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Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 20-22

It is once again time for North Texas' largest three-day music event as **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** brings more than 80 musical acts to Galatyn Park May 20-22. The final lineup of headlining acts is set and a variety of local and national acts will perform the best in classic rock, R&B, country, pop, alt-rock, folk and Americana—this year there is something for everyone.



Toadies

Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx, and Peter Frampton on the State Farm Stage, while Alien Ant Farm, Soul Asylum, and Toadies rock out on the Plaza Stage. Over at the Goose Island Stage The Bodarks, Claire Morales and A Hard Night's Day will have the crowd jumping.



Peter Frampton

Friday's lineup includes ASIA featuring John Payne, The Guess Who, and Survivor on the State Farm Amphitheater Stage. Unwritten Law, Hoobastank, and Finger Eleven are at the **Wildflower!** Plaza Stage and popular disco band Le Freak will highlight the Goose Island Stage.

Saturday provides a full day of music highlighted by John Waite,



Jimmie Vaughan

And while there will be plenty of music, the Festival also offers food vendors, the **Wildflower!** Marketplace, street performers, a kid's area, art guitar auction (see page 5) and so much more.

Ticket Information

The 2016 **Wildflower! Festival's** three-day passes are on sale for \$40 at any Metroplex Tom Thumb Store or online at www.wildflowerfestival.com. Single-day adult tickets are available at the gate for \$25 as well as on

the website. Tickets for kids age 5-12 are \$5 (free on Sunday with a paid adult ticket thanks to Amegy Bank) and kids 4 and under are free throughout the Festival.

Resident Ticket Discount

Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual tickets per each day of the Festival per household for only \$12 each. There is no limit on how many children's tickets you may purchase. These tickets must be purchased in advance at City of Richardson ticket outlets through the end of normal business hours Saturday, May 21.



The Guess Who

See page 3 and 4 for more information and a complete schedule of performances. Stay up to date on the latest **Wildflower!** information at www.wildflowerfestival.com. While you are at the Festival you can follow Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and the new hashtag #WAMFest2016.



Dennis DeYoung

City maintains highest credit rating from Moody's and S&P

Richardson's stable local economy and responsible fiscal management cited as areas of excellence leading to Aaa and AAA ratings

For the seventh year in a row, both the Moody's and Standard and Poor's credit rating agencies have reaffirmed Richardson's "Triple A" status, the highest possible rating available for credit worthiness. Richardson has held AAA status from Standard and Poor's for nine years now, and this is the seventh year in a row the City has received an Aaa rating from Moody's. Richardson is one of only four cities in North Texas and six cities in the state to hold top ratings from both Moody's and S&P.

AAA RATING

Standard & Poor's Comments

In its rationale, S&P cited Richardson's strong economy, robust budgetary flexibility and performance, very strong management, and responsible financial policies.

Moody's Comments

Moody's rationale reported its rating was based on strengths that include a diverse tax base due to the city's location in the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan area, favorable socioeconomic profile and growth as a regional employment center.

Mayor's Comment

"Stability and good fiscal management are expectations for any local government," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "Responsible policies ensure our ability to maintain community trust, infrastructure investment and sustainable growth, and we are very pleased that our performance continues to meet the highest standards by third party credit rating agencies."

Planned Bond Sale

This year the City plans to sell approximately \$37 million in bonds that include \$8.5 million for the start of the 2015 Bond Program, \$7.4 million for long-term capital needs including water and sewer infrastructure improvements and emergency services equipment, and an estimated \$21.1 million in Refunding Bonds.

Wildflower! Festival grounds have received a makeover



New landscaping and site improvements near the State Farm Amphitheater Stage and Kidz Korner are just some of the changes visitors to **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** will notice when the three-day event kicks off May 20 at Galatyn Park. The dozens of new ornamental trees, shrubs and grass beds are part of a renovation to the eastern end of the Festival grounds that will help make the area more visually appealing and crowd-friendly to attendees of all ages.

The owners of the four buildings surrounding the Amphitheater Stage and Kidz Korner are working to turn the area into an outdoor working and relaxation space for their tenants. Their changes include not only the landscaping, but

also the addition of short concrete retaining walls on the grassy area in front of the stage. The walls, which are about two feet tall, break up the area into different tiers and are connected by concrete steps. A new sidewalk has also been installed on the west side of the grassy area, and the sponsor patios on the east side received new concrete and furniture.

Kidz Korner is one of the most popular areas at **Wildflower!** While new landscaping has decreased the size of the area, new amenities such as a small wooden deck that will serve as a performance stage will ensure the area remains fun and enjoyable for the Festival's youngest patrons.

For a map of the **Wildflower!** grounds, see page 3 of this issue, or visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.

Summer water conservation plan in effect

No lawn watering between 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The City of Richardson implemented its summer water conservation plan April 1. Richardson initiated its permanent water conservation strategy last year that was then referred to as the "New Normal." The strategy allows for lawn irrigation at even numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays and at odd numbered addresses on Wednesdays and Sundays. Watering is permitted at anytime on the

allowed days from Nov. 1-March 31. Watering is not permitted between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on the allowed days from April 1-Oct. 31.

This water conservation strategy is in place year-round unless the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) asks for more severe restrictions due to drought conditions.

The NTMWD is Richardson's water supplier and continuously

monitors its water supply to determine if there is a need for additional restrictions.

Currently, lawn watering is not permitted between the hours of 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on allowed watering days.

Please water only as needed, based on moisture content of the soil. For more information, visit www.cor.net/waterconservation or call 972-744-4220.

TWICE-PER-WEEK WATERING:

Lawn irrigation is prohibited from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. or during periods of rain.

Visit www.cor.net/WaterConservation or call the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220.

Water Wednesday and Sunday for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)

Water Tuesday and Saturday for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

MAY 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Holiday sanitation schedule recycle make-up days

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up, special pick up, or recycling pick up Monday, May 30. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.



Recycle collection day affected by holiday	Make-up day
Monday, May 30	Tuesday, May 31
Tuesday, May 31	Wednesday, June 1

City facilities schedule for May 30 holiday

Facility	Closing dates/times
City Hall/Civic Center, Municipal Court, Library, Animal Shelter	Closed May 30
Huffhines Recreation Center Heights Recreation Center, Senior Center Sherrill Park Golf Course	Open normal hours
Gymnastics Center	Closed May 28-30
Tennis Center	8 a.m.-6 p.m. May 30

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 CITYV videos on YouTube. Visit www.cor.net/SocialMedia for a full listing.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

May is here and that means **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** is right around the corner. **Wildflower!** is not only the biggest event to happen in Richardson every year, but it has also grown to become North Texas' largest music festival with more than 80 musical acts appearing on six stages. It draws tens of thousands of people each year and has become one of the icons of our wonderful community.



Mayor Paul Voelker
paul.voelker@cor.gov

This year's Festival is May 20-22 at Galatyn Park. We have some exciting headliners this year including Survivor, Peter Frampton, The Guess Who and local rockers the Toadies. As has become a tradition, Sunday on the **Wildflower! Plaza Stage** is "Tribute Band Sunday." This year cover bands will be paying tribute to the music of Tears for Fears, Pearl Jam, Fleetwood Mac and Led Zeppelin, while Unforgettable Fire—A Tribute to U2, will be performing at the Eisemann Center five times over the festival's three days.

Wildflower! will also showcase some of the most talented dancers Richardson ISD has to offer. The Richardson High School Desperados, Berkner Ramblers and J.J. Pearce Stampede will perform on Aml Performance Row, located on the street south of the Eisemann Center. Also, on pages 3 and 4 of this issue of *Richardson Today* you will find pages dedicated to **Wildflower!** that include everything you need to know about the Festival including a map of the Festival grounds and the full lineup of bands and Aml Performance Row acts.

