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Family Fourth Page 9

Celebrate July 4th with music and fireworks at the City's annual Family Fourth event.



Alamo Draffthouse Cinema Plans Outdoor Movies Page 7

Alamo Draffthouse Cinema will offer three summer movies this month in the parking lot at Heights Shopping Center. The new theater will open in August.



National Night Out Planning Meeting Page 8

The first planning meeting for the 2013 National Night Out event will be held Aug. 6

City program assists association development



Organized homeowner and neighborhood associations provide benefits to residents such as social gatherings to get to know your neighbors, including National Night Out parties like this one.

Nearly every neighborhood in Richardson falls within the boundaries of an established homeowner or neighborhood association, thanks in large part to partnerships between residents committed to the health and vitality of their neighborhoods and the City, which provides resources to help the associations thrive.

The Community Services Department has worked over the years to create a toolbox of resources available to associations that are both well-established and just beginning to form.

Through the New Neighborhood Association Development Program, neighborhoods both large and small have formed active, vibrant associations, said Community Services Manager Lindsay Turman.

"We've gotten requests from groups that want to form a brand new neighborhood association, and we've helped others reorganize after years of inactivity," she said. "We are really here to guide them through the process."

Assistant City Manager-Community Services Don Wagner said that the City's experience of working with neighborhood leaders is useful to residents who want to be active in their neighborhoods.

"We have worked on a variety of issues, such as identifying leaders in a neighborhood or how to get homeowners to join the group once it is formed," Wagner said. "We're able to tailor the City's assistance to the needs of the individual neighborhood."

Once an association is formed, leaders receive training from the City at Neighborhood Leadership Workshops, and they receive updates about City initiatives and operations at monthly meetings.

"HOAs are a vital partner for the City, and the Neighborhood Association Development Program is a great way for us to help in every way we can," Wagner said. "This program has resulted in the formation of some of our most active neighborhood associations, which has been a huge plus for the community as a whole."

Homeowners take advantage of improvement incentives

All around town, homes in Richardson neighborhoods are getting a facelift, thanks in part to the City's Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP).

Residents who sign up for the program before starting a major project or combination of smaller projects are eligible to receive a check from the City for ten times the increase in City property taxes after the project is complete. The City Council adopted HIIP in 2007 as a way to encourage reinvestment in aging neighborhoods.

"There are a number of benefits for the residents, including being able to accomplish more improvements as a result of being able to count on a rebate being paid by the City at the end of the project," said Don Wagner, Richardson Assistant City Manager-Community Services.

Since the program launched six years ago, the City has paid out

more than \$1 million in incentives for more than 400 renovations. Homeowners have spent an estimated \$44.2 million on projects that range from a complete tear down and reconstruction to foundation repair or a new roof. To qualify, each project or combination of projects must cost at least \$20,000 and be complete within two years.

Bill and Julia Koch applied for HIIP after purchasing a home in the Canyon Creek neighborhood. Before moving in, the couple moved the master bedroom suite downstairs and expanded the first floor to create a wide open living, dining and kitchen area. They also redesigned the upstairs floor plan and added a patio to overlook the golf course and creek that border the backyard.

They designed the home to include many modern amenities while keeping the look in line with

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The Koch family used the Home Improvement Incentive Program after they purchased their home in Richardson. Above is their home after construction and at left is the home before construction.



2013-2015 City Council Members take oath of office

For the first time in decades, Richardson residents went to the polls May 11 and selected the city's mayor. The voters chose Laura Maczka to represent the city and the City Council as mayor for the 2013-2015 term.

Though members representing Place 1 thru 4 must reside in those areas, all members of the City Council are elected at-large by voters. All City Council seats carry two-year terms, and are up for election in May of every odd year. Term limits for membership on the City Council are limited to 6 terms, or 12 consecutive years.

The mayor serves as the official spokesperson for the City Council, is the official head of government during emergency situations and typically represents the city at ceremonial occasions. The mayor pro tem performs the duties of mayor in case of the absence or inability of the mayor to perform the duties of office.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to serve as Mayor of Richardson," Mayor Maczka said. "It is humbling to be part of the tremendous leaders we are fortunate to have sitting on the City Council, and I am thrilled at the prospects of what we are going to achieve during these next few years."

Maczka is the 22nd individual to serve as mayor since the City adopted a Home Rule Charter in 1956.

The new Council is currently focusing on the City's annual budget, with a budget retreat July 16-17 at the Richardson Woman's

Club at 2005 North Cliffe. The retreat is open to the public and will be offered live on the City's cable station and website. Replays and video on demand will also be available. More information about the budget retreat can be found on page 3 of this publication.

Meet the Richardson City Council

A brief biography of each City Council Member can be found on page 3 of this publication.

Mayor Maczka and Richardson City Council Members were sworn in at a special meeting held in the Council Chambers May 20. Six incumbents and one new member took the oath of office administered by long-time Municipal Court Judge Ray Noah. The Council's first action was to unanimously elect Bob Townsend as mayor pro tem.

The City Council consists of the Mayor, two at-large seats and four place, or district, seats.



The 2013-2015 Richardson City Council pictured left to right: Council Members Steve Mitchell, Paul Voelker and Mark Solomon, Mayor Laura Maczka, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend, and Council Members Scott Dunn and Kendal Hartley.

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Currently we are at:

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

Stage 3 water restrictions are in effect

The City of Richardson moved to Stage 3 water conservation measures June 1. Stage 3 restrictions allow residents and businesses to irrigate lawns once a week. (See table below.) The implementation of Stage 3 comes at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District, which is facing critical shortages in its water supply. For additional information about Stage 3, visit the City's website at cor.net or contact the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stage 3 outdoor irrigation schedule (once a week until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	Saturdays
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Sundays

How long may I water my lawn on my designated watering day?

If we have not received adequate rainfall that week, we suggest watering your lawn for no more than 30 minutes per zone in the morning of your designated water day (before 10 a.m.) and again 30 minutes/zone in the evening on your designated water day (after 6 p.m.). However, if

your lawn is well established or shaded, it may not need to be watered for that long. As a reminder, excessive runoff is prohibited. The goal with lawn watering during the summer is to achieve 1 inch of water a week, and watering twice on your designated water day will accomplish this.

Is there a time of day restriction for lawn watering?

Yes, on your irrigation day, there is no lawn watering allowed between the hours of 10 a.m.-6 p.m. These hours are when evaporation is at its highest potential, and some of the water ultimately does not get to the grass.

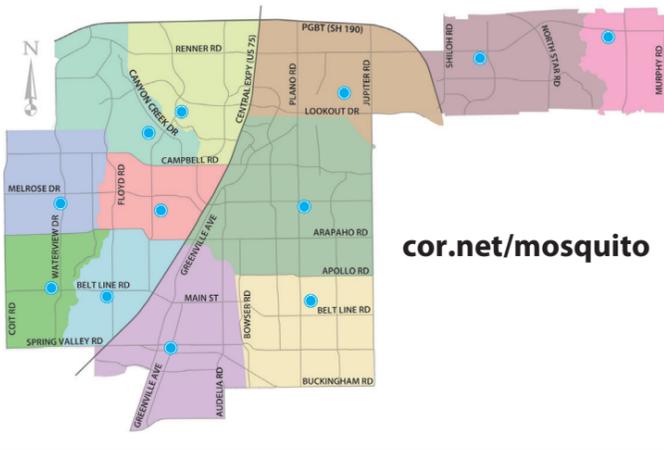


What about foundations and ornamental landscape?

Watering around foundations and ornamental landscape (shrubs, flowerbeds, trees) with a soaker hose, drip system or hand watering is allowed any day at any time as necessary but responsibly. Remember: excessive runoff of water and watering during times of precipitation is still prohibited.

Visit cor.net/WaterConservation for more information.

Online interactive map provides mosquito information



The City of Richardson map shown can be accessed at cor.net/mosquito. Click on one of the 12 mosquito management areas to see mosquito trap test results, dates storm drains were sprayed and dates truck-mounted ground spraying was done (if necessary). The blue dots on the map show where mosquito traps are located.

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).

City facilities close for holiday

The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center complex, Library, Municipal Court, Animal Shelter, Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers and the Senior Center will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The offices will reopen with normal hours Friday, July 5. The Tennis Center will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 4. Call the Police Department at 972-744-4800 for emergencies when the Animal Shelter is closed.

