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Land purchase is a highlight of annual State of the City Address

During the annual State of the City Address held Jan. 28 at the Eisemann Center, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka took time to reflect back on Richardson's success stories in 2014 and also highlight some great things that Richardson is looking ahead to in 2015.

During her presentation, Mayor Maczka recognized several accomplishments and major developments that occurred in 2014 including the most recent, the purchase of almost 60 acres of undeveloped land located adjacent to the Spring Creek Nature Area. The property acquisition will more than double the size of the area and the goal is to keep the land as a place to escape to nature, with passive recreation areas that will provide a natural oasis in the heart of one of DFW's most dynamic development corridors. (See related story and map below.)

Some additional highlights mentioned by Mayor Maczka in this year's State of the City address included:

- The CityLine development, including State Farm's corporate campus, Raytheon's 489,000-square-foot complex, Whole Foods, LOOK Cinemas and gourmet restaurants
- Richardson maintained its AAA bond rating (the highest level) by Standard & Poor's and Moody's in 2014
- The City Council more than doubled the amount of money dedicated to infrastructure, allocating two pennies from the



Richardson City Council Members are pictured in front of the SOLD sign that signifies the purchase of almost 60 acres of parkland that will more than double the size of Spring Creek Nature Area. From left: Council Members Kendal Hartley, Scott Dunn and Mark Solomon, Mayor Laura Maczka, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend, Council Members Paul Voelker and Steve Mitchell.

- property tax rate for road rehabilitation, all without a tax increase
- The City launched the Cultural Arts website as part of the Cultural Arts Master Plan to provide information on community-wide plays, music, art and film
- The grand opening of the \$120 million, 125-bed, Methodist Richardson Medical Center on Renner Road near the President George Bush Turnpike

- UT Dallas set a new enrollment record this past year with more than 23,000 students, ranging from 16 to 82 years of age, and its campus has grown by more than three million square feet since 2007
- Richardson ISD and Plano ISD each have 23 schools that earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence honor, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education

More detailed information about these accomplishments and others may be found on page 4 of this publication.

The annual State of the City Address was free and open to the public and was broadcast live on CITV and on the internet. Replays of the event will be televised and will be available on-demand on the City's website as well. (See replay schedule on page 5.)

City finalizes parkland purchase near CityLine

Last month, the Richardson City Council completed the purchase of almost 60 acres of land from Galatyn Properties Ltd., which consists of members of the Margaret Hunt Hill family. Acquiring the four parcels of land, which adjoin the existing Spring

Creek Nature Area, will allow the City to more than double the nature area's current size.

"The closing of this innovative, far-sighted deal to facilitate a significant nature area expansion is an exciting development for our community," said Richardson

Mayor Laura Maczka. "Again, we want to express our gratitude to the Margaret Hunt Hill family for their thoughtful stewardship of this historic land, and for allowing us the opportunity to offer it to the public. With this acquisition, we can now further enhance one of Richardson's most wonderful attributes—access to a variety of recreation opportunities, and a hardwood-forest habitat, right in the heart of the city."

Now that the acquisition is finalized, the City will begin long-term planning to identify future nature area enhancements, which could include expanding the existing hike-and-bike system to the new parcels.

The City paid \$11 million for the land, financed through the issuance of a certificate of obligation (C.O.) bond. The sale was contingent upon a successful rezoning of other Margaret Hunt Hill family-owned parcels near the DART Galatyn Park Station. This rezoning was successfully completed in December.

Galatyn Properties Ltd., previously had rights to develop up to 2,267 multifamily units on the land parcels just acquired by the City. As part of the land purchase agreement, Galatyn Properties Ltd., was permitted to shift these multifamily development rights to other land parcels closer to the light rail station, while the City also reduced the maximum number of authorized units to 1,850—an 18 percent reduction.

"This purchase not only helps us preserve and expand a unique natural environment, but also supports our long-term vision for strategic development of the adjacent urban centers," said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. "We felt this was a creative, extremely beneficial solution for our community, as the deal complements the nearby mixed-use projects and shifts future multifamily development to align with our transit-oriented development objectives."



Map of parcels City purchased from Galatyn Properties Ltd.

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Next CRC meetings are Feb. 4 and 11

The Charter Review Commission (CRC) continues to hold public meetings to discuss and review the City's Charter. The Commission is expected to meet regularly through late spring before delivering its final report. The next meetings will be held Feb. 4 and 11 at 6

p.m. in the City Hall large conference room Ste. 202 and discussions will cover: **Feb. 4, Articles 3-4**—City Council, Nomination, Election of City Council; **Feb. 11, Articles 11, 16, 19**—Budget, Taxes, Bonds. For information, visit www.bit.ly/133EnVt.

Next CRC public hearing is March 4

The Charter Review Commission (CRC) will hold another public hearing for community input regarding the City's Charter at 6 p.m. March 4 in the City Council Chambers located in City Hall at 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Any proposed revisions to the City's Charter would need to be ratified by voters. The City Council has until late August to decide on whether or not to add a Charter election to the ballot during this November's elections. For information, visit www.bit.ly/133EnVt.

City Council election packets available

The City of Richardson City Council election is held every two years. The next election will be May 9, 2015. Election packets for prospective candidates for Mayor and Places 1 through 6 are available in the City Secretary's office. The first business day to file an application for a place on the ballot was Wednesday, Jan. 28 and the last day is Friday, Feb. 27 by 5 p.m. For further information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290.

Important dates for voters

Last day to register to vote	Thursday, April 9
First day of early voting	Monday, April 27
Last day of early voting	Tuesday, May 5
Richardson City Council election	Saturday, May 9

City continues every other week watering

The City of Richardson has implemented modified Stage 3 winter water restrictions that call for every other week watering until further notice. The modification follows guidance from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD),

which is facing critical shortages in its water supply due to below average rainfall and declining water levels of NTMWD reservoirs. The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier, and will monitor water supplies through the winter to determine the level of needed

restrictions to take place after March 31, 2015. Residents may water anytime on allowed watering days. Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil.

Lawn Watering Schedule

February 2015						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2015						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Water days for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)
Water days for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
Every other week
www.cor.net/WaterConservation
972-744-4220

NTMWD to conduct chlorine maintenance

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has scheduled a free chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on its water transmission system and customer cities' distribution systems for a 28-day period from March 2-30. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD. The free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and water remains safe for use. Con-

sumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a slight change during this period. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water. Free chlorine maintenance allows water suppliers to maintain the disinfectant residual in their systems while minimizing flushing, thus conserving water. For more information, visit www.ntmwd.com.

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 communi-

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



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



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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Last month I had the pleasure of delivering the annual State of the City Address! This is an incredible event for our community because it allows us a time to reflect on our accomplishments from the last year, and to connect with the people in Richardson that work every day to make this the vibrant and prestigious community it has become in the Metroplex.

One of the biggest highlights I had the opportunity to update the community on was the continued construction at CityLine! Two of the State Farm buildings now have workers moving in or already working, and construction continues on the other two towers. Raytheon's new 489,000-square-foot campus has also started to take shape, and several companies, including LOOK Cinemas and Whole Foods, also announced plans to move into the development.

