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## Twice a month watering in effect Nov. 1

### Water District asks for Stage 3 winter restrictions

The City of Richardson has implemented modified Stage 3 winter water restrictions effective Nov. 1. The modification follows guidance from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which is facing critical shortages in its water supply due to below average rainfall, declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs and the ongoing prohibition of pumping water from Lake Texoma due to a zebra mussel infestation.

As part of the Stage 3 winter water restrictions, watering is limited to the first and third Saturday for service addresses ending in

an even number and the first and third Sunday for service addresses ending in an odd number beginning Nov. 1, 2013. Landscape experts point out that lawns become dormant during winter months and require less water. Soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems can continue to be used for foundations, trees and other ornamental landscaping.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier, and will monitor water supplies through the winter to determine the level of needed restrictions to take place after March 31, 2014.

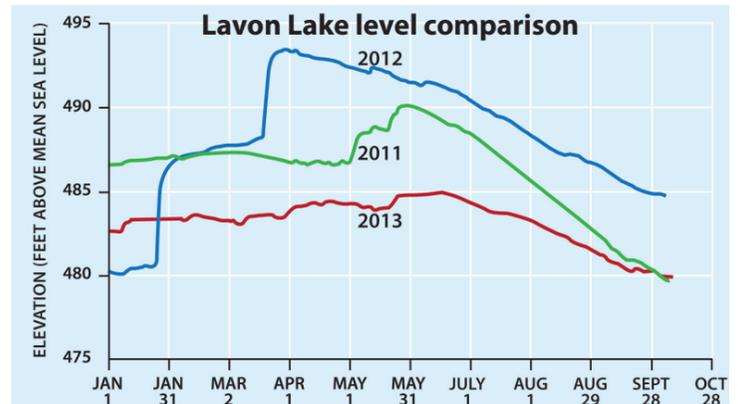
The Richardson Parks and Recreation Department has winterized the majority of its irrigation systems. To meet public health and safety needs and to help maintain overall water pressure in the City's system, some athletic fields and public facilities may be watered outside the publicly mandated

water restriction times. The City will continue to monitor these facilities and maintain watering schedules that will meet or exceed conservation efforts.

For more information, call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220 or visit Richardson's website at cor.net.

The schedule below is based on guidelines approved by the NTMWD:

Stage 3 outdoor irrigation schedule effective Nov. 1 (Twice a month until further notice) May water anytime on allowed watering day.	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	1st and 3rd Saturday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	1st and 3rd Sunday



Lavon Lake is at its full reservoir capacity at 492 feet above mean sea level (a standard measurement used for lake levels). You can see current lake levels at [www.ntmwd.com](http://www.ntmwd.com).

## KDC announces plans for "CityLine" development



CityLine Plaza will be a center of activity in the new CityLine transit-oriented development near the Bush Turnpike light rail station.

Developer KDC in October announced detailed plans to create a transit-oriented development surrounding a public plaza in the first phase of its 186-acre project along Bush Turnpike east of US 75 (Central Expressway). The company has also announced the name of the development: CityLine.

"The name CityLine was a natural choice as the development is on the border of two great cities: Richardson and Plano," said KDC Executive Vice President Walt Mountford. "It's adjacent to DART's existing light rail station and is also surrounded by key highways and two major thoroughfares. CityLine will be an instant city with a true urban environment."

The \$600 million, 2.3 million-square-foot initial phase of CityLine is slated for completion in early 2015. In addition to 1.5 million square feet of office towers leased by State Farm, the project also includes restaurant, retail and entertainment space; a contemporary 150-room select service hotel; 520 urban-style homes; an 18,000

square-foot wellness and fitness facility; a 41,000-square-foot medical office building; and a 3.5-acre park adjacent to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit's Bush Turnpike Station that includes connections to Richardson's regional trail system.

"We knew that when KDC and State Farm came forward with plans for this area that the project was going to be something special for our community," Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka said. "The retail, hotel, public spaces and other amenities planned will create energy and excitement that will make CityLine a destination not just for Richardson, but for our entire region."

The focal point will be CityLine Plaza, a centrally located urban plaza designed by the Office of James Burnett, the landscape architect of Dallas' signature Klyde Warren Park. Framing CityLine Plaza and strategically located at other select, optimal sites will be more than 92,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and entertainment space.

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## City opens new Fire Training/Emergency Operations Center

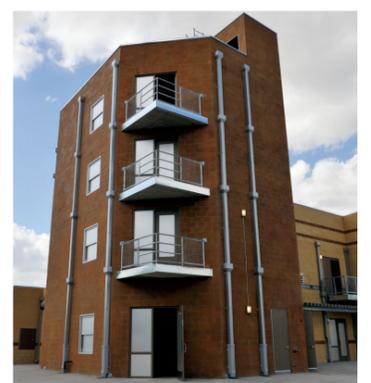
The City of Richardson and the Richardson Fire Department celebrated the opening of the City's new Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center Oct. 3. The new facility, which replaces existing buildings, was partially funded through the 2010 Bond Program.

"This new training center allows for greater ability to respond to emergencies and is a wonderful example of Richardson's commitment to serve the community with the best emergency services available," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "I want to thank our residents for their support in voting to provide quality training, equipment and resources for our firefighters. We are excited to be able to deliver such a wonderful facility for the benefit and safety of our community."

The new 11,500-square-foot emergency training complex, located at 1601 E. Lookout Dr., includes a backup emergency dis-

patch center and an emergency operations center that will improve the City's ability to respond to major incidents.

It also features a communications tower, an equipment storage building, three fire training offices and two emergency management offices. The training facility will be used to instruct new firefighter recruits, and for current firefighters to conduct required training exercises and multi-company drills.



Training Tower



Fire Chief Alan Palomba welcomes visitors to the opening of the Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center.

## State Constitutional Amendment Election is Nov. 5

The State Constitutional Amendment Election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5. A sample ballot and Dallas County voting day polling locations may be found on the Dallas County Elections website at [dallascountyvotes.org](http://dallascountyvotes.org). Collin County polling locations and a sample ballot, which includes the Plano Independent School District Tax Rate Ratification measure, may be found on the Collin County Elections Department

website at [www.co.collin.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/elections). The Nov. 5 election will be the first in Texas to require voters statewide to show a photo ID at the polls. For more information, contact the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-819-6389 or the Collin County Elections Department at 972-424-1460 ext. 1990.

For more information, contact the Richardson City Secretary's

Office at 972-744-4290 or visit [cor.net/Elections](http://cor.net/Elections).



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

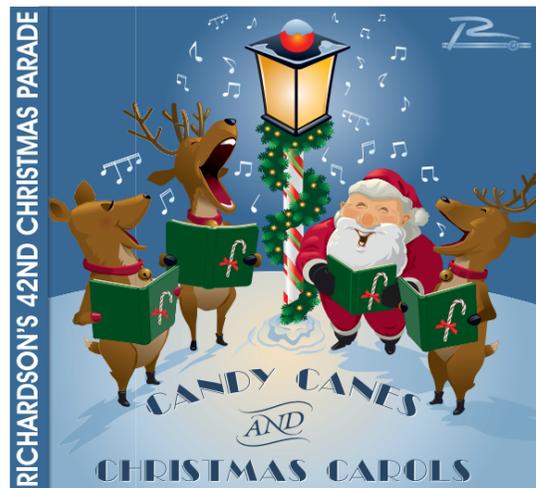
Mark your calendars for Saturday morning, Dec. 7, for the 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade produced by the City of Richardson, benefitting the NETWORK of Community Ministries. The theme for this year's parade is "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols."

Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes and floats. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north from Richardson Square Mall on Plano Road to Apollo Road and will disband at the Huffhines Ball Field parking lot. Groups of all ages and interests are encouraged to participate in this festive tradition! Registration forms may be downloaded online by going to [cor.net/ChristmasParade](http://cor.net/ChristmasParade). Deadline for registration is Nov. 27.

The Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be Congressman Sam Johnson, a decorated war hero and native Texan who in 2013 celebrated the 40th anniversary of his release from a POW camp in Vietnam. During his 29-year career in the U.S. Air Force, Johnson flew combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He endured nearly seven years as a prisoner of war, including 42 months in solitary confinement. Following his distinguished military career, Johnson established a home-building business in North Dallas and served in the Texas State legislature before he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chair Person, Barbara Cottone at [Barbara.cottone@cor.gov](mailto:Barbara.cottone@cor.gov) or call Melanie Sprott at 972-744-4585.

Come on out to the parade whether you're on a float, in a marching group or a spectator—we look forward to seeing you Dec. 7. The Parade's Award Ceremony will be held the same evening at 5 p.m. just prior to the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village.



## Holiday schedule, recycle makeup days

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pick up Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29. The table below shows the **recycle** make-up days.



Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Makeup day
Thursday, Nov. 28	Wednesday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 29	Saturday, Nov. 30

## City facilities close for Thanksgiving

The City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court will close Nov. 28-29 and reopen Monday, Dec. 2, at 8 a.m. The Library and Animal Shelter will close Nov. 28-29 and reopen for regular hours Saturday, Nov. 30. Recreation Centers, the Tennis Center, the Gymnastics Center and Senior Center will close Thursday, Nov. 28, and will be open regular hours Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30.

## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Sept. 23 and Oct. 14 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, [cor.net](http://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](http://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.**

### Sept. 23

The City Council reappointed the following members to the Environmental Advisory Commission for a term ending 9/22/2015: Christine Halicki, Andrew Laska, Charles (Chuck) Riehm, Aaron Santos, and Sam Watkins.

#### Consent Agenda:

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 4025**, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to amend Ordinance No. 3765 by approving Revised Building Elevations for a drive-thru restaurant on a 0.46-Acre tract, located at 222 W. Campbell Rd.

### Oct. 14

A request by Scot Whitwer, representing CB Jeni Homes, for building elevation approval for 13 front-entry town-

homes located on the west side of Alexandra Avenue at Brick Row Drive, was approved.

A request by Allstate Insurance Company for a variance to the City of Richardson Code of Ordinances to allow for a 69 square-foot, multi-tenant pole sign 15 feet from the adjacent property line and 27 feet from the attached building sign in a commercial zoned district on property located at 129 N. Plano Rd., was denied.

#### Consent Agenda:

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 4026**, approving a negotiated resolution between the Atmos Cities steering committee and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division regarding the company's 2013 annual rate review mechanism.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Richardson's newest facility built with funding from the 2010 Bond Program isn't one that most people in our community will ever visit, or will likely see every day. But the Fire Training Center is one that is of tremendous importance to every one of us who calls Richardson home.

If history has taught us anything, it's that all cities need to be well-prepared. We are in tornado alley. Major transportation corridors pass through our community. And there are some events that you simply can't predict. So we must prepare as best as we can, which the new Fire Training Center allows us to do.

The City's new Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center will serve as a place where our firefighters will learn how to respond to emergencies and maintain those vital skills. It will also serve as the nerve center for operations in the event that an incident ever occurs.

This facility will allow our firefighters to conduct required training exercises and multi-company drills, which is vital in ensuring that the Fire Department acts as a cohesive unit when responding to emergencies. Outside agencies will also be able to train together in Richardson, improving interoperability and cooperation in our region.

In addition to 2010 Bond Program funds, several grants were secured to complete the technol-



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ogy and other aspects of the Fire Training Center. This, along with the well-trained firefighters and other City employees who protect our community every day, means that Richardson will be better prepared than ever to respond to whatever public safety challenges we might face.

I cannot thank everybody involved enough for getting this important facility built—including you, our residents, who supported the Fire Training Center as part of the 2010 Bond Program. We will all be safer for it.

Sincerely,

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## Video Crime Watch Program “captures” thieves on camera

**NEIGHBORHOOD VIDEO CRIME WATCH**



Richardson residents are helping police investigate crime, using technology that they have installed to protect their own property.

Under the Police Department's Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program, residents can let police know that they have a home video surveillance system and are registered in a Police Department database. Officers investigating crimes can then quickly access that information and contact participants.

“The program has helped patrol officers and detectives by providing them with another tool to use when they are investigating crimes that occur in residential neighborhoods,” said Richardson Police Officer Mike Wiczorek of the Crime Prevention Unit. “The video footage provides them descriptions of suspects and vehicles and can pinpoint a more accurate time when the offense occurred.”

Since the program launched about a year ago, more than 70 residents have registered.



And already, the Police Department has been able to put the program to use. Officers investigating a residential burglary saw that a nearby resident had a surveillance system registered with the program. After they contacted the participant, he found that his system had captured the suspect at the scene of the crime. The images provided enough information to help locate the suspect and make an arrest and recover the stolen property.

Wiczorek said that more residents are using video home surveillance systems, and the more people who register with the Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program, the more resources there are available for officers to investigate crime. He said other law enforcement agencies have been interested in using the Richardson program as a model to create similar programs in their communities.

To register with the program, visit richardsonpolice.net and navigate to the Crime Prevention page to find “Neighborhood Video Crime Watch” on the menu. If you have questions, you can contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

## Driving simulator offers real-world scenarios

Richardson firefighters are prepared to handle all kinds of emergencies, from burning buildings to heart attacks to multi-vehicle accidents. But sometimes the biggest challenge can be getting to the call for help, as ice, pouring rain or even bad drivers can add obstacles to an already hazardous situation.

That's why the Richardson Fire Department recently purchased an Emergency Driving Simulator. It looks like a trailer on the outside, but the interior is furnished like a fire truck on one end and an ambulance on the other with flat-screen monitors representing the windows. The screens can be programmed with different scenarios—such as snowy weather or drivers running red lights—to allow firefighters to practice driving emergency vehicles in all kinds of dangerous situations.

“The Emergency Driving Simulator helps firefighters learn to react and control the vehicle in scenarios they may face on the way to a real call,” Fire Chief Alan Palomba said. “It safely allows them to face bad weather and other situations that can be difficult to emulate on a practice course.”

The simulator can be programmed to run scenarios for every type of emer-

gency vehicle used by the Fire Department. It is designed to look and feel like the real thing, and the seats even move a bit as the driver navigates turns and other virtual obstacles.

New recruits will train on the simulator before driving the real emergency vehicles, and veterans will refresh their driving skills in the simulator once a year. After they train in the simulator, all firefighters will be required to complete the National Fire Protection Association driving course in real trucks, which had previously been their only way to prepare for emergency driving.

“We've done driver training every year, but we've always gone

straight to the apparatus,” Palomba said. “Now we have a way to simulate adverse conditions and better prepare our firefighters for situations they might face on the roads.”

The \$425,000 simulator, made by Doron Precision Systems Inc., is funded through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Department of Homeland Security and matching funds from the City of Richardson. The grant is part of an important component of the larger, coordinated effort to strengthen the nation's overall level of preparedness and its ability to respond to fire and related hazards.



## National Night Out winners announced, 7,000 pounds of food donated to NETWORK

The City of Richardson held its annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Oct. 1, and 195 registered neighborhood parties participated and helped collect more than 7,000 pounds of food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries food bank.



