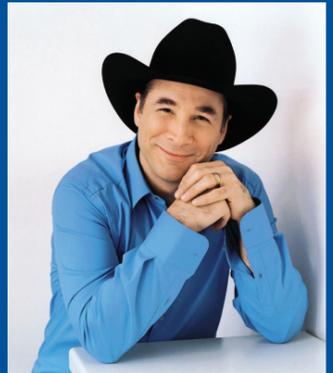


What's Inside



Skinny is losing weight Page 4

A year ago, Skinny was a 41-pound stray cat brought to the Animal Shelter.



Clint Black at the Eisemann Center Page 7

Country music star Clint Black brings his acoustic tour to the Eisemann Center Oct. 12.



MyRichardson App Page 4

Use the MyRichardson app to report ball field lights left on.

2013-2014 Budget "maintains foundation"



With increased investment in infrastructure maintenance planned, the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget is "Maintaining a Solid Foundation" in Richardson—the theme assigned to this year's budget as the City Manager's Office began putting it together earlier this year.

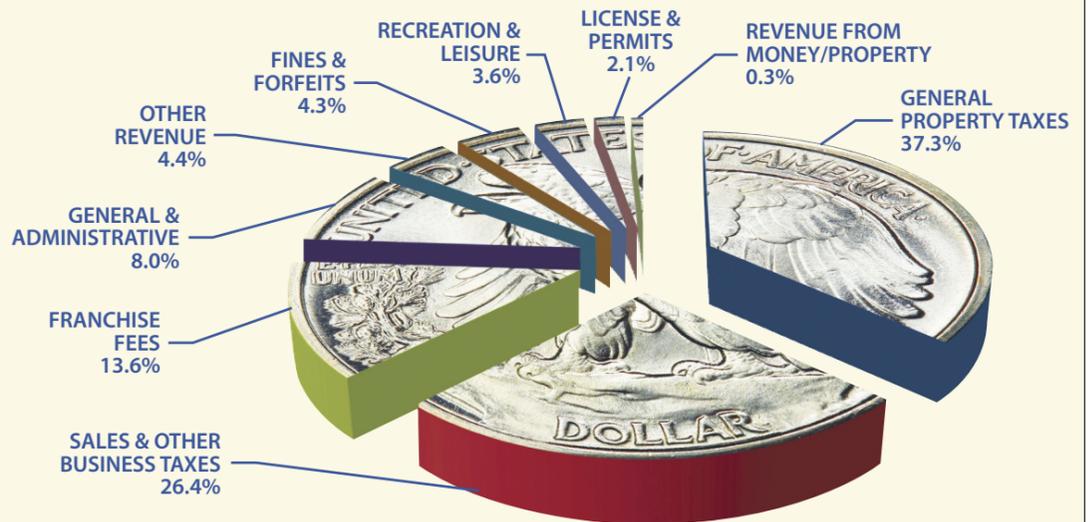
The theme falls in line with direction provided by the City Council, which wanted to have a strong and renewed focus on investing in infrastructure improvements in the community.

The strongest demonstration of that commitment comes from a near doubling of the City's road maintenance budget. Funds dedicated to street maintenance will increase by 83 percent, while an overall increase in key maintenance activities of 76 percent is planned. The ramp-up in funding is the beginning of a multi-year effort to revitalize and strengthen area roads and other facilities.

"It is time to renew our commitment to investing in our infrastructure," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "During the recession we had to do a lot of belt tightening, but the renewed

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General Fund Revenues—\$104,402,757



2013-2014 General Fund Revenues definitions

General Property Taxes: Taxes levied on real and business personal property.

Sales and Other Business Taxes: A \$0.01 per dollar tax collected by retailers on the sale of goods and services within the city, as well as business taxes on mixed beverages and bingo.

Franchise Fees: Charges to utility companies operating within the city limits for use of the City's rights of way.

General and Administrative Transfers: Transfers between several different types of funds in support of the general fund to ensure equity in cost sharing.

Other Revenue: Fees from the cable TV franchise, ambulance service and 9-1-1 service.

Fines and Forfeits: Revenue from a wide variety of fines and forfeits, including citations, overdue library books, misdemeanor violations of state law and other sources.

Recreation and Leisure: Fees collected at rec centers, pools, tennis center, concessions, festivals, etc.

License and Permits: Numerous fees including but not limited to building permits, childcare permits, alarm system permits, animal license and shelter fees, and apartment inspection fees.

Revenue from Money/Property: Revenue from interest earnings on the City's bank and investment accounts.

2010 Bond Program has 87% of projects done or in progress

Richardson voters approved a \$66 million bond program in May 2010, and City staff has worked diligently to follow the City Council's directive for an aggressive completion goal for all the projects included in the four bond propositions. Nearly 87 percent of projects are either complete, under construction or out to bid, and the implementation plan calls for completing almost all of the remaining projects by the end of 2014.

The following is an overview of the status of projects included in the four bond propositions. A detailed listing of the status of each project can be found online at cor.net/2010bond.

Proposition 1 Street Improvements

This proposition includes street and alley repairs; street capacity and intersection projects; traffic control devices; and flood prevention, erosion control, bridges and culverts. More than 27 percent of projects have been completed, including street improvements, three alley phases, a traffic signal rebuild and erosion repair. Almost 46 percent of projects are under construction, 7 percent are in the bidding/preconstruction phase and 20 percent are currently in the design/engineering phase.

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Telecom Corridor® area earns "Area of Innovation" status



The Richardson Economic Development Partnership, a joint effort of the City of Richardson and Richardson Chamber of Commerce, announced recently that Richardson's Telecom Corridor® area has earned the prestigious "Area of Innovation" membership status in the International Association of Science Parks (IASP). The Telecom Corridor® area is only the 8th U.S. area accepted to IASP membership, and is one of the first to earn the "Area of Innovation" designation.

The relevance of science and technology parks as engines for growth and economic development in today's knowledge economy is increasing exponentially. The IASP "Area of Innovation" designation recognizes a newer type of project that shares many features with science and technology parks, but which also enriches the concept by adding new elements and ideas.

"Becoming an official 'Area of Innovation' marks Richardson as an international leader in fostering high-tech opportunity and further burnishes our long-standing global reputation as a hotbed of technological innovation," said Richardson Economic Development Partnership CEO Bill Sproull. "By becoming one of the first U.S. members of the IASP, and one of the few to have earned Area of Innovation status, we expect to create even more worldwide awareness of the rich high-tech ecosystem in Richardson for companies, entrepreneurs, investors and researchers. This designation, and membership in the IASP, will also help connect us in meaningful ways to innovation hubs around the world, facilitating a valuable exchange of ideas and growth opportunities."

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The Floyd Branch drainage improvement project is part of Proposition 1. This project will upgrade the drainage system to accommodate stormwater runoff from the upper reaches of the watershed.

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 (no watering between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Sundays (no watering between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)

Visit cor.net/WaterConservation for more information.

Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade presents "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols" Dec. 7

Registration begins Oct. 14

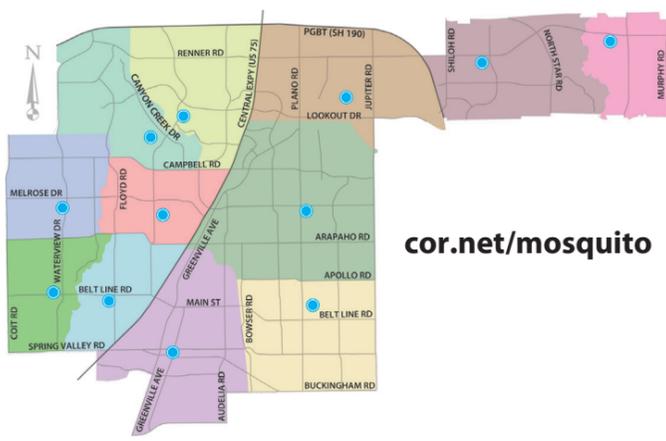
Get in on the spirit of the holiday season by participating in Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade—a tradition that will celebrate its 42nd year! Individuals, groups, clubs, churches, schools and "kids of all ages" are encouraged to join in on this festivity! Last year nearly 2,400 participated in this event, and parade organizers are looking forward to another great year! The theme for this year's parade is "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols."

Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles and floats. Registration may be done online beginning Oct. 14 by going to cor.net/Parks, and clicking on Christmas Parade. The deadline for registration is Nov. 27.

This year the parade will be held on Plano Road. For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson Barbara Cottone at barbara.cottone@cor.gov, or call 972-744-4310.



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 treated 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).

cor.net/mosquito

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, 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 U-Verse, channel 99. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

Aug. 26

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-14: A Request by Michael B. Rice, Rice Independence Group, LLC, Representing A&S Ellington Properties, LLC, to allow a drive-thru restaurant at 1240 W. Campbell Rd. (northwest corner of Campbell Road and Lake Park Way) was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 4017, Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to grant a change in zoning for 8.56 acres on Lot 1, Block B, of the first installment of Technology Park Addition and Cullum Street right of way.

Sept. 9

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-15: A request by Matt Wells, Zoe's Kitchen, representing Star of Texas Real Estate LLC, to amend a Special Permit for a restaurant with drive-thru service at 222 W. Campbell Rd., was approved.

Ordinance No. 4018, adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2013 and ending Sept. 30, 2014, was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Ordinance No. 4023, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to approve a drive-thru restaurant at Lot 3A, Block 2, University World Addition. Approval of First Presbyterian Church of Richardson as a participant in the City of Richardson Community Garden Partnership Program.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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After months of review and deliberation, the City Council in September unanimously approved the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget, which went into effect Oct. 1.

Every budget reflects the priorities created to keep our city the great place it is, and this year's shows our strong commitment to basic infrastructure needs in Richardson. This is just the beginning of a multi-year effort to revitalize and strengthen our investments to improve streets and neighborhood vitality features throughout the community.

For many years, the City Council has committed a full penny of Richardson's tax rate to street improvements. This year, that increases to 1.75 cents, with plans to further increase that investment in future years. Overall, funding for key maintenance activities will increase by 76 percent this year alone.

The greater focus on infrastructure improvements is made possible by the growth in Richardson's tax base, primarily because of higher commercial property values driven by businesses' continued investment and growth in our city.

In addition to the approved budget, we will continue to direct 2010 Bond Program funds toward completion of voter approved projects, many of which are infrastructural in nature. Between these two dedicated efforts, we will make significant progress quickly.

All of what is planned for the next year follows input my fellow City Council members and I have received from the community. We've taken that input and over the summer gave direction to our

city management team to create a budget to meet these needs.

You will soon see the positive impacts on our community as we follow through on the theme of this year's budget, "Maintaining a Solid Foundation." And you will see this commitment continuing in the coming years as we move forward with the city's long-range plans.

If you have additional questions about the budget or any other issue, I invite you to contact me or any other member of the City Council. You can also visit cor.net/budget to view our budget retreat meetings or all documents for this year's plan.

I hope you notice these improvements in your neighborhood soon!

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka

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Budget maintains foundation with focus on infrastructure

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 invigoration we are seeing in our economy is finally giving us the opportunity to restore and strengthen the much-needed investments we need to improve our roads and neighborhood vitality features. Our new budget does exactly that, and residents should quickly notice many improvements in the short and long term."

Maintenance Plan

The infrastructure maintenance plan for the fiscal year, which began Oct. 1 and will end Sept. 30, 2014, includes:

- Asphalt patch replacement in several neighborhoods.
- Redesign and updates to nine bridge rails throughout the city.
- Washing and painting of screening walls and entry signs, which will begin this month.
- Installation of 450 overhead street name signs on all major arterials.
- Replacement of all neighborhood small street name signs that are more than 10 years old, in two of the 12 traffic zones.

Also this fiscal year, the City will continue to implement the 2010 Bond Program, expand on efforts to promote recycling, implement elements of the newly adopted Cultural Arts Master Plan, begin upgrades for Next Gen 911 public safety technology, support municipal facility capital upgrades, and support North Texas Municipal Water District water supply capital initiatives.

Economic Growth

Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson said that Richardson also continues to see encouraging signs for strong economic growth, with the city's certified tax roll increasing 6.2 percent, largely because of strong commercial property values. That's good for homeowners, since it helps to offset their levels of contribution to pay for City services. Sales taxes are also forecast to increase 3.5 percent "base to base" from 2012-2013 collections.

"We continue to see a strengthening economy in our community, and particularly with our commercial properties throughout the city," Johnson said. "We also have some tremendous projects underway that will soon add to our commercial tax base and add to our overall employment."

Johnson is referring to the KDC Development project located just southeast of the intersection of the President George Bush Turnpike and US 75. A 1.5 million square foot Class A corporate campus for State Farm Insurance is currently under construction at the site and will eventually house approximately 7,000 workers. Other projects, including Methodist Richardson Medical Center's new regional hospital at its Bush/Renner campus, will also significantly add to the city's employment base and attract related businesses.

Other Key Highlights

Key highlights of the 2013-2014 Budget include:

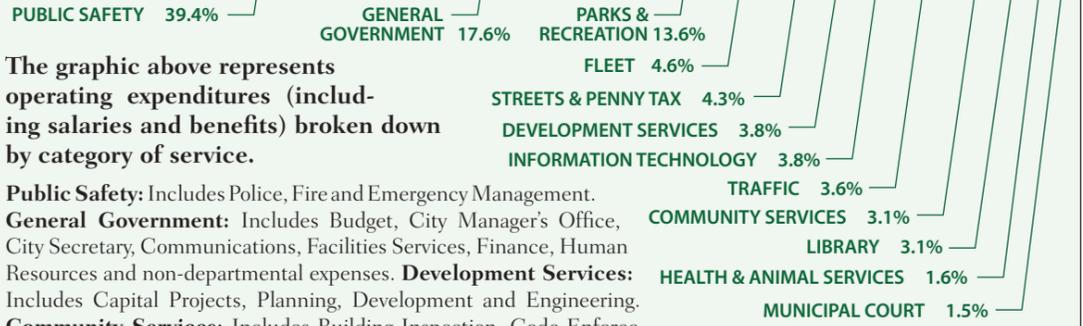
- Certified Tax Roll increase of 6.2 percent—maintain current tax rate of \$0.63516.
- Sustained Senior Exemption of \$55,000.
- 1 percent of Tax Roll equals \$667,000 impact.
- 1 penny equals \$1 million.
- No change in tax rate.
- An increase in the funds dedicated to street maintenance by 83 percent.
- An overall increase in key maintenance activities of 76 percent.
- 10.9 percent rate adjustment in Water and Sewer.
- No rate adjustment in Solid Waste or Golf.
- Sales tax forecast 3.5 percent over estimated "base to base" year-end 2012-2013 collections.
- General Fund expenditures increase 2 percent.
- Funding of \$2.9 million of four-year debt financing for general equipment, vehicles and projects.

The City Council unanimously approved the 2013-2014 Budget at its Sept. 9 meeting. The budget for the fiscal year is \$207,421,545, which represents an increase of \$4,447,781, or 2.2 percent, from the 2012-2013 estimated expenditures of \$202,973,764.

The property tax rate will be maintained at the current level of \$0.63516 per \$100 in valuation. In addition, the senior exemption will be maintained at \$55,000, approximately 30 percent of the average home value for seniors.

For more information about the 2013-2014 Budget, visit cor.net/ Budget.

General Fund Expenditures—\$104,251,506



The graphic above represents operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) broken down by category of service.

Public Safety: Includes Police, Fire and Emergency Management.
General Government: Includes Budget, City Manager's Office, City Secretary, Communications, Facilities Services, Finance, Human Resources and non-departmental expenses. **Development Services:** Includes Capital Projects, Planning, Development and Engineering.
Community Services: Includes Building Inspection, Code Enforcement and Environmental Services.

Property tax bills to be mailed during October

The Dallas County and Collin County tax offices will mail property tax statements to Richardson residents this month based on values set by the county appraisal districts as of Jan. 1, 2013.

The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will receive a statement from the county tax office in which the property is located.

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX

75081, 469-593-0500.

