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Recycling Richie, Richardson's recycling mascot, is available to teach organizations about the City's recycling program.

From blue bag to recycled is long journey

Each year Richardson residents recycle more than 5,500 tons of aluminum cans, newspapers, plastic grocery bags and other recyclable materials. Each item travels with millions of others that takes it from the curb to Plano, Fort Worth and beyond on a journey to become something new.

The process begins when Richardson residents purchase blue recycling bags available at Heights and Huffhines recreation centers, the Senior Center, City Hall and the Municipal Service Center. Recyclable items include plastics No. 1-7 (excluding Styrofoam), aluminum, tin, steel, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, mixed paper, paper grocery bags, corrugated cardboard, chipboard and glass.

"Blue bags are used in Richardson, as they do not restrict the volume of material that can be recycled," said Richardson Assistant Director of Public Services Travis Switzer. "With any container used for recycling, the volume of material that can be recycled is limited by the capacity of the container. With blue bags, once one bag is full another can be used."

City crews collect blue bags on a designated day once a week in each neighborhood. Once the truck is full, it unloads at a Republic Services facility in Plano. From there the recycled items are loaded onto larger trucks along with material from other areas. These trucks travel to Republic Service's Material Recovery Facility in Fort Worth, a state-of-the-art facility that opened in September 2013.



The facility uses magnets, lasers, gravity and other techniques that can sort and separate more than 500 tons of mixed recyclables each day. Each type of material is baled and shipped to other facilities that process recycled materials and turn them into something new, such as a soda can or plastic injection molding.

"We work with a group of commodity brokers who market this material to all different types of recyclers," said Chris Miller, Republic Services division sales manager. "A plethora of recycled goods are able to be repurposed from this material."

Miller also said that while about 80 percent of household waste can be recycled, there are a few items that should never be placed in a blue bag. They include but are not limited to garden hoses, full food containers, Styrofoam, and restroom waste such as used paper towels. These items could cause problems for the machines at the facility and will be sent to the landfill.

"Landfills are costly to permit, build and operate," Switzer said. "Recycling saves space in the landfill, thus extending the life of the landfill and avoiding the cost in the

future of having to build another one."

Making the choice to recycle can leave an impact that will be felt for years to come.

"The biggest reason to recycle is sustainability," Miller said. "We'd like to return this earth to our kids and their kids in better condition than when we found it, and one of the components of that is to ensure we don't use all of the natural resources that are on this planet."

Learn more about Richardson's recycling program and see a list of what can be placed in the blue bags at cor.net/recycling.

Community meetings are set to gather input on recycling service

Richardson residents are invited to provide input about recycling as part of a market study that will be used to improve recycling services in Richardson and increase participation in the program.

The City will host three community meetings in January at different locations throughout Richardson.

Improving recycling rates—increasing both the number of people who recycle and the amount of material that they recycle—is a way for Richardson to promote conservation and to be a more environmentally sustainable community.

The market study will help the City to better understand who is

(and is not) recycling and why, so barriers to participation can be reduced and so the City can better communicate information about Richardson's recycling program.

Meetings

Jan. 21—6:30 p.m.

Huffhines Recreation Center
200 N. Plano Rd.

Jan. 23—7 p.m.

Stinson Elementary School
4201 Greenfield Dr.

Jan. 28—6:30 p.m.

Heights Recreation Center
711 W. Arapaho Rd.

For more information about the community meetings call 972-744-4223.

Community-wide survey will gather information on recycling

Richardson's residents have an opportunity to let the City know what they like, don't like, know and don't know about the City's recycling program by taking a 23-question survey that has been inserted into this publication and also offered online at cor.net/RecycleSurvey.

And as an added bonus, residents who complete the survey online or return the printed survey by Jan. 20 will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$50 gift cards to Home Depot or Lowe's.

Increased recycling has been identified by the Richardson City Council as one of its goals, and the survey is just one of the tools that are part of a market research effort to learn more about the recycling habits of Richardson residents so the City can increase participation in the program.

Four focus groups will meet this month, and three open community meetings are scheduled for Jan. 21 at Huffhines Recreation Center, Jan. 23 at Stinson Elementary School and Jan. 28 at Heights Recreation Center. (See the story at left for more informa-

tion about the community meetings.)

"Conservation and environmental sustainability have long been priorities for our community, and recycling is a big part of that," Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka said. "We have made progress over the years in Richardson to both improve recycling services and to increase the level of participation by our residents. We are asking the Richardson community to give us honest feedback so we can do a better job both in communicating about our recycling program and in making it easier for residents to recycle—removing any barriers to participating in the program."

If you have questions regarding the recycling survey, call 972-744-4223.



To take the recycle survey online, visit cor.net/RecycleSurvey or use your smartphone to scan this QR-code.



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Did you know if you recycle. . .

- In 2011, Americans recycled and composted more than 87 million tons of solid waste.
- Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 165 gallons of gasoline.
- Making new plastic bottles from recycled materials uses 88 percent less energy than using raw materials.

- Recycled paper and cardboard require half as much water and create 74 percent less air pollution than using non-recycled materials.
- Recycling an aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt light bulb for 20 hours.

cor.net/recycling

State of the City Address

Wednesday, Jan. 29—6 p.m.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

Southwest corner of US 75 and Belt Line Road

The event and parking are free and open to the public. Space is limited to the first 300 people, so be sure to arrive early.

The event will be shown live on the City's website at cor.net and on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99.



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 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 for more information.

Sanitation schedule/recycle makeup days

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be NO solid waste pick up or special pickup Monday, Jan. 20. The table below shows the recycle makeup days.

Recycle collection days affected by holiday	Makeup day
Monday, Jan. 20	Tuesday, Jan. 21
Tuesday, Jan. 21	Wednesday, Jan. 22

City facilities close for holiday Jan. 20

Facility	Closing dates
City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court	Jan. 20
Library and Animal Shelter	Jan. 20
Recreation Centers, Senior Center, Gymnastics Center, Tennis Center and Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Nov. 25 and Dec. 9 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council Agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

Nov. 25

Variance 13-10: a request by Jeff Groth, Representing RISD, for approval of a variance to waive the required screening wall along the northern property line at 1500 Mimosa Dr., was approved.