This was the 24th year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. The event promotes awareness, safety and neighborhood unity and showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement.

The following is a list of the 2013 NNO Neighborhood winners:

### West Side

**Overall Winner**  
Woodcrest 300:  
Bob and Marita Walsh  
**1st Runner Up**  
Fairmeadow 2000: Nathan Hart  
**2nd Runner Up**  
Flat Creek Pl: Courtney Vorel  
**3rd Runner Up**  
Sage Valley 500: Tim Judson

### Honorable Mention

Stardust Ln: Judy Reed

### Honorable Mention

### Multi-Family

Atria Richardson:

Lauren Aldridge

### East Side

### Overall Winner

Wyndor Estates: David Pauletti

### 1st Runner Up

Mackenzie Meadows HOA:

John Cleary

### 2nd Runner Up

Reserve at Sharp Lane:

Kris Voelker

### 3rd Runner Up

Eastpark: Kay Rose George

### Honorable Mention

Richland Park: Bob McClure

### Higher Caliber Award

La Mirada Apts:

Marisela Figueroa

## City's EOC relocates to new Fire Training Center



Fire Training Classroom/EOC Operations Room

As the Richardson's emergency management coordinator, a big part of Mistie Gardner's job is to explore what could happen in a worst-case scenario should a major flood, fire or other disaster strike in the city.

That task just got a little easier with the opening of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), an area within the new Fire Training Center that provides the technology and space needed to coordinate a response to major incidents that affect several City or even regional departments and organizations. Officials can view maps, pictures and other information in real time as they work together to create a plan. The EOC operations room, when not activated, can be used as a classroom for training or testing and utilized as meeting space.

“The key is to make sure our leaders have the most up-to-date information as possible so they can make decisions as if they're at the scene,” Gardner said. “If you don't activate the Emergency Operations Center, they are all formulating their own response and may not know what other departments are doing.”

Most incidents require a response from the Fire, Police, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, but Gardner said representatives from the Finance, Human Resources and

other departments are sometimes needed as well. With so many people involved in the decision-making process, it's important that everyone is on the same page.

Before the EOC opened in October, Gardner would keep maps and other supplies ready to grab and take to whatever place was designated for emergency response planning.

“A lot of times we would still activate a center like the EOC, but it would take three hours or so to set it up with the technology we needed,” Gardner said, adding that the new center is more efficient and helps avoid confusion.

The EOC is part of the Fire Training Center, a 11,500-square-foot emergency training complex on Lookout Drive. The project was partially funded through the 2010 Bond Program and also includes a communications tower, storage, administrative offices and a backup dispatch center.

Gardner said she is thrilled by the capabilities of the new EOC and Fire Training Center, and she expects it to become a model for the region.

“We anticipate having a lot of other jurisdictions come in and use it to train,” she said. “It's pretty exciting. It's become something bigger and better than all of us thought it would be.”

## City moving forward with dog park



Richardson is moving ahead with plans to create a place where Rover can roam freely.

A dog park is proposed for six acres near President George Bush Turnpike west of US 75, on land owned by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The City Council reviewed the proposal in late September and agreed with the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to use the TxDOT site. The project could be put out for bid as early as spring 2014.

“This was something identified as a high priority by Richardson residents in the 2010 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan,” said Parks and Recreation Director Michael Massey. “The question for us has been where to put it.”

The goal, he said, was to find a location that was easily accessible to most Richardson residents but that wouldn't significantly affect those who live nearby. And by using the TxDOT property, Richardson is able to satisfy a community priority without taking away land from other park uses.

“We know from other cities' experience that this will be a popular amenity for our residents—we didn't want to bring any extra traffic into a neighborhood,” Massey said. “Also, a dog park is not included in master plans for any of

our existing parks, so we're happy that we were able to identify this location.”

To prepare for creating a dog park, members of the Park and Recreation Commission visited several Metroplex dog parks over the past three years to create a list of best practices and develop a plan for one in Richardson.

The City will now work with TxDOT to sign a license agreement for the City to use the right of way for a park, and plans for the park will be designed in the coming months. Construction on the \$1.4 million project is expected to begin next year. The dog park is expected to feature several elements, including seating, waste disposal stations, water fountains and security lighting.

## Council amends Rental Registration Ordinance

The Richardson City Council recently approved changes to the Rental Registration Ordinance that require an annual exterior home inspection and eliminate the need for an interior home inspection when a new tenant moves into a unit. Previously, the ordinance required interior and exterior inspections within 30 days of a new tenant moving into a home. Changes to the ordinance go into effect Jan. 1, 2014.

"The enhancements made to the ordinance will improve the consistency of requirements as they relate to the registration and inspection of all types of rental units in Richardson," Assistant City Manager Don Magner said. "Our goal is to make the requirements easier to understand, which will result in easier compliance."

The amended Rental Registration Ordinance requires the owner of a rental property to:

- Register the rental unit within 30 days of the first tenant occupying the dwelling.
- Renew the registration annually and pay a \$75 annual fee (re-

newal notices are sent in January).

- Update the registration form within 30 days of a change in occupancy.

Changes to the ordinance also simplify the inspection process. Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, an exterior inspection of the dwelling will be done annually. Community Services staff will provide written notice to the owner and the tenant of the date and time of the inspection. The exterior inspections allow the City to identify potentially dangerous code violations that are not visible from the public right of way, such as standing water, insect infestations, hazardous chemical storage, obstructed means of egress and ingress, and other violations.

The notice will also offer the tenant the option to have an interior inspection conducted. This interior inspection will check for life safety issues, including smoke detectors, emergency egress requirements, proper installation of appliances, exposed wiring, etc.

An interior inspection may also be requested at any time by the



tenant occupying the unit or by the owner of the property if the unit is vacant.

The City Council approved the Rental Registration Program in 2003 for single-family residential dwellings. The purpose of the program is to protect the vitality and integrity of the city by ensuring its rental housing stock is maintained in a safe and healthy manner and that tenants are provided dwelling units that meet minimum fire, building and health standards.

For more information about the Rental Registration Program, contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or visit [cor.net/CS](http://cor.net/CS).

## Mosquito control is year round

The end of October typically marks the end of the peak mosquito season in North Texas, but it will not mark the end of the Richardson Health Department's efforts to monitor for and protect the public from the West Nile virus.

"As part of our enhanced mosquito management program, we will continue to conduct some surveillance through the winter and into the early spring, before our full program again gets underway as temperatures warm back up in the spring," Health Department Director Bill Alsop said. "We are also continuing our mosquito abatement program, using larvicide and other measures to eliminate possible mosquito breeding areas."

Richardson began its West Nile virus monitoring program in April, which is the earliest it has ever begun testing for signs of the virus. The Richardson City Council approved increased surveillance this year due to the heightened incidence of West Nile virus cases experienced in the Metroplex in 2012.

Throughout the year, Richardson worked in conjunction with other cities and health agencies in the Metroplex to mitigate the spread of West Nile virus.

For more information about the City's mosquito management program and measures residents can take to protect themselves, visit [cor.net/mosquito](http://cor.net/mosquito).



**The City's Health Department staff drained stagnant water this summer to reduce areas where mosquitos could lay eggs.**

### During 2013 the Health Department:

- Set 325 traps.
- Sent 15,134 trapped mosquitoes to labs for testing.
- Was notified of 20 mosquito pools that tested positive for West Nile virus.
- Conducted 24 mosquito spray missions, covering 892 square miles.
- Used 600 pieces of mosquito larvicide.
- Investigated 850 mosquito-related complaints.

