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City's incentive program encourages homeowners to reinvest in Richardson

Homeowners looking to spruce up their property can do so through the City of Richardson's Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP).

The program encourages residents to reinvest in their properties by offering an economic incentive that lowers the financial hurdle homeowners face when looking to make significant investments to their property. The result is an increase in value of the city's housing stock and the overall betterment of the city's neighborhoods.

"This is another way for the City to show its commitment to redevelopment and reinvestment in our neighborhoods," said Assistant City Manager Don Magnier. "This has helped distinguish Richardson from its neighbors by offering an incentive for new homebuyers to purchase fixer-uppers and improve the overall quality of the home, which improves the overall quality of the block and neighborhood."

Since the program began in 2007, 242 projects have resulted in \$1.32 million of incentive payments back to residents. The 242 projects have ranged in scope from interior remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms to the complete

tear down and reconstruction of homes, and have increased appraised values more than \$19.7 million.

All homeowners who live in single-family zoned areas and are not delinquent on their taxes may participate in the program, regardless of the appraised value or age of the house. **Prior to beginning construction, homeowners must fill out an application and submit it to the Community Services division.** The total value of the improvement project must be at least \$20,000 and be completed within two years of approval by City staff. Once the work is finished, the homeowner should contact the City so an inspector can be sent to the home to confirm the project is complete. Please note that the HIIP inspection is separate from the standard building inspection process.

The homeowner will receive a one-time incentive payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes based on the pre-renovation and post-renovation appraised value, with no cap on the maximum payment. The appraised value will be determined by the appraisal district in the county where

the property is located. The incentive will be paid on April 1 of the first full calendar year following the project's completion.

For more information, or to download an application, visit www.cor.net/hiip or call 972-744-4180.



After

The property pictured in before and after photos underwent an extensive remodel of the home and the landscaping. After completion of the project, the owners received a one-time payment equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in City taxes based on the pre- and post-renovation appraised value. This property was also nominated for and received a Community Revitalization Award.



Before

CityLine development expands with recent land purchase

The City of Richardson received exciting news last month, as a piece of property located at the southeast corner of Bush Turnpike and Central Expressway has been purchased by a developer, with plans for a major mixed-use project in this booming sector of the city.

BC Station Partners LLC has purchased 54 acres of land, immediately west of the CityLine project and adjacent to DART's Bush Turnpike light rail station, and plans to transform the area into a \$500 million transit-oriented development site that will include office, retail, residential and hotel components. Upon completion, the project is expected to have more than 1.35 million square feet of office space, 100,000 square feet of retail, 1,250 multifamily units and two hotels.

"We are so excited to have another major project planned for

Richardson's hottest development area," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "Building on the massive CityLine project immediately to the east and the City's far-sighted investment in multi-modal transportation, this sector of Richardson is quickly becoming one of North Texas' most vibrant and significant employment and residential centers, as well as an incredible regional entertainment, shopping and dining destination. We applaud the developers of this project and look forward to what it will bring."

Trammell Crow Residential (TCR) is scheduled to break ground on the first phase of the multifamily and retail section at the site this month. It is located directly across the DART rail station from State Farm and will total 351 units with 10,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space.



Rendering of the first phase of the mixed-used project.

Make Mulch, Not Trash



Spring is inching closer and new buds and blooms are soon followed by tree trimmings and grass clippings. But this year, instead of tossing the trimmings in the trash, help the City and environment through Richardson's Make Mulch, Not Trash campaign.

"The Make Mulch, Not Trash program is a benefit to residents because it is an environmentally responsible way to divert material from the landfill while also saving the City money," said Victoria Sum, Solid Waste Coordinator for the City of Richardson.

The campaign encourages residents to mulch their own grass and leaves. Mulching and composting provide nutrients that help create a healthy lawn, and given the state's current drought status, mulch can help maintain much-needed moisture within the soil. It can also help keep plant roots cool during the hot summer.

You can leave your grass clippings in the yard since they will break down quickly. Leaves can be shredded with a lawnmower. If

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City continues every other week watering

Beginning in April, no lawn watering 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Based on guidelines recently approved by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the City of Richardson will continue to adhere to water restrictions that call for every other week lawn watering until further notice.

The district 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 continue to monitor water supplies to determine the level of needed restrictions.

In March, residents may water anytime on the allowed watering days.

Beginning in April, lawn watering will not be permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the allowed watering days.

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil.

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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



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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There is very little open space left in Richardson to see new development, which is why several years ago the City began to focus on redevelopment opportunities. One such focus has been on finding ways to promote investment in our neighborhoods.

Revitalizing neighborhoods is truly the epitome of a grass roots effort, and with tens of thousands of property owners in the city it takes all of us working together to keep area property values high and neighborhoods attractive.

And just like redevelopment in our commercial areas, sometimes it takes incentives to promote redevelopment in residential areas which is why the Home Improvement Incentive Program (HIIP) was created in 2007. Originated as a City Council initiative, the Program allows residents who complete qualifying projects to recoup some of the renovation costs. Since its inception, 242 properties have been improved under the HIIP umbrella, resulting in incentive payments to residents of more than \$1.3 million and producing \$19.7 million in direct increased value in our neighborhoods.

More information on the HIIP program can be found on the front page of this month's issue of *Richardson Today*, and I hope it may even interest you in thinking about a home improvement project you may have been thinking about.

I also want to take the time to recognize a group of property owners who have gone above and beyond when renovating and redeveloping their properties. The Community Revitalization Awards

are handed out every year as a way to thank property owners who have made a positive impact in the community through improving their home or business. This year, 14 residences and two businesses were given awards. To see pictures of the award-winning properties and read their stories, check out page 3.

This is an exciting time in Richardson, so please join me in giving a hand not only to the winners of this year's Revitalization Awards, but to all Richardson residents and business owners who put their time, money and effort into continuing to make Richardson a place we are all proud to call home!

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka
 Mayor

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.

The CRC public hearing will be 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). Replays of the public hearing will also be shown on the city's cable channel. See the table below for air times.

Air times	March 5 and 8
6 p.m.	Thursday
9 a.m.	Sunday

For information, visit www.bit.ly/133EnVt.

NTMWD will conduct annual free chlorine maintenance in March



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. The free chlorine maintenance is a water system maintenance function as well as a water conservation measure. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) allows water suppliers to perform a free chlorine maintenance in order to maintain proper chloramine levels (required by the TCEQ) during the warm weather periods, thus conserving water.

The chloramines, a combination of chlorine and ammonia, are used to provide the disinfectant residual in the transmission and distribution systems as required by the TCEQ. Chloramines provide

a longer lasting residual disinfection in the water pipelines and water storage facilities.

The free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and remains safe for use. Consumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a slight change during this period, however this palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking 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 CITY videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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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.

Sixteen properties receive Revitalization Award

Sixteen projects were recognized in February as part of the 20th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend and Council Member Scott Dunn, City Plan Commissioners Janet DePuy and Marilyn Frederick, and Angela Lopez represented the Chamber of Commerce.

Properties receiving an award are:



2907 Wyndham Lane • Bassuk/Clark Residence
Constructed in the 1980s, this Fairways of Sherrill Park home was recently renovated along the front and rear of the property. A covered porch was expanded to provide casual outdoor seating. The standing seam metal roof and wooden pillars atop stone bases set off the updated façade while updated windows improve energy efficiency. The addition of stone wainscoting and accents, a carriage-style garage door, and the replacement of the concrete driveway with stone and red brick, enhance curb appeal. To capitalize on the gorgeous view of the golf course year round, a wood trellis was replaced by a roof accented by white columns to shelter the rear patio.



