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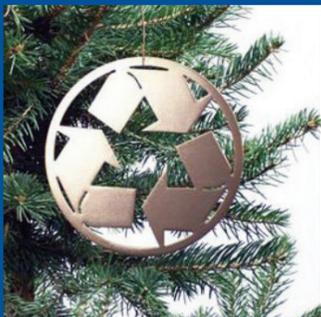
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Telecom Corridor® area has a long history

Richardson's reputation as The Telecom Corridor® area is a classic example of successful branding, so successful that it has benefited the city through good economic times and not-so-good. Even though the telecom industry has evolved over the last 20 years from the traditional "phone business" to mobile communications, radio-frequency identification (RFID) and other technologies, Richardson has remained very much a Telecom Corridor® that includes associated industries such as semiconductor technologies, cloud computing and computer gaming.

Add to that a heap of national and international press for more than 20 years that has reinforced the link between the city and the tagline, and it's easy to see why Richardson uses every chance it gets to promote the Telecom Corridor® area as a hotbed for high-tech research and development.

"The words Telecom Corridor® imply smart people, technology,

etc.—they don't have to limit us to a certain business segment," said John Jacobs, Vice President of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership, a joint initiative established by the city and the Chamber in 1984.

He noted that Silicon Valley in California has kept that name even though there have not been any silicon semiconductors fabricated there in more than two decades. "The name still invokes a positive perception as a smart place for business, just as the name Telecom Corridor® does."

With the city's distinguished roots in telecommunications and electronics (Texas Instruments moved to the area in 1956 and Collins Radio opened a division here in 1957) and the proliferation of telecommunications-related businesses moving in from all over the world along the east side of US 75, the name Telecom Corridor® was a perfect fit. (Ever since MCI opened a facility in Richardson



in 1972 to be close to its supplier Collins Radio, telecom companies from all over the world were flocking to Richardson, picking up the pace after the 1984 divestiture of AT&T. By 1989, Richardson's resident telecom companies included Nortel, Ericsson and Fujitsu.) In

addition, UT Dallas, which began in 1961 as the Graduate Research Center of the Southwest, was supplying the telecommunications industry with quality talent, awarding its first master's degrees in electrical engineering in 1989.

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Doors open, more to come at CityLine development

It was just more than three years ago that developer KDC announced its plans for a 186-acre transit-oriented, mixed-used development at Bush Turnpike and US 75 that would eventually be called CityLine. Shortly after, State Farm Insurance confirmed that it would be the first tenant, leasing 1.5 million square feet in three towers (a fourth tower with 500,000 square feet was announced in February 2014) and in July 2014 Raytheon broke ground on its new three-building facility.

Since the first construction began in the summer of 2013, the cranes that filled the Richardson skyline have been replaced by two massive office complexes. CityLine is a long-term development and in the coming years, could total up to 6 million square feet of office space with an integrated health-care facility, 4,000 urban apartment homes, two hotels, 300,000 square feet of restaurants, retail and entertainment space and two parks.

The following information offers a brief glimpse of what has happened at CityLine and the development areas around it, and what is yet to come.

State Farm Insurance

State Farm has leased 2 million square feet in four buildings at CityLine. Three buildings are complete, with work on the fourth building to be complete early this year. The new facilities serve as a hub to provide claims, service and sales support to State Farm customers. When complete, the complex is expected to house 10,000 employees.

Raytheon

The technology and innovation leader broke ground in July 2014 on its 489,000-square-foot, three-building office complex at CityLine that will be home to its Intelligence, Information and Services operation. The buildings are complete and the company is beginning to move about 1,700 employees to the facility.

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Construction underway for new Restaurant Park



Soon even more culinary options will be available in Richardson as Restaurant Park, a new development on the west side of US 75, south of Belt Line Road and site of the former Continental Inn, is under construction and will offer up to seven dining choices.

The Park will feature lively patio dining areas gathered around a central plaza that includes a large fountain area, numerous amenities, enhanced landscaping and a pedestrian portal at the back of the project to allow easy access for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods

In 2012, the City purchased the Continental Inn, demolished the 1960s-era hotel and sold the property to Hermansen Land Development Inc., to make way for the development of Restaurant Park. The project is a key component of the City's reinvestment and redevelopment strategy for the West Spring Valley Corridor.

Currently three restaurants have been secured for Restaurant Park, The Rock Wood Fired Kitchen, Dog Haus and VertsKebap.

The Rock is a 20-year-old Tacoma, Wash.-based restaurant all about good ol' classic rock 'n' roll

with locations in five states plus Canada. The Rock offers open-flame grilled steaks and burgers, pizza, soups and salads, unique micro brews and their world famous buckets of beer in a rock 'n' roll-themed atmosphere.

Dog Haus offers all-beef skinless hot dog and sausage creations made to order, and black Angus burgers on King's Hawaiian rolls. The offerings go beyond the traditional, such as the Sooo Cali dog, topped with wild arugula, spicy basil aioli, crispy onions, avocado and tomato.

VertsKebap is an Austin-based fast-casual restaurant with more than 20 locations in Texas, specializing in the art of healthy street food with build-your-own kebaps, wraps and salads.

"We are in negotiations with other restaurants, including a variety of national restaurant groups and local one-of-a-kind chef-driven concepts," said Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Director Sue Walker. "Richardson is an attractive market and we're excited about the variety of choices that will be available at the Park."

Plans call for Restaurant Park to officially open this summer.

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Jan. 27, 6 p.m.

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and on Time Warner Cable, channel 16,
and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99.**



MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Paul Voelker
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Richardson is one of the most active cities in the Metroplex for economic development. For years, projects in our Telecom Corridor® area have made headlines in business and trade publications across the nation, and we are recognized as one of THE major locations for corporate business in the Metroplex.

In addition, our high concentration of foreign-owned corporate campuses has also earned us the designation as the "International Business Capital of North Texas" by the Texas Legislature, and, because of the role we play in foreign operations, we are also one of only a few cities in the region to have an Office of International Business.

The City Council and I would like to express our gratitude for the tremendous amount of support this community has placed on our efforts to enhance our economy in recent years. Many of you were here when the tech bubble burst in the early 2000s, and we remember all too well how hard our area was hit at that time.

Since then, Richardson has taken concerted efforts to diversify our local economy, and today we now boast insurance, finance, fashion and data storage along with the vast array of high-tech jobs that, combined, make Richardson the second highest employment center in the Metroplex.

We have also been able to achieve this by finding a delicate but important balance to attracting dense projects, while maintaining the integrity of our neighborhoods.

I'm also happy to say that we've dramatically improved our access to restaurants and destination retail locations that many people in Richardson have desired for a long time.

You can read about this and much more in this edition of the *Richardson Today*. We hope you agree that all of this has made our community a stronger, more stable and a much more desirable place to be when looking for a home in the DFW Metroplex.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor

Lots of doors open, more to come at CityLine and area development

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CityLine Market

The 40,000-square-foot specialty grocery store Whole Foods Market will anchor CityLine's 100,000-square-foot retail complex at the northeast corner of Renner and Plano roads. The Whole Foods Market, six restaurants and additional retail and service businesses will be opening soon, and a CVS Pharmacy and four additional restaurants will open later this spring.

Zale/Corson Group

The Zale/Corson Group has constructed its Standard at CityLine apartments just south of CityLine at the northwest corner Renner and Plano roads. This is the first phase of the 800 new Class-A multifamily units in the 18.6-acre development.

BC Station Partners

BC Station Partners bought the 54 acres next door to the CityLine development on the west side of the DART Light Rail Bush Turnpike Station and sold 17.6 acres to Trammell Crow Residential and 6.7 acres to Transwestern. Trammell Crow Residential has begun construction on a multi-family development with retail space called Alexan. BC Station Partners retained the remaining acreage zoned for high rise office for future construction.

Page 3 of this publication offers of map of CityLine and area development and a listing of business and restaurants that are now open or will be opening soon. You can learn more about the CityLine de-

velopment at www.citylinedfw.com or www.Facebook.com/CityLineDFW. If you would like to receive regular e-mail updates when new stores or restaurants open and other news, you can sign up on the site by clicking on the menu icon.