On top of that, I'm proud to say that we have also expanded our parks property in the city by more than 80 acres recently. The latest acquisition was 56 acres at the Spring Creek Nature area along with another 26 acres near Huffhines Park. You can read more about those on the front page of this edition of *Richardson Today*, and these purchases open up an exciting list of possibilities for expanding recreation programs in Richardson.

One of the most fun items of the evening was a video that our video team is affectionately calling "Best of!" Describing it would be impossible in writing, but I can assure you of one thing...wow! It's a "must see." I invite you to go and watch it on the City's YouTube channel. It garnered a few chuckles from the crowd, and is a great video that will

hopefully make you proud to call Richardson home!

Speaking of, I know most people in Richardson did not have a chance to attend the State of the City, which is why it is also available on-demand on the City's website and will be running throughout February on the City's cable access channel. You can visit the City's website at www.cor.net to view it or watch AT&T U-Verse channel 99 or Time Warner Cable channel 16 at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

We would not be on these lists if it wasn't for people throughout the community that strive every day to make Richardson the best it can be. By working together, we've created a place where residents and companies proudly call home.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka
 Mayor



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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Monday at 6 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, www.cor.net. The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4292.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at www.cor.net 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:

Susan Mattison, ADA Coordinator
 972-744-0908
 1621 E. Lookout Dr.
 Richardson, TX 75082
ADACoordinator@cor.gov

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

January

A winter ice storm results in a record 13,000 Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) requests from 47 percent of Richardson homeowners. Four divisions in two City departments work to complete pickup of debris resulting from the ice storm.



February

KDC announces it will add a fourth building to the State Farm project that brings the company's total leased space to 2 million square feet in the CityLine development.



March

Raytheon announces plans for a 489,000-square-foot, three-building complex at the CityLine development. They will move 1,700 employees to Richardson.

March

City receives "Triple A" rating from Standard and Poor's for the 7th consecutive year and from Moody's for the 5th consecutive year, affirming the City's strong financial position.



February

Richardson Fire Department receives a Class 1 ISO rating from the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office. Only 56 cities in U.S. and 14 departments in Texas have been so honored.

March

The City launches



www.ArtsInRichardson.com website that serves as a one-stop shop for local arts groups and events. The website features calendar listings, links to local arts groups and an option to search for a particular type of event.

April

"Make Mulch Not Trash" program is introduced as a new promotion to help keep grass clippings and leaves from the landfill as an alternative to bagging yard waste.



April

Methodist Richardson Medical Center celebrates the opening of its 125-bed regional medical campus at the Bush Turnpike and Renner Road.



May

Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary featuring musicians Joan Jett, Kool and the Gang and Cheap Trick.



June

North Texas Municipal Water District completes 46-mile pipeline from Lake Texoma to Wylie water treatment facility.



July

Miss Texas Pageant is held in Richardson for the first time in its 78-year history.



July

City purchases 26 acres of property at Plano and Apollo roads to be used for future recreation amenities.



July

Raytheon breaks ground on its 489,000-square-foot, three-building complex at the CityLine development.



September

City Council adopts 2014-2015 Budget and maintains current tax rate. Also dedicates 2 cents of tax rate to maintaining and repairing roads, bridges, water mains and other vital services and dedicates a full half-penny of property tax revenues to fund economic development. Public safety funding is approved for additional personnel and equipment.



October

The largest groundbreaking ceremony in Richardson's history is held for Northrich Park that will be developed on an acre of land on the school yard of Northrich Elementary.



October

City Council begins negotiations with the Margaret Hunt Hill family for the purchase of 56 acres of land that will double the size of the Spring Creek Nature Area and will preserve the land in perpetuity.



Events & Milestones

The 2015 State of the City Address on Jan. 28 focused on major events that occurred in 2014. Here is a look in photos at what happened in Richardson over the past year.

December

Groundbreaking is held for Richardson's first dog park. The six acre site is under the Bush Turnpike west of US 75 and includes areas for large, small and sedentary dogs.



December

Santa's Village offers "Hometown Thursdays" reserved exclusively for Richardson residents.



State of the City highlights

During the annual State of the City Address held last month, Mayor Laura Maczka noted that the City of Richardson had an amazing year in 2014 and is well positioned for even greater success in 2015. The following information is a brief glimpse back at some of the many highlights of last year as well as a brief look ahead at what is in store for 2015.

Municipal Achievements

- The City's purchase of almost 60 acres of undeveloped land located adjacent to the Spring Creek Nature Area. The property acquisition will more than double the size of the area and the goal is to keep the land as a place to escape to nature, with passive recreation areas that will provide a natural oasis in the heart of one of DFW's most dynamic development corridors
- Maintained AAA bond rating (the highest level) by Standard & Poor's and Moody's in 2014
- Joint effort by the Solid Waste, Water, Street Division, and Parks and Recreation crews to achieve the largest weather clean-up response in Richardson's history—more than 2,400 tons of material after major ice storm
- As part of city improvements, the City Council is dedicating a full half-penny of property tax revenues to a fund for economic development
- The City Council increased the amount of money dedicated to infrastructure, allocating two pennies from the property tax rate for road rehabilitation, all without a tax increase
 - Which means new roads, sidewalks, updated water mains, and overall traffic improvements



Street Repairs

Infrastructure spending increased in 2014

The Richardson City Council approved additional funds for the Street Rehabilitation Program in the 2014-2015 City Budget, increasing the program's funding by a quarter cent, meaning 2 cents of the total tax rate is now dedicated to projects such as pavement repair, street leveling and crack sealing. The \$331,000 added to the program brings the total funding to \$2.2 million. The City's overall tax rate remained unchanged.

Infrastructure renewal is a priority for the Council and the increased funding will allow the City to finish up work on major arterial and collectors roads, as well as neighborhood streets.

In addition to the money from the 2 cents, \$505,000 of operations funds will also be put into the Street Rehabilitation Program, which increases the City's commitment to just under \$2.7 million. Additional funds are also in place for bridge rail maintenance, traffic signs and signals, and street light maintenance.



Economic Development Achievements

- The Richardson Economic Development Partnership joined with the National Center for Economic Gardening (NCEG), to launch the North Texas region's first economic gardening initiative to help revenue-generating tech start-ups grow



Rendering of CityLine

- The CityLine development, including State Farm's corporate campus, Raytheon's 489,000-square-foot complex, Whole Foods, LOOK Cinemas and gourmet restaurants
- When complete, the project will include:**
- 186 total acres
 - 6 million square feet of office space
 - 300,000 square feet of retail space
 - Two hotels
 - 520 urban-style homes
 - A 17,000-square-foot wellness and fitness facility
 - Three parks
 - 15,000 new jobs, many of them, high-tech, high-paying positions
 - More than \$1 billion a year in salaries and sales



Ten 50 BBQ

- Through catalyst projects and revitalization programs, the City redeveloped aging properties into thriving retail centers and restaurants. (i.e. Ten 50 BBQ, Alamo Draft-house, Dal-Rich Shopping Center and Restaurant Park)

Education Successes

- Richardson ISD has 23 Department of Education National Blue Ribbon campuses
- Plano ISD also has 23 schools earning the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence honor, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education
- All four RISD high schools were named among America's Best High Schools by *Newsweek*

Richardson makes the lists in 2014

What the residents of Richardson already know was affirmed by several organizations in 2014 as the City was highlighted in several local and national "Best of . . ." lists.