1219 Comanche Drive • Botts Residence
This 1960s home, located in the Reservation, was torn down and rebuilt in 2013. The 2-story brick home features a wide, covered porch with decorative white, square columns and the second story above is accented with dormers. A meandering walkway leads from the sidewalk to the front of the home. Landscape beds were installed with various types of ground cover while the existing canopy trees were maintained on either side of the front yard.



434 Fall Creek Drive • Chadha Residence
Wanting the amenities of a new home within an established neighborhood, the Chadha family built this traditional two-story brick home in Canyon Creek. The second-story gables and dormers incorporate Hardi-shingles. The covered porch, which features a standing seam metal roof with columns atop brick bases, is accessible from both the front door and the adjacent French doors. Upgraded landscaping material along the front elevation complements the existing preserved tree in the front yard.



2212 Sutton Place • Hicks Residence
This 1960s home in Canyon Creek was torn

down to make way for this 2-story home that utilizes brick along with stucco on the front portion of the home. The covered porch features a standing seam metal roof with decorative boxed columns utilizing matching brick and trim. Multiple gables and varying window shapes add interest to the front façade. A decorative wing wall screens a portion of the front entry head-in/swing garage and a circle driveway in the front yard was removed, expanding the available landscape area. Along the front of the home, landscape beds were planted with ground cover and seasonal color while a mature tree was maintained.



105 Thompson Drive • Lowderman Residence
This original 1950s Heights Park home was demolished to make way for a modern Hill Country style home featuring high plate lines, limestone façade, standing seam metal roof, contemporary windows, and an opaque glazed metal garage door. The covered patio creates architectural interest by off-setting the façade and roof line. Anchored by mature trees, the front yard landscape was supplemented with drought tolerant material.



405 Ridge Crest Drive • Moreno Residence
Built to replace a 1960s home in Canyon Creek, this traditional 2-story brick home features a porch with columns and a unique curved standing seam metal roof. The second-story gables utilize half round Hardi-shingles. An accessory building serving as a cabana is located along the front building line and connected to the home by a brick screening wall. The landscaping incorporates a variety of ground cover while preserving a large tree in the front yard.



2303 Custer Parkway • Oviatt Residence
Completed last year, this 2-story contemporary home features a cantilevered stone and stucco façade with clean lines and large floor to ceiling windows indicative of a modern style. The steeply sloped front yard was overhauled, including the removal of multiple hedge rows that were replaced with sod and a stone retaining wall matching the stone used on the home.



303 Overcreek Drive • Petersen Residence
This Canyon Creek home was completed in 2013 following demolition of the original home. The traditional style, two-story home features a brick and stone façade. Three gables on the front of the home in conjunction with a pitched, standing seam metal roof accents a covered porch that complements a recessed front door and decorative light fixtures. Updated landscaping that maintains a mature tree was also incorporated into the design.



331 Ridgehaven Place • Robins Residence
This 1960s home in Canyon Creek was demolished and reconstructed in 2014. The 2-story brick home features a covered porch utilizing standing seam metal with decorative cedar columns and shutters. Also featured are one and two-story gables with a Juliet balcony. Updated landscaping, incorporating a variety of shrubs and seasonal color were planted to complement the existing trees in the front yard.



2510 Big Horn Drive • Russell Residence
This 1960s Canyon Creek home was remodeled in 2014 to provide an updated look for this mid-century modern style home. Updates include removal of an indoor pool with a complete alteration of the roof pitch. The exterior and trim have been repainted and updated windows extend the height of the wall at the front entry. The front door was replaced and is complemented by a horizontal cedar slat wall that adds to the modern feel of the home. Existing trees in the front yard were maintained and accented with large rocks, while a staggered concrete block walkway leads visitors from the sidewalk to the front door.



2400 E. Prairie Creek Drive • Samber Residence
Since they purchased it in 2010, the owners have been remodeling this 1970s Canyon Creek home. Updates include the addition of upgraded windows, a repainted exterior, and replacement of the front door. The front yard landscaping was overhauled, including the removal of old ground cover and the addition of a tiered, stone wall accented with shrubs and ground cover to give the home a fresh look. The updated landscaping accents a stairway that leads from the sidewalk through the circle driveway to the front door.



445 Crestover Circle • Walder Residence
This 1960s home in Canyon Creek was torn down and rebuilt in 2014. The home is a 2-story brick home with a stone wainscot. A standing seam metal roof complements a covered porch featuring decorative cedar columns atop brick and stone bases. Cedar shutters frame many of the windows and three gables add articulation to the roof. Updated landscape beds lined with stone were installed with various types of ground cover. Two existing mature shade trees have been maintained, including an existing canopy tree that is incorporated within the landscape beds and another on the other side of the front yard.



323 Robin Way • Wyatt Residence
Completed in early 2014, the Wyatt family's remodel of this 1960s Canyon Creek home to a bungalow style home features the addition of a second story, along with gables and dormers clad with Hardi-panel siding and a small covered front porch. Updated landscaping complements the mature trees that were maintained.



920 Beechwood Drive
Inspired by Bill Harrison's Atlanta version of a famed Aymar Embury 1920s French Norman home, the owners worked with builder Fairview Custom Homes and landscape architect Aqua-Terra to adapt the design to the Richardson community. The home honors the lines, proportion and details from the period. Hardscape features include a crushed stone approach with cobblestone paver accents and a Fairfield-conceived slurry overlay driveway with modified Flemish bond brick pattern.



1225 Alma Road • Collins Center
The Fobare Company has a long history within the community of providing enriching, high-quality projects. Their recent remodel of this 1963 office building reinforces that reputation. Highlights of the remodel include the changing of the facades from metal panels to a combination of brick and stone. Primary entrances are covered by a metal awning, and are further accentuated by large stone blades that are off-set from the building. The addition of large areas of glazing gives the building an updated look while providing natural light to the interior space. Hardscape site improvements, including an expansion of available parking and new pedestrian walkways, are balanced with a significant upgrade to the landscaping, including parking lot screening shrubs and the preservation of several established trees on the site.



1050 N. Central Expressway • Ten 50 BBQ
Originally constructed in 1960, this former K&G Warehouse building was completely renovated last year to create a Texas-style BBQ restaurant. The design creates the architecture of a 1930s brick industrial building with additions that give it the feel of an old Texas smokehouse. Site elements include the addition of the requisite smokestack and fire pits for authentic barbecue, metal awnings, and a driving aisle that provides circulation through the site.

Some home improvement FAQs

Are residential remodeling/addition plans required to be designed or drawn by an architect or a design professional?

Plans are not required to be designed/drawn by an architect or design professional. However, most find great benefit by working with these professionals to best utilize existing space, simplify compilation of required plans for City permitting requirements and most importantly provide you with a true vision of your dream home.

What plans are required for a building permit for an interior remodeling project?

Typically, an interior remodel building permit submittal will consist of "before" and "after" floor plans and a written scope of work. Additional plan requirements may include structural framing modification plans, a plumbing gas sizing plan and exterior elevations. All projects are unique and plan requirements may differ dependent upon the proposed scope of work.

