



RICHARDSON TODAY

City progresses on green initiative—Web site launched

The City recently launched a "green" Web site—www.greencor.net—to promote environmental awareness and act as a clearing house for environmental information. The site contains information about City events and programs as well as links to external agencies.

The new Web site is part of the City Council's larger initiative to develop a "comprehensive environmental plan."

The City Council's goals and initiatives for the 2007-2009 term were finalized in January of 2008 and in June the City Council created an Environmental Advisory Commission and the nine members were appointed in September.

The primary responsibilities for the commission are to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council concerning strategies and initiatives for improving the quality of the natural environment of the City; make recommendations to the City Council relative to expenditures of City funds for the purposes of promoting and sustaining the natural environment of the City; serve as a review board for the funding of proposed programs within the City that are environmentally related; work with City staff to educate individuals (citizens, students, businesses and civic organizations) about litter awareness and prevention, and engage in volunteer opportunities to enhance the beautification efforts of the City.

Since its inception, the Commission has worked with City staff to develop a Comprehensive Environmental Plan for the City and identify key environmental components that include:

- Education and Outreach
- Land Use
- Transportation/Air Quality
- Green Buildings
- Energy Efficiency
- Green Power
- Water Conservation
- Water Quality
- Recycling/Waste Management

The new Web site plays a role in the City's education and outreach efforts as part of the environmental plan. Other efforts include the City's 18th annual "Trash Bash" held in April when residents came together for a City-wide clean up to rid streets, parks and waterways of litter.

The City was an event partner in "Live Green Expo" also held in April. The event was a regional effort to increase environmental awareness, and it featured more than 100

booths that highlighted different environmental issues. More than 15,000 attended the free family event to learn how to lead more healthful lives with less impact on the environment.

The second "Richie's Recycling Roundup" will be held this month and 300-400 elementary school children will visit City Hall to learn about the importance of recycling. They will participate in interactive games and meet the City's mascot, Richie the Recycling Duck. Richie was introduced at last year's event.

The City's "Blue Bag" recycling program began in 1992 and provides each household in Richardson with recycling collection service one day a week. All recyclable materials may be placed in a "blue bag" for pick up on one of the same days designated for regular trash collection. More than 300 tons of recyclables are collected each month and residents are encouraged to join the program to save landfill space and valuable resources. Blue bags are available for purchase at City Hall, Heights and Huffhines rec centers and the Senior Citizens Center.

The City of Richardson is committed to reducing energy usage and minimizing the impact City operations have on the quality of the environment. The following components of the environmental plan include a brief description of just some of the steps the City is taking towards this goal.

Land Use

The City of Richardson wants its land use to be efficient and environmentally friendly by encouraging green building techniques and continuing to promote and enhance transit-oriented development at DART stations to reduce the need for personal vehicle transportation.

Transportation/Air Quality

Richardson was one of the first communities to participate in voluntary emissions reduction measures and was awarded the EPA's "Best Workplace for Commuters" in 2004 for its transportation policy that positively affects air quality. The City's Preventative Maintenance Program improves the longevity of vehicles and improves gas mileage. Since 2002, all City vehicles and equipment purchased have been low emissions vehicles.

Green Buildings

In 2007, Richardson endorsed the plan to build Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified City buildings. LEED is a program that certifies

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City facilities close for Memorial Day

The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center complex, the Library, Municipal Court and Animal Shelter will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. All offices will reopen at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 26. Heights and Huffhines Recreation Centers will be open normal hours (8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.) on Monday. Huffhines Tennis Center will be open but will close at 7 p.m. Call the Police Department at 972-744-4800 for emergencies when the Animal Shelter is closed.

Memorial Day observance at Restland Memorial Park

The 69th annual Memorial Day Celebration will be held at Restland Memorial Park, Greenville Avenue and Restland Road beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, May 25. Activities will include a family photo exhibit of WWII pictures in the Abbey Chapel; helicopter, vehicle and equipment displays from World Wars I and II and the Vietnam War; a fly-over by the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force (call 972-238-7111 for an exact time); a 21-gun salute; live music and retired radio personality Alex Burton as master of ceremonies. The Greater Dallas Veterans Council is co-sponsoring the event. The guest speaker will be U.S. Air Force Colonel Ken Cordier (retired). Major General Keith Thurgood will offer a special dedication.

Memorial Day sanitation schedule Recycle collection make-up days

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be **NO solid waste pick up** or **special pick up** Monday, May 25. There will be **MAKE-UP** days for **recycling** pick up. If your normal **recycle day** is **Monday**, items will be picked up Tuesday, May 26. If your normal **recycle day** is **Tuesday**, items will be picked up Wednesday, May 27.

Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 15-17

Music and art abound during Richardson's 17th annual *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival. Named "Best of the Fests" by *D magazine*, this award-winning festival features events and activities for the whole family: local, regional and national headliner entertainment, The Marketplace, showcasing arts and crafts, The Kidz Korner with children's games and activities and the City of Richardson's Petting Zoo, street performers, buskers, acrobats and entertainers, the Budding Talent Competition, the Singer/Songwriter Stage and Contest, the Taste of Texas Food Garden, the Acoustic Café and the Art Guitar auction...plus so much more!

Dates and times are:
May 15, 6 p.m. to midnight
May 16, 11 a.m. to midnight
May 17, 12:30-8 p.m.

Headlining this year's festival are: **Kansas, The Toadies, Rick Springfield, Kool & The Gang, Hoobastank, Night Ranger, Edgar Winter, Jackopierce, The Wailers, Robert Randolph & the Family Band, Badfish – A tribute to SUBLIME, The Killdares, The Spazmatics, Le Freak, Kraig Parker—a tribute to Elvis, David Wilcox, and Vance Gilbert.** *Wildflower!* is the area's premier arts and music festival drawing local, regional, and national acts performing the best in classic rock, reggae, funk, alt-rock, R&B, pop, Americana, and folk.

Ticket prices for *Wildflower!* again remain the best deal in the Metroplex with a \$25 three-day pass available at wildflowerfestival.net and all area Tom Thumb stores. The \$25 pass is sold until 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 15. Adult single day tickets are \$15 and kids age 5-12 are \$3; the adult single day

ticket is also available in advance through the festival's Web site or by calling 877-772-5425. Kids 4 and under are free! See **page 3** for information on **ticket discount for Richardson residents.**

Wildflower! is located at US 75 and Galatyn Parkway in Richardson. For complete festival info including festival map, performance schedules and lodging options, visit www.wildflowerfestival.net or call 972-744-4580.



Rick Springfield



Kool & The Gang



Kansas



The Edgar Winter Band

See page 2 for entertainment schedule.

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City launches "green" Web site

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buildings on environmental aspects ranging from construction, waste disposal, energy efficiency, land use and many other aspects of the design and building trade. Richardson's new Fire Station #2 is a LEED project and the new Huffhines Recreation Center now under construction is also a LEED project.

Energy Efficiency

Recent HVAC improvements at City Hall, the Library, Police Substation and Fire Station #5 have resulted in a 20 percent reduction in electrical use. Lighting retrofits in City buildings have resulted in another 25 percent in savings and additional retrofits are anticipated. Research is currently under way on the use of LEDs (light emitting diodes) for street lamp lighting and the use of solar paneling for supplemental office power. Oncor's CitySmart Program provides municipalities a 10-15 percent rebate for monies spent on energy-efficient projects. Richardson's Information Services Department recently upgraded software and equipment that made it possible to reduce the number of multiple user network servers from 40 machines to five, decreasing electricity usage. A \$3,500 rebate from Oncor allowed the department to purchase additional energy saving software.

Green Power

The City of Richardson is in the process of reviewing and studying alternative ener-

gy production methods in residential and commercial areas such as solar, thermal, hydro and wind.

Water Conservation

City staff has made water line improvements and replacements of its aging infrastructure. Xeriscaping is promoted and educational materials are provided to developers to promote using landscape materials and plants that contribute to water conservation. The City sells outdoor and indoor water conservation kits for \$8 each or both for \$15. The kits are available at City Hall or the Municipal Service Center.

Water Quality

City staff conducts semi-annual monitoring of 18 specific sites on Cottonwood Creek, Prairie Creek, Spring Creek, Huffhines Creek, Duck Creek and Rowlett Creek plus several others. Streams are evaluated for physical and chemical characteristics to ensure compliance with state guidelines and standards. The City's Pretreatment Program monitors and surveys industrial users to ensure that wastewater is pre-treated to acceptable and established standards.

As the City of Richardson continues its "green" efforts, it will monitor environmental legislation and pursue grant funding opportunities. Residents are encouraged to do their part as well. Visit www.greencor.net to learn what you can do to help sustain our environment.

Wildflower! schedule of performers

ViewPoint Bank Stage

Friday, May 15

6:30 p.m. Le Freak
8:15 p.m. Kool & The Gang
10 p.m. Rick Springfield

Saturday, May 16

12:30 p.m. The Michael Lee Band
2 p.m. Monkeyshyne
3:30 p.m. The Soldier Thread
5 p.m. Day Job Refugees
6:30 p.m. The Edgar Winter Band
8:15 p.m. Night Ranger
10 p.m. Kansas

Sunday, May 17

1:15 p.m. The Freddy Jones Band
3 p.m. Urban Renewal
4:45 p.m. The Wailers-Exodus Tour
6:30 p.m. Robert Randolph & The Family Band

metroPCS Stage

Friday, May 15

6:15 p.m. Aftertraces
7:30 p.m. The Killdares
9 p.m. Jackopierce
10:30 p.m. Hoobastank

Saturday, May 16

11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Battle of the Bands
2 p.m. Duz It Matter
3:15 p.m. The Novas
4:30 p.m. Red Leather
5:45 p.m. Epitas
7:15 p.m. Tonic
8:45 p.m. Badfish-

Sunday, May 17

10:30 p.m. The Toadies
1:30 p.m. BeBe Le Strange a tribute to Heart
3:15 p.m. Swan Song a tribute to Led Zeppelin
5 p.m. Eight Arms to Hold You a tribute to The Beatles
6:45 p.m. Spectors Gun Collection a tribute to The Allman Brothers Band

Hill Performance Hall Eisemann Center

Kraig Parker-The World's Foremost Tribute to Elvis

Friday, May 15-9 p.m.
Saturday, May 16-6 and 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 17-5:30 p.m.

