Connection (crawfish/gumbo)
Freebirds World Burrito
Island Noodles (veggie noodles)
J Bob's Kettle Corn & Fudge (kettle corn/pork skins)
Jersey Mike's (sub sandwiches)
Marble Slab Creamery (ice cream)
Mario's (pita wraps)
Maui Wowi (smoothies/nuts)
Pizza By the Slice
Satay Hut (kabobs)
Sonny Bryan's (barbecue)
Spudzilla Potatoes
T.C. Country Corn (roasted corn)
Texas Twist (pretzels)
Tiff's Treats (cookies)
Texas Pit Stops (wild game sausage)

Find close parking at Galatyn Park

There's no reason to hunt for a parking space at Galatyn Park when you're headed to the *Wildflower!* Festival. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas provides thousands of spaces in its parking garage,

just a short walk from the festival gates. Including the BCBS garage, more than 8,000 parking spaces are available in the immediate area surrounding Galatyn Park. All festival parking is \$5.

Performance Row Schedule

Schedule subject to change and **MORE TO COME!** Come check out Performance Row in front of the Eisemann Center!

Friday

7 p.m. The Drum Line

Saturday

noon Rene Bibaud, 5X World Champion Jump Rope Performer

12:45 p.m. The Drum Line

1:15 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show

2 p.m. Hula Hoop Dancing

2:45 p.m. Rene Bibaud, 5X World Champion Jump Rope Performer

3:30 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show

4:15 p.m. The Drum Line

4:30 p.m. Berkner High School

Ramblers Dance Team

5:15 p.m. Hula Hoop Dancing

6 p.m. The Drum Line

6:15 p.m. Rene Bibaud, 5X World Champion Jump Rope Performer

7 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show



Sunday

12:45 p.m. Rene Bibaud, 5X World Champion Jump Rope Performer

1:15 p.m. The Drum Line

1:30 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show

2:15 p.m. Rene Bibaud, 5X World

Champion Jump Rope Performer

3 p.m. Hula Hoop Dancing

3:30 p.m. The Drum Line

3:45 p.m. Rene Bibaud, 5X World

Champion Jump Rope Performer

4:30 p.m. COR Gymnasts with

Slinky Girl

5:15 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show

6 p.m. Hula Hoop Dancing

6:30 p.m. The Drum Line

7 p.m. FLIPPENOUT Xtreme

Trampoline Show

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Kidz Korner

The Kidz Korner sponsored by Pan-American Benefits Solutions is a fun and colorful festival stop where kids of all ages will find all kinds of games, activities and entertainment geared just for them.

Kidz Korner is located just south of the ViewPoint Bank Stage.



Don't miss...

Hula Hoop Loop

"Music MAGNIFIED" Student Art Contest Display

The Rock Star Karaoke Stage

Richardson YMCA Gigantic Bounce House Slide

COR Petting Zoo

Rock Climbing Wall

Kidz Huge Sand Pit

Free Kidz Krafts

Live Butterfly Tent

SpringFree Trampoline

Drum Making Station

Balloon Twister

Face Painting

Kidz get in FREE Sunday!

All kids age 12 and under get in FREE with a paid adult on Sunday, courtesy of Bank of America!



History Channel Cross Country Cookout Tour

The History Channel's Cross Country Cookout Tour featuring Trace "The Rib Whisperer" Arnold will make one of nine stops nationwide at the *Wildflower!* Festival. The 80-foot Ultimate Smoker and Grill can cook up 2,000 pounds of meat at once!



From flowers to music—Wildflower! Festival has evolved



The first festival held in 1993 celebrated the wildflowers.

Wildflower! has continued to expand since moving to Galatyn Park, which is expected to be the festival's permanent home. In addition to world-famous headlining bands, the festival has grown to include a children's area, food vendors, an art guitar auction, street performers, the Wild! Marketplace, music competitions and much more.

In his 11 years with the City, Community Events Manager Geoff Fairchild has witnessed the evolution of the Wildflower! Festival, from the metamorphosis of the Acoustic Café to the Courtyard Stage and the booking of a single act to perform multiple times during the weekend in the Eisemann Center.

"We've really focused on the entertainment aspect of the festival and tweaking it when and where we could to overall improve the attendee's experience," Fairchild said. "It's not just about bringing in more acts or increasing the number of stages, but striking a balance and staying true to our programming standards. As a result we feel this has led to the growth of the event, not just in attendance but also in those that want to participate, be it sponsors or vendors or even volunteers."

Massey said the festival's first organizers never imagined that Wildflower! would become one of the largest music events in North



This year's festival will once again feature top musical acts.

Texas, attracting thousands of visitors from across the region each year.

"I had no idea it would get to this size, and I didn't have any idea back then how many people it would take to put on an event like this," he said.

More than 1,500 people are expected to volunteer their time at this year's event. The City relies on volunteers to help take tickets, run the children's area, work the information booth and complete other tasks.

It takes a team effort by the City, volunteers, sponsors and attendees to ensure that the festival remains a top destination for families and music lovers across North Texas year after year.

"We bring in some real national powerhouse acts that are affordable for most families," Massey said. "We make it a priority to showcase great sounds and great concerts."

Visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for complete information about this year's festival.

Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival has developed a reputation as one of the best three-day concert experiences in North Texas, with 60,000 people expected to pour into Galatyn Park Urban Center for the 21st annual event May 17-19.