Sanitation schedule/recycle makeup days

Due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be **NO** recycling pick up, solid waste pick up or special pick up (BABIC) Monday, Jan. 18. The table below shows the **recycle** makeup days.

Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Makeup day
Monday, Jan. 18	Tuesday, Jan. 19
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Wednesday, Jan. 20

City facilities schedule for holiday Jan. 18

Facility	Closing date
City Hall/Civic Center and Municipal Court	Jan. 18
Library and Animal Shelter	Jan. 18
Recreation Centers, Senior Center, Gymnastics Center, Tennis Center and Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours

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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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.

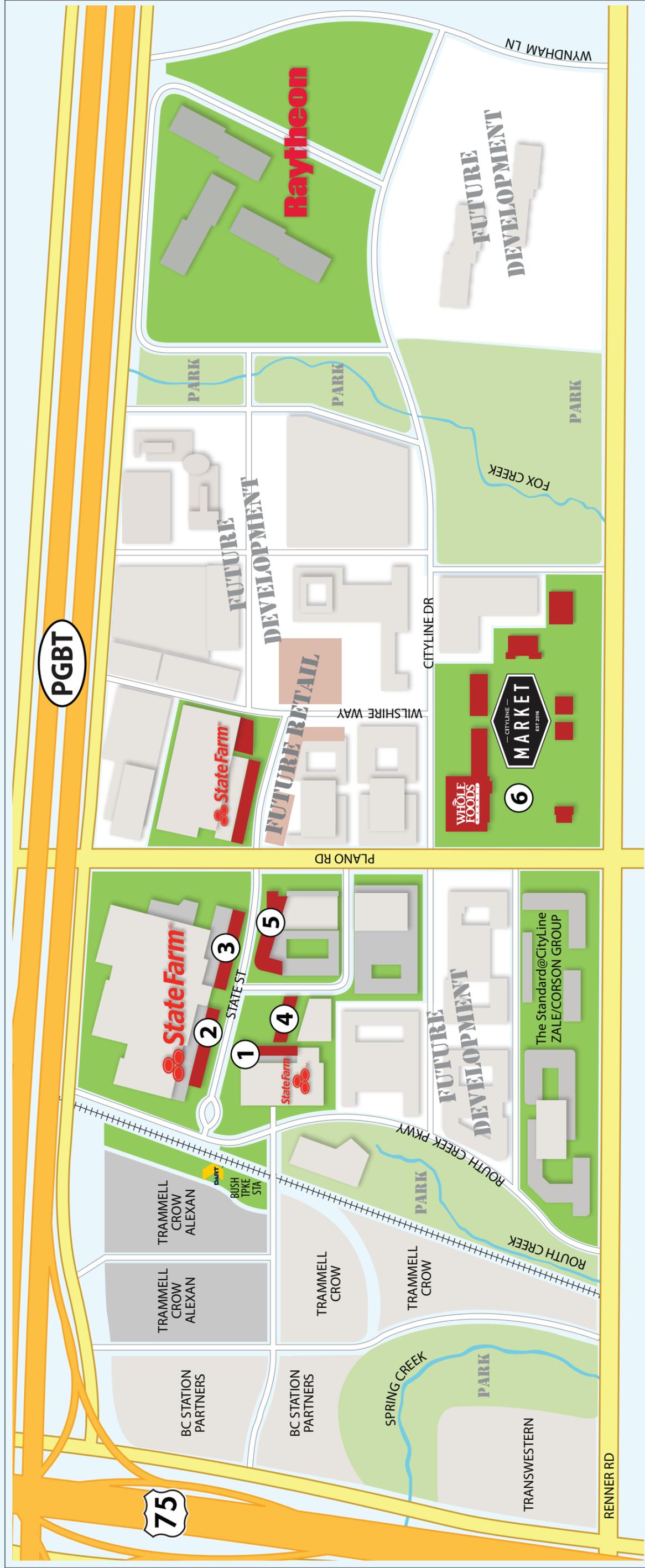
City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City's website at www.cor.net and on the City's cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

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:

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



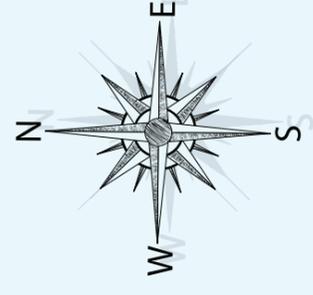
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Smoothie King – Opening Soon
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Subway
The Kitchen Table
The Green House
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Coal Vines – Opening Soon
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Lot B@CityLine – Residential
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Piada Italian Street Food – Opening Soon
ReefPoint Yoga – Opening Soon
Smashburger – Opening Soon
Super Chix – Opening Soon

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The Joint – Opening Soon
Wells Fargo – Opening Soon
Whole Foods – Opening Soon



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Mayor's Office of International Business works to attract foreign companies



In November, a delegation from Pengzhou, China visited Richardson, continuing a "Friendly City" relationship begun in 2012. A farewell dinner was held for the group at Kirin Court.

As the International Business Capital of North Texas, Richardson is home to a diverse workforce and roster of companies from around the world. From Japanese information technology company Fujitsu, which has its United States headquarters near Breckinridge Park, to VMN+, an Argentina-based software developer that opened its first US office in Richardson last year, companies of all sizes have found Richardson to be a good fit for their needs.

Long-known as the Telecom Corridor® area, a renewed push to attract international businesses to Richardson was made in 2011 when the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) opened the Mayor's Office of International Business and hired Mike Skelton to be its director. Since that time, Skelton has built up a network of ambassadors to promote Richardson in other countries and has taken international trips to try and bring business to the city. "Friendly City" agreements have also been reached with Pengzhou in China's Sichuan province and Changsha County in the Hunan province.

"The object is to create a lasting impression of Richardson as a business-friendly location for international companies," Skelton said. "I am in the relationship-building business and these international deals don't happen overnight. It is all about selling to people why Richardson is important and what we can offer them."

As the sole REDP employee focused on international development, Skelton relies on ambassadors to be his eyes, ears and mouths on the ground. From local business people who regularly travel internationally, to foreign University of Texas at Dallas students, ambassadors have directly led to businesses deciding Richardson was the right move.

"UTD started focusing on attracting students from Asian countries about 10 years ago," Skelton said. "I try and get these students out into the community and show them what we have to offer when it comes to parks, festivals and industry. When they return home and ascend to a management position, hopefully they will remember Richardson and consider coming here if their company is looking to make a presence in the US market. The more we can promote our area with all of its benefits, the more visibility we will have and the more companies we can attract."

Zhejiang, China-based Yankon LED Lighting has 1,400 employees worldwide and more than \$500 million in annual revenue, but until recently had only a small United States footprint at an office in California. When it came time for Yankon to open a second US location, one of Skelton's ambassadors gave him the heads up and a deal was made.

"I got a call from a UTD professor who had a family member who was looking at bringing a company to the US," Skelton said. "We met

when he was in town and a few months ago Yankon set up an office and demonstration showroom here in Richardson."

In September, Skelton organized a trip to Japan and China with Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Chairman Charlie Chen and Chamber President and CEO Bill Sproull. The delegation met with Japanese and Chinese executives at the world headquarters of companies with operations in Richardson and also hosted three "Invest in Richardson" receptions that attracted 125 companies.

The work put in over the past few years also extends to Europe, which Skelton has visited several times. Memorandums of understanding have been signed with two cities—Reading, England and Marseille, France—stating the cities will help Richardson with its international economic development efforts, and vice versa. Lead generators have also been hired in Germany and the United Kingdom to let Skelton know when companies in those countries are looking for a new US location. Visits to Spain, Denmark, Sweden and Finland have also taken place to meet with technology companies that may be a good fit in Richardson.