Galatyn Park Singer/Songwriter Stage

Bank of America Theatre Eisemann Center

Friday, May 15

6:30 p.m. Karen Mal with Will Taylor and Strings Attached
7:30 p.m. Ellis Paul
8:30 p.m. Pierce Pettis
9:30 p.m. David Wilcox

Saturday, May 16

11:30 a.m. Songwriters Contest 10 finalists
1:30 p.m. Betty Soo
2:45 p.m. Andy Gullahorn
4 p.m. Rhythm Angels
5:15 p.m. Chris Rosser
6:30 p.m. Tom Prosada-Rao
Tom Kimmel, Michael Lille
7:45 p.m. Sherpa Jam
8:30 p.m. Songwriter Spotlight
9 p.m. Vance Gilbert

Sunday, May 17

1 p.m. Budding Talent
Vocal Competition
2:30 p.m. Songwriters Contest winners
3:30 p.m. Bill Ward
4:30 p.m. Susan Werner
5:45 p.m. John Gorka

Acoustic Café

Friday, May 15

The Venue Luxury Apartments Street Dance

7:30 p.m. Scott McCurry
9:15 p.m. The Spazmatics
Saturday, May 16
11 a.m.-10 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Assoc. Open Mic

Sunday, May 17

12:45-6:45 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Assoc. Open Mic

Wildflower! is now a SMOKE FREE event.

Smoking is NOT ALLOWED inside the event gates.

There will be designated areas outside the gates.

All stage times and locations are subject to change or cancellation without notice. Please refer to wildflowerfestival.net for latest schedule.

City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the March 23 and April 13 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 Web site, www.cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or request more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

March 23

The City Council took action on the following items:

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Animal Services Advisory Commission

Appoint Jean Felsted, Chair; Erica Erikson, Vice Chair; Dennis Wooten, Animal Shelter Services Manager; Tom Hatfield, Municipal Official; Dana Huffman, Paula Carlson, Elise Bissell, members.

Arts Commission

Appoint Abby Kratz, Chair; Richard Luttrell, Vice Chair; David McNair, member; Reappoint Linda Kao, member.

Library Board

Appoint Andrea Rutledge, Chair; Reappoint Carol Adams, Vice Chair; Reappoint Pat Maher, member; Appoint Joyce Chaffin, member.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Reappoint Kendal Hartley, Chair; Appoint Bob Dubey, Vice Chair; Reappoint Gerry Leftwich and Susan Fischer, members.

Sign Control Board

Appoint Doris Benner, Chair; Frank McGee, Vice Chair; Tim Quilici, member; Sandra Moudy and Dorothy McKearin as alternates.

Tax Increment Financing Zone Board

Reappoint Richard Ramey, Chair; Kimberly Aaron, Charles Bissell, Tony Reynolds, Hank Mulvihill, Paul Peck and Erik Wyse, members.

Consent Agenda

Approved Ordinance No. 3745, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 12, Article III to prohibit circuses, carnivals and other amusements.

April 13

The City Council took action on the following items:

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Arts Commission

Reappoint Beth Kolman, member.

Public Hearing and Consider Ordinance No. 3746: Adopting Standards of Care for Youth Programs offered by the Richardson Parks and Recreation Department was approved.

Variance 09-01 Govindji Plaza: A request by Robert Taczala, Brand & Allen Architects, representing Govindji Jewelers, for a variance to Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-52(i) of the City of Richardson, Code of Ordinances to allow a 6-space reduction to the total number of required parking spaces at 245 N. Central Expressway, north of Belt Line Road was approved.

Variance 09-02 Camelot Shopping Center: A request by Marcela Abadi Rhoads, Abadi Architecture, representing Hoppenstein Properties, Inc., for a variance to Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-52(i) of the City of Richardson Code of Ordinances to allow a 29-space reduction to the total number of required parking spaces at 580 W. Arapaho Road, east of Hampshire Lane was denied.

Consent Agenda

Approved Ordinance No. 3747, amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 23 to add Article VII to establish an Irrigation Code; by establishing minimum standards, and permits for the installation of irrigation systems.

Approved Resolution No. 09-04, approving the terms and conditions of a Project Supplemental Agreement by and between the City of Richardson, Texas and the County of Dallas, Texas in order to contract for the implementation of the Major Capital Improvement Project authorized by Commissioners Court Order 2007-2206 dated Oct. 30, 2007, which approved specified projects including Campbell Road at Plano Road MCIP Project 12106.

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Early voting for May 9 election continues through May 5

Early voting for the May 9, 2009 Richardson City Council election began April 27 and ends May 5 at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. in Richardson.

Registered voters who live in Dallas County or Collin County may vote early in the Richardson City Council election at City Hall or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. **City Hall is not a polling place on Election Day.**

For more information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290, the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-637-7937, Collin County Elections Department at 972-633-3200, or Citizens Information Services at 972-744-4104. More information can be found at www.cor.net, on the Dallas County Elections website at www.dalcoelections.org or on the Collin County Elections Web site at www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

Dates and times for early voting at Dallas County locations:

April 27-May 1 (Monday-Friday) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

May 2 (Saturday) 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

May 3 (Sunday) 1 to 6 p.m.;

May 4-5 (Monday & Tuesday) 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please note: If a runoff election is required, it will be held Saturday, June 13 and early voting times will be published in the June issue of this publication.



New playground for Heights Park

The installation of new playground equipment at Heights Park is almost complete as workers are completing the final touches over the next few weeks. A "Tree House" theme was developed based on input from a focus group of Richardson residents. The playground was designed with two separate play areas with age-appropriate equipment. One area is meant for ages 2 to 5 and the second for the 5 to 12 age group. The area for ages 5 to 12 has a two-story "Tree House" structure that has two tube slides that twist and turn down from the upper "lookout tower." The play equipment for ages 2 to 5 continues the tree house theme but at a less elevated level. There are two slides, a sloped rock climbing wall, ladders, a chime panel and a "fun fone." The photo above shows the two-story structure for the older children and the photo at left shows the structure for children ages 2 to 5.

Las elecciones anticipadas para el 9 de mayo continúa por el 5 de mayo

Las elecciones anticipadas para el 9 de mayo del Concejo de la Ciudad de Richardson empezó el 27 de abril y termina el 5 de mayo en el Centro cívico de la Ciudad de Richardson, en 411 W. Arapaho Rd. en Richardson.

Los votantes registrados que viven en el condado de Dallas o en el condado de Collin pueden votar en forma anticipada en el centro electoral del Concejo de la Ciudad en el centro cívico de Richardson o en cualquiera de los demás lugares de votación anticipada del condado de Dallas. **El Centro cívico de la Ciudad de Richardson no es un centro electoral en el Día de las elecciones.**

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con el Secretario del Municipio al 972-744-4290, el Departamento electoral del condado de Dallas al 214-637-7937, el Departamento electoral del condado de Collin al 972-633-3200, o con Servicios de

información para ciudadanos al 972-744-4104. Puede encontrar más información en www.cor.net, o en el sitio web de Elecciones del condado de Dallas en www.dalcoelections.org o en el sitio web de Elecciones del condado de Collin en www.co.collin.tx.us/elections.

Fechas y horarios para la votación anticipada en los lugares habilitados del condado de Dallas:

27 de abril-1 de mayo (lunes a viernes)

8 a.m. a 5 p.m.;

2 de mayo (sábado) 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.;

3 de mayo (domingo) 1 a 6 p.m.;

4-5 de mayo (lunes y martes)

7 a.m. a 7 p.m.;

Favor de notar: Si una elección de Pérdidas es requerida, será tenida el sábado, 13 de junio y horarios para la votación anticipada serán publicados en el asunto de junio de esta publicación.

WildRide! Against Cancer & 5K Trail Walk Saturday, May 16

Sign up now for the *WildRide!* Against Cancer and 5K Trail Walk, benefiting Richardson Regional Cancer Center, an affiliate of UT Southwestern Medical Center and home of the Lance Armstrong Shaped Beam Surgery™ program. Cyclists can choose from 16, 40, or 64 scenic miles that start in Richardson and pass through Plano, Parker, Murphy, and Wylie; across the dam at Lake Lavon; and through Nevada, Josephine, and Garland. The new 5K Trail Walk is a non-timed fun run/walk that will take place on Spring Creek Trail in Richardson.

Registration Fees:

Ride - \$40

Walk/Run - \$20

Children under 12 receive a 50 percent discount.

The *WildRide!* and 5K Trail Walk, presented by the Richardson Regional Medical Center Foundation, will be held in conjunction with the *Wildflower!* Arts & Music Festival. Visit WildRideBikeRally.com or call 972-498-7678.

Special Wildflower! ticket prices for Richardson residents

Once again the City of Richardson will offer a special deal on *Wildflower!* tickets for Richardson residents. Through 5 p.m. May 15, present your current City of Richardson water bill (or a valid Texas drivers license with a Richardson address) at the following locations and purchase adult day tickets for \$7.50 each (half off the regular price!)

- Customer Service Department at City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho, Room 101, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- Huffhines Recreation Center, 1500 Apollo Rd., 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
- Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday.
- Senior Citizens Center, 820 W. Arapaho, call 972-744-7800; hours vary.

Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets per household for each day of the festival.

'Three Cups of Tea' selected as 2009 One Book

"Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin has been selected as the Richardson Reads One Book (RROB) pick for 2009. The title was revealed April 30 at a reception for RROB friends and supporters. Co-author, award-winning journalist and adventurer in his own right David Oliver Relin has been booked for the free author lecture to be held in the fall that is always a highlight of the Richardson Reads program. "It is a great coup to be able to bring one of the authors of this international best seller to Richardson," said Susan Allison, president of Richardson Reads One Book. "Everyone in the community from children through adults will be inspired by the story told in 'Three Cups of Tea.'"

"Three Cups of Tea" is the true account of how one man made a big difference in the world. Greg Mortenson was a smart and talented though somewhat aimless part-time nurse and full-time adventurer when he had a mountain climbing mishap in Pakistan. After wandering into the tiny village of Korphe, Mortenson was nursed back to

health by the villagers. Mortenson was impressed by a group of village children earnestly doing math problems in the dirt with sharp sticks without benefit of a teacher or a school building. He promised to come back and build a school even though he had no money and knew nothing about building schools.

After returning to the comforts of home, Mortenson's desire to bring education to Korphe's children didn't fade. He pushed on through a series of false starts and frustrated hopes to eventually build a bridge to Korphe and later to build a school. In the tribal lands that are home to the Taliban, Mortenson started with a single school devoted to educating both boys and girls and continued to build schools one at a time throughout the region.