The Dallas Morning News

- Named Richardson in its Top 10 safest cities in the Metroplex
- Named the City as the 2nd healthiest place to live in the Metroplex
- Listed Richardson as the 3rd best place for empty nesters in the Metroplex

24/7 Wall Street

- Named Richardson the 17th Best City in the U.S. based on access to a large corporate market base, quality education, community amenities and low crime rate

USA Today

- Placed Richardson in the top 10 safest cities in Texas

- 85 percent of RISD schools earned at least one distinction for academic achievement, compared with 53% statewide
- Richland College is a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality award winner. The only community college to receive this honor
- UT Dallas is ranked among the Top 100 American universities in the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled
- UT Dallas also set a new enrollment record this past year with more than 23,000 students, ranging from 16 to 82 years of age, and its campus has grown by more than three million square feet since 2007



UT Dallas Comets

Arts and Culture

- Launched the Cultural Arts website as part of the Cultural Arts Master Plan to provide information on community-wide plays, music, art and film
- Attracted nearly 200,000 patrons to the celebrated Eisemann Center for concerts, corporate gatherings, dramas, and special events such as the Miss Texas Pageant, which will return to Richardson for the 2015 pageant
- Richardson will continue to produce and enhance its signature events, such as the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival, where more than 80 musical acts will perform, and the Cottonwood Arts Festival, featuring works from the nation's top visual artists

A Look Ahead

- Completing a 2015 bond proposal with no tax increase to be presented to voters in November
- Promoting the addition of public art throughout the community from the Cultural Arts Commission as part of the Public Art Master Plan that will go before the City Council in the spring
- Continue working with the North Texas Municipal Water District on water conservation efforts and supporting the expansion of reservoirs
- Taking an active role in planning initiatives for the expansion of US 75, and to present the City's desires to TxDOT for responsible corridor designs that are good for Richardson

City's "Triple A" ratings

What is becoming a consistent highlight each year in the State of the City Address, is Richardson's affirmation as a financially strong organization. In 2014, for the fifth year in a row, both the Moody's and Standard and Poor's credit rating agencies have reaffirmed Richardson's "Triple A" status. Richardson has held AAA status from Standard and Poor's for the last seven years, and 2014 marked the fifth year the City has received a Aaa rating from Moody's.

Every year, the City sells bonds to fund replacement of capital equipment and infrastructure improvements. Last year the City sold approximately \$7.9 million, which included funding for the new dog park, next generation 911 communications system and other long-term capital needs.

At the time the ratings were released, Richardson was one of only six communities in Texas to hold "Triple A" ratings from both agencies.

Houston Chronicle

- Gave Richardson the top spot on its safest cities list

The Dallas Observer

- Gave Richardson top honors as its pick for the best suburb in the Metroplex

Movoto Real Estate

- Picked Richardson as the 5th happiest in the nation among mid-sized cities

WalletHub

- Named Richardson the 10th Best City in the nation for a first-time home buyer to purchase a home. Compared 300 US cities using criteria such as average cost of a home, average cost of real estate taxes and area job market

Course No. 1 renovations get underway this month

Sherrill Park Course No. 1 will close this month for renovations that will include new green surfaces and reworked fairways and bunkers on several holes.

Nine holes of Course No. 1 will close Feb. 2 and the remaining nine holes will be available for play until Feb. 16. Work is expected to take about eight months, with the newly renovated course scheduled to open in late September or early October.

The course, which was last renovated in 1997, was still a quality course but had several areas that needed improvement and maintenance. Local firm Weibring and Wolfard Golf Design, which conducted the 1997 redesign of Course No. 1, as well as the 2001 redesign of Sherrill Park Course No. 2, was brought back to handle the current redesign.

New grass on all 18 green surfaces is the most significant part of the renovations. Advancements in golf course grass occur every year, and by planting a newer species of grass, putting conditions will be improved and the golf course will be more attractive to players, said Steve Wolfard, lead architect at Weibring and Wolfard Golf Design.

"Dallas/Fort Worth is a very competitive golf market; if you are not moving forward with your golf course then you are moving the wrong direction," Wolfard said. "Greens are always No. 1 on customer surveys."

The green complexes at holes 2, 4, 5, 14, 17 and 18 will be improved to create additional interest and playability. In addition, the 18th green will be shifted back

and to the right to add additional length to the course's final hole.

Several fairways will also be reshaped and the tee boxes that are showing signs of wear and tear from 17 years of heavy play will be rebuilt. Work will also be carried out on the course's 27 bunkers and two of the lakes, which have become silted in. The final aspect of the renovations is the establishment of a tree planting plan.

"The way the course was set up back in 1997 and how successful it has been over a long period of time is a testament to how versatile the course is," said Sherrill Park Head Professional Ronny Glanton. "From a top tour player to a beginner, playing Course No. 1 is an enjoyable experience. We are building on a really solid foundation."



State of the City Address available for viewing

Watch replay broadcasts of the 2015 State of the City Address on the City's cable channel through Feb. 28 or online at any time.

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Broadcast Schedule

When: 2 p.m. Tuesdays
and Thursdays
6 p.m. Saturdays

Where: Time Warner
Cable, channel 16
AT&T U-Verse,
channel 99

Online Viewing

[www.cor.net/
stateoftheCity](http://www.cor.net/stateoftheCity)
[www.youtube.com/
richardsonCITV](http://www.youtube.com/richardsonCITV)

City hires Lori Smeby as new Parks and Rec Department director



Lori Smeby

Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson announced that Lori Smeby has been named Richardson's director of parks and recreation, effective Feb. 9. Smeby comes to Richardson from Allen, Texas where she served as assistant director of parks and recreation.

Smeby will make the move from Allen to lead Richardson's award-winning services specializing in residential and corporate recreation, including the annual Corporate Challenge, and *Wildflower!* and Cottonwood festivals.

Smeby has nearly 30 years of experience working with parks and recreation programs. In addition to Allen, her background includes work in Arlington and Grapevine managing large community events and programs with a focus on customer service. Her background makes a good fit for Richardson, which hosts the *Wildflower!* Arts and Music Festival, Cottonwood Arts Festival and Corporate Challenge. These signature Richardson events are regional attractions that bring tens of thousands of people to the city.

"Lori has dedicated her entire career to working in and leading parks and recreation programs and she is a recognized leader in the industry," Johnson said. "She is going to be a phenomenal addition to our management team, and will bring the experience and skill needed to continue to lead the department and our signature programs in the future."