One final tool in Skelton's toolbox is a concierge program, which aims to make the relocation process as seamless as possible. Companies coming to Richardson need a variety of services during and after the move—banking, marketing, accounting, legal representation, etc.—and the concierge program allows new companies to meet with several businesses from each category. Through the program they are able to find everything from immigration attorneys for employee visas to international banks to handle wire transfers.

"It's taken nearly four years to get this network off the ground, but you can't make things happen overnight," Skelton said. "This job is all about recognition, visibility, branding, and time. Our biggest impacts of this work will be years in the making."

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The name Telecom Corridor® was first used in a *Dallas Times Herald* article in 1992. The Chamber liked the name because it represented what Richardson was and what Richardson was becoming, and decided to trademark the name for use in press releases, interviews and the promotion of the city.

"Having a brand really propelled us," Jacobs said. "We once added up all the column inches of print media mentions we received in just one year due to the name Telecom Corridor®, and it equaled almost \$250,000 in advertising value."

Though the Corridor's boundaries are often thought of as US 75 to the west, Plano Road to the east, the Bush Turnpike to the north and LBJ Freeway to the south, the official Telecom Corridor® area includes all of Richardson as well as the TI campus just outside Richardson's southern border, and a narrow swath of Dallas on the west side of Waterview Parkway near UT Dallas.

Jacobs has no doubt that the branding and its accompanying publicity have influenced businesses and corporations in their decision to consider locating in Richardson. Four years after the name was trademarked, Samsung and Siemens Wireless opened fa-

cilities in Richardson, followed by Cisco in 2000. After the "Internet Bubble" burst in the early 2000s, telecom businesses in the city began to focus on less-traditional telecom services such as voice over Internet protocol (VOIP), RFID and data centers. During that time, the brand recognition associated with the Telecom Corridor® helped the Chamber's efforts to attract new business to the city.

A few years ago when a business owner from Bangalore, India contacted Jacobs to discuss possibly expanding his business to Richardson, Jacobs asked how he had heard of the city.

"He answered, 'Well, this is the Telecom Corridor, isn't it?'"

Of course, the brand of being a smart place for business would mean nothing without facts to back it up.

"We've got great schools here including a top-notch university with a business incubator," Jacobs said. "The city's four DART stations and three major highways are huge assets, we've got park land right outside the door of major employment areas, and we have amazing companies that do amazing things, and the Telecom Corridor® brand has played a big role in marketing these outstanding attributes."

City updates website security; some residents' access affected

Residents with older Windows operating systems using Internet Explorer may no longer have access to City billing websites beginning Jan. 4 due to upgrades to the City's website security. The City's Information Technology Department has been upgrading website security to remain in compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards, a requirement for entities that process, store or transmit credit card information. The PCI standards ensure that transactions are secure and that data is stored in a safe environment.

While most residents with current computer operating sys-

tems and Internet browsers will see no changes in their ability to access the City's website, residents with older Windows operating systems such as XP or Vista combined with the Internet Explorer web browser will no longer have access to portions involving credit card transactions.

Since Microsoft no longer supports or updates a version of Internet Explorer that's compatible with the older operating systems, it is recommended that residents with these systems use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as their Internet browser. Both browsers can be downloaded for free on the Internet.

Doing business with Asia—the next big frontier for North Texas

by **Charlie Chen, Chairman, Richardson Chamber of Commerce**

To witness an economic boom, many eyes turn to North Texas. However, to get a glimpse of our region's economic future, we should also turn our eyes east—the way to Asia.

China currently has the globe's second largest economy, with Japan ranking third, and East Asia remains one of the key drivers of the world economy, accounting for two-fifths of global growth.

With that growth comes the rise of major Asian businesses, bringing significant implications for the North Texas economy.

Many of these booming companies already have a presence here. The US arm of telecom giant ZTE recently opened a training center for the company's American clients at its Richardson headquarters. Other Asian companies with US headquarters or international

subsidiaries in Richardson include Anritsu, Fujitsu, Hitachi, Lintec and Samsung.

Asian investment into North Texas is being fed by the increase in access, with Dallas Fort Worth International Airport recently adding direct flights to and from major Asian business hubs, including Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul in the last three years.

A sizeable chunk of the \$37 billion in annual economic impact that DFW Airport now generates for North Texas—up from \$31 billion just two years ago—is likely related to this increased linkage to Asia.

China is already the DFW area's largest trading partner by far, with South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore also significant. DFW's annual exports to China alone total nearly \$1.5 billion, including such high-tech exports as chips from Texas

Instruments' Richardson fabrication facility.

It's not just business ties, either. It's also significant cultural and social connections. Today, Asians make up about six percent of the North Texas population, and increased immigration from Asia will add dramatically to this figure over the coming decades.

With all of this, the potential for investment by Asian companies in North Texas is enormous, and still relatively untapped. That's why regional leaders have been paying visits to Asia recently, including a three-week trade mission to 10 Asian cities from which my Richardson colleagues and I recently returned.

During our tour, executives from roughly 125 Asian companies visited with us, expressing strong interest in North Texas. That alone speaks volumes to the abundant opportunities.

So what's it going to take to motivate those companies to invest in North Texas?

We heard from our Asian counterparts that several factors are critical. The first and most important is continued relationship-building. Convenient access through even more direct flights will help. The need for face-to-face outreach is also why, for instance, Richardson established a Mayor's Office for International Business in 2011 to build stronger global connections.

Branding is another challenge. North Texas is too frequently perceived as a "Wild West" area of oil and gas, rather than as the dynamic, diverse cosmopolitan region it is today. No one city in the Metroplex can change our image; it will take our all of us working together.

Following the Asian example, North Texas may also need to develop science parks, or innova-

tion districts, to help accelerate synergistic growth opportunities. We are currently evaluating how to apply this concept locally, using more of a public-private approach, rather than the typical public-driven approach in Asia.

These are manageable challenges, and as the booming trade between North Texas and Asia demonstrates, we're on the right path. We just need to build on this momentum, to support our region's future prosperity and global prestige.

We may be separated by an ocean and half a continent, but North Texas and Asia are quickly—and happily—becoming virtual next-door neighbors in the global village.

A native of Taiwan, Charlie Chen has been a Richardson-based entrepreneur for 25 years, and he is currently serving as the first Asian-American chairman of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

Construction is underway for Eastside Phase II



Architect rendering of Eastside Phase II

One of Richardson's most popular mixed-used developments is getting a second phase. Located at Campbell Road and US 75 to the east of the DART tracks, Eastside has provided living and dining options in the heart of the Telecom Corridor® area since opening in late 2008.

With Eastside proving popular with both Richardson residents and visitors, developers recently began construction on the project's second phase. Eastside Phase II is located on the west side of Greenville Avenue south of the existing development. While Phase I has a mix of retail and residential, Phase II will focus more on residential and also include office space in the form of a 15-story office tower. A total of 508 residential units will be located in the development, which will also include a parking garage and is scheduled to be complete by this summer.

Like the original Eastside development, Phase II will feature park space in a walkable, urban environment with tree-lined sidewalks linking the residential and commercial areas.

The development will also connect to the City's Central Trail, which runs from the Spring Creek Nature Area in the north

to the border with Dallas in the south. Popular spots along the trail include Galatyn Plaza, DFW China Town and the Downtown Revitalization Area. With several DART Rail stations located along the trail, Eastside is easily reached from anywhere in DART's service area.

To help build a sense of community among residents and business owners, Eastside holds a number of annual events where neighbors can get to know one another. Each spring the Taste of Eastside attracts hundreds of attendees to sample the various foods offered by the more than one dozen Eastside restaurants. Then, each December, Eastside holds a Christmas tree lighting ceremony complete with live entertainment.

The City and the developers of Eastside Phase II are working on selecting an artist for an art installation located on the southern end of the development, an area that has visibility from Greenville, Alma Drive, US 75, the Central Trail and DART. This is the first public art piece commissioned by the City since the adoption of the Public Art Master Plan in March 2015. It is anticipated that the public art piece will be installed in late 2016.