"Three Cups of Tea" is about building schools, but more importantly it is about building individual relationships with those whose cultures seem utterly incomprehensible. David Oliver Relin is the perfect writer to capture Mortenson's story because he has

made a career out of traveling the world to bring us an understanding of people and situations that are mysterious to many of us. Besides co-authoring "Three Cups of Tea," Relin wrote a profile of child soldier Ishmael Beah who later wrote the best selling "A Long Way Gone." He has reported on human rights and children's rights issues from much of East Asia. In 1992, he bicycled the entire length of Viet Nam and reported extensively on the opening of post war Viet Nam to the rest of the world.

Richardson Reads One Book is part of a community reading program spreading across the nation that promotes building community relationships through the shared experience of reading and discussing the issues raised in a single book. The selection of the book "Three Cups of Tea" marks the fifth anniversary of the Richardson Reads One Book program.

One Book events have become popular across the country since reading evangelist Nancy Pearl launched the 1998 campaign "If All Seattle Read the Same Book." Pearl

is widely known for her reading recommendations on NPR. A committee of Richardson educators, librarians and other community leaders started Richardson's first One Book program in 2004 with the selection of "Pay It Forward" by Catherine Ryan Hyde. In subsequent years, the featured books included "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls and last year's "Before You Know Kindness" by Chris Bohjalian.

Books considered for the One Book program must appeal to a wide range of readers—from high school students to senior citizens; should be provocative—with universal issues and themes that lend themselves well to group discussion; should preferably be written at a 7th grade reading level to be accessible to a wide range of readers, and should be available in paperback, as well as audio.

For more information about Richardson Reads One Book, see the Library's Web site at www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com.

Composting seminar June 13

Date: Saturday, June 13
Time: 10 a.m.-noon
Location: Richardson Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.
Cost: Free
Contact: Ryan Delzell, 972-744-4404

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

Tynes is a nationally known expert on backyard composting and is the site editor of www.mastercomposter.com. She also publishes the newsletter "Digging Deeper Into the Pile," which provides helpful tips, information on controlling pests, experiment results, suggested projects for scouts or students, methods for hard-to-compost items, information, book and video reviews. Tynes has also spoken extensively at local and national composting events. Help the environment and help your landscape by attending this free seminar.

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

DART earns international recognition

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) was recognized as the best transit agency in North, South and Central America at the annual MetroRail conference March 31.

DART was selected over transit properties in New York City, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Integration with other transit modes, cus-

tomers service, value for money, safety and high performance standards were a few of the categories in which DART was judged. Event organizers said the awards were created "to identify and reward those companies who have demonstrated an unparalleled ability to succeed and continually set standards of excellence."



The Richardson Animal Shelter recently received a \$10,000 check presented to the Shelter by Richardson AnimaLuv, a nonprofit organization that helps the animals at the City Shelter. The money was provided by a grant from Hollomon Price Foundation of San Antonio. Pictured in the Shelter's new cat room are front row left to right: Assistant Resource Coordinator Noura Jammal, AnimaLuv Founder Peggy Thorburn, Resource Coordinator Richard Daniel and Assistant Director of Health-Animal Services Dennis Wooten. Back row left to right: Animal Services Officer Israel Gonzalez, Director of Health Tom Hatfield, Supervisor of Administrative Services Kim Chapin, Animal Services Officer Marshall Mayfield and Supervisor of Field Services Bill Hare.

Upcoming events at the Animal Shelter

Be Kind to Animals Week
 May 3-9

Join the event that's been celebrated every year since 1915—American Humane's Be Kind to Animals Week. In this annual tradition, we commemorate the role animals play in our lives, promote ways to continue to treat them humanely and encourage others, especially children, to do the same. www.americanhumane.org

Rabies Vaccination Clinic
 Saturday May 16, 1-3 p.m.
 \$5 per shot includes City registration.

National Dog Bite Prevention Week
 May 17-23

Four and a half million Americans are bitten by dogs each year, and one in five dog bites results in injuries that require medical attention. There are ways to make dog bites less likely and to help prevent children from being bitten by dogs. www.cdc.gov.

Health Director Tom Hatfield announces retirement

Richardson Director of Health Tom Hatfield is retiring after 17 years of service to the City and its residents effective April 30.

"Throughout his more than 35 years of public service, Tom has been the consummate professional with a strong dedication to providing high quality community health and environmental services," City Manager Bill Keffler said. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to work with Tom and to have he and Lindy be such an integral part of our community. We wish them the very best."

Hatfield joined the Richardson staff in 1992 as Director of Health. He came to Richardson with more than 18 years in environmental and public health work, including five years with the Texas Department of Health, and 10 years as a health director.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with the City of Richardson and have appreciated the professionalism of staff throughout the organization in their dedication to providing quality services to Richardson residents," Hatfield said. "Lindy and I have established many friendships here that we will continue to cherish and we want to especially thank the City Manager's Office and the City Council for the support they have provided over the years. It is with mixed emotions that I leave such a fine organization but the time is right given that our grandbaby population is doubling from two to four and travel and adventure are calling."

In 1994 Hatfield established Richardson's child immunization clinic in partnership with Richardson Regional Medical Center and the Junior League of Richardson with funds secured from the Texas Department of Health. The clinic, which offers free vaccinations to any child living in the City of Richardson or any RISD student, recently celebrated the 40,000th child vaccinated since the program's inception.

Hatfield, is a Vietnam veteran and holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public administration from

the University of North Texas. He is co-founder and past president of the Texas Association of Municipal Health Officials and a member and past president of both the Texas Environmental Health Association and the Texas Public Health Association.



Tom Hatfield

In addition, he has served as a member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Air Quality Advisory Committee, the Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee, the Texas Municipal League's Legislative Policy Committee on Utilities and Environment, and as chairman of the State Board Forum of the National Environmental Health Association.

He served on the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Youth and Family Services and as its president, is a member of the Board of Directors for Keep Texas Beautiful and is on the Advisory Committee of the NETWORK Adolescent and Children's Clinic. He is also a member of Leadership Richardson Alumni Association (graduate of Class VIII). He is past president of the Richardson Optimist Club and received the Billye Meyer Richardson Jaycees Outstanding Civil Servant award. Hatfield is a recipient of the "I.E. Scott Award" as the top environmental health professional in Texas from the Texas Environmental Health Association and was recently honored with an honorary life membership in the Texas Public Health Association. Hatfield has been published in the *Texas Public Health Association Journal* and served on the Executive Board of the Texas Public Health Association.

Hatfield and his wife Lindy have two children, Jamison and Hillary, and two grandchildren.

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Corporate Challenge gears up for 12th successful year

The City of Richardson's annual Corporate Challenge will hold its opening ceremonies at Galatyn Park Aug. 21 and registration is currently under way for the popular competition that is in its 12th year.

The 2009 Corporate Challenge, sponsored by Tektronix, brings employees of area companies together to compete in 22 athletic and non-athletic events in an Olympic-style experience with everything from medals to opening and closing ceremonies. In addition, the program raises money for the Special Olympics Texas. The 2008 Challenge raised \$120,000 and to date, more than half a million dollars has been donated to benefit local athletes.

"The monies raised help to provide for such things as uniforms and travel expenses for Special Olympian athletes in North Texas; with 25 percent going directly to our local 120-member Richardson Roadrunners team," Richardson Parks Department Assistant Director Robbie Hazelbaker said.

Last year's Corporate Challenge included 43 companies comprising 41 teams in six divisions. According to Hazelbaker, more than 8,000 entries competed in events including basketball, bowling, miniature golf, softball, tennis, horseshoes, fishing, billiards, darts, a 5K run, a 15K bike race and even Texas Hold 'Em. The contests are held at local venues, public parks, the University of Texas at Dallas and Lake Lavon. All of the events throughout the 10-week competition are held on weekday evenings or on weekends. The 2009 Challenge will again have Tektronix as its title sponsor.

"We have been fortunate to have great corporate partners," Hazelbaker said. "Alcatel helped the City organize the first event and served as title sponsor for three years followed by Ericsson, then Lennox, and currently Tektronix. The Challenge would not have grown and remained successful without the support of our corporate neighbors."

IEX, a NICE Systems Company, will be involved in the Challenge for the second consecutive year and Pamela Brungardt will once again serve as the company's coordinator for the event.

"With today's economy, companies are looking for ways to cut expenses, but I would like to say to them, Corporate Challenge is the one event you have to participate in," Brungardt said. "Participating in the Richardson Corporate Challenge allows you to support your local business community and a great cause—the Special Olympics Texas. It aids in strengthening existing relationships with your co-workers and forming new bonds with those co-workers you

previously didn't know. And the athletic events promote wellness. As a result of our company participating last year, we now have employees participating together in teams outside the Corporate Challenge. Better yet, we have employees that were not previously active, who are now making exercise part of their daily routine."

Brungardt has seen her company become stronger and more united than ever. "The Richardson Corporate Challenge has made us stronger physically and mentally by reducing stress in our daily lives by promoting a healthier lifestyle," she added. "Many of us have set personal goals and have started training for events. What better way to relieve stress than exercise?"

According to Hazelbaker many companies are similar to IEX in that employees want to continue to be involved in activities after the Challenge has ended. As a result the City of Richardson developed a Corporate Recreation program and a Corporate Challenge "Off-Season."

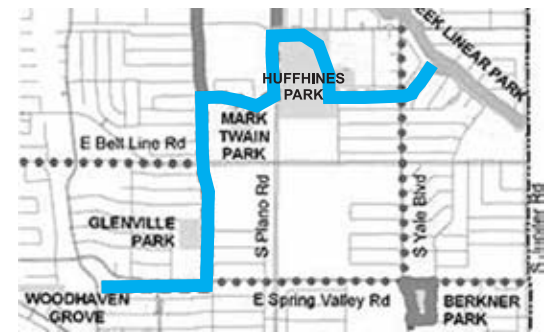
The corporate recreation program offers socials and special events to employees of area companies. A recent event was an outing to the Frisco RoughRiders baseball game and offered prime seating, a baseball cap, a game program and all-you-can-eat and drink through the sixth inning.

The off-season program has offered badminton and Texas Hold 'Em clinics and a Hold 'Em tournament and developed softball, volleyball and kickball leagues. Most recently a ladies golf league, a tennis league and tennis drills have been introduced.

"The Corporate Challenge participants have such a good time that they don't want the games to end," Corporate Recreation Manager Abby Morales said. "A year-round program allows them to organize a company team, get practice, stay in shape and enjoy the interaction with their fellow employees," Morales added.