As director of parks and recreation in Richardson, Smeby will lead dynamic and diverse programs that include the parks planning,

maintenance, recreation, athletics, aquatics, community events and convention and tourism divisions. Each has a unique set of responsibilities designed to maximize service to the community, and recent investments have been made in new recreation facilities, trails, natural areas and community events.

"I am excited to join such an exemplary team of professionals in one of the finest parks and recreation programs in Texas," Smeby said. "This is going to be an incredible experience, and I look forward to building on the success already achieved by Richardson's programs."

Smeby holds a Bachelor of Science in natural resources management from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The director position for Richardson's Parks and Recreation Department has been vacant since September 2014, when Michael Massey retired from the position after serving nearly 30 years with the City.

City seeks public input on ADA Self Assessment

The City of Richardson is looking for public input on a very important matter—accessibility.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits local governments from discriminating against people on the basis of their disability and from excluding people from participation in programs, services or activities because of their disability. In 2014, the City did its due diligence and worked with its ADA Coordinator to review all services and programs and then to draft a Self Assessment to include all City departments.

The ADA requires public agencies that employ more than

50 people to maintain an up-to-date Self Assessment, which surveys accessibility barriers in programs and services and finds a way to remove them. The City has been actively working to identify and rectify any identified opportunities for improvement since the beginning of the initiative, but is looking for some assistance.

The City recently launched a webpage to make providing comments or input easier. A tab has been added to the City's website at www.cor.net, simply click the link, read the proposed Self Assessment and leave your feedback. All comments will be

reviewed and could help craft revisions to the current plan. The webpage will remain active until Feb. 13.

For residents without access to a computer, a printed version is available for review in the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, Room 202, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Alternative accessible formats may be obtained upon request through the ADA Coordinator. Send comments, suggestions or questions about the draft plan to the ADA Coordinator via e-mail at ADACoordinator@cor.gov or by mail at City of Richardson, ADA Coordinator, PO Box 830309, Richardson, TX 75083-0309.

DID YOU KNOW?

Compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs and fluorescent tubes are not recyclable and should be properly disposed of due to the small amount of mercury contained in them.

Residents can take their used fluorescent light bulbs to:

***Home Depot**
2220 N. Coit Rd.
Richardson
214-575-3070

***Lowe's Home Improvement**
501 S. Plano Rd.
Richardson
469-330-5720

Home Chemical Collection Center
11234 Plano Rd.
Dallas
214-553-1765

*Fluorescent tubes need to be taken to the Customer Service desk at Home Depot or Lowe's.

For questions or more information, contact Victoria Sum, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 972-744-4410 or victoria.sum@cor.gov.



City property taxes delinquent Feb. 1

Property taxes owed to the City of Richardson were due Jan. 31 and should have been paid to either the Collin County or Dallas County Tax Office, depending on where the property is located. The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes.

Richardson Independent School District taxes are billed by and paid to the school tax office at 970 Security Row, Richardson, TX 75081, 469-593-0500.

Collin County residents can make city, school and Collin County tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, city and Dallas County taxes are paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811.

If you live in:			
Dallas County		Collin County	
Tax	Pay to	Tax	Pay to
City	Dallas County	City	Collin County
County	Dallas County	County	Collin County
School	RISD	School	Collin County

Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Please call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.

Feb. 4
VEGAS SHOW NIGHT 6:30 p.m.
 Join us for a fun night of entertainment, Vegas style. Richard Barry, the man of many voices, will do a tribute to Neil Diamond. Light hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center and will not be sold at the door. Hope to see you in Vegas! \$5.

Feb. 6-April 10
AARP TAX AID PROGRAM 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Volunteers trained by AARP will be here every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation. Please bring your social security card with you.

Feb. 16
IT'S TIME FOR A MUSICAL CELEBRATION noon
 Join us in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Texas Winds Musical Outreach. The original woodwind quintet will be together once again to perform for you. There will be celebration and music in the air. No fee.

Feb. 19
HEALTH CONNECTION—SHINGLES ... WHAT IS IT? 10 a.m.
 Winter Park Assisted Living and Memory Care will discuss the cause, possible effects and prevention of shingles. You will not want to miss the opportunity of learning about this painful virus that inflicts many older adults. No fee.

Feb. 26
HEALTH CONNECTION—Zyto HAND SCAN 10 a.m.
 Texas Financial and Health Awareness will provide Zyto Hand Scans that analyze the chemical balance of your system, highlighting any vitamin and/or mineral deficiencies you may have. The latest in technology, the Zyto Scanner will provide the results for you to take home that day. No fee.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Feb. 17
Out to Lunch at Spring Creek Barbecue
March 7
What's New in Fort Worth with Rose-Mary Rumbley
 Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.	Feb. 3 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Seniors Disaster Planning" presented by the Senior Source. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Feb. 4 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "A Virtuous Woman" by Kay Gibbons. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Feb. 6 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. It's not just history. Ancestry workshop. Call 972-744-4355 for information.
Feb. 7 DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.	Feb. 11 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "We are Water" by Wally Lamb. Call 972-744-4352 for information.	Feb. 16 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Feb. 17 RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Steve Miller will speak about pastels.
Feb. 18 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry" by Gabrielle Zevin. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Feb. 18 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.	Feb. 19 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 1:30-3 p.m. Basement Program Room. History program presented by Barbara Bayliss.	Feb. 19 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Call 972-744-4376 for information.
Feb. 21 THE WRITE STUFF RETURNS (WRITING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS) 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Training Room. Presented by C.J. Critt. Call 972-744-4376 for information.	Feb. 24 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. Call 972-744-4352 for information.	Feb. 27 COMPUTER CLASS: "INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL" 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.	

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Feb. 1 TALES FOR TAILS: READ TO LIVE DOGS! 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room. For readers in grades K-4.	Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Feb. 14 HEART-Y ARTY VALENTINE PARTY 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.	Feb. 28 LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGES 1:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Richardson Altrusans celebrate 49th birthday

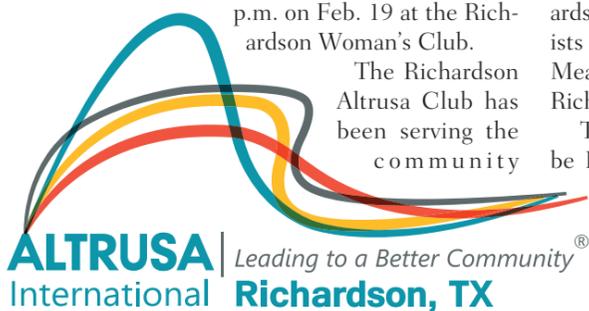
Richardson Altrusans will blow out 49 candles on the cake at the club's birthday party at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19 at the Richardson Woman's Club.

The Richardson Altrusa Club has been serving the community

since its inception. This year, in addition to many ongoing projects, an art contest was held for Richardson ISD upper elementary school students. Artists drew posters on the topic "What World Peace Means To Me." Winners' work was displayed at the Richardson Public Library.

The special guest at the birthday dinner will be Beth Blair, governor of Altrusa District Nine (Texas).

People seeking more information or wishing to register to attend should visit www.altrusarichardson.com. Reservations must be made by Feb. 16.





