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## Get your lawn ready for the season

Springtime in Texas means lawns come out of dormancy, flowers start to bloom and the routine of watering and mowing the lawn begins anew.

With the North Texas drought ongoing and water supplies restricted because of the inability to use Lake Texoma, smart yard care is as important as ever. The City and its partners can help you make the best use of a limited resource and to keep your yard looking its best.

For a healthy yard, the City and Texas AgriLife Extension Service recommend:

- Using mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and cut down on weed growth.
- Removing thatch and aerating turf to encourage movement of water to the root zone.
- Raising your lawn mower cutting height, since longer grass blades help shade each other,

cut down on evaporation and inhibit weed growth.

- Regularly monitoring your irrigation system to ensure that water is not wasted and that your sprinklers are evenly watering your lawn.

While the City currently places some restrictions on water use, including the days that lawn irrigation is allowed, watering effectively doesn't mean watering excessively. (See page 2 for information about current water conservation measures.)

"Good watering habits can let you have a nice looking yard while also conserving water," said Richardson Public Services Director Jerry Ortega. "Using water wisely is especially important during drought conditions like we have seen in recent years."

To further reduce water use, the City offers outdoor conservation kits for \$5 each, which include a soil moisture meter probe, a six-



position garden hose nozzle and a rain gauge. Kits can be purchased at Water Customer Service, City Hall Suite 101, or at the Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr.

While a healthy yard is important to many homeowners, a well maintained yard is as well. Residents are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds at their property, including all adjacent parkways and alley easements.

Regular mowing will keep grass and weeds below 12 inches, the maximum allowed by City ordinance. Trees, bushes and other vegetation should also be trimmed, kept seven feet above sidewalks, 14 feet above streets and alleys, and one foot back from the alley pavement. All vegetation should also be kept trimmed so that it does not obstruct the view of motorists or pedestrians.

### Upcoming Events

**March 5:** Lawn Care Maintenance class, Texas AgriLife Center, 6-8 p.m. RSVP at [dallas.tamu.edu](http://dallas.tamu.edu).

**April 13:** Live Green Expo, The Shops of Legacy in Plano, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit [www.livegreenexpo.net](http://www.livegreenexpo.net).

**May 4:** WaterWise Irrigation Workshop, Texas AgriLife Center, 9 a.m.-noon. RSVP at [dallas.tamu.edu](http://dallas.tamu.edu).

### Yard Maintenance Resources

Current water restrictions in Richardson:  
[www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net)

Yard maintenance codes and regulations: [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs)  
Water conservation tips: [www.wateriq.org](http://www.wateriq.org)

Classes and tip sheets from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service:  
[dallas.tamu.edu](http://dallas.tamu.edu)

## Home improvement program provides cash back incentive

Residents who make improvements to their homes could be eligible to receive incentives under a City program that repays homeowners based on the increased value of their home.

The incentive paid to homeowners equals 10 times the increase in City property taxes based on the county-appraised value of the home after the improvements have been completed.

"The Home Improvement Incentive Program is intended to encourage reinvestment in residential neighborhoods and enhance the Richardson housing stock," said Don Magner, assistant city manager of community services. "Since its inception, 366 properties have participated in the program reinvesting an estimated \$38 million into the City of Richardson."

To qualify for the program, a project must cost at least \$20,000 and be completed within 24 months of project approval and all applicable building permits must be obtained for work to be incented.

Participants of the program are required to submit an application to Community Services prior to construction beginning, provide a cost estimate for the improvement project, consent to periodic inspections during construction and verify final construction costs by providing Community Services with invoices of the work completed at the property.

The one-time incentive, equal to 10 times the amount of the increase in city taxes based on the county appraisal, will be paid to the homeowner on April 1 of the first full calendar year subsequent to project completion in an amount based on the property's pre-construction and post-construction appraised value.

### Example

Assume that a home improvement project commences in January 2013 and is completed in June 2014. Further assume that the 2014 property taxes increase \$300 above the 2013 property taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable value of the improvements. The total incentive would be \$3,000 and would be paid on April 1, 2015.

You can obtain more information about the Home Improvement Incentive Program by visiting the Community Services website at [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs) or calling 972-744-4180.

**Many homes that have qualified for the Home Improvement Incentive Program have received a Community Revitalization Award from the City of Richardson. The eight recipients of the 2012 Revitalization Award are highlighted on page 5.**

**The Richardson Public Library will be closed March 8 and March 31. See page 12 for more information.**

## Brush and tree trimmings become high quality mulch



**Long rows of compost are combined with produce and bread that has gone bad. The blend is mixed and watered until it is ready to be packaged for use in area lawns and gardens.**

Most people don't give much thought to brush and yard trimmings and grass clippings once they set them by the curb for collection, but in Richardson most of these natural waste items are just beginning a journey that will take them 25 miles north and back again.

Richardson is one of five cities that collect these items for Texas Pure, a composting program started by the City of Plano in 1992. These items are taken to Collin County and turned into mulch and compost, which is then sold to the public and given back to the City to be used on ornamental medians, golf courses or other landscaping projects.

"The program benefits the City of Richardson in disposal costs, saving landfill space, and a return of compost yearly that is utilized by our Parks Department," said Ryan Delzell, City of Richardson superintendent of commercial and recycling operations.

The process starts when a resident requests a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), which occurs on the same day as that neighborhood's recycle day. The brush and yard trimmings are placed on the curb where they are picked up by a City truck and taken to the North Texas Municipal Water District's Custer Road Transfer Station in Plano, where it is ground into smaller pieces.

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Stage 2 outdoor irrigation schedule (twice a week until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	Tuesdays and Saturdays
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	Wednesdays and Sundays

Currently we are at:



## Cultural Arts Master Plan receives feedback

The Richardson Arts Commission gathered feedback last month at a public meeting on the City's first-ever Cultural Arts Master Plan. The document will serve as a guide to help strengthen the arts community in Richardson by building synergies among the various performance arts groups and enhancing existing arts facilities in the area.

The meeting, which was well attended, was led by members of the Arts Commission and a consultant from Lord Cultural Resources, a firm that is helping develop the master plan. The meeting included a history of the plan, presentation of the six priorities identified in the draft and an opportunity for public feedback.

Richardson is home to dozens of arts groups, and each year the Richardson Arts Commission and City Council allocate about \$300,000 in funds to help support them. The master plan is designed to strengthen the City's commitment to the arts by identifying specific goals to enhance cultural arts in Richardson.

"Richardson has a lot of successful arts initiatives and opportunities, but it's not exactly coordinated," said Shanna Sims-Bradish, Richardson's assistant city manager of administrative and leisure services. "The Cultural Arts Master Plan is to coordinate and leverage all of those arts groups and arts initiatives."

The master plan draft identifies six priorities:

- Applying Richardson's focus on innovation to the cultural arts
- Creating cultural clusters in the city

- Fully utilizing the potential impact of the Arts Commission
- Cultivating a new generation of cultural arts participants
- Planning an effective cultural tourism strategy
- Raising awareness of citywide cultural arts offerings

The Arts Commission and consultant will use feedback gathered at the public meeting to update the draft before it is presented to the City Council in April. The draft plan is available to view on the City's website at [www.cor.net/CAMP](http://www.cor.net/CAMP).



## Mayor to Participate in Day of Service

Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend joined several other Dallas County mayors and elected officials last month at the JFK Memorial in downtown Dallas to help kick off "Ask Not... the Dallas County Day of Service." The event is scheduled for Nov. 21, 2013, in honor of the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination in Dallas.

Mayors and elected officials from several Dallas County municipalities have pledged to organize and complete various projects in their cities on the Day of Service. The specific projects will be announced at a later date.

## REDP receives international accreditation

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) was recently recognized by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) as one of only 32 economic development organizations worldwide to have achieved the prestigious Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) designation.



Richardson is the first entity in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to earn this accreditation, and stands apart as the only community in Texas—and only the second nationally—to have achieved dual honors through AEDO accreditation and the five-star accreditation earned by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in 2011.

The REDP also earned top national honors at last year's IEDC annual meeting, when it was named the gold medal winner in the High Performance Economic Development category for economic development organizations. REDP attained this status by announcing the most jobs and capital investment created for any organization of its size, the 25,001-100,000 population category, anywhere in the U.S. for 2011-2012.

## City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Jan. 28 and Feb. 11 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.) and work sessions (every Monday at 5:30 p.m.). The Richardson City Council 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](http://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](http://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.**

### Jan. 28

**Continued Consideration of Zoning File 12-11:** A request by John S. Kirk, representing Embry Partners, Ltd., for a change in zoning for the development of a multi-family community to be located at the southeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Collins Boulevard was approved.

