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Emergency Operations Center helps City prepare



Emergency Management Coordinator Mistie Gardner recently presented a training session at the Emergency Operations Center to prepare City employees for an event that will require the activation of the EOC. The new facility allows staff to meet at a central location and respond quickly and cohesively to any situation.

An emergency can strike at any time and one of Richardson's newest facilities is ensuring that the City will be ready when it does.

The Emergency Operations Center, which shares a building with the Fire Training Center, opened in October 2013 and immediately improved the City's ability to respond to crises of all kinds. The new, 11,500-square-foot facility was funded in part through the 2010 Bond Program as well as the Homeland Security Grant Program and includes an Emergency Op-

erations Center, tactical breakout rooms, a backup dispatch center and state-of-the-art communications equipment that can be activated in minutes instead of hours.

"Previously, the City did not have a dedicated Emergency Operations Center, and it took several hours to move equipment and set up a response center where space was available," said Mistie Gardner, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Richardson. "Now, we have everything we need in a central location built

specifically to support emergency operations. We are now able to mobilize a unified response in much less time."

The walls of the EOC are covered with whiteboards and large flat screen displays that can be tuned to internal feeds, national news or other sources. It comfortably seats up to 50 people and their equipment, allowing representatives from all City departments to meet in one place to quickly and cohesively develop a response plan.

The facility was originally built as a training center for the Fire Department. The advanced technology allows trainees to experience real-world situations through surround-sound speakers and projected images that can be manipulated based on immediate reactions

"Combining the EOC and Fire Training Center was a win-win for both departments," Gardner said. "The Fire Department is now able to use equipment it would not normally be able to access on a regular basis, and the Office of Emergency Management has plenty of opportunities to test our systems and make sure they are ready and working at all times."

Portions of the facility have already been activated to support emergency responders and staff utilize every activation as an opportunity to improve available re-

sources. The Office of Emergency Management works year-round to be prepared for all hazards. They coordinate response plan updates, frequent training sessions, and citywide disaster response drills every year for City departments that respond firsthand to emergencies.

Through meticulous planning and the expanded capabilities of the new EOC, the City is more prepared than ever to handle any type of emergency.

"This facility is one of the best in the region, and we expect that it will be a model for other communities," Gardner said. "It has dramatically transformed our ability to respond to emergencies in Richardson."

The Fire Training Center was designed for multiple uses. The 11,500-square-foot complex, located at 1601 E. Lookout Dr., contains:

- Emergency Operations Center/training classroom
- Backup emergency dispatch center
- Communications tower
- Four-story fire department training tower
- Equipment storage building
- Offices
- Locker Rooms
- Dedicated room for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (R.A.C.E.S.)

Richardson moves to once a week watering

The City of Richardson has adopted a once a week outdoor irrigation schedule for water customers. The change follows North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) board action to increase water use in order to maintain water quality within its service system.

The NTMWD requires regular flow of water in order to ensure chlorine levels remain in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards. Chlorine levels decrease when water remains in the system for too long and is exposed to high temperatures. Richardson's system is performing well within safety parameters, but will benefit from the once a week schedule. City staff will continue to monitor and test water quality within the system and will assess whether hydrant flushing becomes necessary.

While conservation measures are being alleviated to ensure quality, conservation efforts will still be necessary for the foreseeable future. Currently, all reservoirs used by the NTMWD for water supply remain below normal levels. District officials urge customers to continue observing the Stage 3 guidelines, set irrigation systems manually and only water lawns if needed. The NTMWD has given direction that it expects to readopt every other week watering again in November.

To view the water schedule, visit cor.net/waterconservation. To receive a recommendation for how much supplemental water your lawn actually needs based on weather conditions, sign up at WaterMyYard.org. More information and tips on water conservation can be found at northtexaswateriq.org and ntmwd.com.

Lawn irrigation schedule (once a week until further notice)

Last Digit of Address	Allowed landscape water day
0, 2, 4, 6, 8 (Even)	Every Saturday
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (Odd)	Every Sunday

No watering is allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., or during times of precipitation, and excessive water runoff from a landscaped area to an impervious surface is prohibited.

There's an art to having fun!

Cottonwood Art Festival

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Cottonwood Park • City of Richardson

- Museum-quality works from over 240 artists
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Saturday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. • Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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CottonwoodArtFestival.com

Communications key in emergencies

In the days following Hurricane Katrina, Scott Greeson saw the value of ham radio operators.

Greeson, who serves as the City of Richardson Response and Recovery Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Management, said when modern technology failed, simple amateur (or ham) radios operated by members of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (R.A.C.E.S.) allowed communication lines to remain open.

"We all hear the stories of what went wrong, but believe it or not there were some successes during Katrina," he said. "One of those successes was that the R.A.C.E.S. piece worked as designed when all other communications systems failed. I remember vividly, the prized technology of cell phones and satellite phones failing and becoming nothing more than paper weights and the frustration on people's faces as jurisdictional and state wide radio networks were crippled as well. First responders and emergency managers will tell you that communications are vital to a successful operation. If you lose communications, you are in trouble."

R.A.C.E.S., a nationwide volunteer network of amateur radio operators who undergo extensive training in communications, is a key piece of the City of Richardson's emergency response plan. A room in the new Emergency Operations Center is outfitted with radios and other communication equipment, and R.A.C.E.S. members train with first responders



The R.A.C.E.S. group and the Richardson Wireless Klub participate annually in a 24-hour ham radio demonstration as part of the nationwide "Field Day" event that shows how ham radio can be used for emergency radio communications.

to ensure they can work together when needed.

"The City was able to infuse a synergy to the Fire Training/Emergency Operations Center to provide a dedicated office that houses one of the best amateur radio set-ups in the southern region of the United States," Greeson said. "I would dare to say this system, coupled with our Richardson R.A.C.E.S. programs, gives the City of Richardson a very dynamic communication option and provides capabilities that most jurisdictions could only dream of having within their own operations. The citizens of the City of Richardson

should feel proud that we have such a strong team in place."

Roger Stierman serves as the leader of the R.A.C.E.S. group. An amateur radio enthusiast since he was in eighth grade nearly 40 years ago, Stierman said the group has about 20 members who must undergo background checks before they can become part of the group.

"R.A.C.E.S. started in the 1950s as a way to organize radio amateurs for emergency communication," Stierman said. "The City recognizes that skilled radio users can be important during a time of disaster."

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Richardson is fortunate to have a great many things going for it, especially in terms of public safety! We are an official "Storm Ready" community designated by the National Weather Service thanks to our proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations. And, this year our community received a Class 1 fire rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) which maximizes your ability to save money on property insurance.



Mayor Laura Maczka
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One of the most significant steps to improve public safety recently was the completion of our new Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center which also houses a location for backup 911 service. The facility was made possible thanks to the 2010 Bond Program and funding from the Homeland Security Grant Program, and just last month the Fire Department graduated its first class of recruits trained using the new site.