## Seniors' Net accepting holiday basket donations

Seniors' Net will provide holiday baskets for its aging clients. Donations of personal care items and food are currently being accepted. Personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, socks, lip balm and cotton swabs are welcome.

Food items such as corn, green beans, mushroom soup, cornbread mix, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, fruit and much more are also appreciated.

If you, your church group, neighborhood association or employer are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause to help bring a smile to Seniors' Net's aging clients during the holiday season, please call Debbie Childre, Director of Seniors' Net, at 972-234-8880 ext. 115.

## Shoe drive to benefit NETWORK

The NETWORK of Community Ministries, in partnership with the City of Richardson, is collecting shoes through most of November in the "Gathering Soles for NETWORK" shoe drive.

The event is being held in conjunction with "Ask Not...the Dallas County Day of Service," which is bringing communities throughout Dallas County together to

honor the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy during the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death.

Richardson community members of the are asked to donate new or gently used shoes to NETWORK Nov. 1-21. Collection points are at City Hall, recreation centers, the Gymnastics Center, the Senior Center, fire stations,

the Police Station, the Library, the Animal Shelter, the Service Center, Sherrill Park Golf Course and the NETWORK office at 741 S. Sherman St., in Richardson.

Other sponsors of the Shoe Drive include: Methodist Richardson Medical Center and Richland College. Each of the partner agencies have also placed bins at their facilities to collect shoes.

"We are proud at the City to partner with the NETWORK of Community Ministries to address a significant need," Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka said. "NETWORK has helped so many people in need in our community, through the food pantry, assistance through Seniors' Net and so many other services. We heard of a need from our friends at NETWORK, and this particular project is a fantastic way for the Richardson community to take part in the larger Dallas County Day of Service."

Shoes that are donated will be distributed to families through the Richardson-North Dallas Family Clothing Center, operated by NETWORK. Through the program, impoverished families are able, at no cost, to select clothing and shoes. A particular need is shoes for children of all ages, from babies through teenagers.

"The Gathering Soles for NETWORK program will do so much to help our organization and all of our clients in the Richardson community," said Chris Barnes, NETWORK board president. "Good shoes allow children to go to school and their parents to go to work. Thank you so much to the City of Richardson and our other sponsors for their support in addressing this great need."

## Parks crew gets early start to build annual village for Santa



**Randall Morris, parks specialist, uses a forklift to place one of the 16 dwellings that make up Santa's Village.**

At a time when most people are thinking about ghosts and goblins, a crew from the City of Richardson's Parks and Recreation Department is preparing for the arrival of Santa Claus and his helpers.

Santa's Village, a miniature holiday town composed of 16 dwellings, begins taking shape next to Richardson City Hall each year during the last week of October. It takes about two weeks to construct all of the buildings and another few weeks to spruce them up and decorate before visitors start arriving in early December.

The dwellings begin their annual journey in Princeton, Texas, where they are constructed and stored. They are loaded in a trailer in pieces so they will fit beneath bridges along the 30-mile route. It takes several trips to bring all of the buildings to Richardson.

"They all get delivered and put on the sidewalk," said Serri Ayers, the City of Richardson's superintendent of community events. "The City has precise measurements for each dwelling to make sure we place it in the exact location."

That is one of the biggest challenges of setting up Santa's Village, said Randall Morris, a City of Richardson parks specialist who has helped put together the attraction since it began in 1989.

"The hardest part is getting the buildings in their proper place to get their ramps to line up," Morris said. "It's a lot of work to set up Santa's Village."

Once a forklift has put the dwellings in place, the parks crew makes minor repairs, such as fixing broken windows or sealing cracks. Major repairs are handled by the company that stores them in Princeton. Most maintenance issues are identified nearly a year in advance as Santa's Village is disassembled and inspected each January.

Santa's Village will open for the season on Dec. 7 and remain open weekends through Dec. 22. For more information, visit [cor.net/parks](http://cor.net/parks).

The Parks crew does not begin the deconstruction process until Jan. 2 to allow families to enjoy walking through the village throughout the holidays.

**COLLECTION DAYS:**  
Nov. 1-21

**Gathering Soles for NETWORK**

**NETWORK of Community Ministries is collecting new and gently used shoes for toddlers through adult sizes to commemorate John F. Kennedy's commitment to service**

**Drop Box Locations**

Heights Rec Center	City Hall	Fire Stations
Huffhines Rec Center	Service Center	Police Station
Gymnastics Center	Animal Shelter	Library
Senior Citizens Center		Sherrill Park

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For more information, call the NETWORK of Community Ministries at 972-234-8880 or visit [cor.net/ShoeDrive](http://cor.net/ShoeDrive)

## Richardson is "Community of the Year"



The City of Richardson has been named by the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) as the 2013 Community of the Year. APA Texas awards this prestigious honor to a town, city or county for providing outstanding contributions to planning. The award also recognizes exceptional work by civic planners, highlights their accomplishments, and affirms the value planners provide throughout Texas.

"This is a great achievement and we are extremely proud to be the 2013 recipient of the Community of the Year award from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "This award is thanks to decades of planning and a commitment to execute on innovative strategies that we have put in place to create positive, sustainable, and aspirational change. Our success is the result of a true collective effort by volunteers and leaders who serve, and who have served, in our community, and we are honored to be awarded this prestigious recognition."

The Community of the Year award was presented last month in Galveston during the APA Texas Chapter annual conference award luncheon.

As part of its nomination submission, City officials demonstrated how Richardson has been at the forefront of planning, development and leadership since the adoption of its first zoning ordinance in the mid-1950s. Today, the City expects more than 20,000 additional residents and 50,000 additional employees by 2035. To meet this demand, the City continues to pursue the following strategies to ensure its sustainability for generations to come.

### Focusing on Reinvestment/Urbanization

Richardson has initiated new strategies to deal with the increases in population and employment, as well as the diminishing availability of vacant land and need for redevelopment by implementing the following:

- Completing studies of four enhancement/redevelopment areas as designated in the City's Comprehensive Plan. These areas of aging development and infrastructure are underutilized due to changes in the development market, demographics, technology and building formats.
- Working to foster urbanization through mixed-use centers at three existing rail stations.
- Planning for future stations along the future Cotton Belt Rail Line with a potential new station at The University of Texas at Dallas and a connection at the existing Bush Turnpike Station.

### Transportation Diversity

Richardson is building a diverse transportation system through the following efforts:

- Providing the most dependable traffic management possible by upgrading traffic signal control systems to take advantage of the latest technologies.
- Expanding bicycle and pedestrian networks through new bicycle lanes and implementation of a long-range trail plan that connects Richardson to the region.
- Capitalizing on Richardson's DART membership with local bus service and connections along the existing Red Line light rail corridor and the future Cotton Belt Rail Line.

- Taking an active role in Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) US 75 study to identify and address mobility needs in the corridor to meet future growth.

### City of Neighborhoods

Richardson's neighborhoods form the backbone of the city. With almost 65 percent of housing built between 1960 and 1980, maintaining the viability of these communities has become a high priority. Initiatives include:

- Using code enforcement and neighborhood partnerships to preserve the value of neighborhoods for the betterment of the community.
- Recognizing residential and non-residential improvements that have a positive impact on the surrounding area and encourage future reinvestment through the Community Revitalization Awards.
- Providing an economic incentive to homeowners who substantially reinvest in their home with the Home Improvement Incentive Program.
- Replacing both aging recreation centers and adding new parks in existing neighborhoods.

### Key Communications

Richardson has worked to improve communications within the community. From an award-winning website and weekly e-mail updates to broadcasting Council and Plan Commission meetings and online document accessibility, Richardson makes a concerted effort to keep residents informed.

