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LIBRARY RETURNS TO PRE-COVID HOURS

New hours are: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 2-6 p.m.



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PARKS AND RECREATION

SENIOR CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



Oct. 16-17 Event

PARKS AND RECREATION

HUFFHINES ART TRAILS FEATURING PAWTOBERFEST

Free Community Event featuring live music, craft beer, festive food, marketplace vendors and Pawtastic Crafts and Contests. ▶page 2



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PARKS AND RECREATION

HUFFHINES TENNIS CENTER

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

BOND ELECTION SET FOR NOV. 2

A \$190 million no-tax-rate-increase bond election will appear on the ballots of Richardson voters on Election Day this November. The package includes five propositions, each of which will be voted on individually.

The propositions include:



Proposition A: Streets
(\$102 million)



Proposition B: Public Buildings
(\$64 million)



Proposition C: Sidewalks
(\$8.5 million)



Proposition D: Drainage
(\$8 million)



Proposition E: Parks
(\$7.5 million)

Propositions approved in the election would become part of a future bond program that would see the sale of the bonds take place over the next five years with the projects being slated for completion sometime in the next six to seven years.

Like borrowing money for a home, or other large purchase, cities use bond programs to finance major capital projects, the cost of which cannot be covered as part of the normal annual funds raised through property or sales taxes. The money borrowed, plus interest, is then repaid over a period of time (usually 20 years) using the debt service portion of the property tax rate. Richardson has held four bond elections in the past 25 years: 1997, 2006, 2010 and 2015. The past programs have funded projects like new recreation centers, new fire stations, a new police station, and drainage, street, sidewalk and other infrastructure projects.

For more information on the 2021 bond election, visit www.cor.net/bondelection.

EARLY VOTING: Oct. 18-29
ELECTION DAY: Nov. 2



CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2021-22 BUDGET, TAX RATE DECREASE

The City of Richardson will have a \$330,788,419 combined operating budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The budget includes a 1-cent decrease to the property tax rate and was adopted in August by the City Council. It will go into effect Oct. 1.

In addition to the tax rate decrease to 61.516 cents per \$100 appraised value, the budget also maintains the Senior Tax Exemption at \$100,000. The \$330,788,419 budget is an increase of 5.6 percent, or \$17.6 million, over the 2020-21 revised budget. The increase is due in large part to \$18 million provided to the City by the federal American Rescue Plan.

The budget focuses on key initiatives including providing and restoring core services, investing in infrastructure, supporting neighborhoods, providing for community engagements and placemaking, and planning and preparing for the future.

“The new environment created from

the COVID-19 crisis has brought some economic improvements balanced with some financial realities,” said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. “We are seeing strengths in some sectors and weaknesses in others, giving us caution as we prepare our spending priorities for the coming year. Our goal is to reactivate programs, projects and services in a measured way to avoid overexposing our budget obligations during this dawn of the post-pandemic economy.”

Infrastructure maintenance is a priority in the budget, which includes about \$6.3 million for street/alley maintenance and another \$449,597 for park maintenance projects. The budget also includes \$6.19 million through a combination of cash and short-term debt for the replacement of fire equipment, general equipment, vehicles and computer equipment.

The budget also allows the City to undo some changes that were necessary due to the coronavirus. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has been very conservative with its spending, freezing open positions, deferring facility maintenance items and reducing training. With the 2021-22 budget, the City has been able to unfreeze some positions and is gradually increasing training, although it is still not at pre-pandemic levels.

The City has also made pay plan changes that were necessary due to a challenging labor market. Changes have been made to the pay scale for frontline workers in departments such as Solid Waste to attract and retain employees and ensure a high level of service is maintained.

For more information on the 2021-22 budget, visit www.cor.net/budget.

Additional highlights of the 2021-22 budget include:

- Certified Property Tax Roll increase of 3.54 percent
- Building fund balance to assist with economic uncertainties
- Beginning pay-as-you-go initiative for the replacement of computer hardware that was previously funded through short-term debt
- Sales Tax forecast of 12.2 percent below estimated year-end 2020-21 collections
- Market and merit-based compensation adjustments are budgeted for City employees
- Implementing a phased approach to community events

For a look at the City's General Fund Expenditures, see page 3.

MAIN STREET FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

The City of Richardson and CORE District merchants are hosting a Main Street Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 23 from noon-5 p.m. along Main Street between Interurban and McKinney streets. The free event, which will kick off at noon on McKinney Street with a ribbon cutting, will celebrate recent improvements to Main Street, the heart of the Richardson community.

Following the ribbon cutting, the

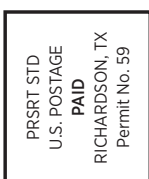
family-friendly day will include street artists, activities for all ages along Main Street and shopping at Main Street's eclectic mix of retailers along with other area vendors. Food vendors will be located on McKinney Street with existing restaurants such as Del's Charcoal Burgers, Yummy Burgers & BBQ and Isabella's Chocolates & Sweet Treats. Live music at the Main Stage, located on the lawn between Texas and Interurban streets,

will begin at 2 p.m. and will be headlined by Texas native Abraham Alexander.

The City of Richardson and area merchants are hosting this event to welcome visitors back to Downtown Richardson. The updated neighborhood in the heart of Richardson now provides a more pedestrian-focused setting featuring wider walkways, additional land-

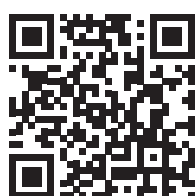


scaping, decorative lighting, new community gathering spaces and outdoor restaurant seating.



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PROPERTY TAX BILLS TO BE MAILED IN OCTOBER

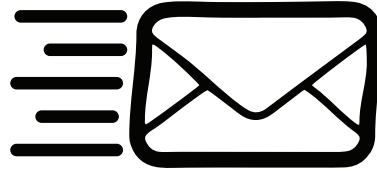
The Dallas County and Collin County tax offices will mail property tax statements to Richardson residents this month based on values set by the county appraisal districts as of Jan. 1, 2021.

The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will receive a statement from the county tax office in which the property is located.

Collin County residents can make

City, Collin County and Plano Independent School District tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 900 E. Park Blvd. Suite 100, Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 6820 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240, 214-653-7811.

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 420 S.



Greenville Ave., Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2022.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCT. 18 FOR NOV. 2 ELECTION

All Richardson residents may vote early at City Hall

Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., will serve as an early voting location for the Nov. 2 City of Richardson Bond and Texas Constitutional Amendment elections. Richardson residents may also vote early at any other early voting center designated by Dallas

County or Collin County.

Election Day voting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Richardson City Hall/Civic Center is also an Election Day polling location for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County and Collin County. Richardson residents may also vote

at any other Election Day voting center designated by the county they live in.

For more information on voting, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or aimee.nemer@cor.gov.

Below are dates and times for early voting at the City Hall/Civic Center.

DALLAS COUNTY	COLLIN COUNTY
Oct. 18-23 — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Oct. 18-22 — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. 24 — 1-6 p.m.	Oct. 23 — 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 25-27 — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Oct. 24 — 1-6 p.m.
Oct. 28-29 — 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	Oct. 25-29 — 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

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ple affected by the tornado to begin the recovery process.

Following closely on the heels of the tornado was COVID-19, which resulted in an unprecedented increase in demand for Network's services. As you can read on page 3, almost overnight, Network went from providing food to 750 families per month to nearly as many families per week. This increase included providing meals to Richardson ISD students who were attending school virtually, as well as skills training and assistance to people who were looking for new jobs. When people needed assistance, Network was ready to answer the call as it has since its founding in 1985.

Network has positively impacted countless Richardson residents over the years, whether by providing assistance or providing a place where people can volunteer and give back to their community. The new facility should allow Network to continue to grow and be better prepared for whatever lies ahead.

Network of Community Ministries is a vital piece of the Richardson community, providing food, clothing and housing assistance to individuals and families in need. As the scope of its services and the number of clients has grown, so has the need for a larger facility, which is why last month we were happy to celebrate the grand opening of Network's new facility in the Richardson IQ®. The new location on International Parkway is about three times larger than Network's old facility on South Sherman Street, space that will come in handy following the increase in demand Network has experienced these past few years.

Demand for Network's services was never more evident than in the aftermath of the October 2019 tornado. In the months following the storm, Network assisted more than 1,000 people by providing food and clothing, as well as temporary, and in some cases, permanent housing. I think it is safe to say that Network was the key component that allowed many of the peo-



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ABOUT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council typically holds business meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Council Chambers, and work sessions are typically held every Monday. Meeting times and locations are subject to change and are posted at www.cor.net/citycouncil. The meetings are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, 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 more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at www.cor.net/city and on the City's cable TV channel on Spectrum (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

CONTACTING THE CITY

Normal Operating Hours: 972-744-4100
After Hours: 972-744-4111

CITY NEWS BY E-MAIL

Sign up to receive the City's "Week In Review" e-mail, which is sent each Friday, as well as to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and information about weather-related activities and the West Nile virus.

Visit www.cor.net/ENews, and select the options you would like to subscribe to.

RICHARDSON TODAY

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Citizens Information Services 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 204 972-744-4104
City Hall/Civic Center Richardson, Texas 75080 richardsontoday@cor.gov

REQUESTING AN ACCOMMODATION

The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service or activity, are requested to contact:

ADA Coordinator
972-744-0908
411 West Arapaho Rd., Ste. 108
Richardson, TX 75080
ADACoordinator@cor.gov
Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.



NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES SERVES RESIDENTS IN NEW LOCATION

Thanks to community, corporate and City partners, Network of Community Ministries moved to its new location in The IQ® with a ribbon-cutting celebration on Sept. 7 at 1500 International Pkwy. The new location provides three times as much space as the Sherman Street location. Network will use just under 40,000 square feet, and Richardson ISD's Student Services Department will utilize a portion of the building.

"I believe we fit into the area because we're innovative in the way we're approaching nonprofit collaboration," Cindy Shafer, Network CEO, said. "This is ideal for community involvement, volunteering and donating."

Network will work with other businesses and organizations in the area and make the community room available for select retreats and other events.

Mission and Service Area

Network was founded in 1985 by several local church and organization leaders looking to best serve residents who had been affected by the recession.

"The churches and groups really wanted to coordinate efforts so that they were helping people in the best way possible," Shafer said.

The nonprofit serves all Richardson residents and also residents of Garland and Dallas who live in Richardson ISD.

Demand

Prior to the pandemic, the organization served about 750 families a month with the food pantry. Now, the organization serves about 750 families per week. In the last year-and-a-half, about half of clients to Network's services were new.

Additionally, rental/housing assistance has increased by 400 percent.

"The area has grown and the need has grown. The amount of clients we have been serving has just increased so much that we were physically bursting at the seams," Shafer

said. "We couldn't fit people into the building anymore."

Services and Programs

Network's assistance fits into the broader categories of transactional and transformational, Shafer said. Transactional services include the food pantry, mobile food pantry, clothing closet and financial assistance. Seniors' Net provides needed help for senior citizens, helping them with food, clothing and assistance via a handyman program.

Thanks to a partnership with Methodist Richardson Medical Center, a 2,000 sq-ft clinic located at Network will help fill the medical care gap.

For children, Network offers a feeding program, medical and dental

Connected with the Community

For Shafer and Network staff and volunteers, clients are viewed as neighbors.

"We want people to know they're not alone. It's not always easy to ask someone for help. With many, we want to find out what it's going to take to move the needle for them," she said. "I don't have a goal to serve more people. My goal is to serve the people that come to us better so that they don't need to come back. Ultimately, I'd rather serve fewer people every year knowing that we're serving them better and we're accomplishing goals together."



voucher program, toys, educational offerings and more. Network also partners with the City in helping residents through disasters such as the 2019 tornado.

Transactional assistance often leads to transformational help.

"We know people need to be fed, clothed and have a roof over their heads before they can look at, 'How can my life be better?'" Shafer said.

Network helps clients achieve educational goals, and offers guidance through financial education and career services.

The new space will allow Network to expand programs including those related to after-school care, career readiness, medical services and senior citizen programming.



bible pantry and more.

"There are many opportunities to fit a volunteer's skill and schedule," Shafer said.

Donations

Network welcomes donations that are utilized for local residents.

"We have a financial need," Shafer said. "With increased space and increased programs comes a greater need to serve the numbers of people coming. For donated items, we accept food, clothes and accessories."

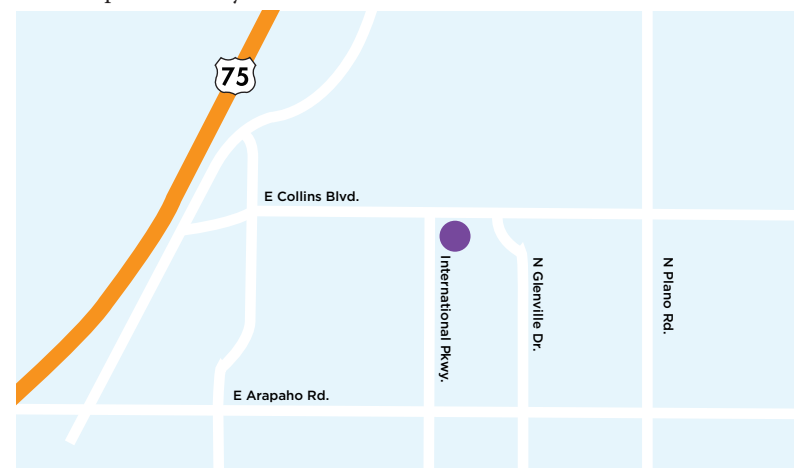
Network's website contains a donations wish list. To drop off donations, residents should follow directions around the building for drop-offs. Beyond items Network accepts, donors may call Network to see if there is a good fit for the donation elsewhere.

Hours

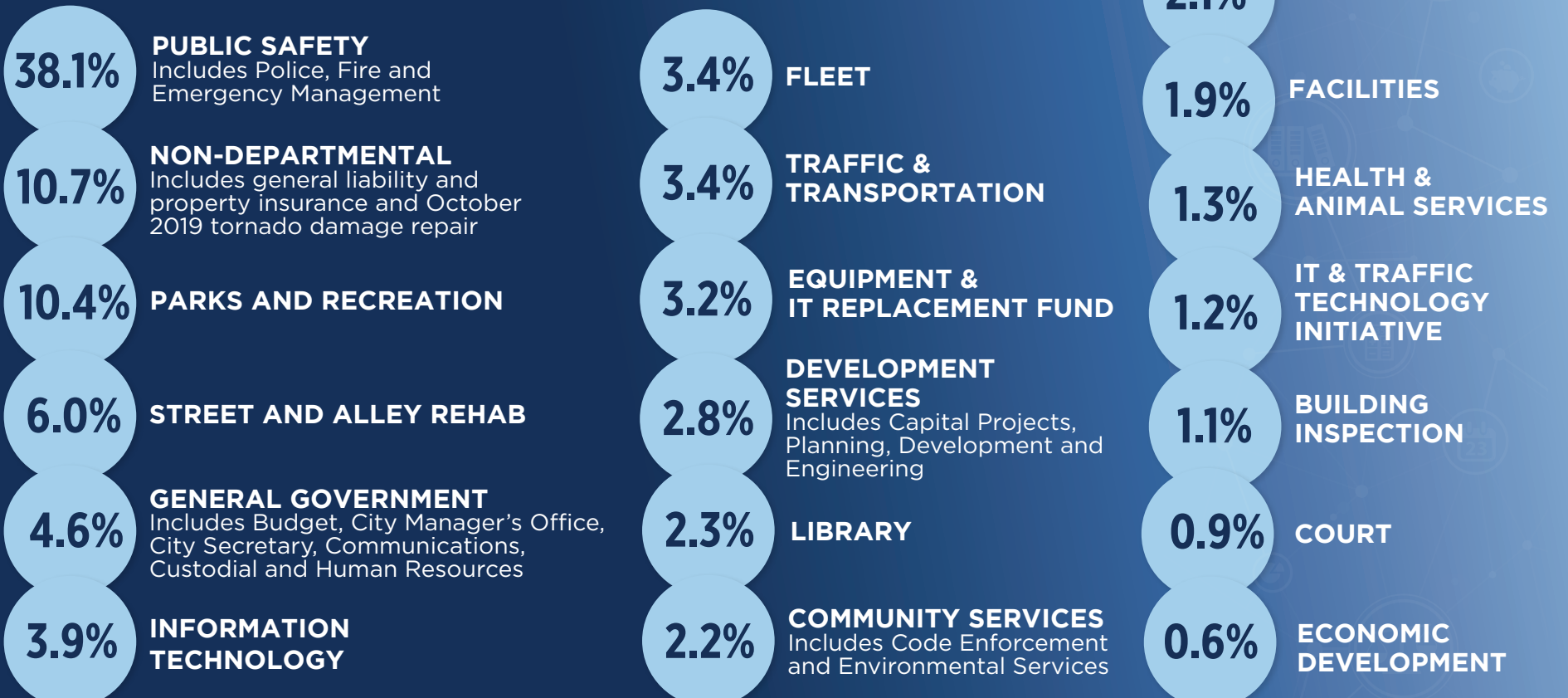
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Contact Information

1500 International Pkwy., Ste. 300
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www.thenetwork.org



2021-2022 CITY OF RICHARDSON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES \$148,982,594

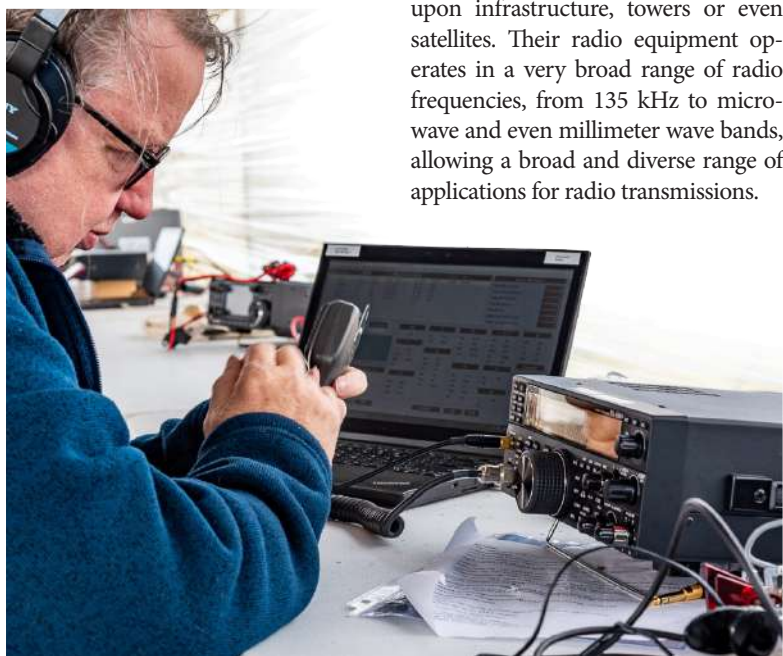


RACES GROUP SUPPLEMENTS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Richardson Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) group operate behind the scenes, only becoming visible during rare emergency situations. Their unique skills, training and equipment are the ideal complement to city, county, state and federal governmental communications mechanisms. In scenarios such as severe weather or at disaster sites, they can be seen in marked vests operating a variety of radio and communications equipment in the field.