Richardson also continues to rank as one of the safest communities in the Metroplex thanks to our well-equipped police department and exceptional group of more than 700 Crime Watch Patrol members and other volunteers. In addition, our Office of Emergency Management has brought in more than three million dollars in grant funding during the past few years

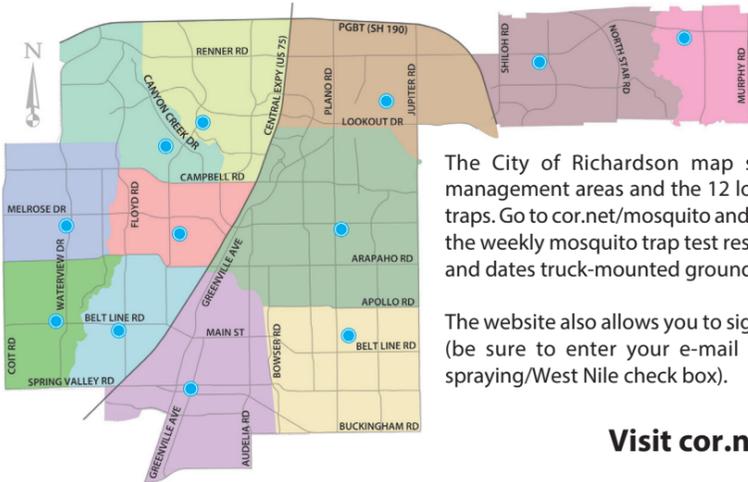
to improve our community's state of readiness.

We are fortunate in Richardson to have the mix of quality employers and variety of neighborhoods that allow us to provide some of the best emergency services available in the Metroplex! And, while we all hope we never have the need for them, it is definitely comforting to know we have some of the best equipped and well trained first responders available if we ever need them.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka
Mayor

Find information online about mosquito control activity



The City of Richardson map shown indicates the 12 mosquito management areas and the 12 locations of the mosquito surveillance traps. Go to cor.net/mosquito and click on the area where you live to see the weekly mosquito trap test results, dates storm drains were sprayed and dates truck-mounted ground spraying was done (if necessary).

The website also allows you to sign up for mosquito spray notifications (be sure to enter your e-mail address and choose the mosquito spraying/West Nile check box).

Visit cor.net/mosquito

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including Richardson Today, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, the Police Department and Richardson's com-

munity events. You can also view CITYV videos on YouTube. Visit cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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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:

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Sign up to receive the City's "Week In Review" e-mail, which is sent each Friday, as well as to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and information about weather-related activities and the West Nile virus. Visit cor.net/ENews, and select the options you would like to subscribe to.



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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend. Each meeting's agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

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

Requesting an Accommodation

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

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Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

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BE READY RICHARDSON!

Practice and Prepare

Know where you'll meet your family during and after a tornado. Practice a tornado drill annually. Keep a weather radio in your storm shelter, along with your emergency kit.

Seek Shelter

Go to your basement, a small interior room, or under stairs on the lowest floor of the house. If outside, find low ground—away from trees and cars—and lie face down with your arms protecting your head.

After the storm

Stay away from downed power lines, and avoid flooded areas—power lines could be submerged and still live with electricity. Don't enter seriously damaged buildings and avoid using matches and lighters in case of gas leaks.



BE INFORMED

Ready.Gov/Tornadoes



Install smoke detectors

A working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half.

Know two ways out of every room

Draw a diagram of your home. Plan and practice at least twice a year.

Expect the unexpected

Make sure everyone can quickly unlock all locks, windows and doors, even in the dark.

Get out fast

Don't stop for anything.

Test every door before you open it

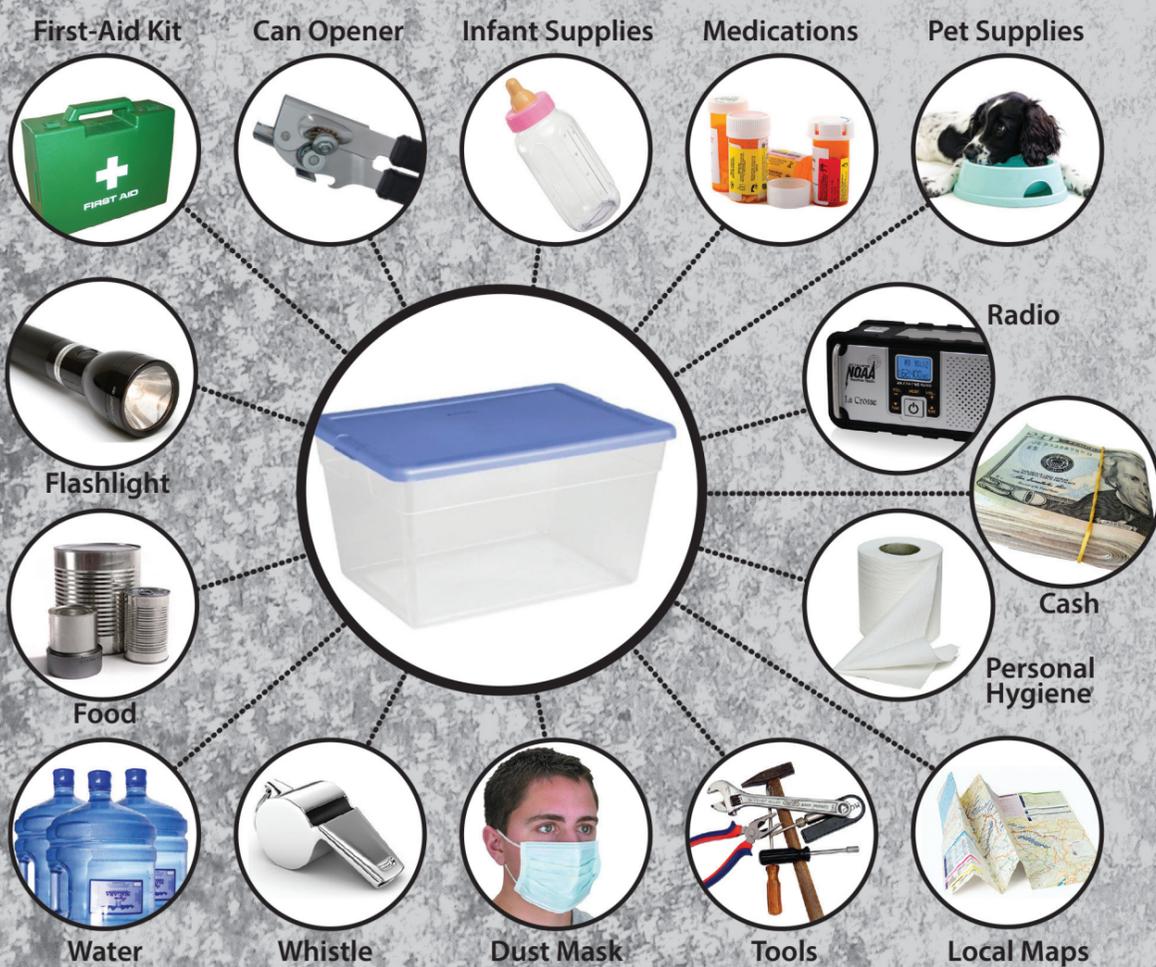
Make sure the door, the door knob and the space between the door and the frame is not hot. If it is, use a second way out.

Choose a meeting place

Don't go back in the house, no matter what.

