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2015-16 Budget focuses on key themes

The fiscal year 2015-16 Budget approved by the City Council last month calls for no increase in the current tax rate and increases overall spending by about 6 percent with a focus on key themes of the Council's goals.

"This year's budget is designed to meet the Council's goals to strengthen our investment in infrastructure, public safety, customer service and economic development," Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker said. "The robust economy in Richardson is providing the resources we need to make meaningful and noticeable improvements in all of these areas, and we are very happy to not only achieve these goals but to also do so without a tax rate increase."

The budget includes increases to funding for infrastructure maintenance such as street repairs, traffic signal upgrades and water/

sewer lines. It is now more than double what it was just three years ago.

Funding for public safety was also approved in order to provide additional staffing for a new ambulance and to add five additional police personnel (four officers and one evidence/property technician). Additional security for the public safety complex is funded as well.

In the area of economic development, the budget includes increased funds to continue a program started last year to build resources to attract catalyst projects designed to encourage redevelopment and create quality employment centers.

The budget also includes funding for enhancements and repairs to neighborhood parks and neighborhood pools.

Other highlights include:

- Maintains Senior Property Tax Exemption of \$60,000
- Up to 5 percent step increases—for the 55 percent of City employees eligible and who merit the increase
- 2.5 percent merit-based increase for those employees at

the top of their pay range or single step job classifications

- An increase of 8 percent for water customers to cover increased costs from the North Texas Municipal Water District.

A copy of the 2015-16 Budget and other budget related material and videos is available online at www.cor.net/budget.



Rates increased to expand and improve water supply

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) increased its charges for water by 11.2 percent this month to cover its costs for the construction of a 46-mile, \$300 million water pipeline stretching from Lake Texoma to a treatment plant in Wylie, a nearly \$1 billion Lower Bois D'Arc Creek Reservoir that is being built, a \$100 million pump station, and dredging and other infrastructure projects needed to increase capacity and improve water quality. While the increase from the District is 11.2 percent, the City Council's newly adopted budget only approves a water and sewer rate increase of 8 percent that will begin showing up on the first billing after Nov. 1.

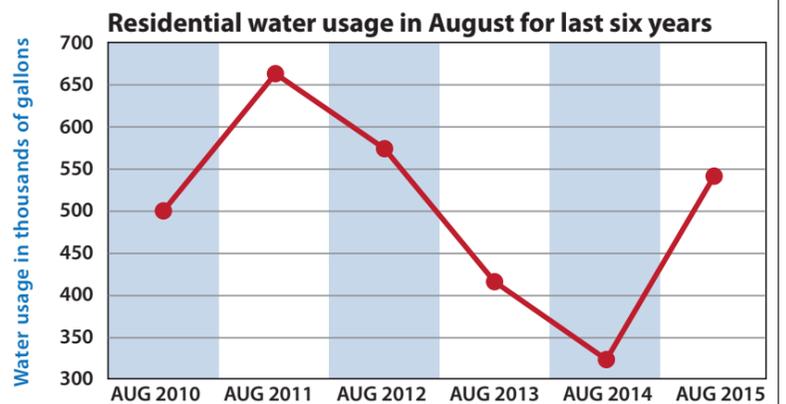
The NTMWD has raised water rates it charges member and customer cities by 64.8 percent since 2010, an increase of about \$1 per thousand gallons. The Richardson City Council has voted to absorb as much of the increases as possible in previous budget years, but rates charged to Richardson residents eventually had to be increased.

For most residents the 2015-16 fiscal year will mean an increase of \$6.04 per month for water and sewer service when averaged for all 12 months. This is based on use of 8,000 gallons a month for the months of October through May and 18,000 gallons a month for the months of June through September.

In late August and early September water customer service workers received several calls from residents asking about larger than normal water bills. The higher bills are primarily the result of increased residential water use due to the alleviation of water restrictions and a very dry summer. August recorded the third highest total

consumption during the same month going back as far as six years. (See chart below.)

While restrictions have been alleviated, the City has adopted a new water conservation plan that maintains water restrictions on a permanent basis, due to the need to promote long-term conservation. Before the drought, unlimited watering was allowed, but now watering is kept to only two days a week, and only during some times of day depending on the season. Water users are also encouraged to only water as needed. Customers may receive free weekly watering recommendations at www.WaterMyYard.org. More information is also available at www.cor.net/waterconservation.



Early voting begins this month for Nov. 3 2015 bond and Charter amendment election

Early voting for the 2015 bond and City Charter amendment election begins Oct. 19 for Richardson residents. The Richardson City Council voted in August to call for four bond propositions and 83 charter amendment propositions to be placed on the Nov. 3 ballot. No tax rate increase would be associated with any of the bond propositions.

The bond election includes:

- Proposition 1 (\$67 million)—Public Buildings
- Proposition 2 (\$38.57 million)—Streets
- Proposition 3 (\$7.23 million)—Parks
- Proposition 4 (\$2.2 million)—Sidewalks

The Charter election:

The 83 proposed amendments range from changing the process for filling vacant city council seats to making grammatical updates, and changing language to bring the Charter into compliance with Texas law. A list of proposed amendments is available at www.cor.net/charterelection.

Voter Guides

Separate voter guides for the bond and Charter election have been produced and will be mailed to residents by Oct. 19.

The Charter amendment voter guide is now available to pick up at:

- Richardson City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.
- Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.
- Senior Citizens Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Early Voting Information

DATE	DALLAS COUNTY	COLLIN COUNTY
Oct. 19-23	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. 24	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 25	1-6 p.m.	1-6 p.m.
Oct. 26-28	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Oct. 29-30	7 a.m.-7 p.m.	7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Early voting for Richardson residents who live in Dallas County will be available at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations.

Early voting for Richardson residents who live in Collin County will be available at the Methodist Richardson Medical Center, 2831 E. President George Bush Highway, conference room A first floor, or at any of the other Collin County early voting locations.

Dallas County
214-819-6389
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charterquestions@cor.gov
www.cor.net/charterelection
972-744-4290

“New Normal” water conservation plan in effect

Watering allowed between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. beginning Nov. 1

Increased lake levels at North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) reservoirs led the City to initiate “conservation plan” water management strategies.

The new conservation plan went into effect May 1 and allows for irrigation at even addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at odd addresses on Wednesdays and Sundays, with no lawn watering from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Additional watering of landscapes and lawns may be provided by a hand held hose with a shutoff nozzle, a drip irrigation system and/or a soaker hose any day of the week at any time.

As of Nov. 1, residents may water their yards from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on their designated watering days to avoid watering during times when temperatures may drop below freezing.

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil. Visit www.watermyyard.org for ground moisture information to find the best times to water your yard.

Twice-per-week watering schedule

- 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)

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

www.cor.net/WaterConservation—972-744-4220

La votación anticipada para la elección de bonos y modificaciones a la Carta Orgánica del 3 de noviembre de 2015 inicia este mes

La votación anticipada para la elección de bonos y modificaciones a la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de 2015 inicia el 19 de octubre para los residentes de Richardson. El Consejo de la Ciudad de Richardson votó en agosto para convocar a la elección de cuatro propuestas para bonos y 83 propuestas de modificación a la carta orgánica en comicios a celebrarse el 3 de noviembre. Ninguna de las propuestas para los bonos estará asociada con incrementos en la tarifa de impuestos.

La elección de bonos incluye:

- Propuesta 1 (\$67 millones)—Edificios públicos
- Propuesta 2 (\$38.57 millones)—Calles
- Propuesta 3 (\$7.23 millones)—Parques
- Propuesta 4 (\$2.2 millones)—Banquetas

La elección de la Carta Orgánica:

Las 83 modificaciones propuestas abarcan desde cambios en el proceso para ocupar las vacantes en los puestos del consejo de la

ciudad hasta actualizaciones gramaticales y cambios en el lenguaje para hacer que la Carta Orgánica cumpla con las leyes de Texas. Un listado de las modificaciones propuestas se encuentra disponible en www.cor.net/charterelection.

Guías para votantes

Se han producido guías para la elección de bonos y modificaciones a la Carta Orgánica, las cuales serán enviadas por correo a los residentes a más tardar el 19 de octubre.

Se puede obtener una guía para votantes con las modificaciones a la Carta Orgánica, la cual está ya disponible para entrega en:

- Richardson City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Dr.
- Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd.
- Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.
- Senior Citizens Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Información de votación

La votación anticipada para residentes de Richardson que viven en el Condado de Dallas estará disponible en Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., o en cualquiera de los otros lugares asignados para votación anticipada del Condado de Dallas.