During my remodel, I would like to store my furniture onsite in a portable on demand storage unit (PODS). Are building permits required for PODS?

PODS are allowed on a temporary basis only. Currently, building permits are not required for PODS. PODS must be located entirely on private property. In some instances, there may be special circumstances in which the Traffic Department may allow

short term placement in the City right of way via a simple permitting process. Call 972-744-4240 to learn more about "Public Street Use for Special Function" permits.

Are building permits required for storage buildings?

A building permit is required for any accessory structure over 40 square feet. Most municipalities have zoning regulations in place which regulate minimum distances to property lines, allowable height and exterior materials, etc. Zoning regulations are site specific. Contact Community Services at 972-744-4180 to discuss all requirements for accessory structures.

specifies payment terms, all project details, permitting, change orders, milestone dates, etc. Verify the contractor is licensed, bonded and insured. Be wary of a contractor who hesitates to provide you with personal credentials or references and who demands payment in advance.

I am planning a remodel for my property. May I do the electrical, plumbing and mechanical work myself?

You may, as long as the property is your homestead. If the property is not your homestead, you will have to hire licensed contractors to perform the work, certify the work performed and to obtain proper building permits.

What are some typical inspections for a remodel project?

Examples of typical inspections may include: foundation, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, framing, insulation and final inspections. Again, each project is unique and

may require less or more inspections depending on the scope of work. Each City approved building permit is noted with the required inspections for that specific project.

Contact Community Services for any building permit, construction, inspection and other related questions at 972-744-4180.

Additional helpful information may be found at:
www.cor.net
www.nari.org/homeowners/faq
www.nahb.org



My contractor has requested partial payment or payment in full, prior to the job beginning. What should I do?

A draw or percentage payment system throughout the project is typical in the construction industry. Contractors may need a percentage upfront to pay for materials ordered, pay for building permit fees or other project related expenses. Make sure you have a contract in place between you and your contractor, which

Spring is the perfect time to mend your fences

The North Texas temperature extremes can really put your property fence to the test, and after a few years it will inevitably need a face lift or may even need to be replaced.

"Fences serve various important purposes for residents and neighborhoods," said Richardson Building Official Brent Tignor. "A well maintained fence, properly installed, can dramatically alter the appearance of a property as well as add substantial value and improve curb appeal."

If you are planning to make fence repairs this spring the following are a few things you should keep in mind:

- If you install or replace more than 25 percent of an existing fence, you will need to obtain a building permit. The fee for a permit is \$30.
- Fences that are leaning at a 20 percent angle or more in either direction or that are missing slats or sections need to be repaired or replaced.
- All damaged or missing portions of a fence should be replaced or repaired with comparable materials that match the remaining portion of the fence. This does not pertain to new wood fence sections that have not had a chance to age from time and weather.
- Fencing materials should not include plywood, barbed wire,

razor ribbons, sheet metal, corrugated steel, fiberglass panel or electric fences.

You should also know

Fences are required around all swimming pools as are screening fences around open storage areas to keep them hidden from public view. Open storage refers to items stored in the front, rear or side yard, carport or unenclosed porch that are not typically found outside and occupy no more than 1 percent of the lot. Outdoor furniture, planters and children's toys are not considered outside storage.

Fences in the front yard can be no higher than 2 1/2 feet, and fences on the side or back of your property should not exceed 8 feet. A 4-foot or taller fence is required around a pool.

Fences are not allowed on corner lots where their placement might obstruct the vision of motorists on the public streets.

To obtain a fence permit or for more information, contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or www.cor.net/cs.



Keep it out of the landfill, Make Mulch Not Trash

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 you have a compost pile or bin, grass and leaves can be added to help your whole garden stay healthy.

Tree clippings and trimmings should be placed in compostable paper lawn bags, which can be purchased at home and garden stores. Then, set them by the curb and call Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) for pickup. BABIC pick-ups correspond with recycling days.

The City's solid waste workers collect the yard waste and de-

liver it to the Texas Pure facility in Plano where it is turned into mulch and other products. These products can then be purchased at a discount by Richardson residents wanting to improve the look and health of their lawn or garden by visiting www.egov.plano.gov/PureProducts.

To schedule a BABIC pickup, call 972-744-4111, visit www.cor.net/BABIC, or use the MyRichardson App (download at www.cor.net/myrichardson). For more information, visit www.cor.net/recycling or www.cor.net/BABIC.



Rent-a-Bin is available to Richardson residents



A residential 8-yard container (pictured above) may be rented by Richardson residents.

Whether you have a big remodel or just need to get rid of excess trash, the City of Richardson Public Services Department offers residents the option of renting a container that can be placed on your driveway for an extended period of time.

Residential Containers and Open-top Rentals

To check availability, size, and price or to reserve a temporary container for rent, residents should call Ryan Delzell, Solid Waste Operations Superintendent at 972-744-4404 during the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday only. If the Superintendent is not available, you may leave a voice mail message or you may call Victoria Sum, Solid Waste Coordinator, at 972-744-4410.

Requirements

- Make a reservation by calling 972-744-4404 or 972-744-4410
- You must retrieve, print out and sign the waiver of liability and container leasing form (available at www.cor.net under the Public Services Department link)
- Fax the waiver of liability and container leasing form back to attn: Solid Waste/Commercial (Fax: 972-744-5814)
- Waiver can also be turned in at the Service Center at 1260 Columbia Dr., Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- E-mail at victoria.sum@cor.gov or ryan.delzell@cor.gov
- Person signing the waiver is responsible for any breakage or damage to container

Charges (Rental and Dump)

- 8-yard container rental May not be kept longer than 2 weeks \$32 plus tax per dump
- 20-yard container rental* First 2 weeks free; after that, \$105 per month \$242 per dump
- 30-yard container rental* First 2 weeks free; after that, \$125 per month \$263 per dump

*A one-time set fee of \$60 will apply to setting a 20-yard or 30-yard dumpster.

Limits

The container cannot be set on the street or in the alley. The 20-yard and 30-yard containers will only be delivered to homes with a front entry driveway.

The following materials **MAY NOT** be loaded into the containers:

- brick or concrete
- shingles or other roofing material
- dirt, liquids or any hazardous material
- rocks, tires or ceramic tile

Make sure to get permit for garage sale

As the weather brings warmer temperatures to the area, garage sale signs begin to sprout up in Richardson neighborhoods. But, before you start hauling out your unwanted goods, the City wants to remind residents that garage sale permits are needed.

According to a City Ordinance, everyone that holds a garage sale must obtain a free permit by midnight the day of the sale. No resident may conduct more than three garage sales in any 12-month period, garage sales cannot exceed 72 hours in duration and at least four business days must pass between consecutive sales.

Garage sale signs, which must be less than 4 square feet and 4 feet in height, may be placed on any private residential property as long as permission from the owner has been granted. They cannot, however, be placed in any street right-of-way, median, highway interchange, public park—or any other publicly owned facilities—or obstruct vision of traffic or pedestrians.

While garage sales are a great way to rid your home of unwanted items, the City also reminds residents to play it safe during the sale. The Richardson Police Department has created a crime prevention sheet for those holding garage sales, which includes tips on ways to prevent theft and instructions on what to do if theft occurs. To take a closer look at the tips, visit www.cor.net/garagesalecrimeprevention.