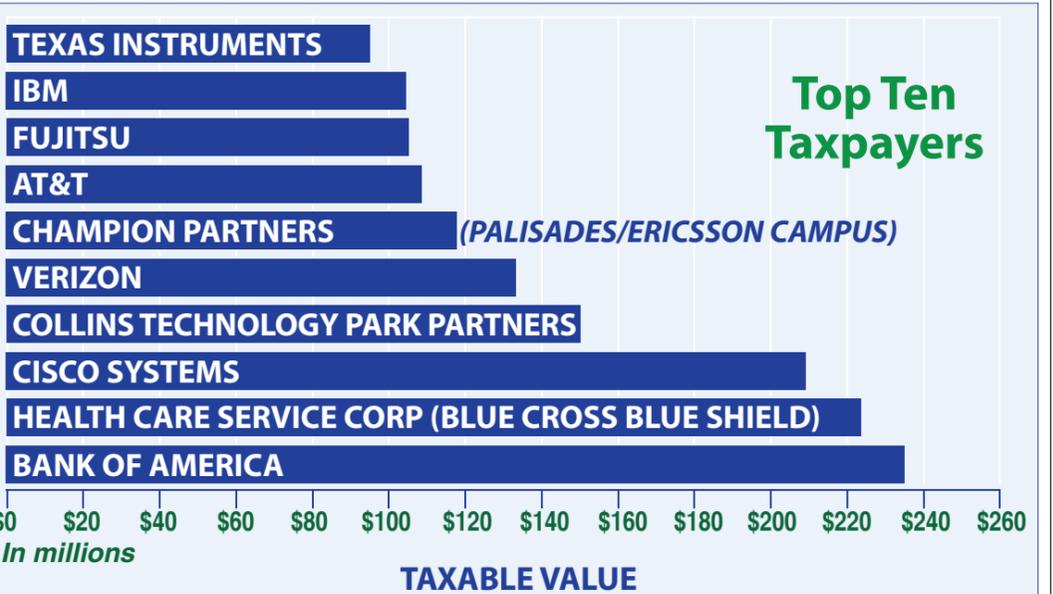
Collin County residents can make City, Collin County and Plano Independent School District tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County

residents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2014.

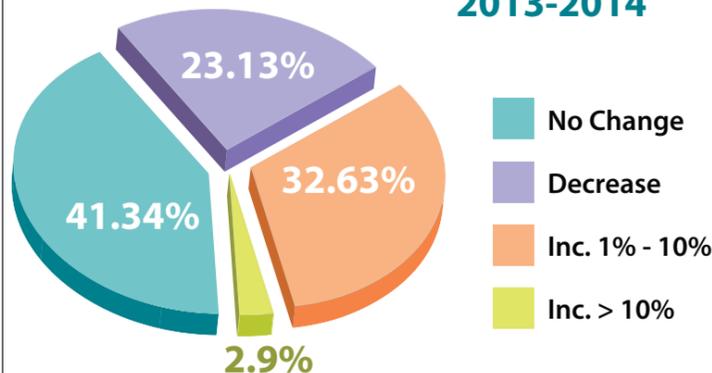
If you live in:			
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Tax	Pay to	Tax	Pay to
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County	Dallas County	County	Collin County
School	RISD	School	Collin County

Top 10 Property Taxpayers in Richardson



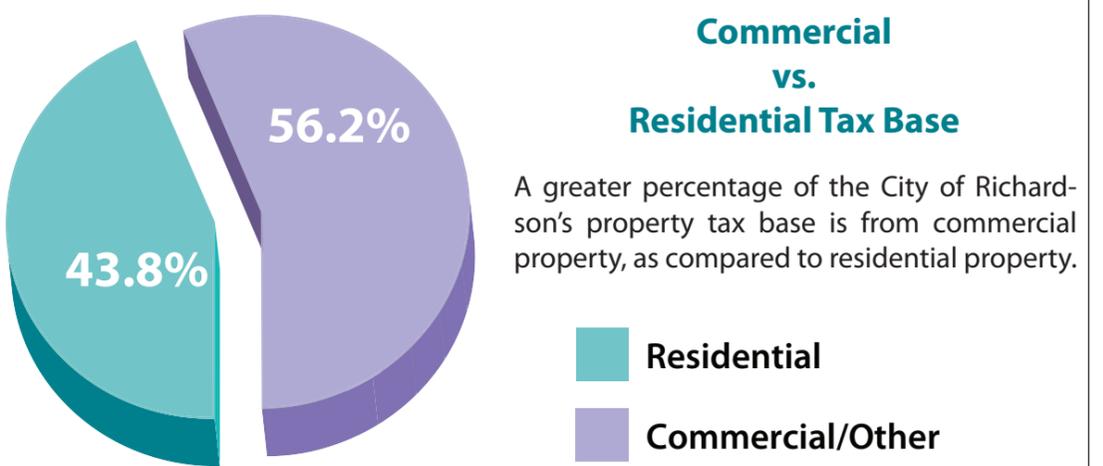
The City of Richardson's 2013-2014 fiscal year certified tax roll saw a 6.2 percent increase in the overall certified tax base. The total assessed valuation in 2013 was \$10.7 billion. The top 10 taxpayers' assessed valuation in 2013 was \$1.48 billion, or 13.82 percent of the total. Property taxes provide 37 percent of the City's entire General Revenue Fund Resources.

Change in Residential Valuations 2013-2014



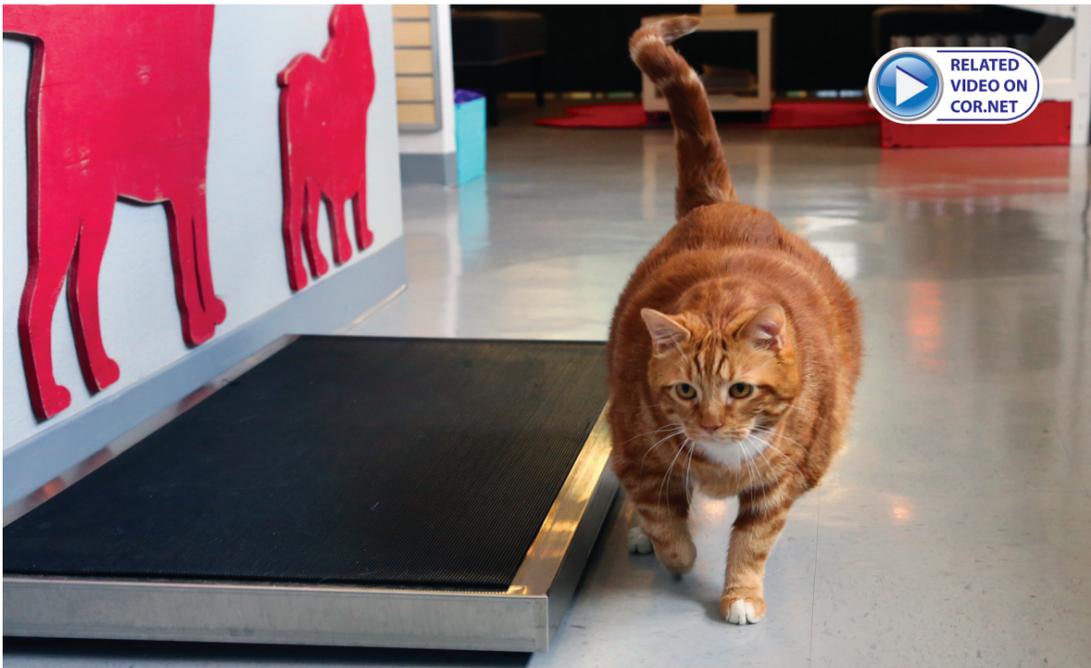
Number of Residential Properties Affected by Valuation	
Impact	Number of Properties
No Change	11,599
Decrease	6,490
Up 1-10 percent	9,154
Up > 10 percent	815
Total Residential Properties	28,058

Commercial vs. Residential Tax Base



A greater percentage of the City of Richardson's property tax base is from commercial property, as compared to residential property.