**A request by the Warming Hut for a variance to the Code of Ordinances** to allow for a 59.88 square foot pole sign, with an electronic messaging center to be 12 feet from the adjoining private property line at 331 N. Central Expressway was approved.

**A request by Golf Cars of Dallas for variances to the Code of Ordinances** to allow for a 40 foot in height, 112 square foot multi-tenant pole sign at 2100 Alamo Rd. was approved.

### Consent Agenda

**Resolution No. 13-05**, ordering a General Election to be held the 11th day of May 2013, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and six members of the Richardson City Council.

### Feb. 11

**Public Hearing Zoning File 13-01:** A request by Michael Hampton, representing Lend Lease, for a special

permit for a motor vehicle service station with modified development standards to be located at 3601 N. Jupiter Rd. (southwest corner of President George Bush Turnpike and Jupiter Road), was approved.

**Public Hearing Zoning File 13-03:** A request by Maxwell J. Fisher, representing Masterplan, for a special permit for a motor vehicle repair shop to be located at 1380 W. Belt Line Rd. (northeast corner of Belt Line Road and Coit Road), was denied.

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Encouraging reinvestment in Richardson has for many years been a high priority for the City Council. The City does this in several ways, including the Home Improvement Incentive Program, through economic development agreements and most recently through detailed reinvestment studies of key areas.

Reinvestment strengthens Richardson neighborhoods, provides high-quality retail and office development, increases our tax base and encourages others to invest in improving their own property.

When a property owner—a homeowner or commercial property owner alike—takes the time and money to improve their property, we feel that it is important to provide recognition for that investment. That is why in 1994, the City Council established the Community Revitalization Awards. Since then, 184 properties have been recognized through the awards program, including eight this year.

You will see in this issue of *Richardson Today* the 2012 winners who were recognized at a reception and ceremony in February. The five homes and three retail buildings honored are prime examples of the great work people are doing to improve our neighbor-



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hoods, commercial areas and shopping centers.

Nominations for the 2013 Community Revitalization Awards are already being accepted. If you know of a revitalization project that you believe should be recognized through this program, contact Israel B. Roberts at 972-744-4256 or at [Israel.roberts@cor.gov](mailto:Israel.roberts@cor.gov).

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972-744-4203

## Food for Life Cooking Series

**Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Methodist Richardson Cancer Center**  
2821 E. President George Bush Turnpike, Richardson  
Cost: \$40  
(Fee covers all four classes and healthy food samples.)

Did you know that good dietary choices can help prevent cancer? Learn more in this interactive series, where you'll sample new recipes and learn how to put good dietary practices into action.

Please call 972-437-5463 to register.



## Richardson Today Contact Information

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**Citizens Information Services**  
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## Graffiti abatement program preserves property value

Graffiti is a widespread issue that every community encounters, and prompt removal of graffiti is the most effective means to prevent its recurrence. Vandals who mark structures with graffiti are often motivated by a need to have their work seen. If graffiti is quickly removed, it provides less of an incentive to do it again at the same location.

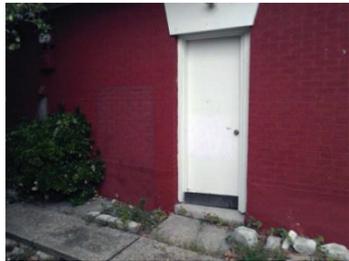
The City of Richardson provides free graffiti abatement for any residential or commercial property owner. Methods of graffiti abatement include water blasting, sand blasting, painting, and environmentally safe chemical removal. The method of removal depends on the surface affected

by the graffiti and the intent of the City's graffiti abatement program is to restore the affected area as close to its original condition as possible.

As a resident of Richardson there are a few things that can be done to prevent an occurrence of graffiti at your property. Keeping your property well maintained and increasing the lighting around the exterior of your property are both ways to decrease the chances of your home being vandalized. If your property does get tagged with graffiti and you wish to have it abated please call the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or visit online at [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs).



Before



After



Before



After

## Brush and tree trimmings become high quality mulch



The machine pictured above is used to turn and mix the rows of compost.

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The fine material is then hauled to a composting site in Melissa. It is deposited in long rows and combined with produce and bread that has gone bad from area supermarkets. The blend is mixed and watered until it is ready to be packaged for use in area lawns and gardens.

All Texas Pure Products undergo rigorous testing to ensure they are free from weeds and pathogens and meet the standards of the Organic Materials Review Institute.

In addition to diverting more than 75,000 cubic yards of material from the landfill each year, the products made by Texas Pure help create the right conditions for new vegetation to grow in the sometimes-stubborn Texas soil without contributing unwelcome additions.

"It prevents importing diseases that may be from other areas into our local area," said Sherrian Jones, Texas Pure Products compost sales

and marketing manager. "It prevents imported pests and anything like that because you have a product that's created in our own backyard that perfectly suits the soil."

Using the compost also helps reduce water use, which is a high priority for all five cities that participate in the service.

"Texas Pure is an important program for the environment not only because we are essentially returning compostable material back to a beneficial product, but also compost is very high in nutrients and conserves water," Delzell said. "A layer of compost in the yard will add nutrients to the soil, as well as hold on to moisture."

For more information about Texas Pure products call 214-495-7389 or visit [www.texaspureproducts.com](http://www.texaspureproducts.com).

You may request a BABIC pick up by calling 972-744-4111 or request online at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net).

## Some home improvement FAQs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Are building permits required for storage buildings?**

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



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

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

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

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

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

**What are some typical inspections for a remodel project?**

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

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

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

Additional helpful information may be found at:

[www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net)  
[www.nari.org/homeowners/faq/](http://www.nari.org/homeowners/faq/)  
[www.nahb.org/](http://www.nahb.org/)

## Rent-a-Bin is available to residents

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

### Residential Containers and Open-top Rentals

To check availability, size, and price or to reserve a temporary container for rent, residents should call the Solid Waste Superintendent of Commercial and Recycling Operations at 972-744-4404 during the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday-Friday only. If the Superintendent is not available, you may leave a voice mail message or you may call 972-744-4407.

### Requirements

- Make a reservation by calling 972-744-4404 or 972-744-4407
- You must retrieve, print out and sign the waiver of liability (available at [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) under the Public Services Department link)
- Fax the waiver of liability back to attn: Solid Waste/Commercial (Fax: 972-744-5814)
- Person signing the waiver is responsible for any breakage or damage to container

### Charges (Rental and Dump)

- 8-yard container  
Can be used for two weeks without charge other than the dump fee, which is \$32 plus tax per dump.
  - 20-yard container\*  
Rent for the first two weeks is free. After that, the rent is \$105 per month with a \$242 per dump fee.
  - 30-yard container\*  
Rent for the first two weeks is free. After that, the rent is \$125 per month with a \$263 per dump fee.
- \* A one-time set fee of \$60 will apply to setting a 20-yard or 30-yard container.

### Limits

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

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

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



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

## Spring is the time to mend your fences



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

"Fences serve various important purposes for residents and neighborhoods," said Patricia Guerra, Richardson's assistant director of community services. "A well maintained fence, properly installed, can dramatically alter the appearance of a property as well as add substantial value and improve curb appeal."

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

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

- Fencing materials should not include plywood, barbed wire, razor ribbons, sheet metal, corrugated steel, fiberglass panel or electric fences.

### You should also know

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

Fences in the front yard can be no higher than two and a half feet, and fences on the side or back of your property should not exceed eight feet. A four-foot or taller fence is required around a pool.

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

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

## Harvesting rainwater saves water

Though rain has been scarce in North Texas over the past several months, the rain will come again. When it does, the City of Richardson and many residents will be ready to make the most of it thanks to a City ordinance that allows for the capture, or harvest, of rainwater.

Rainwater harvesting is collecting and storing rainfall as it comes off the roof of a home and later using it for irrigating the lawn and foundation. Captured rainwater may be used in Richardson only for outdoor irrigation and foundation watering, not as potable water. Additional requirements for a rain harvesting system are detailed on the City's website for environmental programs at <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1474>, where systems that capture 400 gallons of water or less must be registered at no charge. Larger systems require a permit.

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



## Make sure to get a permit for spring clean garage sale

A great way to make a little extra money during your annual spring cleaning is to sell some items that you no longer need. Richardson residents are reminded that a City permit is required to conduct a garage sale.

There is no cost for the permit, which is available at City Hall or from the City website, [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net). A permit needs to be obtained by midnight on the day of the garage sale and should be displayed on the premises for the duration of the sale.