Richardson has been recognized multiple times previously by the Texas APA for a variety of planning projects, programs and practices, but this is the first Community of the Year honor awarded to the City.

## Annual Corporate Challenge raises more than \$173,000 for Special Olympics Texas

The 16th annual Richardson Corporate Challenge held its closing ceremony Oct. 18 and a check for \$173,695 was presented to Special Olympics Texas, the competition's beneficiary. Corporate Challenge is a 10-week Olympic-style competition among Richardson-area businesses.

More than 12,000 employees from 54 DFW-area companies took part in this year's competition. The closing ceremonies featured an award given to the winning companies in each division and the check presentation to Special Olympics Texas, which has received more than \$1.3 million

from the Richardson Corporate Challenge since the competition began in 1998.

The Corporate Challenge lasts from August to October and includes contests in 24 events.



## CityLine plans announced

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CityLine's buildings will incorporate a mix of uses, and the master plan focuses on creating a walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment. Restaurant, retail and entertainment spaces are integrated into the base of the office towers, the multi-family residential, and the hotel, allowing CityLine Plaza and nearby streets to be full of activity.

In July, KDC broke ground on the project and announced that State Farm will lease 1.5 million square feet of Class A office space in a 21-story tower, a 15-story tower and a 13-story tower. Each is situated on a five-level parking

structure, along with ground-floor retail space.

At full build-out, the \$1.5 billion CityLine project will contain approximately 6 million square feet of office space, two hotels, 3,200 multi-family residential units, 300,000 square feet of grocery, restaurant, entertainment and retail space, and three parks.

Just south of CityLine, construction is underway by developer Zale Corson on the first phase of an urban-style development with 800 multi-family residential units, retail-ready ground floor space, structured parking, and planned streetscape amenities.

For more information, visit [cor.net/Bush75](http://cor.net/Bush75).

## Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, Chinese students visit Richardson



The Mayor's Office of International Business welcomed a delegation of more than 20 business owners and professionals who are executive MBA students from China and several representatives from the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of Dallas/Fort Worth to Richardson last month. The delegation met with Mayor Laura Maczka at City Hall and watched an economic development video about Richardson.

## Check out the Library's new Materials Management System



The Richardson City Council got a behind the scenes look at the Library's new materials management system last month. The new automated conveyor system uses RFID to quickly sort items as they are returned. Pictured from left: Council Members Kendal Hartley, Scott Dunn, Mark Solomon, Mayor Laura Maczka, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend, Council Members Paul Voelker and Steve Mitchell.

Checkout lines at the Richardson Public Library are about to shrink, even as the number of items checked out continues to increase each year.

In October, the final piece of the Library's new materials management system was installed, with full implementation expected in early November. The system uses radio-frequency identification (RFID) to more efficiently check out items from books to DVDs, and a modern materials handling system to manage items as they're returned.

"We are eliminating the backlog at both checkout and check-in," said Library Director Steve Benson. "This will be a big improvement for us, and we think it will be greatly appreciated by the large portion of the community that uses the Library."

The \$690,000 project is funded by the 2010 Bond Program. The

materials handling system replaces a manual, 40-year-old conveyor system that Benson said was noisy and outdated. The new one is automated and uses RFID to quickly sort items as they're returned, so they can be put back on the shelves more quickly. This will allow employees who had worked to sort books to be used in other ways throughout the Library.

In addition to the sorting machine, the upgrade at the Library includes improved checkout kiosks. There will be two self-checkout stations, and each of the four staffed checkout stations can be used for self-checkout.

"With more stations available and a faster process with the RFID tags, we're going to be cutting wait times significantly," Benson said. "We're excited to roll out this modern system, which will benefit every one of our patrons."

# Calendar

## At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.  
972-744-4350



The Library will be closed Nov. 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

### General Interest

#### Lunchtime Lectures: "Benjamin Franklin"

Nov. 5, 12 and 19, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Presented by Richard Cudlipp. Basement Program Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

#### Motoko Evans Ikebana

Nov. 9, 2-3:15 p.m. Basement Program Room.

#### RCAS Meeting and Demonstration

Nov. 19, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Marilyn Bourbon, Water Media/Gouache.

#### Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society

Nov. 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Once Upon a Town: The Story of North Platte, Nebraska, During World War II," presented by Stacey Davis.

#### Mixed Media Fall Arts and Crafts Workshop

Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Basement Program Room. Register beginning Nov. 5.

#### Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

#### First Wednesday Book Club

Nov. 6, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Flight Behavior" by Barbara Kingsolver. Call 972-744-4376.

#### Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Nov. 13, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Orchardist" by Amanda Coplin. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

#### Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Nov. 20, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Escape From Camp 14" by Blaine Harden. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

#### Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

Nov. 19, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. 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.

#### Job Searching on the Internet

Nov. 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

#### Internet 101

Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-noon

#### Children's Activities

##### Family Storytime

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

##### LEGO "Box of Bricks" Challenge

Nov. 12, 6:30-8 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4358 to register.

##### Tales for Tails—Special Edition

Nov. 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Children's Program Room.

##### "A Friend in Need"

Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 17, 2-5 p.m. Food drive and pet food drive, benefiting the NETWORK of Community Ministries and the Richardson Animal Shelter. First Floor Children's Area.

#### Teen Activities

##### Fun: A Teen Carnival

Nov. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

#### Special Interest

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

##### Writers' Guild of Texas

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

##### Community Writers' Critique Group

Nov. 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.  
972-744-7800

### Special Events 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.



### A Veterans Day Tribute Nov. 11—1-2 p.m.

Join us in honoring all those who fought for our freedom and the way of life we enjoy today. We will host a reception of cake and coffee, music, and a time to visit. In the words of President John F. Kennedy, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

## Operation Christmas Child is Nov. 18-25

Richardson's drop-off location for Operation Christmas Child will again be Trinity Bible Church, 400 W. Campbell Rd.

National Collection Week days and hours are:

- **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.

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

### Out to Lunch Bunch Dec. 17—Chocolate Angel

Cost for the trip is \$0.50, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

### 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 fixings. 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.

### Richardson Community Band Holiday Concert Dec. 4—7:30 p.m.

The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert to start off our holiday season. Do not miss a toe-tapping evening that has been a Senior Center holiday tradition for more than 20 years. Refreshments served after the concert. No fee.

### Cookies and Carols Dec. 13—1 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of a tried and true holiday tradition. You bring a plate of your favorite holiday cookies to share, and we will provide the hot chocolate. The Class Act will be here to entertain

you with a special holiday program. No fee, but please bring holiday cookies to share.

### 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.

Visit 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 Mexican 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 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.