Pronounced “ray-CEEZ,” RACES groups were established nationwide in 1952. They serve within government agencies in times of need and operate under the guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

RACES teams can be utilized for backup communications in disaster response situations, Strategic National Stockpile activations, at points of distribution, and in shelter or weather operations.



A Backup Plan

The Richardson RACES group is comprised of 38 residents whom Scott Greeson, Office of Emergency Management RACES Coordinator, describes as turn-key in their technological know-how and willingness to pitch in.

“They’re our insurance policy when it comes to communications,” Greeson said. “I think our primary communication system in the City is robust and we have a great IT group, but it’s always nice to have that insurance if you need it.”

While technology has grown and advanced exponentially in recent decades, sometimes the old standby is just what is needed. Internet and cellular phone service, along with landlines, are susceptible to the effects of tornadoes, hurricanes and winter storms, as evidenced by the severe weather-induced communications interruptions in February 2021.

RACES operators utilize communications equipment that can use existing infrastructure, but is not dependent upon infrastructure, towers or even satellites. Their radio equipment operates in a very broad range of radio frequencies, from 135 kHz to microwave and even millimeter wave bands, allowing a broad and diverse range of applications for radio transmissions.

“Just the nature of the amateur bands in general is lasting—they’ve been around forever and a day. Some people think of it as antiquated technology, but it works,” Greeson said. “I remember I was back there with Hurricane Katrina 16 years ago, and the big thing was satellite phones and everyone thought they would work, but they failed miserably. Amateur radio was able to come and provide points of communication to help the first responders and help craft the response and recovery efforts. It’s technology that’s been proven and tested time and time again and it’s worked.”

Members of RACES operate their own radio equipment, including portable, mobile and fixed. Depending upon the equipment, operators can send messages via voice, send photos, videos or rapid messages when needed.

“There are handheld devices you can speak directly into, and there are some with a separate microphone. It can be a headset or something similar to what you see in the old traditional movies with a giant microphone and a little push-down button on there,” Greeson said. “If you can imagine it, it’s probably in use out there. The great thing about amateur bands is there’s so many different types of frequencies and ways that we can push communications—even through a laptop using those amateur frequencies.”

RACES members can set up portable or mobile stations using emergency power or utilize the RACES radio room in the Emergency Operations Center, a small room equipped for radio communications needs.

“I dare say this EOC amateur radio setup, coupled with our Richardson RACES team, gives the city a very dy-



amic communications option and provides capabilities that most jurisdictions could only dream of having,” Greeson said.

Steadfast Volunteers

Richardson RACES volunteer operators have varying backgrounds and professions, but they all share a passion for serving the public and helping the City. In weather incidents, the volunteers set up safely in areas where they can gather firsthand information to report “ground-truth” to the National Weather Service. In some crisis events, members of RACES complete damage and incident reports to give to law enforcement and first responders.

“It gives us another set of eyes and provides information that we can push to our communications channels and dispatch,” Greeson said.

Locally, RACES members may be called upon at any time. Some have even traveled to the coast to assist following hurricanes. They are a treasured resource in Richardson and beyond.

While the members participate purely as volunteers, their work is a serious matter, with annual training required, and readiness with portable “go kits” a must.

Ken Noblitt is the Richardson RACES Radio Officer, helping coordinate

activities of the volunteer group. He first entered Dallas County RACES in 1981, harnessing his expertise as a radio and cellular engineer.

“I don’t think most residents know that this group exists,” he said. “We are counted on during blackouts because our technology works when others are down. If something happens, we’re ready to go with radio equipment, cameras, batteries, flashlights and even some first aid. We can stage communications between the Richardson Emergency Operations Center and the state EOC when needed, as a group that is certified under FEMA. We utilize advanced radio technologies that can be called upon when local, state and federal resources are low.”

The work of the volunteers is a true service to the community, but RACES members pitch in simply because they love to do it.

“While we get enjoyment out of the hobby, we like to give back to the City,” Noblitt said. “I think everyone is passionate about the safety and security of every resident.”

For more information, visit www.cor.net/races.

BEYOND KARATE PARTICIPANTS REACH NEW HEIGHTS

Each Tuesday and Friday evening at Heights Recreation Center, students clad in traditional white uniforms and colorful belts learn and apply karate concepts under the instruction of their senseis (teachers).

This fall, four Beyond Karate teen and young adult participants are testing to earn their black belts. These students have achieved beyond any limitations of disability. Instructor Witek Nowosiad began the program in 2014 with the support of master karate instructor Takao Nakaya. Beyond Karate is part of the larger organization, Ryubukai Karatedo, led by Nakaya.

Nowosiad’s passion for karate began as a young man growing up in Poland. Watching Bruce Lee on the big screen, Nowosiad admired martial arts. In 2008, when his daughter Asia was looking for a new sport at age 10, Nowosiad suggested karate.

“I said, ‘The class is only eight weeks. If you don’t like it, you can quit.’ I took her and the next week I signed myself up too because I was so impressed,” he said. “It was kind of a lifelong dream for me. And the rest is history.”

While Nowosiad and Asia learned karate, Nowosiad’s youngest daughter Nikki began imitating the moves. As a child with an intellectual disability, Nikki was able to pick up on the moves and enjoy the exercise. However, to be successful in her karate training, Nikki needed additional support and some adaptations in teaching methods to master the karate curriculum.

Nowosiad earned his black belt in 2014 and knew he wanted to spread the joy and therapeutic benefits of

karate participation to other special needs children and families. With the blessing of Shihan “master instructor” Nakaya, Nowosiad began Beyond Karate, with his daughter Nikki as one of the students.

From a start of four students, Beyond Karate has grown to about 80 students who take classes in six locations around the metroplex. The students and their families are committed to the program, which is shaped uniquely for the needs of learners with special physical or intellectual considerations. Siblings and parents of the special needs learners are welcome.

The adapted and modified instruction is true to the original karate curriculum.

“I always say, ‘This is not a giveaway. You’re going to have to work hard,’” Nowosiad said. “The first day the students come, I say, ‘I’ll tell you the secret to getting a black belt.’ Their eyes get big, and they say, ‘What is it?’ I say, ‘It’s very simple, but sometimes it’s very challenging. You have to show up to learn. If you show up, I’ll show you everything you need to learn for the black belt.’ When initial motivation is over, discipline comes in and consistency pays off.”

To advance to new belt levels, students must memorize a series of 20-35 moves in sequence, called “kata.”

“Initially, students are intimidated, but after a few classes and a few months, they have the experience of accomplishment. The minimum time between belt promotion is three months. My students might take six months to a year, but it’s not a race,” Nowosiad said. “I want them to grasp

the skill and have the pride and satisfaction of a job well-done. Karate practice builds self-confidence and cultivates the ability and desire to grow and be successful, not only in karate, but in other areas of their lives.”

The most common feedback from parents is that they are amazed at what their children can learn. For Nowosiad, it’s the combination of focused instruction, camaraderie, example-setting, disciplined environment and routine that helps students achieve.

Karate emphasizes respect—for the instructor, others and for oneself. From warmup stretches to learning and practicing moves, students gain balance and strengthen their physical capacities and ability to retain and apply information. The format of the class includes allowing advanced students to train beginner students.

The bonds among students are strong. Even when the pandemic moved the class to virtual delivery temporarily, students stayed involved, learning from home. Nowosiad creates a place of belonging for students, offering game nights, movie nights and outings for the participants.

Parents say the class has become a support system for them too, giving them an avenue for connection and friendship.

Gina Waterman’s son Kenneth has been in Beyond Karate for four years. “He fits seamlessly into this group. The instructors are phenomenal, and I have been amazed at what Kenneth could do,” she said. “The social aspect and the community he’s built is amazing. I’m very close with a lot of the parents. We’ve had social gatherings,

movie nights and belt promotion celebrations. That’s raised self-esteem for my son and others.”

Children gain processing speed from karate participation that transfers to other settings.

Sarah Nguyen said her son Evan has blossomed in his seven years as a student. As a brown belt student, he teaches new students during part of the class.

“He’s more confident and structured,” Nguyen said. “Assisting another student gives him another level of pride and ability. When students come here, they can become leaders, not only with their own skills, but also through teaching their peers and friends.”

Jordan Kooner, who was an early class participant, is among the four students who will test for his black belt.

“I feel proud,” he said. “I like doing kata. I feel responsible and respectful.”

Annually, the Beyond Karate program joins with Austin and Denton programs for a tournament as part of the broader Texas Adaptive Sports and Recreation nonprofit. Participants show off their skills individually and are awarded a small, medium or large trophy depending upon their level of skill.

“Someone asked after one of the tournaments, ‘You had 72 special needs kids registered and there were



no meltdowns, interruptions or schedule changes. How did you pull it off? That’s karate training—discipline, respect and focus,” Nowosiad said.

He looks forward to celebrating students’ achievements with families.