Skinny working to live up to his name



Skinny takes a stroll past the scale that is used to record his weight loss. According to his veterinarian and owner, Brittney Barton, the scale is one of Skinny's favorite spots to lounge at the clinic.

You won't find the bags of cat food for sale at HEAL Veterinary Hospital anywhere near the bottom shelf. That's because the resident cat, Skinny—who rose to fame a year ago when he was brought to the Richardson Animal Shelter as a 41-pound stray—will still do whatever he can to find a tasty treat.

Skinny has lost 13 pounds in a year thanks to a strict diet, daily walks on an underwater treadmill, acupuncture treatments and other therapies, but a serious "food addiction" will make his weight management a lifelong process said veterinarian Brittney Barton, who adopted Skinny late last year.

"When it's time to eat, he's like a little bowling ball," she said.

That alone is accomplishment. When Barton began working with Skinny at East Lake Pet Orphanage after the Animal Shelter sought help for his care, he could barely walk. Now, Skinny jumps on the

couch to cuddle with clients in the lobby at HEAL, where he stays during the week. On weekends, he goes home with Barton and is a beloved member of the family.

Barton opened HEAL in June because she has a passion for using rehabilitative therapies to work with animals like Skinny. The clinic offers thermotherapy, therapeutic stretching, medical massage and other specialized techniques to treat everything from pain to obesity.

In all of her years working as a vet, however, Barton said she has never seen a cat as big as Skinny, whom she estimates at six years old. Fortunately, he has not developed any other medical problems, such as diabetes, that are often linked with obesity.

"He's probably the healthiest chubby cat I've seen, and he has maintained that," said Barton, adding that she expects Skinny to live

the rest of his years as a normal, fit feline.

Barton never dreamed she'd be the owner of a world-famous cat, but she's used the spotlight to raise awareness about the dangers and treatment of pet obesity. She urges pet owners dealing with the problem to have a veterinarian assess the pet's overall health, make a nutritional plan, promote an active lifestyle and keep track of the progress. She offers more details and tips on her blog, petpause.withdrb.com.

Weight loss is more difficult in cats than dogs, because it must be done slowly to be safe, and it's harder to encourage a cat to exercise. But Skinny's story proves that even the most relaxed cat can claw his way to success.

"He's pretty cool," Barton said. "He's a very, very laid back cat."

Except when he hears the rustle of a food bag.

2010 Bond Program has 87% of projects done or in progress

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Durham Park was included in Proposition 2 and opened in June.

Proposition 2 Park and Recreational Facilities

This proposition includes facilities; neighborhood parks; playground equipment; trails; shade structures and entry signs; and a new pedestrian bridge. Approximately 83 percent of projects have been completed, including Heights Recreation Center, Heights Family Aquatic Center, Richardson Gymnastics Center, shade structures at Huffhines and Breckinridge ball fields, and Durham Park. The Central Trail and neighborhood park trails make up the 9 percent of projects that are currently under construction. There are 5 percent of projects either in the planning/design/engineering phase, and design work for the remaining 3 percent is set to begin this fall.

Proposition 3 Municipal Public Buildings

Completed projects in this proposition include the canine visitation area at the Richardson Animal Shelter, Fire Station No. 4 and the Fire Training Center that officially opened this month. The remaining project is the Richardson Public Library's new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Material Handling System that is planned for installation later this month.

Proposition 4 Neighborhood Vitality Projects

This proposition includes sidewalk repairs, neighborhood bridge aesthetics, entry features and screening wall treatments. Approximately 78 percent of projects are completed, under construction or out to bid, with the remaining projects in the planning/design phase. Eight of the 11 sidewalk replacement areas in the proposition have been completed, as have bridge aesthetics in the Duck Creek, Mark Twain and North College Park neighborhoods. The remaining projects include the last three sidewalk areas, additional neighborhood bridge aesthetics, entry features and screening wall treatments.

If you would like more information about projects included in the 2010 Bond Program, contact the Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280 or visit cor.net/2010Bond.



This bridge aesthetic project in the Mark Twain neighborhood was included in Proposition 4.

Telecom Corridor® area earns "Area of Innovation" status

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Richardson's Telecom Corridor® area brand identity dates back more than 20 years, although the community's heritage of telecommunications innovation traces its roots back even further, to the establishment of Collins Radio and Texas Instruments in the 1950s and the subsequent establishment of The University of Texas at Dallas in the 1960s. Today several well-known technology companies have research and development facilities or their national or regional headquarters in the Telecom Corridor such as AT&T, Cisco, Verizon, MetroPCS, Rockwell Collins, Texas Instruments, VCE, Fujitsu, Samsung, Hitachi and ZTE.

"Richardson's high-tech workforce and legacy of innovation help us stand out to the world," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "We are honored to have been ac-

cepted as an Area of Innovation member of the International Association of Science Parks, and we welcome the challenge of continuing to live up to that reputation through continued focus on high-tech education, entrepreneurship, and support for globally minded businesses throughout our community."

"We are very excited that the Telecom Corridor® area in Richardson, Texas, has joined our association," said IASP Director General Luis Sanz. "We are sure that we can provide a dynamic international platform for all the partners of the Telecom Corridor® to open their horizons and global reach, and we are also convinced that their membership will be a great asset for all the science and technology parks and areas of innovation that make up the IASP global network."



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6. Tap the **Submit** button.

SCAN YOUR PHONE SYSTEM'S QR CODE TO ACCESS THE DOWNLOAD PAGE FOR THE APP





Learn more at cor.net/MyRichardson

Drainage utility protects property, environment

Richardson's drainage utility provides an important service to the community, both protecting property from flooding and protecting the environment from pollution.

Now entering its second full year of implementation, the utility provides funding for capital improvements, as well as for ongoing operations and maintenance of the 300 miles of drainage pipes and more than 44 miles of creeks in the city.

"Even early in implementation, the drainage utility is allowing the City to address quite a few long-term needs, projects that help to protect both people and property from flooding," said Richardson Assistant Director of Engineering Jim Lockart. "The drainage utility system also allows the City to continue to sustain its environmental and regulatory obligations for stormwater management, as is required under the Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System."

Since the drainage utility was created and the monthly fee was implemented, the City has completed debris removal and vegetation management in numerous waterways and has started construction on a new culvert on the Dumont Drive bridge over Hunt Branch. In addition, funding has been provided to enlarge three

culverts on Cottonwood Creek to improve flood protection.

The work plan for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year includes:

- Continued street sweeping and debris removal.
- Needs assessment studies for two watershed sub-basins.
- Creating a pilot program for litter abatement with inlet control measures to protect water quality.
- Additional funding for Cottonwood Creek culverts.

The culverts for Cottonwood Creek and Hunt Branch are being built in conjunction with aesthetic bridge enhancements that are part of neighborhood vitality projects funded by the 2010 Bond Program.



Before and after pictures of the Jay Ell Drive culvert.

Drainage utility fees total \$3.75 per month for residential properties and \$0.105 per 100 square feet of impervious area for commercial property, which is equivalent to the charge for the average residential property. Fees went into effect in February 2012 and are budgeted to provide approximately \$2.7 million in funding in 2013-2014.

Work plans for future years will be reviewed and updated annually but are expected to include continuing drainage system inspection and maintenance, assessing system needs through additional sub-basin studies, enhancing stormwater management practices, and completing pay-as-you-go capital projects.

NTMWD pipeline and capital projects require water and sewer rate increase

Construction of a 46-mile, \$300 million water pipeline from near Lake Texoma to a treatment plant in Wylie, as well as other capital projects to increase capacity and improve water quality, is requiring Richardson to increase water and sewer rates 10.9 percent, beginning Oct. 1 and taking effect in the first billing after Nov. 1.

With the rate increase, the average monthly bill for a typical Richardson household will increase \$6.77.

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is increasing the rate it charges Richard-

son and other member and customer cities by 10.6 percent in the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Despite the increase, rates charged by NTMWD remain among the lowest in the Metroplex.

The new pipeline is in response to the infestation with zebra mussels, which has made approximately 28 percent of NTMWD's water supply unavailable for use. It will bring water directly from Lake Texoma to the water treatment plant to prevent the spread of zebra mussels into other bodies of water.