Rotary City Employee Awards

Animal Services Supervisor of Events and Special Projects Noura Jammal and Commercial Heavy Equipment Operator Donald Sourber received this year's Supervisor of the Year and Employee of the Year awards from the Richardson Rotary Club.

Jammal began her career with the City in June 2007 as an Animal Control Officer, was promoted to assistant resource coordinator six months later and assumed her current role in February 2014.

Sourber has been with the City for more than 29 years, starting as a residential drive/loader in June 1986 and was promoted to his current position in January 1996.

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



Pictured from left: Richardson Rotary Club President Dr. Glenn Burnett, M.D., Noura Jammal and Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson.

Many data centers call Richardson home

The Telecom Corridor® area has been a hub for technology activity since the 1950s when Collins Radio opened its Richardson office. Now, more than 60 years later, the area is buzzing with a new kind of technology—data centers.

The centers provide secure data storage and high-speed, state-of-the-art computing power for businesses large and small. Richardson is home to 19 data centers, with four in the planning stages, totaling nearly 2.9 million square feet. This accounts for nearly a third of all data center square footage in the DFW Metroplex.

According to John Jacobs, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Executive Vice President of Economic Development, Richardson has everything companies and data center operators are looking for.

"There are some elite Fortune 500 companies that have data centers in Richardson," Jacobs said. "These companies are risk averse. They want a location with a low crime rate and don't want a physical risk, climate risk or political risk, so being a safe community is key to attracting companies."

The largest data center company in Richardson is Digital Realty, which owns eight centers in the city and has plans for three more. Digital Realty leases space in its centers to other companies who are looking for a secure space to store their data. Digital Realty, which is located on the former Collins Radio property, came to the city thanks to a series of events set in motion 60 years ago when Collins Radio came to town.

"When Fobare Commercial purchased the property about 10



years ago they intended to turn it into a mixed-used development," Jacobs said. "However, because Alcatel had built its own electrical substation on the property when it purchased it from Collins [in 1991], Fobare had engineers from a data center design firm look over the property. They said the site offered the finest infrastructure for a data center in the Southwestern United States."

Digital Realty now owns about 65 acres of the land Fobare purchased and has opened several centers on the property. When the company opened its first data center in the city, Jacobs said no one realized how much of a benefit data centers would be.

Data centers are healthy revenue generators for cities for a number of reasons, including the amount of business personal property taxes that are generated due to the high value of the servers inside the center. In addition, because electricity is the No. 1 operating cost for a data center, and because the city receives sales tax on electricity sales, it is another significant revenue generator. The city

also receives a franchise fee from the electricity delivery company, Oncor, based on electricity usage in the city.

"It turns out that a data center on a per square foot basis generates more revenue for a municipal government in Texas than almost any other land use," Jacobs said. "That is pretty remarkable, and these streams allow Richardson to offer a lot to its residents without having to raise property taxes."

Jacobs said data centers are also good neighbors because they are quiet, are typically well landscaped and don't have a high amount of heavy truck traffic. In Richardson, data centers are located near parks, schools and neighborhoods, and in 10 years, Jacobs said he has not heard any negative comments regarding data centers. In many cases, people don't even notice they are there.

"Richardson is the Telecom Corridor®, and as the telecom industry has evolved, data centers are now the flagship component and representative of the new era of the communications business," Jacobs said.

Rec centers offer affordable way to reach goals

Being a resident of the City of Richardson comes with many perks, and one of them is being able to use the fitness facilities at the City's two recreation centers, Heights and Huffhines, at a very reasonable cost. Yearly memberships ranging from \$35-\$60 (\$70-\$120 for nonresidents) allow access to both centers, which include a cardio fitness area/weight room, a full-sized gym including a regulation-sized basketball court, a game room, free WiFi, a sauna and locker rooms. Since both centers were built within the last six years, members enjoy modern workout equipment and facilities.

Both Heights and Huffhines offer activities unique to their location that can be added on to a workout for a separate charge (or enjoyed without a membership). Across Duck Creek from Huffhines lies Huffhines Tennis Center, a 10-court facility open year-round. Summer workouts at Heights can include a swim, thanks to the nearby Heights Family Aquatic Center and its lap pool. Both rec centers host fitness classes year-round for all ages through the Parks and Recreation Department, including martial arts, a variety of dance forms, yoga, Zumba and fitness boot camps.

New this month is the "Crosstown Showdown," which invites members with a competitive streak to win prizes and help determine which recreation center is the fittest. Every time they log a workout during January with the front desk

staff, members participating in the Showdown earn points for their rec center and are entered to win weekly prizes. A Grand Prize will be awarded to the top overall male and female participants.

Rec center membership costs vary by age; see below for current rates. (Children under 6 are not required to have a membership, but must be accompanied by an adult member.)

Resident rates are available only to persons who live in the City of Richardson and provide a driver's license and current water bill. People who work in Richardson may purchase a corporate membership

by providing a recent paycheck stub or a corporate photo ID.

Memberships may be purchased in person at either center; Heights Recreation Center is located at 711 W. Arapaho Rd., 972-744-7850, and Huffhines Recreation Center is located at 200 N. Plano Rd., 972-744-7881. For further information about the recreation centers and memberships, go to www.cor.net/parks. Information about rec center classes may be found at www.cor.net/parksonline. For aquatics and tennis information, visit www.cor.net/aquatics and www.cor.net/tennis.

Age Group	Richardson Residents		Non-Residents	
	Annual	Daily	Annual	Daily
Youth (6-17)	\$35	\$5	\$70	\$10
Adult (18-54)	\$60	\$7	\$120	\$14
Senior (55 and up)	\$35	\$5	\$70	\$10
Family (up to 4)	\$135	N/A	\$270	N/A
Corporate	N/A	N/A	\$90	\$8



Calendar

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

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

<p>Jan. 6 KIMBELL ART MUSEUM'S GUSTAVE CAILLEBOTTE: THE PAINTER'S EYE 10:30 a.m. Gustave Caillebotte revealed his genius with some of his 50 paintings from 1875-1882 during the height of impressionism. Such masterworks as Paris Street Scene, Rainy Day, Floor Scrapers and two versions of the Pont de l'Europe present a full range of Caillebotte's bold extraordinary impressionistic vision. The van will leave the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. \$20.</p>	<p>Jan. 8 SOCK HOP 1 p.m. The Berkner High School Fine Arts Choir is sponsoring a Sock Hop for both the kids and all of us young at heart older adults. Come and jitterbug the afternoon away and/or enjoy watching the kids bring back an era of saddle shoes and duck tails. Ice cream sodas will be served at the counter. Door prize for the best dressed 1950s style.</p>	<p>Jan. 19 OUT TO LUNCH 10:30 a.m. Our next out to lunch will be at Cracker Barrel. Cost is \$1 for van trip. Call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!</p>
<p>Jan. 24 GERSHWIN'S GREATEST HITS 1 p.m. The Dallas Symphony will present Gershwin's Greatest Hits under the direction of Jeff Tyzik. You will swoon to the music of "Lullaby," "Funny Face," "Cuban Overture" and selections from "Porgy and Bess." The van will leave the Senior Center at 1 p.m. and return immediately after the concert. \$30.</p>	<p>Jan. 28 HEALTH CONNECTION 10 a.m. Non-melanoma skin cancers are going untreated in our older adult population. This is mainly attributed to the fact many do not realize there could be an alternate treatment besides having surgery. Come and learn how non-melanoma skin cancer can now be treated in minutes without surgery with electronic brachytherapy.</p>	<p>Jan. 30 BERKNER HS FINE ARTS CHOIR PRESENTS "GREASE" 2 p.m. The Berkner High School Fine Arts Choir will take you down memory lane to a time of jitterbugging with saddle oxfords, pony tails and duck tails. Enjoy an afternoon of music and dance from the musical "Grease." The van will leave the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. and return after the program. Call 972-744-7800 or stop by the Senior Center to purchase tickets. \$10</p>