Holiday schedule and recycle make up days

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday, July 4. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Make-up day
Thursday, July 4	Wednesday, July 3

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the June 10 meeting. 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, 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 cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T Universe, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

June 10 Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-11 and consider adoption of **Ordinance No. 4009**, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Richardson, by amending and restating Article XXI-C PD Planned Development District Regulations was approved. Public Hearing and consider adoption of **Ordinance No. 4010**, to continue the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance, Section 13-122 of the Code of Ordinances was approved.

Consent Agenda
Approved the following ordinances:
Ordinance No. 4008, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and zoning map of the City of Richardson, to grant a change in zoning to grant a special permit for a limited service suite hotel with special conditions on a 2.35-acre tract of land.
Ordinance No. 4011, approving and adopting rate schedule "RRM-Rate Review Mechanism" for Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division to be in force in the City for a

period of time as specified in the rate schedule; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and ACSC Legal Counsel.
Ordinance No. 4012, amending the Code Of Ordinances by amending Chapter 18, Sign Regulations, by amending definitions, area regulations, sign classifications and other standards.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our neighborhoods are the fabric of our community and have made Richardson an amazing place to live for generations! They are a big part of what gives our city of 100,000 its unique small-town feel—not something you often find in a community our size.

At the heart of Richardson's neighborhoods are the leaders of our homeowners and neighborhood associations. They work tirelessly to build bonds among neighbors, to help strengthen the unique identity of the places they live, and to work together to improve Richardson as a whole.

The City Council and I value the hard work of each of our neighborhood leaders, and we see it as our role at the City to build those partnerships and to support Richardson's neighborhoods. Strong neighborhoods create a strong community, and it has been a priority of the Council for many years to continue to strengthen the relationship between the City and our neighborhoods.

Whether it is assisting a group of residents in building a neighborhood association from scratch, helping to rebuild an association, or providing resources and ideas for new neighborhood initiatives, the Community Services Department has a wealth of resources available. Community Services also provides information and training for our neighborhood leaders through monthly meetings and workshops twice a year.

I am proud to say that nearly every neighborhood in Richard-



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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son has an active homeowners or neighborhood association in place. On page 7 of this publication, you can find a map of all 68 organizations in the city. If your neighborhood does not yet have an association, then please contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 for assistance in forming one.

As a former HOA leader myself, I can tell you from personal experience how rewarding it is to get involved in your neighborhood and your community, whether it's in a leadership role or simply as an active member. I hope you will get involved!

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka

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Meet your 2013-2015 City Council Members

The 2013-2015 City Council officially began its term May 20 when the Council Members were administered the oath of office.



Scott Dunn
Place 3

Scott Dunn was re-elected to the City Council in May 2013. Dunn has served on the Council since 2011. Prior to being elected, Dunn held offices in the Duck Creek Homeowners Association, the St. Paul School Board, the Waterview Preservation Association and the St. Paul the Apostle Men's Club. Dunn attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and majored in computer science. He finished his degree at nearby Amber (now Amberston) University. He is an account manager at Xerox, where he has worked since 1999. Dunn has volunteered with the YMCA Guides and Princesses and served as a Boy Scout Troop Leader. Additionally, he taught Faith Formation at St. Paul and volunteered as a baseball and basketball coach through the Richardson Sports Association and the YMCA. He has been actively involved at Arapaho Elementary and Richardson High School, where he served as the Bald Eagle Leader on the RHS Eaglette Booster Club board. He currently serves on the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation board. Dunn along with his wife earned Golden Eagle Volunteer Awards from the RHS PTA. He is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XXVII and the Richardson Citizens Police Academy Class XXXII and is a member of Richardson

Police Department's Volunteer Crime Watch Patrol in the Arapaho/Waterview area. He supports the Richardson Symphony League Debutante/Honor Guard program and continues to serve as course chairman on the Richardson High School's 5K Excellence in Education Foundation Committee, which raises funds for academic enhancements. Dunn and his wife, Lisa, have three children.



Kendal Hartley
Place 4

Kendal Hartley was re-elected to the City Council in May 2013. Hartley served on the Council since 2011. Prior to being elected, he served on the Richardson Sign Control Board from 1993 to 1995. In 1995 he was appointed to the City Plan Commission and served in that capacity until 1999. In 2002 Hartley was selected to serve on the Richardson Parks and Recreation Commission and served as the Commission's vice chair in 2003 and as chairman from 2005 to 2010. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Hartley works as a state certified residential real estate appraiser and has had his own business located in Richardson since 1991. He is a Senior Residential Appraiser and a Certified Relocation Professional and is a member of the Appraisal Institute and the MetroTex Association of Realtors. Hartley is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class VII and served on the Leadership Richardson board of directors in 2009. He is also a Citizens Police Academy graduate and has served as a Citizen's Challenge member interviewing rookie police officers for the City. He has also served on the board of directors for The NETWORK of Community Ministries, as a member of the Prairie Creek PTA, Richardson North PTA, J.J. Pearce PTA and Pearce Athletic Booster Club,

as a member of the Canyon Creek Homeowners Association and as an active member in his church serving as an usher and in various leadership positions. He is also an active volunteer and coach for Special Olympics and has coached youth football, baseball, softball and basketball. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children.



Paul Voelker
Place 5

Paul Voelker was elected to the City Council in May 2013. Prior to being elected, Voelker served as a member of the Richardson Zoning Board of Adjustments and President of the Reserve at Sharp Lane Home Owners Association. Voelker received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1983. He is a sales and marketing professional in the information technology and communications industry and has 30 years of experience working in Richardson's Telecom Corridor® area. Voelker currently works at Ericsson Inc. Before being elected to the Richardson City Council, Voelker served as the Chairman of the Board of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in 2006, and is a past Ex-Officio Board Member of the Metroplex Technology Business Council (MTBC) and Tri-Chair of the MTBC Technology Luncheons Committee. He is also a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XVI, and is a member of the Leadership Richardson Alumni Association. Voelker has also served on Texas Governor Rick Perry's IT Cluster Committee under the Texas Workforce Commission. Voelker's involvement in local education includes past board memberships on the Richardson Independent School District Tomorrow Foundation and the University of Texas at Dallas Johnson School Industrial

Advisory Board Executive Committee. Voelker is also a member of the Richardson Police Department's Breckinridge West Active Crime Patrol. He and his wife, Kris, have one son.



Steve Mitchell
Place 6

Steve Mitchell was re-elected to the City Council in May 2013, and has served on the Council since 2005. During the 2007-2009 term, Mr. Mitchell served as Mayor. Prior to his service on the City Council, Mr. Mitchell served on the City Plan Commission for four years and, prior to that, on the Sign Control Board for 10 years, serving as chairman during his last year on the board. Mr. Mitchell is the Richardson representative on the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, serving as the legislative committee chairman and as a member of the governance committee. He is a Governor Perry appointee to the University of North Texas System Board of Regents. Mr. Mitchell is a former Governor Perry appointee to the Commission on State Emergency Communications, and a former Dallas County Commissioners Court appointee to the Keep Dallas County Beautiful Committee. Mr. Mitchell, while mayor, was an active member of the Metroplex Mayors Association. Mr. Mitchell has served as a Dallas County Republican precinct chairman. He is a member of Richardson Rotary Club, and has served as Vocational Service Director, Camp RYLA chairman and RISD-Rotary D-FY-IT chairman. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class IX, Citizens Police Academy Class II, Citizens Fire Academy Class X, and Inside RISD. He has also served as vice

president of the Greenwood Hills Neighborhood Association, and has been a member of Richardson Heights Neighborhood Association, Heights Park Neighborhood Association, and Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Association. Mr. Mitchell graduated from the University of North Texas with Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in accounting with an emphasis in tax. Mr. Mitchell works as a tax software project manager for Thomson Reuters, having spent nearly 27 years serving in various leadership roles within the company. His wife, Karen, is a labor and delivery nurse at Baylor University Medical Center. They are the proud parents of two boys and three girls.



