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ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE

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Entries are being accepted for the City’s second annual Traffic Control Box Art Contest through April 28. ▶page 5



REDEVELOPMENT

REVITALIZATION AWARDS

Eleven projects were recognized last month as part of the 28th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. ▶page 6

CITY HALL BOND ELECTION

ELECTION SET FOR MAY 6

FUNDS WOULD GO TOWARD A NEW CITY HALL BUILDING FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 2022 FIRE



Example of possible building and parking lot site layout if voters approve a GO Bond Program in May to replace Richardson City Hall.

The Richardson City Council voted last month to call a May 6 election to ask voters to determine whether to raise \$46 million to go toward replacing the Richardson City Hall that was made vacant last August due to fire damage. If approved, no tax rate increase would be associated with the sale of the bond proposition.

Richardson City Hall sustained damage as the result of an electrical fire that started on the first floor of the building around 3 a.m. on Aug. 22. The resulting fire, smoke and water damage was enough to cause the building to be vacated, with City Hall offices relocated to other municipal facilities. City Hall offices dislocated from the closure of the building continue to operate at remote facilities.

In the months following the fire, structural, electrical, information technology engineers and technicians evaluated the damage to the City Hall building and documented the following concerns that were shared with the City Council at the Jan. 23 City Council meeting:

- Structural engineers determined that 3,000 square feet of the second level concrete slab needs to be replaced and the slab adjacent to a mechanical room needs to be replaced. This will necessitate removal of utilities from the first and second floor mechanical rooms.
- Interior walls and finishes, the underside of the slab, and subgrade were impacted by the water used to extinguish the fire.
- Material on structural elements was impacted and must be replaced throughout much of the building.
- Electrical systems and wiring were damaged by fire and corroded.
- All equipment replaced in 2021, and expected to be reused as part of a 2021 Bond Program renovation project, suffered smoke damage due to the fire. Cleaning the equipment will not restore it to its planned efficiency, will void the warranty and shorten the lifespan of the equipment. ▶page 3

COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL NAMES FEATURED ARTIST

LLERGO WILL JOIN MORE THAN 200 OTHER ARTISTS MAY 6-7

Karina Llergo is the featured artist for the Spring Cottonwood Art Festival, set for May 6-7 at Cottonwood Park. Llergo was born and raised in Mexico City and studied with famed Mexican artist Roberto Cortazar and portraitist Enrique Estrada. Llergo has a bachelor’s degree in graphic design

and advanced degrees in multimedia, animation and abstract art.

Throughout her professional life, Llergo painted and worked tirelessly to develop her unique style. As a lifelong dancer, competitive swimmer and yoga practitioner, she found herself drawn to depicting, on canvas, the palpable energy of the human body in motion. Driven by the fascination and armed with her talent for figurative painting, she found a way to translate her observations and creative imagination into thought-provoking paintings of breathtaking beauty and inspirational emotions.

“My goal is that when you look closely at one of my pieces, you will not only see the ethereal images and feel their essential vitality, but also be moved to generate positive forces in your own life,” Llergo said. ▶page 8



Side A

- Joan Jett and The Blackhearts
- X Ambassadors
- Judah & the Lion
- Little River Band
- Jimmie Vaughan & The Tilt-A-Whirl Band
- The Romantics
- Joshua Ray Walker
- Sail On: The Beach Boys Tribute

Side B

- The Peterson Brothers
- David Wilcox
- C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band
- Bidi Bidi Banda
- Squeezebox Bandits
- Beat Root Revival
- King Margo
- Beth Nielsen Chapman
- Gabe Lee

MAY 19-21 2023

Galatyn Park Urban Center, Richardson, Texas

TICKETS + PRICING

FRIDAY + SATURDAY: \$35

SUNDAY: \$20

3-DAY TICKET: \$75

KIDS 12 + UNDER: FREE

RESIDENT: \$15


Resident tickets go on sale April 3. Proof of residency required. Tickets can be purchased in person at designated locations. Visit website for additional info.



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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

CERTIFIED FOR MAY 6 ELECTION

Richardson City Secretary Aimee Nemer has certified the submitted applications for candidates running for Richardson's City Council seats in the May 6 election. The filing period for candidates ended Feb. 17.

A drawing took place Feb. 20 to determine the listing order of candidates on the ballot who are running for places with more than one candidate. Following is the list of certified candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot:

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| City Council Place 1
G. Scott Waddell
Curtis Dorian | City Council Place 4
Joe Corcoran |
| City Council Place 2
Jennifer Justice | City Council Place 5
Todd Harris Hunter
Ken Hutchenrider |
| City Council Place 3
Dan Barrios
Stephen Springs | City Council Place 6
Arefin Shamsul |
| | Mayor (Place 7)
Bob Dubey
Janet DePuy |



To register to vote in time for the May 6 election, residents must submit their voter registration application to the Voter Registrar of the county in which they reside by April 6. Voter registration cards are available at the Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr., through the Texas Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.tx.us/elections and in the City Secretary's Office at the Richardson IQ® HQ, 1302. E. Collins Blvd. Early voting begins April 24 and runs through May 2.

For more information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or www.cor.net/elections.

UPCOMING JOB FAIRS

KEY POSITIONS INCLUDE: LIFEGUARD, CAMP COUNSELOR, MAINTENANCE HELPER II, 911 DISPATCHER

The City of Richardson is hosting and participating in several job fairs over the next few months in order to attract workers. Parks and Recreation has an upcoming job fair at Huffhines Recreation Center to attract part-time workers for summer 2023. Open parks and recreation positions include lifeguards, swim instructors, day camp counselors and day camp directors.

Additionally, the City is participating in the RISD Spring Job Fairs at all four Richardson ISD high school campuses

next month. Representatives from Parks and Recreation, Public Services, and Transportation and Mobility will be present to speak to students who are looking to enter the workforce upon graduating from high school. Richardson ISD will also have representatives on hand representing open positions in the school district.

Applications for all open City of Richardson positions may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs.

APRIL 10	HUFFHINES REC CENTER 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	APRIL 18	RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL 4-7 p.m.
APRIL 20	BERKNER HIGH SCHOOL 4-7 p.m.	APRIL 25	J.J. PEARCE HIGH SCHOOL 4-7 p.m.
APRIL 27	LAKE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL 4-7 p.m.		

MAYOR'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 22

The Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program is accepting student applications through March 22. The program immerses current high school juniors into the professional workplace with internships at businesses, nonprofits and government agencies. The deadline for businesses to sign up has also been extended to April 17.

The program runs June 5-Aug. 4 and is presented by Mayor Paul Voelker and the City of Richardson, Richardson ISD and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. Internships will range from 12-40 hours per week.

To be eligible, students must live in Richardson or attend

RISD, have at least a 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 point scale) and be at least 16 years old and able to work in the US by June 1, 2023.

Additionally, students are required to attend one of two workforce skills training days on Saturday, March 25, from 8:30 a.m.-noon at Richardson High School, or Tuesday, March 28, from 5-8:30 p.m. at Berkner High School, as well as the job fair on Wednesday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Eisemann Center. If hired, interns must attend two days of intern work-readiness training on June 1-2.

To apply and learn more, go to www.richardsonmayorsinternships.org.



Mayor Paul Voelker
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going above and beyond. You can read more about this year's winners on page 6.

Last month, the City Council recognized 11 property owners as part of the 2022 Community Revitalization Awards. These awards have been presented annually since 1994 and are a great way to say "thank you" to property owners who do their part to enhance their community by making exterior renovations to their property. These upgrades not only make the individual property look better, they also have an overall positive impact on the neighborhood and city as a whole.

Since its inception, we have recognized nearly 320 properties. When we talk about revitalization, we are talking about breathing new life into aging properties. We are looking to see if the renovation and redevelopment has improved the property, enhanced the neighborhood and set a desirable precedent for nearby property owners.

The work done this year by the 11 award recipients varied in scope and nature. Some recipients added onto their property and improved landscaping, while others tore down existing structures and rebuilt new homes in their place. All total, we recognized six residential properties and five commercial properties for

The Community Revitalization Awards are just one way we encourage the upkeep of neighborhoods. Our most wide-reaching tool is the Home Improvement Incentive Program, which the City Council created in 2007 to allow residents who complete renovations to their homes to recoup some of the costs. By lowering the financial hurdle residents face, we hope to encourage more projects that result in an overall increase in the value of the city's housing stock. Through 2022, the City has given 1,210 incentive payments totaling more than \$9.74 million in incentives for projects that raised appraised values by a combined \$155.73 million. For more information on the program, visit www.cor.net/hiip.

Keeping up Richardson neighborhoods and commercial areas is a team effort. When the city and property owners work together, we can ensure our property values remain high, our neighborhoods attractive and our city a place where people want to live, work and play.



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ABOUT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the damage caused by the fire at City Hall, the location of City Council meetings will be impacted. Visit www.cor.net/citycouncil to see meeting dates and locations or call 972-744-4292. The location of future meetings will be announced as soon as further information is available.

The City Council typically holds business meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month, 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 residents are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted 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.

Meetings are broadcast live on the City's website at www.cor.net/city. For replay videos of previous meetings, visit www.cor.net/city.

CONTACTING THE CITY

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WEEK IN REVIEW

CITY NEWS AVAILABLE @ WEEK IN REVIEW Visit www.cor.net/ENews

RICHARDSON TODAY

Richardson Today is a monthly publication of the City of Richardson. It is free for Richardson residents. The publication is designed to keep citizens of Richardson informed of activities and news that may be of interest to them. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning this or future issues, please send them to:

Citizens Information Services 972-744-4104 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
ADACoordinator@cor.gov
Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

ACCESS+INCLUSION 23 EVENT HELD AT EISEMANN CENTER

WEEKLONG EVENT BROUGHT GROUPS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS MENTAL HEALTH, WELLNESS

The City of Richardson and Eisemann Center hosted a community event last month called “Access+Inclusion 23: A Road Toward Mental Wellness.” It continued a conversation started in 2021 with the event called “Inclusion is Magical,” which brought attention to capabilities and opportunities of individuals on the autism spectrum.

This year’s program, Access+Inclusion 23, was created to raise awareness and open a discussion about mental health and wellness, continuing to encourage the involvement of organizations and departments within the community. The public was invited to attend two events that featured first responders and local experts.

“I think, honestly, it’s amazing. Mental health should be talked about,” Taylor Allen with West Coast University said. “It’s a lot of the time, put to the side. So, the more we talk

about it, the more comfortable we can become talking about it, so that it’s not a nightmare.”

