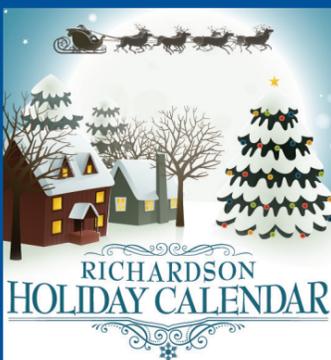


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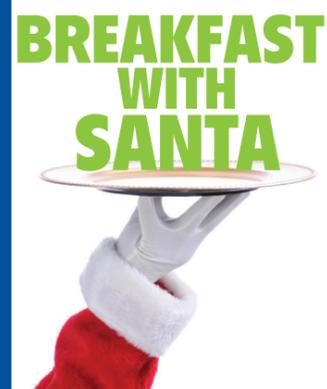


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Boys and girls ages 2-5 can share breakfast with Santa Dec. 19.

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## Volunteers bring Santa's Village to life

With everything from a post office to a health clinic and TV station, it takes a whole town of volunteers to keep Santa's Village up and running each night.

Santa's Village, a tiny town of 16 holiday dwellings on the north side of City Hall, is a holiday tradition for families from Richardson and beyond. Children can find a different activity inside each colorful building, culminating with a visit with Santa Claus himself.

Volunteers arrive at each dwelling before the village opens to begin preparing for visitors. Most of them are affiliated with an organization that sponsors a particular building or activity, but some volunteer through the City of Richardson to fill in where needed. Over the 10-night duration of Santa's Village, the City relies on 45 volunteers a night who contribute a total of 1,855 hours.

"The City of Richardson is extremely grateful for the many volunteers who give their time and energy each night of Santa's Village," said Serri Ayers, Richardson's Superintendent of Community Events. "Their hard work helps children and their families enjoy the holiday season, and we couldn't do this event without them."

The volunteers are most visible when Santa's Village is open, but they begin preparing for the event weeks ahead of time. The City designates a Saturday in November for them to clean out their dwellings and decorate them for the holiday season.

Santa's Village has been a longtime tradition for Kathy Crouch, first as a guest visiting with her husband and young children and now as a volunteer with the National Charity League (NCL). Each year members of NCL, an organization that provides opportunities for mothers and daughters to volunteer together, work



wherever their help is most needed in the tiny town.

"My favorite aspect of volunteering at Santa's Village is watching the children enjoy the holiday events and meeting new people," Crouch said. "Santa's Village is a great place for all families, young and old, to get into the holiday spirit."

In addition to activities in the 16 dwellings, attendees can enjoy live performances and holiday photo ops and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate or a snack.

About 25,000 visitors are expected to tour Santa's Village this year, and each one will benefit from the weeks of planning and hard work put in by the City and its volunteers.

"The City works closely with local organizations and volunteers each year to make Santa's Village a success," Ayers said. "We are looking forward to welcoming families that have made this event an annual tradition as well as new generations of visitors."

For more information on Santa's Village, visit [cor.net/santa](http://cor.net/santa).

### Santa's Village Operating Hours

Dec. 7-8	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 12-15	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 19-22	6-9 p.m.

## Recycle holiday cardboard boxes

The City of Richardson Public Services Department and the Richardson Police Department have teamed up to help fight crime and recycle at the same time. Instead of putting your new computer or flat screen TV box out for pick-up, recycle and prevent crime. Temporary recycle locations will be established by Dec. 23 and removed Jan. 3, 2014. Locations listed below are for flattened cardboard items ONLY:

- Custer Park  
700 W. Renner Rd.  
(near the tennis courts)

- Recycle Center  
102 N. Cottonwood Dr.
- 1500 Apollo Rd.  
(near the Huffhines Tennis Center courts)
- Breckinridge Park  
5200 Park Vista Rd.  
(near the baseball complex)

If you prefer to throw the boxes away, place them inside a black bag so you do not advertise that you have a new computer or TV in your home. For more information about preventing crime or to make your home and neighborhood safer, please contact the Richardson Police Department at 972-744-4955.

## "Tree Cycle" your Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital landfill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to mulch their unflocked Christmas trees.

From Dec. 26 to Jan. 31, 2014, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.
2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the

tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be mulched.

### Tree cycling guidelines

- Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day. (Your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4407 if you are unsure which day is your recycling day.



Representatives from the City of Richardson and NETWORK of Community Ministries joined Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins to celebrate the "Gathering Soles for NETWORK" shoe drive.

## Shoe drive "gathers soles"

More than 1,800 pairs of shoes were collected during the "Gathering Soles for NETWORK" shoe drive held Nov. 1-21 by the NETWORK of Community Ministries, in partnership with the City of Richardson.

Shoes for children of all ages and for adults were collected at dozens of locations throughout the Richardson community.

The shoe drive was held in conjunction with "Ask Not...the Dallas County Day of Service," which brought 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.

Other sponsors included: Methodist Richardson Medical Center; Richland College; Richardson Girl Scout Troops 2120, 2477 and 9409; the University of Texas at Dallas Office of Student Volunteerism; and Texas Instruments. Each of the partner agencies also placed bins at their facilities to collect shoes.

The shoes that were 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.

Currently we are at:

Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4

### Stage 3 winter water restrictions in effect

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

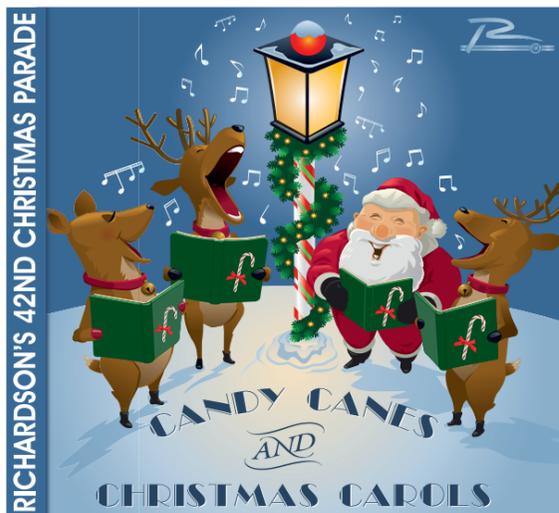
Stage 3 winter irrigation schedule (twice a month until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	1st and 3rd Saturdays (water at any time on designated day)
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	1st and 3rd Sundays (water at any time on designated day)

Visit [cor.net/WaterConservation](http://cor.net/WaterConservation) for more information.

## 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—"Candy Canes and Christmas Carols." The parade, produced by the City of Richardson, will have more than 100 entries including floats, marching units and bands representing civic clubs, schools, churches, homeowner and neighborhood associations, area businesses and 2013 Corporate Challenge teams. It promises to be a great event and a very special way to kick off the holiday season! The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and will travel north on Plano Road from Sears to Apollo Road, turning right on Apollo and disbanding at the Huffhines Park ballfield parking lot.

Richardson residents will be able to view the parade on Richardson's Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and ATT U-Verse Channel 99 throughout the holiday season. The program will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. The first showing will be Dec. 14 and the last one will be Jan. 4, 2014. The program can also be seen on demand at [cor.net/city](http://cor.net/city). The parade video will be posted under the "CITY Speciality" tab.

