



**LIBRARY**

### CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Library has several events planned for February in recognition of Black History Month. [▶page 7](#)



**PUBLIC ART**

### TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX ART CONTEST UNDERWAY

Richardson's first-ever Traffic Signal Box Art Contest invites artists to submit wild-flower-themed art. [▶page 7](#)



**WATER**

### ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE IN MARCH

NTMWD will conduct annual maintenance from March 1-29 to maintain the system and ensure high water quality. [▶page 8](#)



**TRANSPORTATION**

### DART GOLINK ZONES ACTIVATED

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## “MAKING RICHARDSON HOME” IS THEME OF ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AT EISEMANN CENTER

The Eisemann Center was the setting for the City's annual State of the City Address, presented Jan. 26 by Mayor Paul Voelker and the Richardson City Council. During the address, Mayor Voelker highlighted the City's recent accomplishments, and spoke about some of the things he is looking forward to in 2022.

“The theme of tonight's State of the City Address is “Making Richardson Home,” Mayor Voelker said during the address. “During these past few years, home has not only been where the heart is. For many, it has become where the office is as well. What makes a place home is fairly basic. It's where you feel safe. It's where you feel connected to others. And, where you gather to raise a family or spend time with friends. What we are going to present to you tonight is the work being done that makes Richardson a great place for all these things, and more.”

One of the highlights Mayor Voelker spoke about was the new Richardson IQ<sup>®</sup>, a 1,200-acre area in Central Richardson that is home to 20 percent of the City's employment base.

“Almost three-quarters of a century ago, this area housed some of the country's leading telecommunication companies,” he said. “Today, their offspring remain. We are working to strengthen this area through collaborations with business organizations and institutions like the University of Texas at Dallas. And the type of work we are doing in the Richardson IQ<sup>®</sup> is focused on making this area a premier technology hub in the region and the state. With the potential of being the strength of this community in the decades—and even generations to come.”

Mayor Voelker also spoke about the City's partnership with DART, noting that 2021 was the 25th anniversary of DART's light rail operations and that

this year is the 20th anniversary of light rail in Richardson. Light rail, the mayor noted, has spurred amazing development and redevelopment opportunities in the city and that he expects the Silver Line, which is set for completion in 2024 will connect Richardson to DFW Airport and Downtown Fort Worth, to do more of the same.

COVID-19 was also addressed, with Mayor Voelker thanking first responders and front-line medical workers for their hard work throughout the pandemic. He noted that they have seen a side to COVID's impacts that most people will never know.

As the address concluded, Mayor Voelker spoke about what there is to look forward to in 2022.

“[2022] will be a big year for infrastructure projects across the community,” he said. “Of primary importance for us will be the work to achieve the projects approved by voters in the



2021 Bond Program and the implementation of projects to achieve our newly adopted Council goals. ... We are also very excited about the newly developed CORE Area. This area is beginning its transformation and our newly reconstructed Main Street was a central part to its redevelopment.

ment. ... Ladies and gentlemen, that is why I can stand before you and be proud to report the State of our City is strong. And why I can say we are one of the few places in North Texas that's the best to make a home.”

## CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

### COMING FEB. 5 TO CHINATOWN IN RICHARDSON

The City of Richardson, in partnership with its CORE District merchants, the Dallas Chinese Community Center and DFW Chinatown, will celebrate the annual Chinese New Year Festival on Saturday, Feb. 5, honoring the Year of the Tiger. The free event, open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,

will be held in the Richardson CORE District at DFW Chinatown and will include a variety of culinary offerings, vendors, cultural performances and activities for all ages.

“DFW Chinatown has long been the epicenter of Asian food culture in our region, so joining with our community partners to co-host the Chinese New Year Festival here is the ideal way to celebrate Richardson's reputation as one of the state's most culturally diverse cities,” said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. “This festival is a longstanding tradition that brings families and friends together for a joyous occasion in Richardson. We look forward each year to gathering as a community and welcoming visitors from across North Texas.”

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# EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEB. 14 FOR MARCH 1 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

## RICHARDSON CITY HALL IS A POLLING LOCATION FOR DALLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

Early voting for the March 1 Democratic and Republican primary elections begins Feb. 14 and runs daily through Feb. 25, with polls closed Monday, Feb. 21 due to the President's Day holiday. The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., will serve as an early voting location for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County. These residents may also vote early at any other early voting center in Dallas County. Richardson residents who live in Collin County can vote early at any Collin County early voting location. Please note that there will

not be any early voting locations for Collin County in Richardson. The Collin County Elections Office was not able to secure locations that were in Richardson and within the Collin County boundary.

Election Day voting will take place Tuesday, March 1 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. Richardson residents who live in Collin County can vote on Election Day at any of four polling locations in the city: UT Dallas Callier Center, 811 Synergy Park Blvd.;

Aldridge Elementary, 720 Pleasant Valley Ln.; Woodcreek Church, 3400 E. Renner Rd.; and Miller Elementary, 5651 Coventry Dr. Richardson residents may also vote at any other Election Day voting center designated by the county they live in.

As of press time for *Richardson Today*, Dallas County had not posted early voting hours. Once these hours are announced they will be posted at [www.cor.net/elections](http://www.cor.net/elections).

For more information on voting, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or [aimee.nemer@cor.gov](mailto:aimee.nemer@cor.gov).

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# BOUNDARY COMMISSION APPOINTED PUBLIC HEARING TO COME

Last month, the City Council appointed the City Plan Commission to serve as the Council District Boundary Commission. Over the course of several meetings, including at least one public hearing, the Commission will review various options for updating the City's Council District boundaries. Federal regulations require that the population distribution among City Council districts be approximately equal and that district boundaries

be nondiscriminatory.

The City Charter requires that the City Council appoint a commission every 10 years (after the U.S. Census is complete) to review the district boundaries and ensure population equality. Current district boundaries must be realigned because population growth in some areas of the City has led to an imbalance in the population distribution among districts. Following their public hearing,

the Commission will forward their recommended Council boundaries to the City Council for review and a public hearing before finalizing the new boundaries.

New district boundaries must be approved by the City Council no later than July 24.

For more information about this process and upcoming meeting schedules, visit [www.cor.net/boundarycommission](http://www.cor.net/boundarycommission).

# LONGER OUTDOOR 90-SECOND TESTS THROUGH JUNE



The City's Office of Emergency Management will conduct another 90-second test of its Outdoor Warning System at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 2. Sirens were updated with new components including heads, control boxes, chargers, batteries and the addition of new solar panels for all 21 City units and the portable siren trailer in January.

In the past, Emergency Management conducted a 30-second test of the Outdoor Warning System. The new siren system will incorporate longer siren tests as recommended by the manufacturer. Sustained tests are needed to fully cycle equipment and maintain battery life.

As a reminder, residents are not expected to hear these sirens from inside a house or building. Their primary purpose is to move people indoors and allow them to seek shelter and look for more information. A battery-operated All Hazards NOAA weather radio and cell phone alert apps provide indoor alerts when the TV is off, when many residents are sleeping or when the power is out.

Outdoor tests will be canceled if there is inclement weather or overcast skies in the area during the time of the test.

For more information on the Outdoor Warning System, visit [www.cor.net/sirens](http://www.cor.net/sirens) or call 972-744-0900 to speak with an Office of Emergency Management representative.



Mayor Paul Voelker  
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One of my favorites nights of the year comes in late January when I deliver the annual State of the City Address. Last month, we held the event at the Eisemann Center, which is the traditional home of the State of the City. It was exciting to be able to have an in-person event again after the 2021 address was forced to go virtual due to COVID-19.

The theme of the address was "Making Richardson Home," and throughout the evening we shared some of the things we have here in Richardson that make it one of the best places in the Metroplex to call home.