Variance 13-11: a request by Patrick Glenn, representing RISD, for approval of a variance to waive the required screening wall along the southern and eastern property lines at 550 Park Bend Dr., was approved.

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-23 and Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 4033, amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by adding the definition of an "Electronic-Cigarette" and an "Electronic-Cigarette Establishment;" and amending Section 2(B) to allow electronic-cigarette establishments by Special Permit, was approved.

Dec. 9

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-13: A request by Larry Good, GFF Planning, Representing JP Realty Partners, Ltd., for a change in zoning for the development of a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development on approximately 58.5 acres located on the west side of Central Expressway, generally bounded by Collins Boulevard to the west, Palisades Boulevard and Galatyn Parkway West Extension to the south, and Palisades Creek Drive to the north, was approved.

Consent Agenda: Consider Resolution No. 13-29, providing for the redemption of a portion of the outstanding "City of Richardson, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2004;" and resolving other matters incident and related to the redemption of such obligations.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

So, you've probably noticed something you've never seen before on our publication when you looked on the front page of this edition of *Richardson Today*. That is the sticker directing you to our first-ever community-wide survey to gather information on recycling in our community. This is an important opportunity for our solid waste workers to gather some vital information as we begin work to improve recycling services in Richardson.



Mayor
Laura Maczka
laura.maczka@cor.gov

Conservation and environmental sustainability have long been priorities for our community, and recycling is a big part of that. It can help both to preserve natural resources and to keep reusable materials out of the landfill.

We have made progress over the years in Richardson to both improve recycling services and to increase the level of participation by our residents. However, there's quite a bit of work to do to get even better.

That's why we are seeking input from you. Through a community survey and through community meetings, the City is asking the Richardson community to give us honest feedback so we can do a better job both in communicating about our recycling program and in making it easier for you to recycle—removing any barriers to participating in the program.

The community meetings will take place three nights later this month, at three different locations in the city. I hope you will attend so you can share with us ways to

improve this vital service to the community.

And I hope you will fill out the community survey, either online at cor.net/RecycleSurvey or by filling out the paper survey enclosed in this edition of *Richardson Today* and dropping it in the mail. (You could even win one of four gift certificates to either Lowe's or Home Depot!)

If you already recycle at your home, I applaud you! And if you don't, I'd like to encourage you to start. It's easy to do, and you'll be helping to make a difference in your community.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka

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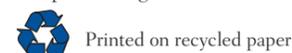


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“Tree Cycle” your Christmas tree

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 cycle 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.



AARP offers tax preparation help

Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.

The service is available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at the Library and 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri-

days at the Senior Center. The program will be Feb. 3-April 14 at the Library and Feb. 7-April 11 at the Senior Center.

It is first come, first served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.



Richardson’s E-Notification Service



Sign-up to receive the City’s “Week In Review” e-mail, and to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and the latest updates concerning weather-related activities. Visit www.cor.net and click

on the I WANT TO . . . tab at the top of the page and then click on Sign Up tab from the drop down menu.

Junior League of Richardson to hold membership meeting

Join members of the Richardson Junior League for an information night to learn how League members are helping to improve the community and how you can too.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22
7 p.m.**

**Amigos Mexican Restaurant
940 E. Belt Line Rd., Ste. 142
Richardson, TX**

Find out how you can enrich your life through community service with the Junior League of Richardson. To RSVP or for more information please e-mail jlrevents2013@yahoo.com.

- Low dues
- Only one monthly meeting required/limited demand of your time
- Volunteer for the community with flexible hours and many different ways to serve
- Meet a wonderful circle of friends



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RICHARDSON**
Women building better communities

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Brush, tree trimmings and clippings can be turned into high quality mulch

Most people don’t give much thought to brush and yard trimmings and grass clippings once they set them by the curb for collection, but in Richardson most of these natural waste items are just beginning a journey that will take them 25 miles north and back again.

Richardson is one of five cities that collect these items for Texas Pure, a composting program started by the City of Plano in 1992. These items are taken to Collin County and turned into mulch and compost, which is then sold to the public and given back to the City to be used on ornamental medians, golf courses or other landscaping projects.

“The program benefits the City of Richardson in disposal costs, saving landfill space, and a return of compost yearly that is utilized by our Parks Department,” said Ryan Delzell, City of Richardson superintendent of commercial and recycling operations.

The process starts when a resident requests a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), which occurs on the same day as that neighborhood’s recycle day. The brush and yard trimmings are placed on the curb where they are picked up by a City truck and taken to the North Texas Municipal Water District’s Custer Road Transfer Station in Plano, where it is ground into smaller pieces.

The fine material is then hauled to a composting site in Melissa. It is deposited in long rows and combined with produce and bread that has gone bad from area supermarkets. The blend is mixed and watered until it is ready to be packaged for use in area lawns and gardens.

In addition to diverting more than 75,000 cubic yards of material from the landfill each year, the products made by Texas Pure help create the right conditions for new vegetation to grow in the sometimes-stubborn Texas soil without contributing unwelcome additions.

Using the compost also helps reduce water use, which is a high priority for all five cities that participate in the service.

“Texas Pure is an important program for the environment not only because we are essentially returning compostable material back to a beneficial product, but also compost is very high in nutrients and conserves water,” Delzell said.

For more information about Texas Pure products call 214-495-7389 or visit texaspureproducts.com.



Long rows of compost are mixed and watered until it is ready to be packaged for use.



Richie’s Recycling Guide

Recycling questions? Call 972-744-4228 or visit COR.net/Recycling



Yes!

BLUE BAG



Plastic containers #1-7, no Styrofoam
All items must be empty & clean



Aluminum, steel & tin containers
All items must be empty & clean



Glass bottles & containers
All items must be empty & clean



Newspapers



Corrugated cardboard & boxboard



Mixed papers

No TRASH BAG



Paper towels, facial tissue & toilet tissue



Plastic bags & packaging



Wax coated paper drink containers



Food & wet waste

Yes!