In its early years, the festival was much smaller. And when it launched in April 1993, it wasn't even about the music.

"We tried to host the festival in the middle of when the wildflowers were blooming in town," said Richardson Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Massey, who helped plan the first event. "It was designed to celebrate the wildflowers."

A year later the focus shifted to bringing in top musical acts, and the new formula quickly found success as the festival outgrew its first home in Breckinridge Park. The City moved the event to Greenway Office Park in 1995, and the plans for designing Galatyn Park Urban Center were drawn up with the Wildflower! Festival in mind.

The original festival was held in April, but the unpredictability of early spring weather dampened many of the early concerts. Wildflower! is now scheduled each year for May, although the first festival at Galatyn Park took place in July 2002 to coincide with the opening of the urban center, DART station and Independence Day holiday.

Wildflowers offer colorful photo op

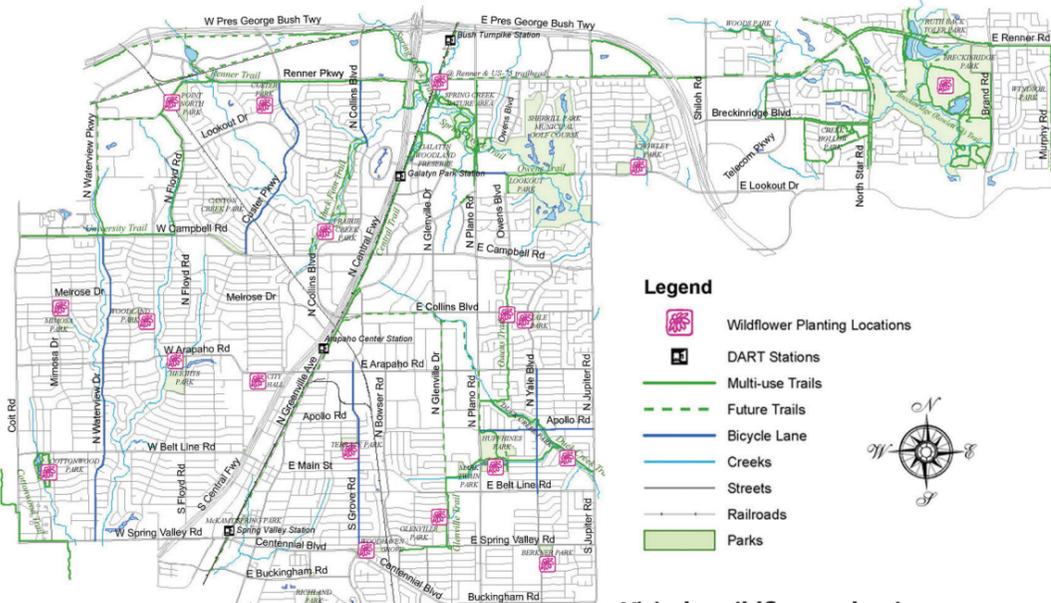
Richardson has more than 40 acres of wildflowers that are in full bloom to coincide with the annual Wildflower! Festival. These blankets of color make a great background for a family photo opportunity. The map below indicates prime locations. Enjoy their beauty but please don't pick the flowers.

The City of Richardson wildflower planting program began with a trial planting on Campbell Ridge Park in 1990 and by 1993 wildflowers were in most parks and on several medians.

Currently, the City of Richardson plants 40 acres of annual wildflowers in parks, medians, roadsides, and around public buildings.

Large planting areas

- Breckinridge Park
- City Hall
- Cottonwood Park
- Duck Creek Park
- Huffhines Park Lakes
- Owens Trail @ Collins Blvd.
- Prairie Creek Nature Area @ Renner and US-75 trailhead



Visit the wildflower planting page at: www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1660

Local singer to join Rocket Man performances

Shelby Celeste Thornton, a senior at Naaman Forest High School, will perform alongside Elton John tribute artist Rocket Man on the classic duet, "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," at Wildflower! Richardson's Arts and Music Festival set for May 17-19 at Galatyn Park Urban Center. Rocket Man will perform five times throughout the weekend at the Eisemann Center's Hill Performance Hall.

A panel of three judges selected Thornton as the top entry in the "Elton and Kiki Dee? Why Not Elton and Me?" contest.

Thornton, who is planning to attend her senior prom after the performance May 18, said she is honored to have the opportunity to perform an Elton John classic in front of his many fans at Wildflower!.

"I was on my way home from school when I got the call that I made it and I literally freaked out," said Thornton, 18. "Arriving really late to my high school prom is definitely worth it."

For more information on the Wildflower! Festival, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.



Hometown talent Jolie Holliday returns to Wildflower! Festival



Jolie Holliday is no stranger to the Wildflower! Festival.

Born and raised in Richardson, the 1999 Berkner High School graduate has attended the festival as a fan, up-and-coming songwriter and most recently as a headlining country singer. This year she will perform at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, May 19, as an opening act for Texas legends Ray Wylie Hubbard and Robert Earl Keen.

"I have a lot of history with the Wildflower! Festival, and it's always fun to come back and play and see everybody," Holliday said.

Holliday is known for her energetic shows, which include a mix of her own songs and classic country hits. She's performed across North Texas—including eight shows a day for the 24-day run of the Texas State Fair—and abroad, delighting fans in Europe. She's also performed at the Super Bowl, the Daytona 500 and as an opening act for country music icons Pat Green, Randy Travis, Lee Ann Womack and many more.