FECHA	CONDADO DE DALLAS	CONDADO DE COLLIN
19-23 de oct.	8 a.m. a 5 p.m.	8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
24 oct.	8 a.m. a 5 p.m.	7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
25 oct.	1-6 p.m.	1-6 p.m.
26-28 de oct.	8 a.m. a 5 p.m.	7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
29-30 de oct.	7 a.m. a 7 p.m.	7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

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City Social Media

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

Community Events. You can also view CDTV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Improving the city's infrastructure and increasing economic development opportunities have been some of the city's top priorities over the past few years, and the 2015-16 Budget passed by the City Council last month retains this focus.

One of the most important things to note about this year's budget is that it was created without the need to increase the city's property tax rate. The tax rate will remain at just under 64 cents per \$100 of property valuation, with a senior tax exemption at \$60,000.

However, because property values increased by 9 percent, we were able to increase the amount of funding we put toward infrastructure. This year, \$3.54 million is earmarked toward projects such as street maintenance, screening wall and bridge repair, and street name sign replacement. This is more than double the amount spent in these areas three years ago.

The Council also added additional money to economic development. Last year, the Council decided to dedicate a half cent of the property tax to economic development, an amount that has been increased



Mayor Paul Voelker
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to 6/10 of a cent this year. This money allows the city to compete with its neighbors for signature developments.

I believe this budget will allow us to maintain the quality of services and quality of life that we all enjoy and expect.

For more information on the budget, including video of the discussions that led up to its passage, visit www.cor.net/budget.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
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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

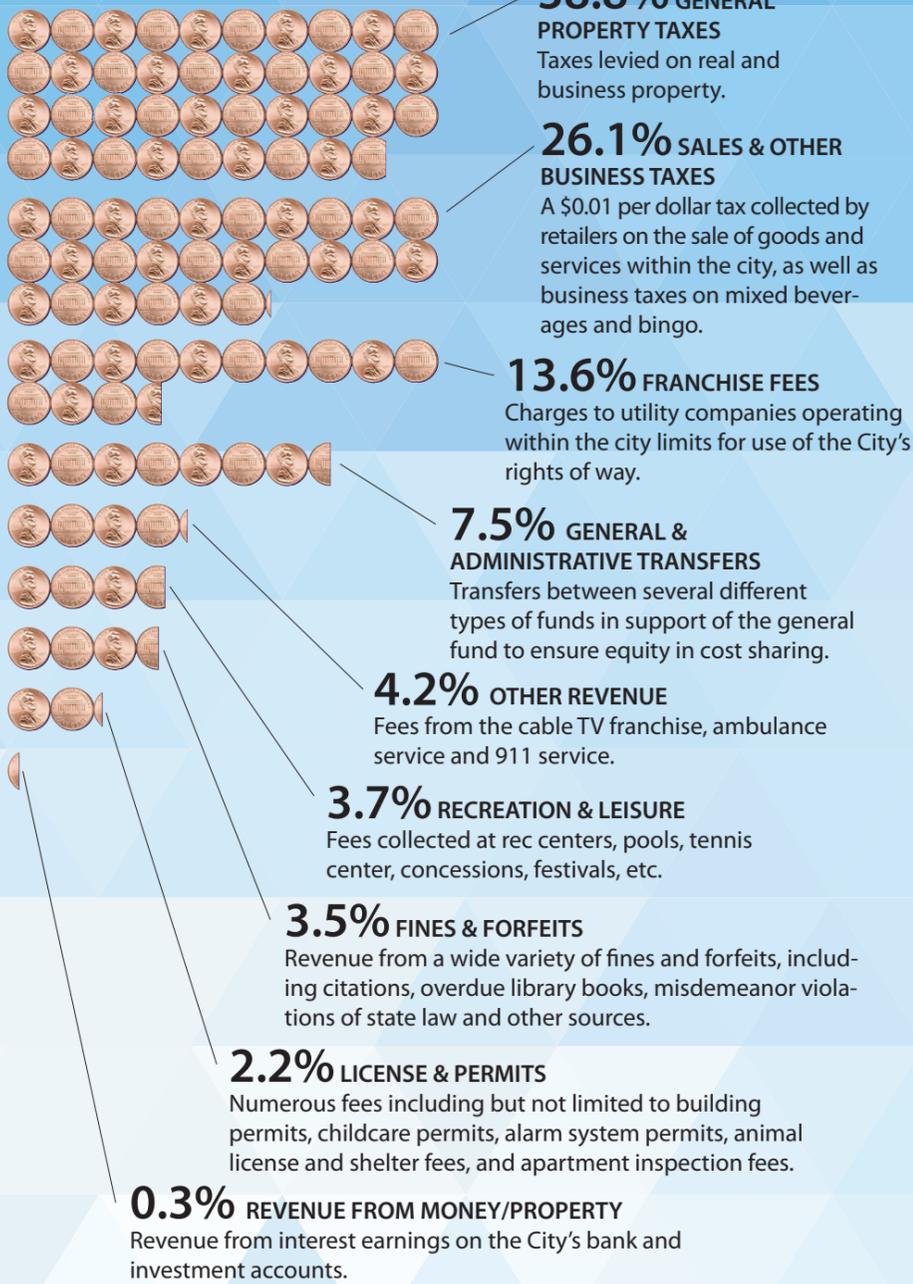
The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification 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
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Please contact the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before a scheduled event.

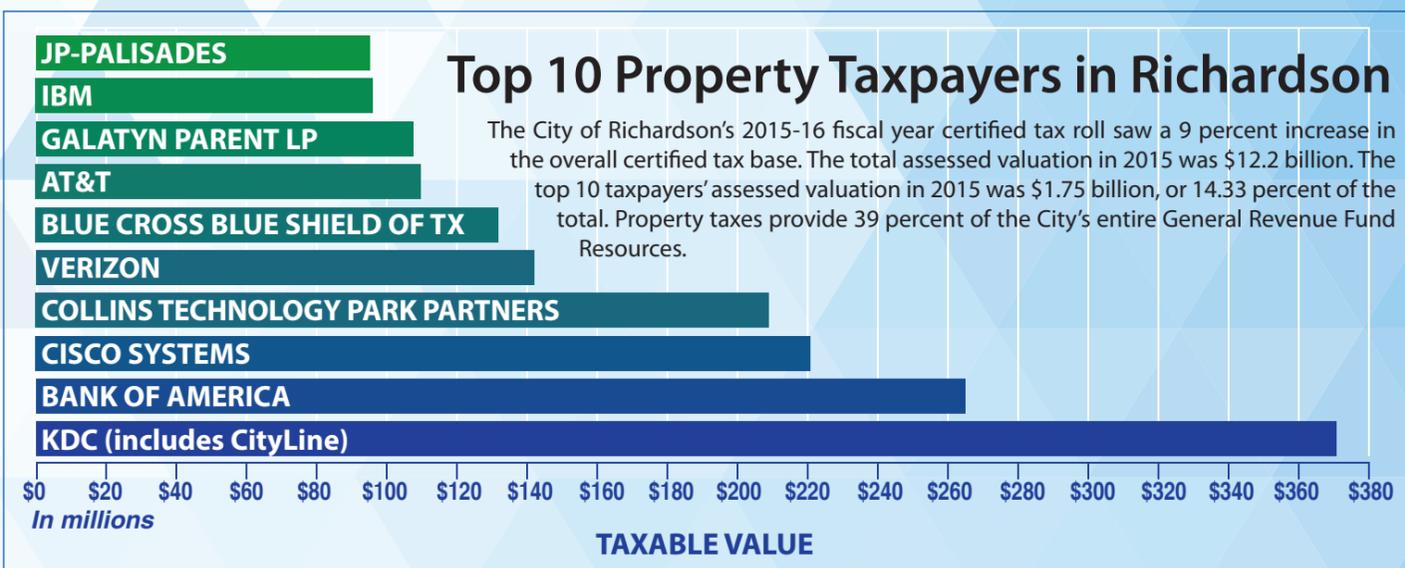
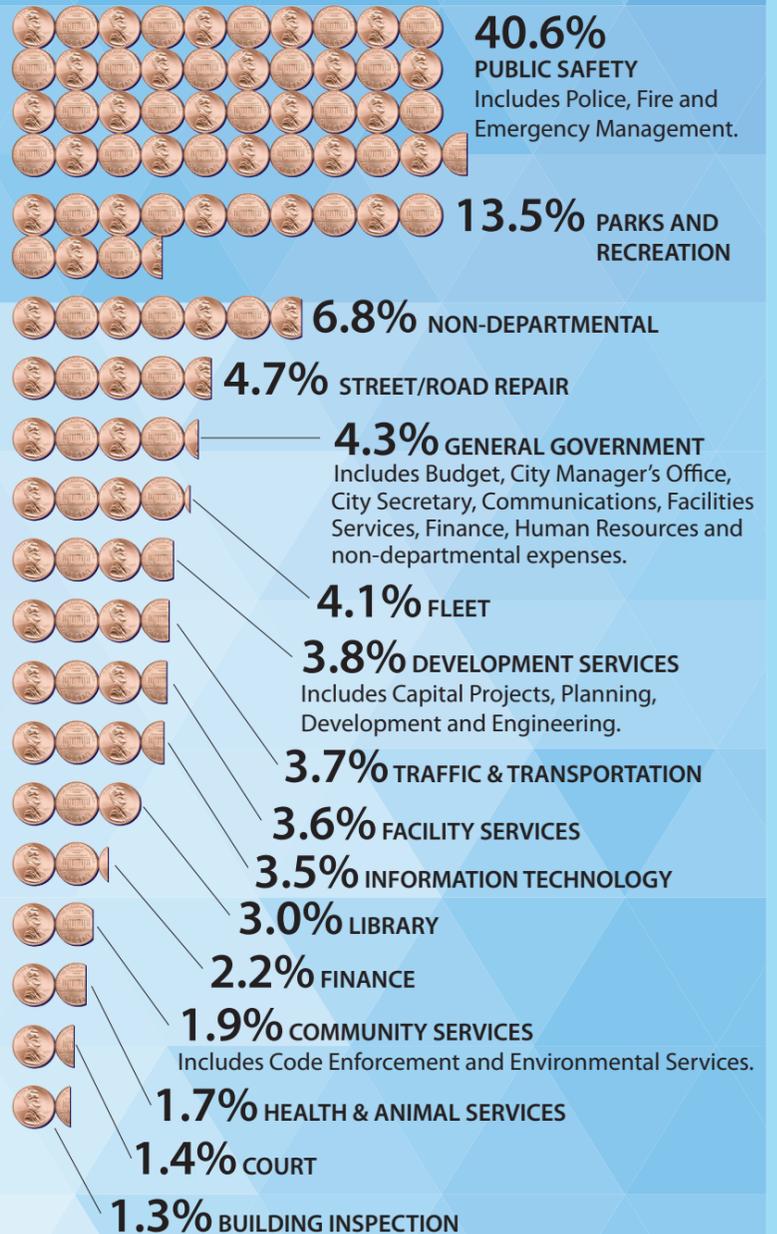
CITY BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS

General Fund Revenues \$115,443,915



General Fund Expenditures \$114,927,193

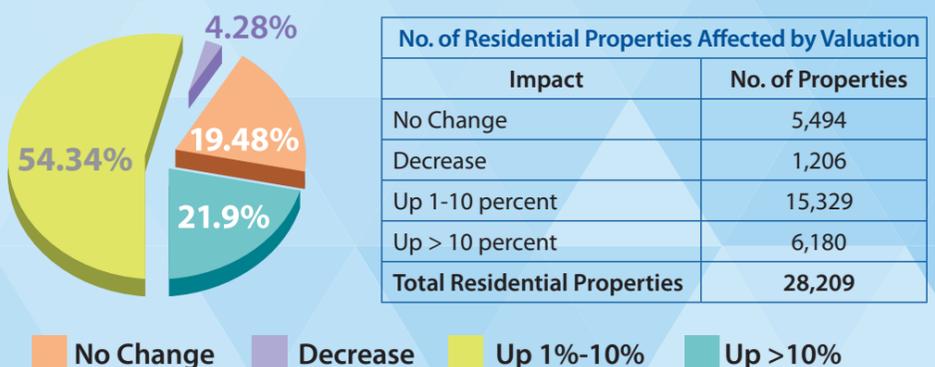
The General Fund Expenditures graph represents operating expenditures (including salaries and benefits) broken down by category of service.



Commercial vs. Residential Tax Base



Change in Residential Valuation 2015-16



Four key areas highlight City's 2015-16 Budget

The 2015-16 Budget was approved by the City Council last month and went into effect at the beginning of the City's fiscal year, Oct. 1. This year's budget was crafted with a focus on four key areas: infrastructure, public safety, economic development and improving customer service/city experiences at city-owned facilities.

"This budget continues our focus of providing quality municipal services," said City Manager Dan Johnson. "The four areas we focused on during the budgeting process ensure Richardson will continue to meet the needs of its residents, while remaining in a strong position to attract new economic development opportunities."

Commitment to maintaining infrastructure



Street repair

The budget continues increasing resources to enhance the level of funding for infrastructure improvements. Over the past three years, the city has focused on streets, screening walls, bridge railings, traffic signs and pavement markers. A total of \$3.54 million is dedicated to infrastructure maintenance in the 2015-16 Budget, up from \$1.63 million in 2012-13.

Repair work is slated for two arterial streets in the city: Belt Line Road from Coit Road to Central Expressway, and Coit from Belt Line south to the city limits and Campbell Road north to the city limits. In addition, repair work is scheduled on a number of smaller streets throughout the city. Funding is also included to remove existing asphalt paving and replace it with new concrete on streets in portions of Greenwood Hills and Canyon Creek.

Work will also continue to repair and enhance bridges and city-owned screening walls, as well as the replacement of small street name signs. The name signs are being replaced as part of a plan to have all such signs replaced by

2020. Finally, money is included in the budget to replace older street markings.



Public Safety Complex

Public safety initiatives

New police and fire employees will be hired this fiscal year to prepare for anticipated growth at CityLine, UT Dallas and other developments. Three firefighters/paramedics will be hired in order to put an ambulance in to service full time at Fire Station 3, at Lookout Drive and Custer Parkway, and four additional police officers will also be hired along with one new evidence/property technician. The eight new employees will bring the total number of new public safety hires over the past two years to 21.

"We are in the process of strategically adding new public safety personnel with our new growth," Johnson said. "The goal is to have people in place as offices and new housing opens so that we can continue to maintain our high levels of service for police, fire and medical response."

Increasing economic development efforts

Last year's budget allocated a half cent of the property tax rate to be used specifically for economic development. This



Architect rendering of CityLine

year's budget increases that amount by a tenth of a cent, meaning 6/10 of a cent are now earmarked to the City's economic development efforts. The long-term goal is to increase that amount to a full penny from the City's property tax rate.

"This dedicated revenue will be available for various development and redevelopment projects," Johnson said. "Our goal is to have resources available to take advantage of economic development opportunities and to remain competitive with other employment centers in our area."

The dedication of a portion of the property tax to economic development is necessary because unlike non-DART member cities, Richardson is unable to dedicate a portion of its sales tax to attracting business. Richardson utilizes that portion of its sales tax to fund DART, an investment that has been a key factor in drawing business as transit-oriented projects becomes more popular with developers. The 6/10 of a cent from the property tax will help even the playing field and allow Richardson to better compete with its neighbors when attracting projects.



New playground equipment at Mimosa Park

Improving customer service and city experiences

The budget includes funding for several projects that should increase the overall customer service experience and the enjoyment people feel while in the city. One of the major projects in this section of the budget is the continued technology growth on the second floor of the Richardson Public Library. Earlier this year the Library purchased a 3D printer, and the money in this year's budget will go toward new technology that will continue to make the Library a place for lifelong learning.

Several parks and recreation projects are also included in the budget. The water slides at the Canyon Creek and Cottonwood pools will be replaced, and new playground equipment will be installed at Lookout Park. Additionally, a new safety fence will be installed on the baseball fields at Heights Park.

Sherrill Park Course 1 is set to reopen this month

The newly renovated Course 1 at Sherrill Park Golf Course is scheduled to reopen Oct. 17.

Course 1 has been closed since February. Since that time, new greens featuring an advanced Bermuda grass have been installed on all 18 holes and the location of the 4th, 5th, 14th and 18th greens has been moved. The shape and contour of some of the greens has also been changed, making the course more interesting and challenging to golfers.

"I think there will be a big difference in how the golf course plays in many areas," said Ronny

Glanton, head professional at Sherrill Park. "There are some new designs to the greens with some nice pin locations."

Course 1 was redesigned in 1997 and since that time has been recognized in numerous publications as one of the best public courses in both the Metroplex and the state of Texas. In 2012, *The Dallas Morning News* ranked Course 1 at Sherrill Park the top economy public access course in the state, while Course 2, which was redesigned in 2001, finished 10th on the same list.