To obtain a garage sale permit, visit www.cor.net/garagesale. After completing the application process, as long as you meet the above requirements, you will receive an e-mail with a link to your permit. Finally, print the permit and post at the property where it will be visible from the street.



Rainwater capture can help irrigate lawns

The North Texas area is experiencing one of the worst droughts on record and while it sometimes may seem that we will never see it again, the rain will come. When it does, the City of Richardson and many residents will be ready to make the most of it thanks to a City ordinance that allows for the capture, or harvest, of rainwater.

Rainwater harvesting is collecting and storing rainfall as it comes off the roof of a home and later using it for irrigating the lawn and foundation. Captured rainwater may be used in Richardson only for outdoor irrigation and foundation watering, not as potable water. Additional requirements for a rain

harvesting system are detailed on the City's website for environmental programs at www.cor.net/rainbarrel, where systems that capture 400 gallons of water or less must be registered at no charge. Larger systems require a permit.

For more information about the City's requirements for rainwater harvesting, see the website or call the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center will hold a class on "Making Your Own Rain Barrel" March 7. Read more about this event on page 8 of this publication.



Annual letter for free recycle bags mailed

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

Through the Blue Bag Program, homeowners can combine all of their recyclable material into one bag and place it out for weekly pickup service. The City recycles all plastics #1-7 (with the exception of Styrofoam), and the City also collects aluminum, tin, steel, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, mixed paper, plastic grocery bags, paper grocery bags, magazines,

catalogs, corrugated cardboard, paperboard/chipboard, phone books, junk mail, glass containers (clear and all color glass) and pots and pans.

The City of Richardson also provides a drop-off recycling center that is open to residents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is located at the Westside Pump Station at 102 N. Cottonwood Dr., near the intersection of Cottonwood Drive and Belt Line Road.

For more information on the City's recycling program visit www.cor.net/recycling.



First acts announced for Wildflower! Festival

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The City of Richardson's annual Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, North Texas' largest music festival, has revealed the first performers for this year's event, which will be held May 15-17. The award-winning, multi-day eclectic arts and music festival draws local and national acts performing the best in classic rock, R&B, country, funk, pop, alt-rock, folk and Americana.

For complete, up-to-date event information including a festival map, performance schedules, festival dos and don'ts, lodging options, driving directions, parking information and festival hours, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com or call 972-744-4580, or follow Wildflower! on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wildflowerfestival.



Local Richardson restaurants earn food safety awards

Some local food service establishments received a certificate and a letter of congratulations from the Richardson Health Department last month. The awards were sent to all establishments that maintained a high level of commitment to food safety as observed during food service inspections conducted in 2014.

Only those establishments that serve or handle food and have had no violations of 3, 4 or 5 point deductions observed on the unannounced food service inspections during the year qualify. Additionally, the establishment must maintain documentation that food service workers employed at their locations have been trained in proper food handling.

The award is presented annually, and all 114 recipients are recognized on the City of Richardson's website at www.cor.net/Health.

The following list includes restaurants and eating establishments open to the general public, but not schools, day cares, company cafeterias, hotels or medical/assisted living facilities. The complete list of recipients is available online at www.cor.net/foodsafetyawards.

GROCERY STORES

Bollywood Grocery Punjabi
Dhaba & Chat—Grocery
Indo Pak Market
Sprouts—Bakery/Deli
Target Stores #1430—Meat Market

Target Stores #1430—Produce
Tom Thumb #2526—Meat Market
Tom Thumb #3637—Meat Market
Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market #2974—Grocery
Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market #5074—Deli
Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market #5074—Meat Market

RESTAURANTS

Fox & Hound
English Pub & Grille
International House of Pancakes
La Madeleine
Monster Yogurt
Pappadeaux
The Billiard Den

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

Burger King
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Corner Store #1199—Subway
Domino's Pizza #6923
Jack-in-the-Box #3838
L & J Deli & Sweets
Little Caesars Pizza (101 S. Coit)
Little Caesars Pizza (1220 E. Belt Line)
McDonald's (120 S. Central)
McDonald's (170 W. Campbell)
Panda Express #1955
Pizza Hut #027267
Quizno's #6548
Smoothie King
Taco Bell (517 W. Arapaho)
Target #1430 Restaurant/Food Avenue

Twisted Root Burger Co.
Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers (200 W. Spring Valley)
Whataburger #209
Zaxby's

BAKERY/CATERING/ CARRY OUT

Cake Carousel
Campbell Donut
Cookies by Design
Culinary Affairs @ Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church
Maria's Bakery
Reverie Bakeshop
Sugarless deLite
Woody B's BBQ

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. 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.

March 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH 1 p.m.
Your Irish eyes will be a smiling as you enjoy corned beef and cabbage while listening to piano tunes from the Green Hills of Ireland. \$3.50.

March 26

2015 TRAVEL SHOW 1 p.m.
Are your suitcases ready? It is time to reveal our travel destinations for 2015. The Richardson Senior Center, along with Byron Cain/Heritage Tours invites you to attend our 2015 Travel Show. Byron will discuss exciting new destinations planned for you to explore.

Travel Opportunities

March 7

We will leave the Senior Center by motor coach at 8 a.m. to spend the day with Rose-Mary Rumbley in "Cow Town." Rose-Mary will lead you on behind-the-scenes tours of the Bass Performance Hall and Thistle Hill Mansion. We will stop at the Kimbell Museum to check out the Renzo Piano Pavilion. A special exhibit from the collection of Mr. and Mrs. Bass will also be on display, featuring paintings from Van Gogh, Picasso and other masters. In addition, there will be drive by views of the new 7th Street booming neighborhood and Sundance Square Plaza right on Main Street. Lunch is on your own, so you may choose from the many eateries at the Stockyards. We will return to Richardson around 5 p.m. \$84.

March 17

Our next out to lunch will be Siciliano's. Cost is \$1 for van trip. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

March 25

Enjoy an afternoon strolling through the Dallas Arboretum. Dallas Blooms has been a tradition for more than 30 years with over 500,000 blooming spring bulbs of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and other spring time annuals and perennials, as well as life-size Texas-themed topiaries. Bus will leave the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 3 p.m. You may purchase lunch at the DeGolyer House or bring your own for a picnic outside. \$30.

May 9

"All Aboard!"
We will leave the Richardson Senior Center by motor coach traveling to Palestine. Arriving in Palestine, we will enjoy a tour of the city before boarding a steam train to Rusk at the beautiful Victorian-style depot. We will roll along the 25 miles through the scenic piney woods of East Texas amidst a backdrop of rolling hills, nature and wildlife. When arriving in Rusk, a boxed lunch will be waiting. After lunch we will tour Rusk, the county seat of Cherokee County. A motor coach will take us back to Richardson, as we relax and enjoy yet another view of the scenic piney woods and rolling hills of East Texas. \$98. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Library 900 Civic Center Dr. • 972-744-4350