The first event brought together fire and police chiefs from Richardson, Addison, Garland, Plano, Mesquite, Irving and DART. They engaged in a conversation about mental wellness issues and the impacts on public safety professionals, both internally and externally. The group said the conversation around mental health and wellness has become more significant within the last few years.

“We as police and fire, we are working to make our responses to mental health issues even better,” Richardson Police Chief Gary Tittle said. “And it’s not just responding to mental health issues in the community, but it’s also taking care of our own men and women in police and fire service as it relates to their well-being.”

The second event featured

experts from the Eisemann Center, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, The Counseling Place, RISD and University of Texas at Dallas. This discussion focused on the arts, educators and health care workers and their approach to mental health wellness.

“It’s important as you look at mental health to have awareness of how you can help your own mental health, whether its finding ways or strategies to use simple items like I have,” said Dr. Julie Herbert, Interim Dean of Occupational Therapy with West Coast University.

The symposiums were moderated by Richardson City Manager Don Magner and world-renowned illusionist Dr. Kevin Spencer. In addition to being a magician, Spencer is widely considered the leading authority on the educational and therapeutic benefits of magic tricks in



education and rehabilitation.

Spencer held two magic shows to close out the week-long event called “The Magic of Kevin Spencer.” The relaxed, sensory-friendly family event was designed for children of all ages and abilities. The house lights did not go down all the way and music was not included in the show. However,

the show combined storytelling, stage magic and audience participation.

“While it still has an element of surprise, there’s not going to be those elements of loudness,” Spencer said. “It actually allows the audience to move through the trick and see and discover the magic of the trick on their own as it happens.”

CITY COUNCIL CALLS FOR 2023 BOND ELECTION

FUNDS WILL GO TOWARD A NEW CITY HALL FOLLOWING THE AUGUST 2022 FIRE

The ballot will be prepared in accordance with Texas Election Code, and permit electors to vote **“FOR”** or **“AGAINST”** the measure and will appear on the ballot as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THE ISSUANCE OF \$46,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR A NEW CITY HALL AND THE IMPOSITION OF A TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS”

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necessitating replacement. Additionally, ductwork in the building was damaged beyond repair.

- Plumbing conditions were impacted by melted copper and PVC drainpipes in the area of the fire.
- Audio/video equipment throughout the building was damaged by heat, smoke and soot.
- Building finishes throughout the building were damaged by heat, smoke and soot.
- Demolition has occurred in the area most affected by the fire. There may be other unknown conditions resulting from structural, smoke, soot and steam damage revealed as restoration and repair occurs.

The City of Richardson is currently negotiating a settlement with Travelers Insurance, which holds the City’s policy on public facilities. Travelers’ current claim estimate is a minimum of approximately \$16.5 million. The City anticipates negotiations to continue through the summer before settling on a final insurance number.

Voters approved \$22.4 million of bond funds for renovating City Hall as part of the 2021 Bond Program. The City of Richardson

has consulted with the Texas Attorney General’s Office and has been informed the 2021 bond funds can be applied toward the cost of staff areas, restrooms, mechanical, electrical and plumbing system updates and security and technology enhancements that were originally planned for the renovations to City Hall.

The City Council reviewed options to repair City Hall or to replace the building. The cost to repair City Hall is estimated at \$60 million. The cost to replace City Hall with a new building is estimated at \$85 million.

During a Jan. 23 City Council meeting to review City Hall alternatives, information was presented explaining cost differences between repair and replacement. The information showed repair of the damaged City Hall facility would be approximately 70 percent of the cost of a new building. Council was also presented information explaining that, in addition to a future insurance settlement, 2021 Bond Program funds raised for City Hall renovations could be applied to the option for a new facility.

At that meeting, the City Council gave direction to start the process of calling a bond election to let voters decide on whether or not to build a new facility. Council approved

calling the election at its Feb. 13 meeting.

Voters will be provided a proposition to decide on a General Obligation (GO) bond referendum that would raise \$46 million to help pay for the construction of a new City Hall at the current City Hall location. The money raised would cover a portion of the costs for a new facility, with the rest of the projected costs expected to be funded by an insurance settlement and 2021 Bond Program funding.

The City of Richardson is in the process of developing educational information about the City Hall Bond Election for voters. The most comprehensive location to find information is located on a City Hall Bond Election webpage located on the City’s website at www.cor.net/CityHallBondElection.

The site includes access to all past City Council presentations and documents related to the City Hall fire discussion and will be updated with new information as it is developed. In April, a City Hall Bond Election guide will be mailed to all residential addresses throughout the city, and an informational video is also being developed. The City will also include related information on its *Richardson Today* social media pages.



Photo taken Aug. 22, 2022 prior to any remediation.



Photo taken Aug. 22, 2022 prior to any remediation.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Was the City Hall building underinsured?

No, the Richardson City Hall facility was not underinsured. The City’s coverage with its insurance company (Travelers Insurance) allows for replacement cost up to the coverage limit of \$262.6M.

While the coverage limit is far higher than the value of the building, the damage to the building is at a lesser value. The City is working with engineering and legal representatives to negotiate a fair settlement on the value of the damages to City Hall, and that figure is currently set to be at least \$16.5 million. Negotiations are continuing to increase that number, but the results of those negotiations are not expected to conclude until this summer. The City anticipates being fully reimbursed for all fire-related damages.

Answers to other frequently asked questions are available at www.cor.net/CityHallBond



ePI ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE



SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHECK IT'S TIME TO CHECK FOR LEAKS

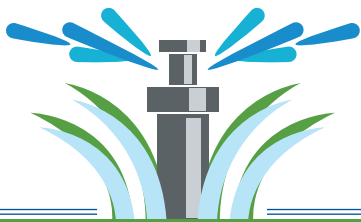
As spring approaches, the City's Parks and Recreation Departments crews will soon be out to de-winterize the sprinkler systems, which can be found at all 39 parks. Homeowners should consider doing the same. It will take the City a few weeks to check all the sprinklers and get them ready for the summer, but most homeowners should be able to check their systems in just one afternoon. It's best to check your home irrigation system in late March, but before bermudagrass starts to green. This will happen when the low temperature is 60 degrees or higher for several nights in a row and the ground temperature gets to 65 degrees.

When checking the sprinklers, there are few things to look out for:

- Make sure that all sprinkler heads are operating properly and spraying where they should
- Check for any leaks
- Avoid over-spraying sidewalks, driveways and streets

If there are any issues, make sure to adjust or replace any sprinkler heads as necessary.

You can also sign up for a free service from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in partnership with the North Texas Municipal Water District called Water My Yard. You can receive weekly e-mails to know when and how much to water your lawn based on the weather conditions. This will also help you keep your lawn healthy while also keeping your water bill as low as possible. Find more information at www.watermyyard.org.

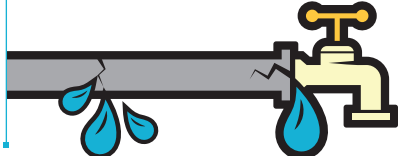


FREE LEAK DETECTION KITS

Richardson is celebrating Fix a Leak Week, an EPA WaterSense program, this month. From March 20-26, free toilet leak detection tablet packs will be distributed at several city facilities.

Fix a Leak Week is a great time for residents to check for water leaks and drips inside the home. Did you know that a toilet leak can waste more than 200 gallons of water a day and is one of the largest water wasters in a home? Although you can usually hear a running toilet, some toilet leaks are silent.

From March 20-26, pick up leak detection packs at the following facilities during normal business hours.



- RICHARDSON SERVICE CENTER**
1260 Columbia Dr.
- HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER**
711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- HUFFHINES RECREATION CENTER**
200 N. Plano Rd.
- SENIOR CENTER**
820 W. Arapaho Rd.

AVAILABLE MARCH 20-26

TRIM AND PRUNE ORNAMENTAL TREES

AVOID TRIMMING OAKS

If you haven't already, now is the time to start getting your yard and trees ready for the spring and summer. This includes trimming and pruning trees and mulching.

When you get ready to start this process, keep in mind the updated guidance on when to prune oak trees. You should avoid trimming oak trees between Valentine's Day and Independence Day to help prevent the spread of oak wilt. Insects are normally attracted to fresh cuts on trees and could potentially spread oak wilt from tree to tree. It is safer to prune oak trees in the winter because the spring and summer months are the most active times for this type of transmission to occur.

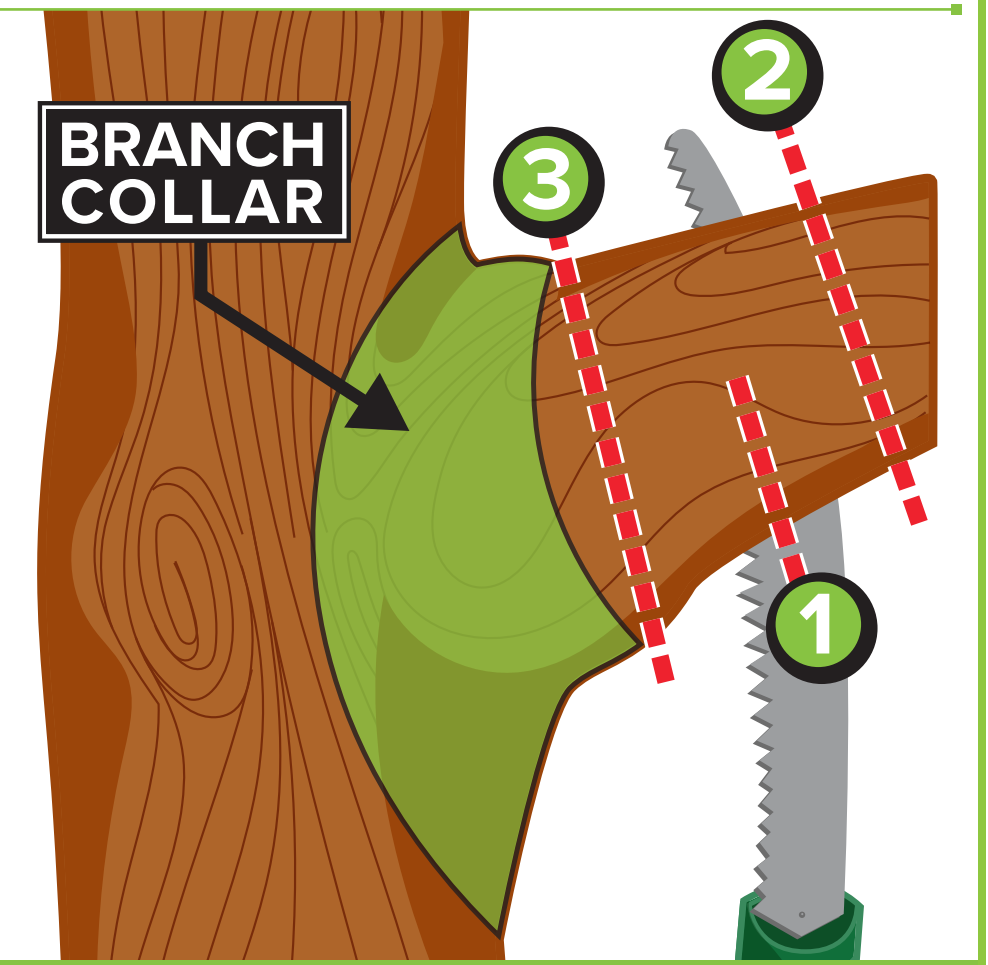
A tree should only be pruned after it has been in the ground for a year. However, when it's time to begin trimming and pruning, remember to make cuts on the outside of the branch collar. Also, use the three-cut method to prune back to another branch (see graphic below). According to Texas SmartScape, most trees that are properly planted do not need to

be pruned unless there are broken branches, or there are branches that have crossed or are growing downward. Branches that are hanging lower are OK to be left on the tree as long as they are not obstructing alleys and sidewalks.