In addition to the new greens, work was also done on the nearly three dozen bunkers that line the fairways and greens. Workers also redid the tee boxes, planted 113 new trees and pruned existing trees to give the course a new look.

"We really feel good about the work that we did on the course," said D.A. Weibring, founder and chairman of Weibring-Wolfard Golf Design, which was hired to renovate the course. "You can go

through the golf course and look at every hole and see something new. Sometimes it is a subtle improvement like adding a few trees or squaring a tee box, all the way up to adding or subtracting a bunker. We have really affected the entire golf course."

Another major change to the course is not something golfers will necessarily notice. Since the course's last renovation, the irrigation lake had become silted in,

reducing the water storage capacity. A total of 13,000 cubic yards of silt was removed from the lake, enough to cover six football fields to a depth of one foot.

"We are fortunate the city has allocated the resources to continue to enhance Sherrill Park," Glanton said. "There has been a commitment from the City Council and the City Manager's Office to provide a good, solid product to the citizens of Richardson."



Hole #6 on Course 1 at Sherrill Park



Hole #4 on Course 1 at Sherrill Park

What you need to know about your water meter

It's been a busy summer for the City of Richardson Water Department, with customer service field staff spending more time than usual assisting customers in understanding their water usage and proactively re-checking meter readings (1,200 more than the same time last year). The reason? Three factors have come together in the Metroplex for "the perfect storm" in higher-than-usual water bills: higher water rates (2014-15 monthly water/sewer rates are \$6.50 higher for 10,000 gallons than last summer's 2013-14 rates, even higher for 20,000-60,000 gallons); dramatically loosened lawn irrigation restrictions (twice per week now allowed vs. twice per month last summer), and another summer with little rainfall and parched lawns, causing residents to water longer. Combine those factors with any kind of water-related problem such as a pool leak or faulty sprinkler system, and the "storm" can turn into an unexpectedly high water bill for some.

How is a water meter read?

Currently, meters within the city are read using either AMR Radio-Read/"drive-by" technology or an AMR Touch-Read/"walk-by" system.

Meters with AMR Radio-Read technology allow readings to be collected remotely, with the technicians never having to leave their vehicles. Currently, Radio-Read meters are generally reserved for a small number of commercial locations along the US 75 service roads, areas that would be dangerous for the technicians to get out of their vehicles and walk.

For Touch-Read or "walk-by" meters, the field service technicians carry a handheld meter reading device and a touch-read wand, and as he or she approaches the meter, they tap the pad that is attached to the top of the meter with the wand, automatically capturing the meter reading and identification number, and transmitting it to the handheld device. Five meter readers, a.k.a. field service technicians, really do walk all over

the city, covering 10-12 miles and 700-800 meters each day!



A field service technician takes a water meter reading.



Regardless of meter type, if there is any issue with the reading such as an error code, the technician will visually inspect and read the meter. At the end of each day, the meter readings are downloaded from the handhelds into the meter reading software and then imported into the billing system.

Will the City notify me if my meter generated an unusually high reading?

Though meter readers do not carry each property's previous readings with them, the City's meter reading software can detect an "oddity" among the readings, as they are imported and the previous readings are subtracted from the current month's readings to determine the consumption for the service period. If the usage is

determined to be out of the normal range for that particular location, the account is listed on the meter reading exception report. The report is investigated and if the consumption truly is unusual and/or there is no known reason for the increase/decrease, the property will then be visited by a field service technician to see if there are any problems (a phone call is made to the property owner letting them know, or a note is left on the door). Is a sprinkler system running every day, late at night, unbeknownst to the owner, perhaps re-set during a power surge? Does someone have a soaker hose running 24/7? Is a pool leak causing automatic refill devices to use water around the clock? These are just a few of the many reasons for high water consumption that technicians sometimes discover. The technician will also look at the meter again. If the reading is determined to be in error, the corrected reading is entered into the billing system and the error is corrected before the water bill for that reading is issued to the customer.

How can I read my own meter?

Your water meter (usually located at the front of the property along the curb or property line) has several numbers, either mechanical or digital, that are read left to right. Make sure to lift the lid carefully when reading a water meter, as there can be wires attached as well as spiders and other critters hiding in the meter box.

- **Mechanical meters:** the first number represents millions of gallons, the second, hundred thousands, then thousands, hundreds and tens. Beyond that, the numbers don't move and remain at zero. There's also a sweeping hand that looks like a clock minute hand, moving clockwise as water flows from the distribution line under the street through the meter and to the house. When the sweep hand makes one circle, the last moveable number in the series turns, indicating that 10 gal-



What if I suspect an error in my meter reading?

lons have passed through the meter. Since the meter is read (and water usage billed) in thousands of gallons, do not record the last two moveable numbers. (That means if you only use 999 gallons one month, your water usage for that month's bill will be zero. Those gallons then get billed the next month, assuming you use at least a gallon.)

- **Digital meters:** The digital meter needs light for activation so you may need to shine a flashlight on it. The display alternates between the meter read and the flow rate. The meter read equals the gallons used while the flow rate equals the number of gallons per minute flowing through the water meter. As with the mechanical meters, digital meters are read (and water usage billed) in thousands of gallons, so only record the four digits from left to right.

The last step is to subtract the previous reading from the new reading to determine how many thousands of gallons of water you have used.

How can I see a history of my water usage?

When you log into your account at www.cor.net/waterpayment, you can view 13 months of history for your water bill. If you don't have Internet access or need billing history beyond 13 months, call or e-mail the Water Department at 972-744-4120 or customer.service@cor.gov.

First, check to see if there are any reasons for a spike in consumption. Do you have new landscaping, grass or plants? Did you have an extra house guest during this billing cycle? Have you increased the frequency or duration in which you water your yard? If you have a swimming pool, did you fill or drain it during this billing cycle? Next, walk around your yard. Does the grass have puddles or large wet spots? Any spongy areas in the lawn that ooze water when you step on them? Are there any areas that are greener than the rest of the lawn? If so, these may be indications of a faulty sprinkler head or damaged soaker hose. Other sources for high usage are leaky faucets, toilets and other plumbing. (A leaky faucet with one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year; a leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons a day.) Last but not least, if you go on vacation and think you should have a low water bill since no one's home, remember that automated pool refill devices and automated sprinkler systems may still be working while you are gone.

If you've considered possible causes for high water use (for a complete checklist, go to www.bit.ly/1KmxTDe) and you still feel there is no reasonable explanation for your increased usage, contact the Water Department during normal business hours at 972-744-4120 for further assistance.

Northrich Park opens with City's largest-ever ribbon cutting

Nearly 500 students from Northrich Elementary School took part in the City's largest-ever ribbon cutting Sept. 16 at the new Northrich Park. Each student was given a pair of scissors to cut the blue ribbon, which measured 450 feet in length. Representatives from the city and RISD were also on hand.

The park is the result of a partnership between the city and Richardson ISD. The park is located on school property and was designed after receiving input from teachers at the school. The park's design includes an outdoor classroom that allows teachers to teach their students outdoors and also incorporates design features conducive with the school's bear mascot, such as paw prints on the sidewalk and a forest-themed playground.

Northrich Park is one of two neighborhood parks made possible by the 2010 Bond Program. It is the City's 34th park and completes the goal outlined in the City's parks and recreation outdoor master plan to have a park located within walking distance of every neighborhood in the city.



Property tax bills to be mailed during October

The Dallas County and Collin County tax offices will mail property tax statements to Richardson residents this month based on values set by the county appraisal districts as of Jan. 1, 2015.

The City of Richardson contracts with Collin and Dallas counties for the collection of property taxes. Property owners will receive a statement from the county tax office in which the property is located.

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

Collin County residents can make City, Collin County and Plano Independent School District tax payments at the Collin County Tax Office branch located at 920 E. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75074, 972-881-3014. For Dallas County residents, City and Dallas County taxes are now paid to the Dallas County Tax Office at 516 Twilight Trail, Richardson, TX 75080, 214-653-7811. All property tax payments should be postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2016.

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

Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Oct. 5
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Noon. Join the Richardson Senior Center and the Richardson Police Department for the award-winning National Night Out. We will provide the entertainment, hot dogs and sides, you bring a dessert. Come for information on how to help fight crime where you live.

Oct. 22
HEALTH CONNECTION 10 a.m. Medicare Open Enrollment Q&A. National Health Administrators will answer questions on changing plans, how to find the plan that covers your doctors, how to find the best price, how to change your drug plan and more.