Ready.Gov/Home-Fires

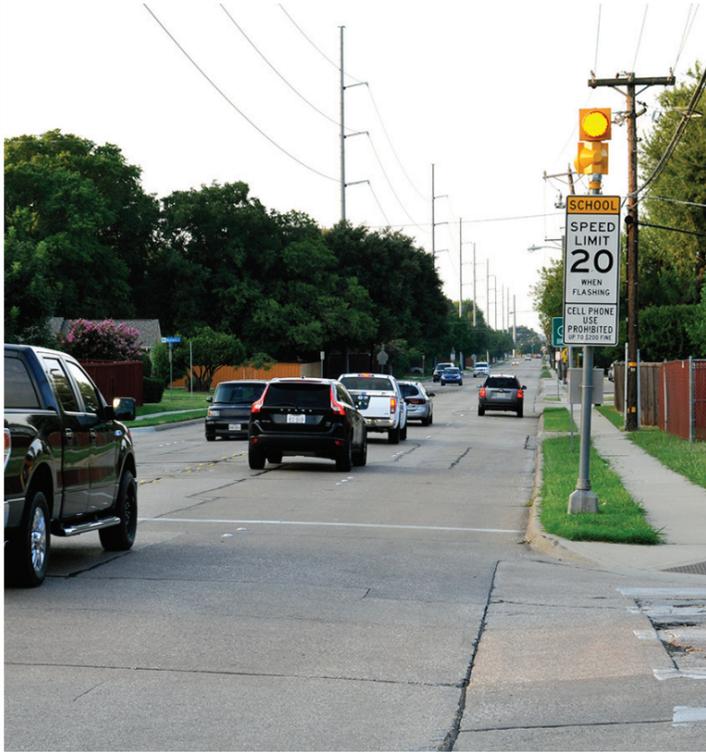
MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT
Ready.Gov/Kit

When disaster strikes, city services may be cut off and local disaster relief and government responders may not be able to reach you. You need to have plans and supplies in place to make it on your own, at least for a limited time, no matter where you are, or when an emergency happens.

School zone flashers get a high-tech upgrade



Upgrades to the Traffic Operations Center have allowed the City of Richardson's 81 school zone flashers to be controlled with the touch of a button.

The center serves as the main control room for the traffic lights and traffic cameras throughout the city. While the traffic lights were previously controllable from the center, the addition of school zone flasher monitoring has been a welcome improvement, said Mark Titus, Transportation Engineering Manager for the City of Richardson.

"Since we can now communicate with each individual flasher, we can see if it is flashing when it shouldn't be, or if it is off when it should be on," Titus said. "We can remotely send a command out to turn it off or on, whereas before we would have to send a technician out to manually make the change."

"Without this communication system we would have to program the whole school calendar into each flasher before the school year. Then when there were changes to the schedule we would have to visit each flasher again to change the program."

Any changes made to the school calendar during the school year, such as the addition of an extra school day due to bad weather, will be able to be made remotely, rather than having to have employees from the Traffic and Transportation department visit each of the 29 school zones. Titus said this will improve safety in and around school zones since malfunctioning or non-operating flashers can be detected quickly.

The Traffic Operations Center features large monitors where employees work to ensure traffic lights are timed so that traffic remains flowing efficiently throughout Richardson. The center especially shines during severe weather, when traffic signals are often affected by ice or high winds.

"It is helpful to monitor the condition of traffic, and immediately know which of our traffic signals have lost power, are flashing red or operating incorrectly because of a power outage or other problems," Titus said. "We can diagnose the status of the system and dispatch our staff to the intersections that need attention."

Be prepared for emergencies and disasters

September is recognized as National Emergency Preparedness Month across the United States. Even though the North Texas region typically experiences its most severe weather events in the spring and summer and during January and February, the goal of the annual National Preparedness Month is to educate and prepare citizens for all kinds of emergencies and disasters, both large scale and small because they can happen unexpectedly and at any time in communities.

The City of Richardson's Office of Emergency Management offers residents the following information to help residents prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Upgraded Capabilities for Outdoor Warning System

In an effort to provide enhanced outdoor warning for Richardson citizens, all sirens now have strobe lights that will flash when a siren is activated, providing a visual alert with the audible alert. Tests will take place the first Wednesday of every month at noon and include approximately 30 seconds of audible siren sound.

The warning system will be activated when:

- The National Weather Service issues a Richardson-specific Tornado Warning or Severe Thunderstorm Warning when destructive winds are at or above 70 mph.
- Trained storm spotters have reported a tornado with the potential to impact Richardson.
- Hail of 1.25 inches (half dollar) in diameter is imminent.
- Deemed necessary by City of Richardson officials.

If you hear the sirens when a test is not scheduled:

1. Seek shelter indoors.
2. Seek information through local media (local television channels and radio).
3. Follow directions from local officials.
4. ONLY call 911 in case of an actual emergency or when no information is being broadcast regarding the emergency.

You may not be able to hear the sirens indoors or during an actual event due to high winds



and weather conditions. Secure a NOAA weather radio with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology to provide dependable indoor warning information to your family.

For additional information regarding steps you can take to protect yourself and your family during emergency situations, please visit COR.net/EM or contact the Office of Emergency Management at oem@cor.gov or 972-744-0900.

National Smartphone Alerts

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) is a nationwide text system, which will warn you when severe weather threatens. When you receive a WEA message:

1. Follow any action advised by the emergency message.
2. Seek more information from your TV or radio station, NOAA weather radio, news website, mobile application or other trusted source of information.

You do not have to sign up to receive national alerts, and you will not be charged for the messages.

It is possible that you may receive an alert when there is no warning in effect at your location because WEA messages use cell towers, which sometimes broadcast outside the activated warning area. Your best use of WEA is to immediately take action and seek additional information about the imminent threat impacting your area.

Communications key in emergency situations

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While emergencies that require the full activation of the EOC are rare, radio operators play a key role during severe weather outbreaks. All members of the City's R.A.C.E.S. group must undergo the National Weather Service's Skywarn training on a biannual basis, allowing them to be the National Weather Service's eyes on the ground.

"There are a handful of other R.A.C.E.S. groups in the Metroplex," he said. "When a storm comes in we usually hear about it first from Irving because they have a very active group and most of the storms come in from the west."

As modern communication devices showed following Hurricane Katrina, technology such as the National Weather Service's high-tech radar is not foolproof, Greeson said.

"During weather events, these dedicated individuals provide assistance to the Office of Emergency



Management in coordination with the National Weather Service," Greeson said. "If you were to speak to a meteorologist at NWS, they would tell you that even with all of our technology, it is still extremely beneficial to have someone verifying 'ground truth' for what is being seen through a radar screen. They need someone to advise what is actually taking place on the ground to confirm what meteorologists are evaluating through radar technology."

"This is where the ham/amateur radio operators come in and provide assistance as trained Spotters. Depending on the variables of the storms in the area, National Weather Service will contact Richardson OEM to activate Richardson Storm Spotters to provide visual verification of storm characteristics, such as hail size, wind speed, rotation, flash flooding, damage from the storm system, etc., and provide the location from which this is being observed. NWS is able to use this valuable data to issue weather warnings and documentation of storm data for future study."

Stierman said the desire to serve one's community is what drives members of the R.A.C.E.S. group to dedicate their time and money to helping keep Richardson safe.

"We try our best to make our communications accurate," he said. "We like to be proud of the fact we work to communicate through tough situations."

Things to know to be better prepared

The City of Richardson has two ways residents can get the most up-to-date information during an emergency.