“The promotions to black belts are historic. Four students with disabilities are achieving a master’s-level degree (black belt) in karate. Oftentimes in their lives, the focus is on what my students cannot do, but I challenge them to their full ability,” he said. “I think that’s the approach behind their success.”

www.cor.net/ParksOnline

VIDEO CRIME WATCH PROGRAM GIVES RESIDENTS THE UPPER HAND

Since 1972, the National Neighborhood Watch program has encouraged residents to be the eyes and ears in their neighborhoods. The program calls upon residents to assist law enforcement in the prevention of crimes by monitoring their blocks and providing information to law enforcement that could lead to arrests.

For decades, empowered Neighborhood Watch program participants have proudly displayed signs in their neighborhoods. At its heart, the program engenders safety and a sense of community.

A 21st-century neighborhood security approach includes a variety of site cameras, ranging from company security systems, to app-based monitors and do-it-yourself setups. The options abound, and homeowners, businessowners, renters and apartment residents commonly have cameras rolling and sensors active.

In 2013, the Richardson Police Department began another program that relies on residents to perpetuate a secure city. The Video Crime Watch

program functions with the help of volunteers who are willing to share surveillance footage as needed in order to help solve crimes.

Via the Video Crime Watch program, residents may sign up online, letting the PD know about their residential and business cameras. If a crime is committed, police may use the database to quickly determine if any residents or businesses might have caught evidence on their systems. Even footage of someone walking past a property could break a case.

A common misconception is that sharing camera information gives officers access to the security systems. This program does not access cameras. It can't pull video, images or audio. No user credentials are collected and no direct access is given. Instead, the database serves as a helpful list of residents who might be of service.

"It's a voluntary program," Tommy Davis, Community Relations Officer for the Richardson Police Department, said. "If you have a system and

you want to share that you have it, that's helpful to us. We've had success with it."

Video Crime Watch has resulted in crimes solved and arrests made. In one incident, a neighbor's camera identified the perpetrator in a nearby house break-in. The results through the years speak for themselves, as residents have helped police officers curb criminal activity.

The RPD was visionary in its implementation of the program.

"We were one of the first agencies in the country to do this," Davis said. "We were getting calls from as far away as Canada about our Video Crime Watch program."

The program now has hundreds of participants who all make Richardson a more secure place.

In addition to the Neighborhood Crime Watch and Video Crime Watch programs, other Richardson community-police department partnerships



include Crime Watch Patrol and Dog Walker Watch. When it comes to safety, a nosy neighbor is the best kind, Davis said.

"A lot of cases are solved or prevented because people called in. The watchful neighbor is the single-most effective crime-fighting tool," Davis

said. "That's what's going to keep a lot of the bad guys out of your area. That helps us out and it makes our job so much easier."

Visit www.cor.net/videocrimewatch for more information and to sign up your residence or business in the Video Crime Watch program.

FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS

Fleet Services Department is the Engine of the City

With about 600 vehicle service appointments per month, it's safe to say the Fleet Services Department keeps the City running. Daily, the six bays at the Service Center are filled with fire department apparatus, police department cruisers, solid waste and recycling trucks, parks and recreation vehicles, water utilities, construction and facilities maintenance vehicles, Senior Center vans, riding lawnmowers and more.

The Driving Force

Ernie Ramos, Fleet Materials Manager, said, "The City would not be able to function without a Fleet Services Department. It wouldn't be able to provide a lot of the services that the people of Richardson need."

The 24 fleet employees give the City's fleet of more than 600 vehicles the maintenance and care they need to run efficiently in order for other employees to conduct their daily jobs. Automotive technicians perform maintenance services related to batteries, tires, oil, belts, hoses, filters, water pumps, bulbs and similar items.

The department outfits vehicles with use-specific equipment like light bars,

radios and inverters, and even places graphics on vehicles for several departments. The center's car wash provides the finishing touch.

"I sleep well at night knowing the City of Richardson and the citizens are protected because our emergency and everyday equipment is maintained properly," Ramos said.

Fleet Services performs annual inspections on vehicles, many of which rack up miles and wear quickly. City vehicles are often driven for extensive periods daily as part of jobs like trash pickup and police patrol.

In many maintenance and repair operations, technicians learn one make of a vehicle well, but for the City, workers must be adept at diagnosing and addressing issues on a range of makes and models, from Ford to Freightliner, including fire engines, large-truck diesel engines, and an assortment of gasoline-powered and hybrid engines.



The technicians are ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified, and receive ongoing training to understand the technology updates of the newest models.

"We have people who really care about what they're doing and who are able to handle a lot of different scenarios," Ramos said. "This is a highly technical field.

It requires a lot of training, time and effort."

A Well-Oiled Machine

For Ramos, ensuring proper maintenance begins with the acquisition of each vehicle.

"We will generally work with our manufacturer each time we need to buy and make sure that we have a record of all the automobile components and an understanding of any training that is needed," he said. "We put protocols in place for the life of the vehicle."

In case of emergency, select technician staff are on call 24 hours per day



to respond to emergency maintenance issues. The department sends vehicles elsewhere for services like paint and body work, to keep the center focused upon the elemental maintenance items.

The department is equipped with storehouses of gasoline, diesel and oil. The Service Center keeps 70,000 gallons, or about two months' worth, of gas and diesel on hand, making the City independent from commercial fuel stations in case of emergency. An automotive warehouse on site serves as an efficient source of supplies. Buying in bulk allows the City to purchase at lower costs.

"I think the way we are set up, the fuel infrastructure we have in place, the

way we plan vehicle purchases and the way we maintain units has saved the City money," Ramos said.

Since he began the role in 2000, Ramos has worked to ensure the department remains ahead of the curve.

"Our operation is so broad range with all the different types of vehicles and pieces of equipment, as well as the changes in technology through the years," he said. "I read every owner's manual, every warranty manual, and even every technical manual."

The employees of the centrally located center are certainly never idling.

"We're definitely busy all the time and we're glad to serve," Ramos said.

EPI ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT SAT., OCT. 23

The Richardson Police Department is once again participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) semiannual National Prescription Drug Take Back event. The next event is Saturday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Police Substation, 2003 E. Renner Rd. Please note: the event could end early if capacity is reached before 2 p.m.

This is an excellent time to clean out medicine cabinets of old prescriptions, especially opioids or any addictive medications. Studies have shown that addicts often obtain their medications from a friend or family member, especially by searching through medicine cabinets. All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information on Drug Take Back, visit www.richardsonpolice.net, call Community Relations at 972-744-4955, or go to www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

Do's and Don'ts

- **DO enter your ZIP code on the DEA Public Disposal Location list** to find addresses of year-round drop-off sites: <https://tinyurl.com/dropoffdrugs>
- **DON'T bring needles or injectable medications to the event.** Place anything sharp in a thick, plastic laundry detergent jug. Seal the lid with heavy-duty tape, label "Do not open or recycle," place in a separate trash bag and put in your regular garbage.
- **DON'T bring health and beauty items** such as shampoo, soap, creams or rubbing alcohol. The DEA does not need to destroy these items.
- **DON'T bring pressurized metal cans**, such as asthma inhalers, antifungal spray, hairspray, saline spray or sunblock. These can explode when put in the incinerator.
- **DO recycle empty pill bottles** once you have removed labels or marked through your name.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING, DOCUMENT SHREDDING OFFERED SAT., OCT. 30

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association's fall electronics recycling and document shredding event is Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Richardson Square Mall, 501 S. Plano Rd.

Acceptable items include phones, GPS devices, calculators, MP3 players, PDAs, radios, satellite receivers, VCRs, DVD players, remote controls, speakers, cameras, computers and accessories, speakers, printers and cartridges, copiers, scanners, shredders, typewriters, etc. CRT TVs or computer monitors CANNOT be accepted. Flat screen monitors and televisions are OK.

NO hazardous waste items will be accepted; this includes batteries, paint, cleaners and fluorescent bulbs. Visit www.cor.net/hhw for more information on hazardous waste disposal. Personal shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car.

There is no charge to drop off items,

but donations to the RCPAAA are appreciated. The RCPAAA's mission is to support the Richardson Police Department by enhancing awareness and appreciation of the department within the community, publicizing its services and accomplishments and developing partnerships. The money it raises is used to sponsor the RPD annual awards banquet, pay for snacks for officers working on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and assist with medical costs for retired K9 dogs.

Additionally, this year the RCPAAA is partnering with Network of Community Ministries to collect shampoo and soap. Representatives from Network will be on hand during the event to collect soap and shampoo to distribute to their clients.

For more information on the RCPAAA, visit www.rcpaaa.org.



RICHARDSON 2021 CITY BOND ELECTION

BOND PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2021 Bond Election will be on the Nov. 2 ballot. The bond package consists of five propositions totaling \$190 million.