When it comes to mulching, it's best to put down mulch around the base of a tree. This helps the soil retain as much moisture as possible. It also limits weed growth. However, avoid piling up on the trunk of the tree. Older trees typically do not need mulch, but it can be helpful to the younger trees.

As you begin cleaning up your yard to prepare for the spring and new plantings, be sure to consider native and well-adapted plants. Suggestions can be found at www.txsmartscape.com.

When you're looking to dispose of any yard waste or bulky items, request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABC) pickup. You can do so by calling 972-744-4111 or visit www.cor.net/babic.



THREE CUT METHOD

- 1 | Cut upward roughly 1/3 of the way through the branch.
- 2 | Cut downward through the branch.
- 3 | Cut remainder of the branch downward just outside the branch collar.

BLUE BAG LETTERS ON THE WAY

Residents will receive a letter in the mail this month that can be taken to one of several City facilities to be redeemed for two rolls of 26 blue recycling bags (52 total).

Through the Blue Bag Program, homeowners can combine all of their recyclable material into one bag and place it out for weekly pickup service.

Residents may redeem their letters for two rolls of blue bags at:

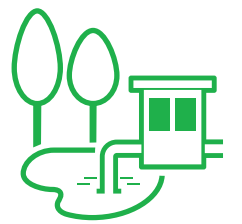
- Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.
- Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

For more information on the City's recycling program visit www.cor.net/recycling. For more information about blue bags, visit www.cor.net/bluebags.

THE CITY RECYCLES:

- Plastics #1-7 (with the exception of Styrofoam)
- Aluminum
- Tin
- Steel
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Newspapers
- Mixed Paper
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard/Chipboard
- Junk Mail
- Glass Containers (clear and all color glass)
- Pots and Pans that do not contain Teflon or ceramic coatings.

ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE MARCH 6-APRIL 3



RAW WATER PUMPED

WATER TREATED

TREATED WATER DELIVERED

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is conducting its annual chlorine maintenance in its water treatment process from March 6-April 3. Consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a slight change during this period, however this does not alter the quality of the drinking water.

During the annual maintenance period, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. The process is a common practice used by water providers and is a critical part of the water treatment

process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses.

During this time, you may also notice City crews flushing water from fire hydrants to help water flow through the system.

There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities, including placing a pitcher of water in the refrigerator overnight or adding a slice of citrus to the water. Adding a crushed 1,000 mg vitamin C tablet to bath water will remove the chlorine.

For more information, visit www.ntmwd.com/safewater or www.cor.net/chlorine.

THE RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

PRESENTS

OCEAN'S 150

WHEN HEIST LEADS TO MURDER

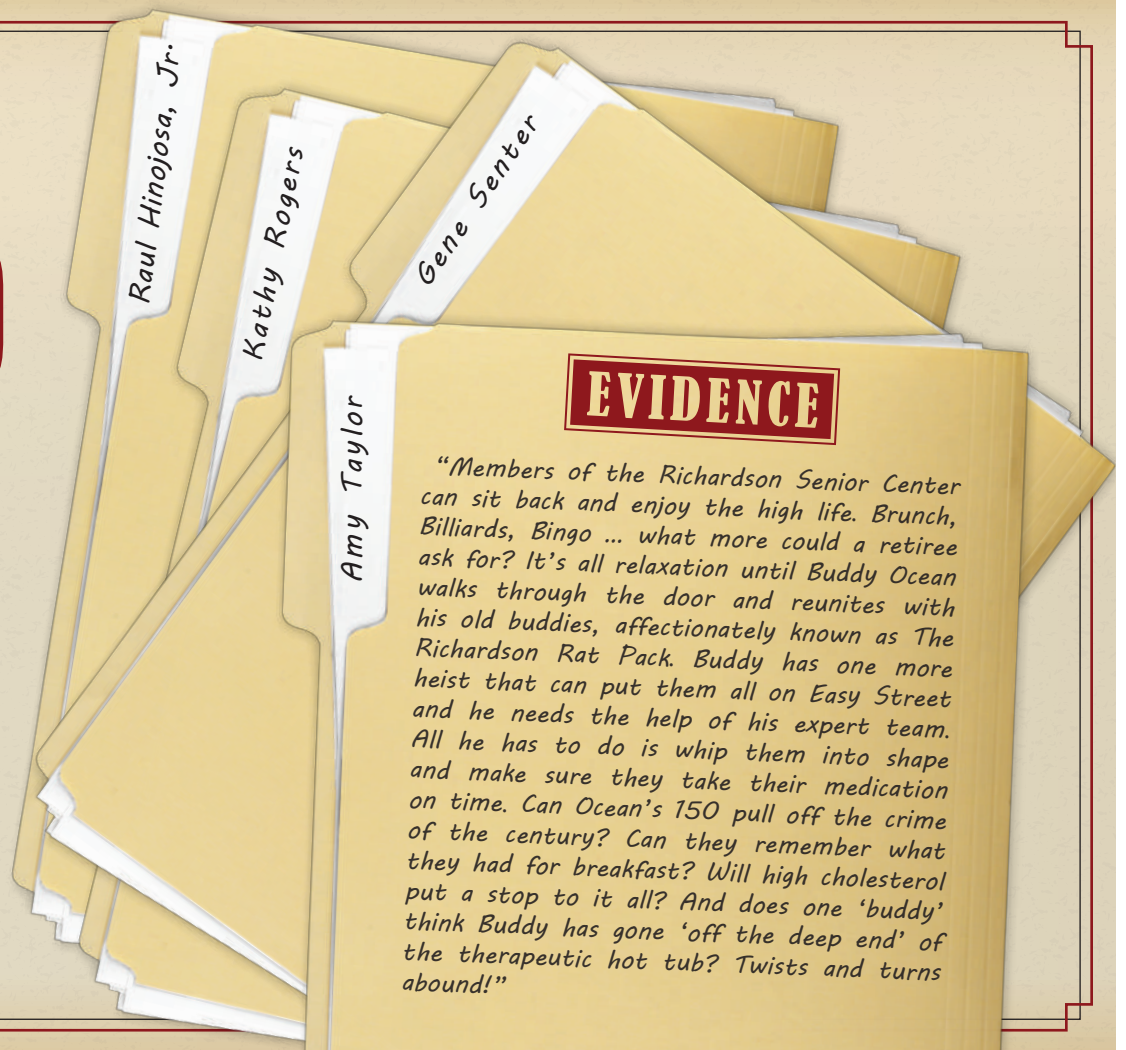
SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 7p.m. -10p.m.

RICHARDSON SENIOR CENTER

At this fun, interactive event, community leaders and professional actors perform a mystery comedy play while attendees work in teams to solve the "crime." This year's guest actors are Raul Hinojosa, Jr. from UT Dallas, Amy Taylor from Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Gene Senter from the City of Richardson and Kathy Rogers from Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Proceeds from the event benefit the mission of the Richardson Adult Literacy Center: "Transforming lives by providing English as a Second Language and workforce readiness programs to adults in our community."

Buy tickets and sponsorships: www.one.bidpal.net/murdermystery23



EVIDENCE

"Members of the Richardson Senior Center can sit back and enjoy the high life. Brunch, Billiards, Bingo ... what more could a retiree ask for? It's all relaxation until Buddy Ocean walks through the door and reunites with his old buddies, affectionately known as The Richardson Rat Pack. Buddy has one more heist that can put them all on Easy Street and he needs the help of his expert team. All he has to do is whip them into shape and make sure they take their medication on time. Can Ocean's 150 pull off the crime of the century? Can they remember what they had for breakfast? Will high cholesterol put a stop to it all? And does one 'buddy' think Buddy has gone 'off the deep end' of the therapeutic hot tub? Twists and turns abound!"

COMMUNITY ART CONTEST

ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED AT FIVE LOCATIONS



- 1 & 2 CORE DISTRICT**
MAIN STREET / N GREENVILLE AVE
- 3 N COLLINS BLVD / N GREENVILLE AVE**
- 4 W ARAPAHO RD / N COIT RD**
- 5 W RENNER RD / CUSTER PKWY**

Traffic Signal BOX ART Contest



2022 WINNERS: Tiffany Managad | Kaitlyn Burlison | Hailey Duggan | Marina Denton | Anushka Sridhar

The City of Richardson and the Richardson Kiwanis Club are using Richardson's upcoming sesquicentennial celebration as the theme to kick off the second annual Traffic Signal Box Art Contest. The competition started last year to beautify local intersections using art reflective of the community. "The 2022 winning Traffic Box Art designs showcase Richardson arts in a unique, new way that adds beauty to our city streets and furthers a sense of pride in the community," said Anthony Pampillonia, Richardson's Cultural Arts Commission Chairman. "Building on that success, we're excited to see this year's entries based around the theme of Richardson's 150th anniversary. The first five Traffic Box Art designs installed in June 2022 have received an abundance of positive feedback from the community, so we are hoping to receive twice as many entries in 2023 as we did in 2022."

The contest is open to individual artists residing in the city or students attending a school located within Richardson. A selection committee will review submissions and select contest finalists. The five winners will be determined according to three main criteria - creativity, adherence to the Richardson's 150th Anniversary theme and artistic merit.