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February Civic Center Events

Antique Elegance Feb. 13-15 www.antiqueeleganceshow.com	Dallas Bead Market Feb. 20-22 www.thebeadmarket.net
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The Richardson Civic Center offers a wide variety of accommodations for classes, seminars, corporate presentations, banquets, receptions and trade shows!

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Celebrate Texas! set for Feb. 28 at Eisemann Center

The City of Richardson and the Eisemann Center for Performing Arts will host Celebrate Texas!, a memorable experience of local entertainment, food and beverage—all from the great state of Texas. Lobby activities (food, libations and art) will begin at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Eisemann Educates program and the Big Texas Swing School.

The entertainment schedule will be headlined by three-time Grammy Award nominee Dave Alex-

ander and his Big Texas Swing Band. The Quebe Sisters, top notch fiddlers and vocalists, and Jason Roberts, Grammy-winning fiddler and former member of Asleep at the Wheel, are also on the schedule.

Food, wine and beer samplings will also be included with your ticket. Western art by Sherri Alexander will be on display.

Tickets are \$100 and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

www.cor.net/richardsonstoday

Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center Presents shows include Arlo Guthrie

The 2014-2015 season of Eisemann Center Presents continues with performances from the Paul Taylor Dance Company and Arlo Guthrie, among others.

Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.

Paul Taylor Dance Company
8 p.m. Feb. 7
Tickets \$42-\$62



Paul Taylor Dance Company

The Paul Taylor Dance Company, presented in partnership with the UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities, is one of the world's most highly respected and sought-after ensembles. Dance maker Paul Taylor first presented his choreography with five other dancers in Manhattan on May 30, 1954. That modest performance marked the beginning of 60 years of unrivaled creativity, and in the decades that followed, Taylor became a cultural icon. The program will include the Dallas premiere of *Diggity* (1978), *Beloved Renegade* (2008) and *Cloven Kingdom* (1976). The Paul Taylor 2 Dance

Company will be in residency with dancers in the UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities for 10 days, culminating in the showcase performance on Feb. 7, prior to the public performance by the main company.

In addition, on Feb. 6, a Master Class with Paul Taylor Dance Company will be held as part of the Eisemann Educates Program. The class is for advanced students only and is limited to 35 participants and 100 observers. The class fee is \$22 for participants and \$7 for observers. For information, visit www.ptdc.org.

"The Teacher from the Black Lagoon and Other Story Books"
2:30 p.m. Feb. 15
Tickets \$13-\$23



Teacher from the Black Lagoon

Theatreworks USA presents an exciting new musical revue based on favorite contemporary children's books. The performance is part of the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Family Theatre Series.

Books include "The Teacher from the Black Lagoon" by Mike Thaler and Jared Lee; "Dogzilla" by Dav Pilkey; "Grumpy Bird" by Jeremy Tankard; "I Want My Hat Back" by Jon Klassen; "Lily's Plastic Purple Purse" by Kevin Henkes; "Love Splat (Splat the Cat)" by Rob Scotton; and "The Grasshopper and the Ant" based on a fable by Aesop and adapted by Eric March.

"The Last Two People on Earth: An Apocalyptic Vaudeville"
8 p.m. Feb. 17-21
2 p.m. Feb. 21-22
Tickets \$65-\$72



Mandy Patinkin and Taylor Mac

It's the end of the world as we know it. A flood of biblical proportions leaves us with only two people on Earth, who discover their common language is song and dance. Together they chronicle the

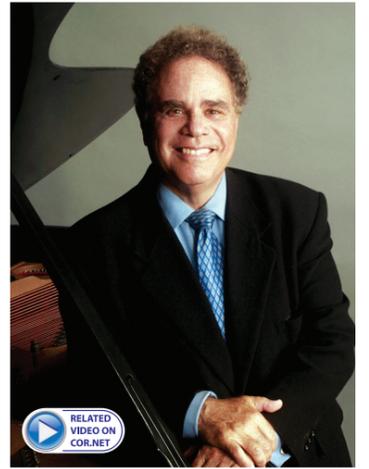
rise and fall and hopeful rise again of humankind, through music that runs the gamut from Rodgers and Hammerstein to Sondheim, R.E.M. and Queen. This is the Texas premiere—starring Mandy Patinkin and Taylor Mac, with direction and choreography by Susan Stroman.

Arlo Guthrie
Alice's Restaurant
50th Anniversary Tour
8 p.m. Feb. 27
Tickets \$40-\$60

It was 50 years ago, 1965, when Arlo Guthrie took out the trash following a Thanksgiving dinner that couldn't be beat. This hilarious account of actual events that precluded Arlo from military service (1966), became a platinum selling record (1967) and full length motion picture (1969), has become a traditional part of Thanksgiving. Guthrie brings to the stage, for the first time in a decade, the "Alice's Restaurant Massacre" in its entirety. Because of its length (about 18 minutes), Guthrie has only added the complete Massacre to his touring menu on the 10-year anniversaries. The show will feature the full Massacre and other favorites from Guthrie's catalog.

Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®
7:30 p.m. March 2
Tickets \$28-\$33

Jeffrey Siegel will explore the work of Franz Liszt, answering the question of whether he was Satan or Saint.



Jeffrey Siegel

The program includes the heavenly "Ave Maria," the devilish "Mephisto Waltz" and the "Sonata in B Minor," perhaps Liszt's most autobiographical work.

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question-and-answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear pianist Jeffrey Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.

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For tickets visit www.eisemanncenter.com
or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

(2 p.m. Feb. 8. Free. Visit www.richardsoncommunityband.org.)

USCCC PRESENTS THE CHINESE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

(7 p.m. Feb. 11. \$15-\$25. Visit www.usccc.org.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "A Night at the Movies." (8 p.m. Feb. 14 \$12-\$89. Visit www.richardsonorchestra.org.)

DALLAS BETHLEHEM CENTER PRESENTS "STARBRIGHT—A GATHERING OF LIGHT"

(8 p.m. Feb. 20. \$10-\$50. Visit www.dallasbethlehemcenter.org.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, presents "Do You Hear the People Sing." (8 p.m. Feb. 21 \$9-\$75. Visit www.planosymphony.org for tickets.)

SHUFFLE IT FORWARD PRESENTS "MY PEOPLE—REAL FOLKS AND OTHER CHARACTERS"

(7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 \$27-\$32.)

LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS "AMERICANS WE: A PATRIOTIC CONCERT"

(2:30 p.m. March 1. \$32-\$42. Visit www.lonestarwindorchestra.com.)

Seniors' Net hosts free seminars

Seniors' Net holds seminars each month on topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. The free seminars are held 10 a.m.-noon at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Feb. 17

Senior Citizen Scams and Elder Fraud,
presented by the Richardson Police Department

For more information, call 972-234-8880, ext. 118, or visit www.thenetwork.org.

NETWORK was founded in 1985 and provides health and emergency services to children, low-income families and senior citizens in need within Richardson ISD.