For more information, call Richardson's Water and Sewer Customer Service at 972-744-4120.

The table below indicates the increases in water rates from the NTMWD to the City of Richardson in dollar amount and percentage for the last seven fiscal years.

Fiscal Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
NTMWD/ 1,000 gal.	\$1.08	\$1.18	\$1.25	\$1.37	1.49	\$1.70	\$1.88
NTMWD % Increase	5.9%	9.3%	5.9%	9.6%	8.7%	14.1%	10.6%
% Increase to residents	15.5%	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.0%	13.0%	10.9%

Floodplain management program targets risk reduction and preparedness

In Texas, floods can occur at any time of year and cause more damage and loss of life than any other natural hazard. To reduce the risk of flooding in Richardson, the City provides services and information to homeowners, businesses and the public as part of the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program.

The program provides information on flood preparedness and prevention, flood safety and flood insurance. Regulation of floodplain development, preservation of open space and storm drain system maintenance are also part of the services provided through the program. More information about the program can be obtained at the Capital Projects page on the City website, cor.net, or by contacting the City of Richardson Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280.

Preparedness, Protection

- Preparation for severe storms and floods should include maintaining a working flashlight and battery powered radio or television to monitor the latest storm information.
- Flood protection may involve improving lot grading, flood proofing buildings or simply keeping streams and drainageways clear of debris, fences and dense vegetation that may obstruct the flow of stormwater. Engineers from the Capital Projects Department can provide site-specific assistance to property owners who request additional information regarding flood prevention measures. Requests for assistance can be made by calling 972-744-4280.
- Dumping of debris or fill in creeks or streams should be reported to the Community

Prior to purchase of or construction on a property near a stream or drainageway, contact the Richardson Capital Projects Department to obtain additional floodplain management information and local regulations. The planned modifications or construction will be reviewed so that flooding problems can be avoided. Call Capital Projects at 972-744-4280.

Services Department at 972-744-4180.

Flood Safety

- City staff can offer safety tips and information that will help protect lives and property in the event of a flood. For example, one of the most important flood safety tips for drivers is "do not drive your car into high water." Many deaths associated with floods occur as a result of vehicles and passengers being washed off roadways. Most vehicles can be easily swept away in just two feet of rushing water.

New ordinance requires permit for waste haulers

The Richardson City Council in September approved an ordinance that requires certain types of solid waste haulers to obtain an annual permit from the City.

Private companies that haul construction and demolition (C&D) debris and commercial or multi-family recycling originating in Richardson will also pay a fee based upon their revenue from Richardson-based customers. Large vehicles that haul these types of loads have a tendency to wear down and damage city streets over time.

"Our ordinance is very much like those in other cities and is really not unique," said Jerry Ortega, Richardson's Director of Public Services. "Its passage brings us in line with our obligations to the North Texas Municipal Water District that require we have a process to track waste from the city. The District's goal is to ensure the waste is sent to a properly permitted landfill or recycling facility and the permitting process allows us to do that."

Permits are free to obtain for waste haulers, but they must agree to take all C&D debris to a North Texas Municipal Water District-designated facility, primarily the 121 Regional Disposal Facility in



Melissa. Recycling haulers must take material originating in Richardson to a facility that operates in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other requirements.

Fees charged under the permit are 5 percent of revenue earned for collecting commercial and demolition debris originating in Richardson. Recycling haulers must pay 3 percent of their revenues for work done in the city.

Haulers can apply for a permit in the Public Services Department and permit paperwork may be downloaded through the City's website at cor.net. Applicants must provide basic information about the business as well as a certificate of insurance and copies of insurance policy endorsements. The renewable permit expires Oct. 1 of each year.

DPS offers Saturday hours for Election ID Certificates

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is offering Saturday hours at nearly 50 driver license offices in order to issue more Election Identification Certificates (EIC).

Saturday hours will provide additional opportunities for voters who don't already have an approved photo ID to get an Election Identification Certificate in time for the Nov. 5 election.

Select DPS offices will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

through Nov. 2. During these hours, only Election Identification Certificates will be available. No driver license transactions or any other transactions will be con-

ducted during these Saturday business hours. EICs are also available during normal operating hours Monday-Friday. There is no fee for an EIC.

Applicants for an EIC will need to present proof of citizenship and identity. More information on acceptable forms of required documents for proof of citizenship and identity is available at www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/eicDocReqmnts.htm.

A complete listing of all Texas DPS locations open on Saturdays for EICs is available at www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/openCityOfcs.pdf.

Flood Insurance and Information

- All properties in Richardson are eligible to obtain flood insurance policies, which cover damages due to flooding. Such damages are not covered by standard homeowner's policies. Flood insurance policies must be purchased 30 days in advance of the effective coverage date. Additional information regarding flooding, flood maps, optional and mandatory flood insurance requirements can be obtained at <http://maps>.

Regulation of Floodplain Development and Other Services

- Construction, re-grading or placing fill near streams or drainageways may require City review and permits. Often, the City of Richardson has information that is used for planning, construction or home improvements that is more detailed or recent than the Federal Emergency Management Agency has published for insurance purposes.

Calendar

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Oct. 10, 5:30-8 p.m. (members' preview), Oct. 11-12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 13, 2-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.

RCAS Meeting and Demonstration

Oct. 15, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Bill Hall, cast cement panel maker.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society

Oct. 17, 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Mixed Media Fall Arts and Crafts Workshop

Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Lunchtime Lectures: "Benjamin Franklin"

Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Presented by Richard Cudlipp. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

First Wednesday Book Club

Oct. 2, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Call 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 9, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 16, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Calling Invisible Women" by Jeanne Ray. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday

BOOKbabble Group

Oct. 22, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "To Dance with the White Dog" by Terry Kay. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Computer Classes

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

Internet 101

Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-noon

Job Searching on the Internet

Oct. 18, 10-11:30 a.m.

Children's Activities

Spook-A-Licious Halloween Happening

Oct. 19, 2:30-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Family Storytime

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

It's Elementary! Storytime

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

Teen Activities

Topsy Turvy

Oct. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. A teen opposite program. Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program. Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.

Writers' Guild of Texas

Oct. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Oct. 16, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Special Events

Oktoberfest

Oct. 6—noon

Cost is \$4. Come celebrate Oktoberfest with us at the Senior Center. You will feast on warm pretzels with homemade mustard, kielbasa and kraut. Your feet will be tapping to the music of "Mike the Accordion Player." It will be an afternoon of food, music and fun. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or call 972 744-7800 to purchase tickets by phone with a charge card.

Out to Lunch Bunch

Oct. 15—Cracker Barrel

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!

Halloween Party

Oct. 31—1-2:30 p.m.

No fee. The Red Hatters invite all to an afternoon of ghoulish fun. Dress up for the costume contest and enjoy treats, fun, games, prizes and maybe a trick or two! Bring a treat.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov. 26—noon-2 p.m.

Cost is \$8.50. Let's share Thanksgiving together! Join us for

a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixins. Dinner will be served at noon at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., in the Grand Hall. Dave Tanner is back and will entertain us with his dinner music and another of his special programs. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or call 972 744-7800 to purchase by phone with a charge card.

Health Connection

Free Glucose Screening

Oct. 17—8:30-10:30 a.m.

Intrepid Health Care will offer free glucose screening. Morning fasting required. Please RSVP at 972-744-7800.

Living Larger

in Small Spaces

Oct. 24—10 a.m.

Caring Transitions will present "Living Larger in Small Spaces." Preparation and reorganization will be the focus, teaching you how to downsize and still surround yourself with items you love, creating a home without the clutter.

Travel Opportunities

Enchanted Christmastime

in Santa Fe

Dec. 4-6

Cost: \$1,400 per person for double occupancy, \$1,525 per

person for single occupancy. \$250 deposit required.