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>March 1 BOOK ARTS: LORD OF THE RINGS MUSIC—STRING QUARTET 2:30-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by the Friends of the Richardson Library.</p>	<p>March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 4 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Good Spy: Life and Death of Robert Ames" by Kai Bird. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>March 7 DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4355 for information.</p>
<p>March 8 MAKE: DOODLES! WITH TOM CORNISH 3-5 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for registration information.</p>	<p>March 9 MAKE: 3D PRINTING AND TINKER CAD 4-6 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for registration information. Laptop required.</p>	<p>March 11 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Love Affairs of Nathaniel P." by Adelle Waldman. Call 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>March 11 MAKE: ALTERED BOOKS 6-8 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for registration information.</p>
<p>March 13 COMPUTER CLASS: "INTERNET 101" 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.</p>	<p>March 13 MAKE: KNITTING 3-5 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for registration information.</p>	<p>March 16 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>March 17, 24, 31 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Theodore Roosevelt" presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p>March 17 RCAS MEETING AND DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Cecy Turner will speak about landscape oil painting.</p>	<p>March 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.</p>	<p>March 18 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>March 19 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Genealogy program presented by Don Raney.</p>
<p>March 19 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. Call 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>March 20 JOB SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register.</p>	<p>March 24 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "One Summer: America 1927" by Bill Bryson. Call 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.</p>	<p>March 7 TEEN MOVIE: "THE MAZE RUNNER" 3-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 10 MAKE: MAGNETS! 2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p>March 11 MAKE: MASKS! & MASQUERADE MASK PARADE 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 12 MAKE: MONSTERS! (LEGOS) 1-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 13 MAKE: SOMETHING! SOMETHING THAT DOES SOMETHING 1-5 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
<p>March 14 MOVIE MORNINGS: "THE BOXTROLLS" 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 14 MAKE: NOISE! AFRICAN DRUMMING 3-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>March 28 CRAFTIVITY! CHILDREN'S GAMES AND CRAFTS 3-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>



Coming up at the Civic Center

Dallas Bridge Tournament
March 5-8
d16acbl.org/U176

North Dallas Mother of Twins Consignment Sale
March 28
www.ndmotc.org

411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, Texas 75080
cor.net/civiccenter

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AARP offers tax preparation help just in time for tax season

Need a little help on your taxes? If so, Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.

The service is available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays at the Library and 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri-

days at the Senior Center. The program will run through April 13 at the Library, 900 Civic Center Dr., and April 10 at the Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

The tax help is first come, first served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

Cultural Arts & Community

Spring brings comedies to the Eisemann Center

The 2014-2015 season of Eisemann Center Presents continues with classical stage shows and a performance from a rock legend.

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.

The Church Basement Ladies in "The Last 'Potluck' Supper"

2 p.m. March 12, 14, 15

8 p.m. March 12, 13, 14

Tickets \$36-\$42



The Last Potluck Supper

It is 1979, the day of the church's Centennial Celebration, and past parishioners have gathered to share covered dishes and stories from the last 100 years. As the women work in the kitchen, these shared memories burst into life through a series of flashbacks.

Meanwhile, the Centennial Celebration continues on the

lawn. But the celebration is bittersweet. Times are tough in this small farm community, and hard decisions will have to be made. But, once again, your favorite church basement ladies handle it all with grace, hilarity and some brand new musical numbers that are sure to get your toes tapping.

4 GIRLS 4

8 p.m. March 20

Tickets \$47-\$64

When four award-winning musical stars from Broadway, film, TV and recordings come together for one night on the same stage, what transpires is an evening of song, dance, laughter and memories that will leave you seeing stars.

You will be delighted by their biggest hits. 4 GIRLS 4 is a fabulously flirty, funny frolic, featuring four famous females—Andrea McArdle, Christine Andreas, Donna McKechnie and Maureen McGovern!

Click, Clack, Moo

2:30 p.m. March 29

Tickets \$13-\$23

When his granddaughter Jenny comes for a visit, Farmer Brown declares the farm a "tech free zone." He puts her laptop in the cold barn along with the shivering cows who use her computer to type messages requesting blankets. "No way," replies Farmer Brown. "No blankets!" So the cows go on strike and the chickens join the cows in solidarity. No blankets: no milk, no



Click, Clack, Moo

eggs! Will Farmer Brown give in to the animals' demands? Based on the book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin.

Fancy Nancy The Musical

2:30 p.m. April 12

Tickets \$13-\$23



Fancy Nancy The Musical

The story follows Nancy and her friends Bree, Rhonda, Wanda

and Lionel, who are going to be performing in their very first show, "Deep Sea Dances." Nancy is positive, that's fancy for 100 percent sure, that she and Bree will be picked to be mermaids. When another girl wins the coveted role of the mermaid, Nancy is stuck playing a dreary, dull tree. Can Nancy bring fancy flair to her role, even though it isn't the one she wanted?

Book and lyrics are by Susan DiLallo, music by Danny Abosch, and direction/choreography by Sam Viverito, based on the book series by Jane O'Conner and illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser.

Dennis DeYoung:

The Music of STYX

8 p.m. April 23

Tickets \$44-\$59

Dennis DeYoung is a founding member of the rock group STYX. The Chicago-based band originated in 1962 when the 14-year-old DeYoung and brothers John and Chuck Panozzo gathered in the basement of his childhood home to form one of America's most successful and enduring bands. STYX has sold over 35 million albums and DeYoung has written eight of their nine top 10 singles.

STYX was the only band to record four consecutive triple platinum albums. DeYoung wrote and sang several classics including "Lady," "Come Sail Away," "Best of Times," "Mr. Roboto," "Show Me the Way," "Desert Moon," "Don't Let It End," and the 1979 Peoples Choice Award winner, "Babe."



Dennis DeYoung

Please note that the Dennis DeYoung show was originally scheduled for Jan. 16. All tickets for the Jan. 16 concert will be honored for this show.

The Joy Luck Club

8 p.m. April 25

Tickets \$38-\$53

Based on the best-selling book by Amy Tan, "The Joy Luck Club" is a timeless tale with universal relevance. The classic story follows the paths of four Mah-jong playing immigrant women from China and their relationships with their American-born daughters, their hopes, fears and tragic pasts. This classic mother-daughter story encompasses many universal themes: family, hope, love, sacrifice, strength and wishes for a better life.

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

AVANT CHAMBER BALLET PRESENTS "WOMEN'S CHOREOGRAPHY PROJECT"

(8 p.m. March 7 and 3 p.m. March 8. \$30.

Visit www.avantchamberballet.org.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "The Great Melodies of Tchaikovsky." (8 p.m. March 7 \$12-\$89. Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, presents "The Young Artists and Music That is Out of this World." (8 p.m. March 21. \$9-\$75. Visit www.planosymphony.org for tickets.)

RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

Conductor's Choice featuring guest artist and vocal soloist, Teresa Korman. (2 p.m. March 22. Free. Visit www.richardsoncommunityband.org.)

DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS "DANCING BEYOND BORDERS—NORTH"

(7:30 p.m. March 27. \$27. Visit www.dbdt.com.)

THE CITY OF PLANO AND CHAMBERLAIN PERFORMING ARTS PRESENT "FOCAL POINTE" WITH WENDY WHELAN AND BRIAN BROOKS

(7 p.m. March 28. \$12-\$100.

Visit www.chamberlainperformingarts.org.)

CHAMBERLAIN PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS SIGNATURE FOCAL POINTE RECEPTION WITH WENDY WHELAN

(8:30 p.m. March 28. \$75 for each ticket, \$650 for a table. Must be purchased by March 22. Visit www.chamberlainperformingarts.org.)

"Broadway's Best" are coming to Richardson

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2014-2015 season with a special, one-weekend-only performance of "Broadway's Best: Divas Live," March 19-22 at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson.