## 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 or [lwvrichardson.org](http://lwvrichardson.org)
- NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273**  
972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922
- Plano/Richardson Coin Club**  
214-287-4817
- Richardson Humane Society**  
972-234-5117
- Richardson Community Band**  
[richardsoncommunityband.org](http://richardsoncommunityband.org)  
or [info@richardsoncommunityband.org](mailto:info@richardsoncommunityband.org)
- Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club**  
972-386-6041
- Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association**  
214-762-2304 or [abwa-richardson.org](http://abwa-richardson.org)
- Richardson Poets' Group**  
214-478-4870  
or [richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com)
- Richardson Red Hat Chapter**  
972-744-7800
- Richardson Retired School Personnel**  
214-890-6989

- Richardson Wireless Klub**  
[k5rwc.org](http://k5rwc.org)
- Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society**  
972-231-1005
- National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group**  
214-477-7214
- Woman's Center in Richardson**  
972-238-9516
- Seniors' Net**  
972-234-8880 ext. 115  
or [dchildre@thenetwork.org](mailto:dchildre@thenetwork.org)

### Civic Groups

- Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.**  
214-476-8248
- Exchange Club of Richardson**  
972-680-8613
- The Junior League of Richardson**  
[jlrtx.com](http://jlrtx.com)
- Richardson Central Kiwanis Club**  
214-739-5610
- Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge**  
972-234-2485
- Richardson Central Rotary**  
972-690-0637
- Richardson East Rotary**  
972-442-5295
- Richardson Host Lions Club**  
972-385-3321  
or [e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost)

- Richardson Kiwanis Club**  
[richardsonkiwanis.com](http://richardsonkiwanis.com)  
or [steagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steagle@sbcglobal.net)
- Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**  
972-235-5667
- Richardson Rotary**  
972-690-0637

### 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](http://texasreelers.org)

### Family Groups

- Canyon Creek Moms Club**  
972-690-7609  
or [canyoncreekmomsclub.com](http://canyoncreekmomsclub.com)
- MOMS Club of Richardson—East**  
[momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com)
- MOMS Club of Richardson—West**  
[momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com)

### Support Groups

- Dallas Amputee Network**  
972-470-0505
- DFW Spondylitis Support Group**  
[degrowkingsley@gmail.com](mailto:degrowkingsley@gmail.com)
- Better Breathers Club – American Lung Association**  
214-916-5120, ext. 5133  
or [rohi.puri@fundlctc.com](mailto:rohi.puri@fundlctc.com)

### Toastmasters Groups

- Hallelujah High Toastmasters**  
[vprr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net](mailto:vprr@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](http://texins.freetoasthost.org)

### Veterans Groups

- Richardson American Legion Post #368**  
972-479-1505
- Richardson VFW Post 8627**  
972-671-8627
- Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627**  
972-231-0495
- Korean War Veterans**  
972-279-7000
- North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530**  
972-231-3269
- WWII Veterans**  
214-361-6294
- Military Officers Women's Club**  
972-644-6871
- Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter**  
972-437-2345



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.

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 [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ).

# Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

## At the Eisemann Center

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



### Entertainment Events, Inc. presents

*Cuff Me*, the unauthorized "Fifty Shades of Grey" musical parody  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 1, 2  
2 p.m. Nov. 2, 3  
Bank of America Theatre  
Tickets: \$45  
[entertainmentevents.com/shows/cuffme.asp](http://entertainmentevents.com/shows/cuffme.asp)

### "THE PRICE IS RIGHT LIVE!"

hosted by Jerry Springer  
8 p.m. Nov. 2  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$29-\$49

### Richardson Community Band presents

*Sousa Grand Finale*  
2 p.m. Nov. 3  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$5-\$7  
[richardsoncommunityband.org](http://richardsoncommunityband.org)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Beyond Glory*  
starring Stephen Lang  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 7  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$32-\$48

### Fellowship Performing Arts presents

C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*  
4 p.m. Nov. 9  
8 p.m. Nov. 9  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$28-\$89  
[screwtapeonstage.com](http://screwtapeonstage.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Diary of a Worm, a Spider and a Fly*  
2:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$12-\$22

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Southern Fried Chicks  
Cage-Free Comedy Tour  
8 p.m. Nov. 14, 15, 16  
2 p.m. Nov. 16, 17  
Bank of America Theatre  
Tickets: \$32-\$42

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Flipside: The Patti Page Story*  
8 p.m. Nov. 23  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$32-\$49  
[flipsidethepattipagestory.blogspot.com/](http://flipsidethepattipagestory.blogspot.com/)

### TI Foundation presents Chamberlain Performing Arts'

*The Nutcracker*  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 29  
2 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$10-\$100  
[chamberlainperformingarts.org](http://chamberlainperformingarts.org)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*The King's Singers Christmas*  
7:30 p.m. Dec. 3  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$38-\$55  
[kingsingers.com](http://kingsingers.com)

### Richardson Symphony Orchestra presents

*Holiday Classics with the Men's Chorus of Hamilton Park Baptist Church*  
8 p.m. Dec. 7  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$10-\$87  
[richardsonssymphony.org](http://richardsonssymphony.org)

## Tuzer Ballet's "The Nutcracker" returns

Tuzer Ballet will present a holiday tradition, its annual production of Peter Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*.

Performances will take place at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Eisemann Center. Tickets are \$15 to \$50.

The popular ballet brings you into the magical world of the Sugar Plum Fairy, mysterious gifts, leaping Cossacks and a legion of mice. Tuzer Ballet's performance is one of the longest-running productions of the *The Nutcracker* in the Metroplex. This year's performance features two guest principal dancers: Rie Ichikawa as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Tuzer Ballet alumnus Zack Grubbs as Cavalier.



Tuzer Ballet's 29th annual production of *The Nutcracker* will take place Dec. 21 and 22 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.

For more information, visit [tuzerballet.com](http://tuzerballet.com). For tickets, call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 or visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com).

Major funding for *The Nutcracker* is provided by the City of Richardson through the City of Richardson Arts Commission and the Renaissance Hotel.

## Artist to present to RCAS

Marilyn Bourbon will present her painting techniques using opaque watercolor and gouache at the Richardson Civic Art Society meeting on Nov. 19.

Her compositions are lively images with lots of movement and layers of brilliant color. See her work at [MarilynSearsBourbon.com](http://MarilynSearsBourbon.com).

RCAS meets on third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson Public Library. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

Visit [richardson-arts.org](http://richardson-arts.org) for more information about RCAS, including a schedule of upcoming shows, exhibitions and workshops.



"On the Town" by Marilyn Bourbon

## HASR to recognize Volunteer of the Year on Nov. 12

The Helping Agencies Serving Richardson Volunteer of the Year Luncheon will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Richardson Woman's Club, 2005 North Cliffe. The featured speaker will be Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka.

To attend, contact Jeff Thomas at 972-231-3424 or [jthomas@ymcadallas.org](mailto:jthomas@ymcadallas.org).



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Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions on the Dining Page at [cor.net/dsdl](http://cor.net/dsdl).

## Eisemann Center Presents includes entertainment for all

The 2013-14 season of Eisemann Center Presents is in full swing this month, with a mix of comedy, music and entertainment for the whole family.

Visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://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.

***Beyond Glory*, starring Stephen Lang**  
7:30 p.m. Nov. 7  
Tickets: \$32-\$48

Stephen Lang portrays a series of eight former servicemen from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam recalling their combat experiences and acts of courage that won each of them the Medal of Honor, the United States military's highest laurel. Based

on the book by Larry Smith, *Beyond Glory* gives firsthand accounts of the hard choices and struggles these veterans endured for our freedom.



***Diary of a Worm, a Spider and a Fly***  
2:30 p.m. Nov. 10  
Tickets: \$12-\$22

The first day of school isn't easy, and if you are a bug it is even harder! Based on the book "Diary of a Worm, a Spider and a Fly," this delightful story tells of three creatures as they weave their way through problems and crawl over milestones. Everyone finds their own talents in a fun and relatable manner that the whole family will enjoy! The show is produced by the Omaha Theater Company.

Story Time is at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at Barnes & Noble, 801 W. 15th St. in Plano.



**Southern Fried Chicks Cage-Free Comedy Tour**  
8 p.m. Nov. 14, 15, 16  
2 p.m. Nov. 16, 17  
Tickets: \$32-\$42

The increasingly popular Southern Fried Chicks, who played to a sold-out run at the Eisemann Center in 2007, have busted out of the hen house for a night on the town with their new Cage-Free Comedy Tour! Join Etta May, Sonya White, Karen Mills and Trish Suhr for five performances of free range comedy with their clean, clever story-

telling that touches every generation. Think Blue Collar Comedy with better hair and bigger attitude!