"A spring garage sale can really help a homeowner reduce some of the items that have accumulated over the years," said Patricia Guerra, Richardson's assistant director of community services. "But we began to see a proliferation of sales throughout the year so we

now permit each sale and limit the number of sales as well."

A resident may have no more than three garage sales in any 12-month period, and no more than three garage sales in any 12-month period at the same address. In addition, a garage sale should not last more than 72 consecutive hours and there should be at least four business days between two consecutive garage sales on a property.

Garage sale signs should not be placed in any public median. If you wish to place a sign on private property you need to obtain permission from the property owner. Signs should be removed immediately following a garage sale.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180 or visit online at [www.cor.net/cs](http://www.cor.net/cs).

## Wildflower! Richardson's Arts & Music Festival announces first four acts in this year's lineup

The City of Richardson's 21st annual Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival, North Texas' largest music festival, has announced the first four performers for this year's event, which will be held May 17-19. The festival, which has been named "Best of the Fests" by *D Magazine*, draws local and national acts performing the best in classic rock, R&B, Texas blues, funk, pop, alt-rock, folk and Americana. Performers announced to date include:

- **Robert Earl Keen**—Texas singer/songwriter;
- **Toadies**—home grown alt-rock heavyweights;
- **Uncle Kracker**—pop/country crossover hitmaker;
- **The Reverend Horton Heat**—featuring their own brand of country-fed punkabilly.

The remaining main stage artists will be announced in the coming weeks.

The 2013 festival's three-day pass goes on sale for \$30 on Monday, April 15, at any Metroplex Tom Thumb store or online through [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com). The three-day pass will be

available for sale until 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 17. Single-day adult tickets will be available at the gate for \$20, as well as through the festival's website beginning April 15. Kids age 5-12 will be admitted for \$3, and admission for kids 4 and under is free.

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



Robert Earl Keen



Uncle Kracker



Toadies



The Reverend Horton Heat



## Richardson restaurants win food safety awards

Some local food service establishments received a certificate and a letter of congratulations from the Richardson Health Department in February. The awards were sent to all establishments that maintained a high level of commitment to food safety as observed during food service inspections conducted in 2012.

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

The award is presented annually, and all 126 recipients are recognized on the City of Richardson's website at [www.cor.net/Health](http://www.cor.net/Health).

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

### GROCERY STORES

- Indian Superstore
- Sprouts-Bakery/Deli
- Target Stores #1430-Bakery
- Target Stores #1430-Deli
- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Mkt. #5074-Deli

- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Mkt. #5074-Meat Mkt.
- Whole Foods Market-Deli/Bakery
- Whole Foods Market-Meat Mkt.

### RESTAURANTS

- The Billiard Den
- d' Kusina
- International House of Pancakes
- Pappasito's Cantina
- Pizza Villa
- Texas
- Tavern on Main Street
- Thai's Thumbz Urban Kitchen

### FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

- Bop House
- Braum's Ice Cream #120
- Carl's Jr. #1860
- Casa Cha Cha
- Charstar
- Del's Charcoal Burgers
- Dickey's BBQ Pit
- Great Outdoor Sub Shop

- Jack-in-the-Box #4818
- Jack-in-the-Box
- Jersey Mike's Subs
- Jimmy John's
- Gourmet Sandwiches
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- L&J Deli & Sweets
- La Cuisine Cafe
- Long John Silver's
- Murphy's Deli
- Panda Express #1955
- Penalty Box, Inc.
- Potbelly Sandwich Works
- Sara's Deli & Catering
- Smoothie Factory
- Sweet Firefly, LLC
- Sodexo Starbucks
- Sonic Drive-In #4853
- Starbucks Coffee #6244
- Starbucks Coffee #6305
- Starbucks Coffee #9669
- Subway
- Subway #10640

- Taco Bell #2586
  - Valero Corner Store
  - #1199-Subway
  - Wendy's
  - Old Fashioned Hamburgers
- ### BAKERY/CATERING/CARRY OUT
- Cake Carousel, Inc.
  - Culinary Affairs
  - Domino's Pizza #6934
  - Gourmet Room
  - Jay's Donuts
  - Little Caesars Pizza
  - Papa Murphy's
  - Take 'N Bake Pizza
  - Pizza Hut #027265
  - Sweet Donuts
  - Tiff's Treats
  - Woody B's BBQ
  - Zak's Donuts

# Eight properties receive Revitalization Award

Three commercial properties and five residences were recognized in February as part of the 18th annual Community Revitalization Awards program. The program allows the City to thank property owners who have completed revitalization projects having a significant, positive impact on their property and the surrounding area.

The judging committee included Council Members Scott Dunn and Steve Mitchell, City Plan Commissioners Randy Roland and Marilyn Frederick, and Mary Bedosky representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Properties receiving an award are:



**Guinn Residence**

**Guinn Residence**—Remodeled by 3rd Street Custom Home Builders, then subsequently purchased by the Guinn Family, this redesigned craftsman-style inspired home features a prominent covered front porch highlighted with tapered columns, a low-pitched roof line with decorative bracketing, clear-story windows, and new landscaping.



**Kazmann Residence**

**Kazmann Residence**—In a collaborative effort between Vicosa Architects and Deitrichson Fine Custom Homes, the rede-

velopment of this home-site features a stone façade with arched windows, a prominent, recessed front entryway with decorative cedar bracketing, Spanish tile shingles, and a wrought iron Juliette style balcony flanked by natural gas lanterns.



**Kirk Residence**

**Kirk Residence**—Designed by Fairview Custom Homes, the construction of this new Canyon Creek home features a brick and stone façade with stained cedar shutters, decorative bracketing, an arched recessed front door, and new landscaping that maintained the mature trees.



**Swanson Residence**

**Swanson Residence**—With the assistance of Fairview Custom Homes, the Swanson family's remodel of this Canyon Creek home is highlighted by the addition of an expanded second story with a standing seam metal roof, a projecting arched front porch with decorative columns and trim, rebuilt stone retaining walls with brick sidewalk pavers and extensive new landscaping.



**Wallace Residence**

**Wallace Residence**—The conversion of this Canyon Creek ranch-style home to craftsman-style was completed in early 2012. Highlights of the remodel include a prominent front entryway that features dual tapered columns and a pronounced roofline, wide overhanging eaves with decorative bracketing, an addition of a second story with new windows, and extensive new landscaping.

**Govindji's Jewelry**—Expanding from a small 2,000 square foot space in 1985, Govindji's Jewelry embarked on a significant remodeling program for their existing flagship store on Central Expressway. Occupying the entirety of a two-story, 12,000 square foot retail building, the former brick and concrete building has been replaced with a classical building design featuring a cast stone and brushed metal façade with a large arched entryway, large fabric panel awnings, and up-lighting within the sidewalks. This has certainly raised the bar for redevelopment along Central Expressway.



**Govindji's Jewelry**

**Jack in the Box**—Replacing a portion of an aging multi-tenant retail center and the location of a previously demolished restaurant, Jack in the Box developed their latest restaurant concept. Featuring a modern building design with decorative wall fixtures, and lighted canopies, this development has helped to reenergize the Northrich shopping corridor.



**Jack in the Box**



**QuikTrip**

**QuikTrip**—With more than 600 stores in operation, QuikTrip opened its first store in Richardson in 2012. Acquiring the entirety of the northeast corner of Inge and Belt Line roads, QuikTrip replaced a dilapidated, vacant, automotive brake facility and two outdated multi-tenant retail buildings with extensive new landscaping along three streets and the development of their third generation store design.

Nominations are already being accepted for the 2013 awards. For more information, contact Israel B. Roberts at 972-744-4256 or israel.roberts@cor.gov.

## Annual Trash Bash will take place April 6

Trash Bash 2013 will be held Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come and join the City of Richardson Health and Public Services Departments and City Council, Richardson Environmental Advisory Commission, Richardson Environmental Action League (REAL), Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), YMCA, Friends of the Library, North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), Wal-Mart, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), HEB and NETWORK of Community Ministries in the biggest Trash Bash ever!

Personnel will hand out trash bags, release forms and area assignments to the contact person Thursday, April 4 from 6-7 p.m. at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall. Groups/individuals can register online at [www.cor.net/TrashBash](http://www.cor.net/TrashBash) or by phone at 972-744-4076. If this time is inconvenient, please contact our office to make other arrangements.