Laura Maczka
Mayor

Laura Maczka was elected to the office of Mayor in May 2013, and has served as an elected member of the City Council since 2011. Maczka served as Mayor Pro Tem during her first term on the Richardson City Council from 2011-2013. In addition to her duties on the City Council, Maczka represents the Cities of Richardson, Addison, Wylie, Sachse and Murphy as a member of the Regional Transportation Council. Maczka was appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to serve as a Commissioner for the State of Texas on the Commission on State Emergency Communications. Additionally, Maczka is a member of the Texas Municipal League's Resolutions Committee and State Rep. Angie Chen Button's Education and Natural Resources Committees. Maczka is a graduate of Texas A&M University and currently serves as Executive Director of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship, a non-profit agency that provides for credit entrepreneurship education to 2,000 disadvantaged youths enrolled in the program in Dallas Independent School District middle and high schools. Prior to being elected to the City Council, Maczka was appointed to the City of Richardson's Parks and Recreation Commission in 2007 and was named vice chair in 2010. She was a lead volunteer for the development of the outdoor classroom Discovery Point at Prairie Creek Park. She has held numerous PTA positions at Prairie Creek Elementary, North Junior High and J.J. Pearce High School, including two terms as PTA president and was honored with the lifetime membership in the Texas PTA. Her service also includes time on the board of the RISD Excellence in Education Foundation and she is currently part of the RISD budget review team. She is an active member on the athletic booster club boards of her sons' schools, and is a graduate of the Inside RISD program. Maczka is a graduate of Leadership North Texas Class IV and Leadership Richardson Class XXII. Active as an advisor and Curriculum Chair for Leadership Richardson, she received the Outstanding Alumnus award in 2010. Maczka has served on numerous community boards including the Friends of the Library Board, the City of Richardson Swim Team Board, the Canyon Creek Homeowners Association Board and others. She is a member of Altrusa, the Richardson Woman's Club, Richardson Rotary, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Mike, have three sons.

Maczka has served on numerous community boards including the Friends of the Library Board, the City of Richardson Swim Team Board, the Canyon Creek Homeowners Association Board and others. She is a member of Altrusa, the Richardson Woman's Club, Richardson Rotary, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Mike, have three sons.



Bob Townsend
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 1

Bob Townsend currently serves as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Richardson, having been elected to that position in May 2013. He served as Mayor in 2011-2013, Mayor Pro Tem in 2007-2011 and was elected to the City Council in 2001. Townsend has long been active in homeowners associations, serving as president of the Southwest Richardson Homeowners Association and the Richland Meadows Neighborhood Association. A native of Oklahoma, he did his undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He received his master's degree from Southern Methodist University. Townsend retired from Texas Instruments (TI) in 1997 after 37 years of service. At TI, his responsibilities included various managerial positions in the Information Systems and Services Division. Townsend and his wife, Lynn, have three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Mark Solomon
Place 2

Mark Solomon was re-elected in May 2013 to represent the City's Place 2 seat. Place 2 encompasses the northeastern parts of the city. Solomon has served on the Council since 2009. Prior to being elected, Solomon was vice chairman and member of the City Parks and Recreation Commission for six years. He also served as president of the L. V. Berkner High School booster club and PTA, where he was awarded the honorary lifetime membership in the Texas PTA. Solomon received his bachelor's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University and his master's degree in education from the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife, Lynn, who is employed by Region 10

Service Center in Richardson, have two children and six grandchildren. Professionally, Solomon is the owner of Assurnet Insurance Agency, an independent insurance agency located in Richardson. Solomon currently serves on the board of directors of the Professional Insurance Agents of Texas, the board of directors of the Texas Association of Business, and is a member of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Richardson Central Kiwanis Club and the Yale Park Homeowners Association. He is active in the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Spring Valley United Methodist Church.

Budget retreat open to public, broadcast live

In continuing with the Richardson City Council's Transparency Initiative, the Council's budget retreat meetings will be streamed live on the City website at cor.net and broadcast live on the City's cable TV station.

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at 6 p.m. each day. The budget retreat is open to the public. In addition to the live streaming and broadcast, the meetings will be available on demand on the City's website, cor.net, and on the City cable access station on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and ATT U-Verse, channel 99. Replay broadcasts of the budget retreat will be aired at 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 4.

Incentive Program spurs reinvestment in homes

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the character of the neighborhood, which developed primarily in the 1960s.

"We are truly investing in Richardson, investing in Canyon Creek and particularly our street," Julia Koch said. "We recognize there's amazing architecture and great neighborhoods, and they're worth preserving and updating."

While the Kochs' project included reconstructing nearly 75 percent of the house, Patti Glenn has applied for HIIP three times for smaller scale projects. She's rebuilt two bathrooms, updated the kitchen and completely redesigned the landscaping in the front and back yards of her College Park home. She also replaced the roof and air conditioner.

Glenn, a Realtor who tells all of her clients who buy a home in Richardson about the program, said she would have probably made her improvements without HIIP, but may have not spent as much money on them.

"It is a win-win for the City and for you," she said. "I'm proud that I got a little bit of money back for the reinvestment I made."

Homeowners can apply for the program in minutes by filling out a short form on the City's website at cor.net/cs. Once approved, they must enter into an economic development agreement with the City and agree to a final inspection once the project is complete.

The Kochs said that signing up for the program is simple, and the benefits extend beyond the incentive check that arrives in April the year after a project is complete.

"The City has put out a message that it cares about encouraging the redevelopment of this community, and they're certainly making it worthwhile for people to make meaningful capital improvements to their home. It is more than fresh paint and window dressings," Bill Koch said. "We have seen our neighbors do that, and we have been a part of that. It is making a big difference."

Sign toppers complement neighborhoods

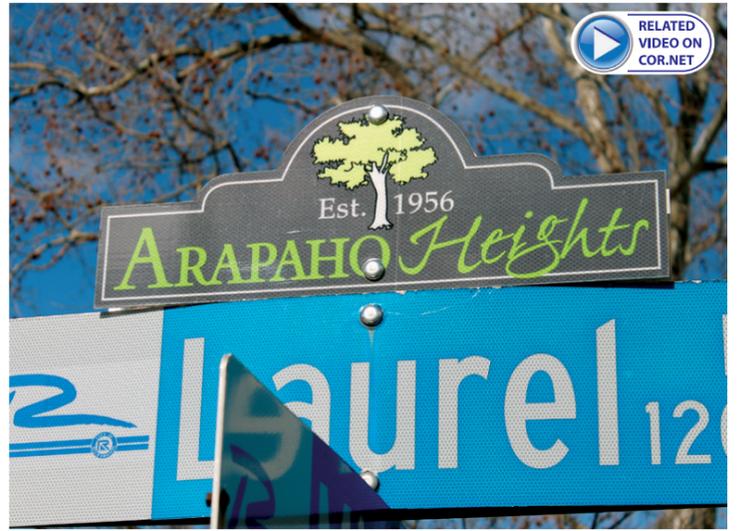
Richardson residents have discovered there is no better way to identify and show off their neighborhoods than by using a custom-designed street sign topper that is uniquely representative of the area in which they live.

The City's Sign Topper Program began in March 2006 when the City Council authorized the program to help neighborhoods be recognized for their unique character and encourage a sense of belonging and pride within neighborhoods. According to Don Magner, Assistant City Manager-Community Services, the City also wanted to help neighborhoods increase visibility to non-residents.

"Sign toppers are a perfect complement to other neighborhood identity efforts such as entry features, which have been constructed throughout the City as part of the Neighborhood Vitality Program," said Magner.



Only recognized neighborhood or homeowner associations whose name and boundaries are unlikely to change, whose name is formally established and widely accepted



Neighborhoods throughout the Richardson community have embraced the Sign Topper Program as a way to show off their identity.

by residents and whose boundaries do not infringe on other neighborhood boundaries are eligible to take part in the program.

Neighborhoods that wish to participate in the Sign Topper Program must submit an application, which is available online at cor.net/cs, to Community Services. The application must include a sketch of the proposed topper as well as a location map.

"It is important to note that associations should not manufacture their sign toppers until their application is approved by Community Services," Magner said.

While neighborhoods are responsible for the cost of manufacturing their toppers, the City

covers all costs associated with installation.

"Our neighborhoods have really embraced the program since its inception," Magner said. "More than 500 toppers have been installed in 23 different neighborhoods and more are in the planning stage."