RISD prepares for annual used book fair

The 33rd annual Richardson ISD Council of PTAs' Used Book Fair is fast approaching. This year's book fair will be held at the Dal-Rich Shopping Center at the southeast corner of Belt Line and Coit roads Feb. 12-15. The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday.

Items available at the book fair include books, CDs and DVDs for people of all ages. Most items cost less than \$2, and all sales on Thursday and Friday will be tax free. Cash and checks will be accepted, as well as credit cards for purchases of more than \$20.

The book fair has raised \$800,000 since its inception in 1982. Council delegates at local units coordinate the collection, sorting and delivery of books. It takes volunteers at all levels of local and council PTA to make this project the successful fundraiser and community service that it is.



For questions, e-mail Meredyth Childress at usedbookfair@risdpta.org. To keep up with the Council of PTAs events, visit www.risdpta.org or www.facebook.com/risdpta.

Library to host annual RALC fundraiser

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center's annual murder mystery fundraiser is at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 21 at the Richardson Public Library.

Guests will solve a mystery by sifting through clues from scenes enacted throughout the building. The community actors for this year include Richardson Deputy City Manager David Morgan, RISD Assistant Superintendent Chris Goodson, State Farm Public Affairs Manager Camille Garcia and retired Blue Cross Blue Shield executive Ron Taylor.

Tickets are \$50 and include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and drinks. For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ralc.org.

RCT presents songs of Patsy Cline

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2014-2015 season with a performance of "Always ... Patsy Cline," Feb. 6-15 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson.

The show is a fun-loving, crowd-pleasing musical full of down-home country humor and a big heart. Based on a true story, the show features nearly 30 classic songs from the Patsy Cline songbook, including chart-topping songs such as "Crazy," "Your Cheatin' Heart" and "I Fall to Pieces."

Showtime for Fridays and Saturdays is 7:30 p.m., with Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$14 for teens. For tickets call 972-690-5029.

Choreographer focus of AIR Time documentary

AIR Time, presented by the Alamo Drafthouse Richardson and the Eisemann Center, presents the documentary "Creative Domain," which chronicles the life of the legendary choreographer Paul Taylor and showcases his approach to modern dance.

The film will air at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Alamo Draft House Richardson, 100 S. Central Expressway, and will be followed by a panel discussion.

This event is a fundraiser for the Arts Incubator of Richardson (AIR) and the revenue from ticket sales go to support AIR's programming and building campaign.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.bit.ly/1AMXChP.

2015 Trash Bash is April 18

Additional parking lot to be utilized this year

This year's Trash Bash will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 and provide several recycling opportunities. New this year, the First United Methodist Church Richardson, south of City Hall, will serve as a collection point. **This will allow for additional visitor parking at City Hall.** There will be educational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza. There will also be activities for everyone.

This year the electronic recycling and paper shredding will be held at the First United Methodist Church Richardson parking lot. The following are some of the activities planned for the day:

Starting at 9 a.m.

- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers; please bring your own con-

tainers to take your compost home)

- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Starting at 11 a.m.

Trash Bash After Party at the Civic Center

- Environmental Education Fair
- Free recycling bags
- Refreshments
- Free plants
- Door prizes
- Coupons for one free bag of compost or mulch from Texas Pure Compost
- City and DART vehicles on display
- Animal Shelter adoptable animals
- Children's bounce house
- Entertainment by "Just Jazz"

NO EPS Styrofoam accepted.

For additional information or questions, please visit www.cor.net/trashbash or call 972-744-4076.

Little Free Library at Animal Shelter is sure to keep tails wagging

Little ones hoping to volunteer at the Richardson Animal Shelter now have that opportunity thanks to a donation of free books and the installation of a Little Free Library.

The Little Free Library allows children the opportunity to read to Shelter animals, hone their literacy skills and provide the pets with much-needed one-on-one time.

Little Free Libraries began in 2009 when a Wisconsin man crafted a small replica of a one-room school house about the size of a large mailbox and stuffed it with free, used books in hopes of promoting literacy. The libraries have since become a popular stop in neighborhoods around the country where readers can grab a new novel or drop off an old book for free.

The Shelter's Special Events and Projects Supervisor Noura Jammal said most of the volunteer work at the Shelter is done by volunteers 15 and older, thus leaving the Shelter searching for ways to incorporate younger volunteers. However, when the Friends of the Richardson Library suggested installing a Little Free Library, Jammal saw a perfect opportunity to attract younger volunteers.

The Shelter was gifted the Little Free Library, which usually costs \$25, and all of the animal-themed books were donated by the Friends of the Richardson Library.



"We think it's a great way to expose the animals to some social skills they would otherwise not receive," Jammal said. "We also hope that this will increase adoptions by bringing more families into the Shelter."

For those interested in participating, simply stop by the Richardson Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr. For more information, call 972-744-4480 or visit www.cor.net/animalservices.

Richardson Central Rotary honors two City employees

Utility Systems Superintendent Hunter Stephens and Assistant Budget Officer Bob Clymire were awarded this year's Supervisor of the Year and Employee of the Year awards from the Richardson Central Rotary Club.

The awards are specially designed to recognize City employees that make significant contributions during the past year. The Richardson Central Rotary Club has presented the awards to City employees since 1992.



Pictured from left: Richardson Central Rotary Club President Wayne Mayo, Bob Clymire, Hunter Stephens and Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson.

Next CFA class begins March 12

The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week for three hours at the new Fire Training Center located at 1621 E. Lookout Dr. Academy participants will receive an insider's view of the vast services the RFD provides. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls.

The next CFA class begins March 12 and will graduate May 21. If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to www.cor.net/fire and download an application.

The intent of the CFA classes is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it's an opportunity

to experience firsthand the duties and responsibilities of firefighters. Learn about the firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground operations,

emergency management, training requirements and administration of the RFD. After completing the program, participants will be able to use their knowledge to create a safer home and work environment and educate others about the RFD and the services provided to the community.



Help for your landscape from Texas A&M AgriLife

Classes are free but you must complete the online registration form. All classes will be at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Building C, 17360 Coit Rd., Dallas, TX 75252. For more information, call 972-231-5362 or go online to www.Dallas.TAMU.edu/Courses.

Landscape and Tree Maintenance #113

Thurs., Feb. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wondering when to prune your trees and ornamental grasses? Should I mulch in the spring, fall or both? Learn the right time to maintenance your landscape and trees to ensure the health, production and aesthetics.

Drip Irrigation DIY #105

Thurs., Feb. 26, 6:30-8 p.m.

Water slower, deeper and more efficient with every drop. Convert your spray heads and watch your sprinkler system save you money from our hands on drip conversion class. You will learn how to install drip irrigation tubing from your faucet or how to convert an existing zone to drip. Drip irrigation is the most efficient irrigation method and essential to sustainable landscapes. Drip irrigation for foundation watering will also be covered.

Making A Rain Barrel

Sat., March 7, 9-11 a.m.

Richardson residents only and must register on AgriLife's website. Does your rain just run off? Divert it, save it, use it!! Come learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. Cost: \$50 a barrel.



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 www.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.