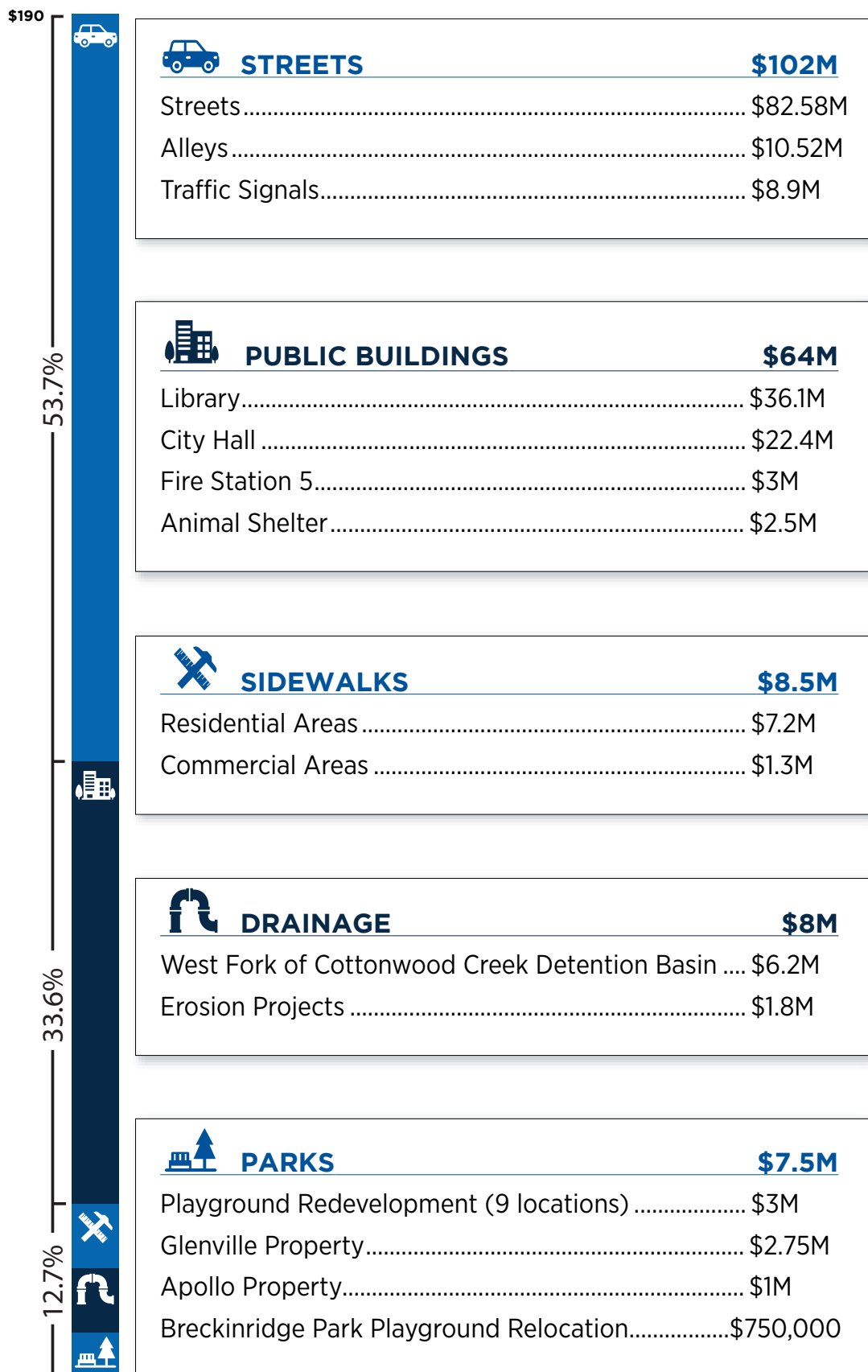
The projects included in the propositions were selected after more than a year of study. The City Council heard reports from City departments regarding what their biggest needs were along with other community partners and organizations to offer input on what they would like to see included in the program.

No tax rate increase for debt will occur, even if all five bond proposals are passed. The sale of any approved bonds are planned to be staggered over five years, with bonds being sold as existing debt is retired.

Early voting begins Oct. 18 and Election Day is Nov. 2.

BOND PACKAGE BREAKDOWN

The 2021 Bond Package includes \$190 million in projects. If approved by voters, the package will not require an increase in the City's tax rate. The City's last bond program was approved by voters in 2015. The projects in the 2021 bond package include:



WHAT IS A BOND PROGRAM?

General obligation bonds are used by cities to finance major capital projects. Investors purchase the bonds and provide the City the money it needs to pay for the projects. The amount of money borrowed, plus interest, is then repaid over a period of time (usually 20 years) using the debt service portion of the City's property tax rate. General obligation bonds are just one way to pay for capital projects, and must be approved by voters. Richardson has held four bond elections in the past 25 years: 1997, 2006, 2010 and 2015.

WILL THIS BOND PACKAGE RAISE MY TAX RATE?

No. The City carefully analyzes the capacity it has to issue debt from year-to-year without increasing the tax rate. No increase to the tax rate will be required to pay for the projects in the 2021 Bond Program.

WHY ARE BONDS PROPOSED TO PAY FOR THESE PROJECTS?

General obligation bonds are a tool for cities to raise money for large projects that could not otherwise be funded through normal revenue sources. Projects typically include buildings, roads, bridges, bikeways and urban trails and parks.

WHEN WILL THE PROJECTS BE CONSTRUCTED?

The bonds to pay for the projects are expected to be sold over a five-year period, and staff will present an implementation plan to Council annually for approval.

HOW WERE THE PROJECTS SELECTED?

The list of projects was finalized after a lengthy process that began last year. The City Council heard presentations on potential projects and weighed and evaluated the merits, needs and community impacts of each proposal. The final bond package, totaling \$190 million, was narrowed down over the summer from an initial list that included nearly \$500 million in projects. In August, the City Council voted to call the election for Nov. 2.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INFORMACIÓN ADICIONAL

2021 Bond Election Interactive Map
Mapa Interactivo de la Elección de Bonos 2021
www.cor.net/BondElection

Bond Questions?
¿Preguntas sobre los Bonos?
BondQuestions@cor.gov



PROPOSITION A STREETS

Streets: \$82.58 million
Alleys: \$10.52 million
Traffic: \$8.9 million
Total Cost: \$102 million

The streets portion of the bond proposal would fund repairs and replacements for high-need arterial streets, collector streets, neighborhood collector streets, commercial streets, residential streets and alleys throughout Richardson. In total, the potential project addresses more than 12 miles of streets and more than six miles of alleys. Aging drainage, water and sanitary sewer infrastructure below streets and alleys will be replaced as needed. The streets portion of the bond proposal also includes improvements and enhancements to the City's traffic signal system. Four new traffic signals and 15 replacements are planned.



PROPOSITION B PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Library: \$36.1 million
City Hall: \$22.4 million
Fire Station 5: \$3 million
Animal Shelter: \$2.5 million
Total Cost: \$64 million

The public buildings proposition includes a full renovation of the Richardson Public Library including increased program space, upgraded heating and air conditioning and plumbing systems, new stairways and new centralized bathrooms. The Library security system will also be upgraded. City Hall improvements include a renovation of staff areas and restrooms and updates to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. In addition, security and technology enhancements will be completed for both the Library and City Hall. Fire Station 5 would receive a new fitness room and expanded living quarters, while the Animal Shelter would receive a new main entrance and entry façade and expanded staff offices.



PROPOSITION C SIDEWALKS

Residential Areas: \$7.2 million
Commercial Areas: \$1.3 million
Total Cost: \$8.5 million

Richardson's residential sidewalks have been divided into seven zones, with the 2021 Bond Program focusing on repair in two of the zones. Commercial sidewalks were divided into nine zones with three of the nine zones included in this year's Bond. The funding in the 2021 Bond Program would focus on ensuring residential and commercial sidewalks in the funded zones are ADA accessible and have barrier-free ramps at intersections.



PROPOSITION D DRAINAGE

West Fork of Cottonwood Creek Detention Basin: \$6.2 million
Erosion Repair Projects of Prairie Creek, Huffhines Creek and Chestnut Creek: \$1.8 million
Total Cost: \$8 million

The drainage bond proposal includes a stormwater detention facility for the West Fork of Cottonwood Creek located near the northeast corner of West Campbell Road and Waterview Parkway on property dedicated by the University of Texas at Dallas. The detention pond would reduce flood risk downstream of Campbell Road. Other slated creek projects are gabion walls at the North Tributary of Prairie Creek; gabion walls at a culvert outfall and sanitary sewer manhole, along with concrete protection, embankment stabilization and alley sub-grade stabilization at Huffhines Creek; and gabion walls, along with sanitary sewer and alley pavement protection, at Chestnut Creek.



PROPOSITION E PARKS


Playground Redevelopment: Point North, Woodhaven Grove, Mark Twain, Woodland, Foxboro, Berkner, Terrace, Woods Park: \$3 million
Glenville Property Activation Phase: \$2.75 million
Apollo Property Activation Phase: \$1 million
Breckinridge Park Playground Relocation: \$750,000
Total Cost: \$7.5 million

The parks portion of the bond program would address playground equipment updates at nine parks. Eight of the playground projects would replace existing equipment, while the Breckinridge Park project would place a new playground near Keffler Fields. The City acquired a property on South Glenville Drive near East Belt Line Road, and a property on Apollo Road near North Plano Road. The Bond would develop the Apollo Road property with a multi-use field and infrastructure including water utilities, power, sidewalks and parking; while a loop trail, creek crossing and landscaping would be added to the South Glenville property.

EARLY VOTING
starts
MONDAY
OCT. 18

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY
NOV. 2

For more information, visit
www.cor.net/BondElection

Attention All Padawans!

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Star Wars Reads month! Join us for fun games and crafts. Come as your favorite Star Wars character!

Saturday, Oct. 9
2-4 p.m., for all ages
Youth Services Area



Spookilicious A Halloween Happening!

Saturday, Oct. 30
2-3:30 p.m.

Come early for the puppet show!
Basement Program Room
Fun for all ages!


Have a spook-tacular time listening to stories, making boo-tiful crafts and trick-or-treating with puppets!