To learn more about the Sign Topper Program visit cor.net/cs or call Community Services at 972-744-4180.



Realtors keep up to date with annual workshop



The 2013 Realtors Workshop included presentations from City Manager Dan Johnson and University of Texas at Dallas President Dr. David Daniel.

Janet DePuy has sold homes in several cities across the Metroplex, but she has an advantage when it comes to marketing Richardson to prospective homeowners.

Each year, DePuy attends the City's Realtors Workshop, held in the spring at the Civic Center. The event includes booths with information from various City departments and community partners, guest speakers and an opportunity to network with City officials and other local real estate professionals.

"All of that information helps us be more in tune to the city," DePuy said. "It's invaluable to Realtors."

The City's Community Services Department began hosting the workshop in 2008. Since that time it has grown to attract an annual crowd of about 200 participants, and it is held in partnership with the MetroTex Association of Realtors.

"Realtors are one of the most important groups in the Metroplex we reach out to when we promote the great qualities of our community," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "They are the trusted professionals who residential and commercial property buyers turn to for insight and expertise on choosing a community to build a home or business. That's why it's important for us to provide an

opportunity to let Realtors know about our highly rated schools, powerful high-tech employers, stable economy and property values, and tremendous growth we are experiencing."

Thousands of State Farm employees could soon be looking at relocating to Richardson, as the insurance giant is expected to bring 7,000 jobs to the city when it opens a new corporate campus in 2015. About 80 percent of those employees will be coming from out of state and will need a new place to call home.

DePuy will be ready to sell them on Richardson when they come. She said she doesn't know of any other city that offers a workshop for real estate professionals, and she believes the event gives Richardson an edge by keeping Realtors well-connected with the community.

"Buyers are always interested in the neighborhoods where they might choose to live and what the city is doing to enhance those neighborhoods as well as the rest of the community," DePuy said. "The workshop provides a Realtor with that important information so if they have clients looking in Richardson, the buyer can make an informed decision on their potential new community."

New online water/sewer bill payment option available

Richardson's Water and Sewer Customer Service Department has added a new online payment option for customers.

With Quick Pay, customers are able to make one-time credit card payments without needing to create an online account or logging into their existing account. Visit cor.net/quickpay to use the new payment service.

Customers who create an online account may pay their bills with a one-time or recurring credit card payment and may also view account history online. (Quick Pay customers will not have access to account history and are not able to set up recurring payments.) Visit cor.net/waterpayment for more details.

The City accepts American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa for online credit card payments.

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1. Select the type of issue you are reporting.
2. Describe the issue:
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MyRichardson is integrated with the City's website, providing easy access to the latest news, upcoming municipal events, projects and services.

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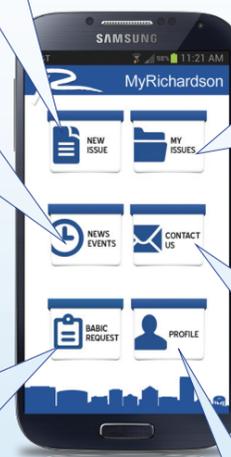
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Contact Us

Comprehensive listing of each City department's phone number and e-mail address.

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Keep grass clippings out of the street, in your yard

Grass clippings can serve as a nutrient-rich fertilizer in both desirable and undesirable ways.

Put to good use, they can improve the health of your yard. But allowed to go into gutters and storm drains, they can feed algae that deplete oxygen in creeks and other waterways, killing fish and other aquatic life.

"No matter whether it's you or your gardener, remembering to take care of yard clippings the right way is important to protecting our waterways," said Bill Alsup, Richardson Health Department Director. "There is a City ordinance that prohibits blowing, sweeping or hosing clippings and leaves into the street or storm drain, both because of the environmental harm and because they can clog our storm drains."

One of the best ways to use grass clippings is to leave them on the lawn. Mowed grass (especially clippings less than an inch in length) decomposes quickly,



returning useful nutrients to the yard. Less than a third of the grass should be mowed at any time to keep the grass healthy, especially during the summer when heat can stress the grass.

Another use for leaves and clippings is in a compost bin, which can benefit your entire garden while keeping a useful resource from using valuable landfill space. For information about a free composting seminar hosted by the City, see page 8.

Learn more about water quality at cor.net/waterquality.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center at Bush/Renner hits construction milestone

Richardson civic and community leaders joined representatives from Methodist Health System and Methodist Richardson Medical Center at a Topping Out ceremony in May to commemorate the halfway point of construction of the new Methodist Richardson Medical Center–Bush/Renner hospital.

The new 125-bed, four-story acute care hospital at the corner of Renner Road and Bush Turnpike is scheduled for completion in June 2014. It will add more than 100 new jobs to the area and offer enhanced health care services to residents in Richardson, Garland, Murphy, Plano, Sachse, Wylie and surrounding areas.

"Methodist Health System continues to be one of Richardson's most important community partners," Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka said. "The topping out ceremony is a great milestone for this project that will be a shining example for healthcare in our



A steel beam is installed at the new Methodist Richardson Medical Center–Bush/Renner hospital for a Topping Out ceremony.

community. We look forward to the grand opening of the Bush/Renner campus and the expanded level of service this new regional health center will provide."

Among the features are a women's pavilion; level III neonatal intensive care unit; labor, delivery, and recovery services; an advanced neurosciences program; outpatient surgical services with

a focus on minimally invasive surgery; advanced cardiac care including catheterization procedures and electrophysiology; and comprehensive imaging technologies for enhanced diagnostics and treatment. The new hospital will employ almost 900 professionals, and physicians representing more than 35 specialties are expected to join the medical staff.

Mosquito management program includes larviciding, eliminating standing water

With mosquitoes beginning their annual increase in activity, the Richardson's Health Department is implementing its plan to protect people from the West Nile virus.

Twelve traps placed throughout the city are tested weekly, allowing the Health Department to keep a close eye on whether the virus is appearing in mosquito populations. Test results are obtained quickly, which is also an important tool, said Health Director Bill Alsup.

"We're able to respond in real time if and when we do see positive test results," he said. "This spring, we implemented a broad spectrum of mosquito management activities designed in response to the outbreak of West Nile virus we saw in our region in 2012."



Richardson's mosquito management program includes treatment or abatement of stagnant swimming pools to eliminate potential mosquito breeding locations.

In addition to increased monitoring, the City is expanding the use of larvicide, initiating the use of mosquito-eating fish in stagnant water, treating storm drains for both adult mosquitoes and larvae, and increasing communication with the public and other health departments in the region. Richardson is also working to eliminate stagnant



Richardson's mosquito management program includes treating storm drains for both adult mosquitoes and larvae.

water breeding sources, including through the new stagnant swimming pool abatement program.

If West Nile virus is found within the mosquito population, the City will use ground-based spraying to target the areas where the virus is identified.

Alsup said there are more mosquitoes appearing in the City's traps each week than at this time last year, and residents need to take active steps to protect themselves from getting bitten.

"The evenings when we're spending the most time outside during the summer is unfortunately also the same time mosquitoes are in greater numbers and more highly active," he said. "To protect yourself and your families from West Nile virus, it is absolutely imperative that you use an EPA-approved insect repellent when you're outside, even for short periods of time."

People should use EPA-approved insect repellents contain-

ing DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus to best protect themselves from mosquitoes.

Protect yourself from mosquitoes by following the "four D's"

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

For more information about mosquito control, including a map that shows weekly West Nile virus test results and actions taken to control mosquitoes in your neighborhood, visit cor.net/mosquito. You may also sign up online for e-mail news alerts about West Nile virus and mosquito spraying.

Grand opening is held for City's newest park

A celebration was held last month for the opening of the City's newest recreational area, Durham Park. The one-acre park, at 410 S. Weathered Dr., serves the Richardson Heights and Cottonwood Heights neighborhoods. Nearly 120 members of the Durham family joined City officials, residents of the surrounding neighborhoods and other guests for the ribbon cutting.

The new park includes a playground, pavilion, plaza, open play lawn and butterfly garden. Four of the five columns in the pavilion include bricks from the four houses that were previously on the site. The \$1.5 million project was funded through the 2010 Bond Program.