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>Jan. 2 DEWEY KNIT 2 p.m.-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 6 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Lessons of History" by Will Durant. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 9 CPR AND AED WORKSHOP 10 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Registration required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for registration information.</p>	<p>Jan. 9 C-TECH 3D PRINTING AND TINKER-CAD 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Laptop required. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for more information.</p>
<p>Jan. 12 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 15 COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 2010 10 a.m.-noon Basement Training Room. Richardson Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY SCHEDULE The Library will be closed on MLK Day. The Library will be open regular hours beginning Jan. 19.</p>	<p>Jan. 19 RCAS MEETING AND FREE DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Nancy Medina—oil florals. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>
<p>Jan. 20 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Husband's Secret" by Liane Moriarty. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 20 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 21 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7-8:30 p.m. "Trades of Your Ancestors: Locating Business History to Enrich Your Family History" presented by Paula Perkins. Basement Program Room. 1:30-3 p.m. Call 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 21 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Empathy Exams" by Leslie Jamison. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>
<p>Jan. 22 COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010 10 a.m.-noon Basement Training Room. Richardson Library Card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 23 C-TECH LEARN, CREATE, CONNECT 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call the Youth Services Department at 972-744-4358 for registration information.</p>	<p>Jan. 25 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>Jan. 26 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Astonish Me" by Maggie Shipstead. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>Jan. 16 TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) MEETING AND PROGRAM 2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Shay at 972-744-4358 for more information.</p>	<p>Jan. 21 COOKIES AND COLORING 3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>
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Seniors' Net hosts free monthly seminar

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

Jan. 19
 Mobility 101 with DART

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

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



Fire Department delivers toys, food and holiday cheer to NETWORK

The Richardson Fire Department held its annual toy and food drive in December, and delivered collections to NETWORK of Community Ministries shortly before Christmas.

Thank you to Fire Department staff, City employees, local businesses, civic organizations and residents who donated

items that helped to make this holiday season brighter for those in need.

Residents can donate food items and toys to NETWORK year round. Donations may be dropped off at 741 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. Visit www.thenetwork.org for more information.

Library to host annual RALC fundraiser

Save the date for the Richardson Adult Literacy Center's annual murder mystery fundraiser at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Richardson Public Library.

Guests will solve a mystery by sifting through clues from scenes enacted throughout the building. For information, visit www.ralc.org.



Dine Smart, Dine Local deals and information are delivered directly to you by e-mail.

Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions on the Dining Page online at www.cor.net/dsdl.



Upcoming Civic Center Events

<p>Dallas Bridge Tournament Jan. 7-10 www.d16acbl.org/U176</p>	<p>Texas Regional Yoga Asana Championship Jan. 16 www.texasyoga.com/championships.com</p>
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The Richardson Civic Center offers a wide variety of accommodations for classes, seminars, corporate presentations, banquets, receptions and trade shows!

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Cultural Arts & Community

Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month

The Eisemann Center Presents season continues in early 2016 with six fantastic shows. The schedule has something for everyone, ranging from children's theater and musicals to classical music and good old fashioned rock and roll.

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.

**Blood Sweat & Tears
with Bo Bice**
8 p.m. Jan. 23
Tickets \$44-\$58



Blood Sweat & Tears with Bo Bice

A 21st century version of one of the music world's most popular bands—currently touring with American Idol star, Bo Bice. It's been more than four decades since drummer/producer Bobby Colomby and friends assembled the first group to successfully blend rock and jazz into a genre-crossing sound and style. So successfully, in fact, that the band's second album, "Blood, Sweat & Tears," topped the Billboard charts, beating out the Beatles' "Abbey Road" for Grammy Album of the Year in 1970.

**"Curious George:
The Golden Meatball"**
2:30 p.m. Jan. 24
Tickets \$13-\$23

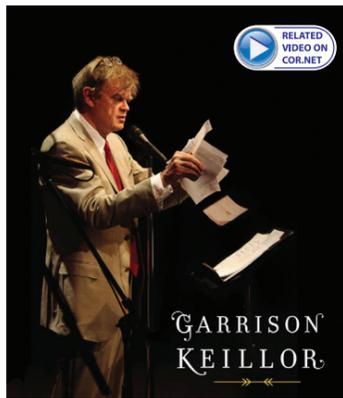


Curious George

With every swing and flip, George takes the audience through a fun-filled adventure in which he learns more about Rome ... and meatballs ... and the "secret ingredient" to cooking, than he'd ever imagined! Join the inquisitive, lovable little monkey, Curious George, star of books, movies and the award-winning PBS television show in this delightful new musical, "Curious George: The Golden Meatball," produced by Theatreworks USA. An Eisemann Center Presents Methodist Richardson Family Theatre Series production.

**An Evening with
Garrison Keillor**
8 p.m. Jan. 28
Tickets \$48-\$75

The acclaimed host of A Prairie Home Companion shares hilarious anecdotes about growing up in the American Midwest, the people of Lake Wobegon, and "late-life fatherhood." Best known for his wildly popular radio show, A Prairie Home Companion—which attracts more than 17 million listeners each week and daily radio and online program The Writers



Garrison Keillor

Almanac—Keillor is a humorist and captivating speaker who combines storytelling with a wonderfully dry sense of humor.

**"Trick Boxing:
Swingin' in the Ring"**
8 p.m. Feb. 11-13
2 p.m. Feb. 13-14
Tickets \$38-\$45

Bringing the aesthetic of classic movie musicals to the stage, two actor/dancers and four ridiculous puppets playing 16 different characters, use rapid-fire dialogue,



Trick Boxing

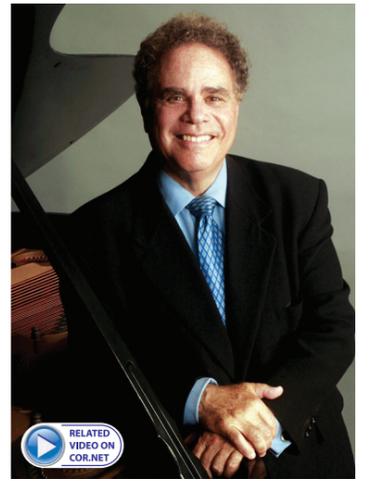
physical comedy, 1930's music (think Benny Goodman), Fred and Ginger-style dancing and boxing to tell a romantic rags-to-riches story about beating the odds and spending your time wisely in "Trick Boxing: Swingin' in the Ring." The artists of Sossy Mechanics, Megan McClellan and Brian Sostek will also be engaged with arts and humanities students at UT Dallas during a week-long residency.

"Hard Travelin' with Woody"
7:30 p.m. Feb. 20
Tickets \$35



Hard Travelin' with Woody

Hop a box car through the dustbowl with Woody Guthrie and commune with the stories and songs of America's iconic folk-singer, saint-of-the-workingman and poet-of-the-people in this critically acclaimed multimedia one-man play with Woody's music and artworks. Woody plays for a union meeting of striking mineworkers who are on the verge of breaking due to vigilante violence. "Hard Travelin' With Woody" is a one-man multimedia play written and performed by Randy Noojin in the classic style of Woody Guthrie.



Jeffrey Siegel
**Jeffrey Siegel's
Keyboard Conversations®**
7:30 p.m. Feb. 22
Tickets \$28-\$33

Favorite compositions of yesteryear—and today! This is the enthralling music of the elegant salon and the concert hall, including the works of Brahms, Liszt, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, and Gershwin. 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.

Eisemann Center hosts art exhibit

Antoaneta Melnikova-Hillman is showing an exhibit of encaustic abstract paintings titled "Connected through White" in the Eisemann Center's Green Mezzanine-Gallery through Jan. 24. Melnikova-Hillman is a self-taught artist who considers herself to be half Bulgarian, half Russian and 36 percent American. At the age of 18, she began experimenting with oils. Her works first appeared in group exhibitions, and later individually, in Bulgaria. More recently, she exhibited her works in Cyprus with a series of paintings dedicated to women and love. In 2001, Melnikova-Hillman moved to America, where she continues her career as an artist.