Finally, it takes a lot of individuals to put on **Wildflower!** each year. Many of these people are hard-working volunteers who do everything from taking tickets to working with children in Kidz Korner. These volunteers account for more than 5,000 hours of volunteer work each year, and **Wildflower!** would not be possible without them. Please join me in thanking the volunteers if you should see one out there this year.

I hope you have a chance to enjoy this signature Richardson event!

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
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About City Council Meetings

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Mondays 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:

Taylor Lough, ADA Coordinator
972-744-4208
411 West Arapaho Rd., Ste. 201
Richardson, TX 75080
ADACoordinator@cor.gov

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



Wildflower!

ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

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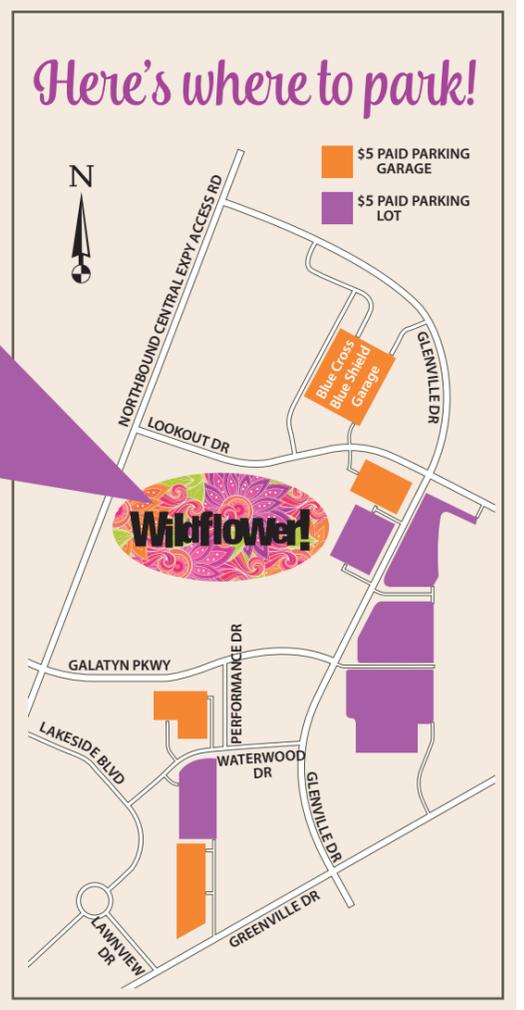
6 p.m.-midnight Friday • 11 a.m.-midnight Saturday • 12:30-8 p.m. Sunday

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www.WildflowerFestival.com

2016 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

All acts, times and locations are subject to change or cancellation without notice.
For AmlI Performance Row schedule, see page 4.

	1 State Farm Amphitheater Stage	2 Wildflower! Plaza Stage	3 Goose Island Stage	4 Courtyard Stage	5 Singer/Songwriter Stage—Bank of America Theatre (Eisemann Center)	6 MRMC Presents Hill Hall (Eisemann Center)
FRIDAY, MAY 20	6:45 p.m. ASIA featuring John Payne 8:15 p.m. The Guess Who 10 p.m. Survivor 	6:15 p.m. Orcanaut 7:30 p.m. Unwritten Law 9 p.m. Hoobastank 10:30 p.m. Finger Eleven 	6:15 p.m. Laura Harrell 7:30 p.m. Griffin Tucker 9 p.m. Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak 	6:30 p.m. Dallas Songwriters Association (DSA) Spotlight 7:30 p.m. Bethel Steele Colorado 8:30 p.m. Chase Gassaway Texas 9:30 p.m. DSA Spotlight	6:30 p.m. The McLeods 7:30 p.m. Bill Ward/2-Bit Palomino 8:45 p.m. Rebecca Folsom 10 p.m. Gretchen Peters 	8:15 p.m. Methodist Regional Medical Center Presents Unforgettable Fire—A Tribute to U2
SATURDAY, MAY 21	2 p.m. Raised Right Men 3:30 p.m. Hares on the Mountain 5 p.m. 76 6:30 p.m. John Waite 8:15 p.m. Dennis DeYoung and the Music of Styx 10 p.m. Peter Dinklage 	Noon Hello Lover 1:15 p.m. Buffalo Ruckus 2:45 p.m. The Sideshow Tragedy 4:15 p.m. Battle of the Bands 5:45 p.m. Duell 7:15 p.m. Alien Ant Farm 8:45 p.m. Soul Asylum 10:30 p.m. Toadies 	11:30 a.m. La Pompe 1 p.m. The Tu-Tones 2:30 p.m. Adrian Johnston 4 p.m. Choctaw Wildfire 5:30 p.m. Salim Nourallah 7 p.m. The Bodarks 8:15 p.m. Claire Morales 9:45 p.m. A Hard Night's Day 	11 a.m. DSA Spotlight Noon DSA Spotlight 1 p.m. DSA Spotlight 2 p.m. Julie Livingston Texas (Wise Ruby) 3 p.m. Katie Stump—Calif. 4:15 p.m. Ian Dickson—Texas 5:15 p.m. Julie Jean White Tennessee 6:15 p.m. Troy Werner—Texas 7:15 p.m. Susan Cattaneo Massachusetts 8:15 p.m. Justin Farren—Calif. 9:15 p.m. Alex Marie Brinkley Texas 10:15 p.m. DSA Spotlight	11:30 a.m. Songwriters Contest—10 Finalists 2 p.m. Drew Kennedy 3:15 p.m. Susan Gibson 4:30 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners Announced 4:30 p.m. Crystal Yates 5:45 p.m. Ellis 7 p.m. Ellis Paul 8:45 p.m. Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines 10 p.m. Slaid Cleaves 	4, 7, 9 p.m. Methodist Regional Medical Center Presents Unforgettable Fire—A Tribute to U2
SUNDAY, MAY 22	1:45 p.m. The Kul 3:15 p.m. Black Joe Lewis 4:45 p.m. John Mayall 6:30 p.m. Jimmie Vaughan and The Tilt-a-Whirl Band featuring Lou Ann Barton 	"Tribute Band Sunday" 1:45 p.m. Cheers for Tears <i>Tears for Fears tribute</i> 3:15 p.m. Pearl Gem <i>Pearl Jam tribute</i> 4:45 p.m. Forever Mac <i>Fleetwood Mac tribute</i> 6:15 p.m. Swan Song <i>Led Zeppelin tribute</i>	1:30 p.m. Melody Guy 3 p.m. Rania Khoury 4:30 p.m. Joe Tucker 6 p.m. Jagged Row	12:30 p.m. DSA Spotlight 1:30 p.m. DSA Spotlight 2:30 p.m. DSA Spotlight 3:45 p.m. Grace Morrison Massachusetts 5 p.m. DSA Spotlight	1 p.m. Budding Talent Vocal Competition 2:30 p.m. Songwriters Contest Winners' Song Swap 3:45 p.m. Billy Crockett 5:30 p.m. Eliza Gilkyson	5 p.m. Methodist Regional Medical Center Presents Unforgettable Fire—A Tribute to U2



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Check out the acts on Amlí Performance Row

Visit Amlí Performance Row in front of the Eisemann Center!
(Performance times and schedule are subject to change)

Friday		Sunday	
6:45 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre	1 p.m.	The Drum Line (performance at the Renaissance Hotel Gateway)
7:30 p.m.	Cirque Hoop Dance for All	1:30 p.m.	Wacky Chad
8:15 p.m.	J.J. Pearce High School Mustang Stampede Dance Team	2:30 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre
		3:15 p.m.	Cirque Hoop Dance for All
		4 p.m.	The Drum Line
		4:30 p.m.	Wacky Chad
		5:30 p.m.	Dallas Cirque Theatre
		6 p.m.	Cirque Hoop Dance for All
		6:30 p.m.	The Drum Line
		7 p.m.	Wacky Chad



Crowd favorite Wacky Chad will perform on Amlí Performance Row six times during Wildflower!