In addition to their artwork being showcased in the community, artists with winning entries will also receive \$200, a plaque and have their work published in the *Richardson Today* and other municipal communication channels.

Winning designs chosen for the traffic signal

boxes will also be showcased at the following intersections:

- Main Street and North Greenville Avenue (two traffic boxes)
- North Collins Boulevard and North Greenville Avenue
- West Arapaho Road and Coit Road
- West Renner Road and Custer Parkway

Participating artists may submit one original digital design aligned to the 150th Anniversary theme that can be easily converted to a digitally printed wrap that covers the entire traffic signal box. All designs must be:

- Original artwork and cannot include copyrighted or trademarked images, commercial logos or advertisements.
- Designs should be free from any representation that includes traffic lights, signs or signal images of any kind.
- Artists may sign their designs but should limit any other wording.
- All submissions should feature a design appropriate for viewing by all ages.

All completed applications and artwork submissions are due by Friday, April 28 no later than 5 p.m. Information about the contest is available at www.cor.net/boxartcontest. Any questions about entry requirements may also be directed to Suzanne Etman by phone at 972-744-4213 or by e-mail to suzanne.etman@cor.gov.

ALTRUSA KINDNESS CRUSADE UNITES RISD STUDENTS

AUTHOR SPOKE TO FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS AT 17 SCHOOLS

Last month, nearly 23,000 elementary school students in Richardson ISD were united through the inaugural Kindness Crusade. The program was designed and spearheaded by Altrusa International of Richardson member Jane Tucker. The event united students by having them focus on the book "Her Own Two Feet" by Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze during the week of Feb. 13-17. The book was selected by the school district because it exemplifies the importance of teaching kindness and empathy.

"Her Own Two Feet", is a true story about a 9-year-old Rwandan girl who was born with club feet. Not only does it introduce the country of Rwanda to young readers,

but makes young readers understand what it's like to have a disability. This book tells young readers a story of bravery and how perseverance can make anything happen.

Davis made in-person presentations to fourth and fifth graders in the 17 schools who have Choose Kind Libraries during her five-day visit to Richardson.

Since 2015, Altrusa of Richardson has funded Choose Kind Libraries in elementary schools in Richardson and all over the globe. One of the most recent libraries is in Malawi in southeastern Africa. School librarians choose titles that address topics such as bullying, discrimination and other societal issues and how to deal with them in kind and acceptable



fashion.

On April 1, Altrusa of Richardson will hold its annual KAN (Kindness Action Ninjas) Event. Altrusa has honored first responders, senior citizens and active and veteran military in the past. This year the focus will be on Kindness to Animals. The Richardson Animal Shelter

and the Richardson Humane Society will have dogs and cats to adopt, and there will be other ways to help animals including homemade treats, bandanas and blankets, which are just a few of the items being readied. Altrusa is preparing "kitten kits" for the foster parents who care for the more than 70 litters of kittens that turn up at the Richardson Animal Shelter each spring. These unselfish folks are just one example of why Richardson has been the Pawfect Place to live for 150 years!

For more information, visit www.altrusarichardson.com.



ELEVEN PROPERTIES RECEIVE REVITALIZATION AWARDS



Eleven projects were recognized in February as part of the 28th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area. With this year's award recipients, the total number of projects receiving awards is nearly 320 since the program's inception in 1994.

The judging committee included City Council Members Ken Hutchenrider and Arefin Shamsul, City Plan Commissioners Bryan Marsh and Gary Beach, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kim Quirk.

Visit www.cor.net/CRA for more information and to nominate a property for the 2023 awards program.



Carlson Residence
1406 Navaho Trail

A Reservation neighborhood home built in 1967 was renovated to add a second story and new larger windows on the ground floor. Updated landscaping opens up the view to the home from the street and preserves existing trees.



Fletcher Residence
324 Ridge Crest Drive

A former two-story Canyon Creek home built in the 1970s was demolished and rebuilt in a modern farmhouse style. New landscaping that preserves established trees and a new entry walk round out the design.



Strain Residence
1422 N. Cheyenne Drive

A single-story dwelling in the Reservation neighborhood was torn down and replaced with a two-story transitional home featuring a swing entry garage with distinctive natural wood doors.



Swim Residence
1217 Mohawk Trail

A Reservation neighborhood home, built in 1964, was renovated to add a second story, along with a two-story side addition that includes a new garage. New landscaping and pavement for the entry walk and driveway round out the project.



Watson Residence
2208 E. Prairie Creek Dr.

The original 1970s Canyon Creek home was torn down and rebuilt with a new modern home that features a concrete walkway and new landscaping that preserves an existing tree.



Westveld Residence
508 Canyon Creek Drive

A 1970s, one-story ranch in Canyon Creek was replaced with a two-story modern home that backs up to the Canyon Creek golf course. New landscape frames the home featuring a short accent wall and new walkways.



513 Interurban
513 N. Interurban Street

A 1980s one-story office was given facade enhancements that feature new windows and front door, along with awnings and new lighting.



The Drawing Board
1900 Jay Ell Drive

This coworking and event space is located within Richardson's Innovation Quarter. The improvements to the exterior of the 1980s tilt-wall building include metal paneling with wood accents and new entry steps with an ADA entry ramp.



The Great Outdoors
2005 Alamo Road

This restaurant with drive through service moved from its previous location on Campbell Road to this new infill location. The project brings activity to what was once an under-utilized parking lot.



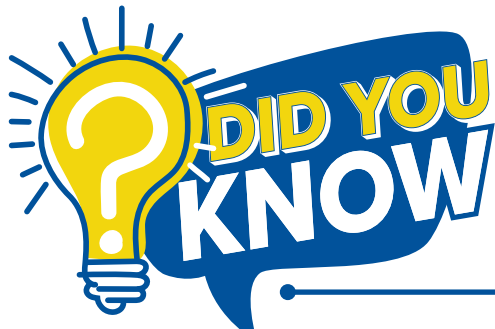
LaLaLand
242 W. Campbell Road

Renovation of a drive-through restaurant built in 1985. The improvements include an updated stucco facade, with a tile roof and a new covered patio

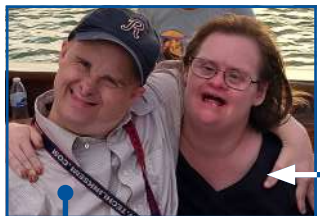


Staycation Coffee
201 S. Texas Street

Transformation of a single-family home built in 1945 into a coffee shop within the Downtown CORE district. Improvements include a new front door and an ADA ramp to the entrance. An outdoor seating area was also added to the rear of the property.



THE CITY HAS ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING FROM KARATE AND ARCHERY TO DANCING AND SAILING



Richardson has been ranked in the top 10 on many Best of Lists (Best Cities to Live in Texas, Best Places to Buy a Home, Best Cities to Retire in Texas, to name a few), and if a list was ever made for “Best Cities That Support Adaptive Recreation/Entertainment Opportunities,” Richardson should score high there as well.

Richardson’s Parks and Recreation Department is one of the shining stars in the community, offering classes and special event programming for children and adults with special needs. The department’s Corporate Recreation division also hosts the Corporate Challenge each year, which has raised more than \$3 million for Special Olympics Texas (including helping to support the local Richardson Roadrunners Special Olympics team). In addition, the department boasts among its parks the colorful and innovative Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground, where children and caregivers of a wide range of abilities can play side by side.

“Our participants and their parents have always said they like the variety of our programs,” said Therapeutic/Recreation Coordinator Alan Gatton, who manages the City’s Adaptive Recreation Program. “These families are often stretched thin, budget-wise and timewise, with daily therapies and activities, and the City offers an affordable ‘break’ from the routine.”

The adaptive children’s recreation

programming includes karate, fitness and archery classes; monthly adult (age 18+) special events include dances, holiday-themed parties and field trips (often with transportation provided). Gatton tries hard to keep abreast of outings and activities in the DFW area that might prove popular with his adult participants and rotating these events from year to year, keeping programs and experiences fresh. Some activities are annual favorites such as the Halloween and Valentine Jubilee dances, a summer luau and a sailing trip that is usually scheduled in June or July.

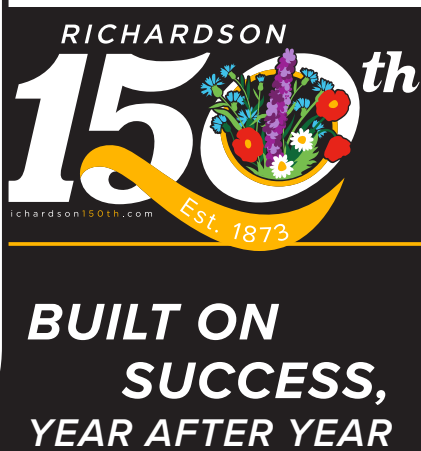
“I’ll never forget the looks on some of their faces when we first went sailing on Lake Ray Hubbard four years ago,” he recalls. “The expressions as they looked at the waves and enjoyed the sailing music ... it meant so much more to me than any words could, just seeing that joy of participating in something many of them had never gotten to experience before was priceless.”

The City’s Eisemann Center is also no stranger to providing events and entertainment that support children and adults with special needs—deaf singer/songwriter and “America’s Got Talent” sensation Mandy Harvey has appeared on the Eisemann stage twice, and, thanks to the Eisemann Educates program, performed at area high schools while she was in town and spoke to thousands of students about perseverance and overcoming obstacles.

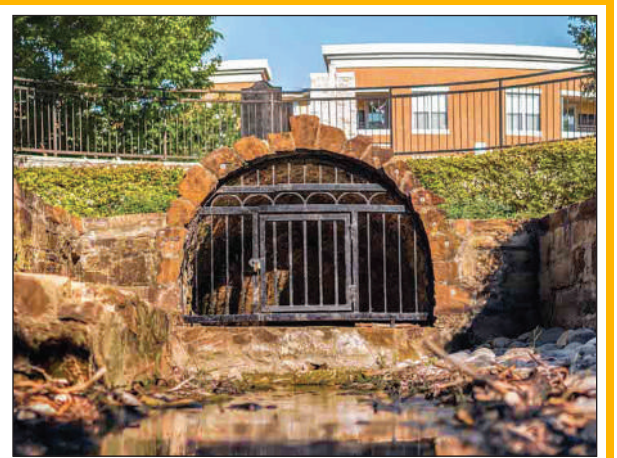
In 2021, the Eisemann Center hosted the week-long “Inclusion is Magical” event led by educator, author and entertainer Dr. Kevin Spencer, which brought together area employers, therapists, people with autism and their families to discuss solutions to problems facing the autistic community. The week concluded with Spencer’s signature sensory-friendly magic show, a pay-what-you can performance in the Bank of America Hall for all ages. Last month, Spencer made a return appearance as part of the “Access+Inclusion 23” event.