The bright lights of Broadway are coming to Richardson in a high-energy musical revue of fast paced fun with knockout voices and jaw-dropping dancers performing the very best songs featuring some of the most talented Divas in Dallas.

A ticket for each performance includes a raffle, auction and a large dessert bar. In addition, Saturday night is VIP night and will include a live auction. All proceeds will go toward supporting the 2015-2016 Repertory Company Theatre season.

Showtime on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is 7:30 p.m., with the Sunday show at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, and \$40 on Saturday. For tickets call 972-690-5029.

Richardson Theatre Centre presents "Steel Magnolias"

The Richardson Theatre Centre continues its 2015 season with a performance of Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias," from March 20-April 5.

"Steel Magnolias," which was also a hit 1989 movie starring Dolly Parton, Sally Field, Julia Roberts and Shirley MacLaine, follows the stories and relationships of six women who gather regularly at a Southern beauty parlor as they bond together through their ups and downs, marriage and childbirth. Alternately comic and touching, the three years covered in the women's lives are full of witty dialogue, hilari-

ous banter, and wrenching heart-ache. Come see the characters of M'Lynn, Ouiser, Truvy and friends brought to life here in Richardson!

Performances take place at the Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. Shows will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Thursday and Sunday performances are \$20, while Friday and Saturday performances are \$22. Groups of eight or more receive \$2 off the ticket price. For information, visit www.richardsontheatrecentre.net or call 972-699-1130.

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.

March 17

Tax Talk with H&R Block

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.

Annual Bridge Festival set for March 27

The Richardson Woman's Club Bridge Festival 2015 will be held March 27. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by a mini bridge lesson at 9:30. Play is from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The entry fee is \$28 per person and benefits Richardson Woman's Club philanthropy. Reservations must be made by March 20.

The festival will be held at the Woman's Club, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr. Checks should be made payable to RWC and mailed to Jane Olson, 10413 Broadmoor Ln., Rowlett, TX, 75089. For information, call Olson at 972-463-1527.

Trash Bash is April 18

This year's Trash Bash will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 18 and provide several recycling opportunities. First United Methodist Church Richardson, south of City Hall, will serve as a collection point this year.

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



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.

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.

Sprinkler System Quick Fixes & System Operation

Thurs., March 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Is your sprinkler system turning on the wrong day? Do you have a leak or broken head? Did your city give you a warning? Learn how to make very basic hands on repairs & maintenance to home automatic sprinkler systems, how your sprinkler system operates and its components as well as how to program and reprogram your sprinkler controller utilizing the best and most efficient ways to water your landscape like, the soak and cycle method and other water efficiency practices. A properly functioning sprinkler system saves you time, money, and water!

Lawn Care Maintenance

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

Is the green in your lawn weeds or grass? Do you have brown circles in your yard? Proper lawn care maintenance is a key component to a healthy lawn. This program covers basic lawn maintenance practices and selecting the right turf grass to improve the health and longevity of your landscape. You will learn how to maintain your landscape using less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.



City hosts an introduction to JB Sands Wetland Center

The City of Richardson will host a presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 featuring an "Introduction to the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center."

The John Bunker Sands (JBS) Wetland Center is a one of a kind, manmade wetland that provides millions of gallons of additional drinking water to the region while serving as a vital natural habitat for some of our most treasured wildlife in the region.

The free event will be at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex in the Parks Room and JBS Wetland Director John DeFil-

lipo will be the guest speaker. He will cover the following topics:

- State of our current water supply
- History of public/private partnership between John Bunker Sands and the North Texas Municipal Water District
- Current Wetland Center research and educational programs
- In introduction to wildlife at John Bunker Sands

Reserve a spot by sending an e-mail to Michelle Mann at michelle.mann@cor.gov or call 972-744-4228.



Think crime prevention during spring maintenance

Spring is here and that usually means it is time to get out and enjoy the warmer weather, work in the yard and do a little maintenance on our homes. This is also a good time to review some basic crime prevention tips.

When you are trimming shrubs, make sure to cut them low enough to see a person that may use them to hide behind. Try standing behind the shrubs to see if they can be used as concealment. If planting new shrubs, consider thorny varieties under windows and along fence lines. Tree branches should be trimmed so that you have clear visibility under the tree. Cutting the branches up six feet is recommended. A good test is to be able to walk under the branches easily.

Check your exterior doors. As temperatures change, door frames and doors may not close tightly together. Make sure door handles are installed correctly and deadbolts

extend fully into the strike plates and the door frame at least one inch. Adjust and replace as necessary. Exterior lighting fixtures may need adjusting or to be replaced. Make sure adequate lighting surrounds all corners outside of the home. Lighting helps neighbors see what's happening in the neighborhood at night and also aides patrol officers working to protect your neighborhood when it's dark.

Make sure your address number is clearly visible in the front and back of the home. If you enjoy opening the windows, check, and double check, that you lock them back when you close them. Many home burglary reports indicate windows were left unsecured and this makes it easy for someone to enter the home. Repair damaged fencing around the yard and make sure that gates close tightly and are secured when you're not at home. When neighborhoods and

residents maintain their homes, it helps create a sense of ownership that aides in detecting strangers in the area or someone who may be looking to commit a crime.

You may want to consider adding a video security system to your residence. If you are interested in adding a video surveillance system, contact the Richardson Police De-

partment's Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 to discuss your options. If you do add the outside camera system, make sure to register it with our Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program at www.richardsonpolice.net. If you have questions, contact the crime prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



If you install a video security system at your residence, don't forget to register it with the Richardson Police Department's Neighborhood Video Crime Watch program.