Despite her international success, Holliday is proud of her Richardson roots and still calls the area home. She looks forward to seeing a crowd of familiar faces in the audience every time she performs at Wildflower!.

"It's nice to be in your hometown, when you look out and see your teachers or neighbors or the kids you used to babysit, and now they're out there partying with you," Holliday said. "It's so cool because you get to come home and

reconnect with that group. That's very special to my heart and it always will be."

Debbie Keys has been following Holliday's career since the singer starred in school musicals and productions at Richardson Junior High. The Rowlett resident taught English at the school and became dear friends with Holliday and her family. They've kept in close contact through Keys' retirement from Richardson ISD and Holliday's rise to fame.

"She has just matured into not only a phenomenal person, but one of the most talented and genuine people that I've ever known," Keys said. "She's beautiful inside and out, and it's really been very rewarding for me to see her blossom in the way that she has."

Keys is planning to attend Holliday's show at Wildflower! this year, as she has in the past. This year's show is expected to include some of the singer's biggest hits as well as songs off of her new album, "Somebody Who Can," which came out in early April.

Despite playing hundreds of shows a year, Holliday still has a passion for performing and is eager to delight loyal listeners and first-time fans alike at Wildflower! this year.

"My job is to take people and make them ... forget their worries or whatever is going on in their life," she said. "You have 45 minutes for everybody to have a great time."

Realtors workshop highlights city developments



City Manager Dan Johnson presented an address on the State of the City, and UT Dallas President Dr. David Daniel presented an overview of the university. The event also included breakfast, networking opportunities and door prizes.

"The workshop provides an opportunity for real estate professionals who sell homes in Richardson to learn more about the city and the many exciting projects happening here," said Assistant City Manager-Community Services Don Wagner. "We want to provide them with important information about the city so they can pass it on to individuals or families looking to relocate in the area."

Attendees also learned about the expansion of Methodist Richardson Medical Center, demolition of the Continental Inn and upcoming opening of Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, the cinema-eatery's first location in the Metroplex.

Kassen said that Richardson is going through a "rebirth," and she expects interest in the city to increase as these projects near completion.

"The people that are moving here can see an opportunity where they don't have to drive 20 miles a day to get to work and then another 25 miles on the weekends to go somewhere for fun," Kassen said. "They can do it all right here."

As a Realtor, Susan Kassen knows firsthand the many benefits of living in Richardson: easy access to major highways, two top-rated school districts, a growing research university and a thriving business corridor, to name a few.

Soon local real estate agents will be touting the city's amenities to thousands of State Farm employees looking to relocate to the Metroplex. The insurance giant is expected to bring 7,000 jobs to Richardson when it opens a new corporate campus in 2015, with 80 percent of employees coming from out of state. The move will make State Farm the largest employer in the city.

The new campus is part of a 186-acre, \$1.5 billion mixed-use KDC development that will also include retail space, multi-family units, hotels and more.

"It's exciting not just for people coming here, because there's going to be an opportunity to live and work and play in the same city, but also for the people that currently live here," said Kassen, who has lived in Richardson since 2002. "It's going to change the face of Richardson."

More than 190 Realtors and real estate professionals learned about the impact of State Farm's new campus and other developments on the horizon at the City's annual Realtors workshop April 5 at the City Hall/Civic Center. The event is designed to give Realtors an up-close look at the City and its partners and provide resources to expand their knowledge about economic development, education opportunities, the cultural arts, social services and more.

Richardson ranks No. 3 overall in fDi magazine's Cities of the Future

The City of Richardson has been named one of the top 10 cities overall in the Americas, in its size category, in *fDi* magazine's annual "American Cities of the Future" list, which ranks cities for their attractiveness for inbound foreign investment. Richardson ranked third overall in its size classification, population 100,000 or less, behind only Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, and Greenville, S.C. Richardson was the only Texas city honored in its category.

"Richardson is proud to have earned this distinguished honor, in recognition of our impressive achievements in creating a favorable climate for international business investment," said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. "We have already strategically attracted

globally recognized corporations to Richardson by focusing on our access and infrastructure, talented workforce, strong educational offerings, and the many synergies created by our long-standing leadership in international business and technological innovation. We salute our many community leaders whose continued efforts have contributed to this well-earned recognition."

In addition to its high overall ranking, Richardson also finished in the Top 10 in four subcategories, including fifth for Human Resources, ninth in Economic Potential, ninth in *fDi* Strategy and 10th in Infrastructure.

fDi's research team collected data for 422 cities under five categories: Economic Potential, Human Resources, Cost Effectiveness, Infrastructure and Business Friendliness.



Sanitation schedule/recycle make up days

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, May 27. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

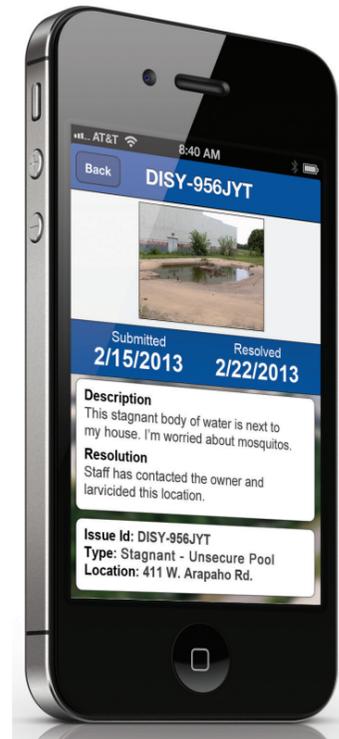
Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, May 27	Tuesday, May 28
Tuesday, May 28	Wednesday, May 29

City facilities close for holiday May 27

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library, Animal Shelter, Gymnastics Center	May 27
Huffhines Recreation Center Senior Center Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours
Tennis Center	8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 27

City launches "MyRichardson" smartphone mobile application

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The MyRichardson mobile application offers users the following categories of service.