Companies have the entire month of May to decide to participate in the 2009 Corporate Challenge. Competition begins in late August. City staff will assist with the organization and planning of the team, which consists of employees, spouses and retirees as well as certain contractors. A company does not have to reside in Richardson to participate.

For more information about the Corporate Challenge contact Hazelbaker at 972-744-4300 or you can visit the web site at www.cor.net/cc.



Glenville Trail construction begins

The official groundbreaking for the Glenville Trail was held April 23 at Huffhines Park and is the newest addition to the City's 26-mile hike and bike trail system. Construction on the trail is expected to begin May 18 with an estimated completion date of March 2010.

The 2.7-mile Glenville Trail begins in the Oncor right-of-way at Bowser Road just south of Spring Valley. It moves east to Glenville Drive where it turns north and makes its way past Belt Line Road before turning back east and winding through Mark Twain Park. It travels along Larkspur Drive before crossing Plano Road and moving into Huffhines Park where it connects to the new softball fields and Huffhines Recreation Center currently under construction. Continuing east to St. Johns Drive along the drainage way, it ends at the Duck Creek Linear Park where it connects with the Duck Creek Trail.

"This is a connecting trail piece for the area," Richardson Parks and Recreation Director Michael Massey said. "It provides key connections with neighborhood associations, three schools and four parks and provides a safe walking route for the children."

The project is partially funded through a \$1.3-million grant from Dallas County. The City of Richardson developed the project through the design phase and the county will oversee the construction.

"This is a true partnership between the City and Dallas County," Massey said. "Richardson is part of a six-city, regional master plan trail system and Glenville Trail will link to trails in the Regional Trail Plan."

According to Massey the new trail section will follow the same guidelines as existing trails and will be eight to 10 feet in width with a center stripe.

"The section of trail along the drainage way in the Duck Creek neighborhood will have 'park type' amenities," Massey said. "Trees and irrigation will be included as will park benches, picnic tables and trash receptacles."

'Shop Local' at Richardson Business Trade Show May 13

by Bill Sproull
President and CEO
Richardson Chamber of Commerce

Before stimulus packages and layoffs were top stories in the news, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce launched a program called "Shop Smart, Shop Local." This initiative was designed to leverage the buying and selling power of local residents and businesses to keep their dollars local, driving our Richardson economy and boosting business in our area. This concept has now become critical to the success of our local businesses and economy in this time of need.

The Richardson Business Trade Show will be held Wednesday, May 13 at the Richardson Civic Center. The event begins at noon and ends at 7 p.m. and will include entertainment, food, happy hour, door prizes and samples at the low walk-in price of \$5 per guest. Come out and join the celebration with these great treats! The Chik-fil-A cow has been seen at this event, chair massages have been offered, and some of the best pizza in Texas has been known to be

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consumed. This is not something you want to miss out on, remember "Shop Smart, Shop Local."

Richardson residents can take advantage of this opportunity where local businesses can promote their offerings through this Chamber initiative. The Richardson Business Trade Show is one of the ways local businesses can get their name out to the community, without sacrificing the very little green they have left. The trade show was a sold out success last year with more than 150 exhibitors and more than 750 guests.

Whether you are looking for a great deal on insurance, an experienced printer, a knowledgeable realtor, a comfortable

hotel, a college, pet services, a retirement community, a restaurant, a bank, a dentist, a doctor or a chiropractor—this trade show is not something you can miss if you live or work in Richardson or in the surrounding areas. In our trying economic times, this is the place to negotiate great deals and see all the new offerings that the Richardson Chamber of Commerce members have to offer. Booths are sold out! Contact Diana Christensen at 972-792-2817 for more information.

"Shop Smart, Shop Local" will also include a new feature on the Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Web site. This page will offer site visitors the opportunity to search for local restaurants, download menus and find new cuisine opportunities in our area.

Keep your heads up as the bad news flows and be thankful for all of the prosperous businesses and consumers in our area. We have a strong community and we will use this to leverage the area's resources to our advantage. You are what make our community and business strong and we appreciate your business and keeping your business local!

Arson not a victimless crime

The month of May is National Arson Awareness Month. The goal is to create a national umbrella of recognition, awareness and understanding of the arson problem in the United States. Arson burns everyone. Arson does not discriminate. It burns everything and everyone. Arson is NOT a victimless crime.

Arson Facts

- Arson is the second-leading cause of fire deaths in the United States.
- Arson killed 295 civilians nationwide in 2007.
- Firefighters are three times more likely to be injured or killed while responding to arson versus a non-arson fire.
- Arson is the leading cause of property damage due to fires. Direct property damage from arson totals more than \$1 billion in a typical year.
- One of every four fires that occurs in the U.S. each year—some half million—are arson. In Texas an incendiary fire occurs every 37 minutes.
- Juveniles account for 55 percent of arson arrests.

The goal of this year's Arson Awareness is to focus public attention on arson for profit. There are many motives for arson—the crime of deliberately and maliciously starting a

fire. Arson for profit or economic arson occurs when businesses or individuals set fires to reduce financial loss, recoup initial investments or dispose of depreciated assets usually for a payment from insurance companies.

Arson for profit is insurance fraud, a criminal method of obtaining money from a fire loss policy. The losses for arson are staggering. Arson fires can spread fast, sometimes burning adjacent properties and even killing or injuring innocent victims.

Arson Reduction Tips

- Report suspicious activity near a house or other building.
- Support your Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Keep leaves, firewood or other combustibles away from your home. A vandal may look at a stack of firewood against a house or garage as an invitation to start a fire.
- Standard crime deterrents, including keeping doors and windows locked when you are not home, also could reduce the arson threat.
- Illuminate the exterior and entrances of the building.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and out of sight of young children.
- Lock and secure your vehicle.

- Business owners need to keep trash containers, boxes and other combustibles away from their buildings.
- Make sure all windows and doors are securely locked when the workplace is closed.

We know that ancient people used fire to destroy enemies' crops and houses, so fire as a crime tool has been around as long as recorded history and probably before then. Judging by today's arson statistics—more than \$1 billion worth of property destroyed and an estimated 300 lives lost annually—it's still a major crime tool. It's bad enough that we pay for arson through higher insurance premiums and taxes due to lost real estate. Let's all be aware of the problem and make sure that we take steps to keep ourselves from paying for it with our homes, our businesses and possibly our lives.

With the economic downturn in the country, we all need to be more vigilant at reducing the crime of arson for profit. If you suspect someone has deliberately set fire to their home, vehicle or business, please contact the fire department.

Stephen A. Dossett
Fire Marshal



COMMUNITY/ARTS

May Calendar of Events

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The **Richardson Central Rotary** meets at noon at the Richardson Hotel. Buffet lunch is \$15. For more information, contact Richard Gilman at 972-690-0637.

May 2

Repertory Company Theatre presents "Broadway Bound," a kickoff for the 2009 summer season 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit. The free event is for students ages 7-15. Information: 972-690-5029 or www.rcttheatre.com.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Richardson Humane Society holds an Adopt A Pet event noon-4 p.m. May 2, 16, 30 at Petco, Spring Valley and Plano roads. The group will participate in the adoptathon at the Richardson Animal Shelter 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 9 and holds its annual reunion 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 23 at Cottonwood Park. Information: 972-234-5117.

May 3, 15, 26

Jackson-Hughes American Legion Post 368 hosts a brunch the first Sunday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: \$5. The group hosts a steak dinner on the third Friday, cost \$10. The group meets the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. All events are at 940 E. Belt Line, No. 136. Visitors welcome. Information: 972-479-1505.

May 4, 11, 18

The **Richardson Rotary** meets at noon at Canyon Creek Country Club. Information: 972-690-0637.

The **Richardson Central Kiwanis Club** meets every Monday at noon at Holiday Inn Select, 1655 N. Central Expwy. Information: Scott Long, 972-437-1837.

Toastronix Toastmasters Club meets noon-1 p.m. at Tektronix, 1500 N. Greenville. All welcome. Info: 469-330-3521.

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Tough Love, a support group for parents of troubled children young and old, meets at 7 p.m. at Community Christian Church, 1300 Holly Dr. Information: 972-479-0428.

May 5, 12, 19, 26

Richardson Evening Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. at Chuck's, 15757 Coit Rd., Dallas. Call 972-235-6542.

May 5

The **Berkner Exchange Club of Richardson** meets at 7 a.m. at the Berkner High School Library, 1600 E. Spring Valley.

May 6

The **Seniors' Net**, a program of the NET-WORK, hosts a legal seminar called "Important Papers, Important Decisions" presented by Rosemary Redmond, noted elder-law attorney. 10-11:30 a.m. at First Community Bank, 429 Belle Grove. Free. Information: 972-808-9863.

May 6, 13, 20, 27

The **Richardson East Rotary** meets at noon at Canyon Creek Country Club, 625 W. Lookout Dr. For information, call Tom Brooks, 972-442-5295.

May 7-9

The **Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627** holds a garage sale at 1040 Hampshire Ln., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Information: 972-231-0495.

May 7, 21

The **Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters** meet 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at the Golden Corral at Campbell and Plano Roads. Guests welcome. Call 972-235-0578 or 214-691-3895.

May 8, 13

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #368 hosts a barbecue feast 6:30-8 p.m. May 8. Cost: \$8. The group's monthly meeting is at 7 p.m. May 13 at 940 E. Belt Line Rd., No. 136. Military spouses are invited. Information: 972-479-1505.

May 11

The **Richardson Host Lions Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. at String Bean, Spring Valley and Coit, for supper and meeting at 7 p.m. Information: 972-235-8792.

May 12

The **Richardson Business and Professional Women** meet at 6 p.m. for dinner (\$20) followed by a program at 7 p.m. at the Southfork Hotel, 1600 N. Central Expwy., Plano. Information: 214-384-1169.

May 14, 28

The **Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club** holds a coffee at 10 a.m. May 14 and their monthly luncheon and meeting at 11:30 a.m. May 28 with Dallas historian and author Jim Gatewood talking about the Kennedy assassination. Information: 972-234-6464.

May 19

The **Military Order of the World Wars** meets at 11:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Swan Court Restaurant, 2435 N. Central Expwy. Membership includes commissioned officers and warrant officers who served in the armed forces. For more information, call 972-208-4744.

The **Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association** will celebrate the graduation of this year's Citizen Police Academy Class 31 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Information: Sue Morrison, semorrison-tx@yahoo.com or 972-470-9794.