One of the highlights of 2021 was the passage of the 2021 Bond Program. Voters approved \$190 million in funding for projects covering renovation, repair and maintenance projects across the city. The majority of the money will go to street, sidewalk and alley repair, but the program also includes renovations to several facilities and projects to help prevent flooding.



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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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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## WEEK IN REVIEW

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### RICHARDSON TODAY

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Citizens Information Services      411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 204      972-744-4104  
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### 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:

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[ADACoordinator@cor.gov](mailto:ADACoordinator@cor.gov)  
Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.





2022

# STATE OF THE CITY

ADDRESS

## MAKING RICHARDSON HOME



During the annual State of the City Address held Jan. 26, Mayor Paul Voelker noted that the City of Richardson had an amazing year in 2021 and is well positioned for even greater success in 2022. The theme of the address was “Making Richardson Home” and the mayor shared some reasons Richardson is a great place to call home.



### SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

- Invested in city and neighborhood improvements.
- Focused on community services and engagement.
- Fostered innovation in business and education.
- Sustained economic resiliency for business growth.



### INVESTMENTS IN CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

- Secured \$18 million from the federal American Rescue Plan to support the City’s largest budget to date of more than \$330 million, which includes a 1-cent tax rate decrease.
- Passed a \$190 million bond program focused on updating key community and City buildings and infrastructure improvements throughout the city.
- Improved more than 18 miles of streets along with more than 23 miles in alley rehabilitations.
- Opened the North Texas Municipal Water District Bois d’Arc Lake, the first new, major reservoir to open in Texas in 30 years, which will expand water resources to Richardson and nearly 2 million other area residents.
- Network of Community Ministries opened its new headquarters in the Richardson IQ®.
- Opened the newly renovated Richardson Senior Center, which includes an expanded program space, updated exercise equipment and a resurfaced parking lot.



### INNOVATION IN BUSINESS AND EDUCATION

- Continued development of the Richardson IQ® HQ, which will house the City’s Office of Innovation and Placemaking Initiatives and five newly created UT Dallas research centers.
- Received a Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Award for the City’s rezoning work that created a Form-Based Code in the Richardson IQ® to attract tech-based companies and small start-ups and drive growth potential.
- Earned the Texas Urban Design Gold Award for the future Arapaho Center Station Transit-Oriented Development, the gateway to the Richardson IQ®.
- RISD was designated as a District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association for its focus on high standards for visual arts advocacy and integrated curriculum, which places the District in the top 4 percent of school districts in the state.
- Dallas College expanded its course offerings in cybersecurity, cloud computing, information technology, business and advanced manufacturing and logistics.
- The Plano Independent School District boasts signature academy schools for technology, health sciences and the international baccalaureate world college and industrial academy at the Collin College Technical Campus.



### FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT

- Strengthened municipal commitments to diversity and inclusion by hosting the inaugural Black History Month Art and Martin Luther King Jr. Essay contests in partnership with the Richardson and Plano Independent School Districts, and The University of Texas at Dallas.
- DART launched its new DARTzoom bus system and expanded its GoLink service, offering on-demand shuttles in Central and Northeastern Richardson.
- Launched the Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team in partnership with Methodist Richardson Medical Center.
- The Richardson Fire Department was awarded the “Heart Safe Community” designation by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council, and received the American Heart Association’s Gold Mission Lifeline EMS Award for the fifth consecutive year. It also maintained its ISO-1 rating.
- Restarted community events, including the Public Safety Expo and Santa’s Village, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.



### ECONOMIC RESILIENCY FOR BUSINESS GROWTH

- Maintained a “Triple A” rating, the highest available and a distinction the City has held for the past 12 years, from both Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s.
- Broke ground on the Belt + Main development, a vital part of the City’s downtown redevelopment.
- Saw the expansion of Texas Instruments’ \$3.1 billion RFAB semiconductor plant.
- Continued development on the Richardson CORE District, which includes Downtown, Chinatown, Lockwood, Heights and Interurban.
- Hosted the inaugural Main Street Celebration, a collaboration between the City of Richardson and CORE merchants that highlighted the area’s recent improvements.
- CBRE, the world’s largest commercial real estate services and investment company, announced in November that it will move its finance and technology hub to the Galatyn Commons development.

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# CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

2022 "YEAR OF THE TIGER"

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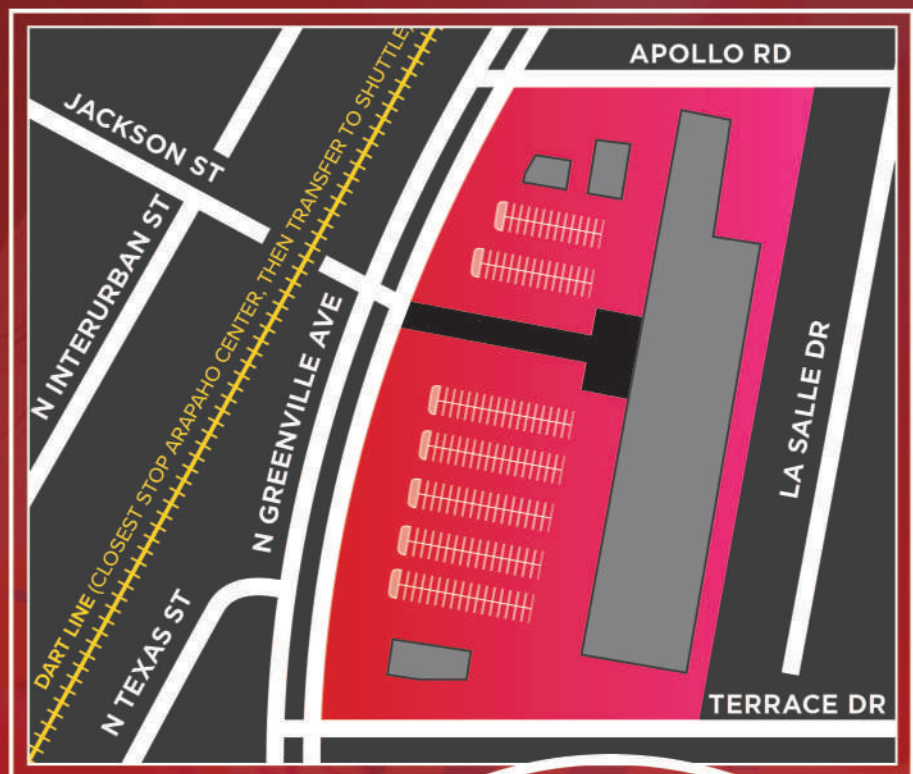
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- Roaming Lion Dance
- Dragon Dance
- Chinese Orchestra
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- Tibet Dance
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- Cheongsam Fashion Show
- Guzheng Instrument Show
- Kung Fu Show
- Chinese Costume
- Noodle Pulling

(at Monkey King Noodle Co. in Lockwood)



#### PARKING | EVENT SHUTTLES

Shuttles will be available at Chinatown and an event bus will be rotating between the DART Arapaho Center Station and the event from 10:00a.m. - 2:30p.m.

#### \*\*EVENT DISCLAIMER\*\*

This event 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.richardsoncoredistrict.com/chinesenewyear](http://www.richardsoncoredistrict.com/chinesenewyear) or on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.



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## CITY OF RICHARDSON TEAMS UP WITH MULTICULTURAL GROUPS TO CO-HOST CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AT DFW CHINATOWN ON SATURDAY, FEB. 5

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Throughout the day, festival-goers can sample cuisine and beverages from more than 20 area establishments representing Richardson's Chinatown, Interurban, Downtown, Heights and Lockwood neighborhoods, including foods and specialty teas from regions throughout Asia, as well as culinary offerings, baked goods and treats from a variety of other local favorites. Chef Andrew Chen of Monkey King Noodle Company will offer a demonstration on noodle pulling, also known as La Mian,

and a key element of the Chinese New Year. Participating CORE District restaurants located outside of Chinatown will also display red lanterns as part of the celebration, with many offering specials throughout the day.