Our December trip will transport you to the Land of Enchantment for a Southwestern Christmas in Santa Fe, N.M. You will enjoy a feast for the body and the soul. The world-acclaimed Inn and Spa at Loretto, a popular hotel on the coveted *Conde Nast Traveler* Gold List, will be your two-night accommodations. Excellent New Mexican cuisine will be enjoyed at the prestigious and well-known restaurants The Shed, Coyote Cafe, and Luminaria Restaurant and Patio. Private gatherings at the homes and galleries of leading artists, visits to several selected art galleries in the company of an art historian with samplings of New Mexico wine, and a docent-led visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum will immerse you into the heart and soul of the Santa Fe artist. A stop in the northern New Mexico village of Chimayo will include visits at the Santuario de Chimayo and learning about the art of weaving from a master weaver. There will also be time for you to soak in the Southwestern Christmas atmosphere and to enjoy the many sights, museums and galleries of your choice.

Altrusa salutes outstanding women

Altrusa International of Richardson is proud to announce Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas as the Presenting Sponsor of the 2013 "Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow" luncheon, to be held at noon Oct. 25 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas, 701 E. Campbell Rd. in Richardson.

Nancy Keene, an expert on business and management trends, will be the event's keynote speaker. She is the founder of The Perfect Fit, a blog and leadership consultancy, as well as a former director of the



top-ranked executive search firm Stanton Chase.

Twenty-four nominees will be individually recognized, and one woman will be selected from each category for top recognition. The categories are Small Business, Education, Non-Profit, Government,

and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow Under 35.

The annual "Outstanding Women of Today" luncheon is Altrusa's main fundraising activity. It benefits the Richardson Altrusa Foundation, which provides college scholarships to high school seniors and grants to organizations such as NETWORK of Community Ministries, Richardson Adult Literacy Center, Richardson Reads One Book and others. Tickets are \$50 and are available online at Altrusa Richardson.com.

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

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

k5rwwk.org

Dallas Area

Parkinsonism Society

972-231-1005

National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas

Education and Support Group

214-477-7214

Woman's Center in Richardson

972-238-9516

Seniors' Net

972-234-8880 ext. 115

or dchildre@thenetwork.org

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

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

972-239-4078, 972-671-8331,

972-239-3977 or 214-226-2887

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

MOMS Club of Richardson—West

momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

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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

At the Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

Tickets: 972-744-4650 or eisemanncenter.com
 Ticket Office hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 and one hour prior to all ticketed performances.



AIM for Seva presents

Prabhavati Dance Drama
 4 p.m. Oct. 5
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$25
sdfglobal.org

Vidya Daanam presents

Swar Sandya
 Vocal Indian Classical
 7 p.m. Oct. 5
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$25
sdfglobal.org

Richardson Symphony Orchestra presents

Opening Night
 8 p.m. Oct. 5
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$10-\$87
richardsonssymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Keyboard Conversations®
Popular Piano Classics
 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$27-\$32
keyboardconversations.com

Rangin Kaman presents

Dariussh
 9 p.m. Oct. 11
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$55-\$100

Avant Chamber Ballet presents

Fall Dance Concert
 8 p.m. Oct. 12
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$20-\$25
avantchamberballet.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Clint Black
2013 Acoustic Tour
 8 p.m. Oct. 12
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$45-\$65
clintblack.com

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Blame it on Valentine, Texas
 starring Jaston Williams
 8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 19
 2 p.m. Oct. 19, 20
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$32-\$42

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

Broadway Songs & Stories
 with Sandi Patty
 8:15 p.m. Oct. 19
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: Call 972-473-7262
planosymphony.org
EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
Angelina Ballerina The Musical
 2:30 p.m. Oct. 20
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$12-\$22

Entertainment Events, Inc. presents

Cuff Me, the unauthorized "Fifty Shades of Grey" musical parody
 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1, 2
 2 p.m. Oct. 26, 27 and Nov. 2, 3
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$45
entertainmentevents.com/shows/cuffme.asp

Tanuke Music presents

Joshua Rogers
 "Unconditional Tour 2013"
 8 p.m. Oct. 25
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$5-\$15

Civic Art Society plans 2013-14 events, shows

Bill Hall will present his unusual art-making process using lightweight cement, oils and pigments at the monthly meeting of the Richardson Civic Art Society on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. Hall has been a cutting-edge artist working in the Dallas area since his first one-man show in 1972. His dynamic non-objective works are a visually exciting cross between painting and sculpture. More information about him and his work is at WilliamHallArt.com.

RCAS meets on third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the



"Hard Knock Life" by Bill Hall

Richardson Public Library. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

HASR Volunteer of the Year Luncheon is Nov. 12

The Helping Agencies Serving Richardson Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will take place Nov. 12 at the Richardson Woman's Club. You may nominate individuals and groups for their service to the community. Contact Jeff Thomas at 972-231-3424 or jthomas@ymcadallas.org.

RCT produces "Clue"

Repertory Company Theatre will present *Clue: The Musical* Oct. 18-27.

Was it Miss Scarlet in the library with the candlestick? Or Col. Mustard in the kitchen with the lead pipe?

Clue: The Musical is a delightful, interactive romp for all ages. The mystery will unfold on stage as the popular board game Clue comes to life. It is sure to entertain with its comic antics and witty lyrics. There are 216 different ways the play could end, depending on what cards the audience chooses, much like the board game.

Shows are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Oct. 18-27. Tickets are \$25 for



Mr. Green, Mrs. White and Professor Plum from the Repertory Company Theatre's *Clue*.

adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for teens.

RCT is located at 650 N. Coit Rd. in Richardson. For tickets, call 972-690-5029. Visit rcttheatre.com for more information.

Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 18-25

For the fifth year, Richardson will have a drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child, which has collected more than 100 million shoeboxes of gifts for children in need since the program began in 1993.

Trinity Bible Church, 400 W. Campbell Rd., will again be the collection point in Richardson. National Collection Week will be Nov. 18-25.

Donors can use an empty shoebox (standard size) or a small plastic container. The box can be wrapped (lid wrapped separately), but wrapping is not required. The donor determines whether their gift will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 years old.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off Hours



Trinity Bible Church
 400 W. Campbell Rd.
 972-234-2390

Nov. 18-23: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
 Nov. 24: 1-5:30 p.m.
 Nov. 25: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Gifts suggestions are: school supplies; small toys such as dolls, balls, a yo-yo, a Slinky, jump ropes; hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth, mild bar soap in a zip-top bag; hard candy, mints or gum placed in a zip-top bag; hair clips; toy jewelry; socks; and T-shirts. These are just some

of the items a generous donor can put in a shoe box and bring to the drop off location. Don't hesitate to include a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family in a separate envelope.

Operation Christmas Child requests a \$7 donation for each shoebox to help cover shipping costs. More information can be found at samaritanspurse.org/t.

Eisemann Center Presents season begins

The 2013-14 season of Eisemann Center Presents begins with the ever-popular Keyboard Conversations® and includes country music legend Clint Black.

Visit eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts. Call Group Sales at 972-744-4657 for information.

Keyboard Conversations®
Popular Piano Classics
 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7
 Tickets: \$27-\$32

The program includes the beloved music of Bach, Rachmaninoff, Liszt, Gershwin and others. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety, and there is a question and answer session following the concert.



Clint Black 2013 Acoustic Tour
 8 p.m. Oct. 12
 Tickets: \$45-\$65

One of country music's brightest stars, Clint Black, will perform an acoustic show at the Eisemann Center. An accomplished singer and guitarist, Black has become one of the most successful artists to date within the industry. Having written and



recorded more than 100 songs in his career, Black's influence within country music and beyond can be heard through many artists today.

Blame it on Valentine, Texas
 starring Jaston Williams
 8 p.m. Oct. 17, 18, 19
 2 p.m. Oct. 19, 20
 Tickets: \$32-\$42

Follow Jaston starting at the age of four as he single-handedly destroys a dance concert in one of the smallest towns in Texas and



became a local star in the process, or laugh at his hysterical efforts to try and convince his 87-year-old mother, who was legally blind, clinically deaf and using a walker, that it might be wise to let someone else do the driving. Then there was the day he was almost eaten by his brother's pig and the night his father suffered a nervous collapse watching the Beatles on television.

Angelina Ballerina The Musical
 2:30 p.m. Oct. 20
 Tickets: \$12-\$22

Angelina Ballerina and her friends are excited about their upcoming performance for a famous visitor to their Camembert Academy. Angelina is hoping for a starring moment to help her reach her big dreams of becoming a prima ballerina in *Angelina Ballerina The Musical*. Story Time is at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at Barnes & Noble, 801 W. 15th St. in Plano.