May 19

Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge meets at 8 p.m., 610 Presidential Dr., Suite 102. Information: 972-234-2485.

May 19, 31

The **Richardson VFW Post 8627** meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday and hosts a brunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the last Sunday of the month at 1040 Hampshire Ln. Cost: \$7; visitors welcome. Information: 972-671-8627.

May 21

The **Richardson Retired Teachers Association** meets at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Lunch: \$7, program: installation of officers. Reservations by May 11 to 214-890-6989.

The **Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society** meets at 7 p.m., Richardson Library Basement Program Room. Jan Samuels discusses "Writing YOUR Story."

The **Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association** meets at 6:15 p.m. at the Canyon Creek Country Club, 625 Lookout Dr., for dinner and meeting. Information: call 214-762-2304 or www.abwa-richardson.org.

The **Women of Visionary Influence** meets the third Thursday of the month at the Chocolate Angel, 635 W. Campbell. Information: 214-642-5021.

May 27

MOMS Club of Richardson-East welcomes stay-at-home moms and their children for a monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at Canyon Creek Gymnastics in Richardson. Information: momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com.

MOMS Club of Richardson-West meets the last Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Richardson Regional Medical Center Plaza I Conference Room 2. Mothers and children are welcome. Information: 214-906-9976.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS to the Community/Arts calendar is the 1st of the month prior to publication date (for example, June 1 for the July issue). Send the information to Carol Finney via fax, 972-744-5810, e-mail: carol.finney@cor.gov, or letter to 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 106, Richardson, TX 75080.

New after-hours ladies' golf group forms at Sherrill

A new ladies golf league is forming for a nine-hole round every Thursday evening. Play begins at 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to get in some excellent practice, meet other women who love the game and have a lot of fun no matter what level of play you have reached. Cost will be determined by the course you elect to play: Course One: \$16, Course Two: \$12, cart fee: \$5. There are no bad shots in this league except the ones you never make! Come join us! If you cannot commit to play every week, come when you can. To sign up, call Paula Parrott 214-783-6186 or Sherrill Park 972-234-1416.

THE WOMAN'S CENTER

MAY 6—DEAN BROWN talks about gardening.

MAY 13—TERESA LUSK discusses the wisdom that comes from aging.

MAY 20—SUE BROOKS reviews "A Rose for Mrs. Miniver."

MAY 27—BOOK SHARING

Programs begin at 10 a.m. at the Woman's Center in Richardson, 515 Custer Rd. Call 972-238-9516.

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Chamberlain School of Performing Arts
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www.chamberlainperformingarts.com

Highland Park Presbyterian Church
Dallas Festival Chorus
Hill Performance Hall
7 p.m. May 5
Tickets: \$10
www.hppc.org

Richardson Symphony Orchestra
"Italian Masterworks"
featuring
Elizabeth Pitcairn, violin
Hill Performance Hall
8 p.m. May 9
Tickets: \$12-\$101
www.richardsonsymphony.org

Dance Industry Performing Arts Center
2 p.m. May 10: "Circus"
5 p.m. May 10: "Invitation to Dance"
Countrywide Theatre
Tickets: \$5-\$15
www.danceindustry.net

Richardson Community Band
Mother's Day concert
Hill Performance Hall
2 p.m. May 10
Tickets: \$7
www.richardsoncommunityband.org

Friends of Classical Music presents
"Keyboard Conversations"
Musical Pictures with Jeffrey Siegel
Countrywide Theatre
7:30 p.m. May 11
Tickets: \$28 adults; \$22 seniors;
\$8 students
www.keyboardconversations.com

Toby's School of Dance
"Gotta Dance"
Hill Performance Hall
6:30 p.m. May 22
Tickets: \$10-\$25
www.tobydance.com

The Dance Zone
by Sarasue's Academy
"Glitz and Glamour"
Hill Performance Hall
10 a.m., 7 p.m. May 23
Tickets: \$8-\$20

Chamberlain School of Performing Arts
Musical Theatre Recital
Countrywide Theatre
7 p.m. May 23
Tickets: \$10-\$15
www.chamberlainperformingarts.com

Dance Industry Performing Arts Center
Countrywide Theatre
"Circus"
7:30 p.m. May 30
Tickets: \$8-\$30
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Royale Ballet of Dallas
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Safe, high-quality drinking water right from your tap

The following information is provided by the City of Richardson as a good and effective communications tool for its citizens that will satisfy the need for information about their water. This Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) complies with Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requirements.

Richardson Water Utility employees take pride in delivering safe and "superior" quality drinking water to our customers. "Superior" is the rating of our water system by the TCEQ. This rating reflects the hard work and efforts of our employees to protect your health by delivering and maintaining a safe and reliable drinking water and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) for producing a high quality drinking water.

The Water Utilities department is a municipal water distribution and wastewater collection utility owned by the City of Richardson. Wholesale treated water is purchased from the NTMWD at three "take points." The district draws raw water from Lake Lavon. Additional water from both Lake Chapman and Lake Texoma is also available.

The pumping and storage system is comprised of five pump stations, seven ground storage tanks and seven elevated storage tanks. The storage capacity is 36.25 million gallons with a pumping capacity of 98.9 million gallons per day. The water distribution system is comprised of 479.64 miles of water mains with 3,625 fire hydrants and 32,995 metered service connections.

Each day, the City tests the water in the distribution system at various points in the City to ensure water is reaching the residents in good condition. The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water may contain contaminants. As water travels over the land's surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and picks up substances from animal or human activity.

Contaminants that may be in untreated water include; organic chemicals from industrial or petroleum use; and or radioactive materials. The NTMWD conducts daily tests on the raw water in Lake Lavon, water in process and the finished water.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Good watershed management by each of us to keep contaminants out of our lakes and waterways is cheaper and easier than removing them later at the treatment plant.

Richardson Distribution Samples Taken Last Fiscal Year

Bacteriological Scheduled	1,212
Bacteriological Construction	153
Bacteriological Other	17
Disinfectant Residual Scheduled	1,212
Disinfectant Residual Construction	153

Disinfectant Residual Other	283
Trihalomethanes Samples	32
Haloacetic Acid Samples	32
Lead and Copper samples (tri-annual)	0
Quarterly Distribution Samples	32
Quarterly Entry Point Samples	26

Grassy, Earthy Taste and Odor

The North Texas summer climate normally consists of high temperatures and trace amounts of rainfall. The high temperatures and lack of rainfall create an ideal environment for algae to bloom in surface water supplies.

Each summer, throughout the months of July and August, lakes and other surface water supplies experience a natural event—an "algal bloom." Algal blooms are common to surface water supplies in warm weather climate states like Texas.

As hot summer temperatures warm the reservoirs, the lack of rainfall lessens the turbidity and allows the sunlight to penetrate the water. With the increase in water temperature and the lack of turbidity, photosynthesis will occur providing the right environment for algae to reproduce or "bloom."

When an algal bloom exists, there is the possibility for a grassy, earthy taste in the treated drinking water supply. This event, although aesthetically undesirable to the public, does not alter the high quality of water provided to the cities and communities for their use.

NTMWD laboratory personnel monitor the raw water quality from Lake Lavon prior to its treat-

ment. One of the many analyses performed is an algal count. Laboratory personnel, through this daily activity, can determine the onset of an algal bloom.

The blue green algae species Nostoc and Anabaena, as they reproduce or "bloom," produce an oily organic substance. It is this organic substance that is responsible for the change in taste and odor of the treated drinking water.

NTMWD uses several steps to control the taste and odor produced. To reduce the unpleasant taste levels, activated carbon is used as an absorption medium. Potassium permanganate is added as an oxidizing agent to reduce the odor associated with an algal bloom. Both of these chemicals are removed during the treatment process prior to its delivery to the cities.

Chlorine is used throughout the treatment process as a strong disinfectant. Chlorine also aids in odor reduction during times of algal blooms.

The quality of water remains high as regulated by the TCEQ and EPA standards. The treated water remains safe for human consumption with no health risks created by the "algal blooms."

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a microscopic intestinal parasite found naturally in the environment. It is spread by human and animal waste. If ingested, it can cause flu-like and gastrointestinal symptoms. Outbreaks have been most commonly associated with person-to-person (day care center) and waterborne (drinking and recreational water) spread of the parasite. Foodborne and animal (especially calves)-to-person spread has also been documented. Not everyone exposed to the organism becomes ill.

No specific drug therapy has proven to be effective, but people with healthy immune systems will usually recover within two weeks. Individuals with weak immune systems, however, may be unable to clear the parasite and suffer chronic and debilitating illness.

The NTMWD tests for Cryptosporidium in both the raw lake water and the treated water.

Special information for people with weakened immune systems: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons—such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly people and infants—can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Important Communication Links:

Maintenance/Emergency Service

24 hours/day, 7 days/week
972-744-4111

Water Utilities Administration

8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday
972-744-4411

Customer Service Billing Information

972-744-4120

Mailing address:

Richardson Water Utilities

P.O. Box 830309
Richardson, Texas 75083

Web Pages

City of Richardson—www.cor.net

American Water Works Assoc.

www.awwa.org

Texas Water Utilities Assoc.—www.twua.org

TCEQ—www.tceq.state.tx.us

USEPA—www.epa.gov

Richardson City Council

Place 1 Bob Townsend (Mayor Pro Tem)

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Place 5 Pris Hayes

Place 6 Steve Mitchell (Mayor)

Place 7 Dennis Stewart

The Council meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The Public Services Department is responsible for your water distribution and infrastructure system maintenance and is part of the City government.

This chart lists the contaminants in the Richardson drinking water. For additional information, call the Richardson Water Utility at 972-744-4111.