The family-friendly festival will include a variety of historical and symbolic Chinese New Year activities and demonstrations such as decorative paper cutting featuring characters and imagery; calligraphy, one of the oldest Chinese art forms; the traditional passing of red envelopes, representing good luck and prosperity; lantern painting,

one of the most well-recognized trademarks of Chinese culture; and numerous displays for photo opportunities located throughout the festival. As a special treat, children will have the opportunity to design and create paper tiger lanterns to celebrate the Year of the Tiger, the Chinese lunar symbol for 2022 and the king of all beasts in China representing speed, strength and power.

Festival attendees will also be treated to various Chinese New Year traditions, including colorful roaming lion and dragon dances performed by Wag Tao Kung Fu. The lion dance

is recognized for providing luck and happiness, as are Chinese dragons, whose performance movements demonstrate their power and dignity. Several other dance performances will be displayed through the festival, including the popular folk umbrella dance, originating from China's Han dynasty; fan dances, a celebration of Chinese beauty, grace and delicacy; and Tibetan dances, lively masked and costumed dances associated with some sects of Tibetan Buddhism and Buddhist festivals.

Musical performances from the University of North Texas Chinese String Orchestra and Zhang's

Sisters will highlight the day, as will musicians playing Guzheng instruments, or zithers, which trace their origins to China before the sixth century B.C. A Cheongsam fashion show will exhibit the traditional dresses of the Chinese Manchu region, modernized by Shanghai socialites in the early 20th century. The various forms of kung fu, a Chinese martial arts specialty, will also be featured during demonstrations at the festival.

Learn more about Richardson's Chinese New Year Festival, visit [www.richardsoncoredistrict.com/chinesenewyear](http://www.richardsoncoredistrict.com/chinesenewyear).

# DART GOLINK ZONES ACTIVATED

## CHANGES TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

Last month, DART introduced a fully redesigned bus system dubbed DARTzoom. The new system is designed to ensure passengers have quick and easy access to employment, education and entertainment opportunities by running buses more frequently and for more hours per day.

With a focus on transit riders working non-traditional hours, all local DART bus routes will provide service seven days a week between the hours of 5 a.m. and midnight at a minimum. Additionally, by making the new bus routes more direct, focusing on major transit corridors and reducing the number of bus stops, DART bus service will be faster, ensuring passengers get to their destinations quicker and improving connections.

An essential part of the new bus network is the expansion of GoLink, DART's on-demand, curb-to-curb microtransit service solution that operates in zones across the DART service area. Two GoLink zones are located in Richardson, Central Richardson (Zone 8) and East Telecom (Zone 10). GoLink offers service with connections to DART transit facilities as well as anywhere within each specified zone and is available to customers at no additional cost with a valid DART fare.

For more information on DART's new bus system, visit [www.dartzoom.org](http://www.dartzoom.org). For information on GoLink, visit [www.dart.org/golink](http://www.dart.org/golink).



# CITY'S WINTER WEATHER PREPARATIONS

One year ago this month, ice and snow covered much of Texas as temperatures in Richardson stayed well below freezing for a week straight, bottoming out at 1 degree on Feb. 16. The City's sanding trucks were deployed prior to the temperatures dropping, but the preparations for severe winter weather actually began long before the storm was in the forecast.

The sanding trucks are managed by street maintenance workers from the Public Services Department who stockpile sand throughout the year for use in icy conditions. When ice builds up and causes dangerous driving conditions, crews spread sand on several high priority areas—

bridges, major roads, intersections and hospital driveways. School zones are sanded upon special request. The sand increases vehicle traction, but drivers are still urged to drive cautiously.

Members of the parks maintenance staff also work year-round preparing for cold weather. Throughout the year, crews prune questionable tree limbs (those with fracture lines, indicating a weak spot that could easily break during a storm) in the parks and along hike-and-bike trails. While the trees may appear bare after pruning, most will fill back in after a few growing seasons.

The work is not done after an ice storm passes. Parks crews have

sweeper trucks to clean up sand from roadways, but even with multiple trucks working six days per week, it can take time to remove it all. Workers from the Solid Waste division's Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) service also are busy following ice storms, picking up fallen limbs and other storm debris in neighborhoods and commercial areas.

To request BABIC pickup, use the MyRichardson App, call 972-744-4111 or fill out an online form at [www.cor.net/BABIC](http://www.cor.net/BABIC). Curbside pickup is available on your designated recycling day (as long as the request is made by 11:59 p.m. the night before).



# PICKLEBALL

Select tennis courts at both Woodland and Terrace parks were recently painted with pickleball lines, allowing residents to play pickleball both outdoors at the parks or inside at the two recreation centers.

# NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AT TWO PARKS

Dubbed "America's New Favorite Sport," pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S. according to the USA Pickleball Association. Last November, it was even the center of a lighthearted feature by the Today Show in which TV hosts competed.

With its popularity growing in Richardson, one tennis court at both Woodland and Terrace parks now doubles as a pickleball court after pickleball lines were painted on the courts. Pickleball players must use the existing tennis net to play and while the courts remain available for both sports, tennis players are requested to keep the pickleball-lined court available for pickleball play if another tennis court is open.

According to the USA Pickleball Association, the sport was imagined in Washington state in 1965 by two fathers looking to engage their families in quality time. More than half a century later, the sport has picked up steam broadly, and locally

with games played weekly at both Heights and Huffhines recreation centers.

The sport is a combination of tennis, ping pong and badminton. Participants use paddles that are smaller than tennis rackets. Game-specific balls are akin to wiffle balls. Pickleball is commonly played on tennis courts, in badminton courts and in gyms.

Pickleball is played in singles or doubles on an approximately 20-foot by 44-foot court. The ball is served diagonally across a low net. Points are scored when the opposing side cannot return a ball or commits a fault. Typically, the first side scoring 11 points and leading by at least a two-point margin wins.

While the pickleball boom started primarily with senior citizens, its players span ages.

Participants can take lessons, play in rec center groups or reserve courts privately. The only thing they need to bring is a pickleball paddle—a

paddle made of wood with a rubber coating. The rec centers provide the playing courts, nets and balls. At Huffhines, the games are played in badminton courts, and at Heights, in the gym.

Mary Hodge is one of the pickleball instructors at Huffhines.

"Pickleball is the kind of game that's easy, but it can be competitive too," she said. "It makes me feel like a kid again."

Heidi Scalice, Heights Recreation Center Manager, said, "Pickleball is the soft, cousin version of tennis, and a big version of table tennis. It's not stressful. People have a lot of fun."

Yet, it's still a great workout, Scalice said, offering cardio benefits and sharpening hand-eye coordination.

Along with the recreation and exercise, pickleball is a great way to make connections, with games offering a chance to not only exercise, but make new friends.