PAPER BAG



Trees, brush & lawn clippings



Styrofoam

Household hazardous waste may be taken to collection center

Richardson residents may take their household hazardous waste to the Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Rd. The center is located on the east side of Plano Road between Forest Lane and Miller Road. Residents must bring proof of residence in the form of a driver's license or a utility bill.

For more information on disposal of items not listed, please contact the Richardson Health Department at 972-744-4080 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

For disposal of recyclable items, please contact the City of Richardson's recycling coordinator at 972-744-4231 or 972-744-4404.

Materials Accepted

- Adhesives
- Aerosol cans
- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid
- Car fluids
- Degreasers
- Batteries
- Car
- Lead-acid (non-automotive)
- NiCad
- Rechargeable
- Single-use



Cellphones

- Chemistry sets
- *Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL)
- CRT computer monitors
- Desktop computers
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent tubes
- Fungicides
- Gasoline and unwanted fuels
- Herbicides
- Household cleaners
- Insecticides
- Items containing mercury
- Lacquer
- Laptop computers
- LCD computer monitors
- Mercury thermostats
- Nail polish
- Oil-based paint
- Paint
- Paint strippers
- Paint thinners
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Transmission fluid
- Used cooking oil and grease
- Used motor oil
- Used oil filters

Materials NOT Accepted

- Business or commercial waste
- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Explosives or ammunition
- Shock-sensitive materials
- Smoke detectors or other radioactive materials
- Medical waste
- Common trash or recyclables
- Construction debris
- TV's, microwaves and other appliances

*A CFL contains small amounts of mercury and should not be placed in regular trash. Several store chains have CFL recycle programs including Ace Hardware, Home Depot, IKEA, Lowe's, Menards and TrueValue. Make sure to call the local store in advance to confirm that it is participating in a CFL recycling program.

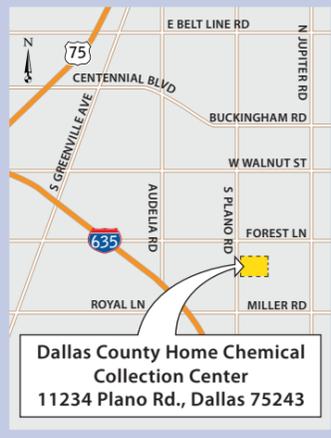
Hours of Operation:

- Tuesdays: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

(NOTE: to avoid long lines and traffic on Saturdays, please plan to arrive between 9-10 a.m. or between 1-3 p.m.)

Closed Sundays, Mondays, Fridays and major holidays.

Visit the Home Chemical Collection Center website at www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/hhw_intro.php or call 214-553-1765.



Meet Recycling Richie

Recycling Richie is available to visit homeowner and neighborhood association meetings or events, and other organizations in Richardson that would like to learn more about the City's recycling program. City of Richardson staff will accompany Recycling Richie to discuss how recycling benefits everyone.

If you are interested in having a visit from Recycling Richie at your event, contact Special Projects Coordinator Michelle Mann at 972-744-4228 or e-mail her at michelle.mann@cor.gov.

City crews worked to prep roads for ice storm and then did the brush and sand cleanup after

The winter ice storm that hit North Texas last month created the usual suspects: power outages, slick roads and downed tree limbs. Work crews from the City's Public Services and Parks and Recreation departments were up to the tasks of making the streets safer to drive on and getting the cleanup done as soon as possible.

Street crews worked 12-hour shifts to spread 417 cubic yards of sand at 165 intersections and on 56 bridges. Public Services and Parks crews also spent some long days responding to emergency calls to remove tree limb obstructions in 37 alleys and on 95 streets. Parks and Recreation Department crews also surveyed area parks and hike and bike trails to remove debris and address any safety concerns from ice falling from structures.

"The way the crews work together when inclement weather arrives is admirable," said Public Services Director Jerry Ortega. "It is certainly rewarding when so many of our residents call in to let us know how much they appreciate the work our field crews provide before, during and after the storm—whether be it removing trees and/or sanding intersections throughout the city."

Once the initial emergency conditions were addressed the cleanup work began. The City's Brush and Bulky Item Collection service (BABIC) responded to more than 11,000 requests to pick up fallen limbs and other debris, or 40 percent of the households in the city. While there were some delays due to the high volume of requests, crews worked five days a week and even on Saturdays

to make sure everything was collected.

The Parks and Recreation Department had the street sweepers out before the ice was fully thawed in order to take care of the large volume of sand that was dispersed on the roadways (enough to cover 112 acres).

"Our staff really rose to the occasion and gave tremendous effort to keep our residents safe on the roadways and then to clean up our streets and neighborhoods as soon as possible," Assistant City Manager-Community Services Don Magner said. "We don't want to do this every winter but we know we can handle the situation if it occurs again."

If you would like to request BABIC service, it can be scheduled online at cor.net/recycling or by calling 972-744-4111.



Trees damaged by ice storm can recover with proper care

City crews have cleared the tree limbs that came crashing down during the recent ice storm, but most trees that lost large branches will survive and fill back in with the proper care. Experts recommend checking the plant for fracture lines, which can be signs of a weak spot. Trees should be pruned below the fracture to the next major limb to remove the damaged area and give the plant a better chance to recover.

Trees affected by the ice storm may look bare after pruning, but most will fill back in after a few growing seasons. Most homeown-



ers will save money and benefit long-term by pruning the damaged tree and letting it grow back rather than cutting down an otherwise healthy plant.

Scan the QR code above with your smartphone or click on this video button in the Richardson Today online version to watch Richardson's Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Roger Scott explain how to assess and handle damage to trees from the ice.



2014 Trash Bash will include several recycling options

This year marks 20th anniversary of the annual event

To celebrate the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the City of Richardson is joining forces with Keep Texas Beautiful to hold Trash Bash 2014, a city-wide cleanup that removes litter from the streets, parks and waterways of Richardson. This is the 20th anniversary of Trash Bash and it will also coincide with the national Earth Day. All citizens, homeowner and neighborhood associations, social organizations, civic groups and businesses are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

This year's Trash Bash will provide several recycling opportunities in the parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall complex. There will be educational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza there will also be activities for everyone. The following list provides a description of what is available at this year's Trash Bash.