Emergency Notification System—The Emergency Notification System allows the City to notify residents and businesses of emergency situations. These situations include chemical spills, public health concerns and missing children. Messages can be sent out via text message, e-mail or voicemail. Residential landlines are automatically included in the system, but cell phones must be registered by visiting bit.ly/1pQNMHX.

Office of Emergency Management Twitter—The EOC utilizes Twitter to not only send out notifications about emergencies, but also to share tips about how to ensure residents are prepared if an emergency occurs.

Additional Resources

There are also several programs that can save Richardson residents time during an emergency. Two of these programs allow first responders to gain valuable information about situations so they are able to quickly and accurately assess the severity of the emergency call, while the third allows police and fire to gain entry into a home during an emergency if the occupant is incapacitated.

SNAP—The Special Needs Assistance Program is a database where residents can enter any age-

related, physical or mental special needs they may have that would require assistance before, during or after an emergency. This information is passed on to first responders, saving them time when they arrive on scene. All information is confidential. Sign up for SNAP at bit.ly/1muPY2U.

File of Life—File of Life kits are a way for seniors and individuals with serious medical conditions to provide medical information to emergency personnel who respond to and treat home emergencies. Residents are encouraged to list medical information, including medication dosages, on a form that is placed on the refrigerator. Kits are available at any Richardson fire station, as well as the Richardson Senior Citizens Center.

Lockbox—The Residential Lockbox Program is a way for first responders to quickly gain access to the homes of older adults during medical or other emergencies. In an emergency where the resident is incapacitated, the lockbox, which contains a spare key, allows first responders to gain access without the use of force. The program is available free of charge to all Richardson residents over the age of 60 who live alone, or must be left alone on a regular basis. Residents under 60 with major medical issues may also be eligible. Call 972-744-4800 for more information.

City Council will vote on 2014-2015 Budget Sept. 8

The Richardson City Council is expected to formally approve the 2014-2015 Budget and the proposed tax rate of \$0.63516 per \$100 of assessed valuation, unchanged from the 2013-2014 rate, at a public meeting Sept. 8 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The final public meeting in this year's budget process is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet at cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. All budget documents are available online at cor.net/budget.

League of Women Voters to host water education forum Sept. 10

With current water restrictions in effect at least through Oct. 31, the League of Women Voters of Richardson is doing its part to educate the public on the issues surrounding the current water shortage.

Lynette Weisheit, the League's first vice president, said the organization's Sept. 10 public forum is in line with its mission

to help educate citizens on issues that are relevant to the community. With water being one of the biggest issues facing the North Texas region, it was a natural topic for the forum, she said.

The forum will be held in the Parks Room at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., beginning at 7 p.m., with a reception featuring light refreshments preceding the program at 6:30 p.m. Three panelists, Don Magner, Richardson Assistant City Manager; Clint Wolfe, Program Manager for Urban Water at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension Center at Dallas; and Mike Rickman, Deputy Director of the North Texas Municipal Water District; will each speak for 15-20 minutes, before fielding questions from the audience.

"I am excited about the quality of this panel and their experience and knowledge in this particular area," Weisheit said. "They all bring a little bit different perspective, and I think this will be a great



opportunity for the citizens to hear from them about what we need to do short-term and long-term."

Weisheit said the panelists will speak about how the water shortage came to be, what current water issues North Texans are facing, and what can be done to help alleviate these issues. She said she hopes the takeaway for those in attendance will be that the water situation facing North Texas is severe, and steps must be taken to ensure the area's current and future water needs can be met.

"I don't think people understand that if the water is not there, you cannot just make it," Weisheit said. "What can we do to conserve what we have, and how can we make that better?"

Currently, Richardson residents are allowed to water every other week. For information on Stage 3 water restrictions in the City of Richardson, visit cor.net/WaterConservation or call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

Jose Moreno appointed Director of Human Resources



Jose Moreno

Richardson's previous Assistant Director of Human Resources Jose Moreno, has been appointed to succeed to the position as Director of Human Resources for the City of Richardson effective Sept. 1. Moreno assumes the position from Marty Brennan, who retired from the City last month.

"Jose's abilities are well known at City Hall and we are happy and fortunate to have him ready to sustain the leadership of the human resources department," City Manager Dan Johnson said. "He has more than proven his capabilities in his four and a half years of working here and I am looking forward to have him join our management team."

As Director of Human Resources, Moreno will administer civil service rules and manage the compensation plans and benefits for the City's 954 full-time and 396 part-time employees. Human resources is also responsible for employee recruitment, risk management and City-wide testing and training.

Moreno has particular skills and experience in job analysis, conducting compensation and classification studies and developing and administering certification and promotional testing programs.

"I am looking forward to this opportunity and to growing my career at the City of Richardson," Moreno said. "Richardson is known as one of the best run cities in the Metroplex and I am excited to be a part of this team and community."

Moreno joined the Richardson City staff in 2010 as Assistant Director of Human Resources. Previously, Moreno was employed by the City of Fort Worth for 13 years. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Methodist University and a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Saint Mary's University in San Antonio. Moreno is a member of the Texas Municipal Human Resource Association and World at Work. He is also a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XXVII and is a board member for the Richardson Adult Literacy Center.

New arts website is one-stop shop

The City of Richardson has a new cultural arts website, ArtsInRichardson.com, which is designed to serve as a one-stop shop for information on cultural events and programs throughout the community.

Last year, the City developed its first-ever Cultural Arts Master Plan to set the stage for support of arts in the community. The creation of an online portal to promote and support linkages among Richardson's numerous arts organizations, facilities, programs and signature events was one of the priority projects identified in the plan.

"The website allows visitors to learn about the many arts events going on in Richardson in a single place," said Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish. "We expect Richardson residents will find ArtsInRichardson.com to be a valuable tool in planning local outings and supporting our many arts groups."

Visitors to the site can search for events by keywords, organizations or dates, and can even purchase admission to ticketed events through the site. The site also

includes photos and videos of past and upcoming events. A total of 35 local organizations can regularly populate the website with their latest news and events. It also contains information from

the City's partner organizations, such as Richardson ISD, Plano ISD and UT Dallas. Please visit ArtsInRichardson.com to learn more.



Public Art Master Plan

The City of Richardson is developing a Public Art Master Plan to help support the City's Cultural Arts Master Plan. The Public Art Master Plan will provide a 10-year plan for acquisition, site selection, funding and maintenance of public art throughout Richardson. Input from the community is a key component of the development of a Public Art Master Plan. To find out how you can be involved or for more information on this project go to cor.net.



Revitalization Award nominations are due Sept. 19

The Richardson City Council created the Community Revitalization Awards in 1994 to recognize owners who have enhanced the community by making significant improvements to their properties. Both residential and non-residential properties are eligible for consideration; 195 properties have been recognized since the program's inception. Because no one knows their neighborhoods better than residents, the City of Richardson is asking the public to identify candidates for the 2014 Community Revitalization Awards.

What is revitalization?

Revitalization is defined as "imparting new life or vigor." When applied to the built environment of our community, revitalization can take several forms:

- Significant improvements to properties or structures that halt or reverse decline;
- An ongoing high level of maintenance and/or periodic refurbish-

ment of properties or structures that prevents decline;

- Total redevelopment of a property or structure; or
- Infill development—new development on vacant property in a developed area.
- A Community Revitalization Award nomination is evaluated by assessing its individual merit as well as its impact on surrounding properties, or on the City as a whole, if appropriate.
- Has the effort improved the built environment?
- Does the effort contribute to the stability or enhancement of an existing neighborhood or district?
- Does the effort set a desirable precedent for surrounding property owners?