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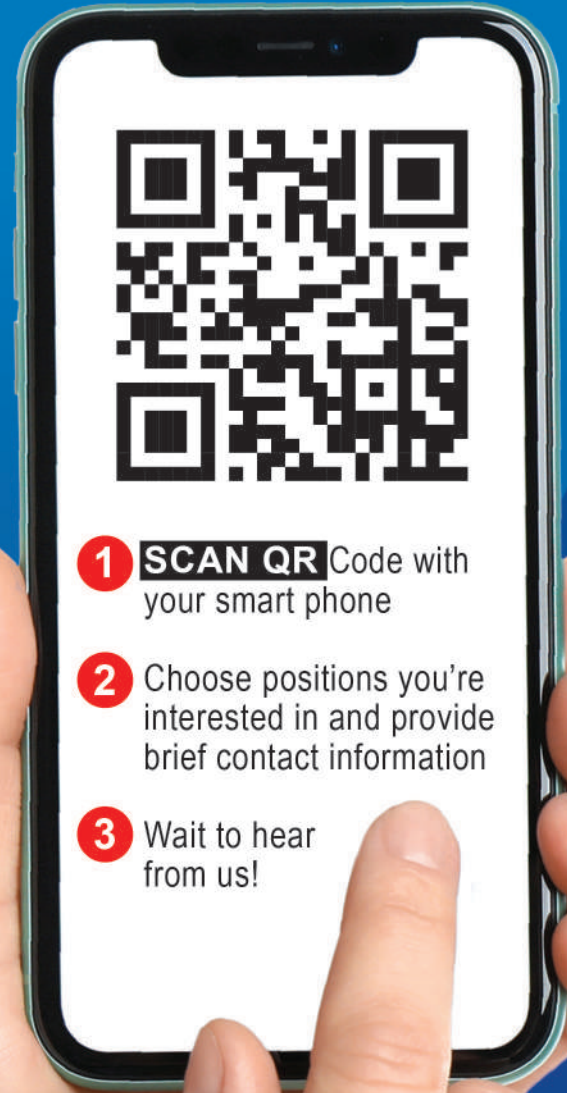
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## EISEMANN CENTER MANAGING DIRECTOR RETIRES EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2022



**Bruce MacPherson**  
Eisemann Center Managing Director  
Retiring Sep. 30, 2022

Bruce MacPherson, Managing Director for the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations, has announced he will retire Sept. 30, 2022. His retirement wraps a 45-year role in the field of performing arts, the last 22 of which will have been performed at the City of

Richardson's Eisemann Center. "In theater terms, I would say I've had a very good run and that I'm thankful for all the shows and people I've had the opportunity to work with," said MacPherson. "This September will mark the 20th Anniversary of the Eisemann Center's opening. I see this milestone as the appropriate time for me to step aside. I may physically be gone, but my heart, my soul and my love for the Eisemann Center will remain. I shall always be thankful for my time in Richardson and am truly grateful for having had the opportunity to play such a lead role with the Eisemann Center."

MacPherson has served as managing director of Richardson's Eisemann Center since January 2000. He helped oversee design and construction of the 117,000-square-foot facility that features three performance venues, an art gallery, and concessions area. He has also managed a presenting series

(Eisemann Center Presents) of nationally recognized touring artists and attractions to the North Texas region. The facility is also centrally located and involved in Richardson's annual Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival.

"This is the end of an era," said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. "Bruce was an integral part of the Eisemann Center's design and construction, and he has played a leading role through the first 20 years of its operation. We are going to miss him very much and wish him all the best."

### Recruitment Efforts

The City of Richardson will begin recruitment efforts in partnership with Arts Consulting Group this month to select a new managing director for the Eisemann Center. Selection of a successor should take place in late summer to allow for a smooth transition with MacPherson's retirement at the end of September.

## WILD ANIMALS MORE ACTIVE THIS TIME OF YEAR

This is around the time wildlife animals such as coyotes and bobcats are most active in North Texas, which means residents may see an increase in sightings of these animals.

Bobcats and coyotes rarely pose a threat to people, but domesticated pets such as small dogs and cats could be at risk if left alone or taken off their leash near natural areas.

"They typically don't want to be seen by people, said Sam Kieschnick, Urban Wildlife Biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife. "If you do see a coyote and a bobcat, its no reason for concern."

If pets must be kept outdoors, they should be kept in a secure fenced area, but experts say people should keep in mind that bobcats can climb trees and fences and can also jump up to 12 feet. Coyotes can jump over a five-foot fence.

"They are opportunist and will utilize whatever food or resources that are available," Kieschnick said. "So, when we leave out food for the outdoor cats or dogs, it attracts other critters including rats which attracts

the wildlife."

Wildlife are attracted to the rodents that come to eat dropped or spilled food and garbage. It's recommended that pets should be fed indoors, and bird feeders should be kept above an animal's reach. Garbage containers should also be secured.

"If you see a coyote or a bobcat, we recommend creating loud noises like clapping your hands or shouting to reinforce the natural fear they have," he said.

Visit [www.cor.net/coyotes](http://www.cor.net/coyotes) or [www.cor.net/bobcats](http://www.cor.net/bobcats) for more information.



# TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX CONTEST

## WINNING ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED AT FIVE LOCATIONS

The City of Richardson and the Richardson Kiwanis Club have teamed up to host Richardson's first-ever Traffic Signal Box Art Contest. Five original, wildflower-themed designs will be chosen and featured as vinyl wraps on traffic signal boxes at intersections throughout the community. The contest is open to artists of all ages who either reside in Richardson or attend a school located within Richardson.

"Art installations are a meaningful part of our city's identity, and the designs selected from our traffic signal box art contest will honor our community and welcome visitors," said Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish. "The City is excited to share this opportunity that will recognize and showcase our local artists in a new and special way."

Richardson joins several cities locally and across the globe that have recognized the creative potential of the traffic signal box—numerous large, flat surfaces placed in high-traffic areas make it a perfect vehicle for displaying and viewing art (search for "signal box art" on the Internet to see numerous examples). Key intersections in Richardson scheduled to receive the winning box art include Renner Road and Routh Creek Parkway at the Spring Creek Nature Area, Yale Road and Apollo Road at Duck Creek Trail, Belt Line Road and Mimosa Drive at Richardson High School, Waterview Drive and Franklyn Jennifer Drive on the University of Texas at Dallas campus, and Renner Road at Telecom Parkway.

Sims-Bradish said the contest's wildflower theme was chosen to connect it with Richardson's identity as a "wildflower city," with its well-known vibrant floral displays seen in parks and medians each spring. Many of the intersections where the art will be on display are near annual wildflower median planting sites.

Artists wishing to participate may

submit one original digital design aligned to the theme that can be easily converted to a digitally printed wrap that covers the entire traffic signal box. Designs must be:

- original artwork that does not include copyrighted or trademarked images, commercial logos or advertisements;
- free from any representation that