City Hall parking lot

- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding
- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Plastic grocery bag recycling
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers; please

bring your own containers to take your compost home)

- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Inside City Hall

- Environmental Education Fair
- Free recycling bags
- Refreshments
- Free plants
- Door prizes
- Styrofoam (EPS) recycling (please place in bags)

• Richie the Recycling Duck **Fountain Plaza**

- City and DART vehicles on display
- Animal Shelter adoptable animals
- Children's bounce house
- Recycle bales

For additional information or questions please visit cor.net/trashbash or call 972-744-4076. Please plan to come out and make this the best TRASH BASH yet.



City Council approves early debt payoff

The Richardson City Council approved a resolution last month that will allow the City to pay off some of its debt earlier than anticipated.

The City of Richardson will save nearly \$768,000 in interest payments by paying off the remainder of the 2004 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Issue six years early. The City paid off nearly \$2.1 million in 2013 and will pay the remaining \$1.8 million in principal in 2014. By paying this debt off early, the City avoids paying applicable interest each year from 2013 through 2020.

Miss Texas Pageant to take place in Richardson in 2014

The Eisemann Center and the Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel in Richardson will host the Miss Texas Pageant in July 2014, under an agreement signed in November.

The pageant will take place July 5, 2014, preceded by several days of preliminary competition and other related events.

The Miss Texas competition was founded in 1936 by a group of civic-minded citizens concerned about higher education and is a preliminary to the Miss America pageant. Hundreds of young women participate each year in the local pageants, culminating in the selection of local finalists who vie for the Miss Texas title.



Pictured from left to right are: Eisemann Center Managing Director Bruce C. MacPherson, Eisemann Center Event Services Manager Hillary W. Adams, Co-Executive Director of Miss Texas Pageant David A. White, Miss Texas Ivana Hall, Co-Executive Director of Miss Texas Pageant Jan Mitchell and Eisemann Center Administrative and Events Manager Philip B. Nelson.

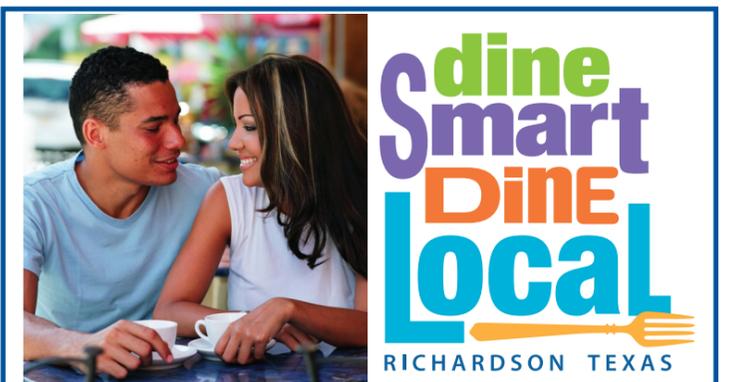
City property taxes due to county by Jan. 31

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson are due Jan. 31 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.

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



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.



MyRichardson APP

Makes connecting with the City of Richardson easier than ever!

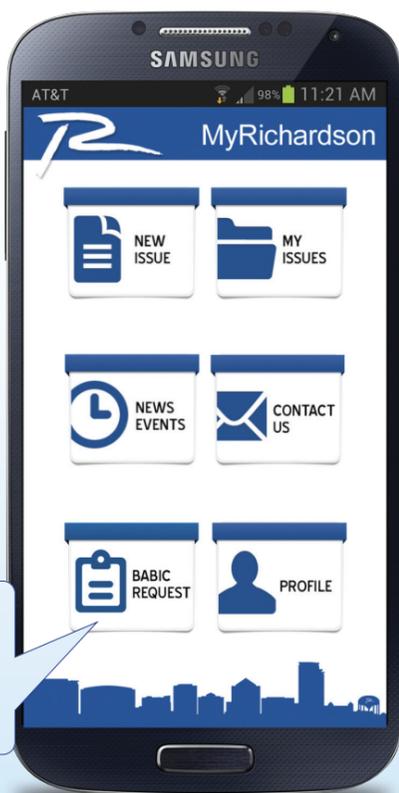
Use the App to request a Brush and Bulky Item pickup

Winter storms can create havoc with the trees and other vegetation in your yard. Use the MyRichardson App to request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC). Follow the instructions listed below to have all those fallen limbs picked up by the City.

1. Select the BABIC icon on the main screen.
2. Enter any part of the address and tap the search button.
3. Tap on the correct address.
4. Enter your name, e-mail address and phone number.
5. Select type of pickup (bulky or compostable).
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7. Tap the **Request Pickup** button

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BABIC
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Learn more at cor.net/MyRichardson

Calendar

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

RCAS Meeting and Demonstration

Jan. 21, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Training Room. Janis Krendick, Pastels.

Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 8, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Cutting Season" by Attica Locke. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 15, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

"The Weight of Small Things" by Sherri Wood Emmons. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

Jan. 28, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

"Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore" by Robin Sloan. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Computer Classes

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

Job Searching on the Internet

Jan. 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

Internet 101

Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-noon

The Library will be closed Jan. 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

Children's Activities

Jan. 11, 3-4:30 p.m. Children's Program Room.

Family Storytime

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

Movie Morning: Secret World of Arrietty

Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Teen Activities

We're Bringing Action Back

Jan. 26, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Special Interest

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

Writers' Guild of Texas

Jan. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Jan. 15, 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society

Jan. 16, 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Genealogy program presented by Paula Perkins

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Special Events

Out to Lunch Bunch

Jan. 21—Taste of Italy

Cost for the trip is \$2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

Richardson Great Family Storytelling Workshop (2.0)

Jan. 14 and 21—1-2:30 p.m.

By popular demand, author L.E. (Larry) Taylor will return to share secrets he learned about memoir-quality storytelling while writing his own recent book, *Elgan and Grace—A Twentieth Century Saga*. This two-session workshop is customized to serve those who attended the November workshops. Both 2014 sessions will also be open to individuals who attended the Intro Lecture in the fall but were unable to attend the (1.0) sessions. There is limited enrollment, so call 972-744-7800 now to register. Special-rate fee for two 90-minute sessions: \$29.