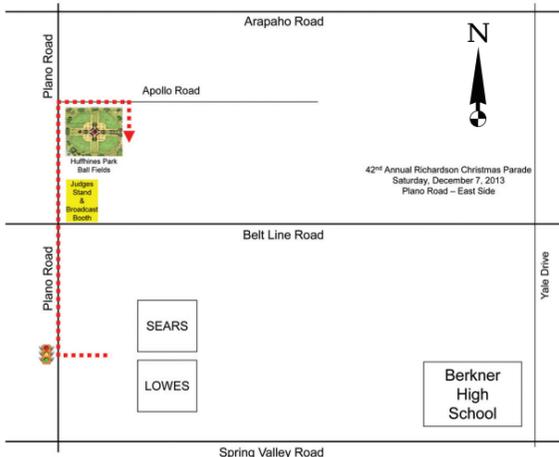


Parade air time	Dec. 14 -Jan. 4, 2014
2 p.m.	Tuesday and Thursday
6 p.m.	Saturday and Sunday

Rudolph Sponsor is the Richardson Rotary Clubs. Reindeer Sponsors include: Richardson YMCA, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Friends of the Library, Haystack Burgers and Barley, Amegy Bank, My Spa, and Christensen Tire and Automotive. Hospitality Sponsor is Panera Bread.

The Parade's award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on the lawn of the City Hall Civic Center Complex. Be sure to stay after the award ceremony for the City's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the opening of Santa's Village!

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.



## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Oct. 28 and Nov. 11 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, [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.**

### Oct. 28

**Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-05:** a request by Travis Bousquet, representing the Bousquet Group, Inc., to rezone a 2.1-acre lot to approve a restaurant with drive-through service located at 350 S. Plano Rd., was approved.  
**Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-16:** a request by Robert Sommerfelt, representing Gym Ratz Basketball Skills Club, LLC, for approval of a special permit for a basketball skills gym to be located at 850 N. Dorothy Dr. (east side of Dorothy Drive, south of Arapaho Road), was approved.

### Consent Agenda:

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 4029,** amending section prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles in City parks.

### Nov. 11

#### Consent Agenda:

**Ordinance No. 4030,** granting a special permit for a restaurant with drive-through service on a 2.1-acre tract zoned Lr-M(1) local retail, located at 350 S. Plano Rd.  
**Ordinance No. 4031,** granting a special permit for a basketball skills gym located at 850 N. Dorothy Dr.  
 Approved the following resolutions:  
**Resolution No. 13-24,** adopting the City of Richardson investment policy, declaring that the City Council has completed its review of the investment policy and investment strategies of the City and that the policy records any changes to either the investment policy or investment strategies.  
**Resolution No. 13-28,** adopting the City of Richardson City Council Statement of Goals.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful time of year this is in our community. One of our longest-running traditions, the 42nd annual Richardson Christmas Parade will make its way up Plano Road beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7, followed at 6 p.m. that evening by the opening of Santa's Village at the Civic Center complex.

Many generations of Richardson families have happy memories of all the Christmas fun we offer here, and while Richardson has grown tremendously over the years, it is events like the Christmas Parade and Santa's Village that give our community such a wonderful small-town feel. It's so much fun to see all the neighborhoods, civic organizations and other groups that take part in the Christmas Parade every year, so I hope you'll join me and your neighbors at the parade. And if you haven't been to Santa's Village before, I hope you can experience the fun for kids of all ages during the three weekends it is open.

We are also fortunate in Richardson to have a wealth of cultural events to choose from. Arts organizations both large and small put on special holiday performances, and this is one of the busiest times of the year at the Eisemann Center. There are ballet performances, dance groups, choral music, the symphony, and so much more.

Take a look at page 5 of this edition of *Richardson Today* for a full calendar of events and performances.

As 2013 comes to an end, it is also important to remember



**Mayor Laura Maczka**  
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those in need. There are several charitable donation drives underway in Richardson, and you can read about them in this edition of *Richardson Today* as well. Like our community events, the charitable organizations and generosity of Richardson residents every year reflect the strong sense of community we have here.

I wish you and your families a safe and joyous Christmas and a happy New Year, and I am excited to look forward to all that is ahead in 2014 in Richardson!

Sincerely,

*Laura Maczka*

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# Annual EDGE awards presented

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP), Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Richardson Rotary Clubs recently honored seven outstanding Richardson-area businesses and organizations for their contributions to the economic vitality of the City of Richardson. Three individuals were also recognized for their service to Rotary Clubs.

### Rotary Awards

**Ethics:** Ken Schwartz, Richardson East Rotary Club  
**Service Above Self:** George Bienfang, Richardson Rotary Club

**Unsung Hero:** Russell Verney, Richardson Central Rotary Club

The newly named Richardson EDGE Awards, formerly the Business & Industry Awards, are presented as part of the REDP's Economic Development, Growth & Expansion initiative. Award recipients were recognized at a luncheon in the following categories.

### Chamber Awards

**Commercial Real Estate Project**  
**KDC**



Real estate developer KDC was recognized for bringing the largest corporate campus project in Dallas/Fort Worth to Richardson, the extensive 186-acre, transit-oriented CityLine project now being developed at the President George Bush Turnpike and Plano Road, adjacent to a DART light rail station.

### Community Involvement

**Avnet**



Avnet, a global distributor of electronic components, computer products and embedded technology, was honored for its corporate support of many Richardson and Dallas-Fort Worth non-profit organizations such as the YMCA, Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation, NETWORK of Community Ministries, Richardson ISD Excellence in Education Foundation and many others.

### Environmental

**Benning Power Electronics**



A German company with its North American headquarters in Richardson, Benning Power Electronics was honored for developing and manufacturing products that allow companies and individuals to better control and deliver energy-saving products and services.

### International Business

**ZTE USA**



ZTE USA, a subsidiary of the ZTE Corporation based in Shenzhen, China, established its U.S. headquarters in Richardson in 2008. ZTE USA's selection



**Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka (left) and Joe Costantino (right) present the Newcomer Business Award to Alamo Drafthouse DFW Chief Operating Officer Bill DiGaetano.**

of Richardson and significant presence here reaffirms the city's global reputation as the home of the Telecom Corridor® area.

### Newcomer Business

**Alamo Drafthouse Cinema-Richardson**



Alamo Drafthouse Cinema chose Richardson for its first theater operation in Dallas-Fort Worth and is the first movie theater in Richardson in more than 25 years. It was honored for bringing movies back into the City of Richardson and for the economic impact it has generated.

### Richardson Loyalty

**Travelers**



The Travelers Companies is the second-largest writer of U.S. commercial property casualty insurance and the third-largest writer of U.S. personal insurance through independent agents. The Richardson office operation for Travelers was established in 2002 and has approximately 600 employees in more than 142,000 square feet of leased office space.

### Public/Nonprofit/Educational

**Richardson Family YMCA**



Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, the Richardson Family YMCA has long impacted lives in Richardson with programs like Indian/Adventure Guides and Princesses, swim lessons, day camps, and health and wellness programs.

# Financial transparency efforts earn city Gold Circle award



## Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Gold Member

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts has reaffirmed Richardson as a Gold member in the State Comptroller's Leadership Circle Awards for the fourth consecutive year. The award recognizes Richardson for its efforts to make finances open and accessible.

The Gold Leadership Circle Award, the Comptroller's highest ranking, is reserved for those local governments that have met the Comptroller's highest standard for online financial transparency.

"We are committed to ensuring our municipal government is open and accessible to the people we serve," said Mayor Laura Maczka.

"It is important for us to continue to receive third party recognition for our work on open government, and it is especially gratifying to have such high recognition come from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts."