Two nature walks in February

Two nature walks are planned in February at Breckinridge Park, as the City of Richardson revives its Urban Naturalist program, last active several years ago. These walks are a great way to enjoy the outdoors while learning about what makes them great. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go to www.cor.net/parksonline.

No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in this area of the park, so plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Each walk is restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.



Birds of Winter Saturday, Feb. 14 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Winter in North Central Texas is host to several migrating bird species, many of which reside in Breckinridge Park along with the resident bird population. Master Birder Janie Henderson of Audubon Dallas will guide us through the different habitats of the natural area in search of the sights and sounds of these many various bird species.

Binoculars are not required for this tour but are highly recommended. This walk is divided into two groups of 12 each starting at the same time.

Trout Lily Discovery Walk Saturday, Feb. 21 10–11:30 a.m.

A magnificent opportunity awaits those adventurous enough to walk with Texas Master Naturalist Jim Vamum in a tour of Breckinridge Park in search of the truly unique Trout Lily, which is one of the first early

bloomers of spring in unique natural areas. The blooms of the Trout Lily, or dogtooth violet, last only a very short while and are easily overlooked in their natural setting, but these are the premiere plants announcing the approaching spring bloom of other natural wildflowers in the park.

NOW HIRING!

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department is looking for some enthusiastic people to join its team! This is shaping up to be a busy year, and there will be a need for the following part-time and seasonal jobs:

- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
- Camp Counselors and Directors
- Gymnastics Instructors
- Gymnastics Coaches
- Cashiers
- Recreation Support Technicians

Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs. Call 972-744-7855 for information on camp jobs, 972-744-7892 for aquatic jobs, and 972-744-7860 for gymnastics jobs.

Valentine Jubilee



Heights Recreation Center
Saturday, Feb. 7
7-9:30 p.m.
Registration #81412

Ages 18 and older. Come join us as we celebrate this exciting and romantic holiday with a dance. It will surely be all your heart desires! No date necessary. You will enjoy dinner and a full night of dancing to music from our very own disc jockey. Space is limited, so register today. Fee is \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.



Sherrill Park 2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

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

Golf It Up for the beginning and intermediate player includes eight hours of instruction (seven hours on the driving range, chipping, putting green and one hour on the golf course with your instructor).

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

Huffhines Tennis Center 1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Lessons for juniors and adults are available at the Huffhines Tennis Center. Group lessons are available in three-week blocks at a cost of \$60-\$108. Private lessons with the center's instructors are also available in 30 minute or one hour blocks.

The Huffhines Tennis center is located at Huffhines Park, 1601 Syracuse Dr. Fees are \$2 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance. For information, visit www.bit.ly/1Bz1frE.

city of richardson 2015 PHOTO CONTEST



2014 Best of Show (Adult Division): Linda Grigsby



2014 Best of Proficient Division: Mark Smith



2014 Best of Student Division: Sam Eichenwald

Featured Artist Exhibit
Larry Ammann
Jan. 7-Feb. 25
Huffhines Recreation Center

2014 Best of Show & Best of Division Exhibit featuring the work of:
Linda Grigsby (Adult)
Mark Smith (Proficient)
Sam Eichenwald (Student)
and

2014 Judge's Exhibit featuring the work of:
Mark Waldon, Jonny Carroll
D'Ann Wright
Jan. 9-29 • Library 3rd Floor

Entries accepted
Jan. 12-25
Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available Jan. 30
www.cor.net/PhotoContest
2015 Contest Results Exhibit
Jan. 31-Feb. 23
Richardson Library 3rd Floor

2015 Awards Ceremony & Workshop
Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m.
Civic Center Grand Hall

Entry Forms available to pick up at Huffhines Recreation Center or to download at www.cor.net/PhotoContest

New categories this year!



Daddy Daughter VALENTINE BALL

Richardson Civic Center/Grand Hall
Friday, Feb. 6, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Theme: Masquerade Ball **Registration #81411**
Ages 5 and older with a dad, grandad, uncle or other father figure. Daddies, this is your chance to treat your girls like the princesses they are. Enjoy a buffet-style dinner and a night of dancing, plus special effects lighting, contests, and more! This will truly be a night they will always remember! Fee is \$60 per couple (resident), \$62 per couple (non-resident) and INCLUDES a photograph of you and your daughter. Additional daughter is \$25 without a photograph or \$35 with a photograph. Limited space available! Registration deadline, Feb. 1, or when full!

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 (www.cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

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 Feb. 2. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$55 without membership.



Internet Usage
In this class you will learn about such things as Internet service providers, web browsing, web searching, e-mail, newsgroups, etc. The next two-week session starts TBA from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Create a Website
This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, YouTube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts TBA from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for the session 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. The next two-class session will be Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 with a class from 9 a.m.-noon or 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, Feb. 2 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, Feb. 2 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

iPhone iOS 8, 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 8 operating system. Learn about new changes to the keyboard, interactive notifications, iMessage, iCloud Drive and more. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Feb. 21 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$30 with membership, \$33 without membership.

iPhone iOS 8, 102 and 103
102 will cover the photos app on the phone to edit pictures, and how to take better videos. 103 will feature the new iPhone Health App. Learn how to use the app to keep all your health-related information in one place on your phone. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, Feb. 21 from 3-4 p.m. (102) and 4-5 p.m. (103). Cost is \$30 with membership, \$33 without membership.

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 Feb. 3, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

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.

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.

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 2-3:30 p.m. This six-week class costs \$10. Classes will start Feb. 11.

Beginner Square Dance
New class session started in January and will run through March 24. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7-9 p.m. Cost of lessons is \$75 per person.

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.



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.

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 March 26 at 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.

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:

Feb. 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	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:

Feb. 2 and 5	6-9 p.m.
Feb. 23 and 26	6-9 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.

Pocket Billiards Class
Ted Swanson, recognized by the Professional Billiard Instructor Association, offers individually scheduled two-hour classes tailored for the student's needs. Classes are 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 class or call 972-744-7800 to register. Fee: \$10 per person/per class.

Programs

Happy Birthday Party
Spring birthdays (March, April, May) will be celebrated 2 p.m. March 30.

Pool Tournaments
Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m. Due to Friday pool tournaments, open play is from 3:30-5 p.m. only.

Senior Table Tennis
Players who love the game are invited to play Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 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 2014-2015 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

Health Connection Feb. 19—10 a.m.—No Cost Shingles...What is It?
Winter Park Assisted Living and Memory Care will discuss the cause, possible effects and prevention of shingles. You will not want to miss the opportunity of learning about this painful virus that inflicts many older adults.

Health Connection Feb. 26—10 a.m.—No Cost Zyto Hand Scan
Texas Financial and Health Awareness will provide Zyto Hand Scans that analyze the chemical balance of your system, highlighting any vitamin and/or mineral deficiencies you may have. The latest in technology, the Zyto Scanner will provide the results for you to take home that day.

AARP Tax Aid Program
AARP's income tax assistance program will begin Feb. 6 and run through April 10. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.*Please bring your Social Security Card with you. No fee.