There's fun for kids of all ages at Kidz Korner!

Kidz Korner is a fun and colorful festival stop where kids of all ages will find all kinds of games, activities and entertainment geared just for them. Kidz Korner is located just south of the State Farm Amphitheater Stage.

Don't miss...

Daily Kidz Korner Activities

Bounce House and Slide
"Picasso Portraits" Student Art Contest Display
Petting Zoo
Free Kidz Krafts
Live Butterfly Tent
Free Balloon Art
Face Painting
Free "Green Fun" from Public Services

Performing daily on the brand new Kidz Korner Stage

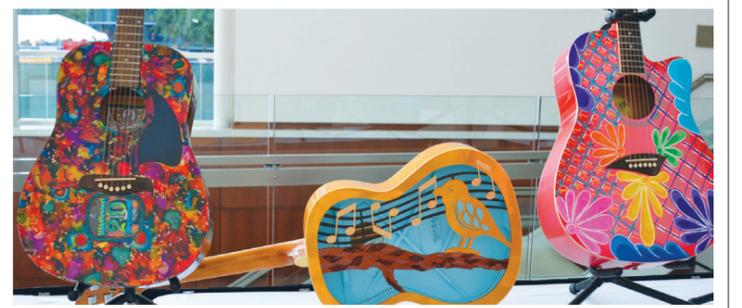
Septien Entertainment Group
Featured Artists
Lucas Miller, the Singing Zoologist
Martan's Milkweed Variety Puppet Shows



Support arts education and NETWORK at the Guitar Art Auction

Festival sponsors, celebrities, sports figures and local artists are invited to enter a decorated guitar. Guitar entries, either electric or acoustic, can be transformed, painted, tiled, air-brushed or gilded in gold—there are all kinds of expressions of individuality, music, even **Wildflower!** itself.

The guitars are displayed in the Eisemann Center and sold in a silent auction for the duration of the festival. Proceeds from the auction benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries and secondary-level fine art programs in Richardson ISD. **Bidding ends at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22!**



Grab some grub at these food vendors

A La Carte/The Skillet (nachos/fajitas/quesadillas)
Amazing Ad Specialties/A Taste of Cuba (Cuban/carnival/variety)
Barwachi Richardson (Indian food)
Ben & Jerry's (ice cream)
Conway Corndogs (corndogs and funnel cakes)
Crazy Otto's (pretzels/fried meatloaf/lemonade)
iFratelli Pizza (pizza)
Island Noodle (soba noodles)
J Bob's Kettle Corn & Fudge (kettle corn/cotton candy)
Kona Ice (snow cones)
Marble Slab Creamery (ice cream)
Mario's (pita wraps/gyros)
Maui Wowi (smoothies/nuts)
Mrs. Lively's Southern Cuisine (fried poboys)
Pizza By the Slice (pizza/variety)



Ronoco (snow cones)
Satay Hut (kabobs)
Sonny Bryan's (barbecue)
Spudzilla Potatoes (ribbon cut potatoes)
T.C. Roasted Corn (roasted corn)
Texas Pit Stops (wild game sausage)

Stay hydrated!

One factory-sealed one-liter bottle of water per person may be brought to Wildflower! For the answers to more FAQs, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com/event_info.html.

Follow Wildflower! on social media

Be sure to follow **Wildflower!** on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat—we'll be covering the festival live, giving you updates from every stage, plus posting photos of all the fun from each day. If you're out at the festival, be sure to use the hashtag **#WAMFest2016**.



Search Snapchat username **WAMFest**



Weekend highlights

Big names in music aren't all that will be at **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival**. There's family fun and entertainment from open to close. Check out these highlights or visit www.wildflowerfestival.com to see more!

FRIDAY

Wildflower! street dance featuring Le Freak on the Goose Island Stage at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Battle of the Bands

At 4:15 p.m., three high school bands will compete for the Battle of the Bands title. Bands will perform on the **Wildflower! Plaza Stage**.

SUNDAY

Budding Talent Finals

1 p.m., Bank of America Theatre (Eisemann Center)

Seedlings: Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sprouts: Grades 1-3

Buds: Grades 4-6

Jr. Wildflower!: Grades 7-9

Wildflower!: Grades 10-12

Guitar has come to symbolize Wildflower!

Nothing epitomizes **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** quite like the event's Art Guitar Auction. Since 2002, professional artists, art teachers, students, employees of area businesses—basically anyone with artistic flair and a philanthropic heart—have been invited to create unique visual art out of unwanted guitars and other stringed instruments and offer them to festivalgoers via a silent auction.

"The guitar has always been a symbol of the Festival," said Suzanne Etman, Community Events Manager with the City. "It's been a part of the event's logo for many years."

Initially created by Etman as a children's art program, it has grown to include adult professionals in an effort to raise as much money as possible for NETWORK of Community Ministries and the RISD/Cottonwood Art Festival Emerging Artists program. On average, the auction raises \$10,000-\$12,000 each year, totaling more than \$100,000 since its inception.

Though the actual bidding takes place only during the Festival, planning and preparation is year-round. Etman continually scours the Internet for inexpensive guitars she can provide to artists and also relies on individuals and local guitar-related businesses for donations.

She's also always on the lookout for artists. Several artists return each year to donate their time and talents. Major corporate sponsors of the Festival are offered the chance to participate and some provide their own on-staff designer. The auction also includes autographed instruments from celebrities and sports figures.

Every year's batch of around 35 guitars is always full of surprises—Etman has seen everything from a "tattooed" guitar to one that was completely see-through, to one made into a toy kitchen sink and another that opened up into a Tiki bar, complete with bottles of rum. Many are

turned into tables, lamps and sculptures. Around half the instruments are still playable—"I request that each year," said Etman. Winning bids have ranged from \$50 to more than \$2,000.

The auction is housed in the Eisemann Center's lobby during the Festival and has been sponsored and staffed since 2003 by Ebby Halliday Realtors' Campbell/Coit and 190-Richardson offices. Viewing/bidding ends at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, with winners notified Sunday.

Anyone wishing to participate in next year's auction, either by donating an instrument (electric or acoustic) or

decorating one, may contact Etman at 972-744-4584. For more information about the Art Guitar Auction, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com/guitar.html.



Connect with Wildflower! Festival on social media

Fans of **Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival** can enrich their festival experience by connecting with the event on social media. This year, the festival

has added Snapchat (**WAMFest**) to its list of social media platforms that also includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. A new hashtag (**#WAMFest2016**) has

been created to better connect followers (and avoid confusion with similarly named events in other cities).

By following the Festival on social media, attendees may keep abreast of Festival happenings and any last-minute delays or schedule changes. Community Events staff are onsite Tweeting and posting throughout each day of the Festival, one at every stage and others scattered throughout the venue. Want to see the good luck charms your favorite band packs in its trunks or your child's artwork at the Kidz Komer? Behind-the-scenes videos are posted as well.

In addition, contests exclusive to social media followers are offered, with prizes such as VIP wristbands, parking passes, CDs and Festival logo gear.

If you're looking for 15 minutes of fame, any photo or video taken at the Festival and

tagged with the new hashtag (provided it's family-friendly) will be reposted and shared by Community Events staff. With more than 37,000 current social media followers of the **Wildflower! Festival**, that's a big reach. You may even catch the attention of a **Wildflower!** performer—when Community Events staff recently Tweeted a vintage photo of Peter Frampton and his dog (Frampton is a headliner at this year's festival), Frampton Tweeted a response, bringing along the attention of his own Twitter followers.

To connect with **Wildflower!**, head to www.wildflowerfestival.com where you will find links to all the Festival's social media platforms. The website itself is compatible with smartphones and includes printable schedules, ticket and parking information and a host of other information.