Substance	Range	Highest Average Sample Point	MCL	MCLG	Possible Source
Regulated at the Treatment Plant					
Atrazine (ppb)	.10-.12	.12	3	3	Herbicide runoff
Barium (ppm)	.04-.04	.04	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	.45-.47	.47	4	4	Water additive
Nitrate (ppm)	.42-.45	.45	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer
Simazine (ppb)	ND	ND	4	4	Herbicide runoff
Arsenic (ppb)	ND	ND	10	None	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha Particle Activity (pCi/L)**	ND	ND	15	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (mrem/yr)**	<4.0	<4.0	<4.0	0	Decay of natural & manmade deposits
Radium 228 (pCi/L)**	ND	ND	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
Dalapon (ppb)	ND	ND	200	0	Pesticide
Cryptosporidia and Giardia (0o) cysts/L	0.0	0.0	TT	0	Human and animal fecal waste
Regulated at the Customer's Tap					
Chlorine Dioxide (ppm)	0-.56	.04	0.80	0.80	Used as disinfectant
Copper (ppm)	.01-.08	.08	Action Level=1.3	1.3	Corrosion of customer plumbing
Lead (ppb)	ND	0	Action Level=15	15	Corrosion of customer plumbing
Unregulated Substances					
Sodium (ppm)	35.2-40.4	40.4	Not regulated		Mineral
Sulfate (ppm)	62.4-80.4	80.4	250 proposed		Mineral
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	14.7-25.3	16.3	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Chloroform (ppb)	11.5-42.2	19.5	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)	8.0-17.3	7.8	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Bromoform (ppb)	2.4-4.0	1	Not regulated		By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Acetone (ppb)	5.28-8.14	8.14	Not regulated		Solvent
TOC (ppm)	2.58-4.23	3.29	TT		Organic material runoff
Regulated in the Distribution System					
Total Coliform (%)	0-2.3	.0017	5	0	Naturally present in environment
Chlorine Residual (Chlorite)	.01-.65	0.49	1.05	1.05	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Total HAA (ppb)	15.8-29.0	25.3	60	N/A	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Total THMs (ppb)	35.4-81.3	43.3	80	N/A	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine Residual (Chloramines)	0.6-3.9	2.49	4	4	By-Product of drinking water disinfection
Unregulated Substances					
		Avg.	MCL	% samples meeting limit	
Turbidity (NTU)	.04-.43	.20	TT	99.94%	Soil runoff

**2004 data from most recent testing done in accordance with the regulations.

Definitions and Measurements

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)—The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)—The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

TT (Treatment Technique)—A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Action Level—The concentration of a contaminant which if exceeded triggers a treatment or other requirement a water system must follow.

ppm—Parts per million. One part per million equals one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into 250 gallons of iced tea.

ppb—Parts per billion. One part per billion is equal to one packet of artificial sweetener sprinkled into an Olympic-size swimming pool.

pCi/L—Pico curies per liter is a measure of radioactivity in water. A pico curie is 10 to the minus 12 curies and is the quantity of radioactive material producing 2.22 nuclear transformations per minute.

mrem/yr—millerem/year

NTU—Nephelometric Turbidity Units. This is the unit used to measure water turbidity.

MRDL—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level—highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

MRDLG—Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal—the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known expected risk to health.

Turbidity—This is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effect; however, high turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for bacterial growth.

Unregulated Substances—are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated substance monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrences in drinking water and whether future regulations are warranted.

ND—Not Detected.



<http://www.cor.net/parks> **RECREATION**

GOLF TOURNAMENTS



20th Annual NYFC Golf Classic

Friday, June 5
Sherrill Park

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
Join Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling (NYFC)'s fundraising event.
18-hole scramble on Course No. 1.
7 a.m. registration and breakfast
Golf clinic with Pro Ronnie Glanton
8:30 a.m. shotgun start
Lunch and awards
Call NYFC to register, 972-744-4858, or go to www.miraclegolfconcepts.com.

NYFC is a nonprofit counseling and crime victims assistance agency serving the Richardson community and RISD.

Sherrill Park Parent/Child Tournament

Sunday, June 21

2-person scramble
\$125 per team
includes trophies and lunch (if enough teams enter it will be a morning shotgun start)

Mark your calendar
City Golf Championship
Aug. 29-30

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr.
972-234-6697

Adult, Junior Lessons
May 18-June 5
Six lessons: \$42

Summer Tennis Camp
June 8-12; June 22-26
\$125/week; \$28 daily
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Private Lessons: 30 minutes: \$24; one hour: \$40; three one-hour lessons: \$115; six one-hour lessons: \$210

Sherrill Park ranks in state

Richardson's Sherrill Park Golf Courses No. 1 and No. 2 were ranked in the top 25 among the most economically priced golf courses in the state according to *The Dallas Morning News* publication "Texas Golf" published in April.

Richardson's Course No. 1 was ranked 6th in the Mid-Priced category (\$41-\$54) and Course No. 2 was ranked 7th in the Economy category (\$40 and below).

Course No. 1 was also ranked 97th in the list of the top 100 golf courses in the state and was ranked 38th in the list of top 50 courses in the state open to the public.

Leon Howard originally designed both courses and D. A. Weibring and Golf Resources redesigned them.

The course rankings were based on seven criteria:

- Versatility: how well the course created a good mix for low and high handicap golfers;
- Shotmaking: how well the course tested accuracy, finesse, length and putting;
- Design: how well the course incorporated features such as differing lengths, doglegs left and right, hazards and the contours and shapes of greens;
- Beauty: how well the scenic qualities of the course added to the pleasure of a round;
- Maintenance: the quality of the course condition, including greens, bunkers, trees and fairways;
- Enjoyment: how well the panelists enjoyed the course and its amenities;
- Afterthoughts: how the panelists remembered the course after playing it.



VINTAGE VOICES 55+

972-744-7800
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CLASSES—All CLASSES take place at Senior Center—972-744-7800

FOR ALL CLASSES (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) You may pay online (www.cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

AARP

DRIVER SAFETY CLASSES

The classes held at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., are as follows:

May 7	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
May 21	6-10 p.m.
June 4	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
June 18	6-10 p.m.

Anyone 50 years and older may attend the classes. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reduction of 10 percent and is valid for three years. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. For other locations throughout the State of Texas, you may call the toll free number, 1-888-227-7669. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class.

QUILT ESSENTIALS

Learn the art of both hand piecing and quilting and sewing machine piecing and quilting. The class meets Tuesdays with instruction available from 10 a.m. to 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 (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. The class offers specialty projects, field trips to quilt shows and quilt shops as well as annual quilt retreats. Darlene Martin is the instructor. **No Classes in May.**

ABC QUILTING (APPLIQUÉ, BASTING AND CATCHING-UP)

Beginning appliqué techniques will be taught. Encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué student will be shared. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and table-top basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and are in need of pinning, thread basting or tying their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to "catch up" on their quilt tops. (Limited instruction for electric quilters, the "Sit & Sew/Catch Up" is self-guided.) This class meets every Monday from 4-8:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16/month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

CERAMICS

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. There is no fee, because this is a self-paced class. You must provide your own supplies and pay firing fees.

CROCHET

Doris Mamchur teaches Crochet Class Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. The price is \$3 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

ADULT PIANO LESSONS

Cheryl Hayes, who has more than 40 years of teaching experience, offers

DANCE CLASSES						
Class	Place	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor	
Beg. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	9:15-10:30 a.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson	
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	10:30-11:45 a.m.	\$12/Month	Sides	
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Mon.	3:30-5 p.m.	\$2	Kindle	
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson	
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$2	Kindle	
Intermediate Tap	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	\$4	Bass	
Senior Tap	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	12:30-1:30 p.m.	\$4	Bass	
(prerequisite for new students)						
Beginning Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	2:30-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month	Hagler	
				\$30 Single/Month or		
				\$10 per class		
Prog. Beg. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	7-8:30 p.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson	
Int. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	1:30-2:45 p.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson	
Adv. Line Dance	Senior Ctr.	Wed.	2:45-4 p.m.	\$12/Month	Simpson	
Int./Advanced Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Tues.	3-4:30 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month	Hagler	
				\$30 Single/Month or		
				\$10 per class		
Advanced Tap	Senior Ctr.	Thur.	noon-1 p.m.	\$4	Bass	
General Line Dancing	Senior Ctr.	Thur.	2-3 p.m.	\$5/Month	Dudley	
Group Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	Sat.	6-7 p.m.	\$8	McCurtain	
Private Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	By Appointment		\$40	Newman	
Private Ballroom	Senior Ctr.	By Appointment		\$40	Hagler	

adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Class fee is \$50 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS

Private Voice Lessons are available by appointment. The cost for voice lessons is \$20 per hour. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS PROGRAM (DADP)

Completion of this six-hour course provides attendees with an additional five percent discount on their auto liability and collision insurance, good for three years. The course provides information on how alcohol and drugs affect driving and information on current laws. Classes at the Senior Center are:
May 11 and 14 6-9 p.m.
June 8 and 11 6-9 p.m.
Cost for the class is \$15 for seniors 55 and over and \$25 for 54 and under. Please call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 to register.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING FOR TICKET DISMISSAL

Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal and by the State Board of Insurance for a 10 percent discount on your auto insurance. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. The classes held at the Senior Center are as follows:

May 16 and 23	1:15-4:15 p.m.
May 25 and 28	6-9 p.m.
June 13 and 20	1:15-4:15 p.m.
June 22 and 25	6-9 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$25. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 to register.

INTERNET USAGE

Learn about the Information Superhighway through discussion and "hands-on" experience. You will be informed about such things as the Internet Service Providers, Web browsing, Web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. Next class begins May 11 from 1:30-4:30. Cost for this two-week session is \$40.

MICROSOFT EXCEL AND WORD FOR WINDOWS

This class is an introduction to electronic spreadsheet management using Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows. The power and possibilities of Windows is fully utilized in these versions of the popular spreadsheet and word processing manager. You will learn how to build, print, save and retrieve well-organized documents. The next four-week class begins June 8 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Class fee is \$80.

FUNDAMENTALS OF WINDOWS XP

This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. Learn the meaning of many buzz words. Learn about the hardware components and get hands-on experience. This class is a prerequisite for taking future classes, such as Word, Excel, Quicken and many other informative classes. The next four-week session begins May 25 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Class fee is \$80. Frank Davis is our instructor.

CREATE A WEB SITE

This class will focus on the creation of a personalized Web site. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. One of the pages will be a Contact Us Page so that interested parties can easily send you an e-mail. We will also look at putting your video on Google, You Tube and Yahoo. The class will cost \$40 and meets twice. The next class is May 25 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

BEEFY PLUS SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Beginning May 4, every first, third and fifth Monday through Dec. 7; 7-9 p.m. Experienced dancers...must have a good working knowledge of Mainstream and Plus Calls. We will work all Mainstream and Plus Calls all position. Cost \$85 per person/19-week lesson package.

LEARN THE RIGHT WAY TO SELL ON EBAY!!

Are you ready to learn how to sell on the Internet? Do research and create listings that will attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions, set pricing that will maximize and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. New two-week class session begins May 12 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m.