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 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 Alan Tanowitz, president, 972-231-6882, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

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

Feb. 7	Bill G. Band
Feb. 14	Tommy Chandler
Feb. 28	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.

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

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.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Join us at the Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 for a fun evening of entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, photo ops and door prizes. Come dressed in your best Las Vegas attire. Tickets available at the Senior Center or call 972-744-7800 to purchase over the phone with a credit card. Tickets are \$5.

Richardson Public Library

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

Texas Reelers Square Dance

The Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing the first and third Friday of every month from 7:30-10 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance. Admission is \$7 per person.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fee is \$7 per person.

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 www.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 Feb. 2. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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.

Needleworks

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Chess Club

The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? Next Bingo date is Feb. 19 at 2 p.m.

Let's Play "42"

Regular "42" games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. New players welcome.

Tatting

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using only one stitch. We have supplies for you to start and meet every Tuesday from 3:30-8 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

Yarn Arts

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

Photography Club

If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures, how about joining a photography club to share ideas and know-how? You do not have to own professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. No fee.

Services

Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Wednesday of every month from 9-10 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 for your appointment.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Chair Massage

Lavona Kirtley, our chair massage therapist, offers chair massage on Tuesday mornings. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$50 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for appointment.

City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we begin taking reservations on Friday at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor's appointments, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.



Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Counselors are available the first Friday of every month. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment.

The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new free program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café will meet the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Feb. 5.

RSVP Volunteer Program Help Needed!!!

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, how about becoming a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a "Richardson Rowdies" volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Michael Gondran at 214-525-6167.

The Seniors' Net

The Seniors' Net helps seniors in our community to remain as independent as possible in their own homes by providing a variety of services. For more information call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880. The Senior Net "Loaves of Love" program has expanded! Seniors residing within Richardson ISD may shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays from 9-11 a.m.

First Richardson Helpers

First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of bathroom grab bars and outdoor hand rails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FRH provides assistance with code enforcement issues. To request service, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-996-0160 or send an e-mail to info@FirstRichardsonHelpers.org.

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered the first Monday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; first Wednesday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Fee is \$20 a month or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. of the month for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Zumba Gold

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. You will learn easy-to-follow moves to zesty music in a party upbeat atmosphere. Classes are held Mondays at 9:45 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.



WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues winter WaterAerobic instruction in the winter. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at J.J. Pearce High School Natatorium located at 1600 N. Coit Rd. Class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is \$30 a month or \$40 for a 10-class punch card (three month expiration). Call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Games

Canasta

Thursday, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

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

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.



Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	2:30-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Aubrey
Beg. Line Dance	Tues.	9:30-10:30 a.m.	\$11/Month	Halvorson
Int. Line Dance	Tues.	10:45-11:45 a.m.	\$2	Halvorson
Int./Adv. Ballroom	Wed.	2-4 p.m.	\$50 Couple/Month \$25 Single/Month or \$10 per class	Faris
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

WINTER BABYSTEPS



Winter *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 and their parents.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon. 6-6:30 p.m. Group PM

Fri. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group AM

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.

Required registration began Monday, Jan. 12 BabySteps started Monday, Jan. 26 and ends Friday, March 6.

WINTER WIGGLE WORMS

Winter *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 began Monday, Jan. 26 and ends Thursday, March 5.

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. 6-6:30 p.m. Group PM

Thurs. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group AM3

Thurs. 11-11:30 a.m. Group AM4

Required registration began Monday, Jan 12. (Children must be 12 months old by 01/01/15). 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.

WINTER STORYTIME

Winter *Storytime* is a 6-week program for Richardson residents, ages 3 to 6 years old, filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be at least 3 years old by Jan. 1, 2015.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

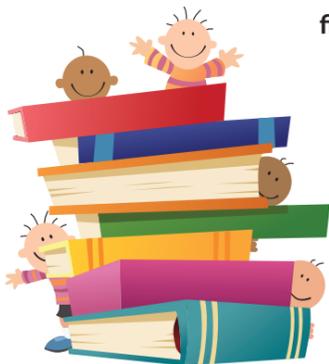
Tues. 6:45-7:15 p.m. Group ST-1

Wed. 10:15-10:45 a.m. Group ST-2

Wed. 3:45-4:15 p.m. Group ST-3

Required registration began Monday, Jan. 12

Storytime started Tuesday, Jan. 27 and ends Wednesday, March 4



Children attend *Storytime* independently. Parents, please meet your children in the Children's Program Room promptly at the end of each session. Limit one guest per child—one time only.

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.

Get 1-on-1 help with "Book a Librarian"

Whether you need assistance with a specific research project or simply need a personalized introduction to the Richardson Public Library, you can sign up for the Library's "Book a Librarian."

The service offers a free 30- to 60-minute appointment with a knowledgeable librarian.

To set up an appointment, call 972-744-4355 or complete the appointment form online at www.cor.net/library. Appointments are also available in Spanish, Russian and Polish.

Among the topics "Book a Librarian" can assist with are:

- Readers advisory
- Introduction to Library services
- Research, databases, eBooks, etc
- Genealogy
- Richardson history
- Internet basics and technology help
- Job seeker resources

It's not just history it's YOUR history

Ancestry Workshop

Exploring Ancestry.com & Heritage Quest for Genealogy Research

with Jane Nearing, RPL Research Librarian

Friday, Feb. 6

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

You are welcome to bring your lunch

Basement Program Room

Call 972-744-4355 for more information.



Tales for Tails



Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!

Sunday, Feb. 1 3-4 p.m.

For Readers in Grades K-4 1st Floor Program Room

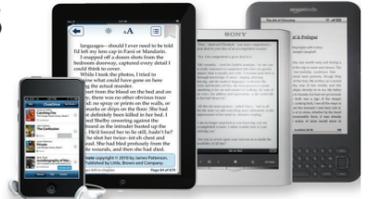
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Second Floor tables by the balcony

For more information, call 972-744-4350.

EVERYONE IS AN EXPERT & HAS WORTHY STORIES TO TELL

CJ CRITT & THE WRITE STUFF RETURNS

Join Disney staff writer and produced playwright, CJ Critt.

Mini Workshop
Saturday, Feb. 21 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room
Adults & Mature Teens FREE

Call 972-744-4376 to register.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Public Library

"Box of Bricks" Challenge!

What can you build with a box of LEGOs? Join us and let your imagination soar!

*Saturday, Feb. 28
1:30-2:30 p.m. OR 3-4 p.m. OR 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
For ages 6 to 10 only. LEGOs provided.

* Tickets required. Tickets available Saturday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Services Department. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Do you know someone in Richardson who loves to read but is unable to come to the Library due to age or disability?

The Library offers Books by Mail services to homebound patrons. This service includes audiobooks, music CDs and nonfiction DVDs, as well as regular and large print books. For more information, call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376.

Heart-y Art-y Valentine Party

Saturday, Feb. 14 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room

Make Valentine CRAFTS!
Enjoy a PUPPET SHOW!

Recommended for Pre-K to 4th graders
For more information, contact Youth Services at 972-744-4358.