City hosts annual Realtors Workshop

The City of Richardson hosted more than 200 Realtors and real estate professionals at its annual Realtors workshop April 7 at City Hall. The event is designed to give Realtors an up-close look at the City and its partners and provide resources to expand their knowledge about economic development, education opportunities, the cultural arts, social services and more.

The event featured presentations by Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson, Plano ISD Superintendent Dr. Brian Binggeli and Richardson ISD Deputy Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Stone. Johnson updated Realtors on several key areas including the City's strong financial position, cultural and community amenities, public safety, infrastructure and partnerships with regional organizations on topics such as transportation and water.

Following Johnson, First Assistant City Manager Don Wagner led the discussion on education. Both Binggeli and



Stone spoke about the upcoming bond elections being held by their districts. They also addressed the growth they are seeing and how RISD and PISD work with demographers to ensure the growth is done in a way that benefits students. Finally, they discussed the partnerships both districts have with higher education providers such as UT Dallas, Richland College and Collin College.

"We have a lot of exciting things going on in the city, and real estate professionals are often the first people who introduce and welcome newcomers to the City of Richardson," Magner said. "We use the Realtors Workshop to share the City's and school districts' achievements and accomplishments so they are better equipped to go out and share them with our newest residents."

Atmos Energy plants 19 trees in Lookout Park

Atmos Energy, Texas 811 and The Texas Trees Foundation planted 19 trees in Lookout Park as part of a "fueling cleaner and greener" communities initiative that kicked off Aug. 11, 2015. Atmos also has ordered a bench for the park, which will be placed along the trail that runs around the park's perimeter.

Aug. 11 is designated National 811 Day as a reminder to call 811 before digging, to avoid hitting natural gas lines. Atmos Energy pledged to plant 811 trees across Texas by the end of April 2016, National Safe Digging Month.

By calling 811 in advance, property owners and contractors across the U.S. are connected to their state's one-call center, which notifies all appropriate utilities about the excavation. Locators mark all underground utility lines at the digging site with flags or spray paint.



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>May 2 MOTHER'S DAY VINTAGE STYLE SHOW AND TEA 11 a.m. Stoneybrook Memory Care is sponsoring a Mother's Day Vintage Style Show and Tea. Ladies from the Senior Center will model fun vintage clothes from Garland Vintage Clothing. You will enjoy tea and a light ladies tea lunch while reminiscing of a fashion era gone by. RSVP required for food count at 972-744-7800. No fee.</p>	<p>May 17 VISION SCREENING 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Carter eye screening van will be at the Senior Center offering free eye screenings. No appointment and no fee required.</p>	<p>May 17 OUT TO LUNCH The Out to Lunch Bunch will go to Texas Land and Cattle. The van will leave the Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Cost is 50 cents for transportation. Cost of lunch is on your own.</p>
<p>May 18 RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT 7:30 p.m. It is spring ... the days are longer ... the flowers and trees are starting to bloom! It is time for our spring concert with the Richardson Community Band. Enjoy an evening of music and laughter. Light refreshments will be served after the concert. No fee.</p>	<p>May 19 LUNCH AND LEARN 11:30 a.m. Zounds Hearing will sponsor an informative Lunch and Learn discussing hearing loss and solutions. RSVP is required at 972-744-7800. No fee.</p>	<p>June 8 HEALTH AND INFORMATION FAIR 1 p.m. Assisted-living facilities, financial planners, home health agencies, insurance agents, nonprofits, health screeners and other businesses will be present to inform and answer your questions. The fair is festive, fun and informative. Door prizes will be given throughout the day. No fee.</p>

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Oklahoma City Tour (June 24-25)
This two-day motor coach trip will intrigue people no matter how many times they have visited OKC. We will be in town for the yearly cowboy art festival, see the new State Capital Dome, enjoy Bricktown's canal and night life, and more. \$399 double occupancy; \$499 single occupancy. Call the Senior Center for a full itinerary.

Dallas with Rose-Mary Rumbley (July 23)
Spend a day with Rose-Mary as she leads you on a tour of locations that could soon be extinct in Dallas. Lunch will be on your own in Downtown Dallas. \$84.

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ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

<p>May 3 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Holy Cities and Shrines of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Part 4" presented by Earnest Deadwyler. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>May 4 FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolbert. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>	<p>May 7 DEWEY KNIT 2 p.m.-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.</p>	<p>May 10 LUNCHTIME LECTURES 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. "Compassionate Cities" presented by Charles Barker. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>
<p>May 11 SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Delicious Foods" by James Hannaham. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>May 16 WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for information.</p>	<p>May 17 RCAS MEETING AND FREE ART DEMONSTRATION 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Rusty Jones—oil landscape. Call Ludmila Pospelova at 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p>May 18 THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE 10:30 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Conference Room. "Some Luck" by Jane Smiley. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>
<p>May 18 C-TECH 3D PRINTING AND TINKERCAD (BEGINNER LEVEL) 6:30-8 p.m. 1st Floor Program Room. Call Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376 for more information.</p>	<p>May 18 COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP 7-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.</p>	<p>May 19 RICHARDSON HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 7-8:30 p.m. "The Portal to Texas History" presented by Jacob Mangum. Basement Program Room. 1:30-3 p.m. Call 972-744-4350 for information.</p>	<p>May 19 REAL READS BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "When Paris Went Dark" by Ronald Rosbottom. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.</p>
<p>May 20 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>May 24 FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Everything I Never Told You" by Celeste Ng. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.</p>	<p>May 30 MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE The Library will be closed Memorial Day. The Library will be open regular hours beginning May 31.</p>	

CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

<p>May 3 CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>May 21 MOVIE MORNINGS: "PEANUTS" 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.</p>	<p>May 30 MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE The Library will be closed Memorial Day. The Library will be open regular hours beginning May 31.</p>
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Coming up at the Civic Center

Motherhood Matters Pregnancy Expo
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Targeted Job Fair
May 17
www.expoexpertsllc.com

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May 26-29
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SHOP DINE Richardson CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Changes are here for the City's popular Dine Smart Dine Local (DSDL) program. Last month, it transitioned to Shop/Dine Richardson and is now managed by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

The DSDL program began in February 2010 and provided subscribers weekly e-mails containing discounts, offers, special promotions and coupons from local restaurants.

The Shop/Dine Richardson program will continue to send subscribers dining offers plus information and offers from local shopping

outlets and professional services. Shop/Dine Richardson is meant to provide more visibility to Richardson businesses and encourage subscribers to shop locally.

You may sign up for the Shop/Dine Richardson weekly e-mail by going to www.richardsonchamber.com/shop. The first e-mail was sent to subscribers April 8. There is no charge to subscribe.

The DSDL website at www.cor.net/dsdl will still serve as a searchable database to locate and discover local food establishments by restaurant type or cuisine.

RTC presents "The Mousetrap"

The Richardson Theatre Centre is presenting Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" May 13-29. The play is the story of eight people who are snowed in at a guest house—the two owners, four invited guests, an unexpected guest and a skiing detective. Once everyone has arrived it is not long before a murder takes place and the detective assembles all the guests together and interrogates them one by one. Each avoids the truth, some by silence and others by lies. Can the murderer be caught before more deaths happen?

Performances take place at the RTC, 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. Shows are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. (\$20), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. (\$22) and Sundays at 2 p.m. (\$20). Visit www.richardsontheatrecentre.net or call 972-699-1130 for more information.

Seniors' Net monthly seminar

Seniors' Net holds free monthly seminars on topics affecting the aging population at 741 S. Sherman St.

May 25

Older Americans Month Celebration with Rose-Mary Rumbley

Lunch served at 12:30 p.m., presentation begins at 1:30 p.m. Must RSVP by May 18. For more information, call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880, ext. 125, or visit www.thenetwork.org.