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 Richardson, Texas 75080
cor.net/civiccenter

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Coming up at the
 Civic Center

NDMOTC Kids'
 Consignment Sale
 Oct. 5
NDMOTC.org/sale

Dallas Bridge Tournament
 Oct. 31-Nov. 3
 d16acbl.org/U176

“File of Life” speaks when you can’t speak for yourself

When Richardson Fire Department paramedics respond to a call and enter the home to find the patient unconscious, precious life-saving minutes can be saved if important medical information is available.

The “File of Life” Program provides citizens with a free life saving program that is a proven means for emergency personnel to quickly access the vital information on members of a household during an emergency. The File of Life Program is designed for seniors and individuals with serious medical conditions to provide medical information to emergency personnel who respond to and treat home emergencies. However, it can be used by anyone. It is great for parents who have children who are often at home alone or with a babysitter or relative. If something medically occurs to the child, the caregiver may not know pertinent facts about the child’s medication, allergies or medical issues. That is when the “File of Life” is designed to speak for you when you are unable to speak for yourself.

Important medical and patient information is placed on an information form. All vital information, medical problems and medica-

tions are listed as well as other pertinent information. Once the information sheet is complete on each member of the family, you then place it in the file where your name is visible. The file is placed on your refrigerator. A registration card is provided with the File of Life kit that can be dropped off at any Richardson Fire Station. This will allow the responding paramedics to know that you have a File of Life.

Paramedics need this important information in order to properly treat the patient. If this information is available immediately upon arrival on the scene, minutes can be saved while treating the patient. Sometimes a patient may be unconscious or unable to talk with the paramed-

ics. The paramedics can look at the information sheet from the File of Life and retrieve the personal data, who to notify in case of emergency, health information, known medication allergies, medications in use, etc.

File of Life kits are FREE and are available at any Richardson Fire Station or the Richardson Senior Citizens Center located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Kits contain:

- One plastic file sleeve, a medical information form, and a registration card.

- One file per family.
- Every family member must complete a separate form.
- NO medication is to be kept in the file.
- KEEP ALL information updated regularly or as changes occur.

If you have any questions contact the Richardson Fire Department at 972-744-5750.

You may also now sign up for the City’s Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) on the same registration form as the File of Life program.



Waterwise landscape class is Oct. 19

Waterwise Landscape Class
Oct. 19—FREE
10 a.m.-noon
Richardson Service Center
1260 Columbia Dr.



This class will teach how to create and install a sustainable landscape or garden. You will learn proper soil preparation, native and adaptive plant selection, and how to design and plan a small or large project.

The class is provided through the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, and there is a maximum registration of 75 students. The class is free but online registration is required at <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses>.

The AgriLife Center serves all of urban Texas, and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in particular. The Center’s research and educational programs are focused on urban needs in managing and conserving urban natural resources. The classes listed are provided to residents to help achieve these goals.

For questions or more information contact Michelle Mann at 972-744-4228.

Recycle electronics and shred documents Oct. 12

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will hold an electronics recycling event and a document shredding event Oct. 12 at the City Hall parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge to drop off items, but donations will be accepted. **See the list of electronics.**

- Cell Phones
- GPS Devices
- Calculators
- MP3 Players
- PDA's
- Portable CD & DVD Players
- Calculators
- Desktop Computers



- Laptop Computers
- Computer Speakers
- Computer Components
- Servers
- Keyboards
- CRT & LCD Monitors
- Mice
- Car Amplifiers
- Car Audio Receivers
- Car Audio Speakers
- Headphones
- Home Amplifiers
- Home Audio Receivers
- Home Audio Speakers
- Cable Boxes
- DVD Players
- DVD Recorders
- DVR Cable Boxes
- Multimedia Projectors
- Satellite TV Boxes
- Televisions
- VCRs
- Cameras
- Camcorders
- Digital Cameras
- Non-Disposable Film Cameras

- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Inkjet Cartridges
- Printers
- Scanners
- Shredders
- Typewriters
- Wired Routers
- Wireless Routers



Shredding Event

The shredding event will take place 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the parking lot at Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. There is no charge to drop off items, but donations toward the CPAAA scholarship fund will be accepted. For more information please contact Bruce Murphy at 214-707-1945 or warriors1959@sbeglobal.net.

The documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely.



Meet Recycling Richie, Richardson’s recycling mascot, at the Oct. 12 event.

Clean out medicine cabinet at Oct. 26 event

The Richardson Police Department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will host a free prescription and over-the-counter drug disposal day Saturday, Oct. 26.

The program is part of a nationwide effort to promote safe disposal of unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals or other medications. The event will take place 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the south parking lot of the City Hall/Civic Center Complex, adjacent to Belle Grove Drive.

This is a collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration and state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation’s medicine cabinets. Since this is a national initiative open to everyone, participation is not limited by geography.

What you need to know about Richardson’s local “Take Back” event:

- The event is “drive thru and drop off” so participants do not have to park and exit their vehicles.
- The event location is on the south side outer parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. (at US 75). The easiest access and exit is from Belle Grove Drive.
- Participation is anonymous, and no identification will be requested. Substances turned in for destruction will not be inventoried or logged. Police will be present for participants’ safety and event security.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the collection process, from home to the point of disposal.
- Participants may dispose of solid dosage medications (pills, capsules, etc.) in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and dumping it into the disposal box.

- All pharmaceutical liquids, such as cough syrup, will be accepted in their original consumer containers, and should be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intravenous solutions or medications and syringes will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in disposal containers. Call the RPD Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 if you have any questions.



Richardson AnimaLuv

CITY WIDE PET DAY

SATURDAY

NOV. 2

10 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$2 admission

Owens Farm in Richardson

Plano Road & East Lookout Drive



- Concessions
- Children’s Activities
- Vintage Cars
- Micro Chipping
- Sharing Earth with Animals

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972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

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.

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

Tournaments

Oct. 6—Two-man event
Nov. 2-3—Richardson Cup Matches



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

Course 2 Specials!

WEEKDAY TWILIGHT FEE	WEEKEND TWILIGHT FEE	SENIOR GREEN FEE
Starts at 11:30 a.m. \$25 w/ cart	Starts at 11:30 a.m. \$27 w/ cart	Mon.-Fri. \$25 w/ cart
WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	
\$29 w/ cart	\$39 w/ cart	

Specials good through Dec. 31, 2013

Golf It Up

Sherrill Park's Golf It Up program provides instruction for new golfers through intermediate players with varying levels of skill.

Golf It Up for the beginning and intermediate player includes eight hours of instruction—seven hours on the driving range, chipping and putting green, and one hour on the golf course with your instructor.

Class dates and times

Saturdays, Oct. 5-26 2-4 p.m. 4 weeks \$140

For questions, call Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416, visit sherrillparkgolf.com or e-mail spgolf@cor.gov.

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

Sept. 30—Oct. 18
Oct. 28—Nov. 15
Nov. 25—Dec. 13

Tournaments

Oct. 19-20
DPTA Champ/
Super Tournament

Private lessons available

Lil' Punks Fall Festival

Thursday, Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-noon

Huffhines Rec Center

Ages 2-6 years

Registration #74777

www.cor.net/parksonline

Cost: \$10 per person

Lil' Punks join in the fun of our Lil' Punks Fall Festival. There will be a petting zoo, games, crafts, activities, refreshments and a bounce house. Come in a costume for a special time. Please pre-register.



City Championship golf winners announced

The 2013 Richardson City Championship took place Aug. 24-25 at Sherrill Park Golf Course. The winners were:

City Champion

Tyler Holmes, who shot a 143 in two rounds (71, 72) and won in a playoff.

First Flight

Matt Braunstein (147: 71, 76)

Second Flight

Evan Bolanz (149: 75, 74)

Third Flight

Rod Wells (164: 86, 89)

Fourth Flight

John Jarchow (Net 133)

The resident champion will have his name inscribed on the Pro Shop trophy and took home a championship plaque.