The clean-up celebration will begin around 11 a.m. at the Richardson Civic Center. We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of REAL and will have a special guest appearance by Richie the Recycling Duck. This year the event will be held in conjunction with KTB Texas Trash Off. Along with the clean-up event we will once again offer document shredding and electronics recycling

sponsored by CPAAA, plastic bag recycling sponsored by Wal-Mart, educational booths, pizza and door prizes. The document shredding, electronics recycling and plastic bag recycling will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New for this year, REAL will provide one free roll of 26 recycling bags for each Richardson residence to encourage more people to recycle. In light of this grand occasion, the City will provide up to 2.5 cubic feet (cf) of Texas Pure Compost, which is made from Richardson-grown tree trimmings, all collected through the highly regarded BABIC program. Please bring your own containers to take your compost home (four, 5-gallon size painter's buckets equal 2.5 cf, approximately). We will also collect clothing for NETWORK of Community Ministries. Items needed are clothing and coats for men, women and children. No undergarments please. Accessories such as shoes, ties and belts will be also accepted. Clothing should be gently used and washed. Place items in grocery sacks, paper bags or boxes. Please do not put items in trash bags.

Also, Friends of the Library will accept donations of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs.

For more information please call 972-744-4076 or visit [www.cor.net/TrashBash](http://www.cor.net/TrashBash).

## Household hazardous waste may be taken to collection center

Richardson residents may take their household hazardous waste to the Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Rd. The center is located on the east side of Plano Road between Forest Lane and Miller Road. Residents must bring proof of residence in the form of a driver's license, or a utility bill.

### Hours of Operation:

**Tuesdays: 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

(NOTE: to avoid long lines and traffic on Saturdays, please plan to arrive between 9-10 a.m. or between 1-3 p.m.)

Closed every Sunday, Monday and Friday and major holidays.

Visit the Home Chemical Collection Center website at [www.dallascounty.org/department/plandev/hhw\\_intro.php](http://www.dallascounty.org/department/plandev/hhw_intro.php) or call 214-553-1765.

For more information on disposal of items not listed, please contact the Richardson Health Department at 972-744-4080 during regular business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday).

For disposal of recyclable items, please contact the City of Richardson's recycling coordinator at 972-744-4231 or 972-744-4404.

### Materials Accepted

Adhesives  
Aerosol cans  
Antifreeze

Batteries  
Car  
Lead-acid (non-automotive)  
NiCad  
Rechargeable  
Single-use  
Brake fluid  
Car fluids  
Cell phones  
Chemistry sets  
\*Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL)  
CRT computer monitors  
Degreasers  
Desktop computers  
Fertilizers  
Fluorescent tubes  
Fungicides  
Gasoline and unwanted fuels  
Herbicides  
Household cleaners  
Insecticides  
Items containing mercury  
Lacquer  
Laptop computers  
LCD computer monitors  
Mercury thermostats  
Nail polish  
Oil-based paint  
Paint  
Paint strippers  
Paint thinners  
Pesticides  
Photographic chemicals  
Pool chemicals  
Solvents  
Transmission fluid  
Used motor oil  
Used oil filters

### Materials NOT Accepted

Business or commercial waste  
Containers larger than 5 gallons  
Explosives or ammunition  
Shock sensitive materials  
Smoke detectors or other radioactive materials  
Medical waste  
Common trash or recyclables  
Construction debris  
TV's, microwaves and other appliances

\*A CFL contains small amounts of mercury and should not be placed in regular trash. Several store chains have CFL recycle programs including Ace Hardware, Home Depot, IKEA, Lowe's, Menards and TrueValue. Make sure to call the local store in advance to confirm that it is participating in a CFL recycling program.



# March Calendar

## Richardson Civic Organizations

### Civic Groups

**Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.**  
972-231-4683 or [bnperry@aol.com](mailto:bnperry@aol.com)

**Exchange Club of Richardson**  
972-680-8613

**The Junior League of Richardson**  
jlrtx.com

**Richardson Central Kiwanis Club**  
214-739-5610

**Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge**  
972-234-2485

**Richardson Central Rotary**  
972-690-0637

**Richardson East Rotary**  
972-442-5295

**Richardson Host Lions Club**  
972-385-3321 or <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost>

**Richardson Kiwanis Club**  
[www.richardsonkiwanis.com](http://www.richardsonkiwanis.com) or [steagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steagle@sbcglobal.net)

**Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**  
972-235-5667

**Richardson Rotary**  
972-690-0637

**Family Groups**

**Canyon Creek Moms Club**  
972-690-7609 or [www.canyoncreekmomclub.com](http://www.canyoncreekmomclub.com)

**MOMS Club of Richardson—East**  
[momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com)

**MOMS Club of Richardson—West**  
[momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com)

**Social Groups**

**Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club**  
214-793-1646, 972-690-8525, 972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506

**Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club**  
972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311

### Special Interest Groups

**AARP Chapter 1651**  
972-234-2815

**Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**  
972-690-4075

**Helping Agencies Serving Richardson**  
972-239-3501  
<http://hasr.org/about/>

**League of Women Voters of Richardson**  
972-470-0584  
[www.lwvrichardson.org](http://www.lwvrichardson.org)

**NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273**  
972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922

**Plano/Richardson Coin Club**  
214-287-4817

**Richardson Humane Society**  
972-234-5117

**Richardson Community Band**  
[richardsoncommunityband.org](http://richardsoncommunityband.org) or [info@richardsoncommunityband.org](mailto:info@richardsoncommunityband.org)

**Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club**  
972-386-6041

**Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association**  
214-762-2304 or [www.abwa-richardson.org](http://www.abwa-richardson.org)

**Richardson Poets' Group**  
214-478-4870 or [richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com)

**Richardson Red Hat Chapter**  
972-744-7800

**Richardson Retired School Personnel**  
214-890-6989

**Richardson Wireless Klub**  
<http://k5rwk.org>

**Dallas Area Parkinsonism Society**  
972-231-1005

**National Osteoporosis Foundation Dallas Education and Support Group**  
214-477-7214

### Woman's Center in Richardson

972-238-9516

**Seniors' Net**  
972-234-8880 ext. 115 or [dchildre@thenetwork.org](mailto:dchildre@thenetwork.org)

**Support Groups**

**Dallas Amputee Network**  
972-470-0505

**DFW Spondylitis Support Group**  
[degrowkingsley@gmail.com](mailto:degrowkingsley@gmail.com)

**Toastmasters Groups**

**Hallelujah High Toastmasters**  
[vprr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net](mailto:vprr@hallehigh.freetoasthost.net)

**Richardson Evening Toastmasters**  
214-534-0885

**Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters**  
972-387-4709

**Richardson Noon Toastmasters**  
469-235-3586

**Texins Toastmasters**  
214-566-4088 or <http://texins.freetoasthost.org>

**Veterans Groups**

**Richardson American Legion Post #368**  
972-479-1505

**Richardson VFW Post 8627**  
972-671-8627

**Richardson Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8627**  
972-231-0495

**Korean War Veterans**  
972-279-7000

**North Dallas VFW Memorial Post 3530**  
972-231-3269

**WWII Veterans**  
214-361-6294

**Military Officers Women's Club**  
972-644-6871

**Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter**  
972-437-2345

## At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd. 972-744-7800

### Special Events

**AARP Tax-Aide Program**  
Fridays through April 5  
10:30 a.m.-4p.m.

Sign-in begins at 10 a.m. on each date and is first-come, first-served. AARP's income tax assistance program will run through tax season. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.

**Out to Lunch Bunch**  
March 19  
Spring Creek BBQ

Cost for the trip is \$.50, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your lunch. Van will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. Please call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

**St. Patrick's Day Program**  
March 13—1 p.m.

This is no Blarney! Radio station KAAM and morning show host Dave Tanner will host our St. Patrick's Day Program on March 13. Your Irish eyes will be a-smiling with a fun afternoon of Irish storytelling, songs and refreshments. No fee.

### Day Trips

**Kimbell Art Museum**  
**Bernini Sculpting in Clay**  
April 10

**Cost:** \$20  
Leave Senior Center at 10 a.m., return to Senior Center at 4 p.m.

To visualize life-size and colossal sculptures in marble and bronze, the great Baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini began drawing and then modeling these sketches in clay. These drawings and clay works preserve the traces of Bernini's imagination and creative process, which produced some of the most spectacular statuary in Rome. This exhibition will feature for the first time 40 clay models and 30 drawings. The exhibition will be the first to retrace Bernini's approach to sculptural design and his impact on Baroque Rome.

This is a walking trip. Please wear comfortable shoes. Due to ticket availability we will not be able to offer refunds. Kimbell's lunch buffet will be open for lunch. Lunch is not included in fee.

### Health Connection "Social Services"

March 28—10 a.m.