A Vegas Show Night at the Richardson Senior Center

Feb. 6—6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Join us for a fun night of entertainment, Vegas-style. "Jimmy the Magician" will

intrigue you with his magic and Terry Edwards will take you down memory lane with his Elvis Tribute. A photo op will be available for you to take a memento of the evening home. Light hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center and will not be sold at the door. Hope to see you in Vegas!

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.

"Healthy Living in the New Year"

Jan. 23—10 a.m.

Occupational Therapist Ida Cipriano will help you get the new year started off with a healthier you. Join us for a presentation on aging, exercise, eating habits, daily activities and how they support a healthy lifestyle for all to enjoy. No fee. Refreshments provided.

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!

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.

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



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

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Trade Shows • Seminars
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Career Fairs

Coming up at the Civic Center

Dallas Bridge Tournament

Jan. 9-12

d16acbl.org/U176

Library to host annual RALC murder mystery fundraiser

Save the date for the Richardson Adult Literacy Center's annual murder mystery fundraiser! The Richardson Public Library will host "Murder at the Anger Games" at 7 p.m. Feb. 22.

Guests will be invited to solve a mystery by sifting through clues from the scenes enacted throughout the building.

The popular Murder Mystery Players will be joined by special guest stars Ken Hutchenrider, President, Methodist Richardson Medical Center; Chris Luna, Metro PCS;

Mark Solomon, City Council Member and President, Assurnet Insurance Agency; and Courtenay Tanner, community philanthropist.

Tickets are \$45, or \$60 for a VIP ticket, and include refreshments. Tickets may be purchased at ralc.org.



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

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

k5rwx.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



Pegasus Theatre presents

Rehearsal for Murder!

by Kurt Kleinmann

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

pegasustheatre.com

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

Top Brass with Canadian Brass

8:15 p.m. Jan. 18

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$19-\$85

planosymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Ten Tenors On Broadway

8 p.m. Jan. 25

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$42-\$65

thetentors.com

Art Beat presents

In the Mood 1940s big band revue

7:30 p.m. Jan. 31

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$34-\$50

artbeatshows.org

Richardson Community Band presents

Of Brass, Wood and Steel

2 p.m. Feb. 9

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$5-\$7

richardsoncommunityband.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

The Church Basement Ladies:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement

2 p.m. Feb. 13, 15, 16

8 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 15

Bank of America Theatre

Tickets: \$32-\$42

Richardson Symphony Orchestra presents

The Thrilling Film Scores

of John Williams

8 p.m. Feb. 15

Hill Performance Hall

Tickets: \$10-\$87

richardsonsymphony.org

Willie Nelson, Asleep at the Wheel to perform at the Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Presents will showcase Willie Nelson and Asleep at the Wheel in *Willie and the Wheel—Together Again!* for one performance only on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m.

Having some of the biggest names in music perform at the Eisemann Center proved to be popular, and the concert sold out less than a week after tickets went on sale to the public Dec. 2. The public on-sale date also set an all-time record for tickets sold for a single show at the Eisemann Center, with 1,147 tickets sold online, over the phone and in person at the Ticket Office.

The concert will feature music from the CD collaboration and supporting tour, *Willie and the Wheel*, released in February 2009. A concept more than 30 years in the making, the recording is a collection of classic Western swing songs handpicked by the late Jerry Wexler.

"Jerry wanted us to do this album and I'm glad we got to do it for him," Nelson said. "And that he heard it before he passed on."

"Willie & the Wheel is a CD whose time had come," says Ray Benson. "Jerry Wexler originally came up with this concept back when Willie was on the Atlantic label. But, before the record could



Music legends Willie Nelson and Asleep at the Wheel collaborate on "Willie and the Wheel," at the Eisemann Center on Feb. 8.

be made, Willie left Atlantic for CBS records and so the idea was shelved."

Better known as "Mr. R&B," Jerry Wexler was a great fan of the original Western swing bands like Bob Wills, Milton Brown and Cliff Bruner—all first introduced to him while he was studying journalism in Kansas City. Nelson also had grown up on Western swing, and it has always figured heavily into his approach to music. Finally, Benson and Asleep at the Wheel (hailed as the modern kings of Western swing) were added, resulting in a sublime album, sure-

footed in its mastery but still as playful and daring as the originals.

From a catalog of nearly 40 selections, Wexler and Benson painstakingly narrowed the list down to 12. Always the producer with a vision, Wexler was involved in every way. He insisted that some of the tracks should include horns as well as a return to traditional fiddles and lap steel guitar associated with Western swing.

Visit WillieNelson.com or asleepatthewheel.com for more information about the artists or willieandthewheel.com for information about the show.

Broadway, comedy at the Eisemann Center

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

The Ten Tenors

On Broadway

8 p.m. Jan. 25

Tickets: \$42-\$65

The Ten Tenors will bring the North American premiere of "On Broadway," a new show showcasing the contrast of raw power and soothing beauty

they are known for, to the Eisemann Center. This limited run opportunity will present a wonderful collection of Broadway's greatest hits utilizing the sound that is uniquely theirs.



The Church Basement Ladies:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement

2 p.m. Feb. 13, 15, 16

8 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 15

Tickets: \$32-\$42

The Church Basement Ladies, who performed to sold-out houses in 2009, return to the Eisemann Center to face change head-

on from their church's basement kitchen in this comedic musical. These ladies maneuver through each situation with food and faith in their all new show *A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement*. Against the changing tides, these pillars of the church stand strong in their convictions and in their friendships with crazy antics, great songs, and lessons reluctantly learned in their fresh and updated show.



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.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays Jan. 2-26.

Photo Contest winner returns as judge

When Jonny Carroll entered the City of Richardson Photo Contest in 2005, he was a high school student more interested in videography than still photography. But his talent for visual art helped him win the Best of Show in the student category and to eventually build a career in photography.

Carroll, now 27, will return to the Richardson Photo Contest this year as a judge, alongside two other professional photographers.

"I thought it might be fun to be able to give back," he said. "It was what helped me find direction for my career, and I'm looking forward to it."