"When I think about communication between people, I think about the absence of communication," she said. "For me this is an important subject because I believe that most of the problems of today's world are created by the lack of sufficient communication. Words can heal, words can destroy. ... My focus, in creating 'Connected Through White,' was on the absence of words, on the forgotten language of the universe."

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and during all public events. The exhibit is free. The Eisemann Center is located at 2351 Performance Dr. For more information on exhibits and events, visit www.eisemanncenter.com.



"Black and White Conversation" by Antoaneta Melnikova-Hillman

Houston painting wins "Best of Show" at RCAS show

The December *Richardson Today* incorrectly identified the "Best of Show" winner in the Richardson Civic Art Society's annual Membership Show. Ted Houston won "Best of Show" for his painting, "Three Old Guys."

RCAS meets at the Richardson Library the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Visitors may attend meetings at no charge. Anyone is welcome to sign up for membership. More information can be found at www.richardson-arts.org.

www.ArtsInRichardson.com

Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.

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

PEGASUS THEATRE PRESENTS "DEATH IS A BAD HABIT"

(8 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23; 3 p.m. Jan. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24. \$22-\$62.

Visit www.pegasustheatre.com.)

PLANO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Hector Guzman, conductor, and Tenor Steve Amerson, present

"Made in America"
(8 p.m. Jan. 16. Visit www.planosymphony.org or call 972-473-7262 for more information.)

LONE STAR WIND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

"MUSIC, MIND, BODY AND SOUL"

(2:30 p.m. Jan. 31. \$21-\$41. Visit www.lonestarwindorchestra.com.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "Back to Back: Music of Billy Joel and Elton John."

(8 p.m. Feb. 6. \$17-\$87. Visit www.richardsonssymphony.org.)

Volunteer ESL teachers needed!

Teacher Training Workshop

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 9

Richardson Public Library

Please register by Jan. 4.

Call 972-644-5119

or e-mail volunteer@ralc.org.

• No teaching experience needed

• No need to speak another language

• Free training

• Daytime and evening opportunities available

RALC
RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

City is proactive with winter weather

Last October, with temperatures in the 70s, 80s and 90s and Richardson residents outdoors enjoying the Cottonwood Art Festival and National Night Out, City staff were thinking about a far different weather picture: snow and ice. Weather forecasters predict colder than average temperatures in North Texas for Winter 2015-16 thanks to El Niño, and several City departments began preparing for possible greater-than-usual snow and ice.



"We are prepared and have our equipment and supplies ready to respond to inclement weather," said Public Services Director Daryl Fourte.

The City's Street Maintenance division, part of the Public Services Department, has stocked up on sand to spread on more than 200 high priority areas including intersections, bridges, school zones and hospital driveways.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been continuously pruning questionable tree limbs (those with fracture lines, indicating a weak spot that could easily break during a storm) in the parks and along hike and bike trails.

The Solid Waste division's Brush and Bulky Item Collection service (BABIC) is ready to staff

an increase in calls for pickup of fallen limbs and other debris at private residences and businesses.

And of course, the Communications Department is continuously working to find the best ways to communicate all things City-related to citizens and the surrounding community.

To keep current on closures at City facilities and parks, street closures and other information related to winter weather, citizens can check out social media (*Richardson Today* Facebook page, *Richardson Today* Twitter feed and announcements on NextDoor); the weekly e-news blast, "Week in Review" (to subscribe, go to www.bit.ly/1Svk339); and the City's website (www.cor.net).

Fourte said residents should keep in mind that though it takes

a few hours to spread sand on the roads, cleanup takes much longer, sometimes several weeks, even with cleanup crews working six days a week.

"Time is required to do the cleanup correctly," he explained. "Patience among our citizens is much appreciated."

After an ice storm in December 2013, City crews spread 417 cubic yards of sand on roads and responded to more than 13,000 BABIC requests, or 47 percent of the City's households. More than 2,400 tons of debris was cleared.

To request BABIC pickup, call 972-744-4111 or fill out an online form at www.cor.net/recycling. Curbside pickup is available on your designated recycling day (as long as the request is made by 11:59 p.m. the night before).

Try to avoid frozen pipes this winter

As the calendar turns to winter, freezing temperatures have arrived. Unfortunately, with freezing temperatures comes the chance of burst pipes and costly repair bills. Since water expands when it freezes, the pipes holding the water are in danger of bursting if they freeze.

Luckily, with a few simple precautions, you can decrease the chances of having plumbing problems this winter.

- Remove outdoor water hoses and cover the faucet with an insulated faucet cover, which can be purchased at most home and garden stores.
- When the temperature is expected to drop below freezing, open sink cabinet doors to allow heat from the home's heating system to circulate around the pipes.

- The pipes that are most vulnerable to freezing are those located in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls, especially if cold outside air is able to reach them. Leave a small trickle of both hot and cold water coming out of faucets attached to such pipes. Even a small trickle can help prevent pipes from freezing.



- If you go out of town while temperatures are expected to drop below freezing, keep the thermostat set to at least 55 degrees. If a pipe does freeze, which you will typically notice due to a lack of water pressure, open up any faucets connected to the frozen pipe. Opening the faucets allows melted ice water to flow freely. You can apply heat to the frozen section of the pipe using an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater or towels soaked in hot water, but never use an open

flame, propane heater or charcoal stove. Apply heat until water pressure is restored. If a pipe does burst or if you detect leaks from small cracks in the pipe, turn off the water at the main water valve. Call the City at 972-744-4120 during business hours or 972-744-4111 during non-business hours if you need help turning off your water at the meter. If you are unable to locate the frozen pipe or if you cannot access it, call a licensed plumber.

For more information about preventing frozen pipes, visit the American Red Cross website at www.rdcross.org/1ObECQV.

RPD places 12th nationally for NNO



The Richardson Police Department is proud to announce that the City placed 12th nationally in citizen participation in National Night Out this year among cities with a population between 100,000 and 300,000. Only two other Texas cities placed higher. The Police Department would like to thank all who participated and looks forward to making next year's event bigger and better.

Free childcare training seminar

The Richardson Health Department will offer a free childcare training seminar Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall Complex.

The seminar will include:

- **"Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children"**
Sarah Pierson, from the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County, will provide information on childhood sexual abuse, grooming, solicitation and how professionals should respond and can try to prevent the abuse. A take home workbook may be purchased on site for this presentation for \$10.
- **"Fire Code Regulations for Childcare Centers"**
Presented by the Richardson Fire Department

- **"Communicable Diseases in a Childcare Setting"**
Presented by Joy Pierson, R.N., Garland Public Health Clinic
- **"I'm Pulling My Hair Out" Discipline and Guidance**
Presented by Alex Garcia, Department of Family and Protective Services

Please pre-register by calling 972-744-4077 or e-mailing janet.tucker@cor.gov. You may also register online at www.cor.net/childcaretraining.

This seminar may be used for five and a half hours of continuing education units (CEUs) for childcare providers as specified in the "Minimum Standards." A certificate will be provided electronically after the seminar.

Winter Weather & Power Outages

Plan for extremely cold weather and power outages every winter—it's always a possibility. Be prepared before it strikes!



- Keep supplies of water and food on hand.
- In case you're stranded, create a Winter Weather Kit by visiting: www.Ready.Gov/Winter-Weather
- Keep trees and other foliage trimmed and away from power lines. Swaying and broken limbs can rub against or cut power lines causing outages and even fires.
- DURING POWER OUTAGES,** leave your porch light and only one light inside on to help restoration crews determine which areas are functioning.
- TO PREVENT SECONDARY OUTAGES,** reduce initial demand once power has been restored by adjusting thermostats and turning off lights.

Call 1-888-313-4747 to notify the Texas electric delivery service, ONCOR, immediately of outages in your home or place of business.

- Have your ESID and ZIP code ready (your ESID is on your electric bill)
- OR
- Pre-register your location by texting 'reg' to 66267 (ONCOR)



"Tree Cycle" your Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are thrown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital landfill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to "tree cycle" their unflocked Christmas trees.