Oct. 24
PICKLEBALL MINI TOURNAMENT 8 a.m.-noon. Players who have played less than two years may register at Huffhines or Heights rec centers, Huffhines Tennis Center or the Senior Center by 6 p.m. Oct. 16. All games will be doubles play. Tournament will be held at Huffhines Tennis Center, 1601 Syracuse Dr. For information, call David Wilmot at 972-235-5516 (9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday) or e-mail pdwilmot@sbcglobal.net. Cost: \$5.

Oct. 30
HALLOWEEN PARTY 1-2:30 p.m. The Red Hats invite all to an afternoon of ghoulish fun. Come in costume for a costume contest, treats, fun, games, prizes and maybe a trick or two! Bring a treat. No fee.

Nov. 13-14
HOLIDAY BAZAAR 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday Nov. 13-14. Mark your calendars to find that special holiday gift at the bazaar.

Nov. 24
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON Noon. Join us for a turkey dinner with all the fixin's at the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Dave Tanner will entertain us with his music and another of his special programs. Tickets on sale at the Senior Center or by phone with a credit card. Cost: \$8.50

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Oct. 16-17
Tyler Rose Festival
 You will spend two days immersed in the color and pageantry of the Tyler Rose Festival. Trip includes reserved seating for both the Queen's Coronation and the Rose Parade, the Queen's Tea in the Rose Garden, strolling through the largest municipal rose garden in the country with 38,000 bushes of more than 400 different varieties, historical tours and more. For more details, call 972-744-7810. \$381 double occupancy, \$419 single occupancy.

Oct. 21
Perot Museum
 See how science and nature are making history. Stimulate your curiosity with hands on activities, interactive kiosks and provocative illustrations of engineering, technology and conservation. The bus will leave

the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Lunch is on your own from a café on site with entrees from \$6-\$10. This is a walking trip so wear comfortable shoes.

Dec. 3-5
Christmas in the Hill Country
 Taking deposits now for a three-day tour into the Hill Country. You will be immersed in the colorful German and Norwegian holiday traditions in Johnson City, Fredericksburg and Bosque County. Seasonal foods, arts and crafts, holiday decorations, and shopping will give you a peek into their European holiday celebration. Cost of the trip is \$651 for a double, \$797 for a single. \$100 deposit required.

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Oct. 3 CPR HEART SAVER CLASS 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.	Oct. 3 DEWEY KNIT? KNITTING GROUP FOR ADULTS 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.	Oct. 7 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.	Oct. 9-11 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE Basement Program Room. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 9-10, and 2-5 p.m., Oct. 11.
Oct. 9 GETTING STARTED WITH FACEBOOK 10-11:30 a.m. Basement Training Room. Call 972-744-4359 for information.	Oct. 14 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.	Oct. 15 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Scouting Military Records presented by Cheryl Smith. Basement Program Room. 7-8:30 p.m.	Oct. 15 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.
Oct. 16 COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL 10 a.m.-noon Basement Training Room. Richardson Library Card needed to register. Call 972-744-4361 to register.	Oct. 19 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Oct. 20 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "A Time for Miracles" presented by author Kathleen Brown. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.	Oct. 20 RCAS MEETING AND FREE DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Walt Davis—watercolor. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.
Oct. 21 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.	Oct. 21 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.	Oct. 24 C-TECH 3D PRINTING AND TINKERCAD 2-4 p.m. Basement Training Room. Laptop required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for registration information.	Oct. 27 "TO LIGHT A CANDLE" PRESENTED BY INTERFAITH ALLIANCE 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 7-8:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.
Oct. 27 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.	Oct. 31 TEXAS LIBRARY SNAPSHOT—2015 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 1st Floor Information Desk.		

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

Oct. 3 LEGO "BOX OF BRICKS" CHALLENGES #1-3 (Ages 6-10 only) 1:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. (Required complimentary tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m.)	Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 FAMILY STORYTIME 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.	Oct. 31 SPOOK-A-LICIOUS HALLOWEEN HAPPENING 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Spook-tacular stories, "boo"-tiful crafts, and trick-or-treating with puppets! Wear your Halloween costume!
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Coming up at the Civic Center

North Dallas Mother of Twins Consignment Sale
 Oct. 3
www.ndmotc.org

Richardson Host Lions Magic Show
 Oct. 21
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/richardsonhost

Dallas Bridge Tournament
 Oct. 29-Nov. 1
www.d16acbl.org/U176

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

RWC celebrates Diamond Anniversary

The Richardson Woman's Club will commemorate its 60th anniversary Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Founders Hall at 2005 N. Cliffe Dr., Richardson.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. and includes food, entertainment by the Repertory Company Theatre and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Richardson Woman's Club's philanthropic efforts.

Tickets are \$50 and are available from Pam Smith at 214-577-0630 or pamelsmith22@tx.rr.com. Checks should be made out to RWC.

Seniors' Net seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars on topics affecting the aging population. Seminars are 10 a.m.-noon at 741 S. Sherman St.

Oct. 13 Medicare

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 RISD.

Eisemann Center Presents season kicks off this month

The 2015-16 Eisemann Center Presents season begins this month with four fantastic shows. The October schedule has something for everyone, ranging from comedy to classical music.

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.



Jeffrey Siegel

**Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®**
7:30 p.m. Oct. 5
Tickets \$28-\$33

If ever a composer's music was inspired by the joys and heart-

break of romantic love, that composer was Robert Schumann. This program will touch on novelettes, romances and variations on a melody of Schumann's beloved Clara Wieck. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music! If you're a newcomer to classical music, you'll be captivated to hear Siegel talk about the great composers' lives and illustrate musical themes from each featured work. If you're a seasoned listener, you'll delight in Siegel's fresh and intriguing insights into the music and be thrilled by his virtuoso performances.

"Fly Guy and Other Stories"
2:30 p.m. Oct. 11
Tickets \$13-\$23

Seven delightful stories come to life in Theatreworks USA's musical revue "Fly Guy and Other Stories." Books featured in the show include: "Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl;" "Diary of a Worm;" "Fluffy the



Fly Guy and Other Stories

Classroom Guinea Pig;" "Horace & Morris but Mostly Dolores;" "Kitten's First Full Moon;" "Lilly's Big Day;" and "Paper Bag Princess." Note: Titles are subject to change.

The Midtown Men
8 p.m. Oct. 17
Tickets \$48-\$65

This special concert tour reunites four stars from the original cast of Broadway's "Jersey Boys." Tony Award-winner Christian Hoff, Michael Longoria, Daniel Reichard and Tony Award-nominee J. Robert Spencer star in this one-of-a-kind concert experience celebrating the music that defined the 1960s. The program will include music from The Beat-



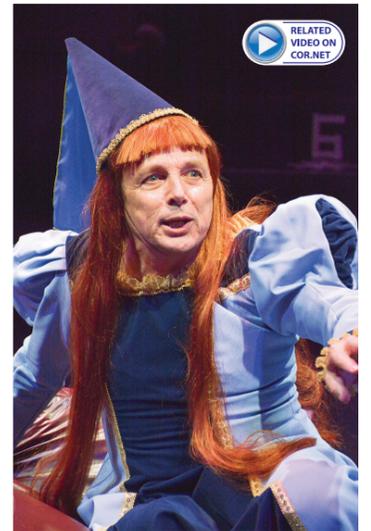
The Midtown Men

les, The Beach Boys, The Jackson Five, The Zombies, The Association, Marvin Gaye and The Four Seasons. This marks the second appearance of The Midtown Men at the Eisemann Center.

Jaston Williams in "Maid Marian in a Stolen Car"
8 p.m. Oct. 22-24
2 p.m. Oct. 24-25
Tickets \$38-\$45

Creator/actor Jaston Williams describes his new solo show "Maid Marian in a Stolen Car" with charming simplicity: "Theatre is

about sharing experiences, and I happen to live in a world full of characters and strange circumstances." Be prepared to laugh out loud as Williams recalls a San Antonio production of Hamlet that mimicked the Battle of the Alamo. Learn why you can't do "trust exercises" with a multiple personality. And experience his recreation of the wildest Maid Marian since they chopped down Sherwood Forest. This show will be presented in-the-round in the Bank of America Theatre.



Jaston Williams

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "Opening Night Concert." (8 p.m. Oct. 3. \$17-\$87. Visit www.richardsonsymphony.org.)

ILLUSIONIST IVAN AMODEI PRESENTS "INTIMATE ILLUSIONS"

(8 p.m. Oct. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Oct. 17. \$40-\$100. Visit www.ivanamodei.com.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, and featured guest artist/conductor, Doc Severinsen, present "Here's Doc: Celebrating 60 Years in Show Business." (8 p.m. Oct. 24. Visit www.planosymphony.org or call 972-473-7262 for more information.)