The City's financial transparency website went online Dec. 1, 2010, and provides the ability to sort through a variety of municipal financial documents. Of special note, the City Council wanted to provide residents access to the City's check register. The register makes available information on all payments issued by the City. It shows how much money is being paid for an assortment of goods and services by each department.

The website also provides an assortment of other reporting services such as access to City employee salaries, an online form to facilitate open records requests and a program enabling convenient tracking of projects included in the 2010 Bond Program.

The City's financial transparency website is located at [cor.net/transparency](http://cor.net/transparency).

# Altrusa Richardson honors "Outstanding Women of Today"



**Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored five winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow at the 10th annual luncheon Oct. 25. Of the 26 women nominated, the winners were from left: Katie Patterson (Non Profit), Dr. Mary Quiceno, MD (Government), Jane Kovacs (Small Business), Robyn Morton (Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow) and Dr. Jean Conway (Education).**

# HASR recognizes volunteers

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) honored 17 Volunteer of the Year nominees in five categories at a luncheon Nov. 12. Award winners were:

**Community Leadership:** Courtenay Tanner, nominated by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson

**Humanitarian:** Carla Austin, nominated by Chase's Place

**Education:** Pamela Tomasello, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

**Group/Business:** Preston Meadow Lutheran Church, nominated by Mosaic  
**Dot McCalpin Founder's Award:** Kay Hopper

HASR's mission is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson through better communication, coordination and cooperation among agencies in the community.

For more information, visit [HASR.org](http://HASR.org).



**Pictured left to right: Denny Stephens (representing Preston Meadow Lutheran Church), Courtenay Tanner, Carla Austin and Pamela Tomasello.**

# City honored for improving air quality

The City of Richardson has been named a winner of the 2013 Working for Clean Air Award in the Best Large Fleet category, recognizing its outstanding work to reduce emissions from City vehicles.

The honor was presented by the North Texas Commission at the 9th annual Working for Clean Air Awards reception, held on Nov. 7 at D/FW International Airport's Corporate Aviation Facility. At the awards reception, Dan Frakes, Manager of Vehicle Fuels & Advanced Technology

Policy for General Motors, gave a special keynote address.

"We are honored and proud to be recognized by the North Texas Commission for our efforts to protect and improve air quality in North Texas," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "The Working for Clean Air Awards program is a great way to recognize businesses, organizations and municipalities who are all stewards of this significant cause. We are so delighted by the efforts of so many in our community to be a leader in this initiative, which

supports the City Council's key environmental goals."

The Working for Clean Air Awards program, administered by the North Texas Commission, recognizes area businesses, non-profit organizations, universities, and governmental entities that demonstrate outstanding efforts to improve regional air quality. The City of Richardson was chosen from more than 25 organizations that applied for award consideration. Richardson was one of only two Metroplex cities that received a Clean Air Award.

# Sanitation schedule/recycle makeup day

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be NO solid waste pickup or special pickup Tuesday, Dec. 24. Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Wednesday, so no makeup will be necessary. The table below shows the recycle makeup day.

Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Makeup day
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Monday, Dec. 23
Wednesday, Dec. 25	No makeup necessary
Wednesday, Jan. 1	No makeup necessary

# City facilities close for holidays

Facility	Closing dates
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library and Animal Shelter	Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1
Gymnastics Center	Dec. 24-25 & Jan. 1
Recreation Centers	5 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Senior Center	5 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1
Tennis Center	3 p.m. Dec. 24 & 31, closed Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

# Richardson named Top 10 Digital City

The City of Richardson has been named a Top 10 Digital City in the 2013 Digital Cities Survey conducted by e.Republic's Center for Digital Government and the Digital Communities Program. The survey recognizes municipalities that use technology to increase transparency, improve efficiency and enhance communications with residents, among other things.

Many of the top-ranked cities were honored in part because they developed mobile applications.

In April, Richardson released the MyRichardson app, which allows users to request bulky item trash pickup, report issues, view a department directory and much more.

The top 10 cities in each population category were recognized last month at the National League of Cities' annual conference in Seattle. Richardson was the only Texas municipality recognized in the 75,000 to 124,999 population category.

Learn more about the survey at [digitalcommunities.com/survey/cities/](http://digitalcommunities.com/survey/cities/).



# Richardson celebrates America Recycles Day

The City of Richardson helped celebrate the annual America Recycles Day last month by distributing free blue recycling bags at several City facilities. Recycling Richie, the City's recycling mascot, greeted students and helped give away recycling bags at Mark Twain Elementary at the end of the school day.

Almost 250 backpacks containing recycling information and a roll of recycle bags were given out at Mark Twain Elementary. City staff distributed a total of 539 rolls of recycle bags to residents at the four city locations. To learn more about recycling in Richardson, go to [cor.net](http://cor.net) and go to the public services page.

America Recycles Day is a national program of Keep America Beautiful and is the only nationally-recognized day and community-driven awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. Since its inception in 1997, communities across the country have participated in America Recycles Day on Nov. 15 to educate, promote environmental citizenship and encourage action.



# UT Dallas dedicates ATEC building

The University of Texas at Dallas celebrated the opening of its new \$60 million, 155,000-square-foot Arts and Technology (ATEC) program building last month. The new facility contains classrooms, conference rooms, art studios, labs and a 1,200-seat lecture hall.

The new building is named after Edith O'Donnell, a Texas philanthropist whose foundation has supported UT Dallas and other scientific research institutions for decades. The new facility has been open to students since the beginning of the fall semester.

For more information, visit [utdallas.edu](http://utdallas.edu).



Edith O'Donnell Arts and Technology Building

# Shop local this holiday season

If everyone in Richardson switches just \$10 of their online spending to a local business, that will be a \$1 million dollar\* boost to the Richardson economy.

You have the power to create jobs, fund more city services, invest in neighborhood improvement and promote community development.

\*Based on Richardson estimated population of 101,217.

When you shop local, you support the Richardson community.



Visit the Chamber retail directory: [www.richardsonchamber.com/retail](http://www.richardsonchamber.com/retail) or follow us on Pinterest: [www.pinterest.com/RichardsonCC](http://www.pinterest.com/RichardsonCC)



# City property taxes due to county by Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31, 2014 and should be paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

Collin County residents can make city, school and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, city and Dallas County taxes are paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

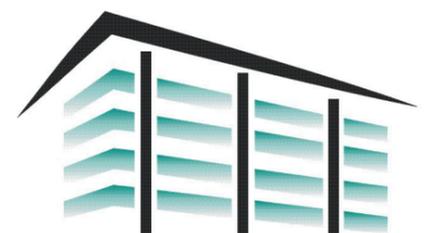
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School	RISD	School	Collin County

# Eisemann Center reaches 2 million in attendance

Last month the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations surpassed 2 million visitors through its doors. This milestone was reached during the Richardson Symphony Orchestra's Symphony Days school performance. Students attending the concert were third graders from the Richardson Independent School District.

Since opening its doors to arts patrons and corporate clients throughout the North Texas region in September 2002, the Eisemann Center has hosted more than 4,775 artistic and corporate events.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations is located in Richardson's Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Dr. and serves the entire North Texas region. For more information on the facility or upcoming events, visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com).