Projects that receive awards typically incorporate at least two of the following elements: landscaping enhancements, building or façade improvements, lighting

enhancements, signage upgrades and/or a consistently high level of general maintenance.

Nomination process

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including the property owner, and may be submitted any time throughout the year. The nomination deadline for the 2014 awards is Friday, Sept. 19. Nominations received after Sept. 19 will be held for consideration next year.

Nominations must include the property address, a description of the exterior/site improvements that have been made, and any additional information available, such as the property owner's name and contact information. Contact information for the person making the nomination should also be provided. Before and after photos are particularly helpful, but are not required. This information can also be viewed on the Community Revitalization Awards website listed at right.

For more information on the awards or to submit a nomination, contact:

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cor.net/index.aspx?page=1829



The Swanson residence was one of five residences and three commercial properties recognized by the City of Richardson with a Revitalization Award last year.

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

For tickets visit eisemanncenter.com
or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650**GINO VANNELLI** (7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 \$57-\$127. Post show "Meet and Greet" \$52. Visit ginov.com.)**SPECTACULAR SENIOR FOLLIES** (2 p.m. Sept. 12, 13 and 14; 8 p.m. Sept. 13 \$15-\$50. Visit seniorfollies.com.)**DALLAS OPERA PRESENTS** The Perez Costello Recital. (2 p.m. Sept. 14 \$25. Visit dallasopera.org.)**RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor presents Opening Night. (8 p.m. Oct. 4 \$12-\$89. Visit richardsonsymphony.org.)

2014-2015 Upcoming Shows

The following are just some of the upcoming shows that are part of the Eisemann Center Presents season. Visit eisemanncenter.com and click on the season brochure icon to see all the great acts that are offered in 2014-2015.

MainStage Shows

The HIT MEN: Former Stars of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons
Nov. 22, 8 p.m.

Methodist Richardson Family Theatre Series

The Berenstain Bears LIVE!
Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Theatre Comedy Series

Endurance
Oct. 16-19

Keyboard Conservations®

The Miracle of Mozart!
Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.Visit eisemanncenter.com for a complete list of shows.

Civic Art Society plans 2014-2015 events, shows

Richardson Civic Art Society (RCAS) invites all Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex artists to join them for an art-filled season.

Art shows, artist's demonstrations and workshops are organized by RCAS to benefit anyone who wants to participate. Complete information on the events of the 2014-2015 season is available online at richardson-arts.org.

The first artist's demonstration will be at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the Richardson Public Library Basement Program Room and Linda Lucas Hardy will be the featured artist. Hardy is an internationally known artist recognized for her stunning paintings done in colored pencil. In 2007 she won the CIPY Award and the EXPY Award—the

two highest awards given by the Colored Pencil Society of America. Her work has been shown in more than 60 national and international exhibitions and she's won an equal number of awards and honors, many being Best of Show.

RCAS sponsors six art shows each year with different objectives, from membership shows to area elementary school competitions, to a regional exhibition with prize awards. The first show is a Membership Show at the Richardson Public Library, which will be presented Oct. 5-Nov. 17.

RCAS meets on third Tuesdays of each month at 6:45-8:45 p.m. at the Richardson Public Library. RCAS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.

Friends of the Library offers dinner with a purpose Sept. 9

If you have ever wondered about book reviewers and how they prepare and deliver insights, you are invited to join the Friends of the Richardson Library for "Tables of Content." This unique dinner with a purpose will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in the private dining room at Aboca's Italian Grill in Richardson.

The guest speaker will be Jerome Weeks of KERA radio. He is the producer-reporter for the station's *Art&Seek* program and has covered the arts in the Metroplex for more than 25 years.The cost to attend is \$25 per person and includes dinner and tea, coffee, water and soft drinks. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to carl@concepts3inc.com.

Southwestern Watercolor Society holds Member Exhibition at Eisemann Center

Southwestern Watercolor Society will hold its 51st Annual Member Exhibition Sept. 4-28 at the Eisemann Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. An awards ceremony and reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Seventy-nine paintings were selected from over 348 entries and cash prize and merchandise awards will exceed \$7,000. Visit eisemanncenter.com for more information.

Ben Vereen is "Steppin' Out" at the Eisemann Center Oct. 11



Ben Vereen

Few entertainers today are as accomplished or versatile as Ben Vereen. His legendary performances on stage and screen transcend time and have been woven into the fabric of this country's artistic legacy. *Steppin' Out Live with Ben Vereen* is a unique blend of artistry, combining an homage to Broadway, Frank Sinatra and a very special tribute to Sammy Davis Jr. Featuring hit songs such

as "Defying Gravity," "Mr. Bojangles," "For Good" from "Wicked" and "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries," each performance is filled with song and dance, stories of his life and a great deal of humor.

This one-night performance will be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$39-\$56 and are available at eisemanncenter.com or by calling the ticket office at 972-744-4650.

Become a "Friend" and enjoy "Meet the Artist" receptions in 2014-2015

You are invited to join "Friends" of the Eisemann Center and attend "Meet the Artist" receptions. In 2014-2015, "Friends" will have the opportunity to meet *Ben Vereen*; the artists of *Paul Taylor Dance Company* and *Taylor 2*; the four fabulous performers of *4 Girls 4*; and the cast of *The Joy Luck Club*.For more information call 972-744-4612 or visit eisemanncenter.com and click on the "Become a Friend" link.

Gino Vannelli at Eisemann Center Sept. 6

Post show "meet and greet" is available to attendees



Gino Vannelli

Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Gino Vannelli and his

band will perform at the Eisemann Center Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Renowned for his sensuous and soaring vocal performances, this is a special event with Gino taking the stage with a seven-piece band performing his most memorable songs.

Vannelli has toured the world from Japan to Ukraine, Italy, Norway, Mexico, Canada and Holland, just to name a few countries, and he has a new live DVD concert special that was recorded in Los Angeles.

Since Vannelli's debut release of *Crazy Life*, in 1973, he has remained one of the most distinctive voices in contemporary music. He is the recipient of multiple Cana-dian Juno awards, has been nominated for several Grammy Awards and has sold more than 10 million records worldwide, with hits including "I Just Wanna Stop," "Living Inside Myself," "People Gotta Move," "The Wheels Of Life," "Black Cars" and many more. For more information visit ginov.com.Ticket prices for the show range from \$57-\$127 and are available at eisemanncenter.com or by calling the ticket office at 972-744-4650.

Post Show Meet and Greet

Patrons may purchase a "Meet and Greet" ticket that will allow them to interact with Gino Vannelli after his show. Tickets are an additional \$52 and include a souvenir booklet and lanyard.

Tickets on sale for 2014 OWT luncheon



Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. will host the 11th Annual Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow luncheon and awards presentation Friday, Oct. 31 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. Tickets to the luncheon are \$50 per person.

Outstanding Women of Today is an honor bestowed upon women who have excelled in their careers.