***Flipside: The Patti Page Story***  
8 p.m. Nov. 23  
Tickets: \$32-\$49

Before she became "The Singing Rage" Miss Patti Page, she was Clara Ann Fowler from Oklahoma. In *Flipside: The Patti Page Story*, we are given access to her memories and events that groomed her from the young lady she was to the unparalleled musical icon that the world remembers and loves. Miss Page's songbook included the beloved "Tennessee Waltz," "Doggie in the Window," "Old Cape Cod" and "Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte."



## Recycle or dispose of cooking oil properly

The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and many of us will celebrate with the preparation of a special meal for family and friends. But when the feast is over and it's time to clean up, cooking oils should be disposed of properly.

Richardson residents are asked not to dump cooking grease or oil down the sink because it can clog sewer pipes. If your sewer line becomes clogged, it can back wastewater into your home. Clogged pipes farther downstream in the sewer system can cause wastewater to overflow into streets and yards or to back up into other homes.

Excessive amounts of grease and oil can also cause problems at the wastewater treatment plant by interfering with processes used to clean wastewater. Oil and grease should never be dumped into a storm drain. Storm water receives no treatment, so oil dumped into storm drains will pollute local streams.

Cooking grease that is at room temperature and solid, such as bacon grease, lard and vegetable shortening, may be placed in the trash. Small quantities of liquid

cooking oil should be placed in a sealed container with an absorbent material such as paper towels, shredded newspaper or rags before it is disposed of in the trash. The absorbent material keeps the oil from leaking out of the garbage truck, which can also cause environmental problems.

landfills. Even when placed in a sealed container, the oil is likely to leak out during handling because of the heavy equipment used by the hauler and the landfill operator.

Restaurants and other food service facilities must pay to have cooking grease picked up for recycling. Richardson residents can help protect the environment by taking unwanted turkey fryer oil to the Dallas Area Home Chemical Collection Center. The Center is located just two miles south of Richardson at 11234 Plano Rd. The phone number is 214-553-1765.

Used cooking oil is not a hazardous chemical, but the Home Chemical Collection Center can make sure that it is handled properly. Cooking oil received by the Center may be blended through an industrial process and reused as fuel.

Residents can be a big help in protecting homes and the environment from problems caused by improper disposal of grease and oil. For more information call the Health Department at 972-744-4080.



Reusing turkey-fryer oil saves money and reduces the amount of waste produced. Consider using peanut oil to fry your turkey because it can be filtered and reused several times before its quality deteriorates. For storage, pour the used oil back into the original container. Large quantities of cooking oil, such as from a turkey fryer, require special handling in disposal. Liquid wastes are generally not accepted by trash haulers or sanitary



## Recycling Roundup

The City of Richardson's Public Services Department invited second grade students from Richardson Heights Elementary School to participate in the seventh Richie's Recycling Roundup, held on City Hall grounds Oct. 11. The students learned what Richardson accepts in its recycling program and why it's important to recycle, all while having fun at the western-themed event. The event concluded with an obstacle course, where the kids were cheered on by their classmates and the City's Recycling Mascot, Richie. The students had a wonderful time and were able to learn about living green in Richardson while having fun.

## Water Conservation Kits Know when to water

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

### Outdoor Kit

The kit contains a soil moisture meter probe that helps you know when to water, a deluxe seven-spray hose nozzle and a rain gauge. Cost is \$5 each.



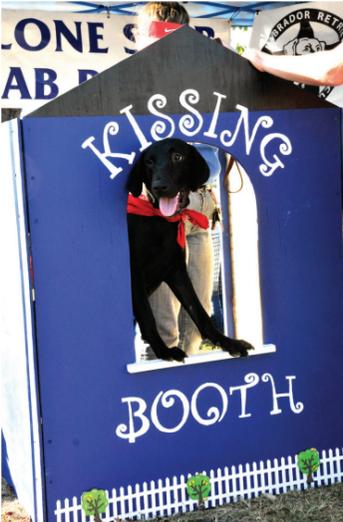
### Indoor Kit

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



# CITY WIDE PET DAY

**SATURDAY  
NOV. 2**  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
\$2 admission



## Owens Farm in Richardson

Plano Road & East Lookout Drive

**BENEFITING THE RICHARDSON ANIMAL SHELTER**

PET PARADE  
FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

\$12 MICROCHIPPING

VINTAGE CARS

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## Free composting seminar is Nov. 16

Saturday, Nov. 16  
10 a.m.-noon

Richardson Service Center  
1260 Columbia Dr.

Backyard composting helps save landfill space by not allowing grass clippings and leaves to enter the solid waste stream. Instead, these materials are transformed from yard waste into valuable nutrients for the yard and flower beds. This seminar is intended for beginner composters, as well as more advanced composters. Participants in this seminar will learn the basics of backyard composting, as well as advanced tips and techniques through a series of slides and instruction presented by Ms. Mary Tynes.

Ms. Tynes, a nationally known expert on backyard composting. She is the site editor of master-composter.com and publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile" about composting.

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

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

### A simple way to process the leaves of Fall

1. If your mower has a bag, mow the leaves into the bag until it is full. If you don't have a bag on your mower you will have to rake.
2. Dump the leaves into a large trash can.
3. Remove the shield from your weed trimmer and place it half-way down into the leaves.
4. Fire up your weed trimmer and move it up and down. The

string acts like a blender and reduces the leaves to about 25 percent of their original volume. Add more leaves.

5. The leaves can then be spread around shrubs or into your compost pile.
6. If you still want to send the leaves to the landfill, just put a bag into the trash can before you add the first batch of leaves.
7. This process takes a little more time to get everything set up, but it is a good lesson to teach your children about recycling our natural resources.



Richardson Woman's Club

## Holiday Bazaar

Bake Shop, Luncheon & Raffle

No Admission Charge

Nov. 8, 9, 10 noon to 5 p.m. Founders Hall Holiday Bazaar Bake Shop & Raffle	Nov. 9, 10 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Club House Luncheon Dessert served until 4 p.m.
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Exclusive Preview Day  
Friday, Nov. 8 • 10% off at select vendors  
Punch and cookies • First selection on baked goods

Lunch \$13 • Dessert \$3

Raffle Necklace  
14 kt pear-shaped amethyst & diamond pendant on 18" yellow gold

Homemade Baked Goods • Gift Ideas • Many Exciting Vendors

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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**

Nov. 2-3—Richardson Cup Matches  
Dec. 1—Year End 2-Man Stableford

To book tee times and tour both courses, visit [sherrillparkgolf.com](http://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 \$29 w/ cart	WEEKEND \$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. For questions, call Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416, visit [sherrill-parkgolf.com](http://sherrill-parkgolf.com) or e-mail [spgolf@cor.gov](mailto:spgolf@cor.gov).

**Huffhines Tennis Center**

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

**Group Lessons—  
Adults/Juniors**

Nov. 25–Dec. 13  
Dec. 2–20  
Jan. 6–24

**Adults Leagues**

Nov. 4–Dec. 20  
Jan. 6–Feb. 21  
Cost: \$30

Private lessons available

**Handmade arts, crafts part of annual Holiday Bazaar at Senior Center**

The Senior Center Holiday Bazaar will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9, at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

The popular Senior Holiday Bazaar features handmade arts and crafts of all varieties, including jewelry, quilts, ceramics, paintings, doll clothes, needle works, and many other craft items created by local seniors ages 55 plus.

The Senior Center concession will be offering hot dogs, chilli, taco salad, and nachos (just to mention a few food items), for all to try. For more information, call 972 744-7800. Admission is free.