Recently, the Transportation and Mobility Department presented to the City Council the final draft of the City’s first Active Transportation Plan, which includes a proposed 141-mile network of pathways and improved intersections to help people of all ages and abilities, including people who use wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility devices, to get outside and better traverse Richardson and connect with other cities.

“The City Council’s Vision Statement specifically recognizes the value of having programs, projects and services that are accessible and meet a variety of needs across the community,” said City Manager Don Magner. “Richardson embraces accessibility and adaptability in so many ways because we strive to serve all our residents and visitors in the best possible way we can.”



Jacob Routh residence, which burned down in 1965



McKamy Spring

STREET AND PLACE NAMES HELP REMEMBER THE PAST

One way to ensure the past is not forgotten is to name things after the people who came before. That is certainly the case in Richardson, where many roads and parks are named after Richardson’s earliest settlers, some of whom still have descendants who live in Richardson to this day. Much of the history of these earliest families can be found in the first volume of Steven R. Butler’s series “A Sesquicentennial History of Richardson, Texas,” which is available at the Richardson Public Library.

ROADS

Bowser Road – David Bowser and his family came to Texas from Illinois in the mid-1850s and settled on land that now makes up the Mark Twain neighborhood. Butler writes that by 1880, David Bowser owned 360 acres of land where he grew crops and raised animals. He died in 1882 and is buried, along with his wife Mary who passed away in 1899, in Floyd Pioneer Cemetery, which is located on an acre of land that is now surrounded by Restland Memorial Park.

Campbell Road – Campbell Road is named for Robert Fleming Campbell, a Tennessee native who relocated to present-day Richardson in 1851. A farmer, Butler writes that Campbell raised wheat, corn and oats and had a variety of livestock. Campbell died in 1881 and is buried in Routh Cemetery, which is located on land donated by Campbell’s son-in-law, Rev. Jacob Routh.

Coit Road – John Taylor Coit came to Texas in 1858. John’s son, Henry, took over the family farm after his father died in 1872. Butler writes that Henry was “active in behalf of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College [now University] and its extension service program.” Today, the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and

Extension Center at Dallas, located on Coit Road just north of Richardson, sits on 206 acres of land that was once the Coit family farm.

Floyd Road – John B. Floyd was born in Kentucky but moved to Texas in late 1855 or early 1856. The Floyds owned 900 acres of land that covers the present-day campus for Texas Instruments and Restland Memorial Park, Butler writes. Floyd continued to amass land, including the property that was the site of Breckinridge, a small settlement that preceded Richardson by about 15 years. Among the buildings in Breckinridge was a two-story wooden house, known as the Floyd Inn. John Floyd, and many of his relatives, are buried in Floyd Pioneer Cemetery.

Greer Street – Henry W. Greer came to Richardson by covered wagon as a boy of 12 around 1870. Henry was a farmer and at one time was part-owner of a cotton gin in Richardson. His wife, Ida Lee Huffhines Greer, was born in Richardson and was the daughter of John Huffhines, Jr. and Surilda Tarrant Huffhines. Their oldest daughter, Ruth Greer, inherited land from Jack Wheeler. This land, the former Wheeler Farm, was sold to developers in the 1950s and became Richardson Heights shopping center and neighborhood.

PARKS

Huffhines Park – The Huffhines family is another of Richardson’s earliest families, serving as the namesake for a park, recreation center and street. Butler notes that John Huffhines, Jr. came to Texas at age 19 with his father and mother, John Huffhines, Sr. and Betsy. One of 14 children, John Jr. and his wife, Surilda, lived with their children in a two-story house that stood for decades on the southeast edge of Richardson where the Math, Science and

Technology Magnet Elementary School stands today, about a half block from Huffhines Street.

McKamy Spring Park – The 1.94-acre McKamy Spring Park is in southern Richardson adjacent to the Brick Row Development. The park, as well as the spring that give the park its name, are named for Tom McKamy, Richardson’s first mayor, who took office in 1925. A Texas Historical Marker on the site states the spring was used by Native American tribes, including the “Yoiuane (later absorbed by the Tonkawa), Comanche, Kiowa, Kickapoo, Seminole and Cherokee.” The marker’s inscription notes that prior to being renamed McKamy Spring, the spring was known as Bowser Spring.

Ruth Back Toler Park – The Back homestead was established in 1893 on land that today lies in the Richardson panhandle. In 1990, the City purchased the property with the agreement that a portion of the land would be made a park and named after the matriarch of the family, Ruth Back Toler. Dedicated in 2011, the 22-acre park is located just north of Breckinridge Park along Renner Road. The park remains largely undeveloped, instead being allowed to revert to its natural state as a bottomland hardwood forest that is home to native plants and animals.

Ruth Young Park – In the mid-1960s, Ruth Young Gamble led the Chamber of Commerce’s City Beautification Committee, which according to a *Richardson Daily News* article from April 28, 1968, counted among its achievements establishing the City’s Arbor Day celebration. The park located at the northwest corner of Belt Line Road and US 75 is named in her honor. Her *Richardson News* obituary dated Jan. 15, 1995, said that Young was the first female pilot to fly solo from Love Field, worked at the Dallas Aviation School where pilots trained during

World War II, was chairman of the Richardson Realtors Association and made news in the 1940s as Dallas County’s only chinchilla rancher.

CEMETERIES

Blewett Cemetery – This small cemetery, located caddy-corner from the Richardson Gymnastics Center, was founded by the Blewett family, who came to the Richardson area in 1853. Butler writes that the cemetery was established in 1887 by James R. Blewett, son of Rev. George L. Blewett. At the time, James had the graves of his father, brother and six others exhumed and re-buried in the Blewett Cemetery. As a result, the oldest grave in the cemetery is James’ sister, Ann, who died in 1855. A Texas State Historical Marker on the site notes that “the Blewett Cemetery was for many years associated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and until the mid-1920s was one of the primary burial grounds for the Richardson community.”

Routh Cemetery – Located inside the Spring Creek Nature Area just off Routh Creek Parkway, the Routh Cemetery was established on land donated by Rev. Jacob Routh, who was married to Lodemia Ann Campbell, daughter of Robert Campbell. The cemetery’s historical marker states “Routh family members helped to organize a school, church, and store in addition to the family cemetery. ... Of the approximately two hundred graves here, fewer than one hundred are marked. The last burial to occur here was that of Serefta Ellen Campbell Miller, who was born in 1836 and died in 1922.”

That was a quick look at some of Richardson’s most prominent residents. Next month, we will take a look at the history of the Library, from the earliest days in Miss Jessie Durham’s Cash Dry Goods Store to its current location on Civic Center Drive.



The Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival returns to Galatyn Park Urban Center May 19-21. Tickets are now on sale for the three-day festival that is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year. Wildflower! is a unique combination of international, national and regional artists; where fans enjoy epic performances on stage and throughout the park. The 2023 lineup is still being finalized, but artists already scheduled to appear include:

Joan Jett and The Blackhearts
X Ambassadors
Judah & the Lion
Little River Band
Jimmie Vaughan & The Tilt-A-Whirl Band
The Romantics
Joshua Ray Walker
Sail On: The Beach Boys Tribute
The Peterson Brothers
David Wilcox
C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band
Bidi Bidi Banda
Squeezebox Bandits
Beat Root Revival
King Margo
Beth Nielsen Chapman
Gabe Lee

Additional bands are expected to be added to the lineup and updates will be announced on the website and social media. Due to construction, like last year, performances this year will not take place on the Plaza Stage (the stage nearest the DART Station). All headliners will perform on the Methodist Richardson Amphitheatre Stage, while remaining bands will perform on four other stages. For more information and updates on band announcements, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com and follow Wildflower! on social media.

Tickets

Wildflower! tickets are on sale now. Single-day tickets are \$35 for Friday and Saturday, and \$20 for Sunday. Three-day passes are \$75. Richardson residents may purchase discounted tickets in person, priced at \$15 per day, at participating locations beginning April 3. Proof of residency is required. Children 12 and under get in free. For more information on tickets, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.

Friends of the Festival

Want to experience Wildflower! in a unique way? Friends of the Festival VIP packages are \$400 and come with the following:

- Two VIP wristbands for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- Access to preferred VIP seating at Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage.
- Complimentary food and beverages including beer and wine.
- Shade and relaxed seating in the VIP Hospitality Lounge.
- One VIP Parking Pass valid all three days of the festival.
- Access to all of the amenities of general admission.

For more information on becoming a Friend of the Festival, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.



CELEBRATING THE CITY OF RICHARDSON'S RAILROAD ROOTS!

The contest is open to all students in kindergarten-6th grade who live in Richardson or attend an RISD school. Wildflower! will provide 12" square white poster boards. All entries must be designed on these poster boards ONLY so they are uniform in size and will fit the display walls at the festival. Use colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints to cover your whole poster board with lots of color. Securely attach your entry form on the back of the poster board. Winning artwork/ribbons will be displayed in the Eisemann Center throughout the festival weekend, May 19-21.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM DUE APRIL 26

Please securely attach this form to the back of your entry. All entries must be delivered to the City of Richardson's Community Events Office 2100E. Campbell Road, Suite 100, Richardson, TX 75081

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Cell Phone _____ Parent's E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

School _____

Art Teacher _____ Grade _____



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COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL FEATURED ARTIST - KARINA LLERGO

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Llergo, who has been based in Chicago for more than a decade, has received high praise for her paintings. She has won numerous Outstanding Achievement and Best of Show awards at distinguished art shows and exhibitions throughout the United States. A panel of jurors reviewed the artwork from hundreds of artists competing in 14 categories and chose the multicultural heritage artist to represent the spring event. Celebrating 54 years, the semi-annual Cottonwood Art Festival is a juried art show that has become a Richardson tradition and

one of the most prestigious fine arts festivals in the country. It ranks among the Top 10 Fine Art Shows. Returning attendees can expect all their favorite things including unique art from more than 200 artists, live music and food. The artists will exhibit in a variety of mediums including jewelry, digital, 3D mixed media, wood, sculptures and more. Children are also invited to join in on the fun at the Cottonwood Art Festival. The ArtStop Children's area will feature fun activities such as learning the basics of weaving, creating with clay, painting like Picasso and more.