ARAMART INSTITUTE PRESENTS MOHSEN NAMJOO CONCERT WITH PERCUSSIONIST YAHYA ALKHANSA

(8 p.m. Oct. 30. \$40-\$65.)

Outstanding women honored at Altrusa's annual awards luncheon

Altrusa International of Richardson will hold its annual "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow" awards luncheon at noon, Oct. 30, at the Richardson Hyatt Regency Hotel, 701 E. Campbell Rd. More than 25 nominated women will be honored for their outstanding leadership in their fields. Five winners will be announced in the categories of corporate/high tech, government, education, small business and nonprofit. An additional award, "Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow," will be given to a nominee 35 years old or younger who is employed in any of the above categories.



Awards luncheon tickets are \$50 and must be purchased by Oct. 16 at www.altrusarichardson.com/outstanding-women. Chance drawing tickets are also available for purchase and offer chances to win a pendant from Leland's Gold and Diamonds (\$1,500 value), a stay at a Scottish hunting lodge (\$1,300 value), a prize package of restaurant gift certificates (\$500 value), a prize package including certificates for dining, massage, hotel and cultural events (\$550 value), a sunset sail on Lake Grapevine (\$350 value), and a rustic Texas cooler handcrafted by Council Member Scott Dunn and stocked with craft beer and soft drinks (priceless!) All money raised at Altrusa's OWT awards luncheon provides funding for grants to area nonprofits, college scholarships and the club's service projects to the Richardson community.

RCT brings "The Fantasticks" to life

Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2015-16 season with a performance of "The Fantasticks," Oct. 16-25 at the Promenade Theatre.

"The Fantasticks," the world's longest running Tony Award-winning musical, debuted as an Off-Broadway production in 1960 and didn't conclude its initial run until 42 years, and 17,162 performances, later. The music was written by Harvey Schmidt, with lyrics by Tom Jones, who first met at the University of Texas at Austin.

"The Fantasticks" is a captivating and simple romantic comedy about a boy named Matt, a girl named Luisa, two parents and a wall. The audience uses its imagination to follow the mischievously charming narrator, El Gallo, as he creates a world of moonlight and magic, and then pain and disillusionment, until the boy and girl find their way back to one other. The score, which includes "Try to



Remember, They Were You" and "Soon It's Gonna Rain," is as timeless as the story itself.

The Promenade Theatre is located at 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$14 for youth. Group rates are

also available. For tickets call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

RCT's 2015-16 season also includes performances of "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Cotton Patch Gospel," "The Secret Garden," "Will Roger's Follies," "Evita" and "Xanadu."

NETWORK names development director

NETWORK of Community Ministries has hired Elizabeth Ashmore as its development director to lead community engagement and support on behalf of families in need. Ashmore will help lead the organization as it sees expanding need in Northern Dallas County. Serving more than 14 ZIP codes, NETWORK assists families, individuals and seniors seeking food, shelter, clothing and job resources.

Ashmore has worked with a variety of people and volunteers whose backgrounds and needs span the entire economic spectrum. This gives her an immediate grasp on aspects of daily human suffering and the impact her fundraising talent can have, while allowing her to work seamlessly with

NETWORK's corporate partners and major donors.

She began her career with the American Cancer Society, organizing fundraising events and working with volunteers in North Texas. Ashmore continued her career at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, where she worked as the assistant director of develop-



Elizabeth Ashmore

ment in the School of Dentistry. Ashmore had her hands in every part of the fundraising world; grant writing, annual giving, major gifts, corporate relationships, and planned giving. This position gave her the experience she needed to understand each facet of development and its role in an organization.

Electronics recycling, document shredding event is Oct. 17

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) will hold an electronics recycling and document shredding event Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the City Hall/Civic Center south parking lot at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Approach the area by going south on the Central Expressway service road and turning right (west) on Belle Grove, toward the post office. Then turn right (north) on Civic Center Drive.



receivers, VCRs, DVD player/recorders, remote controls, speakers, digital and NON-disposable film cameras, etc.

- Acceptable electronics for recycling include:
- **Personal and Home Electronics**—phones, GPS devices, calculators, MP3 players, PDAs, radios, cable/satellite

- **Home Office Equipment**—desktop computers, speakers, printers, inkjet/laser cartridges, keyboards/mice, routers, copi-

ers, fax machines, scanners, shredders, typewriters, etc.

- **Automobile Electronics**—radios, DVD players, speakers, etc.

NO Hazardous waste items will be accepted. This includes, but is not limited to, batteries, paint, cleaners and fluorescent bulbs. You may visit the Richardson web site at www.bit.ly/1uAICTi for more information on hazardous waste disposal.

Personal shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. Your documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely by a commercial shredding company.



There is no charge to drop off your unwanted electronic items and personal shredding for recycling, but donations are encouraged for the CPAAA.

Your donations are used to provide general support to the Richardson Police Department

employees, their families, and college scholarships for their children.

Please be generous as this event, offered twice a year, is the only fund raising event for the CPAAA. These events are intended for the disposal of household electronics and shredding. Prior to accepting commercial quantities, a fair donation will be agreed upon. For shredding, the charge will be \$4 per file storage box or equivalent.

Any questions may be addressed to Bill Zeigler at 214-886-5634 or bdz75080@gmail.com.

Annual Christmas Parade Dec. 5



Get in on the spirit of the holiday season by participating in Richardson's Annual Christmas Parade—a tradition that will celebrate its 43rd year! This year's parade, "Christmas in Toyland," will be held on the west side of town. Individuals, groups, clubs, churches, schools, "kids of all ages" are encouraged to join in on this festivity and to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles and floats.

Registration forms will be online beginning Nov. 2 by going to www.cor.net/ChristmasParade. Deadline for registration is Nov. 29. For information, please contact parade chair person Barbara Cottone at Barbara.Cottone@cor.gov, or Allison Hayes at Allison.Hayes@cor.gov. Allison may be reached at 972-744-7853.

Would you like to become a "Friend of the Parade"? For a \$50 donation (checks payable to: NETWORK of Community Ministries) you and three guests will receive preferable parking, bleacher seating and will be served hot beverages and refreshments. Please send your check to: Allison Hayes, Heights Recreation Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080.

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\$2 ADMISSION
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New bike lane completed on West Lookout Drive

The installation of a new bike lane on West Lookout Drive between Floyd Road and West Prairie Creek Drive was recently completed. The 1.6-mile lane is a vital piece of Richardson's long-range Bicycle Pedestrian Trail-way Master Plan and connects the UT Dallas campus and University Trail with the existing bike lanes on Custer Parkway and further east to Prairie Creek Park. The City now has 18.2 miles of bike lanes.

Richardson recently became the only community in the Metroplex, and one of only five in the state, to receive a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award from the League of American Bicyclists.

The BFC program is a leading national level evaluation tool that helps communities evaluate and benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle-friendliness.

More information on the City's bicycle facilities is available at www.cor.net/bikefriendly.



Annual National Night Out is Oct. 6

Richardson residents will participate in the annual National Night Out (NNO) Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Officers, dignitaries and VIPs will ride out to visit residents at their neighborhood block parties all over the city to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. NNO show-

cases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.

For more information, go to www.richardsonpolice.net or contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.



Blue Bags available at Fire Station #6 Oct. 3

Fire Station #6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls of 25 for \$3.50 for residents, or \$4 for non-residents. Blue bag letters, redeemable for a free roll, are honored at this location

as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

Fire Station #6 offers the bags on the first Saturday of every month. The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.



Floodplain management program targets risk reduction and preparedness

The unusually high amount of rainfall the North Texas region received this past spring is a reminder that floods can occur at any time of year and cause more damage and loss of life than any other natural hazard. To reduce the risk of flooding in Richardson, the City provides services and information to homeowners, businesses and the public as part of the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Program.

The program provides information on flood preparedness and prevention, flood safety and flood insurance. Regulation of floodplain development, preservation of open space and storm drain system maintenance are also part of the services provided through the program. More information about the program can be obtained at the Capital Projects page on the City website, cor.net, or by contacting

the City of Richardson Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280.

Preparedness, Protection

- Preparation for severe storms and floods should include maintaining a working flashlight and battery powered radio or television to monitor the latest storm information.
- Flood protection may involve improving lot grading, flood proofing buildings or simply keeping streams and drainageways clear of debris, fences and dense vegetation that may obstruct the flow of stormwater. Engineers from the Capital Projects Department can provide site-specific assistance to property owners who request additional information regarding flood prevention measures. Requests for assistance can be made by calling 972-744-4280.