- **New Issues**-Offers a listing of a variety of issues that can be reported. Examples include: broken curbs, potholes and loose animals.
- **My Issues**-Allows users to track the progress of their issues until resolved.
- **News & Events**-Provides access to the City's news stream on municipal events, projects and services.
- **Department Listing**-Listing of City departments that allows access to City Web pages for those departments.
- **Contact Us**-Listing of phone numbers and e-mail addresses for City departments.
- **Profile**-Users can enter profile information to allow them to be updated by e-mail when their reported issues are being addressed.

Fire Station 4 is LEED certified

The City learned last month that the new Fire Station 4, located at 1500 Apollo Rd., achieved the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for New Construction (LEED NC) Certification. The designation is given to new construction projects that meet certain standards and qualities set by the U.S. Green Building Council.

All of Richardson's most recently constructed civic buildings have achieved LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building

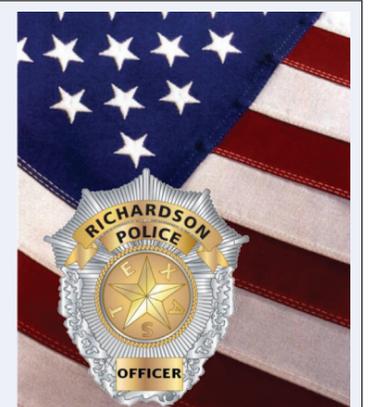
Council, reflecting the City Council's environmental goal of having all new municipal buildings achieve this standard. In addition to Fire Station 4, the City's recently opened Richardson Gymnastics Center is designed to meet LEED certification standards, and the City is currently constructing a new Heights Recreation Center (expected to open later this month) and a new Fire Training and Emergency Operations Center, each of which is designed to meet LEED certification standards.



In celebration of Taiwanese American Heritage Week, the Taipei Folk Dance Theatre will perform "Dances Over Taiwan" Wednesday, May 15, at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center. The public is invited to the free event which will include a lunch at 11 a.m. followed by the performance at 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Hall. Seating is limited so please register at <http://www.richardson-texas.org/activities.aspx> or call 972-744-4035.

Police Memorial Service is May 13

The public is invited to attend the Richardson Police Department National Police Week Memorial Service Monday, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. The service will be held along the circle drive near the flag poles between the 9-1-1 Center and the Police Department located at 140 N. Greenville Dr.



Sherrill Park Golf Course earns honors

In its annual Texas Golf issue, the *Dallas Morning News* ranked Sherrill Park Golf Course No. 1 as the 13th best course in Texas available for the public to play for courses in the \$45-\$60 range. This is the first year it has been listed among the mid-priced courses, as it ranked No. 1 among economy courses in 2012. The newspaper also rated Course No. 2 as the 17th best economy course in the state.



Sherrill Park Golf Course No. 1.

A panel of 85 golf professionals, golf writers and golf executives from across the state ranked

courses in seven categories: versatility, shotmaking, design, beauty, maintenance, enjoyment and afterthoughts.

New recreation center fees go into effect May 15

New fees for daily admission and annual memberships at Huffhines and Heights Recreation Centers go into effect May 15.

The fees are comparable to those for nearby facilities that offer similar amenities and hours.

In addition to offering discounted fees to Richardson residents, the City offers discounts to people who work in the city.

If you have a current membership to Huffhines Recreation Center, you will be able to use it at the new Heights Recreation Center.

Heights Recreation Center is scheduled to open with a ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. For more information, visit www.cor.net/parks.

Age Group	Richardson Resident		Non-Resident	
	Annual	Daily	Annual	Daily
Youth (6-17)	\$35	\$5	\$70	\$10
Adult (18-54)	\$60	\$7	\$120	\$14
Senior (55 and up)	\$35	\$5	\$70	\$10
Family (up to 4)	\$135	N/A	\$270	N/A
Corporate	N/A	N/A	\$90	\$8

Police Department offers Summer Safety Camp



For Richardson residents only. Children must have completed kindergarten but have not yet entered 4th grade.

An adult is required to check child in the first day of camp and stay for a brief meeting. Parents may drop off as early as 8:30 a.m. but must pick up no later than 12:30 p.m. each day.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Children may attend only one session per year. Children who have not attended camp in the past will be processed first. If any openings exist after those applications are processed, prior attendees will be placed in the camp.

Learn about:

- 9-1-1
- Stranger danger
- Internet safety
- Animal safety
- Poison safety
- Water safety
- And much more!

9 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday

Richardson Police and Fire Substation,
2003 E. Renner Rd.

Weekly sessions begin June 10
and end the week of Aug. 12.

E-mail SummerSafetyCamp@cor.gov
or call 972-744-4949 for more information.