Charles W. EISEMANN CENTER  
For Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations

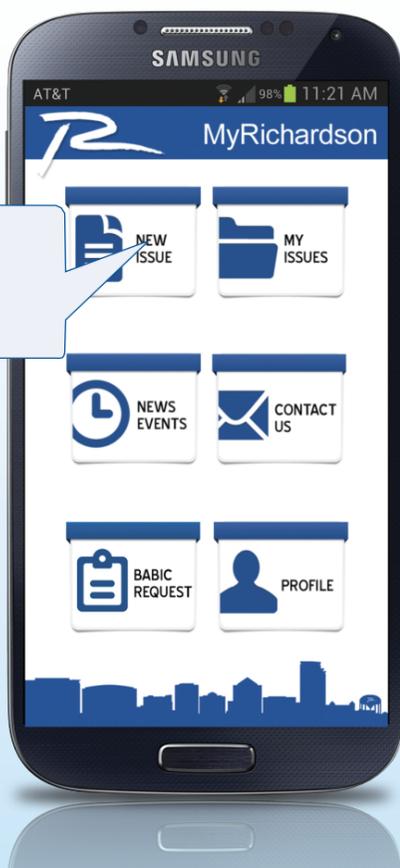
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Learn more at [cor.net/MyRichardson](http://cor.net/MyRichardson)



# RICHARDSON HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Dec. 1	<b>Chamberlain Performing Arts</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m.	\$10-\$100
Dec. 3	<b>Eisemann Center Presents</b>	The King's Singers Christmas	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$38-\$55
Dec. 4	<b>Richardson Community Band</b>	Holiday Concert	Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.	7:30 p.m.	Free
Dec. 5	<b>The Vocal Majority Chorus</b>	A VM Christmas Story	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 6	<b>The Vocal Majority Chorus</b>	A VM Christmas Story	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 7	<b>42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade</b>		Plano Rd. from Richardson Square to Apollo Rd.	9 a.m.	Free
Dec. 7	<b>Royale Ballet Dance Academy</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$12-\$20
Dec. 7	<b>Tuzer Ballet</b>	Excerpts from The Nutcracker	Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.	4 or 5 p.m.	Free with ticket Free tickets available at the Library beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 7. First come, first served.
Dec. 7	<b>Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony and Opening of Santa's Village</b>		City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 7	<b>Richardson Symphony Orchestra</b>	Holiday Classics	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	8 p.m.	\$10-\$87
Dec. 7	<b>UT Dallas</b>	37th Annual Holiday Sing	UTD Theatre, 800 W. Campbell Rd.	8 p.m.	Free
Dec. 8	<b>Royale Ballet Dance Academy</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$12-\$20
Dec. 8	<b>The Vocal Majority Chorus</b>	A VM Christmas Story	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 8 p.m.	\$10-\$43
Dec. 8	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 9	<b>RCT Theatre</b>	Twilight Cabaret	RCT Theatre, 650 Coit Rd.	8 p.m.	\$10
Dec. 12	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	<b>Cookies and Carols</b>	The Class Act	Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.	1 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 13	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 14	<b>The Contemporary Chorale</b>	Christmas with the Chorale	St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd.	2:30 & 7:30 p.m.	\$18
Dec. 14	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 14	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 15	<b>Lone Star Wind Orchestra</b>	Joyful and Triumphant	Dallas City Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St., Dallas	2:30 p.m.	\$10-\$20
Dec. 15	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 15	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 19	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 19	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 20	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 20	<b>Epiphany DanceArts</b>	Christmas Memories	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$29
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Dec. 21	<b>Tuzer Ballet</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m. & 7 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 22	<b>Tuzer Ballet</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	2 p.m.	\$15-\$50
Dec. 22	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	2 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 22	<b>Plano Symphony Orchestra</b>	Home for the Holidays	St. Andrew United Methodist Church 5801 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano	4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	\$14-\$42 (\$16-\$44 at the door)
Dec. 22	<b>Santa's Village</b>	See page 9 for entertainment	City Hall Fountain Plaza, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.	6-9 p.m.	Free
Dec. 23	<b>Collin County Ballet Theatre</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$75
Dec. 24	<b>Collin County Ballet Theatre</b>	The Nutcracker	Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr.	noon	\$15-\$75
Dec. 26	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	7:30 p.m.	\$20
Dec. 27	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 28	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	8 p.m.	\$22
Dec. 29	<b>Richardson Theatre Center</b>	Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge	RTC, 508 W. Arapaho Rd. #113	2 p.m.	\$20

# Calendar

## At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.  
972-744-4350



The Library will be **closed** Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday and Jan. 1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

### General Interest

#### Mixed Media Arts and Crafts Workshop

Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Basement Program Room. Register at 972-744-4376.

#### Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

#### Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Dec. 11, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "To Dance With the White Dog" by Terry Kay. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

#### Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Dec. 18, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Orchardist" by Amanda Coplin. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

#### Children's Activities

##### Tales for Tails

Dec. 1, 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.

##### Family Storytime

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

Everyone welcome. (No Family Storytime on Dec. 23.)

#### Tuzer Ballet presents excerpts from *The Nutcracker*

Dec. 7, 4-4:30 p.m. or 5-5:30 p.m. Required complimentary tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m. Dec. 7. Basement Program Room.

#### ¡Navidadmania!

Dec. 23, 6:45-7:15 p.m. Stories and crafts in Spanish. Basement Program Room.

#### Movie Morning: *Rise of the Guardians*

Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

### Special Interest

**Dewey KNIT?**, an adult knitting program. Dec. 7, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.

#### Writers' Guild of Texas

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

#### Community Writers' Critique Group

Dec. 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.  
972-744-7800

### Special Events 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!

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

The Richardson Community Band will present its annual Holiday Concert to start off the 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 a 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.

### A Vegas Show Night at the Richardson Senior Center Feb. 5—6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Mark your calendars for a fun night of Vegas-style entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres, desert bar and door prizes. You may purchase your tickets at the Senior Center or call 972-744-7800 to purchase over the phone with a charge card.

### A Valentine for You Feb. 7—1 p.m.

Cost: \$3. Refreshments served. Joy Davis will present "Almina" by Lady Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon. The romance, the mystery and especially the history of the elegant television series "Downton Abbey" has captured the imagination of fervent fans across two continents. Highclere Castle in Hampshire where the series is filmed has been home to the Earls of Carnarvon since the 17th century. Almina Herbert was the Lady of Castle during the Edwardian period. You will hear the romantic, enchanting life story of Lady Almina and about the lost legacy of Highclere Castle.

### Health Connection Jan. 20—10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Carter Eye Center mobile van will be at the Senior Center on Monday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. offering free eye screenings. No appointment necessary.

### Travel Opportunities Kimbell Art Museum: The Age of Picasso and Matisse

**Jan. 23—10:30 a.m.**  
Cost: \$20. Nearly 100 of the European modern art masterpieces from the Art Institute of Chicago are on exhibit at the Kimbell Art Museum. Picasso and Matisse pieces are part of the story of European art in the first half of the 20th century. Do not miss the opportunity to view one of the greatest collections of modern European art in the world. We will leave the Richardson Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be on your own. Please call 972-744-7800 for questions or to sign up with a charge card over the phone.

## Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

- No teaching experience needed
- No need to speak another language
- Free training
- Daytime and evening opportunities available

### Tutor Training Workshop 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18  
Richardson Public Library  
Please register by Jan. 16.  
Call 972-644-5119  
or e-mail director@ralc.org.

### Did you know?

10,000+ Richardson residents don't speak English well ... but many want to learn. Make it possible - make a difference!