- Dumping of debris or fill in creeks or streams should be reported to the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

Flood Safety

- City staff can offer safety tips and information that will help protect lives and property in the event of a flood. For example, one of the most important flood safety tips for drivers is "do not drive your car into high water." Many deaths associated with floods occur as a result of vehicles and passengers being washed off roadways. Most vehicles can be easily swept away in just two feet of rushing water.

Flood Insurance and Information

- All properties in Richardson are eligible to obtain flood insurance policies, which cover damages due to flooding. Such damages

are not covered by standard homeowner's policies. Flood insurance policies must be purchased 30 days in advance of the effective coverage date. Additional information regarding flooding, flood maps, optional and mandatory flood insurance requirements can be obtained at <http://maps.cor.gov/floodplains/floodplains.html> or from the Capital Projects Department. The department also has elevations certificates for some properties on file. These certificates provide important data related to flood insurance.

Regulation of Floodplain Development and Other Services

- Construction, re-grading or placing fill near streams or drainageways may require City review and permits. Often, the City of Richardson has information that is used for planning, construction or home improvements that is more detailed or recent than the Federal Emergency Management Agency has published for insurance purposes.

Prior to purchase of or construction on a property near a stream or drainageway, contact the Richardson Capital Projects Department to obtain additional floodplain management information and local regulations. The planned modifications or construction will be reviewed so that flooding problems can be avoided. Call Capital Projects at 972-744-4280.



Urban Naturalist walks continue at Breckinridge Park

The fall schedule of Urban Naturalist continues with four walks in October and one in November at Breckinridge Park. Each walk is \$5 for adults 18 and older plus \$2 for non-residents. Preregister by calling Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881) or go to www.cor.net/parksonline. No drinking fountains or restrooms are available in this area of Breckinridge Park, so plan accordingly. Feel free to bring water bottles, snacks, notebooks, binoculars or cameras. Long pants and sturdy shoes are recommended. Each walk is restricted to 25 participants and children are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE FALL

Join nature photographer and artist Larry Ammann on a fall walk. Larry has recently shared the featured artist role in a showing on the Green Mezzanine of the Eisemann Center and was the 2015 featured artist promoting the Parks and Recreation Department photography contest. Please bring your camera along for a venture into Breckinridge Park with a fine artist and Richardson resident.
 Saturday, Oct. 3, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
 25 participants, Course Number: 86057



BIRDS OF FALL MIGRATION

North Texas is a travel lane for 100-plus migrating bird species, many of which make their southward trek to winter residency in Breckinridge Park. Master Birder Mike Cameron of the Prairie and Timbers Audubon will guide us through the different habitats of the park in search of these bird species. Binoculars are highly recommended for this tour.
 Saturday, Oct. 17, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
 25 participants, Course Number: 86058

FOSSILS CONNECT OUR PAST TO PRESENT DAY

Ever wondered what it was like around here thousands of years ago? And who dropped all these sea shells in this spot? Geologist Conrad Harrison will take us on a walk back in time to explain how our region formed into what we see today and explain that some of the things we do see today are remnants of that past.
 Saturday, Oct. 24, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
 25 participants, Course Number: 86059



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE IN THE URBAN AREA

Come and join a very informative nature walk with Derek Broman, Urban Wildlife Biologist with TPWD. As urban growth continues to encroach on undeveloped land, more and more wildlife habitat is lost and the critters that have lost their homes must either pack up and go to another location or adapt to their new surroundings. So how do we live with nature and wildlife in a compatible manner for both ourselves and the animals? This is a walk everyone will enjoy and get a better understanding of our "other" neighbors.
 Saturday, Nov. 7, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
 25 participants, Course Number: 86061

PLANTS AND FALL COLOR OF NATURE

Discover there truly is fall color to the natural landscape of Breckinridge Park. Join Master Naturalist and botanist Jim Varnum on this walk. Varnum has been cataloging the plants of the park for many years, which now total more than 400 different species. Cameras and binoculars are handy to have on nature walks with Jim because you never know what you will come across.
 Saturday, Oct. 31, 8:30-10:30 a.m.,
 25 participants, Course Number: 86060

Sherrill Park

City Championship

Sherrill Park will hold its annual City Championship Nov. 14-15. The tournament will be played on Course 1 and Course 2.

Entry fee is \$150, or \$80 and two punches if you have a resident punch card. The cost includes green fees and cart. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. The tournament will be flighted by handicap, and it is preferred that entrants have a verifiable USGA handicap. Trophies and awards will be given for all flights, as well as a ladies' flight. The resident champion will have their name inscribed on the trophy and will take home a championship plaque.

For more information call the Sherrill Park Pro Shop at 972-234-1416.

Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League is open to women with golf experience. Members play on Tuesday mornings from March to October. For information, contact Nancy Stubbs (972-669-8909) or Jo Ellen Gilstrap (214-695-8889).

Huffhines Tennis Center

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

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



Rosie Giese, center, is surrounded by her family as she signs her letter of intent to attend Hamline University.

Richardson gymnast signs with Hamline

Former Richardson Gymnastics member Rosie Giese recently received a college scholarship from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn. Giese was a gymnast at Richardson Gymnastics from age 4-18. She graduated from J.J. Pearce High School with a 4.0 GPA and ranked 31st out of more than 500 in her graduating class. While at Richardson Gymnastics, Giese was a two-time level 9 Western National Championship Qualifier and in 2015 placed second in

the nation on vault. She was also the Regional Vaulting Champion in 2015. She is currently a freshman at Hamline.

Giese is the latest in a series of Richardson Gymnastics athletes to move on to the collegiate ranks. In 2014, Courtney Middelkoop received a scholarship to Iowa State and Kate Aberger received a scholarship to Southern Connecticut State University. Both women are sophomores at their respective schools.

Huffhines Art Trails set for Oct. 24-25

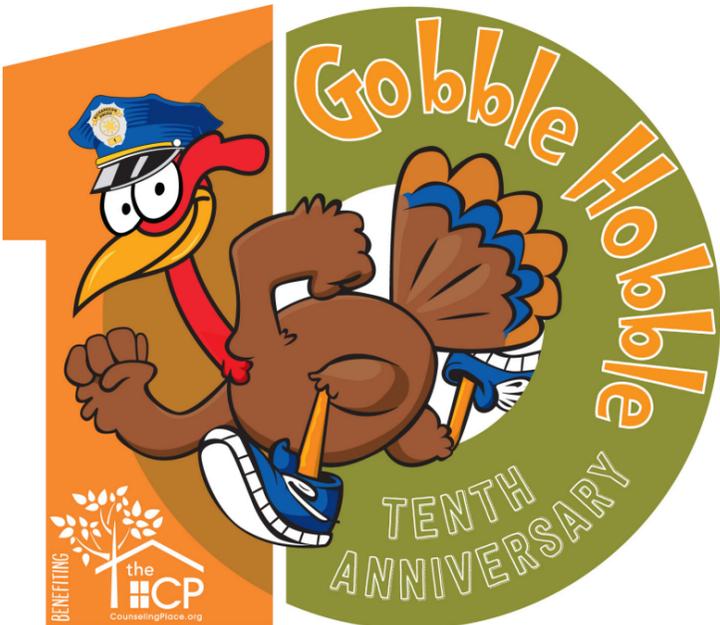
Excitement fills Huffhines Park the fourth weekend in October when the award-winning Huffhines Art Trails celebrates its 39th year. Located at 1500 Apollo Rd. (adjacent to the Huffhines Recreation Center), Huffhines Art Trails is a fall tradition for people looking for a one-of-a-kind handmade treasure, or a perfect holiday gift!

Huffhines Art Trails features more than 150 artisans and craftsmen showcasing a wide variety

of contemporary and traditional crafts and fine art. Plus, while you are taking in the art, experience the best in live music, food and craft beer.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both Saturday Oct. 24 and Sunday Oct. 25, with free admission and free parking.

Visit www.huffhinesarttrails.com or call 972-744-4580 for more information.



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Cottonwood Art Festival
 There's an art to having fun!
 Art - Live Music - Kid's Area
OCTOBER 3-4 Saturday: 10a - 7p
 Sunday: 10a - 5p
 Cottonwood Park • Richardson, Texas
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING CottonwoodArtFestival.com

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.

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 Oct. 6, 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.

NEW!! Watercolor NEW!!
 Renata Sharman will offer watercolor classes for beginners. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Students will create their own art work using florals, seasonal themes, abstracts or landscape, for their watercolor project. Intermediate and advance self-pace students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes start Oct. 6. Cost is \$80. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

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.