Next CFA class starts March 12

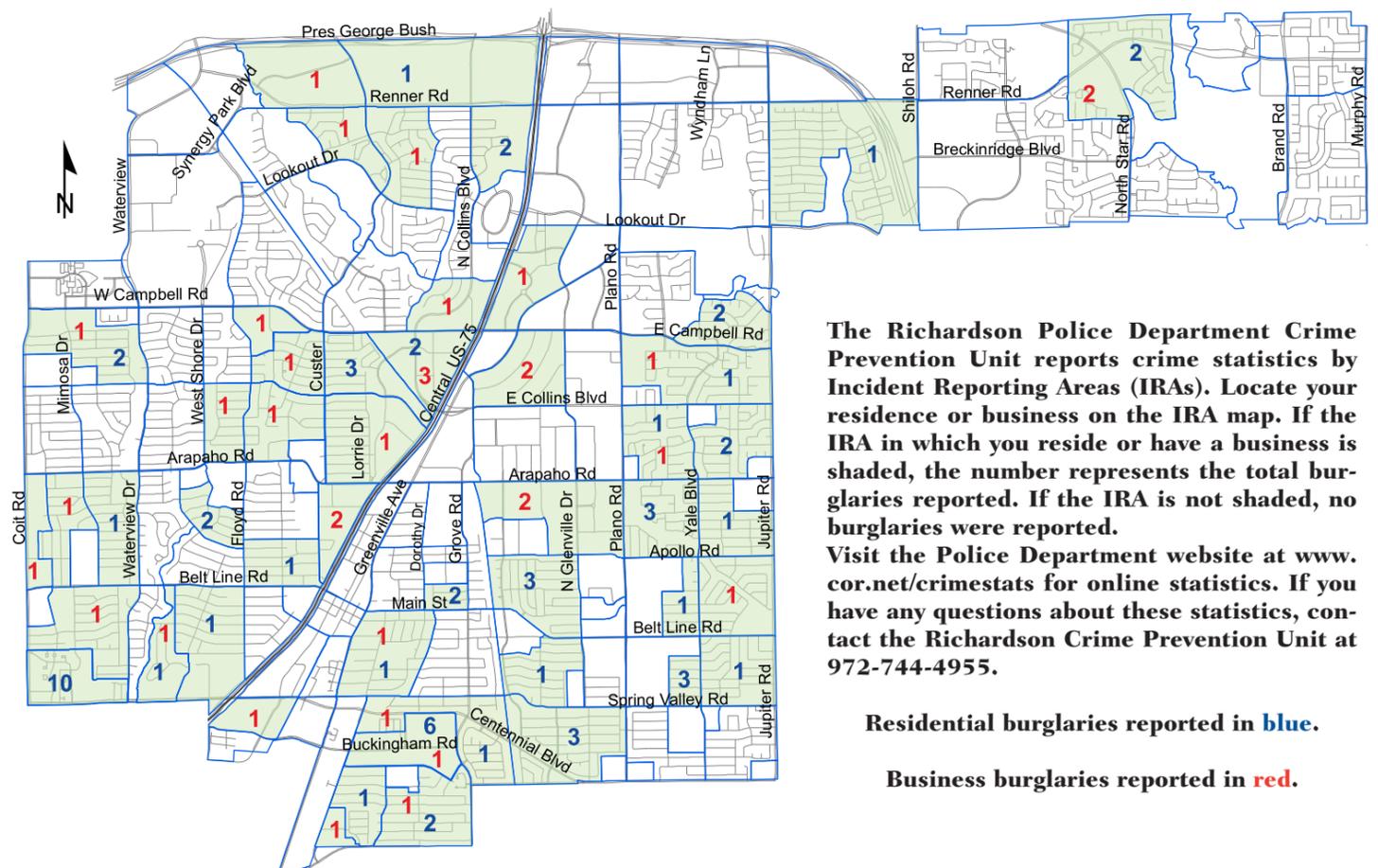


The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week for three hours at the new Fire Training Center located at 1621 E. Lookout 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.

Residential/business burglaries Nov. 16-Feb. 15



Walks allow residents to connect with nature

Three nature walks are planned in March as part of the Urban Naturalist program. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Pre-register 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 will be available on the west side of Breckinridge Park. 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. Children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

TROUT LILY & OTHER WILDFLOWERS DISCOVERY WALK

A magnificent opportunity awaits those adventurous enough to walk with Texas Mas-

ter Naturalist Jim Varnum on a tour of Breckinridge Park in search of the unique Trout Lily, which is one of the first bloomers of spring. The blooms of the Trout Lily, or dog-tooth violet, last only a very short while and are easily overlooked in their natural setting, but these are the premier plants announcing the approaching spring bloom of other natural wildflowers. Please bring your camera to take photographs of this rare flower.

March 7, 10-11:30 a.m.

Course Number: 82485

MEET AT BRECKINRIDGE PARK

CARNIVORES AMONGST US!

On this walk, Derek Broman, urban wildlife biologist for Texas Parks & Wildlife, will discuss how native carnivores have adapted to thrive in urban landscapes and how we can peacefully co-exist with them. Most of these

animals are nocturnal and highly secretive, so discovering their presence often requires skills such as track and scat identification. We will look at these and other indicators in Breckinridge Park and explore techniques for detecting wildlife, not only carnivores like bobcats and coyotes, but also other wildlife species as well.

March 14, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Course Number: 82487

MEET AT BRECKINRIDGE PARK

VALUE OF NATURAL OPEN SPACE

What is the real value of preserving natural open space areas in perpetuity in a busy urban environment? We are fortunate in Richardson that the City Council has recently approved a significant expansion of Spring Creek Nature Area with the acquisition of the woods at Renner Road and Plano Road. Becky Rader,

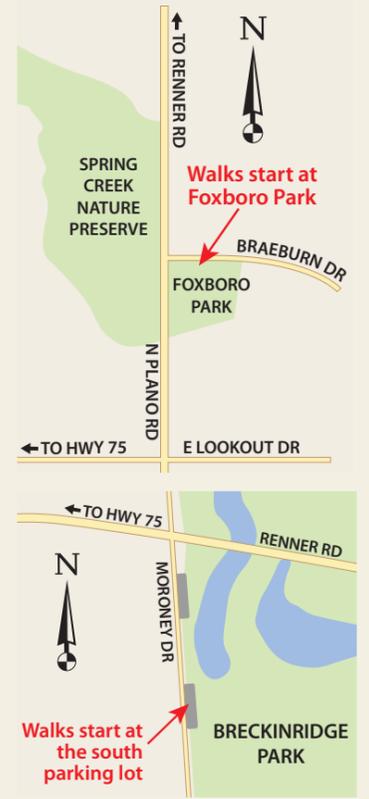


natural area consultant and previously the lead naturalist for the Dallas Museum of Natural History, will lead us on a tour of the newly acquired natural space around the Spring Creek Nature Area. She will explain how the expansion will provide greater public access and increased wildlife viewing opportunities, resulting in a greater connection to our natural world here in our urban environment.

March 28, 9-11 a.m.

Course Number: 82484

MEET AT FOXBORO PARK



Sherrill Park

2001 E. Lookout Dr.
972-234-1416

The Performance Golf Academy at Sherrill Park offers golf instruction to junior golfers of all skill levels, including a Spring Break golf camp from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 9-13. The camp costs \$260 and features our ground breaking approach of teaching golf in a fun, nonintimidating environment. The goal of the camp is to teach junior golfers a game that they can enjoy for a lifetime.

Classes are set up to allow golfers of all skill levels to learn at the same pace. The schedule for each day includes two hours (8-10 a.m.) of instruction, followed by two hours (10 a.m.-noon) of implementation of the skills learned. On the course, activities and games are used in the second half of the class to help the golfer learn how to play the game.

The camp includes 20 hours of instruction, with three to five hours of course time. Lunch and snacks will be provided each day.

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

A Spring Break tennis camp will be offered at Huffhines Tennis Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 9-13. The cost is \$150 for the week, or \$35 per day.

Lessons for juniors and adults are available year-round. 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.

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.

2015 Photo Contest Winners



The winners of the annual City of Richardson Photo Contest were recently announced. Contestants entered their photos into three separate divisions—student, adult and proficient—in 15 different categories ranging from abstract and fabulous flora to Texas pride and wonderful waterscapes. In addition to the three divisional winners, an award for Best of Show was presented.

(Above left) Student Division and Best of Show

Jessica Kaye Lord

Category—*It's a Small World (Macro Lens)*, Title: *Little School Bus*

(Above right) Adult Division

Tony Morrison

Category—*Back to Black & White*, Title: *Dallas Birds Eye View*

(Right) Proficient Division

Jack Pitney

Category—*Scenic/Landscapes*, Title: *Beech Forest, France*



2015 STUDENT ART CONTEST POOCH PORTRAITS

Wildflower!
Arts & Music Festival



To celebrate the opening of the City of Richardson's new dog park this spring, *Wildflower!* welcomes portraits of your favorite dog, whether you own one or not.

The contest is open to all students in kindergarten through 6th grade.