Women are nominated for exemplifying determination, innovation, and making an outstanding contribution in their chosen careers. They are recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields. Women are nominated by companies, organizations, and individuals for one of six categories: small business (fewer than 50 employees), education, government, non-profit, corporate, and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (under 35 years old in any category). Nominees must live or work in the Dallas metropolitan area.

All nominees and winners are honored at the luncheon and more than 300 community leaders are expected to attend. Check-in is at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon starts promptly at noon. The deadline for reservations is Oct. 10 and tickets may be ordered online at altrusarichardson.com.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available for the Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon. For information, visit the club website at altrusarichardson.com.Contact Janice Swallow at 469-835-8109 or contact@altrusarichardson.com for general luncheon inquiries.

RCT presents "Father of the Bride"

Repertory Company Theatre kicks off the 2014-2015 season with the classic heartwarming comedy, "Father of the Bride," Sept. 19-28 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. The story follows the surprise engagement of Stanley Banks' daughter and the wedding planning that nearly breaks his will and bank account.

Showtime for Fridays and Saturdays is 7:30 p.m. and for Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets for performances are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$12 for youth. For tickets call 972-690-5029.



Seniors' Net holds seminars

Seniors' Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.-noon at NET-WORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Sept. 16
More about Social Security

Oct. 7
Your Retirement

Oct. 21
Easy Exercising

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118.

Fire Training Center graduates first class



Twelve apprentice firefighters recently graduated from the Richardson Fire Department Recruit Academy Class #38. They are the first group to complete all of their training at the City's new Fire



Training Center, which opened in October 2013. Previously, the department had to complete some of the required training off site, but having all of the necessary equipment in one place allowed the recruits to spend more time training on state-of-the-art equipment and saved money that would have been used for travel and renting space.

The Fire Training Center includes a training tower, classroom and training apparatus. It was designed to replicate the type of fire and rescue scenarios that recruits are likely to encounter on calls in Richardson. The project was funded through the 2010 Bond Program. Learn more at cor.net/fire.

Richardson Woman's Club Awards Scholarships

The Richardson Woman's Club awarded 13 scholarships to seniors in the four Richardson ISD high schools and hosted a reception to honor them in the club's Founders Hall. Pictured in the front row: Sarah Prabhakar, Lauren Toler,

Suzie Ghidei and Ayana Georges; middle row: Darian Stokes, Ciara Warren, Abby Bronson and John Bugni; back row: Karleigh Hartley, Katie Morgan and Thanh Nguyen. Not pictured: Sarah Giles and Charles Meriwether.



Richardson Police Department hosts public safety expo Sept. 6

The Richardson Police Department will host a pre-"National Night Out" event for the residents of Richardson and anyone interested in reducing crime and learning how to make their home a safer place.



A public safety expo will be held Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. The event is open to the public.

The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be available to answer questions, provide valuable safety information and discuss volunteer opportunities within the Department. There will also be demonstration stations as well as police and fire vehicles to view, along with a scheduled visit from the CareFlite helicopter.

Event activities will include presentations from educational speakers, K9 and SWAT officers, child fingerprinting, face painting, a bounce house and more. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase.

Additionally, representatives from the City of Richardson's Emergency Management Department, Home Depot, Lowe's, ADT Security, United States Army, CareFlite and the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force will be on-hand to display safety and security products and materials.

Don't forget to register your pets

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

Registration fees are \$5 per year for sterilized pets and \$10 per year

for unsterilized pets. Registration for pets owned by senior citizens (65 and older) is free.

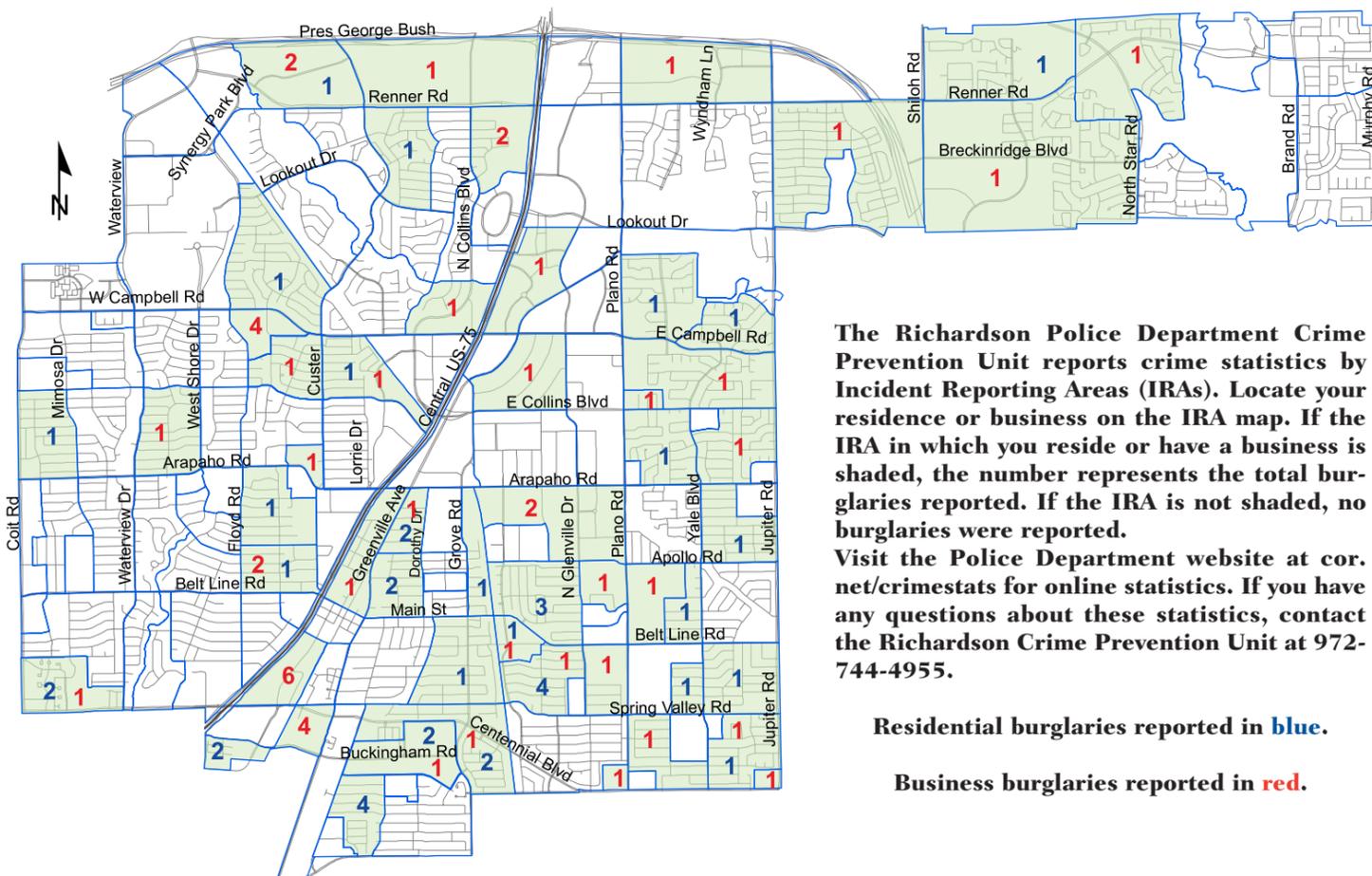
Registrations can be purchased at the Health Department office (411 W. Arapaho, Room 107) at the Animal Shelter (1330 Columbia Dr.), online at cor.net, by mail or by appointment at your home. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter staff at 972-744-4480.