Wear your Halloween costume ... if you dare!


Technology Classes

Laptops provided. Registration for Richardson residents 16+ with valid Library card only. Call 972-744-4359 to register. All classes in the Basement Training Room.

AUDACITY
Friday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn how to record and edit multi-track audio.




GOOGLE PRODUCTIVITY
Friday, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m.-noon
An intro to creating documents, spreadsheets and presentations.



3D PRINTING-BEGINNER LEVEL
Saturday, Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Set up an account, use basic shapes and export 3D models to print on the Library's 3D printer!



MICROSOFT WORD-BEGINNER LEVEL
Saturday, Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
The world's premier word processor!




MAKE YOUR OWN SHIBORI SCARF

TRY YOUR HAND AT JAPANESE TIE-DYE

Saturday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Basement Program Room
Adults and teens



Learn the ancient art of shibori and make a scarf using indigo dye. All supplies included. Registration required; for Richardson residents with valid card only. Call 972-744-4376.



SHREKTASTIC MONDAY

Monday, Oct. 11, 1-5 p.m.
Basement Program Room
For all ages

It's a Shrek double feature! Chill out to a Shrek marathon with snacks and a take-home craft. Free ticket required. Pick up tickets starting at 10 a.m. on Oct. 11 at the Youth Services Help Desk.

IN BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

A BOOK CLUB FOR AGES 9-12

Thursday, Oct. 14, 4:30-5:15 p.m.
First Floor Program Room




Tweens, read the best of the best kids' books and explore them via games, film excerpts and more! Registration required; call 972-744-4358.

ADULTING 101: FIRST AID

Saturday, Oct. 16, 3-4 p.m.
First Floor Program Room
For ages 13-18



Learn some new life skills! Richardson Fire Department medics will teach basic first aid.



STEAM STARTERS

Friday, Oct. 22, 4-5 p.m.
First Floor Program Room
For ages 6-8


Discover and explore science, technology, engineering, art and math and make your own mini lightsaber! Required registration begins Friday, Oct. 8. Call 972-744-4358 to register.

C-TECH KIDS CLUB

Friday, Oct. 22, 4-5 p.m.
Studio RPL
For ages 9-12



Experiment with exciting STEM activities! Play a community action game with a real-life scenario where you're the boss. Required registration begins Friday, Oct. 8. Call 972-744-4358 to register.



TALES FOR TAILS

READ TO REAL DOGS!



Sunday, Oct. 24, 3-4 p.m.
First Floor Program Room
For grades K-4

Work on reading skills by reading to live therapy dogs. Free tickets at the door starting at 2:30 p.m. All ages welcome to meet the dogs at 4 p.m.

LIBRARY WINS TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL GRANT

The Library has won a 2021 Texas Book Festival Collections Enhancement Grant! These awards are used to promote literacy and support Texas libraries by helping them share more literature with their communities. Richardson Public Library has used the grant to expand our lifelong learning e-book collection. Check out some of the enhancements at richardson.overdrive.com.

The Texas Book Festival will offer a hybrid of virtual and in-person events this year from Oct. 23-31. Find out more at texasbookfestival.org.

Asst. Director Vrena Patrick and Director Jenny Davidson pose with RPL's Texas Book Festival grant certificate.



EVENTS

Around The World!

Join us for a fun series of monthly presentations as we learn about various parts of the world our next tour will be "Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Tour." Just sit back and relax. Enjoy the journey! **Wednesday, Oct. 20, 1 p.m., free**

Coffee with a Cop: Building relationships one cup at a time

Join us for coffee and conversation with our Richardson Police. **Wednesday Oct. 6, 9-10:30 a.m., free**

Texas Winds

Come and enjoy an afternoon with listening to the wonderful sounds of the Texas Winds. **Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m., free**

BOO! Bingo

Special Halloween bingo with Spooktacular prizes! **Thursday, Oct. 21, 2-3 p.m., free**

2021 Annual Senior Holiday Bazaar

Registration is now open! **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.**

TRIPS

Dallas Arboretum

Autumn at the Dallas Arboretum is the perfect way to celebrate the fall season in North Texas. Check out the nationally acclaimed Pumpkin Village, which includes more than 75,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash! You can grab lunch at one of their "to-go" food counters or dine in at one of their restaurants. **Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$25 plus money for lunch. Tickets are non-refundable.**

Cavanaugh Flight Museum

This museum is awesome! Anyone that appreciates history and airplanes needs to visit the Cavanaugh Flight Museum. Located in Addison, this museum's aircraft collection is a one of the finest in the world. **Thursday, Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$25 (includes a boxed lunch.) Tickets are non-refundable.**

These events may be modified or canceled at any time based on current or forecasted health and safety conditions in the community, or as a result of regulatory factors that the city is required to follow. Please continue to follow us at www.cor.net or on Facebook for the most up to date information. When attending events, please make health and safety choices that are best for you and your family.

October 2021 events calendar

1 Friday

FOL Book Sale Oct. 1-3

30,000+ Books, CDs, DVDs and more. **Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. Richardson Library**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Justin Cashion (Blues, Indie Rock). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

BRETTELL Art Exhibit through Oct. 9

An Artists' Homage to the Dynamic Influence of Rick Brettell. **Free. (Closed Sundays and Mondays) SP/N Gallery. 3020 Stewart Dr.**

2 Saturday

UTD Hosts Breast Cancer Awareness Race

"Pretty in Pink" 2021 Breast Cancer Awareness Race includes a 5K and 10K race (3.1 and 6.2 miles) as well as a 1-mile fun run. **9 a.m. \$30 registration fee UT Dallas, 800 W. Campbell Rd.**

RSO Opening Night Concert

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra opens its 60th season with a world premiere commission by American composer Kirsten Broberg. **8 p.m. \$15-\$70 Eisemann Center**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Jenna Clark (Blues, Roots-Rock, Singer/Songwriter). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

5 Tuesday

National Night Out

Officers, City Officials and guests will visit NNO party locations to celebrate community partnerships. **6-8 p.m. www.cor.net/NNO**

8 Friday

SASY Live in Concert

A Persian pop singer-songwriter, SASY will be on stage with his hilarious performance. **Cost: \$45-\$129. 9 p.m. Eisemann Center**

Outdoor Boho Night Market

6-10 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine

9 Saturday

"Free to Dance" Ballet Fete

Collin County Ballet Theatre opens its 2021-22 season with an exciting evening of dance! **Cost: \$27-\$37. 7:30 p.m. Eisemann Center**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Cody Foote (Rockabilly, Blues, Soul). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

14 Thursday

Chamber Music International Concert

The world's most acclaimed musicians brought together for a single performance - not in London, New York or Prague, but here in Richardson. **Cost: \$10-\$40. 7:30 p.m. www.chambermusicinternational.org St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church**

15 Friday

"Blithe Sprit" at RTC Oct. 15-31

Filled with the sparkling wit and the undeniable charm of Noël Coward, Blithe Sprit is a clever comedy gem from well beyond the grave! **Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 8 p.m. Richardson Theatre Centre**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Sarah Johnson (Country, Singer/Songwriter). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

16 Saturday

Huffhines Art Trails featuring Pawtoberfest

Shop local crafts, clothing, pottery, jewelry and more. Saturday only, enjoy a day in the park with your pup with craft beer and delicious goodies. **10 a.m.-6 p.m. www.huffhinesarttrails.com**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Kirk Thurmond (Neo-Soul, Pop). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

17 Sunday

Huffhines Art Trails

Shop local crafts, clothing, pottery, jewelry and more. **10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.huffhinesarttrails.com**

18 Monday

Keyboard Conversations®

Uplifting, inspiring compositions of Beethoven, Schubert, Gershwin and Manuel de Falla. **Cost: \$40-\$48. 7:30 p.m. Eisemann Center**

22 Friday

Network 24th Annual Golf Outing

You can help neighbors in need by participating as a sponsor, foursome or individual player. **www.thenetwork.org/Golf Sherrill Park Golf Course**

"The Addams Family" Oct. 22-31

The Repertory Company Theatre presents The Addams Family. **Repertory Company Theatre**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Jade Nickol (Singer/Songwriter). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

23 Saturday

Drug Take Back

Drop off unused or expired pharmaceuticals for disposal to RPD. **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Police Substation, 2003 E. Renner Rd.**

Main Street Celebration

Celebrate recent improvements to Main Street with a ribbon cutting and family-friendly festival featuring downtown retailers and merchants. **Noon-5 p.m. www.richardsoncoredistrict.com/msc McKinney Street in Downtown Richardson.**

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring BJ Stricker (Pop Rock, Soul). **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

28 Thursday

RCFAAA Golf Tourney

The Richardson Citizen's Fire Academy Alumni Association is hosting a "Smokin' Hot" Golf Tournament, 4-person scramble. Proceeds benefit Richardson firefighters and their families. **Noon. \$110/golfer. Register at www.cor.net/CFAAAGolfTournament. Sherrill Park Golf Course**

RWC Fall Bridge Festival

Party Bridge festival open to the community. **\$25, includes lunch. 10 a.m. www.rwctx.org Richardson Women's Club, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr.**

"First Date" at UTD

First Date is a comedy about two mismatched singles set up on a blind date by friends and family. **Cost: \$15. 8 p.m. UT Dallas University Theatre**

29 Friday

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Alex Blair (Soul, Pop) **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

RWC Fall Bridge Festival

Duplicate Bridge festival open to the community. **\$25, includes lunch. 10 a.m. www.rwctx.org Richardson Women's Club, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr.**

30 Saturday

CityLine Live Outdoor Music Series

Featuring Kirk Holloway (Rock, Classic Rock, Country) **6-9 p.m. Free. For more information, visit www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

RCPAAA Electronics Recycling

Drop off old electronic items to be recycled. Donations Accepted. **10 a.m.-2 p.m. www.rcpaaa.org 501 S. Plano Rd.**

31 Sunday

CityLine Movie Night HOCUS POCUS

Free showing of Hocus Pocus in CityLine Plaza. Movie-themed drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be on sale as well as a selection of menu items from Jaspers. **7:30-9:15 p.m. Free. www.citylinedfw.com. CityLine**

Richardson CFAAA Smokin' Hot Golf Tournament



Thursday Oct. 28

www.cor.net/CFAAAGolfTournament

2021 Fall Bridge Festival



**Thurs, Oct 28th 10 a.m. - party
Fri, Oct 29th 10 a.m. - duplicate**

**Richardson Woman's Club
2005 N Cliffe Dr, Richardson TX 75082
Founders Hall**



SENIOR CENTER

RICHARDSON, TEXAS

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.– 4 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed Sunday

The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 50 and older. This facility is especially designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enrichment and fellowship. Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. For the benefit of all patrons, the Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

CLASSES

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay with a credit card by phone or in person, or with check or cash. For some classes, payment may be made online. Membership is required for class registration.