Cultural Arts & Community

Richardson Community Band pays tribute "To Those Who Serve"

When Richardson Community Band Conductor George Jones was planning the final Eisemann Center concert of the season, he let the date of the concert guide him to the theme. The date, May 15, was proclaimed as National Peace Officers Memorial Day by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 to recognize law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. Jones expanded the concert theme to honor all of the men and women who have lived their lives to protect their community—police officers, firefighters, military—simply put, dedicating the performance "To Those Who Serve." The concert begins at 3 p.m. and is free, with no tickets required.

During his 33 years with the Richardson Community Band, Jones has skillfully planned the music in the band's concerts to evoke memories and stir emotions

in the audience. This concert will be no exception.

The band is honored to have Richardson Police Chief Jimmy L. Spivey as guest narrator of Johnny Cash's poem, "Ragged Old Flag," set to the song "Shenandoah." Chief Spivey has served his community for more than 45 years. For 25 years he worked in virtually every area of the Dallas Police Department. He came to the Richardson Police Department in September 1995 and was appointed Chief in 2009.

Brandon Ritter, North Garland High School Choir Director, will be the vocal soloist at the concert. One of the pieces he will perform is "God Bless the USA." Ritter is a native of Garland and a graduate of University of North Texas. In addition to his job at North Garland, he is active with the First Baptist Church in Garland as a member of the sanctuary choir.



Richardson Community Band president Christy Shows and Richardson Police Chief Jimmy Spivey.

The all-volunteer 60-member Richardson Community Band will also perform other inspirational songs including "Let Freedom Ring," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "Amazing Grace,"

"America, the Beautiful" and "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty." The "American We" march will be recognized by the audience, and the band will honor the military with "Armed Forces on Parade."

The Richardson Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors at the concert.

As with all concerts, each piece is introduced by the concert narrator with information about the composer or the background of the piece itself. This is a great opportunity to teach children and grandchildren to appreciate music. Since the Richardson Community Band's concerts are free, everyone can attend. Show your support to those who serve by wearing blue.

The remaining concerts for the 2016 season are:

Richardson Senior Center
May 18, 7:30 p.m.

Summer Concert Series
Richardson Civic Center
May 29, June 12, 26, July 17, 31
Aug. 14, 7 p.m.

Family 4th of July Concert
Breckinridge Park
July 4, 8 p.m.

Former Budding Talent winner to sing National Anthem

Nine-year-old Maddi Verre, the winner of the 2015 Budding Talent Wild! Sprouts category at Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival, has been called back for the third time since last May to sing the National Anthem at a City event. She first wowed the crowd with her powerful pipes at the City's Family 4th Celebration and again at the opening ceremonies of Corporate Challenge in August. This year, Maddi will take an even larger stage when she sings the National Anthem on the State Farm Amphitheater Stage at Richardson's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21.

Since 2010, the Festival has recognized and saluted active duty men and women of the Armed Forces with a brief ceremony prior to Saturday's concerts on the main stage as Wildflower! and Armed Forces Day always coincide on the third full weekend in May. The crowd loves it and it's a great "feel good" way to kick off the night's music!



Maddi Verre (left) is shown with her sisters, Natalie (middle) and Mia. Maddi will sing the National Anthem at Richardson's Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival on Saturday, May 21.

Richardson's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival is May 20-22 in Galatyn Park. This year's headliners include The Guess Who, Survivor, Peter Frampton, Dennis DeYoung and the Music

of Styx, Black Joe Lewis, and Jimmie Vaughan and the Tilt-a-Whirl Band. For more information, including information on where to purchase tickets, visit www.wildflowerfestival.com.

RCT Summer Camps feature Cinderella, Wizard of Oz and more

The Repertory Company Theatre School of Musical Theatre is hosting several summer theatre camps for young thespians ages 7-17. The camps will be held at the Promenade Theatre, 650 N. Coit Rd., Richardson. In addition to camp fees, all campers must pay a \$35 annual membership fee at the time of their first session.

Disney's Cinderella Kids (Ages 7-11)

Session 1: June 13-18, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$195
Session 2: June 13-18, 1-3:30 p.m., \$195
Session 3: June 20-25, 10:00 a.m.-12:30, \$195
Classes and performances will be held at the Promenade Theatre.

Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. Teen Camp

June 6-25, M-F, Week 1, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Week 2, 1-3:30 p.m.; Week 3 1-4 p.m., \$495
Classes will be held at the Promenade Theatre, with performances at UTD Theatre, 800 W. Campbell Rd., Richardson.

The Wizard of Oz Teen Camp

July 11-30, M-F, Week 1-2, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Week 3, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$495
Classes and performances will be held at the Promenade Theatre.



The Wizard of Oz Camp (Ages 7-11)

Session 1: July 18-23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$195
Session 2: July 25-30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$195
Classes and performances will be held at the Promenade Theatre.

Bye Bye Birdie Theatre Camp (Ages 10-17)

Aug. 8-25, Week 1-2, M-F, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Week 3, T, TH, 5-7 p.m., \$395
Classes and performances will be held at the Promenade Theatre.

For more information, call 972-690-5029 or visit www.rcttheatre.com.

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or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

"ALICE DANCES THROUGH WONDERLAND"

Presented by Red Door Dance Academy.
(2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 1. \$10-\$14. Visit www.dancereddoor.com.)

"WOMEN'S CHOREOGRAPHY PROJECT"

Presented by Avant Chamber Ballet. (8 p.m. May 7 and 3 p.m. May 8. \$20-\$30. Visit www.avantchamberballet.org.)

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Clay Couturiaux, music director and conductor, presents "Season Finale Concert."
(8 p.m. May 7. \$17-\$87. Visit www.richardsoncommunityband.org.)

"MACKEY MONTAGE"

Presented by Lone Star Youth Winds.
(2:30 p.m. May 8. \$21-\$41. Visit www.lonestarwindorchestra.com.)

ELIZABETH GILBERT CREATURE LIVING

Presented by Arts & Letters Live.
(7:30 p.m. May 10. \$25-\$60. Visit www.dma.org/all.)

"WHEN I HEAR MUSIC"

Presented by The Contemporary Chorale.
(2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 14. \$20-\$30.
Visit www.thecontemporarychorale.com.)

RICHARDSON COMMUNITY BAND

The Richardson Community Band presents "To Those Who Serve."
(3 p.m. May 15. Free. Visit www.richardsoncommunityband.org.)

RHYTHM IS A DANCER

Presented by Toby's School of Dance.
(7 p.m. May 27. \$18-\$27. Visit www.tobysdance.com.)

Thanks to Pet Pawrade sponsors

Richardson AnimaLuv would like to thank these sponsors for being a friend of this year's Showstopper Pet Pawrade. We truly appreciate your love and caring for our four-legged pets!

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New ambulance now in service at Richardson Fire Station 3

The Richardson Fire Department has placed a new advanced life support ambulance in service to meet the increasing demand for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). The new EMS unit will respond from Fire Station 3 located at Custer Parkway and Lookout Drive. The implementation of the ambulance is part of the Fire Department's Strategic Plan that included the addition of nine firefighters that were funded in the 2015-16 fiscal budget to staff the unit.



Police Memorial Service is May 16

The public is invited to attend the Richardson Police Department National Police Week Memorial Service Monday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. The service will be held along the circle drive near the flag poles between the 9-1-1 Center and the Police Department located at 140 N. Greenville Dr.



Rabies vaccination clinic May 7

The Richardson Animal Shelter will host a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, May 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 1330 Columbia Dr.

The cost is \$5 for altered pets and \$10 for unaltered pets and includes a 2016 City registration. Please have dogs leashed and cats contained. For more information, call 972-744-4480.



Property tax exemption increase approved

The City Council recently approved an ordinance that increases the property tax exemption for disabled and senior citizens from \$60,000 to \$70,000 due to increasing property values. Disabled and senior citizen homeowners will see a tax savings of \$444.61, up from \$381.10. The exemption has been \$60,000 since tax year 2014 (2014-15 fiscal year).