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

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

### Coming up at the Civic Center

Texas Stamp Dealers  
Dec. 6-7

tsdastamps.com  
Books are Fun Book Fair  
Dec. 13-14

booksarefun.com  
Anna's House  
Urban Theater  
Dec. 14

Little Last Year  
Consignement Sale  
Dec. 19-22

## City Wide Pet Day a success

Thank you to the following sponsors of Richardson AnimaLuv's Ninth Annual City Wide Pet Day on Nov. 2 at Owens Farm.

- Sterling Personnel
- VisionBank Texas
- Reunion Title
- Tom Thumb
- Bank of Texas
- The Vet House
- Sir Speedy
- Petco
- Sprouts
- Starbucks
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- Corner Bakery
- Edward Weir Foundation
- Fischer Pylate AC & Heating
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- Eastside Plaza
- Richardson Bike Mart
- Home Again
- First Community Bank Richardson
- Bruce Miller Nursery
- RunOn! Richardson
- Buckingham-Plano Road
- Veterinary Clinic
- Bland Garvey P.C.
- Breckinridge Park Animal Hospital
- Joy's Hallmark



- Arby's for Paws Grooming
- Sam's Club—Spring Creek/Plano Rd.
- Crown Trophy—Plano
- Junior League of Richardson
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Sonic—Plano Rd./Centennial Blvd.
- Velvet Snout
- Mark Solomon
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- DART
- Quinlan Bristow
- Andria Lai
- P.F. Changs China Bistro
- Vergean Lunenschloss
- Assuren Insurance
- BB&T Bank

## 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
- 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  
or info@richardsoncommunityband.org
- Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club**  
972-386-6041
- Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association**  
214-762-2304 or abwa-richardson.org
- Richardson Poets' Group**  
214-478-4870  
or richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com
- Richardson Red Hat Chapter**  
972-744-7800
- Richardson Retired School Personnel**  
214-890-6989

- Richardson Wireless Klub**  
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

### Civic Groups

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

- Richardson Kiwanis Club**  
richardsonkiwanis.com  
or steagle@sbcglobal.net
- Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**  
972-235-5667
- Richardson Rotary**  
972-690-0637

### Social Groups

- Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club**  
972-239-4078, 972-671-8331, 972-239-3977  
or 214-226-2887
- Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club**  
972-235-1400 or texasreelers.org

### Family Groups

- Canyon Creek Moms Club**  
972-690-7609  
or canyoncreekmomsclub.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—East**  
momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—West**  
momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

### Support Groups

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

### Toastmasters Groups

- Hallelujah High Toastmasters**  
vppr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net
- Richardson Evening Toastmasters**  
214-534-0885
- Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters**  
972-387-4709
- Richardson Noon Toastmasters**  
469-235-3586
- Texins Toastmasters**  
214-566-4086 or texins.freetoasthost.org

### Veterans Groups

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

# Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

## At the Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.  
Tickets: 972-744-4650 or eisemanncenter.com



### TI Foundation presents

#### Chamberlain Performing Arts'

*The Nutcracker*

2 p.m. Dec. 1

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$100

chamberlainperformingarts.org

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*The King's Singers Christmas*

7:30 p.m. Dec. 3

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$38-\$55

kingsingers.com

### The Vocal Majority Chorus

*A VM Christmas Story*

8 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 8

2 p.m. Dec. 8

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$43

vocalmajority.com

### Royale Ballet Dance Academy

10th Anniversary Production

*of The Nutcracker*

2 p.m. Dec. 7, 8

7 p.m. Dec. 7, 8

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$12-\$20

royaleballet.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

richardsonsymphony.org

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

#### Keyboard Conversations®

*The Glory of Beethoven*

7:30 p.m. Dec. 9

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$27-\$32

keyboardconversations.com

#### Epiphany DanceArts presents

*Christmas Memories*

7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 21

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$15-\$29

epiphanydancearts.com

### Tuzer Ballet presents

*The Nutcracker*

2 p.m. Dec. 21, 22

7 p.m. Dec. 21

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$50

tuzerballet.com

### Collin County Ballet Theatre presents

*The Nutcracker,*

with the Plano Symphony

7:30 p.m. Dec. 23

noon Dec. 24

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$15-\$75

ccballet.com

### Pegasus Theatre presents

*Rehearsal for Murder!*

by Kurt Kleinmann

8 p.m. Dec. 29, 30, 31

8 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11,

16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

3 p.m. Jan. 4, 5, 11, 12,

18, 19, 25, 26

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$20-\$35 (Dec. 31 tickets

are \$50 and include cake and

champagne after the show.)

pegasustheatre.com

## Gift certificates make perfect presents for arts lovers

The Eisemann Center gift certificates make the perfect gift for arts lovers.

Your favorite arts patron may redeem gift certificates for any show that is sold through the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, such as the current season of Eisemann Center Presents, with upcoming shows that include *The Ten Tenors' On Broadway*, *The Church Basement Ladies*, *The Fantasticks*, the ever-pop-

ular *Keyboard Conversations®* series, and much more. Visit [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com) for a complete calendar of upcoming performances.

Gift certificates may be purchased at [eisemanncenter.com](http://eisemanncenter.com) or through the Ticket Office in person or by calling 972-744-4650. Ticket Office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and beginning one hour before performances.

## Pegasus Theatre presents "Rehearsal for Murder!"

Pegasus Theatre kicks off its 29th season with a production of *Rehearsal for Murder!* by Kurt Kleinmann.

*Rehearsal for Murder!* is another entry in the popular *Living Black & White™* series, which chronicles the adventures of Harry Hunsacker, would-be actor turned would-be detective; Nigel Grouse, Harry's paid-by-the-hour assistant and friend; and police Lt. Foster.

The year is 1946. Lt. Foster has inherited a guest inn in the Green Mountains of Vermont currently run by Mrs. Holmes (the housekeeper) and Seth Murdock (the groundskeeper). The guest inn is hosting famed writer/director Adrian Garson and a troupe of actors in rehearsal for a new Broadway play away from the scrutiny of the Manhattan theatre critics. When one of the actors falls to his



death from Eagle Point, Lt. Foster suspects foul play but before he can even unpack, Harry Hunsacker and Nigel Grouse arrive to gum up the works.

Sneak Preview performances are at 8 p.m. Dec. 29-31, with a special New Year's Eve performance featuring champagne and cake after the show. Regular performances are at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Jan. 2-26.

## Eisemann Center Presents includes The King's Singers, Beethoven music

Christmas music and Beethoven are the highlights of the Eisemann Center Presents schedule in December. 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.

### The King's Singers Christmas

7:30 p.m. Dec. 3

Tickets: \$38-\$55

One of the world's most celebrated a cappella ensembles, The King's Singers, returns to the Eisemann Center with a holiday program with new arrangements of Christmas songs. They are instantly recognizable with their impeccable vocal blend and incisive timing. With a discography of more than 150 recordings The King's Singers have garnered awards and international critical acclaim.



### Keyboard Conversations® The Glory of Beethoven

7:30 p.m. Dec. 9

Tickets: \$27-\$32

The humanity of Beethoven's music speaks to every thinking, feeling human being. The program includes the transcendental Sonata in C Minor, Opus 111, written after deafness had engulfed the composer. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert. If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear pianist Jeffrey Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.



## Tuzer Ballet's "The Nutcracker" returns

Tuzer Ballet will present 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.