Durham Park is named in honor of W.R. Durham, his daughter, Jessie and their family. W.R. Durham began operating a farm in 1910 in the area that contains the park, and Jessie Durham inherited the farmhouse when her father died. She also operated a shop on Main Street, where she provided a service to the public with a library in the back of her store.



The new Durham Park serves the Richardson Heights and Cottonwood Heights neighborhoods.



Parents and children from surrounding neighborhoods helped to celebrate the opening of the new park on June 8.

Richardson CIVIC CENTER



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

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from 10 to 750
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Coming up at the
Richardson Civic Center

Loving the Me I See
July 27
lovingthethemisee.com

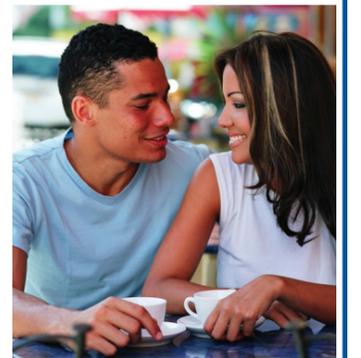
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Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions.

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



July Calendar

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



The Library will be
CLOSED
Thursday, July 4,
for Independence Day.

General Interest

Learning to use eBay

July 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room.

Art Journaling

July 20, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
or 2-4 p.m. Basement Program
Room. With Tricia Alexander.
Register beginning July 8 at 972-
744-4350.

Lunchtime Lectures: "Churchill"

July 23 and 30, 11:30 a.m.-12:45
p.m. Basement Program Room.
Presented by Richard Cudlipp.

Book Groups

Registration is requested for all
book groups and clubs.

First Wednesday Book Club

July 3, noon, Second Floor
Conference Room. Brown bag
lunch to discuss summer reading.
Call 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

July 10, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second
Floor Conference Room.
"The Homecoming of Samuel
Lake" by Jenny Wingfield. Call
Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

July 17, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second
Floor Conference Room.
"The Light Between the Oceans"
by M. L. Stedman. Call Penny
Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

July 23, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second
Floor Conference Room.
"Calling Invisible Women"
by Jeanne Ray. Call Janet Vance,
972-744-4376.

Children's Activities

Family Storytime

Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m.
Children's Program Room.
Everyone welcome.

It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m.
Children's Program Room.
Grades K-4.

"Bird" is the Word!

July 13, 2:30-3:15 p.m. or 3:30-
4:15 p.m. Basement Program
Room.

Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist

July 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m. or 3:45-
4:45 p.m. Basement Program
Room.

Gregg the Magic Balloon Guy

July 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m. or 3:45-
4:45 p.m. Basement Program
Room.

Teen Activities

Work Hard...Play Hard

Electronic and board games. July
9, 6-8 p.m. Basement Program
Room.

Lights, Camera...Camera!

July 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement
Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting
program. July 6, 2-4 p.m. First
Floor Program Room. Call
972-744-4355 for information.

Writers' Guild of Texas

July 15, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

July 17, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room.

Book a Librarian!

Call 972-744-4355 to if you
need one-on-one help with
research or exploring the
Library's resources.

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Special Events

July 4th Ice Cream Social July 3—1 p.m.

Join us in celebrating our coun-
try's birthday with a good ol' fash-
ion ice cream sundae with all the
toppings and a patriotic sing-along
with our very own Toni Taylor.
Cost is \$1.

Out to Lunch Bunch July 16—Babe's

Cost for the trip is \$2, 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!

Lunch and Learn July 18—noon

The Village of Richardson will
sponsor a demonstration on cook-
ing and eating heart healthy. A
chef and a registered dietician
will teach about making smart
food choices that are both nutri-
tious and easy to prepare. You will
be served a heart-healthy lunch
so you will be able to experience
what healthy eating can taste
like. Please call 972-744-7800 to
RSVP. Hope to see you and your
appetite on July 18. No fee.

"Writing a Family Memoir" Aug. 22—1 p.m.

We all have our memories of
family and old friends, of good
times and tough battles. We think,
"Boy, I could write a book!" Well,

yes you can. Author L.E. Taylor will
share his own approaches, learned
over several years writing his recent
book, *Elgan and Grace—A Twen-
tieth Century Saga*. The novel is
based upon true stories, oral history
and the author's own eyewitness ac-
counts. While some of the episodes
flash back to the 18th century,
most occur in the mid-20th. Taylor
will read excerpts from his book to
show how he did it and give tips on
how you can enjoy doing the same.
Bring pen and paper. Refreshments
provided. No fee.

Health Connection

July 25—10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Are you concerned about fall-
ing? Do you have balance issues?
Sonas Medical will provide tips
on reducing your risks of falling.
They will give you ideas to make
your home safer and teach you
four basic exercises that will help
decrease your chance of falling.

Travel Opportunities

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

Granbury

Sept. 20-21

Departure from the Senior
Center, 9 a.m. Sept. 20. Arrival
back at the Senior Center, approxi-
mately 10:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

Cost: \$349 per person for
double occupancy, \$392 for single
occupancy. Lunch and dinner in-

cluded. Deadline for registration is
Aug. 30.

We will leave the Senior Center
by motor coach and travel west to
Granbury with cultural and histori-
cal commentary along the way.

Once in Granbury, we will take
a driving tour of the wonderful
period homes and historic sites of
the rugged ranch country that the
town of Granbury was built on.

We will have a private tour of
the Hood County Courthouse, the
centerpiece of the town. Then you
will have time to explore the area
voted "best town square in Texas."

Dinner and seeing the produc-
tion of "The Promise" will round
out your first day.

Overnight accommodations
will be at the Best Western close
to downtown.

The next day we will learn all
about the workings and history of
windmills at The Windmill Farm.

Lunch will be at the Grady's
Line Camp Steakhouse located
in the scenic countryside west of
Granbury, followed by more shop-
ping and strolling time on the town
square.

We will then attend the com-
edy play "The Man with Pointed
Shoes" at the Granbury Theater
Company.

Dinner will be in Granbury be-
fore we return to Richardson.

Altrusa of Richardson seeks Outstanding Women

Altrusa International, Inc. of
Richardson is accepting nomina-
tions for its 2013 Outstanding
Women of Today...Builders of To-
morrow Awards Luncheon being
held in October. The nomination
deadline is July 31.

Altrusa's Outstanding Women
of Today honors women for their
professional accomplishments. The
categories are: Corporate, Edu-
cation, Government, Non-profit,
Small business, and Outstanding

Women of Tomorrow (under age
35 in any category).

This annual event offers a great
opportunity to recognize the pro-
fessional women who make a posi-
tive impact in the community. The
program benefits the projects and
scholarships of Altrusa Interna-
tional, Inc. of Richardson, Texas
Foundation, a 501(c)3 organiza-
tion.

Nominees must live and/or
work in Dallas or Collin counties.

Nomination forms are available
online at altrusarichardson.com.
Submit completed nominations to
contact@altrusarichardson.com or
mail to:

Altrusa International
of Richardson
c/o Norma Hammerlund
3201 High Plateau Dr.
Garland, TX, 75044

For questions about submitting
a nomination, call Norma Ham-
merlund at 972-495-3859.

Richardson Civic Organizations

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
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 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

k5rwk.org

Dallas Area

Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas

Education and Support Group

214-477-7214

Woman's Center in Richardson

972-238-9516

Seniors' Net

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

Civic Groups

Altrusa International

of Richardson, Inc.

214-476-8248

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

Richardson Kiwanis Club

richardsonkiwanis.com

or steagle@sbcglobal.net

Richardson Masonic Lodge

#1214 A.F.&A.M.

972-235-5667

Richardson Rotary

972-690-0637

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 texasreelers.org

Family Groups

Canyon Creek Moms Club

972-690-7609 or
canyoncreekmomsclub.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—East

momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com

MOMS Club

of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Support Groups

Dallas Amputee Network

972-470-0505

DFW Spondylitis Support Group

degrowkingsley@gmail.com

Better Breathers Club –

American Lung Association

214-916-5120, ext. 5133

or rohi.puri@fundlrc.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 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

Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

Eisemann Center Presents

“Sister” returns to Eisemann Center for world premiere

Eisemann Center Presents the world premiere of *Sister's Summer School Catechism* for 16 performances running July 9-21 at the Eisemann Center.