The Medical Team, a home health care agency, will give a presentation on social services available for seniors. A social worker will be available to answer questions and concerns regarding available resources for older adults coping with life changes. Do not miss the opportunity to receive your needed information without being put on hold!

### Travel Opportunities

The 2013 travel schedule is shaping up to be one of the most varied ever! Check the Senior Center Travel Board or call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Natchez & Louisiana: Before and After the War**  
April 3-7

**Cost:** \$1,219 per person for double occupancy, \$1,399 for single occupancy

A tour to Natchitoches, Alexandria, Colfax and Natchez. For all those enamored with the Old South, join us for this time-traveling adventure where you will experience the life in rural Louisiana and the elegant riverfront city of Natchez. You will experience the grandeur and glory of plantation life before the Civil War and Reconstruction after. Your Old South experience will offer:

- The Natchez Pilgrimage of Homes
- The Confederate Pageant in Natchez
- Private dinners at the Dunleith and Loyd Hall
- Visit the working cotton plantation of Frogmore
- A memorable dinner at Tunks in Alexandria
- Lunches at Stanton Hall, Magnolia Bar and Grill and the Mariner's
- Private tours with local historians in Natchez, Alexandria, Natchitoches and Colfax, and the curator of the Melrose Plantation in the Cane River area.
- Free time to shop and sightsee in Natchitoches and Natchez
- Accommodations at The Grand in Natchez and the Best Western in Alexandria

### Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

**Dallas Bridge Tournament**  
March 7-10  
[www.d16acbl.org/U176](http://www.d16acbl.org/U176)

**Dallas Bead Market**  
March 16-17  
[www.thebeadmarket.net](http://www.thebeadmarket.net)

**North Dallas Mother of Twins Semi-Annual Sale**  
March 23  
[www.ndmotc.org/sale](http://www.ndmotc.org/sale)

**Richardson Chamber of Commerce Business Trade Show**  
March 28  
[www.richardsonchamber.com](http://www.richardsonchamber.com)

**The Bird Mart**  
March 30  
[thebirdmart.com](http://thebirdmart.com)

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[www.cor.net/civiccenter](http://www.cor.net/civiccenter)

Accommodates groups  
from 10 to 750  
Call us! 972-744-4090

## Spring Fling Pet Parade

March 24, 1-4 p.m., Huffhines Park

Costume parade begins at 2 p.m.  
Benefiting the Richardson Animal Shelter



Sharing Earth with Animals

## AARP offers free tax filing help

Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, will provide free tax return preparation and e-filing for low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on seniors.

The service is available 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays at the Senior Center, and noon-4 p.m. Mondays at the Library.

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



Sign up for special restaurant discounts, coupons, offers and promotions.

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

For more information, go to [www.cor.net/dsdl](http://www.cor.net/dsdl) and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.

### Seniors' Net sets talks

Seniors' Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics affecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.-noon the first and third Tuesdays at NETWORK, 741 S. Sherman St. For information, call 972-234-8880

**March 5:** Jason Lemons, elder law attorney, end of life planning

**March 19:** Don Shannon, "Parkinsons Disease: Where do we go from here?"

### NETWORK

### Loaves of Love open Fridays

The NETWORK of Community Ministries' "Loaves of Love" program, which provides free bread to qualified seniors, is now open 9-11 a.m. Fridays, in addition to 9-11 a.m. Thursdays.

# March Calendar

## Hit show "Spamalot" will bring laughter to Eisemann Center

This month, Eisemann Center Presents will showcase a Broadway hit, a cabaret style performance and a newly created concert experience this month. Tickets to all shows are available at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or at 972-744-4650.



**Asleep at the Wheel: On Stage and On Screen**  
8 p.m. March 1  
Tickets: \$30-\$48

Eisemann Center Presents has added a surefire hit to the 10th Anniversary 2012-2013 season. *Asleep at the Wheel: On Stage and On Screen* is a special concert experience with a documentary film about the band's 42-plus years of history, followed by a full-length live performance. The Eisemann Center is the first venue to present this new concert created by Ray Benson and Asleep at the Wheel.

**Sir James Galway: Legacy Tour**  
8 p.m. March 2  
Tickets: \$49-\$65

Joined by his wife, Lady Jeanne Galway, the living legend of the flute, Sir James Galway, is regarded as the supreme interpreter of the classical flute repertoire and a consummate entertainer. Sir James has made himself a modern musical master whose virtuosity on the flute is equaled only by his limitless vision.

**Keyboard Conversations® "Schubert in the Age of the Sound Bite"**  
7:30 p.m. March 4  
Tickets: \$25-\$30

In this robotic, impersonal, computerized age, the glorious melodies, incandescent harmonies and heavenly visions of Schubert's music affect us ever more deeply. Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations® have a broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert.



"Monty Python's Spamalot"

**Sally Mayes' Story Hour**  
7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. March 15  
Tickets: \$30-\$38

*Story Hour* is a woman's journey through the stories of her life. Some of them will make you laugh, some will make you cry, some will make you think, and hopefully, everyone will learn something on the way. The hilarious, heartbreaking, award winning evening displays every song as a story and shows that Mayes is simply at the top of her game.



**Skippyjon Jones**  
2:30 p.m. March 17  
Tickets: \$12-\$22

Skippyjon Jones is a little kitten with big ears and even bigger dreams! Sometimes he pretends to be a bird, sometimes he pretends to be a llama, and sometimes he pretends to be a whale. Anything BUT a Siamese cat! His Mama sends him to his room so that he can think about behaving like the cat he really is. Based on the book by Judy Schachner, and from the creators of Theatreworks USA's Junie B. Jones and Click, Clack, Moo, *Skippyjon Jones* is an enchanting musical about unleashing your powerful imagination and following your dreams.

**Monty Python's Spamalot**  
7:30 p.m. March 19, 20  
Tickets: \$48-\$75

Lovingly "ripped-off" from the internationally famous comedy team's most popular motion picture, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Monty Python's Spamalot* is the winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Director, as well as the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Musical. Telling the legendary tale of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, and their quest for the Holy Grail, *Monty Python's Spamalot* features a chorus line of dancing divas and knights, flatulent Frenchmen, killer rabbits and one legless knight.

## At the Library 900 Civic Center Dr. 972-744-4350

### General Interest

#### Literacy Starts @ Birth

March 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Parents' workshop on early literacy.

#### Lunchtime Lectures:

##### "Focus on the Civil War"

March 19 and 26, and April 2; 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

#### Richardson Civic Arts Society Meeting and Demonstration

March 19, 6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Nel Dorn Byrd, watercolor.

#### Finding Consumer and Business Information Using the Library's Online Resources

March 27, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presentation by Lisa Jones from EBSCO. No registration required. Call 972-744-4355 for info.

### Book Groups

#### First Wednesday Book Club

March 6, 7-8:45 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room. "The Tennis Partner" by Abraham Verghese. Presented by Ginnie Salter. Registration requested. Call 972-744-4376 for info.

#### Second Wednesday

**BOOKbabble Group**  
March 13, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

#### Third Wednesday

**BOOKbabble Group**  
March 20, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Homecoming of Samuel Lake" by Jenny Wingfield. Registration requested. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

### Fourth Tuesday

#### BOOKbabble Group

March 26, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Remember Ben Clayton" by Stephen Harrigan. Registration requested. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

#### Computer Classes

*Richardson Public Library card needed for required registration. Call 972-744-4361 after 10 a.m. weekdays.*

#### Internet 101

March 13, 10 a.m.-noon

#### Introduction to

##### Microsoft PowerPoint 2003

March 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Introduction to Microsoft

##### Word 2003

March 26, 10 a.m.-noon

#### Job Searching on the Internet

March 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

### Children's Activities

#### Family Storytime

Every Monday, 6:45-7:15 p.m. Children's Program Room. Everyone welcome.

#### It's Elementary! Storytime

Every Tuesday, 4:15-4:45 p.m. Children's Program Room. Grades K-4.

#### Movie Mornings—"The

##### Gruffalo" & "The Gruffalo's Child"

March 12, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children's Program Room.

#### Movie Mornings—"Ice Age: Continental Drift"

March 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children's Program Room.

#### Spring Break-cation—*Superhero Academy*

March 13, 2:30-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Free ticket required.

The Library will be **closed** March 8 and 31. See page 12 for information.

### Spring Break-cation—*Fancy Schmancy Soiree!*

March 14, 2:30-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Free ticket required.

### "Cuckoo for Cultures"

#### Multicultural Expo

March 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

#### Manners Matter!

March 29, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Crafts and stories for children grades K-4.