Through Jan. 29, Richardson residents may "tree cycle" in two ways:

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.
2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting.

Tree cycling guidelines

- Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.
- All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.
- Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be received before the designated collection day. (Your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).
- Call 972-744-4111 if you are unsure which day is your BABIC day.

Blue Bags available at Fire Station #6 Jan. 9

Fire Station #6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Jan. 9 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 normally offers the bags on the first Saturday of every month but because of the New Year's holiday the January date has been moved to Jan. 9. The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.

Thank you to Santa's Village volunteers

The following groups and organizations generously donated their time and talent for the continued success of Santa's Village. Many thanks to all. We couldn't do it without you!

Sponsors and Volunteers

COR Animal Shelter
COR Fire Department
COR Library
COR Police Department
COR Recycling
COR Swim Team
Exchange Club of Richardson
Leadership Richardson Alumni Association
Logotology
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Neighborhood Credit Union
Richardson Family YMCA
Richardson Junior League
Richardson East Rotary
Richardson Rotary
Richardson Woman's Club
Symphony League

Entertainment

Alchemy Music Students

Amy J with sidekick Jay Wilson
Amy's Studio of Performing Arts
Angela's Angels from Arabesque
Studio of the Dance
Arisa Qureshi
Berkner HS Jazz Band
Berkner HS Latin Dance Team
Berkner HS Ramblers
Big Springs Baptist Church
Canyon Creek Elementary Choir
MusikSpiel
Centre for Dance
Class Act Tap Company
Creative Arts Dance Team
Crystal Yates
Dallas Tap Dazzlers
Damoyee Janai
Dartmouth Honor Choir
Dixie Grand Cloggers
Dove Academy of Dance Arts
Edge Dance
F Troop
GenYratioN
International Conservatory of Performing Arts Preparatory School



J.J. Pearce HS Mustang Stampede
London School of Dance
Melva Smith School of Dance

Movers-n-Shaker Pom Squad
MPA: Dance Company, Sweethearts
Dance Team, Advance
Plug In Voice Studio
Prairie Creek Elementary Sign Choir
Preston Dance Center
Richardson HS Desperados
Richardson HS Legacy
Richardson Community Band
Richardson North Junior High Choirs
Sounding Brass
St. Paul the Apostle
Children and Teen Choirs
Studio Dance Centre's
Frisco Youth Dance Ensemble
Talent N More Dance Centre
Texas Reelers Square Dance Club
The Contemporary Chorale
The Heights Children's Choir
Yale Elementary Choir

A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all the families, individuals and group volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make the holiday season brighter.

Daddy Daughter VALENTINE BALL

Richardson Civic Center/Grand Hall

Friday, Feb. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Theme: Olympian Goddess

Registration #87401

Limited space available!

Registration deadline Feb. 4, or when full.

Ages 5 and older with a dad, grandad, uncle or other father figure. The pleasure of your company is requested at our annual Valentine's Ball. Daddies, this is your chance to treat your little girl like the princess she is. You will enjoy a buffet-style dinner and a full night of dancing to music from a professional DJ. You will have plenty of fun with food, dancing, special effects lighting, contests and more! Don't miss this opportunity to dance the night away with your little sweetheart! This will truly be a night that your little girl will always remember! See you at the Ball!

Fee is \$60 per couple for residents and \$62 per couple for non-residents and INCLUDES a photograph of you and your daughter from a professional photographer. Additional daughter is \$25 without an additional photograph or \$35 with an additional photograph.

Three Urban Naturalist walks are scheduled in the next few months at Breckinridge Park and the Spring Creek Nature Area, including a special New Year's Day walk.

Resolution Hike (Spring Creek Nature Area)

Friday, Jan. 1, 9-11 a.m., Course Number: 87432

Birds of Winter (Breckinridge Park)

Saturday, Feb. 13, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 87431

Trout Lily Discovery Walk (Breckinridge Park)

Saturday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m., Course Number: 87434

For more information, call Heights Recreation Center (972-744-7850) or Huffhines Recreation Center (972-744-7881). For full course descriptions, information on the number of spots available and cost per walk, visit www.cor.net/parksonline.



Richardson Soccer Association registration open

The Spring 2016 season begins soon and registration is open! Seasons are typically 6-10 games, and children as young as 3 can play! (Players must turn 4 by July 31, 2016.)

How to Register:

Online: www.richardsonsoccer.org (now open)

In Person (beginning Jan. 4):

651 N. Plano Rd. #421
(Between Arapaho and Belt Line)
Monday-Thursday: 1-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*

Regular Registration: Jan. 1-17

Late Registration: Jan. 18-25

Wait List: Begins Jan. 26

*Special requirements for new players and those outside of the City of Richardson. Players must live in the City of Richardson to participate. Late and Wait List registration requires \$10 late fee.

Visit www.richardsonsoccer.org to register online!

Sherrill Park

Sherrill Park will be open as scheduled New Year's Eve and New Year's Day so come out and check out the newly renovated Course 1. New greens have been installed on all 18 holes, with the location, shape and contour of another handful of greens also changed. Work was also carried out on bunkers and 113 new trees were planted throughout the course.

Sherrill Park is located at 2001 E. Lookout Dr. For information call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

Huffhines Tennis Center

Tennis lessons for juniors and adults are available at the Huffhines Tennis Center, as are group and private lessons. Private lessons are available in 30-minute blocks.

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.

Visit www.goo.gl/e0JHwF for more information.

city of richardson

2016 PHOTO CONTEST



Featured Artist Exhibit
Mike Mazeul II
Jan. 7-Feb. 25
Huffhines Recreation Center

2015 Best of Show & Best of Division Exhibit featuring the work of:
Tony Morrison (Adult)
Jack Pitney (Proficient)
Jessica Kaye Lord (Student)
and
2015 Judge's Exhibit featuring the work of:
Jonny Carroll, John English and Erin Reeves
Jan. 8-28 • Library 3rd Floor

Entries accepted
Jan. 9-24
Huffhines Recreation Center

Results available Jan. 29
www.cor.net/PhotoContest
2016 Contest Results Exhibit
Jan. 30-Feb. 21
Richardson Library 3rd Floor

2016 Awards Ceremony & Judges Workshop
Feb. 23, 6-8 p.m.
Civic Center Grand Hall

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

Entree Fees:
Student-\$5
Adult & Proficient-\$10



2015 Best of Show (Student Division): Jessica Kaye Lord

2015 Best of Adult Division: Tony Morrison

2015 Best of Proficient Division: Jack Pitney

Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

972-744-7800

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

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

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

Classes

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

Fundamentals of Windows

You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts Jan. 4. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

Excel 101

This class will introduce you to Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. You will learn functions of the Excel menus, ribbon bars and create spreadsheets and lists. Classes are held Mondays 2-3 p.m. The next four-week session starts Jan. 4. 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 Jan. 19 and 26 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon or an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Jan. 4 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, Jan. 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$63 without a membership.

iPhone 101

A beginner's class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn how to set up and use your phone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Jan. 16 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

iPhone 102

This class will cover how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, Jan. 16 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$60 with membership, \$63 without membership.

Great Family Storytelling 1.0
L.E. Taylor, author of *Elgan and Grace-A Twentieth Century Saga* believes, "everyone has a story to tell." This workshop will stimulate and strengthen the brain through personal recall of life experiences. Whether you're a wannabe family legacy writer or a seasoned lit-major from way back ... you will discover you do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. This workshop offers secrets and insights to help you get started. Next four-week session starts Jan. 5, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80.

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.

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.

NEW!! Watercolor

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 Jan. 5. Cost is \$80. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

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.

NEW!!

"Color My World" Party Jan. 7—1-4 p.m.—No Fee

Coloring books are not just for kids anymore. Come join in the newest craze; coloring for adults. Coloring is reintroducing art as an important component of health and wellness. Time spent coloring and visiting has shown to release stress and promote creativity and happiness. Join us Jan. 7 from 1-4 p.m. for a "Color My World" kick-off party. Color pens, crayons and pictures will be provided or bring your own. A table will be set up with coloring supplies every Thursday from 1-4 p.m. for visiting and coloring. You do not have to stay in the lines!