Register at www.cor.net/parksonline.
Fee: \$10



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

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

Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

- Glam Galore Shopping Spree May 18
- Career Fair May 21
www.targetedjobfairs.com
- Dallas Bridge Tournament May 23-27
www.d16acbl.org/U176
- Scholastic Book Fair May 28-29
- Train Week June 8-9
www.springcreekrailroad.com

Huffhines offers cupcake classes

Enjoy making cupcakes in fun themes using all kinds of edible items! In this four-week class, kids will learn basic icing skills and creative decorating techniques. Bring a storage container to transport leftovers, if any, from class.

Not recommended for kids with food allergies.

Huffhines Recreation Center

200 N. Plano Rd.

Register at:
www.cor.net/parksonline

Sundays, May 5-26

3:30-5 p.m. (Class #73595)

Wednesdays, May 1-22

4:30-6 p.m. (Class #73596)

Pools open daily Sunday, June 2

Canyon Creek Pool

(open 1-8 p.m. May 25-27)

Open: 1-8 p.m.
Closed: Mon.
600 Aspenwood Dr.
972-671-0185

Cottonwood Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri.
Closed: Tues.
1321 W. Belt Line Rd.
972-644-7156

Glenville Pool

(open 1-8 p.m. May 25-27)

Open: 1-8 p.m.
Closed: Tues.
500 S. Glenville Dr.
972-671-0187

Terrace Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.
Closed: Mon.
300 N. Lois Ln.
972-671-0190

Heights Family Aquatic Center

(Opens July 2013)
Open: noon-9 p.m.
709 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7856

All children under 7 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older in a swimming suit. The adult must be in the water within arm's reach at all times while the child is in the pool. If your child limits his/her use to the baby pool areas, you must remain with your child, but it is not necessary to wear a swim suit and you will not be charged a fee.

Day Cares: The City of Richardson has specific guidelines for day care centers and other groups of children who visit our pools. To register your group, please call 972-744-7893.



Splash Day

1-8 p.m. Sat., June 1

FREE ADMISSION

Canyon Creek, Cottonwood,
Glenville and Terrace pools

Pools begin regular operations June 2.

Free Swim Lessons

9 a.m.-noon, Sat., June 1

Glenville Pool

Call 972-744-7893 to register.

Private Party Reservations

Private Party Reservations are available throughout the summer. Sign-ups begin at 9 a.m. May 1. Heights Family Aquatic Center reservations begin after the facility opens. Call 972-744-7892.

Number of people	Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools	Heights Family Aquatic Center
1-25	\$100	\$150
26-50	\$125	\$175
51-75	\$150	\$200
76-100	\$200	\$250
101-125	N/A	\$300

"Number of people" includes EVERYONE who enters the gates including non-swimmers. Parties must have one adult (over 18) for every 10 children (7-17 years) and one adult for every three children under 7 years. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR GLASS CONTAINERS. Reservations must be made and paid in full one week in advance. All reservations are dependent upon staff availability and weather conditions.

Heights Family Aquatic Center will also offer 90-minute pavilion reservations during public hours. The cost is \$25, plus admission for party-goers.

2013 Richardson pool and aquatic center fees

	Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools	Heights Family Aquatic Center
Daily resident admission	\$2	\$4
Daily non-resident admission	\$4	\$8
Season pass (resident)	\$30	\$45 \$30*
Season pass (non-resident)	\$40	\$65 \$40*
Family pass (up to 4 people; resident only)	\$100	\$150 \$100*

No charge for children ages 3 and younger. Season passes are available beginning May 15. Visit www.cor.net/parks or call the Aquatics Office at 972-744-7892 for more information.

*Due to construction, 2013 Heights Family Aquatic Center season passes are discounted, and all 2013 season passes may be used at any City of Richardson aquatic facility. In future years, regular fees as set by City Council resolution will apply.

Cottonwood
Art Festival

MAY 4TH-5TH
COTTONWOOD PARK
RICHARDSON, TX

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

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Featured Artist: Michelle Mardis

Trash Bash success attributed to 850+ volunteers

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2013 Trash Bash! More than 850 volunteers joined together to help keep Richardson clean on a beautiful Saturday morning. The volunteers collected more than 5,000 pounds of trash and 1,500 pounds of recycled materials from city streets, parks, creeks and schoolyards. They also collected more than 75 pounds of plastic grocery bags that filled three Wal-Mart recycle bins.

After all their hard work, volunteers celebrated at an after party with pizza, cookies and beverages. They visited exhibits by Texas Pure Compost, Richardson Health Department, DART, Richardson Environmental Action League (REAL), Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Republic Recycling, Richardson Community Services, Richardson Environmental Advisory Commission, Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention,

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge, Dallas County Master Gardeners, Shared Fuel, Richardson Public Services, Girl Scout Troop 1091, Richardson Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association (CFAAA), Synergy Aquaponics LLC, North Texas Municipal Water District, Chiro One Wellness Center, Richardson Animal Services, Cottonwood Animal Hospital, YMCA and Richardson Fire Department.