Under the City's Financial Policies, the Council regularly reviews the property tax exemption for citizens over age 65 and disabled persons with a goal to maintain a tax benefit of approximately 30 percent of the average home value. With Richardson's increasing home values, the current average senior home value is \$202,187, the previous \$60,000 exemption amount was below this goal at 29.68 percent.

The increase will allow for a cushion in the 30 percent goal if values increase more than anticipated in this year's appraisals. (The average value of a senior's home would have to increase by an estimated 16 percent before a \$70,000 exemption falls below the 30 percent financial policy goal.)

The appraisal districts will incorporate the higher amount on notices mailed to qualified residents this month.

Residents 65 and older receive trash discount

Richardson residents 65 years of age and older are eligible for a discount on their residential trash collection fee.

In order to qualify, residents must:

- Come to City Hall and fill out an application form in the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office, Room 101. Individuals should bring one form of identification when they apply.

or

- Go to www.cor.net/seniortrashdiscount, fill out an application and print it, then e-mail it to customer.service@cor.gov or bring the completed application and proof of age to the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office, Room 101.

The City requires that the person signing up for the exemption be the one whose name is on the City's water account. However, in the instance of a married couple, either party may fill out the form.

Residents may apply for the discount the day they turn 65 and it will take effect on the next bill. With the discount, the charge for residential trash collection, including tax and the state-mandated landfill fee, is \$13.33. The same charge without the discount is \$18.

For more information on the discount, contact the Water and Sewer Customer Service Department at 972-744-4120.

Dr. Holly D. Gans on staff at Animal Shelter



Dr. Holly D. Gans

Veterinarian Dr. Holly D. Gans is now working part-time at the Richardson Animal Shelter in the Shelter's new medical suite. Dr. Gans will conduct wellness checks, perform spaying and neutering procedures, and administer rabies vaccinations for adoptable animals.

“Dr. Gans is a welcome addition to our staff and we can now fully utilize our new medical suite that was officially opened late last year thanks to a generous donation from the McMurrey family, a longtime supporter of the Shelter,” Director of Health Bill Alsup said.

“Our goal is for our animals to be as healthy as possible when they leave with their new families. Dr. Gans' expertise and her presence on site at the Shelter will help us meet this goal.”

Alsup stressed that Dr. Gans will only provide veterinarian services for adoptable animals at the Shelter and not to the general public.

Dr. Gans grew up in the Chicago area and received her bachelor's degree in microbiology with a minor in chemistry and her master's in education from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). After a year doing research in a microbiology lab in the department of animal sciences at UIUC, she attended the University of Florida where she received her doctor of veterinary medicine and developed a passion for shelter medicine. She moved to the Dallas area in 2009 and previously worked for the SPCA of Texas as a surgery veterinarian. She works two days a week at the Richardson Animal Shelter.

Whole Foods provides “giving days” to nonprofits

Whole Foods Market CityLine opened last month and as part of the Whole Foods “Community Giving Day” program, five local Richardson area nonprofit organizations will receive 1 percent of net sales for a designated day.

The designated giving day for Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation is May 4 and Richardson AnimaLuv is the recipient May 11.

The Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Hendrick Scholarship Foundation/The Taste of Elegance and The Warren Center each had a giving day in April.

As part of their long-term commitment to investing in local communities, Whole Foods Market offers quarterly giving days to qualifying 501(c)(3) organizations.

Whole Foods Market CityLine is located at 1411 E. Renner Rd. in Richardson.



Animal Shelter hosts annual Adopt-A-Thon

Thinking about welcoming a pet into your home? Consider giving homeless, loving Shelter animals a new “leash” on life by attending the Richardson Animal Shelter's Adopt-A-Thon Sunday, May 1. The event, held from 1-4 p.m. at the Shelter, features special adoption pricing (free senior pets), refreshments, pet treats, rescue groups and a variety of vendors. Microchipping will be available for \$15 for both resident and non-resident dogs and \$5 nail trims. For more information, call 972-744-4480 or go to www.cor.net/animalservices. The Shelter is located at 1330 Columbia Dr. in Richardson.

Property Tax valuations mailed in May

Property valuation notices for 2016 should arrive in Richardson mailboxes in May. Homeowners often do not realize that all city, county and school taxes are based, in part, on property valuations determined by their central appraisal district (CAD) office. If owners disagree with the property valuation, they have the right to protest it with the central appraisal district office listed on the notice, not the city.

Homeowners residing in Dallas County will receive a notice in the mail from the Dallas CAD only if their property value increases, the ownership changes, the property was rendered or the property had a capped value in the previous year. However, an appraisal notice will be available on all accounts via the Dallas CAD website, [\[lascad.org\]\(http://www.dal-lascad.org\). All homeowners living in the Collin County portion of Richardson will receive a notice from the CAD of Collin County whether or not their appraisal changes.](http://www.dal-</p>
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For Richardson residents living in Dallas County, protests and questions should be directed to the Dallas CAD (2949 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247-6195) at 214-905-9402 or 214-631-0910 or www.dallascad.org. Residents of Collin County should direct their protests and questions to the Collin CAD (250 Eldorado Pkwy., McKinney, TX 75069) at 469-742-9200 or www.collincad.org. The CAD websites contain appraised values, exemption information, online maps, forms and FAQs.

Written protests must be filed no later than 30 days

after the date of the notice or May 31, whichever is later.

In the past, many taxpayers have lost opportunities to protest property valuations because they failed to file their written protest within the deadlines set by the Texas Legislature. If taxpayers disagree with the appraised value or an exemption status, they should file a written protest with the appraisal district office immediately. This protest should identify the property owner, the location of the property in dispute, and a general statement as to the nature of the protest. The protest must be filed by the deadline date stated on the valuation notice. If the protest is filed on time, the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) will hear the case in the taxpayer's respective district. The taxpayer will be notified in

writing of the scheduled hearing date, which will be at least 15 days after the date the notice of hearing is mailed. The ARBs begin their Protest Hearings in May and finish in July. Following their Protest Hearing property owners will be mailed an Order Determining Protest from the ARB. The Board's decisions can be appealed to the District Court or settled through binding arbitration.

Property Tax Basics available online

These procedures and all other details about property valuations are further explained on the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website. The internet link for the page on Property Tax System Basics can be found at www.cpa.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/basics.html.

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Off the Beaten Path 5K set for Breckinridge Park

Lace up your running shoes and get ready for the inaugural Off the Beaten Path 5K and Trail Run June 11 at Breckinridge Park. The event is meant to give residents and non-residents an opportunity to explore beautiful Breckinridge Park, one of the hidden gems of Richardson. The path runners will take is a unique one featuring both road and paved trail running throughout the various parts of the park's 417 acres.

On race day, parking will be available in both the parking lot for the baseball complex and the parking lot located next to the soccer fields at the B complex of Breckinridge Park. Race day registration and packet pickup begins at 6 a.m., with the one-mile fun run kicking things off at 8 a.m. The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. and the awards ceremony starts at 9:30 a.m.

Advance registration is open through June 9 at www.cor.net/cc/off-the-beaten-path.html. Registration fees are \$30 per runner for the 5K and \$15 per runner for the Fun Run (race day registration for the 5K is \$35).



Runners may pick up their race packets June 9-10 from 5:30-9 p.m. at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd.

NOW HIRING!

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

- Pool Managers/Assistant Managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors/Team Coaches
- Cashiers
- Gymnastics Instructors/Coaches
- Recreation Support Technicians
- Camp Counselors
- Camp Directors

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



Sherrill Park Golf Course

Junior Golf Camps

The Performance Golf Academy at Sherrill Park is offering two separate camps this summer for junior golfers. The goal of the Performance Golf Academy is simple: have fun, create long lasting relationships, enjoy the game of golf and learn a little about yourself. We combine indoor group learning activities with on-course learning experiences that our youth can relate to and will find memorable. The approach we have is very simple for our programs ... a little practice, a little play and a whole lot of fun.