There is also an activity called Culture Corner that aims to highlight different cultures. The food court will feature some festival favorites as well as some tasty items from new food vendors. Expect everything from BBQ and southern cooking to handcrafted soda and espresso. Entry into the festival is free, including free parking. It will be open May 6 from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and May 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. More information about the Cottonwood Art Festival can be found at www.cottonwoodartfestival.com.



Featured Artist: Karina Llergo





EVENTS

S.I.P. TALKS (Senior Informational Presentations)

Thur., March 9, 10 a.m.
Seniors are especially susceptible to UTIs. Come learn some tips and tools for dealing with a UTI at its onset. Membership not required. Cost: Free. Must register.

Movie Matinee

Thur. March 9, Noon.
Join us for a showing of "The Book Thief." This event is sponsored by United Healthcare. Membership is not required. Cost: Free. Must register.

Around The World!

Wed., March 15, 1 p.m.
Join us for a series of fun monthly presentations as we learn about various parts of the world. This month will be part 1 of a 3-part series, "Cruising from Costa Rica to the Panama Canal." No membership required. Cost: Free.

Concert with Jazzland Band

Thurs., March 16, 11:30 a.m.
Cost: Free. Must register.

Tech Support for Seniors

Thur., March 16, 10 a.m.
This talk will help to explain how to better protect yourself against internet scams, how to get the most out of your iPhone or iPad and more. Cost: Free. Must register.

Understanding Medicare & Medicare Plans

Thur. March 16, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Learn how Medicare works, what it covers, different choices available to you and various plan options. Cost: Free.

St. Paddy Lunch

Thur., March 17, 11:30 a.m.
Grab your friends and head on over for a St. Patrick's Day lunch of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and dessert. Space is limited. Cost: \$5. Must register.

The Dallas Texas Gene Autry Fan Club Presents:

Thur., March 23, 12:30 p.m.
Mother-daughter duo singers Joni & Olivia Harms. No membership required. Cost: Free.
E-mail baumann.jerry@yahoo.com

Texas Winds Musical Concert

Thur., March 30, 10 a.m.
No membership required. Cost: Free. Must register.

Fashion Show with Jayne (The Bag Lady)

Thur., March 30, 1 p.m.
No membership required. Cost: Free. Must register.

TRIPS

Schulenburg Painted Churches

April 12-13
Visit five colorful, historic-painted churches in the country side around Schulenburg. Includes wine tasting, tour and a gourmet dinner at Majek Winery. Commentary by historian Byron Cain.

Out to Lunch Bunch

• Mar. 14, Spring Creek BBQ
Transportation fee: \$2

For more information, to register for events or purchase tickets, call 972-744-7800.

March 2023 events calendar

4 Saturday

It's Time Texas - Zumba

Heights Recreation Center | Noon
Take an advantage of a free Zumba class as part of the It's Time Texas Community Challenge.
Cost: Free.
www.ittcommunitychallenge.com

"Stars of the Future"

Eisemann Center | 8 p.m.
Join the Richardson Symphony Orchestra for a performance titled "Stars of the Future." The mischief, mythical fairies and innocent lovers that Shakespeare brought to life in his "A Midsummer Night's Dream," are magically portrayed through Mendelssohn's "incidental" music.
Cost: \$15-\$75.
www.eisemanncenter.com

Creatures in the Garden

Richardson Public Library
10:30 a.m.-noon.
Chrissy Cortez-Mathis, North Texas Master Naturalist, will teach you about all the different critters that call the garden home, with some fun facts about each. The lecture will focus on biodiversity and sustainability.
Cost: Free
www.cor.net/library

11 Saturday

The Brit Pack

Eisemann Center | 7:30 p.m.
Back by popular demand. The Brit Pack will take it's audience on a journey through a dynamic blend of British classics known and loved by all, including The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Queen, David Bowie, Elton John, The Who, Oasis, Radiohead, The Police, Amy Winehouse and many more.
Cost: \$38-\$46
www.eisemanncenter.com

Chamber Music International

St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church
7:30 p.m.
Enjoy the Chamber Music International for this juxtaposition of Bach, Bartók and Brahms. This program's featured artist is violinist Nai-Yuan Hu. He is a gold medalist of the 1985 Queen Elizabeth Competition in Brussels and highly distinguished

concert and recording artist.
Cost: \$40 adults, \$35 seniors, \$10 students
www.chambermusicinternational.org

12 Sunday

Sweet Caroline Tour

Eisemann Center | 2 p.m.
Jay White and the Sweet Caroline Tour Band pays homage to Neil Diamond by performing the hits and beloved gems you know and love.
Cost: \$45-\$60
www.eisemanncenter.com

16 Thursday

Time Travel Through Richardson

Richardson Public Library | 2-3 p.m.
Local History Librarian Stacey Davis will lead attendees through Richardson's history, highlighting each decade with activities and fun facts. Attendees will receive a commemorative 150th Anniversary button.
Cost: Free.
www.cor.net/library

17 Friday

"Broadway's Best Divas" | Through March 26

Repertory Company Theatre
2 p.m. (Sunday),
7:30 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)
See your favorite Divas sing Broadway songs made popular by the guys.
Cost: \$35 adults, \$19 youth
www.rcttheatre.com

18 Saturday

"Churchill" | March 18-19

Eisemann Center
2 p.m. (March 18-19), 7:30 p.m. (March 18)
Brought to you by Eisemann Center Presents, veteran British actor, David Payne brings "Churchill" to life onstage. Winston Churchill has just been awarded honorary US citizenship by President John F. Kennedy. In recognition of the unprecedented occasion, The American-Oxford Society has asked the former Prime

Minister to address them and discuss what this honor means to him.
Cost: \$46-\$52.
www.eisemanncenter.com

19 Sunday

"Celtic Angels Ireland"

Eisemann Center | 3 p.m.
Headed by the powerhouse creative direct from Ireland and featuring award winning Irish and World Champion Singers, Dancers, and Musicians. "Celtic Angels Ireland" is a theatrical feast for all ages.
Cost: \$37-\$49
www.eisemanncenter.com

22 Wednesday

"A Historic Evening with Natan Sharansky"

Eisemann Center | 7:30 p.m.
Natan Sharansky is a human rights activist, prominent Israeli leader who spent nine years in Soviet prisons as a refusenik during the 1970s and 1980s.
Cost: \$25-\$54
www.eisemanncenter.com

23 Thursday

Finance and Budgeting for Adults

Richardson Public Library
7-8:30 p.m.
Learn budgeting basics and what you need to know about savings, credit and debt from financial expert, Paul Falcon, of the Texans Credit Union.
Cost: Free
www.cor.net/library

24 Friday

"A Trip To Bountiful"

Through April 16
The Core Theatre
3 p.m. (Sunday), 8 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)
In her autumn years Carrie Watts dreams of escape from the bustling city and of a return to simpler times in her beloved Bountiful, Texas. She sets out on a risky journey to her long-lost hometown, with her family in hot pursuit.

Cost: \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 students.
www.thecoretheatre.org

25 Saturday

"Dancing Beyond Borders"

Eisemann Center | 7:30 p.m.
The Dallas Black Dance Theatre takes its talents across metroplex boundaries by "Dancing Beyond Borders, pushing the lines of contemporary modern dance.
Cost: \$47
www.eisemanncenter.com

26 Sunday

"Come Rain or Shine"

Eisemann Center | 3 p.m.
It's raining great tunes that are "water" related, from Handel's "Water Music" to Prince's "Purple Rain." You can get showered with wonderful tunes.
Cost: Free
www.richardsoncommunityband.org

31 Friday

"Driving Miss Daisy"

Through April 16
Richardson Theatre Centre
2 p.m. (Sunday), 7:30 p.m. (Thursday), 8 p.m. (Friday-Saturday)
When Daisy Wertham, a stubborn, elderly Southern Widow, crashes her new car into the neighbor's garage, her son forces her to take on a chauffeur. At first Daisy refuses to rely on a black man to get her from one place to the next. Gradually, however, Daisy's prejudices are broken down and he becomes her best friend.
Cost: \$22 adults, \$20 seniors & students (Friday-Saturday), \$20 adults, \$18 seniors & students (Thursday & Sunday)
www.richardsontheatrecentre.net

2023 trash bash

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Join the annual city-wide Community Cleanup Event.

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RICHARDSON 150th EVENTS CALENDAR

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ANIMAL ADOPTIONS | THROUGH JUNE 24
Richardson Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr.
The Animal Shelter has met its goal of adopting 150 animals, but is still looking to find forever homes for other animals.

ROUTH PIONEER CEMETERY TOUR | SATURDAY, APRIL 1
9-10 a.m., Spring Creek Trail
Join us as we visit the final resting places and hear the stories of our area's early pioneers.

ALTRUSA KINDESS ACTION NETWORK | SATURDAY, APRIL 1
9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1960 Nantucket Dr.
This event will have pet adoption and foster opportunities and rescue centers onsite. Attendees can help create 150 kits for foster kitten parents and make 150 kits for Days for Girls and New Friends New Life. Altrusa is also collecting 150 books to donate.

PHOTO SCANNING EVENT | SATURDAY, APRIL 15
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.
Patrons are invited to bring their historical Richardson photos to be scanned and added to the City's Local History collection.



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

Adults ages 50 and older are welcome. Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. The Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, can be accompanied by a caregiver/assistant. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

CLASSES

Unless otherwise noted, you may pay for classes 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 all class and program registrations unless otherwise indicated.

ADD Plus Square Dance

1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays | 6-8 p.m.
Join us for an evening of Plus Square dancing. Instructor: Mike Bramlett. Fee: \$50 a quarter per dancer, \$10 drop-in fee.

New! American Sign Language Class

Beginner 2 | March 7
This class is for students who have taken the Beginner 1 course. Learn the basics of signing words and letters and put together sentences and conversational grammar. No prior experience necessary. Eight-week session. Tuesdays, 5 p.m. Instructor: Honey McDermott. Fee: \$52

American Sign Language Class

Intermediate | Through April 18
For intermediate students who have taken American Sign Language Class Beginner. Eight-week session begins Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Instructor: Honey McDermott. Fee: \$52.

New! American Sign Language Class

Advanced | March 7
For students who have taken American Sign Language Class Intermediate. Eight-week session begins Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Instructor: Honey McDermott. Fee: \$52.

New! French Beginner 1 | March 7

No previous class experience needed. Six-week session. Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Instructor: Wadad Finan. Fee: \$52.

New! French Beginner 2 | March 7

This class is for students who have taken the Beginner 1 course. Six-week session. Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Instructor: Wadad Finan. Fee: \$52.