Attendees also had a chance to win door prizes from Lowe's, Amazing Jakes, Texas Rangers, Frisco Roughriders, Hawaiian Falls Waterparks, Canyon Creek Country Club, Chuy's Mexican Food Restaurants, Scotty P's Hamburgers, Sherrill Park Golf Course, Richardson Greenhouse, Richardson Parks and Recreation Aquatics, Joy's Hallmark, Six Flags, Bruce Miller Nurseries, Richardson Community Events *Wildflower!* Festival, Homebrew Headquarters, Plano-Richardson



- Elks Lodge, Aboca's Italian Grill Restaurant, Richardson Animal Services, Chick-fil-A, Panera Bread, Richardson Bike Mart, Black & Veatch, Richardson Civic Center Leasing and Starbucks.
- The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) shredded 30,000 pounds of documents and collected 15,000 pounds of electronics. REAL gave away 222 rolls of recycling bags, Richardson Public Services gave away 25 cubic yards of compost and the Richardson Health Department gave away 262 plants. More than 1,500 books and CDs were donated to Friends of the Library and 1,500 pounds of clothing was donated to NETWORK of Community Ministries, Inc.
- A special thanks and appreciation is given to the exhibitors, donors and the following organizations, families and individuals for their participation in Trash Bash 2013. You are a large part of the reason why Richardson is such a great place to live, work and visit!
- Aldair Garcia
 - Andy McGarrahan
 - Berkner Park Neighborhood Association
 - Beth Chisum
 - Boy Scout Troops 777, 840, 1077
 - CFAAA
 - CPAAA
 - City of Richardson Employees
 - Clay Bitler Service Company
 - Cohen Family
 - Crowley Park Neighborhood Association
 - Cub Scout Packs 262, 317, 516, 727, 808, 894, 1001
 - David Findura
 - Elias Family
 - Fariha Zaman
 - Farkas Family
 - First United Methodist Church
 - Fritz Family
 - Girl Scout Troops ACM, 882, 1667
 - Glover Family
 - Good Tree Academy
 - Hanse Family
 - Heights Elementary PTA
 - Heights Landlords
 - Heights Neighborhood Association
 - Highland Terrace Neighborhood Association
 - Joe Fuller
 - Kelly Slawson
 - Kessler Family
 - Matthews Family
 - MAS Youth Center
 - Mitchell Family
 - National Honor Society
 - Northrich Beta Club
 - Office of Rep. Angie Chen Button
 - Linda and Sherwin Ortman
 - Owens Park Homeowners Association
 - Perkins Language Services
 - Plano/Richardson Elks Lodge #2485
 - Pratt Family
 - Pre-Pharmacy Association
 - Pritchard Family Reservation
 - Homeowners Association
 - Richardson Baha'i Faith
 - Richardson Chamber of Commerce
 - Richardson High School
 - AP Environmental Science
 - Richardson Y Adventure Guides
 - Pinecone Princess Circle
 - Schramm Family
 - Sheriff Osni
 - Tim Williams
 - Tomlinson Family
 - Tyler Strother
 - Tzu Chi
 - St. Joseph's Catholic Church
 - Voelker Family
- Thanks again for your support and help in keeping Richardson beautiful. We hope to see you all again next year for Trash Bash, April 26, 2014.



Free VIN etching, H.E.A.T. event is May 16

The Richardson Police Department in partnership with the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force, will offer free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etchings and conduct Help End Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) registrations Thursday, May 16. Bring your vehicle to the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center (411 W. Arapaho Rd., south parking lot adjacent to Belle Grove Dr.), between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., to have the vehicle's VIN etched into each window. VIN etching is used to deter auto theft. Car thieves who steal cars for resale or for parts will tend to avoid vehicles

that have the glass etched with a VIN. The etching reduces the criminal's profit, associated with replacing a vehicle's windows and the windows themselves becoming worthless for resale.

The H.E.A.T. registration program places a sticker on your vehicle and registers it in a statewide database used by law enforcement in Texas. H.E.A.T. registration allows police to stop the vehicle if it is operating between the hours of 1-5 a.m. to determine if the driver is the owner. The event is conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis and only takes minutes

to complete and is free of charge. If it should rain, the event will be rescheduled and details will be published at a later time. Contact the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit for additional information at 972-744-4955.



Thanks for the 'pawrade'

Many thanks to the following sponsors, contributors and volunteers who helped make the annual Spring Fling Pet Pawrade organized by Richardson AnimaLuv a big success:

- Sponsors**
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 - Animal Shelter Staff
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 - Salavei
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Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions.

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

Richardson Animal Shelter annual low-cost rabies vaccination clinic is 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, call 972-744-4480.

Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

At the 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

Richardson Symphony Orchestra

2012-2013 Season Finale
8 p.m. May 4
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$15-\$80

www.richardsonorchestra.org

Richardson Community Band presents

A Double Barrelled Celebration!
2 p.m. May 5
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$7

richardsoncommunityband.org

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Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations®

Listen to the Dance: Waltzes, Marches, Polkas and Tangos
7:30 p.m. May 6
Tickets: \$25-\$30

keyboardconversations.com

Chamberlain School of Performing Arts presents

2013 Annual Spring Recital
2 p.m. and 7 p.m. May 11
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$10-\$20

chamberlainperformingarts.com

Texas Ballet Theater School Holidays

6 p.m. May 11
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$8-\$10

www.texasballettheater.org

Lone Star Wind Orchestra

Angels and Bouquets
2:30 p.m. May 12
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$20-\$40

www.lonestarwindorchestra.com

Toby's School of Dance

You Should Be Dancing
6:30 p.m. May 24
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$12-\$20

www.tobysdance.com

Amotion Dance Studio

2013 Year End Recital
2 p.m. May 26
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$5-\$7

www.amotiondance.com

Hathaway Academy of Ballet

2013 Academy Performance
5 p.m. May 26
6:30 p.m. May 27
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$10

www.hathawayballet.com

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Health Connection

Wills and Trusts

May 23—10 a.m.