Jonny Carroll

When he was in high school, a friend's mom suggested that he enter the Richardson Photo Contest, and he submitted several entries. The winning shot was done during a rainy night in the West End in downtown Dallas.

"I never thought for a second it would win," he said. "I got a couple



Jonny Carroll's photo of downtown Dallas won Best of Show in the student category in 2005 City of Richardson Photo Contest.

of honorable mentions as well. I submitted a video for some contests at the same time and didn't win anything with it—I took it as a sign that I should look at photography."

Carroll attended the University of North Texas and started a photography business, which provided him some extra spending money when he was in school. One year, he said, he found that he was building up a solid business.

"It was a part-time thing I did, and I developed it into a full-time career," Carroll said. "I started seeing a lot of success."

His company, DTX Media and DTX Photography, does both still photo and video work. He specializes in aerial photos and video.

Carroll's advice to photographers is to remember to have fun when they're out with a camera.

"It's a difficult career," he said. "But just keep shooting and enjoy."

Tierong Fu exhibits work at Eisemann Center until Jan. 27

Artist Tierong Fu is exhibiting his work, "Inspirations of Nature," through Jan. 27 in the Green Mezzanine-Gallery at the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and during all public events. The Charles W. Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Dr., in the Galatyn Park Urban Center adjacent to the Galatyn Park DART rail station. For more information on exhibits and events, visit eisemanncenter.com.



Winterizing your home can help to avert problems

With the colder temperatures that can occur in North Texas this time of year, it's a good idea to think about winterizing your home. According to Assistant Director of Community Services Patricia Guerra, preparing your home for winter does not have to be a considerable chore if you do so one step at a time. By following the suggestions below, you'll not only protect your home, but you'll save dollars in heating costs as well.

Seal, Caulk and Wrap

- Add or replace worn weather-stripping around doors and windows. Caulk gaps where necessary.
- Replace worn doorstops at the bottom of doors.
- Use caulking and weather-stripping around entry points for all pipes and ducts that travel through an exterior wall.
- Install insulating kits behind electrical plugs that are on a wall with an exterior side.

Heating & Plumbing Systems

- Have a heating professional do a routine check before cold weather arrives.
- Take care of known issues with pipes that freeze. Heat tape and foam insulation can be used to keep them warm during extremely cold weather. Insulate your water heater with an insulating blanket.
- Drain water from outdoor faucets when you think a hard freeze is coming and install a freeze cover.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned. Close the fireplace damper when not in use.

Roof

- Replace loose shingles. Make sure the flashing around the chimney or vent pipes is water-tight.
- Install a screen at the top of the chimney to keep leaves and other items out.
- Clean drain gutters and point downspouts away from the house.
- Trim tree limbs that are hanging over or touching the roof.

Outdoor Items

- Check the foundation and siding for cracks or gaps. Repair as necessary.
- Put storm windows down.
- Drain garden hoses, roll them up and store them inside.

- Close and cover swimming pools.
- Cover outdoor furniture or store it inside.

"In addition to the previous recommendations, proper insulation is key to keeping your home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer," said Guerra. "Ask the staff at one of our local home improvement centers or with the City's Building Inspection division how much insulation is recommended for your home, then check to make sure it's adequate."

Notwithstanding the previous preparations, each year countless homeowners are burdened with bursting pipes and water leaks.

"If this occurs, residents should be prepared to minimize damage by

learning how to turn off water at its source," said Guerra. "Or if water is leaking in your home, call the City at 972-744-4111 for emergency water cut-off. A City representative will come to your home and shut off the water free of charge."

For more information, please contact Community Services at 972-744-4180.

Sprinkler shut-off prevents hazard

As the temperature drops, it is important to remember to purge and turn off sprinklers prior to temperatures dipping below freezing. Water that finds its way to the sidewalks and streets could freeze and create hazardous conditions for pedestrians and motorists. To prevent a serious accident from

occurring, please exercise caution and remember to turn off sprinklers if there is even a chance of freezing temperatures.

Remember, Stage 3 winter water restrictions went into effect Nov. 1, allowing for a twice per month irrigation schedule. Why not turn off your sprinkler system during the winter months? Your water conservation efforts will help! More information on water conservation can be found on the City's Water Conservation website available on the City's homepage at cor.net. Further information is also available at wateriq.org and ntmwd.com.

To report dangerous conditions, call Community Services at 972-744-4180 or send an e-mail to community.services@cor.gov.

Be prepared for winter weather!

Plan for extremely cold weather every winter—it's always a possibility.

- ❖ Turn off sprinkler systems to prevent damage to your system from freezing water and to prevent ice on roadways.
- ❖ Be sure your heater is well ventilated and working properly.
- ❖ Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries if needed.
- ❖ Keep plenty of water and food on hand for you and your pets.
- ❖ Use caution driving, especially on overpasses and bridges.
- ❖ Create a Winter Weather Kit in case you get stranded. Visit ready.gov/winter-weather.
- ❖ Winterize your pipes, and keep faucets dripping when the temperature drops below freezing.
- ❖ Keep trees trimmed and away from power lines.
- ❖ During power outages, leave on just your porch light and one indoor light to reduce initial demand once power is restored.




Visit cor.net/EM
for more information

Free childcare training seminar to be offered

The Richardson Health Department will offer a free childcare training seminar Saturday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m.-noon in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex.

The seminar will include:

- 9 a.m.**
"Balanced Beginnings," Ruth Mintline & Annette Lott
- 10 a.m.**
"Emergency Preparedness," Alisha Gimbel, City of Richardson Preparedness and Mitigation Coordinator
- 11 a.m.**
"Taking Care of You, Too! Tools for Self-Care," Keri Riggs, M.A., LPC-S, Executive Director, The Counseling Place

Please pre-register by Jan. 15 by calling 972-744-4077 or e-mailing janet.tucker@cor.gov. You may also register online at cor.net/childcaretraining.

This seminar may be used for three hours of continuing education units (CEUs) for childcare providers. Registered Family Homes are required to have 30 hours of CEUs annually by the State. A certificate will be provided after the seminar.