## NETWORK's Santa's Helpers Program assists RISD families

The Santa's Helpers Program is underway! NETWORK elves are working hard packaging toys and games to help families with children in Richardson ISD. How can you help? Host a toy drive, a gift card drive or adopt a NETWORK Angel. There's no time to waste!

To participate in NETWORK's Santa's Helpers Program, please contact Debbie Childre, Director of Seniors' Net & Special Projects at 972-234-8880 ext. 115 or [dchildre@thenetwork.org](mailto:dchildre@thenetwork.org). Let's put a smile on the face of a child during the holidays.

## Toy and food drive ends Dec. 13

The Richardson Fire Department is working to collect toys and food for the NETWORK of Community Ministries through Friday, Dec. 13. Donations of unwrapped toys may be made at any Richardson Fire Station, the Service Center or at City Hall Room 106 or Room 202.

Gift suggestions include Lego sets, Nerf balls, action figures, dolls, sports team caps, toy cars, self-contained arts and craft kits, books, board games, playing cards, puzzles, sports balls and equipment, makeup, manicure kits, scarves, hats gloves, and fleece blankets. Please no wheeled toys such as bicycles, scooters, wagons, skates or tricycles.

## Seniors' Net accepting holiday basket donations

Seniors' Net will provide holiday baskets for its 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.



Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail.

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

# Don't make the holiday season a happy one for criminals

This holiday season don't let the spirit of giving lull you into allowing burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but for different reasons—people rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy! Here are some tips on how to remove criminal opportunity and enjoy a safe holiday season:

### If you are traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, to park in your driveway from time to time and to set out some trash for you.
- Arrange to have mail and newspapers gathered and circulars removed from the front door.

- For an extended absence, submit a House Watch request to have the Police Department check on the home while you are away.

### If you are out for the evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or television to make it appear that someone is home.
- Be especially vigilant in locking doors and windows when you leave, even if you are only gone for a few minutes.
- Avoid "displaying" gifts at a window where they can be seen from the outside.

### If you are shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you. Thieves are "shopping" too. Assume someone is watching you and act accordingly.
- Secure your vehicle at all times, and don't leave packages in plain view.

- Lock packages in the trunk or cargo area as you are leaving and prior to stopping at the next destination.
- Seek out high visibility parking in busy, high-traffic areas.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Use front pockets, a fanny pack or a smaller, less conspicuous bag.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay by check or credit card whenever possible.
- If shopping with children, make certain there is a plan to "stay put" if lost or to meet at a predetermined location. Smaller children should also know how to ask a store clerk, security guard or police officer for help, if needed.
- Take a friend or family member along. There is safety in numbers.

Above all, trust your instincts. If a situation makes you feel uncomfortable, don't be afraid to pause, change directions or ask for assistance. Let's watch out for one another and make the holidays a safe and happy time for everyone...except criminals.

For more information, or to request a House Watch while you are out of town for the holidays, contact the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



## Have a safe holiday

The holidays mean good food, parties and lots of family and friends. Unfortunately, it's also the time of year when there are a lot of home fires. The Richardson Fire Department would like every resident to have a happy and safe holiday season. To help ensure this, the following are some safety measures that you can use in planning for the holidays.

### Christmas tree

- When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed, or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source and try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances.

### Candles

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep candles at least three feet away from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles away from natural and artificial Christmas trees and from all holiday decorations.

### Smoke alarms

- A quick check of your smoke alarm will ensure that you will have sufficient warning of impending danger.
  - A smoke alarm, fire extinguisher or carbon monoxide detector make excellent Christmas gifts.
- Christmastime is a joyous occasion. We must not let the excitement of that time be overshadowed by a destructive fire at home. Instead, let's give ourselves a gift of fire safety that will last throughout the year.

## Take precautions to reduce package delivery theft

You have given thoughtful effort to choose the perfect gift for a loved one this holiday season and have made sure to ship the package early so it arrives on time, only to hear that your gift was never received. This unfortunately is a common occurrence as each year residents report packages being

stolen from front porches after being delivered.

The Richardson Police Department encourages citizens to consider alternate delivery options to reduce the chances of being victimized this holiday season and year round when sending or receiving items. The easiest and

most common suggestion is to have the package shipped to a location where someone will be there to receive it, such as where you work or a trusted neighbor or family member who is regularly home.

Various news reports suggest that this year FedEx will ship 22 million packages Dec. 2 (Cyber Monday) and Amazon is expected to hire an additional 70,000 workers for the holidays. With the continued growth of online shopping, especially during the holidays, more purchases are being shipped. This brings with it another opportunity for criminals to commit theft.

Many options are now offered by FedEx and UPS. FedEx has a "Delivery Manager" with choices that include delivery by appointment or evening hours, signature options and alerts to notify you when a package has arrived. FedEx also has locations that will hold your package for you.

Similar options are offered by UPS such as the "My Choice" program that includes alerts the day

before a package is scheduled for delivery so you can reschedule or reroute the package or use a UPS store as the destination.

"Amazon Locker" offers delivery to locations that have secured lockers and when the package arrives, you are sent a code that is used to retrieve it.

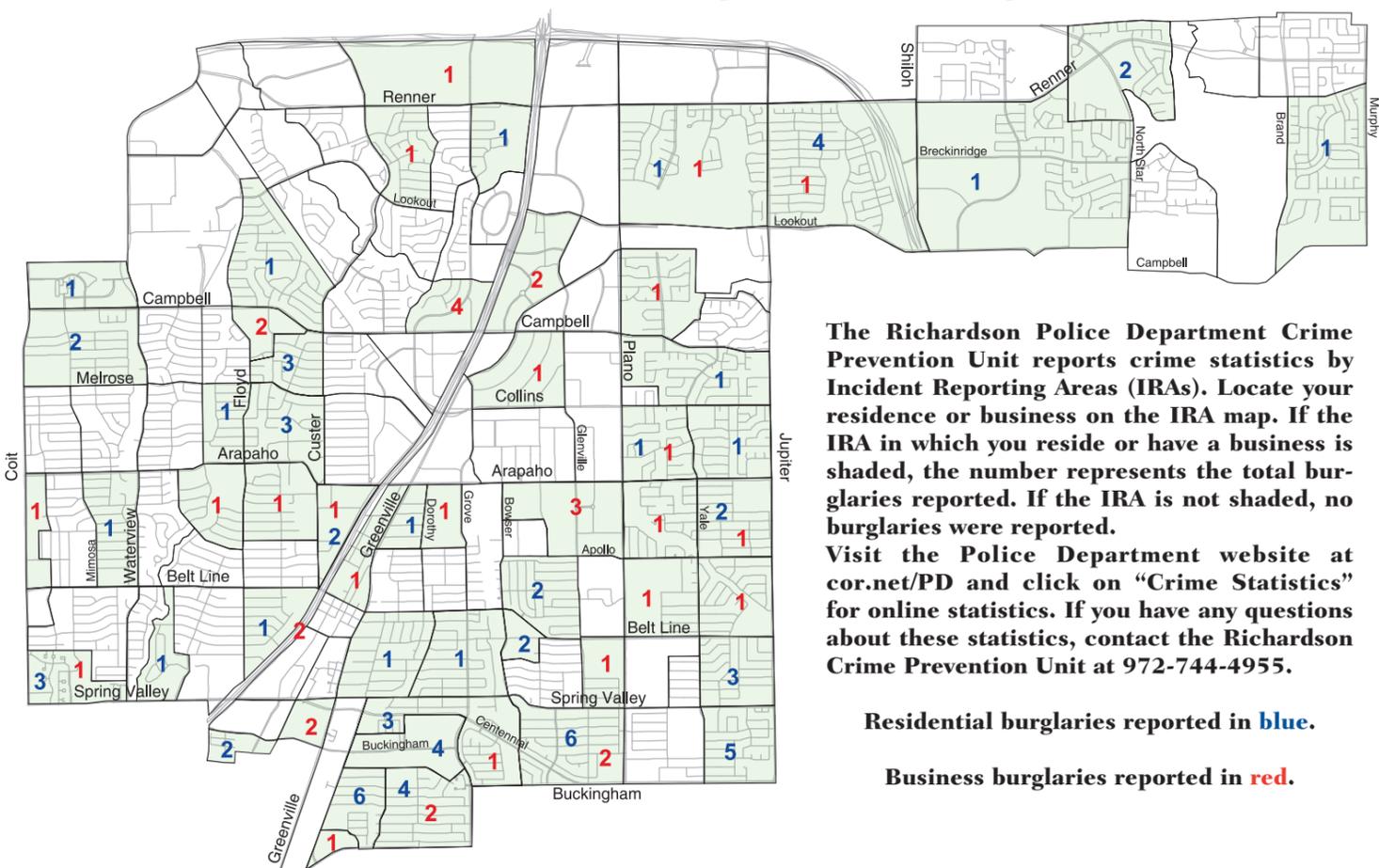
Most retailers with online sales will have an option to deliver to one of their retail locations for pickup. You can also check with your credit card company to find out if you have purchase protection that will reimburse you for stolen purchases.