Powell Law Offices will give a presentation on "What you need to know about wills and trusts in Texas." There is an increasing list of challenges that arise as you prepare for you and your family's health and financial security. This presentation will help answer your concerns on how to prepare ahead of time and give you and your family peace of mind. Do not miss the opportunity to ask questions that will help you plan for the future.

Special Events

May 21—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 and Information Fair

June 12—10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Health screenings and information tables on financial planning, home health agencies, assisted living facilities, nonprofit agencies serving seniors, HMOs and other business and service providers will all be available for you to gather information, ask questions and take advantage of some free screenings. The Fair is a festive and fun day as well as informative. Door prizes will be given throughout the day.

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

The Library will be **CLOSED** Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

General Interest

Lunchtime Lectures: Focus on the Civil War

May 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room. No registration required.

Call 972-744-4376 for info.

Lunchtime Lectures: Exploring the Library's Genealogy Databases

May 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room. Presented by Jane Nearing. No registration required.

Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

May 21, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Demonstration by Andrew Wages, oil.

Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

First Wednesday Book Club

May 1, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "A Nickel for the Boatman" by Carol Luter Milot. Call 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

May 8, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Defending Jacob" by William Landay. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

May 15, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

May 28, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Homecoming of Samuel Lake" by Jenny Wingfield. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Children's Activities

Cinco de mayo Celebration!
May 4, 2:30-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.

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.

Teen Activities

Teen Cuisine
May 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Teen cooking program. Grades 6-12.

Computer Classes

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

May 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Job Searching on the Internet

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

Internet 101

May 15, 10 a.m.-noon

Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint

May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

May 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. May 4, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.

Community Writers' Critique Group

May 15, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

May 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Writers' Guild of Texas

May 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

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

Richardson Kiwanis Club

www.richardsonkiwanis.com

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

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Social Groups

Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club

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

Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club

972-235-1400

or www.texasreelers.org

Special Interest Groups

AARP Chapter 1651

972-234-2815

Citizens 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

NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273

972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

Plano/Richardson Coin Club

214-287-4817

Richardson Humane Society

972-234-5117

Richardson Community Band

richardsoncommunityband.org

info@richardsoncommunityband.org

Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club

972-386-6041

Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association

214-762-2304

or www.abwa-richardson.org

Richardson Poets' Group

214-478-4870 or

richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com

Richardson Red Hat Chapter

972-744-7800

Richardson Retired School Personnel

214-890-6989

Richardson Wireless Klub

<http://k5rwwk.org>

Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group

214-477-7214

Woman's Center

in Richardson

972-238-9516

Seniors' Net

972-234-8880 ext. 115

or dchildre@thenetwork.org

Support Groups

Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505

DFW Spondylitis Support Group

degrowkingsley@gmail.com

Toastmasters Groups Hallelujah High Toastmasters

vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net

Richardson Evening Toastmasters

214-534-0885

Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters

972-387-4709

Richardson Noon Toastmasters

469-235-3586

Texins Toastmasters

214-566-4086

or <http://texins.freetoasthost.org>

Veterans Groups

Richardson American Legion Post #368

972-479-1505

Richardson VFW Post 8627

972-671-8627

Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627

972-231-0495

Korean War Veterans

972-279-7000

North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530

972-231-3269

WWII Veterans

214-361-6294

Military Officers Women's Club

972-644-6871

Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter

972-437-2345

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 9. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 9 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:

May 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May 16	6-10 p.m.
June 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
June 20	6-10 p.m.

Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness

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

April 30 & May 2	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:

May 6 & 9	6-9 p.m.
May 20 & 23	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 May 6. 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 May 21 and May 28 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, May 6 from 7-8 p.m. 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, May 6 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.

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.

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.

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 May 1.

Crochet

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

Quilt Essentials

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

ABC Quilting

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

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.

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 16. 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.

Needleworks

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

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.

May 4	Gary Lee
May 11	Doc Gibbs
May 25	Bill G. Band

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

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.

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.

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.

The crafts pictured were made by Mary Crabb, one of the original crafters to feature items in the Robin's Nest.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



The summer session of Water Aerobics will begin June 3. Join instructor Laurie Wilder for water classes designed to keep you moving without the stress on your joints. Call the Senior Center 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.

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.

Services

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Chair Massage

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

Blood Pressure Checks

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

City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

Friendly Visitors

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

The Seniors' Net

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

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 May 2.

Fitness

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.

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.

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

Spring sessions are now in progress. Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Berkner High School, 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). Call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Summer WaterAerobic Classes begin June 3 at two locations...3 punch card options.

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

Punch card can be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows: **Rise and Shine:** Cottonwood Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F

Designed for the intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Cottonwood Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind...This class is for all ages including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: Berkner High School Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested. Please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

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.

"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.

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, Rummi-Cubes, Dominos and "42" are played by our patrons.

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
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

2013 Young Authors

Write, illustrate and bind a picture book for preschoolers!

Fridays, June 14-Aug. 9
(No class on Friday, July 5)
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Basement Program Room
Registration begins Tues., May 28

For Richardson residents entering 5th-9th grades. Registration and valid Richardson Library card required; register by phone at 972-744-4358, or in person in the Youth Services Dept.