Sign in on the day of event begins at 8:30 a.m.

New Year's resolution: No grease down the drain

The New Year usually brings resolutions: plans to exercise, quit smoking or eat better. We resolve to do something or change something to help ourselves. How about a resolution that helps you and the environment? While cutting the fat in your diet, try cutting the fat you put down your drain and help keep our creeks cleaner too.

Restaurants and other businesses that produce oil and grease are required to install equipment in their sewer lines to capture grease and other food wastes, preventing these from entering the sewer lines. However, the City still has a problem with grease and food products clogging sanitary sewer lines. One source is oil and grease from home cooking in the family kitchen. The problem is exaggerated at apartments and other multi-family dwellings, where many kitchens are connected to the same sewer line.

Fats, oils and grease that are poured down the kitchen sink will cool and can solidify in sewer pipes. Oil and grease solids cling to the inside walls of the pipes causing narrowing and eventually grease blockage in the sewers. This blockage will cause a sewer backup, either in your home or out of a sewer manhole. Backed-up sinks and overflowing toilets can cause major problems in your home, but if the backup is in the City main line, the problem gets even bigger. Data collected by the Environmental Protection Agency suggests that grease blockage is the primary cause of 40-50 percent of sewer overflows nationwide and a

secondary cause in an additional 10-25 percent. The "stuff" you send down the kitchen drain is supposed to go to the wastewater treatment plant, but a sewer overflow contaminates our streets and storm drains. Stormwater sends this sewage contamination directly to creeks and rivers causing pollution, unsafe conditions and fish kills.

In Richardson, about half of the sewer main overflows are caused by grease build up. Sewer overflows and the stormwater pollution they create are a major concern and can result in substantial ecological damage to streams and the imposition of costly fines to the municipality. There are a few simple steps that we can all take to prevent costly sewage overflows and stormwater pollution:

- Never pour fats, oils or grease from cooking down the sink. Even if you run hot water down the drain, the grease will eventually harden either in your sewer line or the City sewer main, causing a blockage.
- Pour all fats, oils and greases into a coffee can or other durable container. Put the can in the refrigerator to solidify and dispose properly. Take 1-5 gallon containers of used cooking oil to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center at 11234 Plano Rd. Small quantities of fat can be disposed in the trash if solidified, but send it to the landfill only as a last resort. Find an approved drop-off location near you at ceasethegrease.org. (Dallas Water

Utilities operates these drop-off stations and converts your cooking grease to electricity that is then used for wastewater treatment.)

- Wipe out excess grease from plates, pots and pans with a paper towel or newspaper before washing or placing in the dishwasher. Toss the paper towel in the trash.
- Put food scraps in the trash, not down the garbage disposal.
- Never pour oils, grease or waste of any kind in the street, an alley or in storm drains.

These suggestions can and will save you money. Most sewer backups occur between the house and the City's sewer main, where the property owner is responsible for correcting the problem (hiring a plumber).



Proper disposal of fats, oil and grease reduces both the need for City crews to unstop sewer lines, and the cost of sewage treatment.

Resolve to dispose of your grease properly and help keep Richardson beautiful.

AirCheckTexas can help car owners with repairs

The AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program helps qualifying motorists comply with emissions standards by offering financial incentives to repair or replace vehicles. The program, which plays an important role in improving air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is currently accepting applications for emissions-related repair assistance and is gearing up to start replacement assistance in February until funds are exhausted.

For program requirements or to obtain an application, visit nctcog.org/airchecktexas or call 800-898-9103.

AirCheckTexas provides motorists vouchers worth up to \$600 toward emissions-related repairs year-round if they meet income requirements. Their vehicles must also meet certain specifications. When funds are available, the program offers vouchers worth as much as \$3,500 toward the purchase of newer, cleaner vehicles.

972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation



Register NOW!
Richardson Soccer Association
Spring 2014 Season!

- The Spring 2014 Season begins soon!
- Seasons are typically 6-10 games. Kids as young as 3 years old can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2014.)

How to Register:

Online: richardsonsoccer.org
In Person (beginning Jan. 4):
 651 N. Plano Rd. #421
 (Between Arapaho and Belt Line)
 Monday-Thursday: 1-6 p.m.
 Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*

Regular Registration: Jan. 1-12
Late Registration: Jan. 13-19
Wait List: Begins Jan. 20

*Special requirements for new players and those outside of the City of Richardson. Players must live in ZIP codes 75080, 75081 or 75082 to participate. Late and Wait List registration requires \$10 late fee.

Visit richardsonsoccer.org to register online!

Thank you to Santa's Village volunteers

The following groups and organizations generously donated their time and talent for the continued success of Santa's Village. Many thanks to all. We couldn't do it without you!

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- COR Fire Department
- COR Library
- COR Police Department
- COR Recycling
- COR Swim Team
- Leadership Richardson Class XXIX
- Leadership Richardson Alumni Association
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Neighborhood Credit Union
- Richardson Family YMCA
- Richardson Jaycees
- Exchange Club of Richardson
- Richardson Junior League
- Richardson Rotary
- Richardson East Rotary
- Richardson Woman's Club
- Richardson Youth Leadership

- Symphony League
- Entertainment**
- Amy's Studio Adult Ensemble
- Angela's Angels of Arabesque Studio of the Dance
- Berkner HS Jazz Band
- Berkner HS Ramblers
- Canyon Creek Elementary Choir and Musik-Spiel
- Centre For Dance
- Class Act Tap Company
- Coram Deo Student Choir—Park Cities Baptist Church
- Creative Arts Dance Team
- Dallas Tap Dazzlers
- Dartmouth Elementary Upbeat Choir
- Dimensions Dance Performing Arts Center
- Dixie Grand Cloggers
- Dove Academy of Dance Arts
- Emily Joyce
- GenYration
- JJ Pearce High School Mustang Stampede
- Keagan Riley & Greg Wright
- London School of Dance
- Matille Torres

- Melva Smith School of Dance
- Noemi Lugo
- Prairie Creek Sign Choir
- Resounding Harmony
- Richardson High School Choir Legacy
- Richardson High School Desperados
- Richardson North Junior High Rich-Tone Chorus
- Showtime Dance Academy
- Sounding Brass
- St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Children/Teen Choir
- Studio Dance Centre
- Sway Dance Center
- Talent N More Dance Centre
- The Core Theatre
- The Georges
- W.T. White HS Momentum Dance Group

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all the families, individuals and group volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make the holiday season brighter.