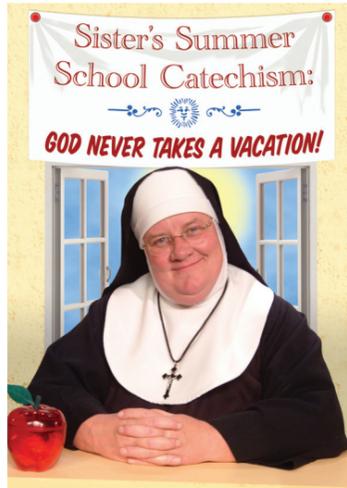
It's summer, and Sister is NOT happy. The diocese has decided to offer a summer school catechism course for students who weren't paying attention all year. Instead of three relaxing weeks, Sister is stuck with her students this summer! And summer is already rough enough for Sister—try wearing 50 pounds of gabardine in 90-degree heat!

Sister will discuss such questions as, “Did Jesus have to go to summer school?” or “What is an appropriate summer vacation for a practicing Catholic?” And she's

sure to talk about the best way to make use of what's left of your summer vacation.

Performances of *Sister's Summer School Catechism* are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays each week of the show. Performances will be in the Eisemann Center's Bank of America Theatre.

Tickets are \$38-\$44 and are available at eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.



The Eisemann Center will present the world premiere of *Sister's Summer School Catechism*.

At the Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Ticket Office
972-744-4650 or eisemanncenter.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS *Sister's Summer School Catechism*

7:30 p.m. July 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
2 p.m. July 11, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21
Bank of America Theatre
Tickets: \$38-\$44
entertainmentevents.com

Kraig Parker's *Symphonic Salute to Elvis*

featuring Bryan English and the DFW Pops Orchestra
8 p.m. July 13
Hill Performance Hall
Tickets: \$25-\$60
thekinglives.com

Repertory Company Theatre presents “Spamalot”

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, the Tony-winning *Monty Python's Spamalot* brings knights in tights to Repertory Company Theatre. Join King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays July 19-28. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for youth ages 14-18.

Call 972-690-5029 or visit rcctheatre.com for tickets. Repertory Company Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd.

RALC hosts tutor training workshop

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center will host free tutor training in August. No teaching experience is required, tutors do not need to speak another language, and there are daytime and evening opportunities available.

Training will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 17 at the Richardson Public Library. Call 972-644-5119 or e-mail director@ralc.org to register.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema plans outdoor movies

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema makes its Metroplex premiere with a Richardson location Friday, Aug. 9. Before then, the Austin icon will present a series of outdoor movies in July.

The gates open at 7 p.m., and screenings will begin at sundown at Heights Shopping Center, 100. S. Central Expressway in Richardson.

The summer lineup of movies voted on by Alamo fans is:

- July 13: “Dazed and Confused”
- July 20: “The Lost Boys”
- July 27: “The Goonies”

For more information on the movies and other pre-opening events, visit the Alamo Facebook page at facebook.com/AlamoDraft-houseDFW.



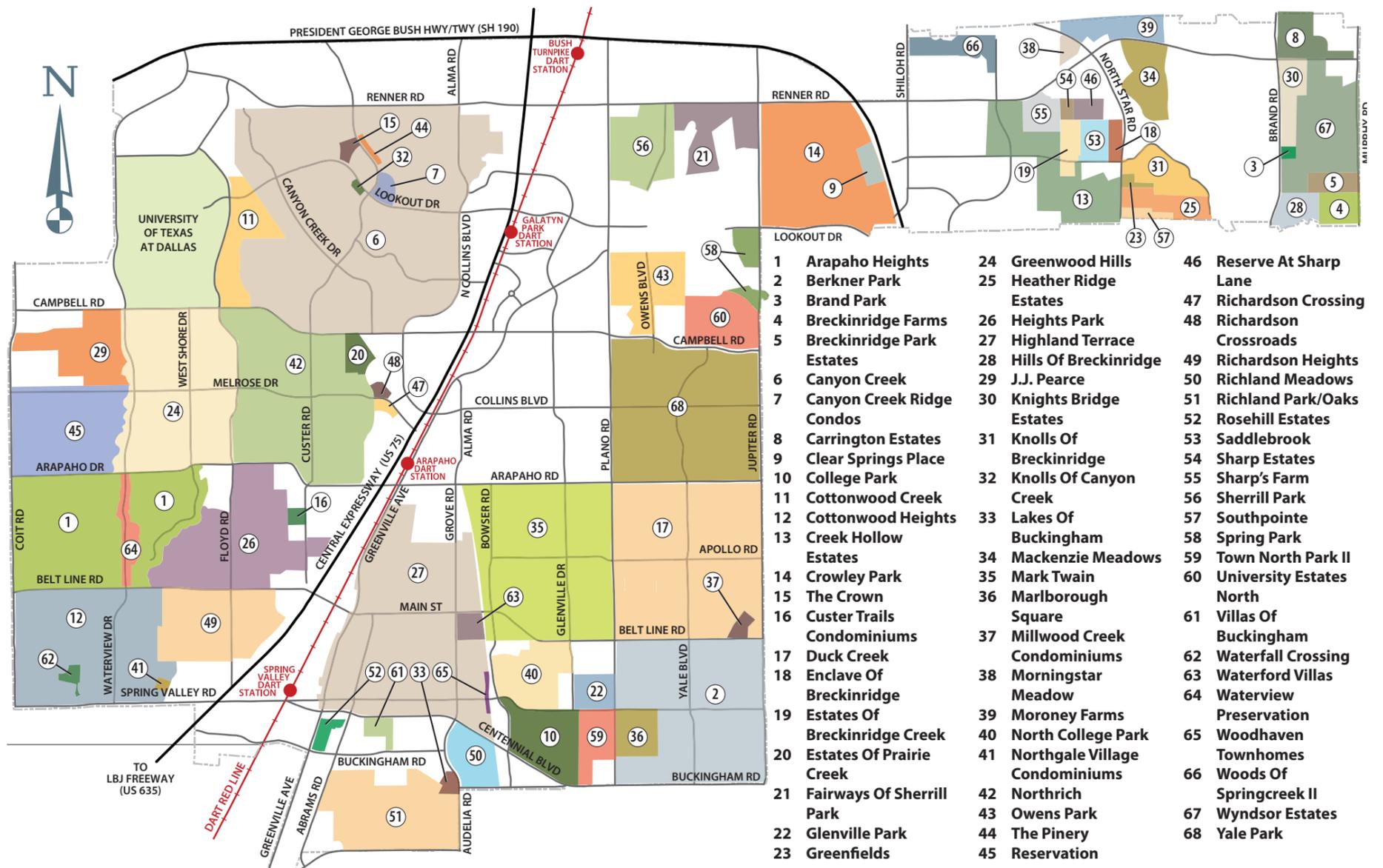
Artist rendering of Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Richardson

Richardson Neighborhood and Homeowner Associations

Neighborhood and homeowner associations fulfill many important roles in the areas they represent, and are a valued resource and asset for the City.

Richardson residents can benefit from membership in a neighborhood or homeowner association in the following ways:

- HOA presidents meet monthly with City Council members and City staff for updates on the latest City news and initiatives and for idea sharing. This news is disseminated to all members of the HOA.
- HOA representatives participate in regularly provided leadership training offered by the City. The information supplied to those in attendance enables HOA leaders to more effectively organize and communicate with their respective organizations.
- HOA membership promotes social opportunities and crime watch activity in neighborhoods. For more information on forming a homeowner/neighborhood association, call 972-744-4180 or visit cor.net/cs.



Ham radio operators hold Field Day

When a natural disaster strikes, normal communication channels are often disrupted, and radio is often the only way to communicate when wire lines, cell phones and other conventional means of communication have failed. Ham radio operators are experienced in improvising antennas and power sources. Annual "Field Days" are held around the world to practice these emergency improvisational skills.

Members of the Richardson Wireless Klub participated in a "Field Day" exercise last month and demonstrated the use of local emergency radio communications at the Pavilion in Cottonwood Park for 24 hours.

The Klub's portable operation was part of a nationwide Field Day event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (arrl.org). The event tested the capabilities of amateur radio operators to provide emergency communications services when electric power and all normal means of communications are down (including cellphone service) due to a natural disaster.