- To be published, participants **MUST ATTEND 4 OUT OF 8 CLASSES**. Please check the Young Authors class schedule for the list of required classes
- Completed books must be turned in by Monday, Aug. 12 at 8:45 p.m.
- Participants, please arrange to meet your parents immediately after the meeting is over

2013 Explorers Club

There's a fun summer in store for you

Presentations Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.
Activities Richardson residents
Crafts & Books! 3rd-5th grades
Registration begins May 28

- JUNE 13 DIG UP DINOSAURS:** Learn about fossils and dinosaurs with the Heard Museum's Mobile Field Investigation.
- JUNE 20 TALES OF ANCIENT GREECE:** Dance to Greek folk music; play an Olympic-style game; hear stories about Greece! Presented by Dorayne Breedlove.
- JUNE 27 DAZZLING DAVE'S SCIENCE SPECTACULAR:** Witness the amazing strength and explosive force of pressurized air—and be razzle-dazzled with Dave's science experiments!
- JULY 4 LIBRARY CLOSED**

- JULY 11 DR. SEUSS' LORAX:** Connect with the story of *The Lorax* while learning about the environment, sustainability and what you can do to help. Presented by Fossil Rim Wildlife Center.
- JULY 18 YO-YOS, SPIN TOPS & DIABOLOS:** *Whirled on a String*: Check out the amazing movements done by 2006 World Champion Female Top Spinner Valerie Olive—and learn a few tricks yourself!
- JULY 25 GROSS & YUCKY:** Disgusting...but FUN!

ATTENTION PARENTS of Explorers Club members: PLEASE ARRANGE TO MEET YOUR CHILD PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m. AFTER EACH PROGRAM.
Registration and valid Richardson Library card required; register by phone at 972-744-4358, or in person in the Youth Services Department.
Funding provided by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library.

New learning station enhances childhood reading

There is something new and exciting in the children's department—a bilingual early learning station featuring 60 top rated educational software titles! Especially for children ages 2-8, the Early Learning Station features an imaginative interface that includes touchscreen gesturing and page turning functionality.



Children enjoy the new bilingual learning station in the Library's Youth Services Department.

Richardson Public Library offers the Spanish/English version of the Early Learning Station, making the school readiness skill building features available to children who currently speak mainly Spanish, as well as to English speakers. The early learning center was funded

in part with a Target Corporation's Early Childhood Reading Grant and additional support from the Friends of the Richardson Public Library.

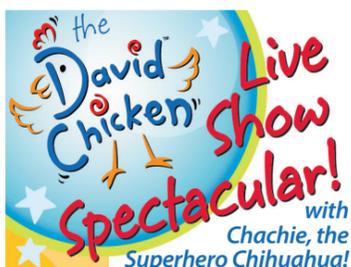
Learn Spanish at the Library

Conversaciones @ the Library (Spanish as a second language class) is open for registration during the month of May. Classes will be held 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from June 3 through July 24. A Richardson Library card is required for registration, and space is limited. Please contact Yolanda Medina to register at 972-744-4368.

The Civil War
Lunchtime Lectures
Presented by Richard Cudlipp
Lecturer, Collin College's SAIL Program
(Seniors Active in Learning)



May 7 End of Civil War Carnage
1864 to Appomattox
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. you are welcome to bring your lunch
Basement Program Room
Please call 972-744-4376 for more information.
Registration not required.



Summer Reading Kick-off
Saturday, June 8
noon-1 p.m.

Youth Services Dept., 1st Floor
For more information, call 972-744-4358.

A heart-pounding, floor-stomping, singing & dancing event that's fun for the whole family! David Chicken is part superhero, part Elvis, and 100% fun!

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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
Mondays, 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

Summer Storytimes

First and Second Grade Storytime
An eight-week program for children **going into first or second grades** filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only. Program runs June 10-Aug. 7. (**NO** storytime the week of July 1.)
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 2:45-3:15 p.m.
Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m.
Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

Storytime
An eight-week program for children **ages 3-6** filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by June 1.
Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only. Program runs June 10-Aug. 7. (**NO** storytime the week of July 1.)
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 2-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday 2:45-3:15 p.m.
Wednesday 10:15-10:45 a.m.

For Richardson residents. Valid Library card and registration are required.
Registration begins May 28. Visit Youth Services or call 972-744-4358.

BabySteps
An eight-week program for children ages **6 weeks to 12 months** accompanied by at least one parent. Designed to assist parents in preparing prewalkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and other early literacy tools. Program runs June 10-Aug. 9. (**NO** storytime the week of July 1.)
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 6-6:30 p.m.
Friday 10:15-10:45 a.m.

Wiggle Worms
An eight-week program for **12-36 month-olds**, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Children must be 12 months old by June 1. Program runs June 10-Aug. 8. (**NO** storytime the week of July 1.)
Choose one of the following times:
Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.
Thursday 10:15-10:45 a.m., 11-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-7 p.m.

UP WITH PUPPETS



Join Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester and her special friends Waco, Charlotte, Larry and Begonia in a delightful puppet show!

Saturday 2:30-3:15 p.m.
June 15* 3:45-4:30 p.m.

*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Tickets are limited; available in the Youth Services Department on Saturday, June 15 beginning at 10 a.m., first come, first served.

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

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Tuesday, May 14
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Teens: 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room
For more information, call 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