If you have video surveillance at your home, check to make sure your camera is positioned at the front door to capture a good facial image and possibly the street area in front of your home for a vehicle image.

Report any theft immediately to the Richardson Police Department. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the Richardson Police Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



## Residential/business burglaries Aug. 16-Nov. 15



The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit reports crime statistics by Incident Reporting Areas (IRAs). Locate your residence or business on the IRA map. If the IRA in which you reside or have a business is shaded, the number represents the total burglaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no burglaries were reported. Visit the Police Department website at [cor.net/PD](http://cor.net/PD) and click on "Crime Statistics" for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

**Parks & Recreation**

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

**Private Lessons** Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.  
\$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

**Tournaments** To book tee times and tour both courses, visit [sherrillparkgolf.com](http://sherrillparkgolf.com)  
Dec. 1—Year End 2-Man Stableford

**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
<b>WEEKDAY</b> \$29 w/ cart	<b>WEEKEND</b> \$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, contact the Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or [spgolf@cor.gov](mailto:spgolf@cor.gov), or visit [sherrillparkgolf.com](http://sherrillparkgolf.com).

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

<b>Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors</b> Dec. 2–20 Jan. 6–24	<b>Adults Leagues</b> Jan. 6–Feb. 21 Cost: \$30 <b>Private lessons available</b>
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**Entertainment at Santa's Village**

- Saturday, Dec. 7**  
5 p.m. Parade Awards Ceremony  
6 p.m. Richardson Community Band  
7 p.m. Berkner HS Ramblers  
7:30 p.m. Contemporary Chorale  
8 p.m. Robert Gotcher

- Sunday, Dec. 8**  
6 p.m. Yale Elementary Choir  
6:25 p.m. Berkner HS Latin Dance Club  
7 p.m. First Baptist Church Richardson Jazz Orchestra  
8 p.m. Richland College Jazz Singers  
8:30 p.m. The Vox Pop Players, featuring Alicia McDonnold, Sarah Peterson and Tobyas Meeks

- Thursday, Dec. 12**  
6 p.m. Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel  
6:30 p.m. Richardson HS Desperados  
6:40 p.m. Matille Torres  
7 p.m. Rich-Tone Chorus  
7:30 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers  
8 p.m. JJ Pearce HS Mustang Stampede  
8:30 p.m. Prairie Creek Sign Choir

- Friday, Dec. 13**  
6 p.m. Dartmouth Elementary Upbeat Choir  
6:30 p.m. Dallas Tap Dazzlers  
7 p.m. Richardson North Junior HS Encore



- 7:30 p.m. JJ Pearce HS Forté  
8 p.m. Dimensions Dance Performing Arts Center  
8:30 p.m. Keagan Riley & Greg Wright

- Saturday, Dec. 14**  
6 p.m. Creative Arts Dance Team  
7 p.m. The Core Theatre  
7:30 p.m. Richardson HS Choir Legacy  
8 p.m. Amy's Studio Adult Ensemble  
8:30 p.m. Emily Claire Shlesinger
- Friday, Dec. 20**  
6 p.m. Melva Smith School of Dance  
6:30 p.m. London School of Dance  
7 p.m. Talent N More Dance Centre  
7:30 p.m. Sway Dance Center  
8 p.m. Class Act Tap Company  
8:30 p.m. Emily Joyce

- Sunday, Dec. 15**  
6 p.m. Angela's Angels of Arabesque Studio of the Dance  
7 p.m. Sounding Brass
- Thursday, Dec. 19**  
6 p.m. W.T. White HS Momentum Dance Group  
6:30 p.m. Berkner HS Jazz Band  
7 p.m. Resounding Harmony  
7:30 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Children/Teen Choir  
8 p.m. Moriah K. Georges
- Saturday, Dec. 21**  
6 p.m. Dixie Grand Cloggers  
6:30 p.m. Centre for Dance  
7:30 p.m. Studio Dance Centre  
8 p.m. Dove Academy of Dance Arts  
8:30 p.m. Showtime Dance Academy

- Sunday, Dec. 22**  
6 p.m. GenYration  
6:30 p.m. Coram Deo Student Choir—Park Cities Baptist Church  
7 p.m. Sounding Brass

**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.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
Huffhines Recreation Center  
Thursday, Dec. 19  
Registration #74183: 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Registration #74184: 10-11 a.m.  
[www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline)  
Fee: \$10 per person. Boys and girls ages 2-5. Limited seating so register today! Pre-registration required. Two seating times.  
Create a holiday memory and share breakfast with Santa Claus! Your child will also make a craft and receive a small treat from Santa.

city of richardson  
**2014 PHOTO CONTEST**

**Featured Artist Exhibit: Clark Crenshaw**  
Jan. 7-Feb. 17 • Huffhines Recreation Center

**Best of Show 2013 Winners' Exhibit and 2013 Judges' Exhibit**  
Jan. 10-30 • Library 3rd Floor

**Entries accepted**  
Jan. 13-26 • Huffhines Recreation Center

**Results available**  
Jan. 31 • [cor.net/PhotoContest](http://cor.net/PhotoContest)

**2014 Contest Results Exhibit**  
Feb. 1-24 • Library 3rd Floor

**2014 Awards Ceremony & Workshop**  
Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m. • Civic Center Grand Hall

Entry Forms are available to pick up at Huffhines Recreation Center or to download at [cor.net/PhotoContest](http://cor.net/PhotoContest)

2013 Student Best of Show  
Morgan Petri (People Color)

2013 Proficient Best of Show  
John Fowler (Cityscape Color)

2013 Adult Best of Show  
Jim Vaughn (Journalism B&W)

**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:

Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	6-10 p.m.