JOANNA'S ART CLASSES

Local artist Joanna Clifton teaches art lessons each month (four classes). She is a multi-talented art teacher and can teach all media. To see her work go online to www.soulcreations.info. For more information call her at 972-470-9593 or email her at clido01@airmail.net.

Decorative Tile Painting-basic techniques-Tues. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Beginning Drawing-basic aspects including papers, charcoals, leads etc.-Tues. 1-3 p.m.

Acrylic/Watercolor/ Oil-all levels of painters-Fri. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Class fees are \$80 for each session. Register by the 17th prior to month of class, fee is \$75.

FUN WITH OILS

Learn to paint simple landscapes, give the effect of distance by adjusting color and tone, paint reflections in water and more. New class session begins the first Thursday each month from noon to 4 p.m. Cost for the class is \$80 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.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Learn a new language this year! New class begins May 7 from 10-11 a.m. Class runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

CLOGGING CLASS

Put a snap in your step! Ongoing clogging class meets each Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All ages. Wear comfortable shoes. No flip-flops. Cost \$5/month.

VINTAGE VOICES—RICHARDSON SENIOR CENTER

820 W. ARAPAHO RD.—972-744-7800



Senior Health Connection

Lipid Profile and Glucose Screening Thursday, May 7; 8-10 a.m.

Stop by to test your blood fats—including cholesterol, glucose and triglycerides—for just \$10 (cash or check). A 10-hour fast is required. No appointment necessary. Your results will be mailed to you within two weeks. Screening provided by Richardson Regional Medical Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WILL CLINIC

Wednesday May 13; 10-11:30 a.m.

Are 60 or older? Do you need a will? The Seniors' Net a program of NETWORK of Community Ministries, along with the Dallas Area Agency on Aging, Carlisle Street Legal Center and The Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program will sponsor a free will clinic at the Richardson Senior Center. You must be a citizen or legal resident and be income eligible. Limited space available. Reservation required. RSVP to 214-954-4220.

RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT May 13; 7:30 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of music presented by the ever-popular Richardson Community Band. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public.

SUPPORT GROUPS

PARKINSONISM

The Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society holds a physical therapy class in Richardson at the Arapaho United Methodist Church, 1400 W. Arapaho Rd. at Coit. For more information please call 972-231-1005.

BONE BUDDIES NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION NORTH DALLAS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the second Saturday at Richardson Regional Medical Center, Plaza 1, Conference Room 3, 10-11 a.m. Free, informal. Call Jennie at 972-965-1467 for more information.

DALLAS AMPUTEE NETWORK

The Dallas Amputee Network meets each month. Call 972-234-5966 or go to www.dallasamputeenetwork.org for information. All amputees and their families are welcome.

WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICES (WPS)

The WPS holds its monthly meeting the second Tuesday each month at the Brookhaven Country Club, 3333 Golfing Green Dr., Dallas. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner following. All widowed men and women are invited to attend. Please call WPS at 214-358-4155 for more information or visit our Web site at www.widowedpersons.org.

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AARP

The local AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Watch for our monthly notices and invite a friend. Call Mike Perl at 972-231-6478 for more information.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Richardson Post 8627

The Post is open to accept new members. War zone vets should call 972-671-8627 for more information. Interested vets may visit the Post from 2-8 p.m. at 1040 Hampshire Ln.

NARFE EPPARD CHAPTER #1273

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. For more information contact Mike Jay at 972-233-8438 or Peter LaFlamme at 972-234-6922. All present and former federal employees and guests are invited to attend our meetings.

KOREAN WAR VETERANS CHAPTER MEETING

The Sam Johnson Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association meets the second Saturday each month at the Richardson Senior Citizens Center, 820 W. Arapaho Road, at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting and program. For further information, you may call Glen Thompson at 972-279-7000.

MILITARY OFFICERS WOMAN'S CLUB

Open to military officers' wives and widows of all services. The club meets the third Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information and reservations, please call Pat Gregory at 972-572-9913.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA GREATER DALLAS CHAPTER (MOAA-GDC)

The Military Officers Association of America-Greater Dallas Chapter meets bi-monthly of even numbered months. Please call LCDR Glen Wamble for details and reservations, 972-437-2345.

FITNESS

FIT FOR LIFE- BEGINNING STRENGTH TRAINING CLASS

Come and participate in strength training that will work all muscle groups to fun and motivating music. Two classes offered:

Mon., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—four weeks; beginning the first Monday each month.

Wed., 10-11 a.m.—four weeks; beginning the first Wednesday each month.

Each class is \$20 for four weeks of training.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Building strength in your later years helps you sidestep the frailty, disability and loss of independence that often accompanies aging. It's truly never too late to start accruing these rewards. Studies of men and women in their 70s and 80s have shown that they can dramatically improve strength, power, agility and mobility in just 10 weeks of strength training. Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. Sessions are just \$60 with a six-session commitment and fitness assessments are free. Please call 972-744-7800 or stop by the Senior Center to make your appointment with Elaine Hosage, Certified Personal Trainer, who is certified by the Cooper Institute.

AEROBIC EXERCISE

Exercise classes are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Renata Racher teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class fee is \$2 for her class.

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 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

TAI CHI FOR ALL AGES

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is only \$6 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

HATHA YOGA FOR ALL AGES

Hatha (physical) yoga stretching and breathing exercises not only relieve stress and relax the body; they increase the body's strength, stamina, vigor, flexibility, endurance and resistance to disease. Yoga gives relief from neck/back/shoulder/knee pain, sinus problems, headaches, sciatica, arthritis, rheumatism and insomnia. Also learn eye exercises to relax and keep your eyes healthy. 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 to 11 a.m. and Tues. and Thurs. evenings from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class.

WATERAEROBIC CLASSES

Class sessions meet M-W-F at Pearce High School Natatorium (through May) located at 1600 N. Coit Road. 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). For more information please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Summer schedule begins Monday June 1.

Two locations...3 punch card options. 10-class card—\$40; 6-class card—\$24; 4-class card—\$16. Punch card can be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

Rise and Shine: Arapaho Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M,T,W,TH,F

Designed for the intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. A great way to get a cardio workout, full muscle toning, isolated stretching and breathing, without the stress on your joints. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Arapaho Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M,W,F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind. This class is for all ages including active seniors. Get a full body workout designed to improve your cardiovascular system and all over body toning. Increase your strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: J.J. Pearce Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m. M,F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Get a full body workout designed to improve your cardiovascular system and all over body toning. Increase your strength, flexibility, balance, and endurance. Aqua shoes are suggested.

For more information please call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Weekly classes meet every Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class fee is \$4. Mats are available at the Center.

"NEW" INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CLASS

Folk dancing is a way to experience the music, culture, and dance from a variety of countries of the world, right here in your own neighborhood. Learn circle, line and couple dances from Israel, Romania, the Balkans and beyond, while you enjoy the beautiful melodies of rich, authentic music. No partner required. Call 214-221-1842 for more information.

WELLNESS

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 pro-

fessional counselor. Fees are \$35 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for an appointment time.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

PROGRAMS—All PROGRAMS take place at Senior Center—972-744-7800, unless otherwise noted

NEEDLEWORKS

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. Everyone is welcome to come. We meet every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YARN ARTS

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

BINGO

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter... See you there! No charge to play.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Happy Birthday to all seniors with birthdays this month! We celebrate your special day the last Monday (except holidays) every month at 2 p.m.

VINTAGE DANCE CLUB

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

May 4	Chuck Arlington
May 9	Charlie Patteson
May 16	Ronnie Martin
May 23	Jim Petty
May 30	Gary Lee

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.

POOL TOURNAMENTS

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENTS

Shuffleboard tournaments are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Register by 12:30 p.m. the day of the event.

SENIOR BOWLING LEAGUE

Come join the fun! Roadrunner Bowling teams are forming now for fall bowling at AMF Richardson. Please join us as a regular team member or as a sub. If your bowling score is low...no problem! We'll give you handicap points so that you can bowl with the experts. Fees are \$7.50 per week. Officers are: President-Hector I. Macedo 972-233-1342; Vice President-Diane Chunn 972-235-2676; Secretary/Treasurer-Charles Turner, 972-783-2248. Please call Hector or any officer for more information.

SENIOR TENNIS

Richardson's Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men's group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. The Tennis Center also offers private and group lessons for all ages with ball machines and tennis court reservations. For more information contact Tennis Pro Shawn Foster at 972-234-6697.

SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 years or older. There are members playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf and several league

rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Scott Hunt, president, at 972-761-0270 or Paul Tucker, treasurer, at 972-235-7604 for more information.

SING-A-LONG

Come and sing your favorite melodies at our sing-a-long on the first, second and third Tuesday of each month at 1 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 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person. Open to all who like to square dance.

PASSWORD AND MENTAL AEROBICS

Mental Aerobics is Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center. Have fun while exercising your mind.

RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Richardson Public Library is providing the Richardson Senior Center with audio books on CD, CD players, and Large-Print books.

EMERITUS PROGRAM AT RICHLAND COLLEGE

Out of practice exercising mentally and physically? Come join the Emeritus Program at Richland College. Enroll in computer classes to stimulate your brain and physical fitness to rejuvenate your body. Adults 65+ can take six credit hours FREE each semester! We also offer challenging volunteer opportuni-

ties to fulfill your need to give to others. Call 972-238-6972.

PLUS SQUARE DANCES

Plus Square Dances are held the second and fourth Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost for the dance is \$7 per person.

BOOK CLUB

"A New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle
Current selection is "A New Earth." Come join in the discussion with like minded lovers of literature. We meet the second and fourth Tuesday from 2-3:30 p.m. Call Rose Romero at 972-385-7913 for further information. We welcome all ideas for discussion!

TATTING

Tatting...An ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch! Come join the fun. Even if you've only wondered what that shuttle was for and just want to see it in action COME ON DOWN! We have supplies for you to start. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 to 8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

SENIOR "BEGINNER" TAP LESSONS

Lessons for the person who has no tap dance experience. These classes are designed for the novice who wants to learn, but has never taken tap dance lessons. Class meets each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$4 per class.

ROBIN'S NEST

For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest in the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts which are for sale. The Robin's Nest is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Open to the public.

SERVICES SERVICES

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Call Tara at 972-744-7800 for various volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center.