### Teen Activities

#### "Don't Be Bored, Be Board!"

#### Teen Board Games

March 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

### Special Interest

#### Dewey KNIT?, an adult knitting program.

March 2, 2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4355 for information.

#### AARP Tax Assistance

Mondays, noon-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.

#### Writers' Guild of Texas

March 18, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

#### Community Writers' Critique Group

March 20, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for information.

#### Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting

March 21, 7-8:15 p.m. "Migration Patterns," presented by Don Raney. Basement Training Room.

## At the Eisemann Center

Eisemann Center Ticket Office

972-744-4650

Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

One hour before performances

Tickets available online at: [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com)

### See video from Backstage at the Eisemann Center

Tommy Tallarico of *Video Games Live*



"Sister" of *Late Nite Catechism*



### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Asleep at the Wheel: On Stage and On Screen*  
8 p.m. March 1  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$30-\$48  
[www.asleepatthewheel.com](http://www.asleepatthewheel.com)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Sir James Galway: Legacy Tour*  
8 p.m. March 2  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$49-\$65  
[www.jamesgalway.com](http://www.jamesgalway.com)

### Chinmaya Mission DFW presents

Susamskritam, benefitting Youth Empowerment Program (YEP)  
3 p.m. March 3  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$20-\$50  
[www.cmdfw.org](http://www.cmdfw.org)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

Keyboard Conversations®  
"Schubert in the Age of the Sound Bite"  
7:30 p.m. March 4  
Bank of America Theatre  
Tickets: \$25-\$30  
[www.keyboardconversations.com](http://www.keyboardconversations.com)

### Richardson Symphony Orchestra

*Stars of the Future*  
8 p.m. March 9  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$15-\$80  
[www.richardsonorchestra.org](http://www.richardsonorchestra.org)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Sally Mayes' Story Hour*  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. March 15  
Bank of America Theatre  
Tickets: \$30-\$38  
[sallymayes.net](http://sallymayes.net)

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Skippyjon Jones*  
2:30 p.m. March 17  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$12-\$22

### EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS

*Monty Python's Spamalot*  
7:30 p.m. March 19, 20  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$48-\$75  
[www.montypythonsspamalot.com](http://www.montypythonsspamalot.com)

### Plano Symphony Orchestra presents

*West Side Story and The Young Artists* with featured guest artists CCYAC Grand Prize Winners  
8:15 p.m. March 23  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$9-\$75  
[www.planosymphony.org](http://www.planosymphony.org)

### Richardson Community Band presents

*The Musical Zoo*  
2 p.m. March 24  
Hill Performance Hall  
Tickets: \$7  
[richardsoncommunityband.org](http://richardsoncommunityband.org)

### Lone Star Wind Orchestra presents

*Percussion Extravaganza*  
7:30 p.m. March 30  
Bank of America Theatre  
Tickets: \$20  
[www.lonestarwindorchestra.com](http://www.lonestarwindorchestra.com)

# Police Department offers video crime watch program

If you have a home surveillance camera system you can be a part of the Richardson Police Department's "Neighborhood Video Crime Watch" program.

The recently initiated program asks residents with home video surveillance cameras to volunteer their information and complete an online form that has basic questions about their video system's capabilities.

If a crime occurs, a police officer or detective is able to check the contact database for anyone with a home surveillance system living in the vicinity of the crime. Police may contact the resident and ask him or her to review footage to see if anything was captured that may help with the case. Home video surveillance systems are becoming more common as the technology improves and the purchase price becomes more affordable.

The Department has seen an increase in home surveillance systems used by Richardson residents and has successfully made arrests

## NEIGHBORHOOD VIDEO CRIME WATCH



in cases where the resident's surveillance video captured the suspect in the act. The program will allow police to more quickly identify home video camera locations where suspect information may have been captured in close proximity to a crime.

To register your information visit [www.richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net) and navigate to the Crime Prevention page to find "Neighborhood Video Crime Watch" on the menu.

If you have questions, you can contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

# Crime Prevention Conference is March 23

The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will present the 4th Annual Faith Based Crime Prevention Conference March 23 at the host church, Canyon Creek Baptist Church (2800 Custer Parkway, Richardson) from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The conference theme is "Women and Crime Prevention: A Holistic Approach" and will focus on how women can keep themselves safe at home, in the community and at their places of worship.

Previous conferences have focused on keeping congregants safe through the development and implementation of safe teams and keeping children safe. The 2013 conference will build on previous years by focusing on women in our city and women who support faith-based organizations in and around our community.

Crime prevention for women should be viewed holistically and practiced daily. Whether at home,

at worship or in the community, it is paramount women equip themselves with the proper tools and information to keep themselves safe. The 2013 conference will give the attendee a wealth of information needed to make an informed and educated decision about safety. The conference will feature topics on:

- Situational awareness
- Crime prevention techniques (residential)
- Personal safety
- Identity theft

Keeping a city safe is a joint partnership between law enforcement and the residents who live, work, worship and play in the community. Law enforcement has the responsibility not only to enforce laws, but also to educate the community on crime prevention. This education must be tailored to all segments of the community.

It has always been the goal of the RPD to keep Richardson safe and vibrant for those who live and visit the city. The annual faith-

based conference is just one outreach program, among many, that offers information and crime prevention techniques to a segment of the community. This conference is an extension of Neighborhood Crime Watch, Crime Watch Patrol, Business Crime Watch, neighborhood associations and other programs that give the RPD an opportunity to share vital information and proven crime prevention techniques to our residents.

Several speakers will present information on crime prevention, victimization and overcoming a traumatic crime event.

Security vendors will be in attendance showing and explaining products that can be used for residential safety, personal safety and houses of worship.

The Crime Prevention Unit is proud to present this free conference. Online registration is required at [www.richardsonpolice.net](http://www.richardsonpolice.net). For additional information, please contact Officer F. Bradford at 972-744-4937.

## Next CFA class starts March 7

The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District.

Class meets one night a week for three hours. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and is given an opportunity to experience first hand what duties and responsibilities firefighters have.

The next CFA begins March 7 and will graduate May 14. If you are interested in attending the next academy call 972-744-5750 or go to [www.cor.net/fire](http://www.cor.net/fire) and download an application.

## Memorial Bricks available for purchase

The Richardson Fire Department and Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association are selling personalized engraved bricks to help fund a bronze statue to honor Richardson's firefighters and those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The bricks will pave a "Walk of Honor" leading up the statue, which will be installed at the City's new Fire Training Center.

Each four-by-eight inch brick costs \$50 and can be engraved with a family or business name, inspirational thought, memorial, birthday greeting or other message and an optional choice of logo. The "Walk of Honor" has space for 6,000 bricks, and the department is hoping to sell as many as possible before construction begins later this month.

Brick order forms are available at City Hall or by visiting <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=1668>.