**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:

Dec. 2 and 5	6-9 p.m.
Dec. 16 and 19	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 Dec. 2. 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 Dec. 10 and 17 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, Dec. 2 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, Dec. 2 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

**iPhone iOS7, 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. You will learn how to update to iOS7, use Control Center, Notification Center, AirDrop and Multitasking. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Jan. 11 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

**iPhone iOS7, 102**

This class will cover storing contacts, taking and sending pictures, adding helpful free programs to your iPhone, camera improvements, the new look for Safari, and Siri. Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Jan. 11 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

**All Position Line Square Dance Lessons**

Class start TBA.

**Plus Square Dance**

Class start TBA.

**Friendship Plus**

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance-\$7 per dancer.

**Beginner Square Dance Lessons**

Classes start Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. with a Chili Night Introductory Dance. Lessons will start Jan. 14 and go through May 27. Cost of the session is \$65 if registered on or before Jan. 14. After Jan. 14 the cost of the session is \$75.

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.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Jan. 21. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

**Programs**

**Happy Birthday Party**

We now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June. Winter birthdays (Dec., Jan., Feb.) will be celebrated Dec. 30.

**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 Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

**Senior Bowling League**

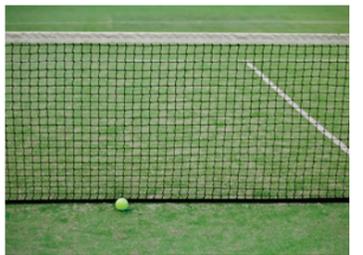
The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2013-2014 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

**Senior Golf League**

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



**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.

Dec. 7	Bill G Band
Dec. 14	Gary Lee
Dec. 28	Doc Gibbs

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.

**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.

**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.

These ceramic holiday tree ornaments, snowmen and decorated fabric holiday trees were made by Beverly Gallagher just in time for the holidays.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



If you would like a fun way to exercise, meet people and have a fun time, square dancing is for you. **Beginners Square Dance class will kick off with a Chili Night Introductory Dance Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. Lessons will start Jan. 14.**

### 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 Feb. 3. 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

### 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.

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### Chair Massage

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

### 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 Dec. 5.

### NEW!! iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center Dec. 19 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.

### 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 re-assurance program. Call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

### Blood Pressure Checks

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

### Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

### Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

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

### Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

### Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



### Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

### Mah Jongg

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

Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, 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

# Librarians suggest books for holiday giving

## Adult Non-Fiction

- Zealot*  
by Reza Aslan
- The One Plan: A Week-By-Week Guide to Restoring Your Natural Health and Happiness*  
by Yogi Cameron
- Still Foolin' 'em: Where I've Been, Where I'm Going, and Where the Hell Are My Keys?*  
by Billy Crystal
- The Most of Nora Ephron*  
by Nora Ephron
- Kaffe Fassett's Quilt Grandeur*  
by Kaffe Fassett
- Timeless Style*  
by Suzanne Kasler
- Second Chance Dog*  
by Jon Katz
- Giada's Feel Good Food*  
by Giada De Laurentiis
- Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life: The Plants and Places That Inspired the Classic Children's Tales*  
by Marta McDowell
- Moosewood Restaurant Favorites*  
by Moosewood Collective
- I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*  
by Malala Yousafzai
- Adult Fiction**
- The First Phone Call From Heaven*  
by Mitch Albom
- Command Authority*  
by Tom Clancy
- The Gods of Guilt*  
by Michael Connelly
- Takedown Twenty*  
by Janet Evanovich

- The Ocean at the End of the Lane*  
by Neil Gaiman
- The Signature of All Things*  
by Elizabeth Gilbert
- Sycamore Row*  
by John Grisham
- The Lowland*  
by Jhumpa Lahiri
- Starry Night*  
by Debbie Macomber
- Someone*  
by Alice McDermott
- Who Asked You*  
by Terry McMillan
- The Son*  
by Philipp Meyer
- The Longest Ride*  
by Nicholas Sparks
- The Valley of Amazement*  
by Amy Tan
- Identical*  
by Scott Turow

## Teens

- Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock*  
by Matthew Quick
- The Fault in Our Stars*  
by John Green
- How to Be an Explorer of the World*  
by Keri Smith
- Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different*  
by Karen Blumenthal

## Grades 3-6

- Unhooking the Moon*  
by Gregory Hughes
- The Abominables*  
by Eva Ibbotson
- 5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!)*  
by National Geographic Society

- Poems to Learn by Heart*  
selected by Caroline Kennedy
- Fortunately, The Milk*  
by Neil Gaiman

## Grades K-2

- I Scream, Ice Cream!: A Book of Wordles*  
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- The Day the Crayons Quit*  
by Drew Daywalt
- The Mischievians*  
by William Joyce
- Mr. Tiger Goes Wild*  
by Peter Brown
- Let's Go for a Drive!*  
by Mo Willems

## Preschoolers

- Up, Tall and High!*  
by Ethan Long
- Z Is for Moose*  
by Kelly Bingham
- The Complete Adventures of Curious George*  
by H.A. Rey
- Zen Shorts*  
by Jon J. Muth
- Have You Seen My New Blue Socks?*  
by Eve Bunting

## Infants

- I am a Bunny*  
by Ole Risom
- A Book of Sleep*  
by Il Sung Na
- Who Lives Here?: A Lift-the-Flap Book*  
by Paula Croyle
- Chomp!*  
by Heather Brown

# MIXED MEDIA

## Arts & Crafts WORKSHOP



**Saturday, Dec. 14**  
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Basement Program Room

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

# MOVIE MORNING

**Saturday, Dec. 28**  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Basement Program Room



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# SANTA'S VILLAGE

Fountain Plaza (behind the Library)

**6-9 p.m.**  
Dec. 7-8, 12-15 and 19-22

## Tuzer Ballet Company performs excerpts from the nutcracker



**Saturday, Dec. 7**

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

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

For more information, please call 972-744-4358.

# CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

At the Richardson Public Library



**Sundays, Feb. 2-April 27**  
2-5 p.m.

### FOR THESE CLASSES YOU MUST:

1. Have a valid Richardson Library Card.
2. Be a legal resident.
3. Have lived in the U.S. continuously for at least five years (three if married to a U.S. citizen).
4. Have no criminal record.
5. Pass a Level 3 English test.

Advance registration by Jan. 24 is required. To register, call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368.

## 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

# Winter Storytimes

For Richardson residents. Valid Library card required.

**Required registration begins Jan. 6.** Visit Youth Services or call 972-744-4358.

## Ages 3-6 Storytime

A six-week program for children **ages 3-6** filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by Jan. 28, 2014. Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only. Program runs Jan. 28-March 5.

Choose one of the following times:  
Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m. or 7-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

## BabySteps

A six-week program for children **ages 6 weeks to 12 months** accompanied by at least one parent. Designed to assist parents in preparing prewalkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and other early literacy tools. Program runs Jan. 27-March 7.

Choose one of the following times:  
Monday 6-6:30 p.m. Friday 10:15-10:45 a.m.

## Wiggle Worms

A six-week program for **12-36 month-olds**, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Children must be 12 months old by Jan. 27, 2014. Program runs Jan. 27-March 6.

Choose one of the following times:  
Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday 6-6:30 p.m.  
Thursday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.



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Focus on Texas Authors

**Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014**  
6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. lecture

**Richardson Civic Center Grand Hall**  
411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, Texas

\$20 for reception and lecture  
\$15 for lecture only

Visit [RichardsonFOL.org](http://RichardsonFOL.org) for tickets.

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