ADD Plus Dance

Start the week with an evening out of Plus Square dancing. 1st, 3rd, 5th Monday of the month. This month's dates are Oct. 4 and 18. Quarter sessions; 6-8 p.m., \$50 a quarter per dancer, \$10 drop-in fee. Instructor: Mike Bramlett. For more information, call 972-744-7800.

ABC Quilting

Beginner students will learn basic appliqué techniques to build skills and tabletop basting. A quilt frame will be available for students. Hand quilters and others needing catch-up time are welcome. Every Monday, 2-6 p.m., \$16/month. Instructor: Jan Eby. For more information, call 972-744-7800.

Quilt Essentials

Learn the art of hand-piecing and quilting as well as sewing-machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon. Advanced students - \$35/month. Beginner students - \$15/month. Instructor: Darlene Martin. For more information, call 972-744-7800.



AARP "Smart Driver" Program

The course completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reductions. Please check with your insurance company for percentage of reduction. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. First Thursday of the month, date and time TBA. \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for nonmembers. Third Thursday of the month, date and time TBA. \$15/AARP members; \$20/nonmembers.

Beginners Conversational Spanish

Learn Spanish as a first-time beginner student or refresh your Spanish conversational skills. Eight-week session, starting Nov. 11. Every Thursday, 10-11 a.m., \$52 (workbook included). Instructor: Carol Udel-Rodriguez, MA Ed. For more information, call 972-744-7800.

Intermediate Conversational Spanish

Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining this class. Previous Spanish language knowledge is required. Every Thursday, eight-week session, starting Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$52 (workbook included). Instructor: Carol Udel-Rodriguez, MA Ed. For more information, call 972-744-7800.

Advanced Conversational Spanish

Students in this class will be expected to create and respond in various real-life scenarios using appropriate vocabulary. Every Thursday, eight-week session, starting Nov. 11, 1-2 p.m., \$48. Call 972-744-7800 for the next eight-week session.

New! ESL Class (English as a Second Language)

Classes teach writing, reading, speaking, and listening comprehension skills to adult English language learners. Eight-week session on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Oct. 4, 10-11 a.m., \$55/month.

New! Technology 101

Assistance navigating the technology world of smartphones, tablets, computers, laptops and learn how to avoid being a victim of cyber fraud, virus and malware. Upcoming classes are Nov. 1 and Jan. 3, 11 a.m.-noon, \$10/month. For more information call 972-744-7800.

New! Ukulele Afternoon Group

Attention all ukulele enthusiasts and potential ukulele players. Let's get together to play, share songs and techniques. All levels of players are welcome. Mondays 1-3 p.m. No fee.

Color My World

Come join the adult coloring craze. Coloring reintroduces art as an important component of health and wellness. Please bring your own color pens, crayons and pictures. A multigenerational table is available for you to enjoy coloring with your grandchildren. Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. (come and go.) No fee.

Watercolor

Watercolor instructions offered for all painting levels. Students learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Intermediate and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New session starts Oct. 5. Cost is \$22/class or \$80/month. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list. Instructor: Renata Sharman

Oil and Acrylic Painting

Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are welcome to attend class. Every Thursday, starting Oct. 7, 1-3:45 p.m., \$80/month. Instructor: Joanna Clifton

Fun with Oils

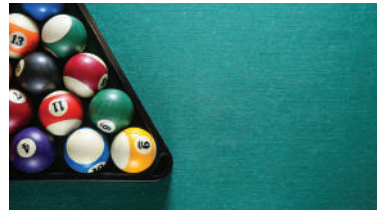
Instructor Andrew Wages provides over 20 years of instructional experience with oils and has painted for more than 50 years. Thursday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., \$85/month. Instructor: Andrew Wages

New! Let's Draw!

Join the fun and let your inner artist out! The class focuses on building fundamental drawing skills. Learn basic techniques such as shading, tones and drawing methods. New activities each week! Materials needed: sketch book and drawing implements. Monday, Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$40/month. Instructor: Chris Oppermann

Pocket Billiards Class

Two-hour billiard classes are provided for individual students or two student class maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Register before day of class or call 972-744-7800. Every Monday and Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., \$10/student/class. Instructor: Ted Swanson



Crochet

Learn how to crochet or learn more difficult patterns. New students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn. Every Thursday, 2-3:45 p.m., \$5/class. Instructor: Barbara Stevenson

Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:45 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for next five-week session. \$50. Next session: TBA. Instructor: Esta Puckett

PROGRAMS

Tennis League

Huffhines Tennis Center offers play times exclusive to seniors. Lessons are available to help players achieve different skill levels. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. For more information, call 972-744-7870.

Senior ladies' group:

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 a.m.-noon.

Senior men's group:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 8 a.m.-noon.

Senior Bowling League

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2021 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen, president, at 972-865-9613.

Senior Golf League

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 50 years or older playing all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. 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 Tom Zale, president, at 972-238-9258, or Jim White at 972-234-6167 or jmjwhite@tx.rr.com for more information.

Senior Table Tennis

Open play every Wednesday and Thursday, 5-8 p.m.

AARP Richardson Chapter

Meets every third Monday of the month at 1 p.m.

Scrabble Club

Meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun day playing scrabble. Children over 16 are welcome to participate. Players age 12-15 must attend with an adult. Every Monday, 10 a.m. No fee.

New! Thinking Things

Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia, and a general mental playground will help keep your brain activity sharp. We have a large room and welcome drop-ins who enjoy thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice, or stress. Senior Center membership required. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. No fee.

New! Creative Writing

Let your imagination SOAR! Come enjoy and experience writing for pleasure. Bring your own writing implements: pencil, pen, or markers, writing paper and of course your imagination! Every Wednesday starting Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$30/month (four classes) Instructor: Chris Opperman

The Richardson Senior Dance

The calendar lists the dates for this month's Saturday night ballroom dances.
Oct. 2 Doc Gibbs (Ballroom)
Oct. 9 Danny Romo (Country Western)
Oct. 23. Kelly Fletcher (Ballroom)
Oct. 30. New Kings of Swing (Ballroom)
Dances are held 7-9:30 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Light refreshments are served. \$5/person.

Texas Reelers Square Dance

The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thetexasreelerssqdance. Held first and third Friday of each month, 7:30-10 p.m., \$8.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of every month, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$7.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? Held on the third Thursday of the month, 2-3 p.m. No fee.

Tatting

Learn the ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string. Only one stitch is used. Every Tuesday, first class starts Oct. 5, 5-8 p.m. (come and go.) No fee.

Needleworks

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (come and go) No fee.

Afternoon Ballroom Dances

"The New Kings of Swing" will be at the Senior Center to play for our afternoon dance. Come listen to the sounds of an 11-piece band, dance and enjoy light refreshments. Held on the first Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m. No fee.



Pool Tournaments

Pool tournaments are held every Friday at noon, register at 11 a.m. No fee.

Let's Play "42"

Every Thursday, 1-4 p.m. No fee.

New! Drop Everything & Read (Book Club)

Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Join our book club! Held the last Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. October's Book is "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult.

50+ Chess Club

All playing strengths are welcome. Call 972-744-7800 for more information. Every Thursday starting Oct. 7, 6-8 p.m. No fee.



Emeritus Plus 50 Programs at Richland College

Explore lifelong learning with classes at Richland College for ages 50 and over. If you are 65 years or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats and have some fun. Please bring a sack lunch or you may purchase a lunch from the Senior Center's concession. Monday, Nov. 1, noon.

Richardson Public Library

The Richardson Public Library provides the Richardson Senior Center with books on CD and large-print books.

SERVICES

City of Richardson

Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 50 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Thursday from 8:30 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 Thursday at 3 p.m. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.



The Seniors' Net

The Network of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services to help seniors in the community remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include handyman services, senior informational seminars, Loads of Love, home-delivered groceries and holiday baskets. The Loads of Love program has expanded to not only include bread but also canned goods and fresh produce when available. Seniors residing within Richardson ISD may come to Loads of Love at the Network offices located at 1500 International Parkway in Richardson every Thursday from 9-11 a.m. Call 972-234-8880.