RSVP

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our Richardson Rowdy RSVP group. We serve non-profit organizations throughout the metro area. Our activities are minor clerical duties, mainly handling mail-outs, labeling or filling "goodie bags" for various charitable organizations. Transportation and lunch is provided by the agency we are volunteering for. We enjoy the opportunity to give back to the community while making new friends. For more information please call Mary Kelley at 214-823-5700 ext. 228.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

VNA Eldercare provides one-on-one companionship and transportation for seniors who are no longer driving and still living independently. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reassurance program, where we assign you a client to call on a weekly basis. For more information, please call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

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 to make your reservations.

THE SENIORS' NET

The Seniors' Net assists seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. The Seniors' Net Loaves of Love bread program offers RISD residents age 60 and over free loaves of bread donated by area grocery stores and bakeries. The bread is distributed every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the back door of NETWORK of Community Ministries, 741 S. Sherman Street in Richardson. Please bring identification showing that you are over 60 and a resident of RISD. For more information please call The Seniors' Net at 972-808-9863.

BENEFITS COUNSELING

The Senior Center has benefits counselors certified by the Dallas Area Agency on Aging, who are able to assist you with your questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and other public health benefits. Our counselors will guide you in contacting the appropriate agency to handle your concerns. Please call 972-744-7810 for an appointment with our counselor.

LET'S PLAY "42"

Regular "42" games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. There will be a teaching table for beginners. Everyone is invited to come and join us for a fun time!

BACKGAMMON

Looking for players to play regular weekly games at the Senior Center. Call Don Fleshren at 972-479-9016 if you are interested.

CHESS CLUB

Looking for players to play to play regular weekly games at the Senior Center. Flexible meeting times but Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. to start. Call Larry Berg at 214-484-8548 if you are interested.

TABLE TENNIS

Serious players who love the game are invited to play Mon. 6:30-9 p.m.; Thur. 7-9 p.m. and Sat. 1-4:45 p.m.

TRIPSTRIPS

Please note: Reservations will be made when payment is received.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH MARY ELLEN'S TEA ROOM MAY 10

We will not order off the menu but have "High" Tea for \$13.45 plus tax and tip and \$.50 for transportation. Call 972-744-7800 to sign up.

BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES MAY 13

Birdsong Center...butterfly gardens, fairy gardening, Victorian homes and lunch at The Fried Pie. Join us for a rejuvenating day in the country. Cost for the trip is \$117.

SHOPPING IN MCKINNEY JUNE 3

Leave Senior Center 10:30 a.m. and leave McKinney 3 p.m. Have lunch and shop 'til you drop when we go to McKinney for a casual day of shopping and lunch with your friends. Lunch is at any one of the numerous restaurants. Lots of shopping at your leisure. Cost for the trip is \$5.

THE FORT GRIFFIN FANDANGLE JUNE 25 AND 26

What in the world is a "Fandangle"? It is the outdoor drama on the pioneer settling of Texas. Thrill to the saga of the rugged pioneers who settled this harsh ranch country as their story is told in drama, song and dance. Other highlights include: BBQ dinner on the courthouse lawn before the play, calliope concert before the show, tour of Albany, the Albany Arts Museum and more. Cost for the trip is \$297/dbl.; \$332/single. Call Rosemary at 972-744-7810 for more information.

DRIVING

THE SANTA FE TRAIL JULY 13-18

Rose-Mary Rumbley will enthrall us with her love of history as we travel with her along the trail. Highlights: lunch at The Tavern in Arrow Rock, dinner at the Hays House, Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm, Dodge City, three forts, the Truman Presidential Library and so much more. We are taking deposits now to hold your spot for this trip through the old West.



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 Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 2-6 p.m.

LIBRARY

Summer Reading Programs

Required registration BEGINS May 26.

Registration is **REQUIRED** for all programs listed here. A valid Richardson library card is also required. Due to space limitations, the programs are open only to Richardson residents. Registration may be completed in person in the Children's Department or by calling 972-744-4358.

Young Authors

GRADES 5-9

10:30-11:30 a.m., June 19-Aug. 7

Young Authors is for Richardson residents entering the 5th-9th grades in the fall. Young Authors is designed to help young people improve their creative writing and drawing skills. We will write and illustrate picture books for preschoolers, which will then be bound. We will also read and discuss examples of stories and artwork for small children. Noted children's author Anastasia Suen will present a student writer's workshop June 19 on how to create a good story.

The group meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays in the Basement Program Room beginning June 19 and ending Aug. 7.

Young Authors should arrange where to meet their parents after the meeting. Participants **MUST attend four of the seven sessions** to be published.

Explorers Club

GRADES 3-5

10:30-11:30 a.m., June 18-July 23

Explorers Club is for Richardson residents entering 3rd-5th grades in the fall. Explorers will have fun hearing about new books, making interesting crafts and meeting new friends. Explorers meet Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Basement Program Room.

THEMES OF THE WEEK

- June 18: Magic
- June 25: Theater, Drama, Puppetry
- July 2: Crazy & Exotic Animals
- July 9: Music
- July 16: Science
- July 23: Yucky & Gross

Explorers should arrange where to meet their parents after the meeting. Please call 972-744-4358 for policy on guests.

Summer Storytime

AGE 3-GRADE 2

Storytime is for Richardson residents who are at least 3 years of age by June 8 up to children starting the 2nd grade in the fall. Storytime is an eight-week program filled with stories, songs, puppets, crafts, fingerplays and more in the Children's Program Room. Children attend Storytime independently. Parents should plan to meet their children in the Program Room immediately after the session.

Storytime begins the week of June 8 and ends July 29. Please choose ONE of the following times:

Group	Day	Age	Time
1	Monday	3-5 year olds	2-2:30 p.m.
2	Monday	Grades 1 & 2 (in fall)	2:45-3:15 p.m.
3	Tuesday	3-5 year olds	3-3:30 p.m.
4	Tuesday	Grades 1 & 2 (in fall)	3:45-4:15 p.m.
5	Tuesday	3-5 year olds	6:45-7:15 p.m.
6	Tuesday	Grades 1 & 2 (in fall)	7:30-8 p.m.
7	Wednesday	3-5 year olds	10:15-10:45 a.m.
8	Wednesday	Grades 1 & 2 (in fall)	11-11:30 a.m.

Limit one guest, one time only, per child.

Lapsit

AGES 18-36 MONTHS

Lapsit is for Richardson residents who are 18-36 months old by June 8 and their parents.

Lapsit is an eight-week program introducing toddlers and their parents to the world of books and reading. Each Lapsit session includes stories, music, fingerplays and other activities in the Children's Program Room.

Lapsit is on Thursdays only. Please choose **ONE** of the following times:

- 10:15-10:45 a.m. or
- 11-11:30 a.m. or
- 7-7:30 p.m.

Lapsit begins Thursday, June 11, and ends Thursday, July 30.

UTD chess champs exhibit skill May 9

Come be amazed by members of the internationally renowned UTD chess team exhibiting their championship chess skills at the Library 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 9. International Master Puchen Wang and National Master Mihail Bantic will be featured in two special events—blindfolded chess games played with a giant chess set, and a simultaneous exhibition in which a master plays many games at once against all challengers. To reserve a seat to play a master, please RSVP to Chess Program Director James Stallings at james.stallings@utdallas.edu. Or, just come to the program to watch the fun and perhaps pick up a few chess tips. For more information please call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350. The event will be held in the Basement Program Room.



Summer Reading Kickoff with Eddie Coker

Noon, Saturday, June 13
Children's Department—First floor

Each child will take home a new Scholastic book, compliments of Friends of the Library. A Scholastic book sale will allow families to purchase books at 50 percent off the cover price. Book sale hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 12-13 and 2-4 p.m. June 14. Free! No registration necessary. For information, call 972-744-4358.

Meet local authors at May 16 open house

Mark your calendars for May 16 to come to the Library to meet and mingle with writers who call the Dallas area home. The Richardson Public Library and the Writer's Guild of Texas will cosponsor an open house and book signing for local authors at 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in the Basement Program Room. Aspiring writers will have the opportunity to chat with the authors about writing and publishing, book lovers can purchase and have signed special gifts for themselves or others. The open house is a come and go event and refreshments will be served.

Participating authors include Carol Adams, Kat Smith, Ginnie Bivona, Tony Eldridge, Ron Wade, Gloria Oliver, Earl Staggs, Glo Brown, William F. Lee, Allan Kimball, Robert Rummel-Hudson, Rachael DeFriez, Perla Serabia Johnson and Laurel Iokavakis. Pick up a brochure at the Library with more information about these homegrown authors, or visit the Library's Web site at www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com. Everyone is invited to this free event! For more information call Janet at 972-744-4350.

*The Richardson Public Library
will be closed Monday, May 25.*

May Calendar

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| <p>1 Job Searching on the Internet, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> | <p>6 First Wednesday Book Club, 7:30-9 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p> | <p>16 Writers' Open House and Book Signing, 2-4 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> | <p>21 Richardson Historical and Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., Basement Program Room. Speaker: Jan Samuels on writing your story.</p> |
| <p>2 Introduction to Excel, 9 a.m.-noon. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> | <p>9 Introduction to Microsoft Word, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> | <p>18 Writer's Guild of Texas, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> | <p>22 Searching the Internet, 9-11 a.m. Registration requested. Call 972-744-4361.</p> |
| <p>Dewey KNIT? 2-4 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> | <p>Chess Program, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> | <p>19 Richardson Adult Literacy Board Meeting, 5-6 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p> | <p>24 Tales for Tails, Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, 3-4:30 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> |
| <p>LION DANCE, Fountain Plaza, 3 p.m. (bad weather location: Basement Program Room.)</p> | <p>13 BOOKbabble Book Discussion Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Second Floor Conference Room. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350..</p> | <p>Richardson Civic Art Society Demonstration, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Basement Program Room. Jimmy Dyer: Oil.</p> | <p>25 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</p> |
| <p>4 Richardson Civic Art Society Board Meeting, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p> | <p>Library Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p> | <p>20 BOOKbabble Book Discussion Group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Second Floor Conference Room. "Look Me in the Eye" by John Elder Robison. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.</p> | <p>26 BOOKbabble @ Nite, 7:30-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "Brother, I'm Dying" by Edwidge Danticat. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4350.</p> |
| <p>5 Friends of the Library Board meeting, 7 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room.</p> | <p>16 Introduction to the Internet, 9-11 a.m. Registration required. Call 972-744-4361.</p> | <p>Teen Movie Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Children's Program Room.</p> | |
| <p>5 Cinco de mayo: Una Fiesta, 7-8:30 p.m., Basement Program Room.</p> | | | |

See this calendar online at www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com. Click on "Calendar of Events" on the left side.