Free ID tags and collars

The Richardson Animal Shelter is now placing collars and ID tags on all adoptable pets. The collar and tag will be free with adoption, but anyone can purchase collars, leashes and tags at the Shelter.



Residential/business burglaries May 16-Aug. 15



Get registered for NNO 2014

This year's National Night Out (NNO) event in Richardson will be held Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Anyone interested in hosting a block party can download the NNO block party packet from the police department website, richardsonpolice.net, or a "hard copy" of the packet can be picked up from the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit. Contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Drug Take Back Sept. 27

The Richardson's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, along with the Richardson Police Department and the DEA, is holding a "Drug Take Back" event Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Visit cor.net/healthnews for more information.

972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

Richardson Urban Naturalist Program Returns



Three special walks are planned for the fall in Breckinridge Park (see map for location in park) as the City of Richardson revives its Urban Naturalist program, last active several years ago. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Please preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go online to www.cor.net/parksonline. No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in this area of the park, so please plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are also recommended. Each walk is restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.



BIRDS OF THE FALL

This walk will focus on the many species of birds in North Central Texas that are either passing through on migrations to points farther south or have arrived at their destination for the winter. Master Birders Susan Tiholiz and Janie Henderson of Audubon Dallas will help us add to our knowledge of the beauty and variety of the bird species visiting our area and perhaps help us catch a glimpse of some species not commonly found in our urban environment. Binoculars are highly recommended but not required. Saturday, Sept. 27, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 80590

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE FIELD

Join nature photographer and professional artist Larry Ammann on a morning walk to learn about nature photography and ways to photograph birds, plant and animals of the area. Larry has recently shared the featured artist role in a showing on the Green Mezzanine of the Eisemann Center with his phenomenal nature photography. Bringing along a camera is highly recommended but not required. Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 80587

NATURAL HISTORY OF OUR OUTDOORS IN NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

'Natural history' is defined as "the sciences dealing with the study of all objects in nature." The knowledge of the natural history of the land is necessary to understand the present conditions and to determine its management. This program will take a look at the geology, water sources, climate, local flora/fauna and how they all are interconnected. Becky Rader, previously chief naturalist for the Dallas Museum of Natural History and currently a consultant on natural resource management, will lead this walk. Saturday, Nov. 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 80589



Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Group Lessons	Adult Leagues
Adults/Juniors	Sept. 8-Oct. 24
Sept. 22-Oct. 10	Sign-up begins Aug. 18.
Meet twice per week for three weeks.	\$30
\$60	

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

Golf It Up

The Golf It Up program provides instruction for the new golfer to the intermediate player with varying levels of skill.

Class dates and times			
Mondays, Sept. 8-29	6-8 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Wednesdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 1	6-8 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Saturdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 4	3-5 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Sundays, Sept. 14-Oct. 5	3-5 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Tuesdays, Sept. 30-Oct. 21	6-8 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Thursdays, Oct. 2-23	6-8 p.m.	4 wks	\$140
Saturdays, Oct. 4-25	3-5 p.m.	4 wks	\$140

For questions, call 817-846-7157, visit sherrillparkgolf.com or e-mail jhorton@pga.com.

Richardson's 42nd annual Christmas Parade presents "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols" Dec. 6

Registration begins Nov. 3

The 42nd Annual Richardson Christmas Parade, produced by the City of Richardson, has been scheduled for Saturday morning, Dec. 6. The theme for this year's parade is "Candy Canes and Christmas Carols." Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles and floats. Registration may be done online beginning Nov. 3 by going to cor.net/Parks, and clicking on Christmas Parade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 26.



This year the parade will be held on Plano Road. For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson Barbara Cottone at barbara.cottone@cor.gov, or call 972-744-4310.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

<p>17th Annual NETWORK Golf Classic</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 19 Sherrill Park \$165 individual, \$700 team</p> <p>Four-person scramble, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Fee includes green fees, cart and range balls, lunch (before tournament) and dinner, commemorative golf item(s), goodie bag, individual prizes and team prizes.</p> <p>Visit TheNETWORK.org or call 972-234-8880.</p>	<p>Richardson Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 7 Canyon Creek CC</p> <p>Four-person scramble featuring a variety of contests sure to challenge golfers of all skill levels. Golf teams and sponsorship opportunities are available! Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Check-in at 11 a.m., with lunch included.</p> <p>Visit RichardsonChamber.com or call 972-792-2800.</p>
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Richardson AnimalLuv

Tenth Annual CITY WIDE PET DAY



Saturday, Nov. 8
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Huffhines Park
200 N. Plano Rd.

Dog Splash Day Thank You



Dog Wash Day Thank You

The City of Richardson Animal Services Department and AnimalLuv wish to thank donors, volunteers and City staff for their contributions and efforts in making these two events a success. A great time was had by all. Money raised at both events will benefit animals at the Richardson Animal Shelter.

Thanks to the following Dog Splash sponsors and volunteers:

- R&R In Home Animal Care Service
- National Charity League (NCL)
- Young Men's Service League (YMSL)
- Reunion Title
- EPO Dental Specialists
- Petco
- City life guards
- Barbara Gatti, Shelley Kosarek, Jade Johnson, Cathy Zigrossi and Edgar Weir
- Richardson Bike Mart
- Fiesta
- Sunbelt Pools
- Kona Ice

And special thanks to Ralph Herrick for the countless hours he spent organizing Dog Splash Day.

RichardsonAnimalLuv.org

Thanks to the following Dog Wash sponsors and volunteers:

- B.B. & T Bank
- R&S Synthetics, LLC/Amsoil
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- R&R In Home Animal Care Service
- National Charity League
- Young Mens Service League (YMSL)
- Animal Shelter Staff
- Animal Shelter Volunteers
- Support from the City of Richardson



Senior Center 820 W. Arapaho Rd. 972-744-7800

All activities listed on pages 10-11 take place at the Richardson Senior Center unless otherwise noted. Additional Senior Center related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

Hours of Operation: Mon., Tue., Thurs., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—Wed. and Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Sat., 1-5 p.m.

Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online (cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Great Family Storytelling 1.0
L.E. Taylor, author of Elgan and Grace-A Twentieth Century Saga believes, “everyone has a story to tell.” This workshop will stimulate and strengthen the brain through personal recall of life experiences. Whether you’re a wannabe family legacy writer or a seasoned lit-major from way back... you will discover you do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. This workshop offers secrets and insights to help you get started. Next four-week session starts Sept. 9, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

ABC Quilting
This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to “catch up” on their quilt tops. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Ceramics
Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your supplies and pay firing fees.

Fun with Oils
A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month.

Oil Painting
Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this four-week class is \$50.

Becky Parks Art Lessons
Monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session will start Oct. 1.

Adult Piano Lessons
Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$85 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

New!! Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This six-week class costs \$10. Classes will start Sept. 3.

Fundamentals of Windows
You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts Sept. 8. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.



Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay
Learn how to sell on the Internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what’s working and what’s not. The next two-class session will be Sept. 23 and Sept. 30 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon or an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101
Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Sept. 8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102
This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Sept. 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 101
A beginners’ class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn what the buttons and icons can do for you! Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. You will learn how to update to iOS 7, use Control Center, Notification Center, AirDrop, multitasking, FaceTime and more. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, TBA from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 102
This class will cover storing contacts, taking and sending pictures, adding helpful free programs to your iPhone, camera improvements, the new look for Safari, Siri and face time. Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Sept. 13 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55 and older. This facility is especially designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enrichment and fellowship. Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. So, for the benefit of all patrons, the Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

Facebook 101
This is a beginner’s class to learn the basics of Facebook. Sign up and open a Facebook account, log in/out, explore Facebook pages: home, timeline/wall, insert profile and cover images, set notifications and find/invite friends. Bring iPad or tablet to class Saturday, Sept. 13, 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$30 without.

Facebook 102
Class will cover finding and inviting friends on Facebook, organizing lists, controlling the newsfeed, controlling post visibility, block and unfriend, sending and receiving private messages, chat, using like, sharing posts and photos, tagging someone and privacy settings. Bring iPad or tablet to class Saturday, TBA, 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership; \$30 without.

AARP “Smart Driver” Program
Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reductions. Please check with your insurance company for percentage of reduction. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center:

Sept. 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	6-10 p.m.

Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal
Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

Sept. 8 and 11	6-9 p.m.
Sept. 22 and 25	6-9 p.m.
Sept. 13 and 20	1:15-4:15 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$27 with membership; \$30 without membership. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Plus Square Dance
Every first, third and fifth Monday 7-9 p.m. All Position Plus Dance-\$50 per dancer per quarter.

Just “A” Dance
The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance. \$48 per quarter.

All Position Line Square Dance Lessons
Class date TBA. Fee is \$90 for 18 weeks and class is held 7-9 p.m.

Plus Square Dance Lessons
Classes started July 29 for 15 weeks. Cost is \$75.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. The next eight-week class session will start Sept. 4, 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

Pocket Billiards Class
Ted Swanson, recognized with the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, will offer individually scheduled two-hour classes tailored for the student’s needs. Classes will be held Saturdays 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are available. Please register before day of scheduled class or call 972 744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

Health Connection
Golden Years Financial Solutions will hold a free adult education workshop Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. to help you financially strategize for your golden years. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to 972-744-7800 to reserve seating.

Happy Birthday Party
Fall birthdays (Sept., Oct., Nov.) will be celebrated Sept. 29.

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

Senior Bowling League
The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2013-2014 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

Tennis League
Richardson’s Huffhines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men’s group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For information, call 972-744-7870.

Senior Table Tennis
Serious players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

Senior Golf League
The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

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

The Vintage Dance Club
The following calendar lists the dates for this month’s dances.

Sept. 6	Bill G Band
Sept. 13	Gary Lee
Sept. 27	Doc Gibbs

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are \$5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College
Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from computers to art to history and more! Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or log on to richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Next meeting is Nov. 3. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

Reelers Square Dance
The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$7 per person.

Sing-A-Long
Come and sing your favorite melodies at our sing-a-long at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, all are welcome.

Robin’s Nest Craft Store
For those special gifts, shop at the Robin’s Nest Craft Store in the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

Library

900 Civic Center Dr.

richardsonpubliclibrary.com

972-744-4350

Learn ALICE Programming



Saturday, Sept. 13
1:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12 only
Basement Program Room



Join Dr. Jey Veerasamy, UTD Computer Science Outreach Director, to learn computer programming in a 3-D environment using your laptop. Create animated scenes—in just 2 hours!

BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP. Don't have a laptop? Come watch and learn. Please arrive promptly at 1:30 p.m. to load the ALICE program.

TALK LIKE A
PIRATE
DAY

Ahoy thar mateys!
Tis th' day to hear Sam Nash, PIRATE EXPERT, utter fascinatin' facts 'n dispel common myths 'bout bands o' pirates... an' score a swashbucklin' pirate prize!

Friday, Sept. 19
4-5 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Children ages 5+

Funded in part by the Friends of Richardson Library and the City of Richardson, through the City of Richardson Arts Commission

FALL WIGGLE WORMS

Fall *Wiggle Worms* is a six-week program for Richardson residents 12 to 36 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.



Wiggle Worm begins Monday, Sept. 15 and ends Thursday, Oct. 23.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

- Mon. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group AM1
- Mon. 11-11:30 a.m. Group AM2
- Tues. 6:30-7 p.m. Group PM
- Thurs. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group AM3
- Thurs. 11-11:30 a.m. Group AM4

Required registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 2. (Children must be 12 months old by 09/01/14). Limit one guest per child—one time only. Non-residents: please ask us about Family Storytime.

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.

Richardson Poets Group

THIRD ANNUAL POETRY READING

Readings by members of the Richardson Poets Group

Leigh Allen
Kenneth Bell

Cornelia Blair
Joan Canby

Matt Dalzell
John Wilkinson

Sunday, Sept. 28
2-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

Everyone is invited to attend this free program!
Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Family Storytime is a year-round, drop-in storytime for all ages; no registration and no residency required.

Mondays
6:45-7:15 p.m.

FALL BABYSTEPS

Fall *BabySteps* is a six-week program to assist parents in preparing their pre-walkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy tools.

For Richardson residents ages 6 weeks to 12 months old

Required registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 2

BabySteps begins Monday, Sept. 15 and ends Friday, Oct. 24

Please choose ONE of the following times:

- Fri. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group AM
- Mon. 6-6:30 p.m. Group PM

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.

Altered Book Workshop

Let's spend a fun morning together learning new techniques while creating a shadowbox book!

Saturday, Oct. 18
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Adults & Teens ages 13+
Basement Program Room

Registration for this FREE workshop begins Sept. 30. Please call 972-744-4393 to register, leaving your name and phone number.

National Association of Composers/USA
NACUSA Texas Chapter
presents

A Concert of Contemporary American Classical Music

with guest speaker
Dr. Deon Nielsen Price

Composer and Author, former President of the National Association of Composers (USA) & International Alliance for Women in Music

Sunday, Sept. 14
4 p.m.
Free admission
Richardson Public Library

For more information, please call 972-744-4350. This project is funded in part by the City of Richardson, Texas through the City of Richardson Arts Commission.

FALL STORYTIME

Storytime is a six-week program filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays.

For Richardson residents **ages 3-6 years old**

Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2014

Children attend *Storytime* independently

Required registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 2

Storytime begins Tuesday, Sept. 16 and ends Wednesday, Oct. 22

Please choose ONE of the following times:

- Tues. 3:30-4 p.m. Group ST-1
- Wed. 11-11:30 a.m. Group ST-2

A valid library card is required for registration. Parents may register their own children in the Children's Department, or by calling 972-744-4358.

LIBRARY ADDS ADULT GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Library recently added a section devoted to graphic novels for adults. The new collection initially includes 500 books on special shelving provided by the Friends of the Library. The new Graphic Novels collection is located near the Adult Fiction area and is recommended for ages 16 and up. Graphic novels for children and teens have been located in the Youth Services Department for several years.

Ikebana Flower Arranging Class

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2-4 p.m.
For 5th-12th graders only
Basement Program Room

Learn the art of Japanese flower arranging with the Ikebana International Dallas Chapter #13. All supplies provided!

Registration required. Seating is limited. Please call 972-744-4358