ESL Class (English as a Second Language) | March 1 or 6

Classes teach writing, reading, speaking and listening comprehension skills to adult English language learners. Mondays and Wednesdays at 6-7 p.m. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee \$55 for eight classes.

Creative Writing | Wednesdays

Enjoy and experience writing for pleasure, Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring your own writing implements: pencil, pen or markers and writing paper. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee: \$35/month (four classes).

Technology 101 | March 6

Receive assistance navigating the technology world of smart devices and learn how to avoid being a victim of cyber fraud, virus and malware. Offered monthly. Monday, March 6, 11 a.m.-noon, Instructor: Dennis Bryant. Fee: \$10 for four classes.

New! Adult Computer Literacy Class

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center presents the Adults Technology Services (OATS) flagship program, Senior Planet, to host FREE trainings in March. Each class is at 6:30-7:45 p.m. Membership is required.

- Monday, March 6 (Google Workspace)
- Monday, March 20 (Google Drive)
- Monday, March 27 (Google Slides Part 1)

Ukulele Afternoon Group | Mondays

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.

New! Color Your Cares Away |

2nd Monday
Join our popular adult coloring group! Come and explore your artistic side, meet new people, and have FUN. Colored pencils, gel pens, coloring sheets, and other materials will be provided, or you may bring your own. Held the second Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No fee.

Saturday Ceramics Class | Saturdays

Create beautiful ceramic pieces. Open to all levels. Classes will be held on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Instructor Pam Fulton. Fee: \$40/month (four classes) plus any additional cost for your project which you will pay to instructor.

Let's Draw | Mondays

Learn fundamental drawing skills such as shading, tones and drawing methods. Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Need: Sketch book and drawing implements. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee: \$12/class or \$45/month.

Watercolor | Tuesdays

Learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Intermediate and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list. Instructor: Renata Sharman. Fee: \$22/class or \$80/month.

Basic Acrylic and Oil Painting | Thursdays

Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are welcome. Thursdays from 1-3:45 p.m. Instructor: Chris Oppermann. Fee: \$17/class or \$50/month.

Fun with Oils | Thursdays

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

New! Watercolor Doodle | March 18

Enjoy a relaxing watercolor session with Twist Squiggle & Doodle. This session is approximately 1½ hours and includes all supplies. You will create a one of a kind 11" x 15" watercolor work of art. The image is on the watercolor pad, ready to paint. Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$16.

New! AARP Driver Safety |

April 10
This course is available through AARP. This course could be used to decrease your insurance rate. Please pay the instructor directly, \$25 for non-AARP members, \$20 for AARP members. Check or exact cash required. Bring driver's license and AARP card. April 10, 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Membership not required. Call 972-744-7800 to register.

New! Considering Unretirement? |

March 7
Is the isolation of retirement beginning to get to you? Is inflation chewing away at your budget? Perhaps part-time work appeals to you. There are help wanted signs everywhere offering flexible scheduling or remote employment. Join us as we discuss opportunities that are available to you and jobs that will match your skill set. Tuesday, March 7, 10 a.m.-noon. Instructor: Ron Tartarella. Membership not required. Fee: \$15.

New! Study of Independent Senior

Living Options | March 14 and 21
This two-part class will help guide you to make an informed decision about independent senior living options for those 55 and older. The first

week, the class will explore your wants and needs, budgets and lifestyle changes we make as we age. The next week, the class will analyze the specifics like master planned housing communities, condos, co-ops, life care facilities and senior apartments and more. Tuesdays, March 14 and 21, 10 a.m.-noon. Instructor: Kathy Tartarella. Membership not required. Fee: \$15.

Pocket Billiards Class

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

Crochet | Thursdays

Learn how to crochet or learn more difficult patterns. Bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn. Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Instructor: Barbara Stevenson. Fee: \$5 per class.

Trivia Time | 1st Wednesday

Come join us the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. Free to play! Prizes to win! Membership not required.

New! Card Making | 3rd Monday

Enjoy card making? New to the hobby? Come join our free homemade card making club and learn how to creatively and beautifully craft your own cards. Each month will be a different themed card. Third Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No fee.

New! Just Crafting Around | 4th Monday

Join our Just Crafting Around group for a time of camaraderie, laughs, fun, and of course crafting! No experience necessary. All supplies will be provided. Fourth Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m. No fee.

PROGRAMS

Tennis League

Huffhines Tennis Center offers play times exclusive to seniors. Call 972-744-7870.

Senior Bowling League

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. For 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. For information, contact Tom Zale, president, at 972-238-9258, or Jim White at 972-234-6167/jmjwhite@tx.rr.com.

Senior Table Tennis |

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

Thinking Things | Wednesdays

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. Every Wednesday at 1 p.m. No fee.

The Richardson Senior Dance

The calendar lists the dates for this month's Saturday night dances.

- March 4 - King of Swing
- March 11 - Dave Tanner
- March 25 - Danny Romo (C/W)

Time: 7-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 includes light refreshments

Texas Reelers Square Dance |

1st and 3rd Friday
The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club first and third Friday of every month. Lessons start in March and September, 7:30-10 p.m. www.

facebook.com/texasreelers. E-mail president@texasreelers.org for details. Fee: \$8.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance |

3rd Saturday
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 | 1st Thursday

Come and enjoy the sounds of an 11-piece band, "The New Kings of Swing," dance and have refreshments. First Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. No fee. Membership not required.

Bingo | 3rd Thursday

2-3 p.m. No fee. Membership not required.

Tatting | Tuesdays

Learn the ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string. Only one stitch is used. Tuesdays, 3:30-7 p.m. (come and go) No fee.

Needleworks | Tuesdays

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

Pool Tournaments | Fridays

Fridays at noon. Registration begins at 11 a.m. No fee.

Plano American Sewing Guild

Community | 1st Friday
American Sewing Guild is a nationwide group of sewing enthusiasts. The Community Sew activity group sews items needed by local nonprofits. Participants bring their own sewing machine, thread and sewing notions. First Friday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Drop Everything & Read (Book Club)

Last Wednesday
Looking for a fun way to enjoy books and meet new people? Join our book club! Held the last Wednesday (March 29), 11 a.m. This month's book, "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty.

50+ Chess Club | Thursdays

All playing strengths are welcome. Call 972-744-7800 for more information. 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. Call 972-238-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Richardson Public Library

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

SERVICES

Transportation Service

Offered to Richardson residents ages 50 and over. Operates Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Rides within the city limits are 25 cents each way. General transportation reservations begin 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.

New! Grief Support | 2nd Friday

If you have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably not found many who fully understand the deep hurt you have felt. That's the reason for Grief Support. This month we will focus on sleep/nutrition while grieving. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. There is no fee, and no membership is required.

Stroke Caregivers Support Group | 1st Thursday

Caregiving is a tough and demanding job. This group is designed to give support to those who are taking care of loved ones with a long-term disability, such as stroke or some other disabling condition. All are welcome. We care about what you are going through! Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. No fee. Membership not required.

New! Let's Talk Military | 2nd Wednesday

Come reminisce and share stories of your military days. Join fellow retired service members for this informal time of reminiscing and camaraderie. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. No fee. No membership required.

Free Notary Services | 2nd Thursday

This service is free to all seniors ages 50 and older. Every second Thursday of the month from 9-11 a.m. Call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment. Services are provided by Signing Agent Kiksha Patterson of Nemo Notary Etc.

The Seniors' Net

The Network of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services to help seniors remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include handyman services, seminars, Loads of Love, home delivered groceries and holiday baskets. Loads of Love has expanded to not only include bread, but also canned goods and fresh produce when available. Additionally, Network hosts a Senior Thursday event every week, which provides a hot lunch, entertainment and a chance to socialize. Seniors residing within Richardson ISD may come to Senior Thursday at the Network offices (1500 International Pkwy.) Every Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 972-234-8880.

First Richardson Helpers

Minor home maintenance and repair services to seniors. 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 aids with code enforcement issues. To request service, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-996-0160 or visit online at www.firstrichardsonhelpers.org and click on "Request for Services."

New! The Senior Source

The Senior Source Agency 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 appointments on April 14.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RSVP Volunteer Program

For those 55 or older looking to volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas and Collin County. Help with mailouts, assembling "goodie bags" and other light tasks. For more information, call 214-525-6168.

FITNESS

New! Nia | Thursdays

Nia is a powerful fusion of dance, martial arts and mindfulness practices. Set to music, participants are invited to step in, leave their shoes behind and choose movement that feels good. Nia is a system of 52 simple moves that delivers full-body conditioning leaving you energized, mentally clear, and emotionally balanced. Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Instructor: Jan Hoff. Fee: \$35/month (four classes) or \$10/class. Free demo class Thursday, March 30 at 5:30 p.m. Call to reserve your spot 972-744-7800. Class begins on April 6.

New! Karate Beginner | Tuesdays

During the class you will work to improve flexibility, increase balance, and improve core and physical strength. The pace of the classes are adjusted to the needs of the learners. This process will engage and support your cognitive function. Karate is good for your body and brain. Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Instructor: Witek Nowosiad. Fee: \$48/month (four classes).

Flexibility: Use It or Lose It! | Mondays and Fridays

This class helps improve your posture, mobility, circulation, and more. As we seek to be at our best at any age, it is important that we develop practices for longevity and endurance. We will lengthen and strengthen our muscles and tendons to keep our bodies toned, much as we keep our cars tuned. Like cars, our bodies take us to places that we need to go. So, let's take care of them. Mondays 6-7:30 p.m. or Fridays 1-2:30 p.m. Instructor: Tess Duke, CHNC. Fee: \$30/month (four classes) or \$8/class. Required equipment: Yoga mat.

New! Flex Bend Balance Level 2 | Mondays and Wednesdays

The Level 2 class focuses on fall prevention, balance and leg strength. Class is suitable for people recovering from broken hips, joint replacement, and arthritis. Mondays 3:30 p.m. or Wednesdays 3:30 p.m. Instructor: Lynne Patterson. Fee: \$32/month (four classes) or \$8/class. Required equipment: Yoga mat, light and heavy dumbbells, large towel, and strap with handles. Free demo class Wednesday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. call to reserve your spot 972-744-7800. Classes begin March 6 or March 8.

New! Flex Bend Balance Level 3 | Mondays and Wednesdays

The Level 3 class focuses on alignment, posture, flexibility and building strength using body weight and dumbbells. Mondays 2:30 p.m. or Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. Instructor: Lynne Patterson. Fee: \$32/month (four classes) or \$8/class. Required equipment: Yoga mat, light and heavy dumbbells, large towel, strap with handles, and resistance loops for leg. Free demo class Wednesday, March 1 at 2:30 p.m. Call to reserve your spot 972-744-7800. Classes begin March 6 or March 8.