For more information, contact Suzanne Etman at suzanne.etman@cor.gov or 972-744-4584.



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 March 2. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Excel 101

This class will introduce you to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. You will learn functions of the Excel menus, ribbon bars and create spreadsheets and lists. Classes are held Monday's 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts March 2. Cost 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. 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 March 17 and March 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, March 9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$63 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, March 9 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$63 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, March 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, March 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 March 10, 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.

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.

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.

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:

March 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March 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:

March 2 & 5	6-9 p.m.
March 23 & 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.

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.

New!! Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. The next five-week session will start April 8. Classes cost \$10.

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.

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 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 will be celebrated 2 p.m. March 30.

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

March 26—10 a.m.—No Cost "Take Charge of Your Health and Wellbeing"

You will learn basic principles of cleaning and removing toxins from your system. Proper nourishment for the body will help you be the best you can be.

"Tax Talk" with H & R Block March 17—10 a.m.—No Cost

NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net Program will present "Tax Talk" with H&R Block. This program is held at NETWORK of Community Ministries, 741 S. Sherman St. Richardson, TX. Call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880 ext.125 for more information or questions.

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.

AARP Tax Aid Program

AARP's income tax assistance program will 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.

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.

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. 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.

March 7	Bill G. Band
March 14	Doc Gibbs
March 28	Tommy Chandler

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.

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.

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 hand-made crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Zounds Hearing of North Texas offers free hearing screening and hearing aid checks the first Friday of every month at the Senior Center. Please call 972-744-2800 for an appointment.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club host a square dance the third Saturday of 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. Next meeting is at 1 p.m. May 4. Joy Davis will present Agatha Christi: "Mistress of Mystery" at the Richardson Senior Center. 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

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.

Hearing Screening

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

Chair Massage

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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 March 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 NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services designed to help seniors in the community remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include: handyman program, senior informational seminars, loaves of love, home delivered groceries, medical equipment and holiday baskets. The "Loaves of Love" program has expanded! Seniors residing within the 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 and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. For more information call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880 ext. 125.

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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Fitness

Aerobic Exercise

Exercise classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Renata Racher teaches Tuesdays and Thursdays. Class fee is \$2.

Pickle Ball Has Started

The Richardson Senior Center Pickle Ball instruction and play is offered every Friday at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. Fee is \$20 a month (refunds not available) plus membership or \$8 per lesson plus membership. (Richardson resident SENIOR CENTER only membership cost is a one-time fee of \$5. Non-resident SENIOR CENTER only membership is \$15 a year.) Instructor is David Wilmot. Pickle Ball is one of the fastest growing sports among seniors. Come join the fun! If you are interested and would like more information call 972 744-7800.

NEW!! Silver Kickers

A free introductory class will be offered at 8:30 a.m. March 4. Participants are eligible for a prize! This fun and energizing class is geared toward older adults. A combination of kick/punching drills and exercises utilizes a variety of equipment, providing an effective cardio workout. Regular class starts Wednesday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. \$5 per class.

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

Bharati Amin, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, is your instructor. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee is \$5.

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.

Tai Chi for all Ages

Join teacher Philip Russell in learning this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is \$7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. Class meets every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and is for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Fee is \$5. Classes will resume March 2. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Class is Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$4. Classes will resume April 1. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

How is your balance?

Personalized fitness programs are designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are in a private room and are just \$60 each with a six-session commitment (\$90 each session for couples). Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She is certified in special population (older adult) and general population by the Cooper Institute.

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.

Games

Canasta

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

Pinocle

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

Library

900 Civic Center Dr.

www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com

972-744-4350

Spring Make-cation



Make: Doodles

Sunday, March 8
3-5 p.m.

adults & teens
Basement Program Room



Registration required.
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register or for more information.



Make: 3D Printing & Tinkercad

Monday, March 9
4-6 p.m.

adults & teens
Basement Program Room



Registration required. Laptop required.
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register or for more information.



Make: Altered Books

Wednesday, March 11
6-8 p.m.

adults & teens
Basement Program Room



Registration required.
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register or for more information.



Make: Knitting

Friday, March 13
3-5 p.m.

adults & teens
First Floor Program Room



Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Lunchtime Lectures
Presented by Richard Cudlipp



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

March 17 Basement Program Room
 March 24 (You are welcome to bring your lunch)
 March 31 **FREE**
 April 7 No registration required.
 Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.



Grades K-12 • Basement Program Room
For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Spring Make-cation Make: Magnets!

Tuesday, March 10
2-3:30 p.m.

Spring Make-cation Make: Masks!

Wednesday, March 11
2-4 p.m.

And wear them
in a
Masquerade Mask
Parade!
Grades K-6th
Basement Program Room
For more information, call 972-744-4358.



Thursday, March 12
1-5 p.m.

Grades K-12 • Basement Program Room
For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Spring Make-cation Make: Monsters! (LEGOs)

Come and go—
LEGOs provided

Spring Make-cation Make: Something! Something that does something.

LEGO + littleBits® = Teen Inventors!*

Design electronic LEGO-based gadgetry as part of a Teen Invent-It Team. We supply the bits and bricks, you supply the brain power. Video of the best TIIT designs submitted to littleBits.

* Must be in grades 5-12 to join a team. Registration required.
For more information or to register, call 972-744-4358.



Friday, March 13
1-3 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Just beat it, beat it, beat it!



Learn hands-on drumming the West African way with Rhythm Path. Drums will be supplied for up to 90 drummers. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

Spring Make-cation Make: Noise!

Saturday, March 14
3-4 p.m.

Open to youth in grades 3-12
Basement Program Room

a musical evening AT THE LIBRARY

- featuring
- String Quartet from the Richardson Symphony Orchestra performing a preview of RSO's European Masters Series
- Concert talk by Jennifer Ronyak, musicology professor
- Dessert and coffee

Thursday, April 2
6:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
Free and open to the public



CRAFTIVITY!

Come and go family fun for all ages!

Saturday, March 28
3-4:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
No registration required

Crafts & Games!

For more information, call 972-744-4358.



THE MAZE RUNNER

Saturday, March 7
3-5 p.m.

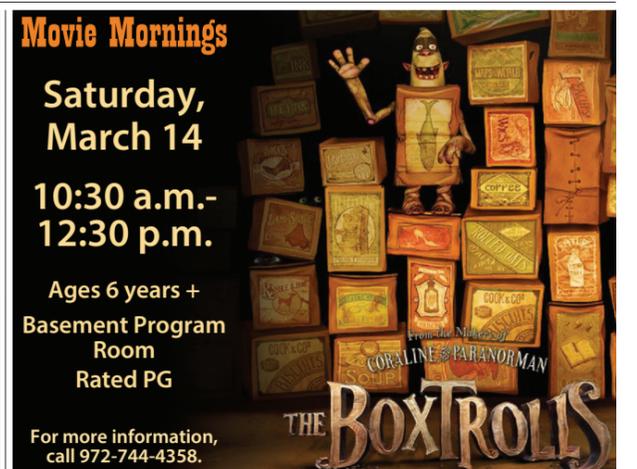
Basement Program Room
Free snacks included!

If you ain't scared—
you ain't human.
PG-13 film for teens
in grades 6-12
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call 972-744-4358.

Movie Mornings

Saturday, March 14
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ages 6 years +
Basement Program Room
Rated PG



THE BOXTROLLS

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