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 Oct. 5. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

iPad Instruction 101
 Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and con-

venient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Oct. 5 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, Oct. 5 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, Oct. 17 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPhone iOS 8, 102
 102 will cover the photos app on the phone for editing pictures and how to take better videos. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Oct. 17 from 3-4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership, \$63 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 Mondays 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts Oct. 5. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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

Create a Website
 This class focuses on the creation of a personalized website. We will use the Yahoo Site Creation tool set. You can have your own registered domain name. We will include information on how to create multiple pages, including text, photos and videos. We will also look at putting your video on Google, YouTube and Yahoo. The new two-week session starts TBA. Cost for the session is \$50 with membership; \$53 without.

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 sessions will be Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-

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.

noon or an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

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.

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:

Oct. 1	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	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:

Oct. 5 and 8	6-9 p.m.
Oct. 19 and 22	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.

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.

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

Beginner Square Dance
 New class session started July 28. 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.

Crochet
 Classes are taught Thursdays from 2:15-4:15 p.m. The price is \$5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

New!! Bridge Lessons
 Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. The next five-week session TBA. Classes cost \$10.

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 Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$48.

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

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.

Happy Birthday Party
 We will now celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER on the last Monday of the first month of each season at 2 p.m. Fall-September; Winter-December; Spring-March; Summer-June.

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

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.

Shuffleboard
 Shuffleboard is available for play during regular Senior Center hours.

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.

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 2015 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.

Health Connection Oct. 22—10 a.m. Medicare Open Enrollment Q&A

National Health Administrators will be available to answer your questions on changing plans, how to find the plan that covers your doctors, how to find the best price, how to change your drug plan and much more. Do not miss the opportunity to ask questions and receive information regarding your best medical plan for you.

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

Oct. 3	Bill G. Band
Oct. 10	Doc. Gibbs
Oct. 24	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.

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.

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

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center

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 11:30 a.m. Nov. 2. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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.

Chess Club

The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Youth and adults of all playing strengths are welcome. The club activities include Swiss Tournaments, Opening Theme matches and video matches. Call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 for more information.

Mental Aerobics

Mondays at 10 a.m.

Backgammon

If you are interested in playing backgammon once a week at the Senior Center, please call 972-744-7800.

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.

Bingo

Next Bingo is Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.

Tatting

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

Needleworks

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

Services

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 2-3 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for 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.

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.

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.

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 is held the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Oct. 1.

RSVP Volunteer Program

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 Shannon McElvany-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

Fitness

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. Please call 972-744-7800 for class information.

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.

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.

Pilates Class

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Julie Miller. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are 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. Class fee is \$5 per class.

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.

Fall WaterAerobic Classes

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues fall WaterAerobic instruction. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at JJ 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.

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.

NEW!! Silver Kickers

This fun and energizing class is geared toward older adults. A combination of kick/punching drills and exercises, utilizing a variety of provided equipment, simultaneously provide an effective cardio workout. Classes are held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. \$5 per class. Classes will start Sept. 2.

Pickleball

The Richardson Senior Center Pickleball 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 \$6 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. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports among seniors. If you are interested and would like more information call 972-744-7800.



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 of the month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. for four weeks. Fee is \$20 for four weeks or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

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 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 to confirm start date.

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.



Senior Holiday Bazaar

Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration is now open for residents and non-residents. If you are 55 or older and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to The Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin's Nest crafters who were active crafters as of July 1 will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for \$30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate.

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tax ID#: _____

Craft items to be sold include:

Tables requested: _____

Any special requests? _____

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

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Learn & Create:
3D Printing & Tinkercad
Saturday, Oct. 24
2-4 p.m.
Adults & Teens
Basement Program Room
Laptop required.
Registration starts Oct. 9.

Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 to register and for more information.

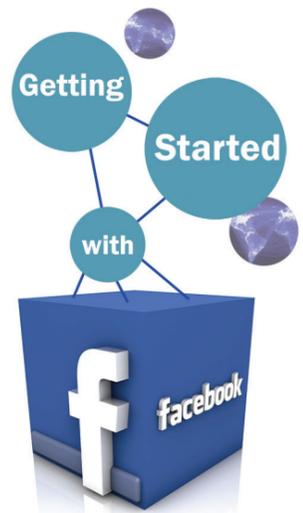
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Presented by Jane Nearing

Bring a laptop or mobile device to follow along

Friday, Oct. 9
10-11:30 a.m.

Basement Training Room
No registration required.
Call 972-744-4359 for more information.



It's a **Spook-a-ficious** **FREE!** Halloween Happening!

Spook-tacular stories, "boo"-tiful crafts, and trick-or-treating with puppets!

All Ages! Saturday, Oct. 31
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Wear your Halloween Costume!

Basement Program Room

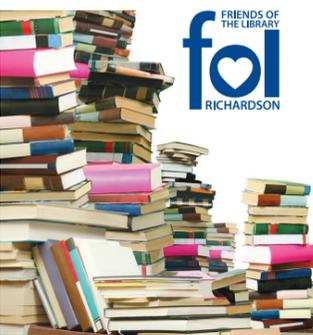


Fall Book Sale

Friday, Oct. 9 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*
Saturday, Oct. 10 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11 2-5 p.m.

*FOL Member's Only Preview

Richardson Public Library
Basement Program Room
RichardsonFOL.org
972-226-2167



LEGO "Box of Bricks" Challenge!

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

*Saturday, Oct. 3
1:30-2:30 p.m.
OR
3-4 p.m.
OR
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room
For ages 6-10 only.
LEGOs provided.

2015 Young Authors Awards Ceremony

Saturday, Oct. 10
3-4 p.m.

1st Floor Program Room
Refreshments served

Recognizing 2015 Young Authors participants with a reception, special awards, certificates, and a personal copy of their completed book.

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

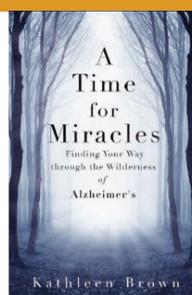
* Tickets required. Tickets available Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Youth Services Department. For more information, call 972-744-4358.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE

A Time for Miracles

Presented by Author Kathleen Brown

Finding your way through the wilderness of Alzheimer's



Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basement Program Room. No registration required.
You are welcome to bring your lunch.
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

To Light a Candle

Film by Maziar Bahari



Film Screening & Human Rights Discussion

Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance and the Library.

Tuesday, Oct. 27 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.

2 Screenings followed by Q&A

Basement Program Room. No registration required.
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

Texas Library @ Richardson Public Library

SNAPSHOT DAY

What happens in a single day in your library?

Help us take a "snapshot" of a day in the life of your library. The pictures and stories you provide will help promote all Texas Libraries.

Snapshot Day is a project of Richardson Public Library and the Texas Library Association.

Saturday, Oct. 31
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Fall BabySteps

A 6-week program for Richardson residents to assist parents in preparing their pre-walkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplay, music and other early literacy tools.

Registration required. (Children must be 6 weeks to 12 months old.) *BabySteps* began Monday, Sept. 21 and ends Friday, Oct. 30.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

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

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

Fall Wiggle Worms

A 6-week program for Richardson residents 12-36 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Mon	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group AM1
Mon	11-11:30 a.m.	Group AM2
Tue	6-6:30 p.m.	Group PM
Thu	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group AM3
Thu	11-11:30 a.m.	Group AM4

Registration required. (Children must be 12 months old by Sept. 1, 2015.) *Wiggle Worms* began Tuesday, Sept. 21 and ends Thursday, Oct. 29.

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

3-6 Year Old Fall Storytime

A 6-week program for Richardson residents, ages 3-6, filled with stories, poems, puppets, songs and fingerplays.

Registration required. (Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2015.) Children attend *Storytime* independently. *Storytime* began Tuesday, Sept. 22 and ends Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Tues	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Group ST1
Wed	10:15-10:45 a.m.	Group ST2
Wed	3:30-4 p.m.	Group ST3

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



Don't let it fade away...

Learn CPR & AED

with Mary Shaul, Registered Nurse



Saturday, Oct. 3
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Basement Program Room
Registration required.

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Play for Whazzup?!

LIKE JEOPARDY! PRIZES!

TEEN CONTESTANTS FROM GRADES 6-12 ONLY

Saturday, Oct. 17
3-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

TEENS! Your brain is packed with less-known facts about teen books, movies, and TV shows published or produced in the 21st century. The random tidbits you know about Guardians of the Galaxy, Pretty Little Liars, or Bart Simpson can win you prizes in live rounds of Whazzup?!

Trivial Trivial Trivial

- Romantic/Comedy
- Superhero Universe
- Sci Fi Dystopian
- 'toons & animation
- Mystery/Thriller