The Richardson Wireless Klub is one of hundreds of special service amateur radio clubs across the United States providing commu-



Members of the Richardson Wireless Klub attempt to reach other ham radio operators during the American Radio Relay League's 2013 Field Day.

nity services. The Klub's volunteers coordinate monthly emergency siren tests with the City of Richardson and members also participate in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

The volunteers also provide communications support for the Richardson Christmas Parade, bike rallies, and other races and

events sponsored by local charitable organizations.

The Wireless Klub has served the Richardson area for more than 50 years. Monthly amateur radio meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd., Richardson. Meetings are open to anyone, of any age, who is interested in learning more about the many facets of amateur radio.

RFD Fire Explorers place at competition

"Fireman" is a common response from young children when asked what they want to be when they grow up. What might not be considered so common is teenagers spending hours of their free time training and practicing to one day become firemen.

The long hours paid off for eight members of the Richardson Fire Department Explorer Post 991 when they finished in third place in the spinal immobilization and the bunker gear relay events last month at the annual Fire Games hosted by the Dallas Fire Department. The games also included competitions in CPR and movement, physical agility, room search and ladder raise.

The Explorer program is open to students age 14 to 20 who are interested in pursuing a career in

Fire and Emergency Services. Participants get a firsthand look at the operations of the fire department while building relationships and

competing in various events. Learn more about the program at cor.net/index.aspx?page=586 or call 972-744-5750.



Richardson Fire Department Explorer Post 991 won honors at the Fire Games, hosted by the Dallas Fire Department.

NNO planning meeting is Aug. 6

The first planning meeting for this year's National Night Out (NNO) event (to be held Oct. 1) will held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the Grand Hall at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captains, Neighborhood Association Safety Facilitators, Crime Watch Patrol Coordinators and persons responsible for planning NNO parties, are invited to attend.



This annual meeting brings Neighborhood Watch Leaders together for fellowship, to exchange ideas and to plan for National Night Out. Also, last year's Neighborhood Award Winners will again be recognized by the Police Department. NNO packets will be available at this meeting and a drawing will be held to assign the NNO 2013 specialty block party visits.

Neighborhood Watch Leaders are encouraged to invite those who may not have an organized Neighborhood Watch on their street to join in the fun and fellowship and to find out the advantage of having a Neighborhood Watch on their own block.

For more information on Richardson's NNO 2013, visit cor.net/pd or contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Vets donate time for low-cost rabies clinic

The City of Richardson Animal Shelter would like to thank the following members of the Richardson Veterinary community for their generous donation of time and services for this year's Rabies Vaccination Clinic. With their help, more than 170 pets were vaccinated.

- Buckingham Plano Rd. Veterinary Clinic
- Dr. Philip Lorenz, DVM

- Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital
- Dr. Erica Erickson, DVM
- Professional Services
- Dr. James Marshall, DVM
- Dr. Ed Hotz, DVM Assistant Fire Chief

City of Richardson The rabies shot provided is the very minimum veterinary care your pet should receive. Any of these veterinarians can easily protect your pet from

deadly viruses such as parvo, distemper and feline leukemia. Routine deworming and flea protection are all part of keeping your pet a healthy and happy member of your family.

Most importantly, don't forget to put that tag on your pet—it's the best insurance to get your pet returned safely

City to host free composting seminar

Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m.-noon

Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

Composting helps save landfill space and provides valuable nutrients for the yard and flowerbeds.



and publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile" about composting.

This free seminar will teach you the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques. It is taught by Mary Tynes, a nationally known expert on backyard composting. She is the site editor of mastercomposter.com

Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

Please contact Ryan Delzell at 972-744-4404 to make reservations, as space is limited.

Input sought on Hazard Mitigation Plan update

Richardson's Office of Emergency Management and the Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are seeking public input on an update to the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Residents may complete a brief online survey at survey-monkey.com/s/NC6G7ZD.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five years. The purpose is to reduce the vulnerability of people and property to the impacts of hazards, and public input is a key component to the planning process.

Visit cor.net/hazard or call the Office of Emergency Management at 972-744-4215 for more information.

Safe room rebate waitlist available

Residents interested in applying for rebates on safe rooms that furnish protection from severe weather may join a wait list being compiled by the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The waitlist was created following the strong interest in the Metro Safe Room Rebate Program, which was closed to applicants just hours after it opened because the number of applicants far exceeded the number of rebates available. Those who have already applied will receive a confirmation notice and do not need to reapply.

The waitlist will be used to assess demand for the program when NCTCOG applies for additional federal funding for rebates.

Register at nctsaferoom.com or call 817-695-9235 and leave a voicemail with your name, phone number and address, including county.

Water Conservation Kits

Help conserve water with the City of Richardson's indoor and outdoor water conservation kits. You can purchase both kits at the Water Customer Service Office, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 101, and at the Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

Outdoor Kit

Beat the heat with the City of Richardson's outdoor water conservation kits. The kit contains a deluxe seven-spray hose nozzle, a rain gauge and a soil moisture meter probe. Cost is \$5 each.



Indoor Kit

This kit contains 2 Earth Massage Showerheads, 2 Faucet Sink Aerators, 1 Toilet Tank Bank, 1 Swivel Kitchen Aerator, 1 Leak Detection Pack and 1 Flow Meter Bag. Cost is \$8 each.



Immunizations available for Richardson, RISD students

School starts Aug. 26, and it's time once again to start thinking about back-to-school shots. Through a grant program, the City of Richardson, in cooperation with the Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson, provides a free immunization clinic open to children living in Richardson or attending Richardson schools.

To be eligible for this clinic, you MUST:

- be a Richardson resident or an RISD student;
- be 18 years old or younger; and

- **NOT have private health insurance that covers immunizations, or NOT be enrolled in CHIP.**

The conditions of the grant program stipulate that the clinic cannot administer vaccines once a child has reached their 19th birthday, regardless if they started a series with this clinic.

The clinic is located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. The hours are:

Tuesdays 4:30-8:30 p.m. **Saturdays** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call **972-744-4076** for a required appointment.

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

**There's still time for fun—
Sign up for Richardson
Summer Camps!**



Camp sessions run weekly through Aug. 9!

For information:
cor.net/CORCamps

Register online:
cor.net/parksonline

**Richardson's
Family 4th of July**

July 4, 6-10:15 p.m., Breckinridge Park

All entertainment takes place on the stage located near Entrance B.

6:15 p.m.: The Chuck Ligon Band
8:45 p.m.: The Richardson Community Band's annual Patriotic Salute Concert! Fireworks begin after the concert. Food concessions will be available.

Breckinridge Park is located just south of the intersection of Renner and Brand roads in northeast Richardson.

On-site parking is very limited. Free round-trip shuttle service is available beginning at 6 p.m. from the Rockwell-Collins International campus at the southeast corner of Renner and Shiloh roads. No pets allowed on the shuttle—only service dogs. The last shuttle will depart from Rockwell-Collins at approximately 9:15 p.m.

If thunderstorms develop prior to the event, the event may be delayed or cancelled. Please call the event hotline at 972-744-4581 for a status report.

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

Private Lessons

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

Tournaments

July 21—3-4 Scramble
Aug. 24-25—
City Championship

To book tee times and tour both courses, visit sherrillparkgolf.com

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



**Community support makes
for successful Wildflower!**

The 2013 *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts and Music Festival attracted more than 77,000 fans for the weekend that included a lineup of rock and roll legends and other performers. Richardson's *Wildflower!* Festival is internationally renowned and its success can be attributed to the corporate sponsors and many volunteers who commit resources, time and energy. The City would like to thank all patrons, sponsors and volunteers who took part in this year's festival and hopes to see everyone again for next year's event.

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- Russo's Coal Fired Italian Kitchen
- Real Maya-Real Mexican Cuisine
- Marcus Café

**Annual Parent-Child golf
tournament winners**

Sherrill Park Golf Course held its annual Parent-Child Tournament on Father's Day. The tournament drew 66 participants, and golfers of all ages had a great day at the golf course.

For information about future tournaments, visit sherrillparkgolf.com.