New! SIP Talks (Senior Informational Presentations)

Bladder Health and Pelvic Floor Presented by Nandita Shah with FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers-Plano. People rarely talk about bladder health, but everyone is affected by it. As people get older, the bladder changes. Find out the common medical problems like urinary incontinence, and bladder infections. Also learn how to have a healthy and happy bladder. Monday, Oct. 4, 10-11 a.m. No fee. Snacks will be served!

New! SIP Talks (Senior Informational Presentations)

Have questions on Medicare? Do you need information for fall enrollment to compare plans? Join Judy Olson for a session to get your questions on Medicare answered, learn about your Medicare options like Medicare Supplement Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans and get ready for the Annual Enrollment period coming up between Oct 15-Dec 7th. Thursday, Oct 14, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, 10-11 a.m. and Thursday Nov. 18, noon-1 p.m. No fee.

First Richardson Helpers

First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of bathroom grab bars and outdoor handrails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems, as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FRH provides assistance with code enforcement issues. To request service, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-996-0160 or go online to www.firstrichardsonhelpers.org. Click on "Request for Services."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

RSVP Volunteer Program

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Why not become a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail-outs, assembling "goodie bags" and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call 214-525-6167.

The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new free program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. If interested in participating, please call 972-744-7800 to register. Held on the first Thursday of each month. Starting Thursday, Jan. 6, 10-11 a.m. No fee.

Blood Pressure Checks

Held on the last Wednesday of the month, 8:30-9:30 a.m. No fee.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging will be at the Senior Center to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Please call to RSVP 972-744-7800 for Oct. 1

FITNESS

Hatha Yoga

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30-11 a.m., \$5. Starting Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5:30-6:45 p.m., \$5. Instructor: Bharati Amin

Chair Yoga

Gain all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. Tailored to fit abilities and fitness level. Focus is on body alignment and breath awareness. For questions, e-mail yogawithchrissy@live.com. Every Monday, 9:15 a.m., \$7/class. Every Friday, 8:45-9:45 a.m., \$7/class.

Pickleball

For more information or questions, please call 972 744-7800. Huffhines Rec Center, every Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$2/day, \$8/month. Heights Rec Center, every Monday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$2/day, \$8/month.

Private Trainer How is Your Balance?

Designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are held in a private room. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment time. \$60/session with a six-session commitment. Trainer: Elaine Hosage

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Required equipment: dumbbells and a resistance band. Every Monday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$30/month. Every Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$30/month. Instructor: Elaine Hosage

Fit for Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class For the next level of Fitness

Required equipment; dumbbells and a resistance band. Every Monday, 10-11 a.m., \$30/month. Every Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., \$30/month. Instructor: Elaine Hosage

New! Barre Class

Combining ballet-inspired moves with other fitness elements. A great workout for ages 50+. Every Friday, 11:30 a.m., \$30/month. Instructor: Elaine Hosage

New! Get Movin' Cardio

This heart-pumping cardio workout is designed to get your whole body moving with a variety of fat-burning and muscle-toning exercise combination. This fun and up-beat class is suitable for all fitness levels. Every Thursday starting Oct. 7, 6 p.m. \$30/month. Instructor: Alex Everson

New! 30-min Interval Training Class

Turbocharged workout routine that mixes cardio and strength training and has you in and out of the gym in 30 minutes. You will go through several exercises using our new strength and condition machines in the fitness room. Spots are limited! Every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:15-11:45 a.m., \$30/month. Instructor: Alex Everson

New! Senior Boxing Class

The TeamTEF Therapeutic Boxing Program is designed to rejuvenate the 50+ community. Benefits include; hand-eye coordination, sharpens reflexes and fine motor skills and beneficial for individuals with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and heart disease. Every Tuesday, starting Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m., \$30/month.

Aerobic Exercise

Start your morning right! Every Tuesday and Thursday, 8:15-9:15 a.m., \$2. Instructor: Renata Racher

Tai Chi

A fun and energizing way to better health. Every Monday, 10:30-11:15 a.m., \$7. Instructor: Philip Russell

Fall Water Aerobic Classes

Classes are held at J.J. Pearce Natatorium, 1600 N. Coit Rd. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:30 a.m., \$30/month. Next session starts Oct. 5. For more information, call 972-744-7800. Instructor: Letha Zepeda.



Silver Stars Fitness

It's back! Designed for men and women to regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Every Friday starting Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. \$30/month. Instructor: Jessie Dorsey Requires: Dumbbells, yoga mat and resistance bands.

New! Fitness Room Orientation

Not sure how to use the new fitness equipment? This 30-minute consultation gives you a quick overview of how to use the weight machines and cardio equipment. Spots are limited, reserve yours today! Monday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m. No fee. Call 972-744-7800.



DANCE CLASSES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center membership required

Beginner Line Dance

Every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$12/month. Instructor: Frances Halvorson

Improver Line Dance

Every Tuesday, 10:45-11:45 a.m., \$3/class or \$12/month. Instructor: Frances Halvorson

GAMES

Canasta

Every Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Every Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Every Friday, 10 a.m. If you are interested in taking bridge lessons, please call 972-744-7800.

Bunco

Every Friday, 1 p.m.

Scrabble

Every Monday, 10 a.m.

Cribbage

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

Every Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 a.m.

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

ROBIN'S NEST CRAFT STORE

For those special gifts, shop at the Robin's Nest Craft Store located inside the Senior Center. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts that are made by our older adult patrons. **Open to the public. Store Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

RICHARDSON SENIOR CENTER HOSTING BROWN BAG THANKSGIVING

Come Drive Through and pick up your Thanksgiving dinner. INCLUDES: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Green Beans, Roll and a slice of Pumpkin Pie.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 23rd
Time: Call For Pick Up Time Slot
Cost: \$8.50
Location: Richardson Senior Center
820 W. Arapaho Rd
Call 972-744-7800 To Register and Pay

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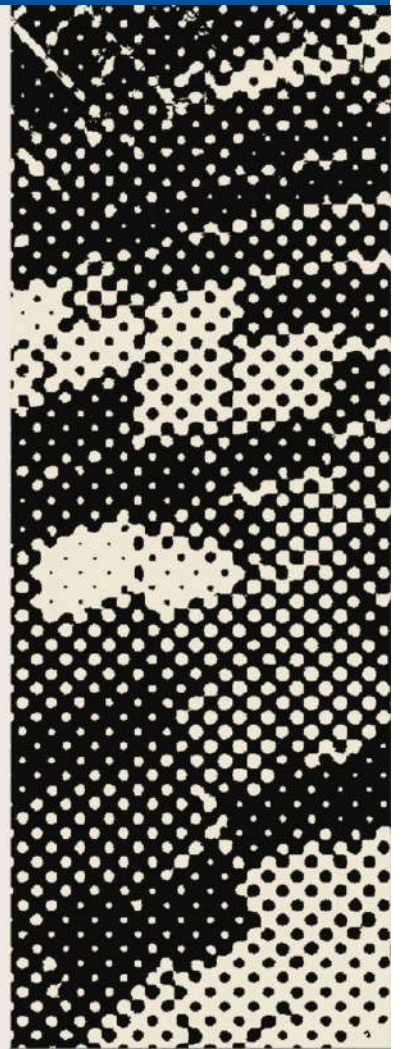
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- Chelle's Seafood Kitchen
- Chiloso Mexican Bistro
- Cinnaholic
- Del's Charcoal Burgers (Storefront)
- His Tea
- Isabelly's Chocolates & Sweet Treats (Storefront)
- Styles The Salon (Storefront)
- Yummy Burgers & BBQ (Storefront)
- Jasmine Cafe (Storefront)
- Medina Moroccan and Mediterranean Fusion (Storefront)
- SmartLooks (Storefront)
- Tavern on Main Street (Storefront)
- Archie's Guitars
- Cake Carousel
- Eiland Coffee Roasters
- Four Bullets Brewery
- Industrial Pizza + Brew
- Lockwood Distilling Company
- Lone Chimney Mercantile
- Monkey King Noodle Company
- Okaeri Cafe
- Saint Anita
- The Love Pit Rescue
- *More to come*

SCHEDULE | Saturday, Oct. 23

Noon - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Presentation of the Colors and National Anthem

Join us on McKinney Street between Main and Polk streets as city and elected officials will host a ribbon cutting ceremony to kickoff the event and celebrate the completion of the Main Street improvements. The Richardson Police Department Honor Guard will present the colors with the national anthem by the Richardson Symphony Orchestra.

Arrive early to McKinney Street for lunch and music by the Richardson Symphony Orchestra. Del's Charcoal Burgers, Yummy Burgers & BBQ and Isabelly's will be open along with food from other CORE restaurants.

1 p.m. - Street Performers & Vendors

Stroll down Main Street and Polk Street and interact with artists, musicians and enjoy other activities such as the The Range Golf Simulator. We'll also have several pop-up instagrammable spots; the murals at The Darling Co. can't be missed! Head to the Main Stage area and visit our great vendors!

2 p.m. - Main Stage Music & Vendors

The Main Stage will be located on the new lawn between Main Street, Interurban Street, Polk Street and Texas Street under the DART Light Rail. Three acts will take the stage, including headliner Abraham Alexander. Vendors will also be located along Interurban and Texas streets for you to visit. A limited amount of chairs will be provided, so bring your chairs and lawn blankets for the show!

OPENING ACTS are Elyse Jewel and Trees Marie & The Heavy Hearts

HEADLINED by Abraham Alexander

5 p.m. - Celebration Concludes

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