Beginner Plus Square Dance

Dances are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$7 per person with a Senior Center membership or \$10 a class without a Senior Center membership.

Plus Square Dance

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

Just "A" Dance

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. \$48 per quarter.

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.

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. Darlene Martin is the instructor.



ABC Quilting

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. Class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Crochet

Classes are taught Thursdays from 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 2-4 p.m. The next five-week session begins March 2. Classes cost \$50.

New!! Mah Jongg class Coming Soon!

Call 972 744-7800 for more information.



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 Jan. 7 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.

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:

Jan. 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	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:

Jan. 4 and 7	6-9 p.m.
Jan. 18 and 21	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.

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 2015-16 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613.

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.

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

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.

Rebel Rousers Square Dance

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

The Saturday Night Vintage Dance Club

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

Jan. 2	Bill G Band
Jan. 9	Doc Gibbs
Jan. 23	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.

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. Feb. 1. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

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.

NEW!! Scrabble Club

Come join us Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. to meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun evening playing scrabble. Those 16 and over are welcome to participate, ages 12-15 with an adult.

Mental Aerobics

Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia and a general mental playground. We have a large room and welcome drop-ins who enjoy thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. 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 Jan. 21 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. We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

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.

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 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.

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. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment information.

Health Connection

Jan. 28—10 a.m.—No Fee
Non-melanoma skin cancers are going untreated in our older adult population. This is mainly attributed to the fact many do not realize there could be an alternate treatment besides having surgery. Come and learn how non-melanoma skin cancer can now be treated in minutes without surgery with Electronic Brachytherapy.

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 online at www.FirstRichardsonHelpers.org. Click on "Request for Services."

Blood Pressure Checks

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new free program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café is held the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Jan. 7.

Fitness**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.

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.

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. Classes will start Jan. 6. Please call 972-744-7800 for class information.

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.

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.

**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.

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.

NEW!! Silver Punchers

This fun and energizing class of punching drills and stretch exercises, provides an effective cardio workout that will increase your balance, motor skills, eye hand coordination and help you regain the physical strength lost due to inactivity, aging and disease. Classes are taught by certified trainer Jessie Dorsey. Class is held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. \$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.

WaterAerobic Classes

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

Games**Canasta**

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

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

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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

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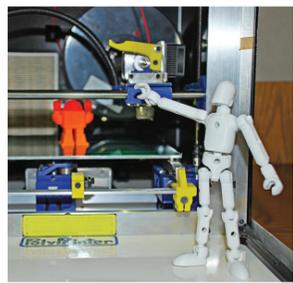
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Available now at the RPL!
Complete creative projects and learn new skills!



Arduino Kits

LittleBits Kits



3D Printer



Creative Station

Learn & Create:

3D Printing & Tinkercad
adults & teens

Saturday, Jan. 9
2-4 p.m.

Laptop required
Basement Program Room
No registration required

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



Learn-Create-Connect

Drop in to snap it, click it,
and get in gear experimenting with
electronic circuits and Legos

Saturday, Jan. 23
2-4 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Fun projects at your fingertips!

Quercetti Kaleido Gears
All ages

Snap Circuits Jr.
Best for ages 8 and up

Legos
Best for
ages 3
and up

All ages
welcome!

Winter 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	10:30-10:50 a.m.	Group AM1
Mon	11:15-11:35 a.m.	Group AM2
Tue	5:15-5:35 p.m.	Group PM1
Tue	6-6:20 p.m.	Group PM2
Thu	10:30-10:50 a.m.	Group AM3
Thu	11:15-11:35 a.m.	Group AM4

Registration required.

(Children must be 12 months old by Jan. 1, 2016.) *Wiggle Worms* starts Monday, Jan. 25 and ends Thursday, March 3.



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 Winter Storytime

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

Please choose ONE of the following times:

Tues	3:45-4:15 p.m.	Group ST1
Tues	6:45-7:15 p.m.	Group ST2
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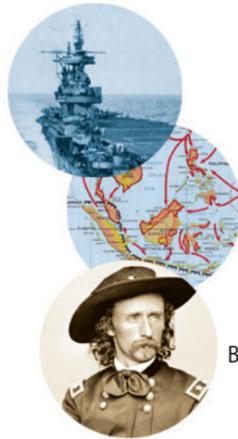
Registration required. (Children must be 3 years old by Jan. 1, 2016.) Children attend *Storytime* independently. *Storytime* starts Monday, Jan. 25 and ends Wednesday, March 2.

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



Lunchtime Lectures

Presented by Richard Cudlipp



- Feb. 2: *Pacific Naval Battles*
- Feb. 9: *WWII in Southeast Asia*
- Feb. 16: *General Custer Part I*
- Feb. 23: *General Custer Part II*

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

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



Tax Preparation Help

At the Library:
Mondays
Feb. 1-April 11
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

At the Senior Center:
(820 Arapaho Rd.)
Fridays
Feb. 5-April 15
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on Seniors. First come, first served. Bring Social Security card, 2014 Tax Return and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

DID YOU KNOW?

YOU CAN BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Make an appointment for help with many tasks, including:

- finding a good book
- setting up a free e-mail account
- exploring genealogy
- downloading free ebooks

Complete the online Book a Librarian form posted on the Library's website at www.RichardsonPublicLibrary.com under the tab titled "For Adults"

Don't let it fade away...

Learn CPR & AED

with Mary Shaul,
Registered Nurse



Saturday, Jan. 9
10 a.m.-noon
Basement Program Room
Registration required.

Be a LIFESAVER



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

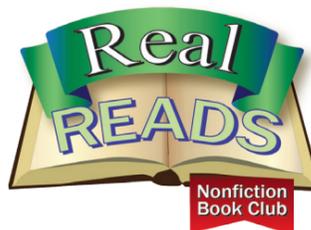
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3rd Thursdays
7:30-8:45 p.m.

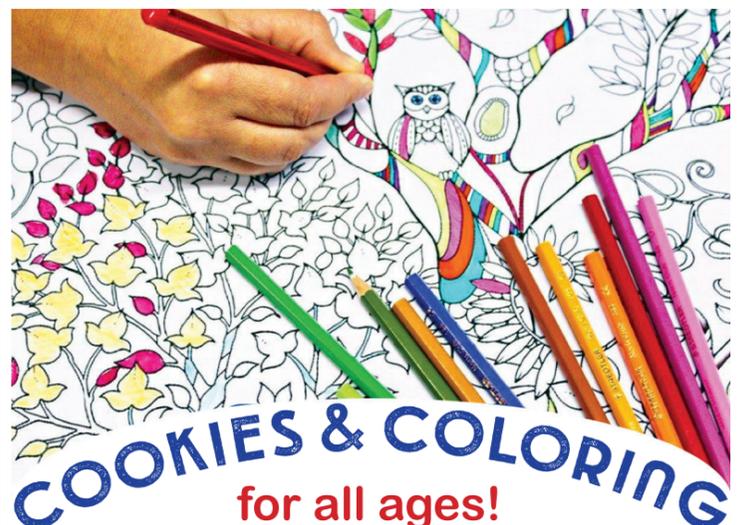
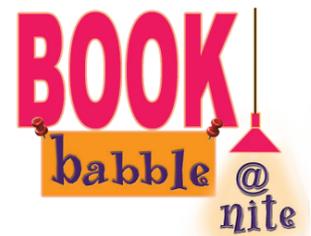
2nd Floor Conference Room

Prefer a nighttime book club? Bookbabble @ nite also meets at night on the 4th Tuesday each month for a fun book discussion.

4th Tuesdays
7:30-8:45 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room

Call Tamara at 972-744-4393 to register for these book clubs.



Come for an afternoon of coloring, relaxing and enjoying refreshments.

Thursday, Jan. 21
3:30-5:30 p.m.

1st Floor Program Room