Upcoming tournaments include the Two-Man Event on Oct. 6, Richardson Cup Matches on Nov. 2-3, and the Year-End Two-Man Stableford on Dec. 1.

For more information about future tournaments at Sherrill Park, visit sherrillparkgolf.com or call the Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416.



SATURDAY, NOV. 23

Galatyn Park Urban Center

- 7 a.m. Packet pickup/registration
- 8:30 a.m. Family Fun Run/Walk begins
- 9 a.m. Gobble Hobble begins
- 10 a.m. Awards
- 10:30 a.m. KidZone closes

GOBBLEHOBBLE.COM
OR 972-744-4858

Cottonwood Art Festival

OCT. 5th - 6th

COTTONWOOD PARK
1301 W Belt Line Rd
Richardson, TX

SATURDAY 10AM - 7PM • SUNDAY 10AM - 6PM
FREE ADMISSION • FREE PARKING

COTTONWOODARTFESTIVAL.COM

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RICHARDSON, TX

10 am - 6 pm

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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:

Oct. 3	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	6-10 p.m.

Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness

Completion of this 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:

Oct. 1 & 3	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:

Oct. 7 & 10	6-9 p.m.
Oct. 12 & 19	1:15-4:15 p.m.
Oct. 21 & 24	6-9 p.m.

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



Fundamentals of Windows

Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. You will 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 Oct. 7. 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 Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Oct. 7 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, Oct. 7 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

iPhone Instruction 101

A beginners' class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn what the buttons and icons can do for you! Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

iPhone Instruction 102

This class will cover storing contacts, taking and sending pictures, adding helpful free programs to your iPhone and more. Bring your iPhone and contacts to class Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

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.

NEW!!

Storytelling Workshop

Author L.E. Taylor will conduct a three-day workshop on the skills of writing and composition to sustain the recall process by stimulating and strengthening the brain through personal recall of personal life experiences. Learn the importance of journal-type writing habits and sharing these stories with others. The workshop will be held Oct. 8, 15, and 22 from 1-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$75.

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 will continue through Dec. 12. Cost: \$85.

Plus Square Dance

Classes will continue through Nov. 5. Cost: \$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 January 2014.

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 Oct. 30.

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.

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 hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. 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 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.

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 Nov. 14. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

Programs

Happy Birthday Party

We now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June. Winter birthdays (Dec., Jan., Feb.) will be celebrated Dec. 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.

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 Thursday 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.

Holiday Bazaar—Nov. 8-9

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. You will find handmade items perfect for someone on your Christmas shopping list. Mark your calendars to stop by.

Richardson Public Library

The Richardson Public Library provides the Richardson Senior Center with books on CD and large-print books.

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 Janet Kalat.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Grenda Walton offers monthly two-class sessions on Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay . She offers a 9 a.m.-noon two-class session and a 6-9 p.m. two-class session.

The Vintage Dance Club

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

Oct. 5	Gary Lee
Oct. 12	Doc Gibbs
Oct. 26	Bill G. Band

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

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.



Book Club

Come join a lively book discussion group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for information.

Reelers Square Dance

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

Sing-A-Long

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

The 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 Nov. 4. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

Chess Club

The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter.

Let's Play "42"

Regular "42" games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. New players welcome.

Yarn Arts

A group of like-minded people meet together to do yarn arts Monday evenings from 6-9 p.m. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

Tatting

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch. We have supplies for you to start and meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

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

NEW!! iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center Oct. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to provide screening for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

NEW!! Hearing Screening

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Blood Pressure Checks

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



The Seniors' Net

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

Benefits Counseling

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

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 Oct. 3.

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.

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.

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 9:30-11 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.

WaterAerobic Classes

Fall sessions are now in progress. Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at JJ Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). Please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

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.

***If you are interested in taking bridge lessons please call 972-744-7800.

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
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

Best-selling author to be keynote speaker at Buns & Roses literacy fundraiser

The Eighth Annual Buns & Roses Romance Tea for Literacy will be held 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel, 900 E. Lookout Dr. in Richardson.

Cathy Maxwell, the *New York Times* best-selling author of "Lyon's Bride" will be the event's keynote speaker. Returning as emcee this year is Candace Havens, celebrity interviewer, author and entertainment critic for the KSCS Dorsey Gang.

In addition to Maxwell, 24 authors from around the country including Lorraine Heath and Sherry Thomas will host tea tables. The books of all hosting authors will

be available for sale and signing. All proceeds from the Tea benefit literacy programs in Richardson offered through the Richardson Adult Literacy Center.

Individual tickets for general seating are \$35. Or you may purchase an entire table for nine guests and the author of your choice for \$360.

Once again, smaller table sales are also available for seven guests and the author of your choice for \$280.

Visit bunsandroses.org for a complete list of participating authors and to purchase tickets.

Call 972-644-5119 for more information.



Cathy Maxwell



It's a Spook-a-licious Halloween Happening!
Saturday, Oct. 19
2:30-4 p.m.

FREE! All ages!
Wear your Halloween costume!
 Basement Program Room

Spook-tacular stories, "boo"-tiful crafts, puppets, and treats for all!

Library cards traveled the world this summer for Facebook photo contest

The Library's Facebook fans took their cards around the world this summer and posted photos in the Library's "Where in the World is Your Library Card?" contest.

Winners received Library tote bags donated by the Friends of the Richardson Library.

"It was amazing to see where our patrons went this summer, and we loved seeing all the vacation spots people took their Library cards," said Librarian Janet Vance, one of the Library's Facebook page managers. "It was a fun contest, and there were some amazing photos!"

Winners were:

Jennifer Steele: Her card went shopping at the Mall of America, earning the **Craziest** vacation spot award.

Carrie Ives: Her card had many summer adventures including a stop at Toledo's Tony Packo's Diner. This spot is an icon from TV's M.A.S.H. earning her card the prize for **Most Unique** vacation spot.

Dave Gibbs: His card enjoyed the view from the humongous porch from the Grand Hotel on Michigan's Mackinac Island, earning RPL's award for **Most Beautiful** vacation spot.

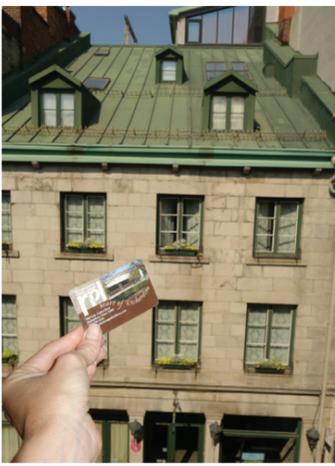


Jim Lewis' photo (above) won the Judges' Choice Award in the Library's "Where in the World is Your Library Card" contest. Below, Elizabeth Simpson (below) won for Coolest vacation spot.

Elizabeth Simpson: Her card also had some great summer adventures, but its stop in Old Town Montreal got the nod for **Coolest** vacation spot.

Jim Lewis: His card stopped in the Netherlands to visit with windmills and won the **Judges' Choice Award** for most beautiful photo (and best windmill).

To see photos from all the winners, visit the Library's Facebook page at facebook.com/RichardsonLibrary.



Benjamin Franklin Luncheon Lectures

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



Tuesdays
 Oct. 29
 Nov. 5
 Nov. 12
 Nov. 19

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Registration not required

you are welcome to bring your lunch
 Basement Program Room. Please contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 or Richard Cudlipp at RCudlipp@sbcglobal.net for more information.

MIXED MEDIA Arts & Crafts WORKSHOP



Saturday, Oct. 26
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Adults and teens ages 15+
 Basement Program Room

Registration for this FREE workshop begins Oct. 8. Please call 972-744-4376 to register, leaving your name and phone number.

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!

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A Teen Opposite Program
Tuesday, Oct. 1
6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Teens 6th-12th grade
 Basement Program Room

Play games backwards!
 Lots of prizes!
 Run obstacle courses backwards!
 Group and individual challenges backwards!
 Join the fun!

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

Fall Book Sale

Thursday, Oct. 10 5:30-8 p.m.*
 Friday, Oct. 11 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 12 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 13 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
 *FOL Members' Preview

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