Your Best Version Boot Camp | Saturdays

Come be a part of a beginners class of guided total body workouts. Saturdays, 8:15 a.m. Instructor: Coach Ekong. Fee: \$40/month (four classes) or \$15/class. Hand weights and a mat required.

Yoga Barre | Wednesdays and Fridays

This is a gentle and beginner-friendly class that requires no experience. We utilize the barre in class to strengthen and tone our muscles through a gentle mix of yoga stretches and breath work, classic ballet poses, and modified Pilates movements designed to build strength in the core and sculpt and tone our entire body. Wednesdays, at 9:30 a.m. or Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Jennifer Howard. Fee: \$32/month (four classes) or \$8 class.

Hatha Yoga | Tuesdays or Thursdays

You will move your body slowly and deliberately into different poses that challenge your strength and flexibility, while at the same time focusing on relaxation and mindfulness. Tuesdays or Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Instructor: Bharati Amin. Fee: \$5/class.

New! Gentle Flow Yoga | Tuesdays

Come stretch your body and your mind in a yoga class designed just for YOU. We'll focus on balance, strength, and flexibility in this gentle style class that is perfect for beginners as well as seasoned yogis. You will leave the class feeling energized, refreshed, and relaxed. Be sure to bring your yoga mat! Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$7/class. Instructor: Nancy Watson.

New! Chair Yoga for All with Nancy | Wednesdays

Chair yoga is a gentle style of yoga where postures are performed seated and/or with the help of a chair. Perfect for beginners or for those who don't want to get up and down off the floor, chair yoga is also great for practitioners who might be recovering from an injury or surgery. In this class, you will increase your flexibility, strength, and body awareness, as well as learn some breathing and meditation pointers to promote focus, mental clarity, and relaxation. Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Fee: \$7/class. Instructor: Nancy Watson.

Chair Yoga with Chrissy | Mondays and Fridays

Tailored to fit abilities and fitness levels. Focus is on body alignment and breath awareness. yogawithchrissy@live.com. Mondays, 9:15-10:15 a.m.; Fridays, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Fee: \$7/class.

Pickleball | Mondays and Fridays

Huffhines Rec Center, 200 N. Plano Rd. Fridays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 972-744-7850; *Heights Rec Center*, 711 W. Arapaho Rd. Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 972 744-7881.

Private Trainer: How is Your Balance?

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

Aerobic Exercise | Tuesdays and Thursdays

Start your morning right! Tuesdays or Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m. Instructor: Renata Racher. Fee: \$3.

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class | Mondays and Wednesdays

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30/month (four classes). Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$30/month (four classes). Instructor: Elaine Hosage. Dumbbells and a resistance band required.

Fit for Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class for the Next Level of Fitness | Mondays and Wednesdays

Mondays, 10-11 a.m. or Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. \$30/month (four classes). Instructor: Elaine Hosage. Requires: dumbbells and resistance band.

Senior Boxing Class | Tuesdays

The TeamTEF Therapeutic Boxing Program is

designed to rejuvenate the 50+ community. Benefits include hand-eye coordination, sharpening of reflexes and fine motor skills and benefits for individuals with Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and heart disease. Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. Fee: \$40/month (four classes), \$10 for fifth Tuesday.

Tai Chi Meditation | Mondays

Tai Chi is sometimes described as meditation in motion because it promotes serenity through gentle movements—connecting the mind and body. Mondays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Instructor: Philip Russell. Fee: \$7.

Zumba Gold | Fridays

A fitness program based on Latin and international dance styles with lower-intensity, easy-to-follow choreography focusing on balance, range of motion and coordination. No dance experience required and all levels welcome. Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$25/month (four classes) or \$7/class. Instructor: Sheryl Case.

New Zumba Gold Toning | Tuesdays

Zumba Gold-Toning blends the Zumba party you love at a slower pace with a redefining total body workout using Zumba Toning Sticks to shake up those muscles. Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Fee: \$25/month (four classes) or \$7/class. Instructor Sheryl Case.

Fitness Room Orientation | March 20

Not sure how to use the equipment? This consultation gives you a quick overview of how to use the weight machines and cardio equipment. Call 972-744-7800. Monday, March 20, 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. No fee.

DANCE CLASSES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center membership required. Instructor: Frances Halvorson

Absolute Beginner Line Dance

Every Tuesday, 1:30-2:30 p.m., \$12/month

Beginner Line Dance

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

Improver Line Dance

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

Low Improver Line Dance

Every Friday, 1-2:30 p.m., \$4/class or \$16/month

Beginner Line Dance

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

GAMES

Bunco

Every Friday, 1 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge

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

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Every Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Canasta

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

Mah Jongg

Every Monday, 9:30 a.m.

Many other games such as Chess, Scrabble, Skip-bo, Rummi-Cubes and Dominoes are played by our patrons.

Cribbage

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Party Bridge

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



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



CREATURES IN THE GARDEN

WITH CHRISSY CORTEZ-MATHIS
 Saturday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.-noon
 Basement Program Room

For adults and teens

Chrissy Cortez-Mathis, North Texas Master Naturalist, will teach us all about all the different critters that call the garden home, with some fun facts about each. The lecture will also focus on biodiversity and sustainability.



BASEBALL SCOREKEEPING 101

Saturday, March 11
 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Basement Training Room
 For adults and teens

The start of the baseball season is upon us! Come learn the basics of baseball scorekeeping, a tradition that began about 150 years ago. This event is perfect for beginners, as we will cover the basic techniques. There is truly an art to scorekeeping, and it can increase your appreciation of the great game of baseball.



MAGIC: THE GATHERING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, March 18, 2-4 p.m.
 Basement Training Room, for adults and teens

Learn about the real-world history of the game along with the in-game lore, the mechanics of the game, and how to actually play! Registration required; e-mail katie.fullerton@cor.gov to register.



THE TRAVELING PROFESSOR: PERU

Tuesday, March 21, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
 Basement Program Room, for adults and teens
 Join Professor Steve Solosky on an adventure like no other to Peru in South America. Visit cosmopolitan Lima, where the best food in the world can be found. Then it is off to the stone city of Cusco, the center of Incan culture. Travel through mountains and valleys to mystic and stunningly beautiful Machu Picchu. Finally, join the professor to study the fascinating, isolated ecosystem of the Amazon jungle.



FINANCE AND BUDGETING FOR ADULTS

Thursday, March 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
 Basement Program Room, for adults

Learn budgeting basics and what you need to know about savings, credit, and debt from financial expert, Paul Falcon of the Texans Credit Union.



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS in the LIBRARY DUBIOUS DEVICES

Saturday, March 25, 1-5 p.m.
 Basement Training Room, for adults and teens
 Experience a fantasy world with Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition. Become an adventurer hired to investigate and retrieve dangerously defective magic items. Choose from 13 premade characters or bring your own Level 3 Adventurer! Beginners are welcome. For adults and teens 13+. E-mail stephen.w.davis@cor.gov to register.



TECH CLASSES, LABS and DEMOS for ADULTS

All classes, unless indicated, held in the Basement Training Room. Laptops are provided. Registration for adults with valid Library card only. Call 972-744-4359 to register for more info.

STUDIO RPL OPEN LAB

Saturday, March 11, 2-5:30 p.m.

FIND IT WITH GOOGLE

Friday, March 31, 10-11:30 a.m.

TIME TRAVEL THROUGH RICHARDSON

Thursday, March 16, 2-3 p.m.
 First Floor Program Room
 For all ages, but aimed at 3rd-5th grades
 Local History Librarian Stacey Davis will lead us through Richardson's history, highlighting each decade with activities and fun facts. Attendees will receive a commemorative 150th Anniversary button.



C-TECH LEARN. CREATE. CONNECT.

Saturday, March 11, 2-3:30 p.m.
 Basement Program Room
 For all ages

Experience technology the fun way at a Come & Go C-TECH afternoon featuring: Quercetti, Magna Tiles, Snap Circuits Jr., LEGOs, Snap Circuits Jr., Ozobots, Sphero Robot, Makey Makey, littleBits and more!



A LITTLE LIBRARY 101: MINI-MASTERS IN A DAY

Tuesday, March 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Youth Services Area and First Floor Program Room
 For all ages

Use the library catalog, organize library items, and make book recommendations like a pro and earn a mini-Masters degree in Library Science!



LIFESIZE GAMES

Wednesday, March 15, 2-4 p.m.
 Basement Program Room and Studio RPL
 For all ages

Giant Jenga? Colossal Candy Land? Play oversized versions of your favorite games for maximum fun!



A WINGS OF FIRE AFTERNOON!

Friday, March 17, 2-4 p.m.
 Youth Services Area and
 First Floor Program Room
 For ages 7+

Fans of Tui Sutherland's Wings of Fire series and other amazing dragons, this event is for you! Forget about chillin' this spring break, join us for a red-hot afternoon of crafts, games and more — with dragons in the spotlight!



NITE! NITE! BEDTIME STORIES

Monday, March 20, 7-7:30 p.m.
 First Floor Program Room; For ages 3-7
 Wind down with songs, books, flannels and other bedtime activities. Wear your favorite comfy pajamas and bring a stuffed animal along.



CUENTOS BILINGÜES para NIÑOS

Saturday, March 11, 11:30 a.m.-noon
 First Floor Program Room, For ages 3-6
 A mix of songs, rhymes, books, crafts and interactive games introducing children to speaking and reading in both English and Spanish.



SPRING STORYTIMES

Storytimes are for Richardson residents only
 Jan. 23-March 3
 March 20-April 28
 Call 972-744-4358 to register

BABY BOOKSIT Ages 6 Weeks-12 Months Old

Introduce baby to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy activities.

Tuesdays
 10-10:20 a.m.



BABY STEPS Ages 12-24 Months Old

Introduce your beginning walker to reading with books, rhymes, music, fingerplays and movement activities.

Please choose one of the following times:
 Tuesday, 10:40-11 a.m.
 Friday, 10:30-10:50 a.m.



WIGGLE WORMS Ages 2-3 Years Old

Introduce your toddler to books and reading with stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.

Please choose one of the following times:
 Monday, 10:30-10:50 a.m.
 Wednesday, 3:30-3:50 p.m.
 Thursday, 10:30-10:50 a.m.



STORYTIME STARS Ages 4-6 Years Old

Engage your children with stories, songs, fingerplays, puppets and more.

Please choose one of the following times:
 Tuesday, 3:30-4 p.m.
 Wednesday, 10:30-11 a.m.