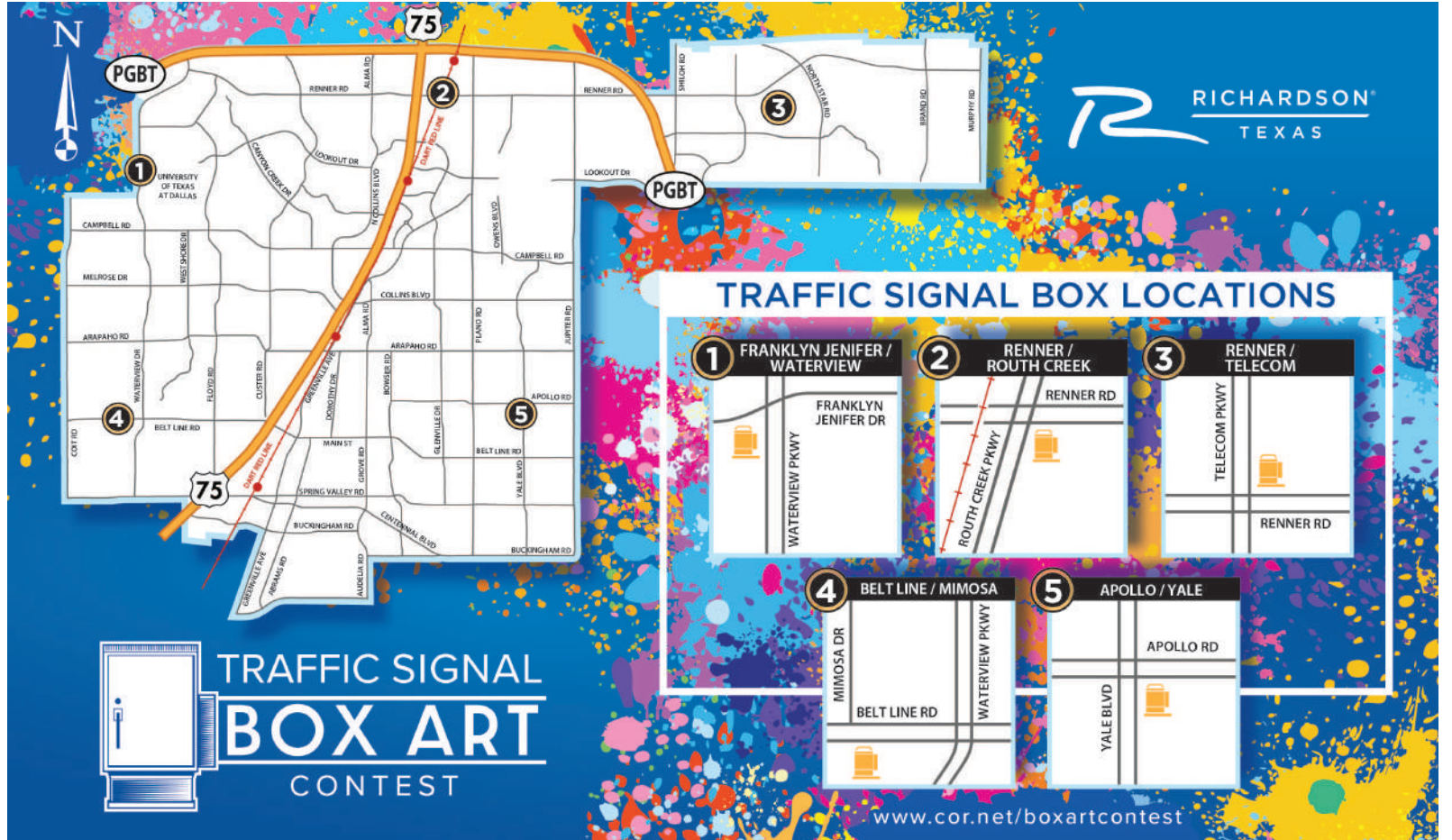
includes traffic lights, signs or signal images of any kind; and

- appropriate for viewing by all ages.

Completed applications and artwork submissions are due by Monday, Feb. 28 no later than 5 p.m. A selection committee will review the submissions and select contest finalists based on creativity, adherence to

the theme and artistic merit. Each selected artist will receive a \$100 stipend, a plaque, and be recognized for their efforts in the City's communications materials.

The wraps are tentatively scheduled to be installed in April. For more information and an application, visit [www.cor.net/boxart](http://www.cor.net/boxart).



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## AT THE RICHARDSON LIBRARY

Black History Month is celebrated each February, and the Library has several events and activities planned to commemorate the month.

The schedule kicks off with Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic Show, which will focus on the Tuskegee Airmen. During this all-ages event, Tommy Diaz will use magic and amazing

facts to teach people about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of largely African-American pilots and support crew who trained in Tuskegee, Ala. and served during World War II. The show will take place from 2-3 p.m. on Feb. 5 in the Library's basement program room.

The Library's popular Lunchtime

Lecture program also returns in February with a presentation from De-Cee Cornish entitled Great People of Color. Cornish is an award-winning storyteller, historian, writer and educator and will share stories of great men and women of color in world culture. Patrons are welcome to bring their lunches. The event is

open to adults and teens and will be held from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Feb. 22 in the basement program room. No tickets or registration are required.

Additionally, the Library will have Black History Month displays on both the first and third floors, with books that were handpicked by Li-

brary staff and are available for checkout.


For more information about any of the Library's programs, call 972-744-4350 or visit [www.cor.net/library](http://www.cor.net/library).



# ANNUAL RICHARDSON

## "BLACK HISTORY MONTH: CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION"

# ART CONTEST



**SHAARVI KARTHIK**  
PRE-K - 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE



**CAROLINE HUFFMAN**  
9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

2021 WINNERS

Create a visual image that displays how your unique beliefs and values contribute to our diverse community and help promote inclusion.

ACCEPTING ENTRIES THROUGH MONDAY, FEB. 28

For Students Pre-K - 12th grade

One entry per student. Submissions may include two- or three-dimensional art pieces.

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More information is available at  
[www.cor.net/artandessaycontest](http://www.cor.net/artandessaycontest)



# ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE BEGINS MARCH 1-29 IN RICHARDSON, OTHER NTMWD CITIES

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will be conducting its annual chlorine maintenance from March 1-29 to maintain the system and ensure high water quality. It's important to have this complete before summer because hotter temperatures can increase the potential for bacterial growth in pipes.

During this time period, people may be able to taste chlorine in the water. While the levels of chlorine in the water have not increased and

are consistent with levels found throughout the year, the temporary removal of ammonia can make the chlorine more noticeable. The intensity of the chlorine taste and smell can depend on the distance you are from the water treatment plant.

### Need for Disinfection

Water disinfection is required to protect public health and keep water safe. The NTMWD uses proven and highly effective disinfection methods to treat the water it delivers to Richardson and roughly 2 million

North Texans.

During NTMWD's normal water treatment processes, disinfection is a two-step process that first treats the water at the plant and second adds disinfectant to maintain water quality as it travels long distances through pipes to homes and businesses. Both steps are needed to keep tap water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses.

### Common Disinfection Practice

Many water providers that use chloramine maintain their systems

using this same process. NTMWD has been doing this for more than 10 years, and high water quality has always been maintained.

Ongoing water testing required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is performed during the process and made available to the public. During the 2018 change in disinfectant, TCEQ conducted additional independent testing and confirmed that NTMWD surpassed all safe water requirements.

### Tips

Here are some simple steps to minimize chlorine odor, taste or skin sensitivity:

- Run the tap for a few minutes before using.
- Refrigerate water in an open pitcher for several hours
- Add a slice of citrus/cucumber and let sit for several hours
- Add a crushed 1000 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water.

For more information, visit [www.NTMWD.com/safewater](http://www.NTMWD.com/safewater).



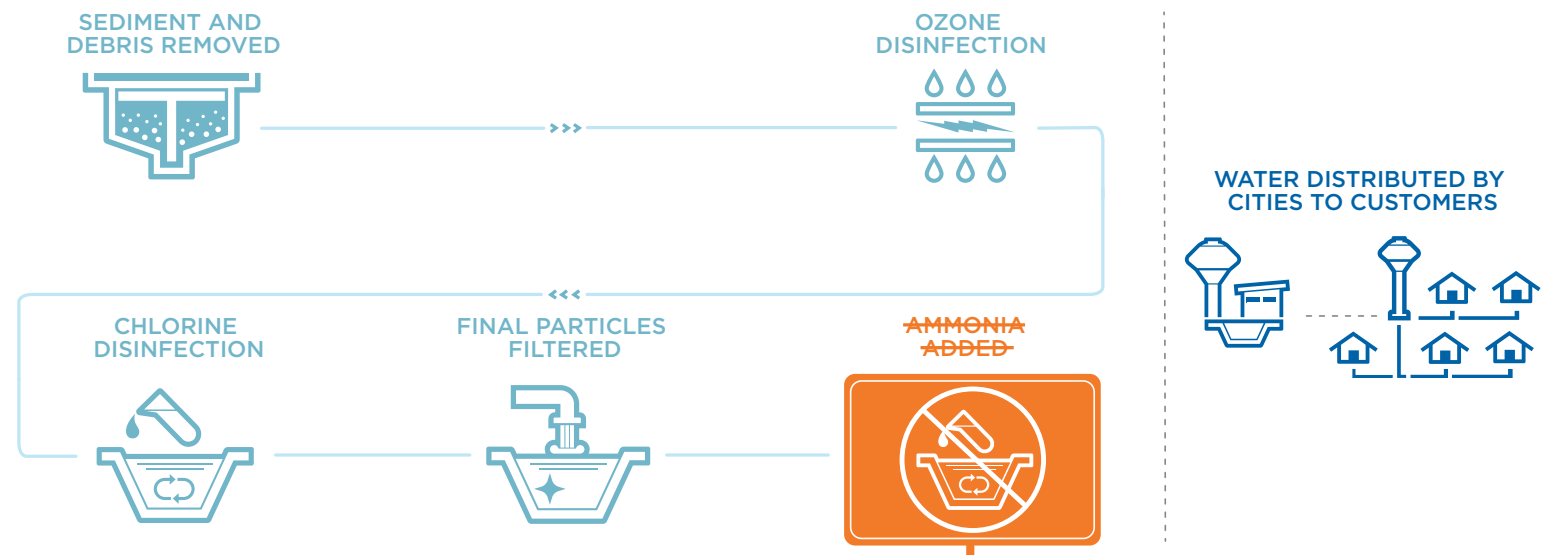
## Temporary Change in Water Treatment Process