Gross Division

- 1st Kelly/Jason Henderson, 60
- 2nd Dave/Noah Hasse, 61
- 3rd Tony/Josh Civello, 62
- 4th Charlie/Kolby Kegans, 62

Net Division

- 1st Mark/Ryan Motes, 56
- 2nd Mike/Chris Vadner, 57.6
- 3rd Rick/Jason Thompson, 59.2
- 4th Bobby/Kevin Patton, 60.2



**Kelly and Jason Henderson,
Gross Division winners**



**Mark and Ryan Motes,
Net Division winners**

Ladies Golf League seeks players

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels.

The league plays on Tuesday mornings, March through October. If you would like to enjoy a round of golf and meet a great

group of ladies at the same time, this is the place for you.

For further information, please contact:

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

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

**Group Lessons—
Adults/Juniors**

July 8-26
Aug. 5-23
Meet twice per week for three weeks.

Adult Leagues

July 1-Aug. 16

Call for pricing information.

**Summer Slam
Tennis Camps**

For players ages 5-16 years of all skill levels.

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Monday-Friday

July 8-12 and 22-26
Aug. 5-9 and 19-23

**\$150 for full week
or \$40 daily**

Register online:
cor.net/parksonline

Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

972-744-7800

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (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:

July 11	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
July 18	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:

Aug. 6 & Aug. 8	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:

July 8 & 11	1:15-4:15 p.m.
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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 July 1. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be July 23 and July 30 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, July 1 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, July 1 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

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

All Position Line

Square Dance Lessons
Classes began June 6 and will continue through Dec. 12. Cost: \$85.

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. **Beginner Square Dance Lessons** will start July 30 and continue through Nov. 5.

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

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 July 10.

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

Dr. Margaret Mulvey-Claiborne offers adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Cost is \$65 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for 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 July 25. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

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. Fall birthdays will be celebrated Sept. 30.

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 \$7 per person.

The Vintage Dance Club

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

July 6	Gary Lee
July 13	Doc Gibbs
July 27	Dave Brewer

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.

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 Aug. 5. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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.

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.

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 Dianne Badenhop, who makes these dolls as well as a variety of other crafts.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



"Best for Seniors" brings its unique Memory and Mind training course called RECOLLECTIONS to the Senior Center every Thursday at 11 a.m.

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 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.

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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

The Seniors' Net

The Seniors' Net helps seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Debbie Childre at 972-234-8880. The Seniors' Net "Loaves of Love" program allows seniors residing within the Richardson ISD to shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is now open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Counselors are available the first Friday of every month. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an 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 July 11.

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.

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.

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.

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. She is certified in special population (seniors) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered the first Monday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; first Wednesday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Fee is \$20 or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

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. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Sit and Be Fit

Do you want to gain flexibility and strength, but are unable to participate in an impact exercise class? Join Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage for chair exercises designed just for you. Class are held Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$20 a month.



WaterAerobic Classes Summer WaterAerobic Classes began 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.

NEW!! iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center July 17 at 9 a.m. to provide screening for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

"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.

Senior Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration begins July 1 for Richardson residents only. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who are active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Non-residents may register beginning Sept. 1. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate.

Name: _____
D.O.B.: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Tax ID#: _____
Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____
Any special requests?

Games

Canasta

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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

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
Open Line Dance	3rd Thur.	2-3 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

“One Book” selection inspires Library programs

To mark the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of Richardson Reads One Book and the selection of the World War II modern classic *The Book Thief* as the book of the year for Richardson’s community-wide read, the Richardson Library will offer special programming about World War II. For information about both programs, call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376.

Art Journaling Workshop
Graphic artist Tricia Alexander will lead participants in combining words with art to express thoughts, dreams or daily activities in a visually creative way. The workshop will take place 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. July 20 in the Basement Program Room.



Lunchtime Lectures
Richard Cudlipp, a favorite of Richardson Library patrons, will be returning with a four-part series of Lunchtime Lectures on Winston Churchill. The free lectures will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and no registration is required. You may also bring a brown bag lunch.
July 23: Young Churchill
July 30: World War I and Beyond
Aug. 6: The 1930s and the Road to War
Aug. 13: World War II

At the end of the workshop, participants will have created a personal book to take home. Both central characters in *The Book Thief* find joy through journaling, and their lives are saved in several ways when they create books containing their own stories. All materials will be provided for these free workshops. Adults and older teens (ages 15 and up) are invited to register at 972-744-4350 beginning July 8.

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

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!

2013 Explorers Club
There’s a fun summer in store for you
Presentations **Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.**
Activities
Crafts & Books!
Richardson residents 3rd-5th grades
Registration required!
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 Oliver—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.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Library, funded in part by the City of Richardson Arts Commission.

WORK HARD... PLAY HARD
Electronic & Board Games
Tuesday, July 9
6-8 p.m.
Teens: 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room.
For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.
Games: Mario Kart, Dance Dance Revolution, Wii Sports, Uno, Guitar Hero

“Bird” is the Word!*
Saturday, July 13*
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. OR 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Basement Program Room
*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 13—first come, first served. For more information, call 972-744-4358.
Funding provided by the Friends of the Richardson Library with support from the City of Richardson Arts Commission.
Activities: “BIRD” NESTS, “BIRD” EGGS, “BIRD” FACTS, WOODROW THE LIVE WOODPECKER!

Where in the world is your Library card?
Whether your summer travel plans include a stay at a West Texas ranch, an African safari, or a trip to the hammock in your backyard, we’d like you to share your adventures. We invite our patrons and friends to take a picture of the front of your Library card at your favorite travel site and post it to the Library’s Facebook page this summer. There will be prizes for photos in several categories! Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RichardsonLibrary to see where the cards have gone!

Registration begins for TOEFL class
Throughout July, registration will be open for a preparation class for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Classes will be held 2-5 p.m. on 16 Saturdays from Aug. 3 through Nov. 16.
To register you must:
1. Pass a level 5 English test (by appointment only).
2. Purchase a study guide.
3. Commit to attending all 16 sessions.
Call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368 before July 26 to sign up for this free class!

Summer Storytimes
Storytimes for children in age groups from 6 weeks old through second grade will continue through early August. Storytimes (excluding It’s Elementary! and Family Storytime) are for **Richardson residents only** with a valid Library card. Registration is required. Visit Youth Services or call 972-744-4358.

Civic Art Society donates painting
The Richardson Civic Art Society in June continued its tradition of purchasing the winning artwork from its biggest annual art show and giving it to the City of Richardson in acknowledgement of the City’s support. This year’s winner will be displayed in the Richardson Library, along with winning art from previous years.
The 2012 Best in Show winner was a pastel portrait by Carol Williams Devereaux, a Dallas resident who paints and draws landscapes and portraits. The winning artwork is titled “Expecting” and features a pregnant woman posing in front of a blue background. The painting can be viewed on the second floor of the Library.
The Richardson Civic Art Society is a local group of artists that works to support visual arts in the community. Its 47th Regional Juried Art Exhibition was open to all Texas artists, and works selected by the jurors were recently displayed in the Eisemann Center. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the basement of the Richardson Public Library. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit richardson-arts.org.

Mayor Laura Maczka, City Council members, Library representatives and Richardson Civic Art Society members celebrated the donation of a painting to the Library.

Lights Camera... Camera!
Professional photographer Bruce Moore will teach cool ways to take and edit photos.
Tuesday, July 23
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Teens: 6th-12th grade
Basement Program Room
Bring your own camera and cord.
For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

Gregg THE BALLOON GUY
Enjoy an afternoon of bone-tickling balloon twisting and a hilarious magic show as Gregg the Balloon Guy performs!
Saturday, July 27*
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
OR
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Ages 3-10
Basement Program Room
*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27—first come, first served. For more information, call 972-744-4358.
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Lucas Miller
the Singing Zoologist
Sunday, July 14*
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
OR
3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Join this Parents’ Choice Award-winning talent for the wackiest songs and stories ever about monarch butterfly migration and life cycles—it’s a program that teaches and entertains at the same time!
*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets available in the Youth Services Department beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 14—first come, first served. For more information, call 972-744-4358.
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MOVIE MATINEE and
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID DOG DAYS Rated PG
Thursday, Aug. 1*, 2-3:45 p.m.
*A FREE ticket is required to attend. Limited tickets will be distributed in the Youth Services Department beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1...first come, first-served. All ages.
Basement Program Room.
For more information call 972-744-4358.