## City mails letter for free recycle bags offer



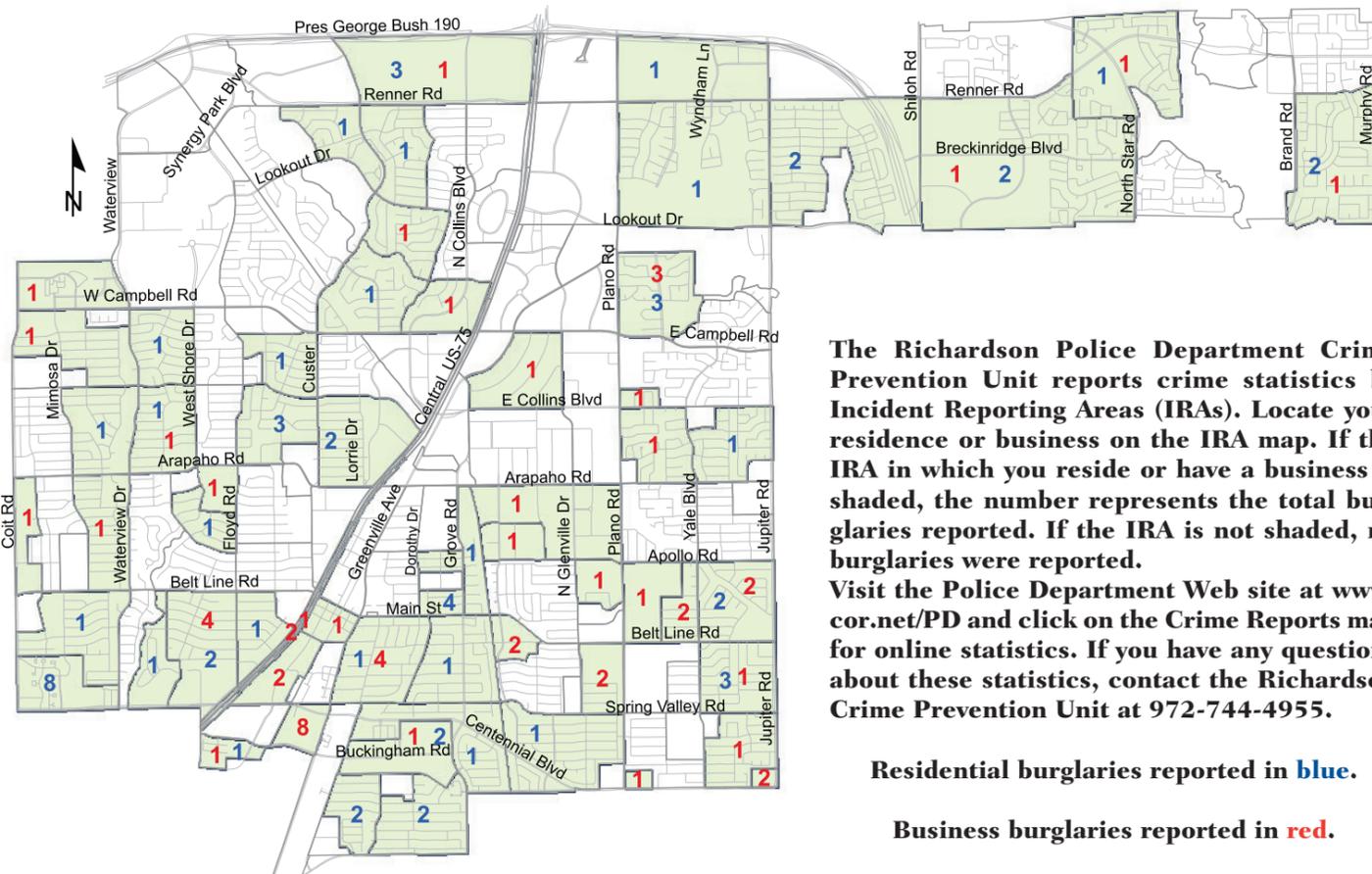
Residents should receive a letter in the mail this month from Mayor Bob Townsend that can be taken to one of several City facilities to be redeemed for two rolls of 26 blue recycling bags (52 total).

Through the Blue Bag Program, homeowners can combine all of their recyclable material into one bag and place it out for weekly pickup service. The City recycles all plastics #1-7 (with the exception of Styrofoam), and the City also collects aluminum, tin, steel, empty aerosol cans, newspapers, mixed paper, paper grocery bags, magazines, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, paperboard/chipboard, phone books, junk mail and glass containers (clear and all color glass).

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

For more information on the City's recycling program visit <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=221>.

## Residential/business burglaries Nov. 16-Feb. 15



# 2013 CITY OF RICHARDSON PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



## Best of Show Winners

**Far left:** Proficient, John Fowler, "Paris Café" (cityscape color)

**Near left:** Student, Morgan Petri, "RISE" (people color)

**Above:** Adult, Jim Vaughn, "San Luis Obispo" (photo journalism black and white)

For full contest results, visit [www.cor.net/photocontest](http://www.cor.net/photocontest)

## Huffhines Rec Center Spring Break camps

### Day Camp

Various fun activities  
March 11-15, 1-6 p.m.  
Fee: \$75, Class #71007

### Elementary Art Camp

March 12-14, 1-4 p.m.  
Fee: \$89, Class #71550

### Preschool Art Camp

March 12-14, 9 a.m.-noon  
Fee: \$89, Class #71544

### Adventures in Spring Break Art Camp

March 11-14, 2-4:45 p.m.  
Fee: \$60, Class #71191

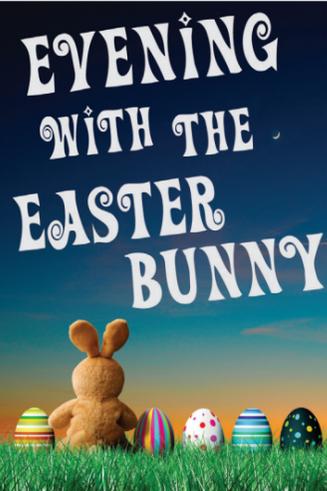
200 N. Plano Rd., 972-744-7881

To register, visit [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline)

## Ladies Golf League seeks participants

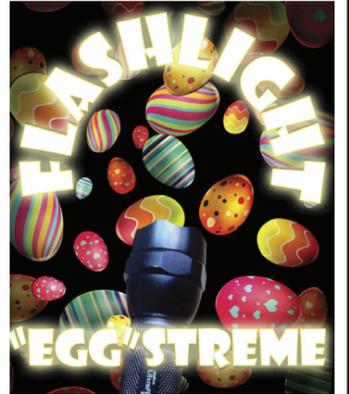
The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League of Richardson is open to women of all skill levels. The league plays on Tuesday mornings with a shotgun start, alternates between Course 1 and Course 2, March through October.

If you would like to enjoy a round of golf and meet a great group of ladies, this is the place for you. For more information, contact Elaine Curry, president, at 972-780-5299, or Nancy Stubbs, vice president, at 972-669-8909.



**Breckinridge Park Pavilions, Entrance C**  
**Friday, March 22**  
**7:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Fee \$10**  
**Course #71560**

Boys and girls ages 2-6. Bring a parent and an Easter basket to this unique event. Children will enjoy an Easter craft, refreshments, storytelling, the Easter bunny and a night egg hunt with glowing Easter eggs. Limited enrollment, no charge for adults.



**Breckinridge Park, Entrance C**  
**Saturday, March 23**  
**7:30-9 p.m.**  
**Fee \$10**  
**Course #71561**

Boys and girls ages 7-11. Bring a parent, your Easter basket and a flashlight to our annual night Easter egg hunt. We will create an Easter craft while parents hide the eggs, then it's time for the unique Easter egg night hunt. Because we award prizes for some of our "golden" eggs, we ask that parents allow their children to hunt independently. We'll have s'mores to finish out the evening. Limited enrollment, no charge for adults.

Register online at [www.cor.net/parksonline](http://www.cor.net/parksonline)

## Now Hiring!

Applications are being accepted for 2013 Summer Aquatic positions!

- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors and Swim Team Coaches
- Cashiers

Pay is \$9.50-\$15 per hour.

Please contact the Athletic/Aquatic division with any questions at 972-744-7892.

Visit [www.cor.net/jobs](http://www.cor.net/jobs) to apply!



## 2013 Wildflower! Student Art Contest Music MAGNIFIED



**ZOOM IN & BLOW IT UP!** Pick a musical instrument, any one you like, then draw, paint or color a portion of the instrument—in a **BIG WAY!**

## Guidelines

- The contest is open to all students in Kindergarten-6th grade.
- **Wildflower!** will provide 12" square white poster boards. All entries must be designed on these poster boards **ONLY** so they are uniform in size and fit our display walls at the Festival.
- Use pencils, crayons, markers and/or paints to cover your whole poster board with lots of detail and color.
- Securely attach your entry form on the back of the poster board.
- Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention in **EACH** grade level. Winners will be posted on the **Wildflower!** website no later than May 10, 2013. All entries will be displayed at the **Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, May 17-19, 2013** in the Kidz Korner.
- Entries must be picked up from the Community Events Office the week of May 28 through May 31, 2013.
- For more information or where to pick up an entry poster board, e-mail [suzanne.etman@cor.gov](mailto:suzanne.etman@cor.gov) or call 972-744-4580.



### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please securely attach this form to the back of your entry. All entries must be delivered to the City of Richardson's Community Events Office by **APRIL 29, 2013**. The office is located at 2100 E. Campbell Rd., Ste. 100, Richardson, TX 75081

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Get instant festival info on your mobile phone! Text WWF to 88500 [www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com)



## Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416

### Spring Break Junior Golf Camp

March 11-15, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—\$260

### Private Lessons

\$90 per hour; \$50 per half hour. Call 972-234-1416 for information.

### Tournaments

March 17—Two Man 6/6/6  
April 14—Two Man Masters  
May 12—Spring Invitational

Two award-winning courses, individual and group lessons for seniors, adults and juniors. Open every day but Christmas.

To book tee times and tour both courses, visit [www.sherrillparkgolf.com](http://www.sherrillparkgolf.com)

## Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

### Spring Break Camp

March 11-15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
\$150 for week; \$40 daily

### Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

March 4-22  
April 1-19  
Meet twice per week for three weeks.

### Adult Leagues

March 4-April 19  
May 6-June 21

Call for pricing 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.

**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.

### Internet Usage

Next sessions start TBA.