The **Discoverer Camp** instruction is for the beginner golfer who has very little to no "on-course" experience. It includes putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, on-course play and rules/etiquette. Snacks and beverages and a logo cap are also included. The camp is offered for children ages 5-9 and costs \$160 per week. Classes are held from 8-10:15 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The **Pioneer Camp** instruction is a bit more in depth and offers twice the amount of fun learning activities. It includes putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, on-course play and rules/etiquette. Lunch, snacks, beverages and a logo cap are also included. The camp is offered for children ages 5-15 and costs \$275 per week. Classes are held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The camps are offered weekly beginning June 6, with no camps the week of July 4. For questions, visit www.myperformancegolf.com, call 817-846-7157 or e-mail jhorton@pga.com.

Ladies Golf League

The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League is open to women with golf experience. Members play Tuesday mornings from March to October. For information, contact Nancy Stubbs (972-669-8909) or Kathy Hill (214-803-2166).

Upcoming Tournaments

May 22 Individual Stroke Play	Sept. 18 Two-man
June 19 Parent/Child	Oct. 16 Two-man
July 17 3-4 Scramble	Nov. 5-6 Richardson Cup
Aug. 27-28 City Championship	Dec. 18 Year-end two-man Stableford

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



Huffhines Tennis Center

Summer Slam Tennis Camps

Come have summer fun at Huffhines Tennis Center! Huffhines is offering six summer tennis camps for ages 5-16 years of age for players of all levels. Camps will be held Monday through Friday the weeks of June 6, June 20, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Camp cost is \$40 daily or \$150 weekly.

What to Bring

Bring a tennis racquet, a hat/visor and a small snack. Don't stress if you don't have a racquet. Huffhines has demo racquets to get players started and proper size of racquet will be selected.

What Campers Get

Camp T-shirt, awesome tennis skills, meet new tennis friends, tennis tournament and pizza party.

How to Sign Up

Stop by the Tennis Center, call 972-744-7870 or visit www.cor.net/tennis.

Private Lessons

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

Huffhines Tennis Center is located at 1601 Syracuse Dr. Fees are \$3 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Court reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7870 one day in advance. Visit www.cor.net/tennis for more information.

2016 City of Richardson Aquatics

Pools open daily Saturday, June 4

Canyon Creek Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m. Tue.-Sun.
Closed: Mon.
600 Aspenwood Dr.
972-671-0185

Cottonwood Pool

Open: 1-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.-Fri.
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Tues.
1321 W. Belt Line Rd.
972-644-7156

Glenville Pool

Open: 1-8 p.m. Wed.-Mon.
Closed: Tues.
500 S. Glenville Dr.
972-671-0187

Terrace Pool

Open: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues.-Fri.
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Mon.
300 N. Lois Ln.
972-671-0190

Heights Family Aquatic Center*

*Opens May 28
Open: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
noon-9 p.m. Sat., Sun.
709 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7856

All children under 7 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older in a swimming suit. The adult must be in the water within arm's reach at all times while the child is in the pool. If your child limits his/her use to the baby pool areas, you must remain with your child, but it is not necessary to wear a swimsuit.

Day Cares: The City of Richardson has specific guidelines for day care centers and other groups of children who visit our pools. To register your group, please call 972-744-7893.

Splash Day

Saturday, June 4

FREE ADMISSION

Heights, Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace pools

Free Swim Lessons

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 4
Glenville Pool

Call 972-744-7892 or 972-744-7881 to register.



Private Party Reservations

Private Party Reservations are available throughout the summer. Sign up beginning at 9 a.m. May 2. Call 972-744-7892.

Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools

Number of people	Rental Fees
1-25	\$100
26-50	\$125
51-75	\$150
76-100	\$200

Heights Family Aquatic Center *

Number of people	Rental Fees
Up to 100 people	\$300
101+	**

* Heights Family Aquatic Center is only available for private parties from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 9-11 p.m. Saturday.

** Price for 101+ people is \$25 per additional 25 people up to a maximum of 600. Example: A party with 101-125 people is \$325; 126-150 people is \$350; etc.

"Number of people" includes EVERYONE who enters the gates including non-swimmers. Parties must have one adult (over 18) for every 10 children (7-17 years) and one adult for every three children under 7 years. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR GLASS CONTAINERS. Reservations must be made and paid in full one week in advance. All reservations are dependent upon staff availability and weather conditions.

Heights Family Aquatic Center will also offer 90-minute pavilion reservations during public hours. The cost is \$25, plus admission for party-goers.

2016 Richardson pool and aquatic center fees

Season passes now available at recreation centers!

	Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace Pools*	Heights Family Aquatic Center**
Daily resident admission	\$2	\$4
Daily non-resident admission	\$4	\$8
Season pass (resident)	\$30	\$45
Season pass (non-resident)	\$40	\$65
Family pass (up to 4 people; resident only)	\$100	\$150

* Not good for admission to Heights Family Aquatic Center.

** Heights Family Aquatic Center season passes may be used for admission to any City pool. Must be purchased at Heights Family Aquatic Center, Heights Recreation Center or Huffhines Recreation Center.

No charge for children ages 3 and younger. Resident admission to Heights Family Aquatic Center requires proof of residency. Visit www.cor.net/parks or call the Aquatics Office at 972-744-7892 for more information.

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 TBA. 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 TBA. 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.

iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, May 2 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, May 2 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, May 21 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership, \$23 without membership.

iPhone 102

This class will cover how to use functions and applications of your iPhone. Bring your iPhone to class Saturday, May 21 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$20 with membership, \$23 without membership.

NEW!! Learn the Right Way to Sell Your Treasures

Are you thinking of downsizing? Do you know that there are several ways to offer your items online, while keeping it local? This class will show you how to present items for sale on various online list sites that do not involve shipping or handling and no fees. Sign up for a two-hour class and learn easy ways of selling unwanted items for a profit. Bring your laptop with you and let's get started. Classes are held the last Tuesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. Next class is May 31. Cost for class is \$20 with Senior Center membership; \$23 without a membership.

NEW!!

Learn to Ride with Uber

Are you looking for alternate transportation? Do you want to avoid traffic and driving the busy highways? This class will answer: What is Uber transportation? How much does it cost? Where is it available? Is it safe? How do you request the service? How do you request food delivery? You will also learn about other transportation services available through Uber. Next class is Saturday, June 18 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 with a Senior Center membership; \$13 without a membership. Please bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

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 advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Classes start May 3. Cost is \$80 with membership or pay \$22 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

Oil and Acrylic Painting

A new session of oil painting instruction starts the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Beginner and intermediate levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Next session will start May 5. Cost is \$60 for four classes with a membership.

The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55 and older. This facility is especially designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enrichment and fellowship.

Unfortunately, the Center is not licensed to provide the services of an Adult Care facility. So, for the benefit of all patrons, the Center requires that all participants take full responsibility of their own physical care and hygiene. Those patrons needing assistance, or who lack the ability to navigate a wheelchair or walker independently, are welcome to be accompanied by a caregiver or an assistant. Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated.

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 with membership.

NEW!!

"Color My World"

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. Spending time coloring and visiting has shown to release stress, promotes creativity and happiness. 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. A multi-generational table is available for you to enjoy the fun of coloring with your grandchildren. You do not have to stay in the lines! No Fee.

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.

May 5	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May 19	6-10 p.m.

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 session starts May 3, 1-3 p.m. Course fee: \$80 with membership.

Beginner Square Dance

Lessons are Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost of class is \$7 per person with membership or \$10 a class without 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 with membership; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without membership.

Plus Funshop

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level Plus Dance. Cost is \$42 per quarter with membership; \$10 drop-in fee with membership or \$13 drop-in fee without membership.