RAW WATER PUMPED

WATER TREATED

TREATED WATER DELIVERED

LAKE WATER PUMPED TO PLANT



### DURING NTMWD'S ANNUAL, 28-DAY CHANGE IN DISINFECTANT:

AMMONIA IS REMOVED FROM THE DISINFECTION PROCESS. WITHOUT AMMONIA, THE CHLORINE IN THE WATER MAY BE MORE NOTICEABLE, BUT THE AMOUNT IS CONSISTENT WITH LEVELS YEAR ROUND.



CHLORINE



AMMONIA

FLUSHING FROM FIRE HYDRANTS CAN BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF MAINTAINING THE WATER SYSTEM AND HIGH WATER QUALITY. CITIES MAY FLUSH TO MOVE WATER THROUGH PIPES MORE QUICKLY.



TESTING IS CONTINUALLY CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT TO ENSURE WATER QUALITY. RESULTS ARE POSTED ON CITY AND NTMWD WEBSITES.



## SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR DOG OR CAT

It is estimated that 8-10 million animals are taken to animal shelters every year in the United States. Sadly, only half of them ever find homes. Spaying and neutering your pet is the best way to help prevent this strain on local shelters.

Spaying or neutering is the only 100 percent effective way we can control the population of unwanted pets and ensure a decrease in the number of unwanted litters.

Beyond the immediate benefits of population control, spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives. It can eliminate or reduce the incidence of a number of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat. Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the

incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle. Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

Help spread the word about spaying and neutering! Every little bit helps! One unspayed female dog and her offspring can produce over 67,000 dogs in seven years, and that figure is many times more for a female cat and her offspring. Richardson Animal Services thanks you in advance for being a responsible pet owner by spaying or neutering your pets.

For more information and do see a listing of reduced cost spay/neuter programs, visit [www.cor.net/Animalshelter](http://www.cor.net/Animalshelter).

## REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR PETS EACH YEAR

The City of Richardson currently requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies and registered with the Health Department each year. This registration tag could save your pet's life. According to the Humane Society of the United States, animals found with identification tags are 90 percent more likely to be reunited with their owners than those not wearing tags. This simple pet registration tag allows the Shelter staff to identify the pet owner, the pet and sometimes most importantly your veterinarian. This is especially helpful if a pet is found injured and needs immediate medical care.

Registration fees are \$5 per year for sterilized pets and \$10 per year for unsterilized pets. Registration for pets owned by senior citizens (65 and older) is free.

Registrations can be purchased at the Health Department office (411 W. Arapaho, Room 107), at the Animal Shelter (1330 Columbia

Dr.), online at [www.cor.net/animalshelter](http://www.cor.net/animalshelter) or by mail. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter staff at 972-744-4480.

### Free ID tags and collars

The Richardson Animal Shelter is now placing collars and ID tags on all pets adopted from the Shelter. The collar and a personalized tag are free with adoption, but anyone can purchase collars, leashes and tags at the Shelter.







SENIOR CENTER  
RICHARDSON, TEXAS

EVENTS

**Around the World!**

Join us for a fun series of monthly presentations as we learn about various parts of the world. This month we will continue our tour of the "Treasures of the British Isles Part 2", which includes DFW to Dublin and a cruise north to Belfast with a visit to the Titanic shipyard to learn how it was made. Then we are onto the Isle of Man and Liverpool for an immersion in the Beatles before leaving for Cork, Ireland and the Channel Islands. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m., free

**Jersey Day**

In honor of the Super Bowl come dressed in your favorite team's jersey and take part in fun activities. Thursday, Feb. 10, all day, free

**Valentine's Day Celebration**

Love is in the air! Stop by the Senior Center to get a special Valentine's Day goodie bag. Monday, Feb. 14, all day, free

**New! SIP Talks**

(Senior Presentations) Informational Coffee Talk  
Come to Coffee Talk with Eric VanGoethem, an expert on long term insurance and VA aid and benefits. Learn about the various benefits you can have and how to utilize them. Door prizes and gifts available for attendees. RSVP by calling 972-744-7800. The presentation will be given at the Senior Center on Thursday, Feb 14, at 10 a.m.

**St. Patrick's Day Performance**

Class Act Tap Company is coming to the Senior Center for a special St. Patrick's Day performance you do not want to miss. The event is free, but you must RSVP. This event will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, March 17, at 11 a.m.

*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](http://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.*

# February 2022 events calendar

1 Tuesday

**Photography Exhibit: City Photo Contest Results Through Feb. 15**  
Richardson Library,  
900. Civic Center Dr.  
Regular Business Hours. Free.

**The Core Theatre Presents "It Happened One Night" Through Feb. 20**  
The Core Theatre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 115  
8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays,  
3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15-\$25.  
[www.thecoretheatre.org](http://www.thecoretheatre.org)

2 Wednesday

**RISD District-wide PK-12 Student Art Exhibit Through Feb. 27**  
Eisemann Center Green Mezzanine Gallery  
Noon-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and during all public events. Free.  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

4 Friday

**Richardson Theatre Centre presents "Drop Dead" Through Feb. 20**  
The Core Theatre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd. Suite 113  
7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$20-\$22.  
[www.richardsontheatrecentre.net](http://www.richardsontheatrecentre.net)

**Repertory Company Theatre presents "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" Through Feb. 13**  
Repertory Company Theatre,  
770 N. Coit Rd., Suite 2405

7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays  
Tickets are \$17-\$29  
[www.rcttheatre.com](http://www.rcttheatre.com)

5 Saturday

**Chinese New Year's Festival Richardson China Town, 400 N. Greenville Ave. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.**  
[www.richardsoncoredistrict.com](http://www.richardsoncoredistrict.com)

**Full Circle Dance Presents "Art Moves" Contemporary Dance**  
Eisemann Center Bank of America Theatre  
1 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
Tickets are \$35  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

**Richardson Symphony Orchestra: "A Texas Tribute"**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$65  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

8 Tuesday

**Art Exhibit: "Printmaking Concepts: The Surprise at the Other End of the Press" Through March 12**  
UT Dallas SP/N Gallery  
3020 Stewart Dr. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; 1-6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Free  
[www.utdallas.edu/ah](http://www.utdallas.edu/ah)

9 Wednesday

**DART SilverLine Community Meeting Virtual. 6 p.m.**  
[www.dart.org/meetings/publicmeetings.asp](http://www.dart.org/meetings/publicmeetings.asp)

10 Thursday

**IQ® Brew Networking Event**  
Guest speaker will be Manasseh Durkin of Durkin Properties  
The Drawing Board,  
1900 Jay Ell Dr.  
8:30-10 a.m. Free.  
[www.meetup.com/RichardsonIQ](http://www.meetup.com/RichardsonIQ)

11 Friday

**Guitar Concert at UT Dallas: "Celebrating Sabine"**  
UT Dallas Jonsson Academic Center, 800 W. Campbell Rd.  
7:30 p.m. Free.