The Senior Center's annual holiday bazaar is a popular place to find handmade arts and crafts of all varieties.

*Letter from Santa Request Form*

Send your child a personalized letter from Santa Claus at Santa's Village! For children ages 1 month and older. Each letter is addressed specifically to the individual child and sent from our own Santa's Village, on very special stationery! No registrations taken after Dec. 6 to ensure delivery before Christmas Eve. Letters will start being mailed the last week of November. Please use the form below. Please use a separate request form for each child. Forms may be copied.



Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name child goes by \_\_\_\_\_

Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

One or two items requested for Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

*This form is for a letter from Santa only. The City of Richardson does not provide the items requested.*

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Your address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your telephone numbers:

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration #74200**  
**www.cor.net/parksonline**

Mail request to:  
Letter from Santa  
200 N. Plano Road  
Richardson, TX 75081

\$5 fee per letter by check or Money Order, payable to City of Richardson

MasterCard or Visa card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SANTA'S VILLAGE**

**City Hall Fountain Plaza**  
**Dec. 7-8, 12-15, 19-22**  
**6-9 p.m.**

FREE Admission & FREE Parking. Small fee for concessions.

Bring your camera for a photo opportunity with Santa! For those who forget, we will take a color digital picture for you, which will be available by e-mail from the City of Richardson.

**Gobble Hobble 2013**

**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

Presented By  
BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

**GOBBLEHOBBLE.COM**  
**OR 972-744-4858**

5k & Family Fun Run

**SPiRiT RUN**  
Benefiting the Students, Teachers & EIE Foundation of RISD

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5K ON EARTH

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**11.09.13**  
SATURDAY

**GALATYN PARK**  
RICHARDSON, TEXAS

REGISTRATION FEES  
\$30 Oct 10 - Nov 8  
\$35 Race Day  
\$10 Ages 18 & Under

EVENT SCHEDULE  
7AM - Registration  
8AM - 1 Mile Walk/Fun Run  
8:30AM - 5K  
9:30AM - Awards

**WWW.RISDSPiRITRUN.COM**

**Senior Center** 820 W. Arapaho Rd. 972-744-7800

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

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

**Classes**

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (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 Nov. 4. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

**Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay**

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be Nov. 12 and 19 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, Nov. 4 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, Nov. 4 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! Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Nov. 16 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. Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Nov. 16 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$30 without membership.

**Storytelling Workshop**

Author L.E. Taylor will conduct a two-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 Nov. 12 and 19 from 1-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$29.

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.

**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 piano lessons adults 55 and older 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**

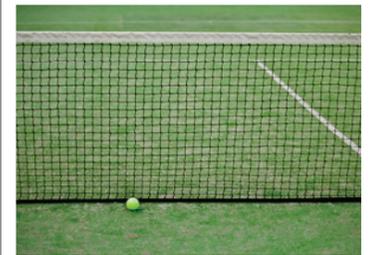
This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt 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. 21. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

**Senior Golf League**

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 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.

**The Vintage Dance Club**

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

Nov. 2	Gary Lee
Nov. 9	No Dance
Nov. 23	Dave Brewer
Nov. 30	Tommy Chandler

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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Naureen Patton.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



The Richardson Senior Center's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Nov. 8-9 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by to find a special handmade gift for those on your Christmas list. The Senior Center is located at 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

**AARP Richardson Chapter**  
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. All are welcome.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Services

**NEW!! iHeart Screening**  
iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center Nov. 20 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Nov. 14.

### 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

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues winter 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.

### Pinocle

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

## Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	3-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
Beg. Line Dance	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$11/Month	Halvorson
Int. Line Dance	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Int./Adv. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

# Library

900 Civic Center Dr.

[richardsonpubliclibrary.com](http://richardsonpubliclibrary.com)

972-744-4350

## Get 1-on-1 help with "Book a Librarian"

Whether you need assistance with a specific research project or simply need a personalized introduction to the Richardson Public Library, you can sign up for one of the Library's newest services, "Book a Librarian."

The service offers a free 30- to 60-minute appointment with a knowledgeable librarian.

Among the help Book a Librarian can assist with are:

- Finding a book to read/reading advice.
- Introduction to Library services.
- Genealogy.
- Richardson history.
- Internet basics and technology help.
- Job searching or applying for a job.

To set up an appointment, call 972-744-4350. Appointments are also available in Spanish, Russian and Polish.

### from books



to facebook!

[FACEBOOK.COM/RICHARDSONLIBRARY](http://FACEBOOK.COM/RICHARDSONLIBRARY)

### 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!**

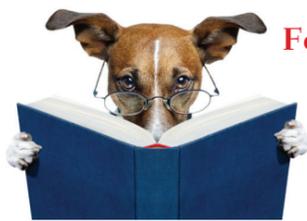
Information: 972-744-4358

## LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGE!

What can you build with a box of LEGOs?  
Join us and let your imagination soar!

**Tuesday, Nov. 12** For ages 6-10 only. Registration required.  
**6:30-8 p.m.** Parents must register their children by phone or in person. LEGOs provided.  
**1st Floor Program Room**  
For more information, please call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

### Tales for Tails



For Readers in Grades K-4

Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!  
**3-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1**  
Children's Program Room

#### Special Event!

**2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16**  
**First Floor Program Room**

- Read to dogs!
- Learn about pet rescue, care and safety.
- Donate pet food to animals waiting for homes.
- Get your questions answered by the City of Richardson Animal Shelter and the Richardson Humane Society.

### Food & Pet Food Drive

**Saturday, Nov. 16**  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
and  
**Sunday, Nov. 17**  
**2-5 p.m.**

Children's Dept., 1st Floor



Richardson Public Library's Teen Advisory Board will be collecting items for donation to the NETWORK of Community Ministries food pantry and the City of Richardson Animal Shelter

*A friend in need is a friend indeed*

Most-needed items: canned meats • soup • rice • beans • macaroni & cheese • canned fruit • canned vegetables • shampoo • detergent • deodorant • soap • diapers • dog & cat food (Purina and Pedigree only) • coats (children's through adults; new or very gently used) • monetary donations • pet store gift cards



Adoptable animals available from the Richardson Animal Shelter will be at the Library Saturday, Nov. 16, 1-4 p.m.

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



### Benjamin Franklin

*Lunchtime Lectures*

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



Tuesdays

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](mailto:RCudlipp@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## MIXED MEDIA

Arts & Crafts WORKSHOP



**Saturday, Nov. 23**

**10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Register beginning Nov. 5

-AND-  
**Saturday, Dec. 14**

**10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Register beginning Nov. 26

**FREE workshops!**  
**Adults and teens ages 15+**  
Basement Program Room  
Please call 972-744-4376 to register, leaving your name and phone number.

## Ikebana Flower Arranging Class

**Saturday, Nov. 9**  
**2-3:15 p.m.**  
**Basement Program Room**

Taught by Japanese culture consultant Motoko Evans

Demonstrations and hands-on participation.  
Seating is limited.  
Call 972-744-4376 beginning Friday, Nov. 1, to reserve a space.



## Tuzer Ballet Company

performs excerpts from

# the nutcracker

**Saturday, Dec. 7**

**4-4:30 p.m.**  
or  
**5-5:30 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

**A FREE TICKET is required to attend ONE of two presentations. Limited tickets will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. First come, first-served.**



For more information, please call 972-744-4358



**GAMES**  
**FACE PAINT**

**PRIZES**  
**TRIVIA CONTEST**

**Tuesday, Nov. 5**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Teens 6th-12th grade  
Basement Program Room

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