Adult Piano Lessons

Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$85 with membership. 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 with a membership. 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 with membership. 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 May 11. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

NEW!! Mah Jongg Class

Class starts July 11 from 10 a.m.-noon. Class will be held every Monday for six weeks. Cost of session is \$36 with membership; \$39 without membership. 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. Next eight-week class session starts June 24 from 1-2 p.m. Fee: \$48 with membership.

Pocket Billiards Class

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

Programs

AARP Richardson Chapter

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

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.

Sing-A-Long

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

Richardson Public Library

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

Happy Birthday Party

We celebrate birthdays that are in the seasons of SPRING, SUMMER, FALL or WINTER. Cake and punch is served at 1 p.m. The next celebration is June 27 for birthdays in June, July and August.

Carter Eye Screening Van May 17—10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Carter eye screening van will be parked at the Senior Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. offering free eye screenings May 17. No appointment and no fee required.

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

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 May. 2 at 11 a.m. and will be part of the Mother's Day Tea and Vintage Style Show. No fee and RSVP is required. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

Photography Club

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

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.

Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College

Explore life-long learning with classes at Richland College. If you are 65 years or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

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 Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-noon to meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun time playing scrabble. Those 16 and over are welcome to participate. Ages 12-15 must be accompanied with an adult.

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.

The Richardson Senior Dance

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

May 7	Bill G. Band
May 14	DJ Dave
May 28	Doc Gibbs

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

Bingo

Next Bingo is May 19 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 handcrafts. We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Services

City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 55 and over. The City's van service operates Monday through Friday from 8:30 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. Thursday. Call 972-744-7805 for reservations.

The Seniors' Net

The NETWORK of Community Ministries Seniors' Net program provides a variety of services 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. Call Rosemary Conoley at 972-234-8880 ext. 125.

Hearing Screening

Zounds Hearing of North Texas will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 1:30-3 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.

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 in June and August. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment for June 3.

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.

Health Connection

May 26—10 a.m.—No Fee "I need a Medicare Hero"
National Health Administrators will present a free Medicare 101 workshop. Learn key facts everyone should know regarding Medicare. How to choose your coverage, the five reasons most people overpay for Medicare and how to fill in gaps to ensure you are always covered are just some of the topics.

NEW!! Transitions and New Beginnings Workshop

This is a monthly wellness workshop aimed at encouraging personal growth through education and support. Monthly topics will be developed through discussion and research that will encourage new skills and master old ones. Workshops are held the second Saturday of the month from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Cost is \$29 per month. Pre-registration is required. Workshop May 14 is "Staying Healthy."

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.

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 May 5.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Fitness

Private Trainer

How is your balance?

This personalized fitness program is 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 class is a combination of punching drills and stretch exercises to simultaneously provide 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. Class is held Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and taught by certified trainer Jessie Dorsey. \$5 per class with membership.

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 \$25 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 \$25 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. Classes are Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$4 per class.

Tai Chi for all ages

Philip Russell teaches this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is \$7 per class with membership. 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. Class starts May 2, 9 a.m. Class fee is \$25 a month (four classes) or \$7 per class with membership.

Aerobic Exercise

Renate Racher teaches exercise class Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Class fee is \$2 with a membership.

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 with membership.

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. 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 with membership.

WaterAerobic Classes

Instructor Laurie Wilder continues WaterAerobic instruction when the **Summer WaterAerobic classes begin June 2** at two locations.

3 punch card options:

10-class card - \$40

6-class card - \$24

4-class card - \$16

The punch card may be used for any class.

Schedule for summer is as follows:

Rise and Shine: Cottonwood Pool 7:30-8:30 a.m. M-F

Designed for intermediate to advanced students, ages 16 and older. Aqua shoes are suggested.

Morning Glories: Cottonwood Pool 8:45-9:30 a.m. M, W, F

Designed with all fitness levels in mind. This class is for all ages including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

SPF 45: J.J. Pearce High School Natatorium 10:15-11 a.m., M, F

This indoor class is designed with all levels in mind including active seniors. Aqua shoes are suggested.

For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

Pickleball

The Richardson Senior Center Pickleball instruction and play is offered every Friday at Huffhines Recreation Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fee is \$16 a month (refunds not available) plus membership or \$5 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. If you are interested and would like more information call 972-744-7800.

NEW!! Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair. Chair yoga will help you with flexibility, breathing, relaxation and overall physical fitness without the difficulty of getting down or up from the floor. Class is held Mondays from 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per class or \$20 monthly (four classes) with membership.

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.

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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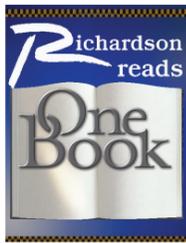
CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY



3D Printing & Tinkercad
Adults & Teens
Wednesday
May 18
6:30-8 p.m.
No registration required

1st Floor Program Room Laptop required
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

Selection announced for 2016 Richardson Reads One Book



Joshua Davis' "Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream," is the Richardson Reads One Book pick for 2016! The announcement was made at the RROB kick-off, held April 12 at the Library. "Spare Parts" is the 13th RROB selection and will be promoted through the remainder of 2016 as a vehicle for community discussion.

a low income section of Phoenix and meeting the four students and their two teacher advisors.



Joshua Davis, author

"Spare Parts" is Davis's third book. He is the co-founder of *Epic* magazine, a contributing editor at *Wired* and has contributed articles to a variety of other publications. "Spare Parts" was named a best new book by both Amazon and the BBC. The film version of "Spare Parts," starring George Lopez and Marisa Tomei, was released in 2015.

Richardson Reads One Book is modeled on the national "One Book" initiative first promoted by NPR's Nancy Pearl. Her idea was that communities could open lines of communication by becoming one giant book club. Her first program was called "If All Seattle Read the Same Book" with the goal of strengthening community bonds through the shared experience of reading and discussing the important themes in a single book. Her idea has spread to include communities nationwide. Richardson Reads One Book is one of the oldest community reading programs in Texas.



The book tells the true story of four undocumented Arizona teenagers at an underachieving high school, two inspiring teachers and their quest to win a prestigious underwater robotics competition against teams from all over the nation (including a team from MIT funded by ExxonMobil). The book traces the lives of the four young men for 10 years after the competition and provides a voice for complex immigration issues facing the country today.

The highlight of each year's program is always the author's visit to Richardson to give the community additional insight into the One Book. Davis will appear at a free community lecture Sept. 20 at Richardson High School. Throughout the summer and fall, Richardson readers are encouraged to discuss "Spare Parts" in their personal book clubs and join community discussions at the Library and other sites. Additional programs to enhance the One Book experience will also be offered throughout the year. For details and updates on all the Richardson Reads One Book discussions and programs, check out the website at onebook.cor.net.

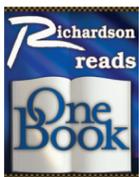
Davis almost missed the compelling story that became his bestselling book. One day spent at his computer checking his e-mail for ideas for magazine articles, he came across a poorly produced news release telling the improbable story of how four average high schoolers made a robot from salvaged materials and defeated a number of engineering powerhouses at a national competition. Davis was skeptical and contemplated deleting the e-mail without further investigation. However, he became hooked on the importance of the story after visiting Carl Hayden High School in

Lunchtime Lectures Compassionate Cities

Starting with Karen Armstrong's TED Talk, Charles Barker of Compassionate DFW will discuss the Compassionate Cities movement in Richardson.

Tuesday, May 10 Basement Program Room
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. No registration required

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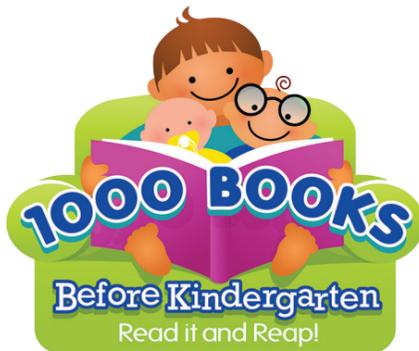
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