12 Saturday

**Shakar Bineshpajoo and his orchestra**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60-\$150  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

17 Thursday

**"Blue Jelly" at UT Dallas Through Feb. 26**  
University Theatre  
8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays  
Tickets are \$15  
<https://calendar.utdallas.edu/event>

19 Saturday

**Chamber Music International, Concert 3**  
St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, 1220 W. Belt Line Rd.  
7:30 p.m., Tickets are \$10-\$40. [www.chambermusicinternational.org](http://www.chambermusicinternational.org)

**Plano Symphony Orchestra "Cirque de la Symphonie"**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
8 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$85  
[www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org)

20 Sunday

**Richardson Community Band "Milestones"**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
3 p.m. Free.  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

23 Wednesday

**The Ten Tenors Presents "Love is in the Air"**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$48-\$65.  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

24 Thursday

**IQ® Brew Networking Event**  
Guests will be Collateral Edge, A Richardson-based Fintech Startup  
The Drawing Board,  
1900 Jay Ell Dr.  
8:30-10 a.m. Free.  
[www.meetup.com/RichardsonIQ](http://www.meetup.com/RichardsonIQ)

26 Saturday

**"An Enchanted Afternoon" Tribute to Barbra Streisand**  
Eisemann Center Hill Performance Hall  
2 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$55.  
[www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

RICHARDSON

# THINGS TO DO

★ NEW go-to source of information on  
EVENTS, FESTIVALS, LECTURES,  
CONCERTS, SHOWS,  
WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITS  
and more taking place within the city.



# 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 are 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. Senior Center membership required. 1st, 3rd, 5th Monday of the month quarter sessions. 6-8 p.m. Instructor: Mike Bramlett \$50 a quarter per dancer. \$10 drop-in fee.

### New! American Sign Language Class

Learn the basics of communication with American Sign Language. This class is for those who just need a refresher as well as those who want to learn for the first time. Eight-week session runs March 1-April 19. Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. Fee \$52

### New! Beginners

#### Conversational Spanish

Learn Spanish as a first-time beginner student no previous class experience required. Start date Feb. 10. Thursdays, 9-9:50 a.m. Fee: \$52

### Repeat Beginners

#### Conversational Spanish

Refresh your Spanish conversational skills. Senior Center membership required. The next eight-week session begins Feb. 10. Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. Fee: \$52 (Workbook Included) Instructor: Carol Udel-Rodriguez, MA Ed

### Intermediate Conversational Spanish

Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining this class. Previous Spanish language knowledge is required. The next eight-week session begins Feb. 10. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Membership required. Instructor: Carol Udel-Rodriguez, MA Ed. Fee: \$52 (Workbook included)

### Advanced Conversational Spanish

Students in this class will be expected to create and respond in various real-life scenarios using appropriate vocabulary. The next eight-week session begins Feb. 10. Thursdays, 1-2 p.m. Instructor: Carol Udel-Rodriguez, MA Ed. Fee: \$48

### New! ESL Class (English as a Second Language)

Classes teach writing, reading, speaking, and listening comprehension skills to adult English language learners. Next session begins Feb. 2 Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. Fee: \$55/month



### New! Technology 101

Receive assistance navigating the technology world of smartphones, tablets, computers, laptops and learn how to avoid being a victim of cyber fraud, virus and malware. March 7, 11 a.m.-noon, Fee: \$10/month

### 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.

### 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! Mondays, Feb. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Materials Needed: Sketch book and drawing implements. Instructor: Chris Oppermann Fee: \$40/month

### 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. New session begins Feb. 1. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list. Instructor: Renata Sharman. Fee: \$22/class or \$80/month

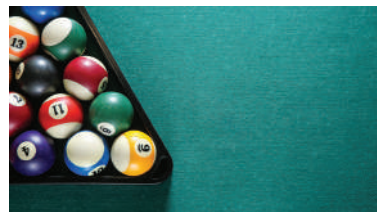


### Oil and Acrylic Painting

Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are welcome to attend class. Senior Center membership required Start date: New! Feb. 2. Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m. OR Feb. 3. Thursdays, 1-3:45 p.m. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee: \$45

### Fun with Oils

Instructor, Andrew Wages provides over 20 years of instructional experience with oils and has painted for over 50 years. Senior Center membership required. Start Date: Feb 3. Thursdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Instructor: Andrew Wages. Fee: \$85



### Pocket Billiards Class

Two-hour billiard classes are provided for individual students or two-student class maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Senior Center membership required. Call 972-744-7800 to set up appointment. Instructor: Ted Swanson. Fee: \$10 per class

### 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. Senior Center membership required. Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Instructor: Barbara Stevenson. Fee: \$5 per class

### Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play party bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:45 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for the next five-week session. Membership required. Instructor: Esta Puckett. Fee: \$50

## PROGRAMS

### Tennis League

Huffhines Tennis Center offers play times exclusive to seniors. Lessons are available to help players achieve different skill levels. For information, call 972-744-7870. Senior mens' group: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 8 a.m.-noon. Senior ladies' group: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 a.m.-noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players.

### 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 2022 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/jmjwhite@tx.rr.com for more information.

### Senior Table Tennis

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

### AARP Richardson Chapter

The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. All are welcome. For information, e-mail Regina Burton at burton.regina@yahoo.com. No fee.

### 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. Membership required. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. No fee.

### New! Creative Writing

Let your imagination SOAR! Come enjoy and experience writing for pleasure. Start date: Feb. 2 Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee: \$30/month (4 classes) Bring your own writing implements: pencil, pen, or markers, writing paper and of course your imagination!

### The Richardson Senior Dance

The calendar lists the dates for this month's Saturday night dances. Feb.5 High Caliber (Country & Western) Feb. 12 Doc Gibbs Band (Variety) Feb. 26 Jim Sharples Band (Ballroom) Time: 7-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 includes light refreshments

### Texas Reelers Square Dance

The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing the first and third Friday of every month. Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thetexasreelerssqdance](http://www.facebook.com/thetexasreelerssqdance). 7:30-10 p.m. Fee: \$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. Fee: \$7

### Afternoon Ballroom Dance

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



### Bingo

Bingo anyone? Third Thursday of each 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. Membership required. Every Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. (come and go) No fee

### Needleworks

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

### New! Plano American Sewing Guild Community

American Sewing Guild is a nationwide group of sewing enthusiasts. The Community Sew activity group sews items needed by local non-profits. Participants bring their own sewing machine, thread, and sewing notions. 1st Friday of each month from 9-noon.

### Pool Tournaments

Pool tournaments are held every Friday at noon. Registration begins at 11 a.m. No fee.

### Let's Play "42"

Membership required. Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. No fee.

### 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. February book "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger



### 50+ Chess Club

All playing strengths are welcome. Call 972-744-7800 for more information. Membership required. Thursdays, 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](http://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. Feb. 7, 1 p.m.

### 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 Friday 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 at 3 p.m. Thursday. 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 am. Call 972-234-8880.

**First Richardson Helpers**

First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair services 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 visit online at 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 the third Thursday of each month starting in March. 10-11 a.m. No fee.

**Blood Pressure Checks Will be held the last Wednesday of each 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. Call 972-744-7800 for next date.