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

Group Lessons— Adults/Juniors Jan. 6-24	Adults Leagues Jan. 6-Feb. 21 Cost: \$30
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Private lessons available

Valentine Jubilee
 Adaptive Event

Heights Recreation Center
Saturday, Feb. 8, 7-9:30 p.m.
Registration #75915
www.cor.net/parksonline

Ages 18 and older. Come join us as we celebrate this exciting and romantic holiday with a dance. It will surely be all your heart desires! No date necessary. You will enjoy a sit-down dinner, as well as a full night of dancing, contests, and more! Space is limited, so register today. Due to catering, registration ends Feb. 1, or when full. Sorry, no drop-in registration will be available. Fee is \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.

Sherrill Park Golf Course

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

2001 E. Lookout Dr.
 972-234-1416
sherrillparkgolf.com

To book tee times, tour both courses, and find information about upcoming tournaments visit sherrillparkgolf.com

Daddy/Daughter Valentine Ball

Richardson Civic Center/Grand Hall
Friday, Feb. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Attire: Sunday Best-Formal
Registration #75912, www.cor.net/parksonline

Ages 5 and older with a dad, grandad, uncle or other father figure. The pleasure of your company is requested at our annual Valentine's Ball. Daddies, this is your chance to treat your little girls like the princesses they are. Enjoy a buffet-style dinner and a night of dancing to music from a professional DJ, plus special effects lighting, contests, and more! Don't miss this opportunity to dance the night away with your little sweethearts! This will truly be a night that your little girls will always remember! See you at the Ball! Fee is \$60 per couple and INCLUDES a photograph of you and your daughter from a professional photographer. Additional daughter is \$25 without an additional photograph or \$35 with an additional photograph. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!! REGISTRATION DEADLINE, FEB. 1, OR WHEN FULL!

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

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

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

“Smart Driver” Program

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 \$15 for AARP members and \$20 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:

Jan. 2	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	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:

Jan. 6 & 9	6-9 p.m.
Jan. 20 & 23	6-9 p.m.
Jan. 18 & 25	1:15-4:15 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 Jan. 6. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Jan. 6 from 7-8 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102

This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Jan. 6 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 Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m.

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.



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.

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.

Jan. 4	Gary Lee
Jan. 11	Doc Gibbs
Jan. 25	Dave Brewer

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

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.

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.

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 hand-made crafts which are for sale. Open to the public.

These crafts shown at right were made by Betty Wright.



972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Elaine Hosage (at right), Cooper Institute Certified for special population (older adults) personal trainer, offers individual personalized fitness programs and/or strength training classes designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. Stay moving in 2014!

Sing-A-Long

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

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 Jan. 2.

iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center Jan. 15 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to provide screening for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

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.

Pinocle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

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

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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



Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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

We're bringing



ACTION BACK

Sunday, Jan. 26

3:30-5:30 p.m.

6th-12th grade

Basement Program Room

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



MOVIE AND POPCORN

CRAFTIVITY!

Crafts & Games

Fun for the whole family!

Saturday, Jan. 11

3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For residents and non-residents.
No registration required.

The Vanderbilts

Lunchtime Lectures

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

Tuesdays
Feb. 18
Feb. 25
March 4

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

you are welcome to bring your lunch

Basement Program Room. Please contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 or Richard Cudlipp at RCudlipp@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Heart-y Arty Valentine Party

Make Valentine crafts!

Enjoy a puppet show!

Saturday, Feb. 8

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Recommended for preschool-4th grade

Basement Program Room

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

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

At the Richardson Public Library

FREE!

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. Please call Yolanda Medina at 972-744-4368.

Library offers free online learning courses

Thanks to a generous gift from the Friends of the Richardson Public Library, the Library has purchased access for its patrons to Learn4Life online courses.

Comprehensive six-week courses start monthly, and you may choose from a catalog of many classes including test preparation (GED, SAT, LSAT, GRE, GMAT), grant writing, career development, basic computer lit-

eracy, computer applications, and much more.

The Library's subscription goes live in early January. Visit richardsonpubliclibrary.com and click on Learn4Life to see the entire catalog of course offerings and to register for free classes. A valid Richardson Library card is required to register for classes. For more information, call 972-744-4355.

Learn about popular reference tool at free lunchtime lecture

Kam Draper will teach how to use ReferenceUSA, a popular online Library resource, for sales, marketing and employment opportunities.

The lecture will take place 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Lunchtime lectures are free and open to all adults. No registration is required. Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch. For more information call 972-744-4376.

MOVIE MORNING

The Secret World of Arrietty

RATED PG

Saturday, Jan. 25

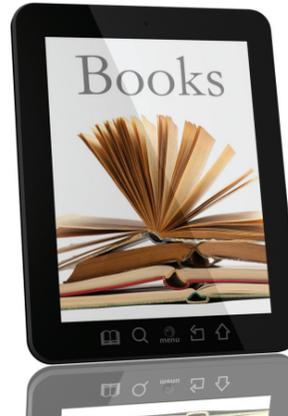
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

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



We're looking for tech-savvy volunteers!



- Do you use a Kindle, Nook, or other e-reader?
- Are you a good communicator?
- Would you like to help others learn how to download e-books?

If you are interested, join our e-book instruction team. Please e-mail liane.martins@cor.gov.

(You will be using the Library's devices for training.)

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.



Puzzle is an expert in search and rescue.
Jake Piper helps people fight anxiety.
Susannah Charleson trained them both.
Meet her and her talented dogs as the Friends of the Richardson Library presents...

InPerson
Author Lecture Series
Focus on Texas Authors

Thursday, Jan. 23

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** or call 972-226-2167 for tickets and more information.

Presented by the Friends of the Richardson Library, with support from the Richardson Woman's Club and a grant from the City of Richardson Arts Commission.

