

# Eleven properties receive Revitalization Award

Eleven projects were recognized in February as part of the 19th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Mayor Laura Maczka and Council Member Paul Voelker, City Plan Commissioners Tom Maxwell and Bill Ferrell, and Deborah Borum represented the Chamber of Commerce.

Properties receiving an award are:



**Alamo Draffhouse Cinema**

**Alamo Draffhouse Cinema:** The Alamo Draffhouse Cinema has enhanced and reenergized the redevelopment effort of the Richardson Heights Shopping Center, a 2008 Revitalization Award winner. Converting a portion of an existing retail shopping center previously occupied by an automotive repair facility, the new theater ties into the existing center with a mid-century modern design that recaptures the spirit of Richardson.



**Callaway Architecture**

**Callaway Architecture:** Tony Callaway has designed a number of projects within Richardson, and when he relocated his architectural offices to Richardson in 2012, he immediately began a major repair and renovation program of this existing 30-year-old office building.

The project involved extensive repairs and upgrades, including a new roof, installation of a prominent stone accented carport that adds visual interest while providing screening of the employee parking lot, encasing the chimney and columns with natural stone, and extensive landscaping.



**The Pearl Cup**

**The Pearl Cup:** The Pearl Cup Coffee House added a modern covered patio for enjoying your latte. The slat siding on the patio is extended to the distinctive façade treatment that complements the established charm of the existing center.



**RISD Administrative Office**

**Richardson Independent School District Administration Building:** Constructed in 1914, the "Red Brick School" was converted to the RISD Administrative Offices in 1960. Adding to the nostalgia of this Richardson landmark, the District recently completed a significant renovation program that modernized the building while maintaining its historic roots. Highlights of the renovation include new energy-efficient windows and doors that replicate the originals, as well as the reconstruction of the parking lot and enhanced landscaping along Greenville Avenue and Phillips Drive.



**Shady's Burger Joint**

**Shady's Burger Joint:** At Shady's Burger Joint, a large rustic patio, shaded by mature trees and a built-in awning, provides room for outdoor dining and entertainment, while the bold red entrance adds character and energy.



**Davenport Residence**

**Davenport Residence:** Settling in the established Berkner Park neighborhood, the Davenports' renovation of their 1970s home included a modern update of the façade from wood paneling to a contemporary stone inlay which complements the existing wall materials. Additional improvements feature new energy efficient windows, a board-on-board stained cedar fence, and extensive new landscaping. These well-chosen alterations are an excellent example of reinvestment that maintains the character of an established neighborhood.



**Hutchings Residence**

**Hutchings Residence:** The remodel of this 1950s Richardson Heights home exemplifies how a few modifications can have

big impacts. The conversion of two sculptured wing walls into a covered front porch accents a decorative front door that maintains the character of the original home. Additional improvements include new windows, a new paint scheme, updated lighting fixtures, a flagstone sidewalk and new landscaping.



**Kerr Residence**

**Kerr Residence:** Wanting the amenities of a new home within an established neighborhood, the Kerr Family built this new, traditional two-story home, which features a brick and HardiePlank façade, a large covered front porch and a decorative carriage-style garage door. Personalized detailing, such as the shutters and decorative trim, add an element of charm, while the professionally designed landscaping integrates this beautiful new home into the neighborhood.



**Koch Residence**

**Koch Residence:** Enhancing the spatial qualities of the lot and surrounding homes, the Koch Family completed an intensive remodel of this 1960s-era Canyon Creek home. Features include a Tudor-style façade with brick and HardiePanel siding, a new color scheme that accents a covered front porch with stone and cedar columns, a new roof, a flagstone

sidewalk, and new landscaping that maintained the mature trees.



**Leyden Residence**

**Leyden Residence:** The Leydens' unquestionably made a refined statement with the remodel of their 1960s Richardson Heights home that include updates to the paint, doors and complementary light fixtures. But it was the incorporation of the attractive, drought-tolerant landscaping, and the dormer windows along the front roof line that makes this home "pop."



**Luecht Residence**

**Luecht Residence:** Wanting an updated traditional look that respects the scale of the neighborhood, the Luecht Family commissioned Fairview Custom Homes to remodel their home. Featuring a traditional design, the new front façade features three steep-pitched gables within the front roofline that frames a new covered front porch accented with an arched entryway, a new color scheme, and updated lighting fixtures. The removal of a circular driveway allowed for the expansion of the front yard with new landscaping and seasonal color.

Nominations are already being accepted for the 2014 awards. For more information, contact Israel B. Roberts at 972-744-4256 or israel.roberts@cor.gov.

## Richardson Gymnastics Center earns LEED Silver Certification

The Richardson Gymnastics Center celebrated its grand opening in January 2013, and now there is another cause for celebration as it has recently achieved the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification, which is given to construction projects that meet a high level of standards and qualities set by the U.S. Green Building Council.

All of Richardson's most recently constructed civic buildings have achieved LEED Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, reflecting the City Council's environmental goal of having all new municipal buildings achieve this standard.

LEED rating systems have 100 base points plus six Innovation in Design points and four Regional Priority points, for a total of 110 points. Each project is given points based on the environmental impacts and human benefits of the building-related impacts that it addresses. Projects receive certification if they earn points according to the following designated levels:

Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

"We're extremely pleased that the Gymnastics Center has earned this distinguished certification," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "This facility is another wonderful example of Richardson's commitment to sustainability, and a demonstration of how the City is working to build new facilities to the most environmentally sensitive standards possible."

The Richardson Gymnastics program was started by the Richardson Parks and Recreation Department more than 42 years ago, and up until a year ago they shared space at the old Heights Recreation Center. In January 2013 the gymnasts moved to a new home that offers more than 15,000 square feet and provides equipment and space for amateur and competitive gymnastics training and practice, and a multipurpose room for meetings, parties and private events.

The Gymnastics Center, Fire Station #4, the new Heights Recreation Center, and the new Fire



Training and Emergency Operations Center are all 2010 Bond Program buildings designed to meet LEED certification standards. In addition to these facilities the 2006 Bond Program initiated the LEED certification for Richardson municipal facilities with the new Huffhines Recreation Center and Fire Station #2.

"We're very happy and honored to receive this designation," said Roger Scott, Assistant Director

of Parks and Planning. "The facility has been extremely successful since its opening. The staff has seen tremendous interest locally from kids wanting to get more involved in gymnastics. Overall, we're proud to have such a wonderful, well-designed facility for the community to use."

The Gymnastics Center, located at the southeast corner of Arapaho Road at Grove Road, is designed to host competitions and

tournaments at the regional and state levels. The City's gymnastics program has grown to become one of the finest in Texas for all levels of skill and ability. Competitive teams include Levels 3-10 with upper level gymnasts working to earn college scholarships. Student-to-teacher ratios are 8:1. For more information, visit richardsongymnastics.com.