**FITNESS**

**Hatha Yoga**

Membership required. Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9:30-11 a.m. Instructor: Bharati Amin. Fee: \$5



**Chair Yoga (New Evening Class)**

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. Membership required. Mon., 9:15 a.m., Fri., 8:45-9:45 a.m., Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$7/class

**New! Evening Yoga With Chrissy**

This class is a great way to begin, restart or enrich your yoga practice. Learn how to gain strength, flexibility and balance in a safe and easy to understand way. This class is for those able to move from the floor to kneeling then to standing. Focus will be on the breath and body alignment. Bring a mat and a towel/blanket to class. Membership required. Check out www.YogaWithChrissy.com for more info. Every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$7/class

**Pickleball**

Huffhines Rec Center, 200 N. Plano Rd. Fridays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Heights Rec Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd. Mondays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information or questions, please call 972 744-7881.

**Private Trainer: How is Your Balance?**

This class is 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. Membership required. Trainer: Elaine Hosage. \$60 a session with a six-session commitment.

**Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class**

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Membership required. Mondays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30/month. Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30/month. Instructor: Elaine Hosage. Required equipment: Dumbbells and a resistance band.

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

Membership required. Mondays, 10-11 a.m. \$30/month. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. \$30/month. Instructor: Elaine Hosage. Required equipment: Dumbbells and a resistance band.

**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 combinations. This fun and upbeat class is suitable for all fitness levels. Membership required. Every Thursday, 6 p.m. Instructor: Alex Everson. Fee: \$30/month



**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 conditioning machines in the fitness room. Spots are limited. Tuesdays or Thursday, 11:15-11:45 a.m., \$30/month Instructor: Alex Everson. Fee: \$30/month

**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. Membership required. Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$30/month

**Aerobic Exercise**

Start your morning right! Membership required. Tuesdays or Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m. Instructor: Renata Racher. Fee: \$2

**Tai Chi**

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



**Fall Water Aerobic Classes**

Classes are held at J.J. Pearce Natatorium. Register for class at the Senior Center, Huffhines Recreation Center, or Heights Recreation Center. For updated class information, please call 972-744-7813 or 972-744-7800. Membership required. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m. Instructor: Letha Zepeda. Fee: \$30/month

**New! Silver Stars Fitness**

It's back! Designed for men and women to regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Every Friday, 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Jessie Dorsey. Required equipment: Dumbbells, yoga mat and resistance bands. Membership required. Fee: \$30/month

**Fitness Room Orientation**

Fitness Room Intro. Not sure how to use the 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! Membership required. Call 972-744-7800

Monday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. (Free)



**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

**Beginner Line Dance**

Every Saturday, 10-11 a.m., \$3/class 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.

**"42"**

Every Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, Rummi-Cubes and Dominos 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.**

# LIBRARY EVENTS



## ADULT PROGRAMS

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### TAX HELP FROM AARP

Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 21-Apr. 18

By appointment only

For low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors

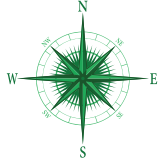
Contact AARP to schedule an appointment at 214-509-8408. Calls answered Mon.-Tues. 2-4 p.m., Wed. 4-6 p.m., and Thurs.-Fri. 6-8 p.m.

### TRAVEL 101 WITH THE TRAVELING PROFESSOR

Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Get both essential and advanced tips for everything travel, from itinerary planning to group tours to photography basics.



### LANDSCAPING WITH BIODIVERSITY

Saturday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Basement Program Room

North Texas Master Naturalists Sean and Chrissy Cortez-Mathis will share their story of transitioning their Richardson property from a lawn to pathways and plants. Participants will receive seeds and cuttings. Registration required; call 972-744-4376.

### LUNCHTIME LECTURE: GREAT PEOPLE OF COLOR

WITH DECEE CORNISH

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room

DeCee Cornish, an award-winning storyteller, historian, writer, and educator, will present a program that shares stories of great men and women of color in world culture for Black History month. Patrons are welcome to bring their lunches.

### EMBROIDERY FOR BEGINNERS

WITH NOSHEEN IQBAL

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Basement Program Room

Attendees can learn the basics of embroidery with a kit they can start and take home to finish, with a pattern printed on the fabric. All supplies included. Registration required. Call 972-744-4376 to register.



## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

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

### INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL

Friday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn how to create simple graphs, add subtotals, use the special sum function and more. Prerequisite: Microsoft Excel Beginner or relevant experience.



### INTERMEDIATE 3D PRINTING

Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Go beyond the basics and learn to create unique reusable shapes, learn time-saving shortcuts and how to export and import resources. Students should bring their Tinkercad login info.

### DIGITAL DROP-IN

Saturdays, Feb. 5 and 19, 10 a.m.-noon

Get help learning how to download free ebooks, audiobooks, e-magazines and more from the Library. Drop by the second floor with your device for help.



### GOOGLE PRODUCTIVITY

Saturday, Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.-noon

An introduction to Google Docs, Sheets and Slides. Participants will learn how to create a new document, spreadsheet and presentation along with how to share and receive files.

### INTRODUCTION TO AUDACITY

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Discover how to record and edit digital audio. Learn how to improve audio quality, edit sounds and voices and more.



### ANIME CLUB

CLUB FOR TEENS 13-18

Thursday, Feb. 3, 7-8 p.m.

First Floor Program Room

Anime watchers unite! It's a monthly watch, chat and more about the anime you love. Rated PG-13 or lower.

### TOMMY TERRIFIC'S WACKY MAGIC THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2-3 p.m.

Basement Program Room

For all ages

Join Tommy Terrific to learn lots of cool magic and amazing facts about the historic Tuskegee Airmen!



### IN BETWEEN BOOK CLUB

A BOOK CLUB FOR AGES 9-12

Thursday, Feb. 10, 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.



### HEARTY ARTY VALENTINE PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room

For all ages

Have a heart-happy Valentine afternoon with a puppet show, artsy crafts and more. Join us for the puppet show at 2:15 p.m.

### ADULTING 101

PERSONAL FINANCE WITH TEXANS CREDIT UNION

Saturday, Feb. 19, 3-4 p.m.

Basement Program Room

For ages 13-18

Learn budgeting basics and what you need to know about savings from a financial expert.



### STEAM STARTERS

Friday, Feb. 28, 4-5 p.m.

First Floor Program Room

For ages 6-8

Discover and explore science, technology, engineering, art and math and build a robotic hand! Required registration begins Friday, Feb. 11. Call 972-744-4358 to register.



### C-TECH KIDS CLUB

Friday, Feb. 28, 4-5 p.m.

Basement Training Room

For ages 9-12

Experiment with exciting STEM activities! Create slime from just a few simple ingredients; participants will learn how chemistry makes slime possible. Required registration begins Friday, Feb. 11. Call 972-744-4358 to register.



### T. REX TEA PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m.

First Floor Program Room

For ages 4-6

Dress in your finery to learn about etiquette while indulging in tea-time treats, some lovely books ... and a ROARING good time! Invitations required to attend. Limited invitations available at the Youth Services Help Desk starting Feb. 13.



### Spring Storytimes

Storytimes other than Saturday Morning Kids are for Richardson residents only. Call 972-744-4358 to register.

Saturday Morning Kids, a drop-in storytime for kids 3-6 and their families, resumes Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10:30-11 a.m.

### Baby Booksit

For babies 6 weeks-12 months old



Tuesdays, Feb. 8 through March 1

10:15-10:35 a.m.

### Baby Steps

For babies 12-24 months old



Tuesday, Feb. 8 through Friday, March 4

Choose one of the following times:  
Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 a.m.  
Fridays, 10:15-10:35 a.m.

### Wiggle Worms

For toddlers 2-3 years old



Monday, Feb. 7 through Thursday, March 3

Choose one of the following times:  
Mondays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.  
Wednesdays, 2:30-2:50 p.m.  
Thursdays, 10:30-10:50 a.m.

### Storytime Stars

For preschoolers 4-6 years old



Tuesday, Feb. 8 through Wednesday, March 2

Choose one of the following times:  
Tuesdays, 3:30-4 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.