### Microsoft Excel and Word for Windows/Power Point

Next sessions start TBA.

### Fundamentals of Windows

This class is designed for the novice. Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. You will learn by hands on experience and learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts March 4. Cost is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

### Learn the Right Way to Sell on eBay

Learn how to sell on the internet, do research and create listings to attract buyers, enhance listings with better descriptions and monitor sales to know exactly what's working and what's not. The next two-class session will be March 12 and March 19 with a morning class from 9 a.m.-noon and an evening class from 6-9 p.m. Cost for the class is \$50 with membership; \$53 without membership.

### iPad Instruction 101

Learn how an iPad will make your PC information portable and convenient. Bring your iPad to class Monday, March 4 from 7-8 p.m. In September only this class will be a three-week session. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

### NEW!!! RECOLLECTIONS

"Best for Seniors" brings its unique Memory and Mind training course called RECOLLECTIONS to the Senior Center every Thursday at 11 a.m. starting March 7. Learn how and what you remember through creative mental exercises aimed at strengthening your ability to retain and use various types of information. This class has lively discussions, custom-designed worksheets and excellent instruction in an atmosphere of fellowship and lots of FUN! Fee is \$5 per class.

### iPad Instruction 102

This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, March 4 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

### AARP Driver Safety Classes

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 \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center:

March 7	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
March 21	6-10 p.m.
April 4	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
April 18	6-10 p.m.

### Drug and Alcohol Driving Awareness

Completion of this six-hour course provides attendees with an additional 5 percent discount on their auto liability and collision insurance, good for three years. The course provides information on how alcohol and drugs affect driving and summarizes current laws. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

March 5 and 7	6-9 p.m.
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Cost for the class with membership: 55 and over, \$15; 54 and under, \$25; without membership: 55 and over, \$18; 54 and under, \$28. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

### Defensive Driving for Ticket Dismissal

Got a ticket or just want to reduce your auto insurance rates? This course is approved by the Texas Education Agency for ticket dismissal. You must contact the court having jurisdiction over your ticket before you can take the class for dismissal of a traffic ticket. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center as follows:

March 11 and 14	6-9 p.m.
March 9 and 16	1:15-4:15 p.m.
March 25 and 28	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.

### Adult Piano Lessons

Cheryl Hayes, who has more than 40 years of teaching experience, offers adult piano lessons on a monthly basis. Cost is \$55 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

### Private Voice Lessons

Private Voice Lessons are available by appointment. The cost is \$25 per hour. Call 972-744-7800 to make an appointment.

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

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

### Beginner Square Dance Lessons

Classes began Jan. 22 and will continue through May 28.

### Plus Square Dance

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

### Friendship Plus

The second and fourth Monday 7-9 p.m. Club Level plus Dance-\$7 per dancer.

### Ceramics

Ceramics meets each Tuesday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No fee. This is a self-paced class. You provide your supplies and pay firing fees.

### Fun with Oils

A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is \$85 a month.

### Oil Painting

Gail Dixon begins a new session of oil painting instruction the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 p.m. All levels of painters are encouraged to attend. Cost for this four-week class is \$50.

### Becky Parks Art Lessons

These monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month. Next session begins March 6.

### Crochet

Classes are taught Thursdays from 1-3 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.

### Quilt Essentials

Learn the art of both hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters are welcome. The 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 (no instruction) is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

### ABC Quilting

This class offers encouragement and challenges for intermediate and advanced appliqué students. Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to "catch up" on their quilt tops. This class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is \$16 a month. Jan Eby is the instructor.

### Conversational Spanish

Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Call the instructor, Susan Garza, at 214-321-9637 for more details. Next class will start March 14. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

### English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Second Oratory Language (ESOL)

Tatyana Sherman will bring her 34 years of teaching experience to the Senior Center. Both ESL and ESOL classes start the first Saturday of the month for four weeks.

### ESL Beginning English 1

1 p.m.-3 p.m. \$50

### Speaking English 1

3 p.m.-5 p.m. \$50

Tatyana is available for private tutoring and teaching additional languages. For more details call 214-570-1619.

## Programs

### Richardson Public Library

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

### Book Club

Come join a lively book discussion group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for information.

### Sing-A-Long

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

### Happy Birthday Party

We 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. Spring birthdays (March, April, May) will be celebrated March 25.

### 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.

### Reelers Square Dance

The Reelers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the first and third Friday evenings each month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person.

### The Vintage Dance Club

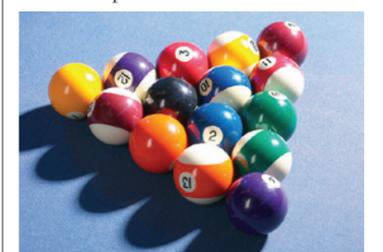
The following calendar lists the dates for this month's senior dances.

March 2	Dave Brewer
March 9	Gary Lee
March 23	Doc Gibbs
March 30	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.

### Needleworks

Bring your own needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



### Pool Tournaments

Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

### Senior Table Tennis

Serious players who love the game are invited to play on Monday and Thursday night from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

## Dance Classes at the Senior Center

Class	Day	Time	Fee	Instructor
Adv. Line Dance	Mon.	3-4:30 p.m.	\$3	Kindle
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
Easy/Int. Line Dance	Wed.	1:30-2:45 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Int./Adv. Line Dance	Wed.	2:45-4 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Open Line Dance	3rd Thur.	6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$3	Simpson
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

## 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 which are for sale. Open to the public.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Great entertainment, food and laughter were enjoyed by all at " Vegas Show Night" at the Senior Center Feb. 6.

### The Richardson Red Hatters

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. The Red Hatters hold quarterly meetings the first Monday in February, May, August and November at 11:30 a.m. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Next meeting is May 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

### Shuffleboard Tournaments

Shuffleboard tournaments are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Register by 12:30 p.m. the day of the event; play begins at 1 p.m.

### Senior Bowling League

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2013 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen-Pres., 972-865-9613; Lina McFerrin-VP, 972-596-4035.



### Senior Golf League

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 60 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start and alternates between Course 1 and Course 2. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Fred Williams, president, 214-537-4914, or Jim White, treasurer, 972-234-6167.

### 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. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 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.

### 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.

### Chess Club

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

### Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.



### Bingo

Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Prizes... fun... laughter.

### Let's Play "42"

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

### Tatting

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

### 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](http://www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus).

### AARP Tax Aid Program Fridays—Through April 5 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Name sign-ins will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. AARP's income tax assistance program will run through April 5. Volunteers trained by AARP will be here from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. every Friday to assist you with your income tax preparation.

## Services

### Chair Massage

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

### Volunteer Opportunities

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

### City of Richardson Transportation Service

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents aged 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.

### Blood Pressure Checks

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

### Friendly Visitors

VNA Eldercare provides one-on-one companionship and transportation for seniors who are no longer driving and still living independently. A volunteer can take the client to the grocery, pharmacy or department store. If you would like to help and would rather not drive, we have a telephone reassurance program. Call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

### The Seniors' Net

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

### 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 your appointment.

### Counseling Services

Private counseling sessions are available for individuals, couples and families. Issues such as depression, grief, loss, retirement, career and other life stage issues are dealt with in a safe, confidential environment by a licensed professional counselor. Fees are \$40 per hour. Please call Liz Polanco at 972-898-5803 for appointment.

### RSVP Volunteer Program

We would be happy to welcome you as a new member in our RSVP group. Activities are minor clerical duties. Transportation and lunch are provided by the agency we are volunteering for. For more information, please call Mary Kelley at 214-525-6163.

### New!! The Memory Café

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

## Fitness

### Zumba Gold

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been modified to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as well as those just starting their fitness journey. You will learn easy-to-follow moves to zesty music in a party upbeat atmosphere. Classes are held Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Drop in fee is \$5.

### Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Come and participate in strength training that works all muscle groups to fun and motivating music. Two classes offered: Mon., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks, begins the first Monday each month; Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks, begins the first Wednesday each month. Fee is \$20 or \$7 per class.

### Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

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

### 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 to 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5.

### Personal Training 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.

### Aerobic Exercise

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

### 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 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.

### Pilates Class

Learn the basics of Mat Pilates from certified instructor Becky Parks. 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.

### WaterAerobic Classes

Winter sessions are now in progress. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 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). For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

### NEW!!!

### Sit and Be Fit

Do you want to gain flexibility and strength, but are unable to participate in an impact exercise class? Join Elaine Hosage, our Center's personal trainer, for chair exercises designed just for you. Class will start Monday March 4, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$40 a month.

### NEW!!!

### "Seniors on the Move"

Everyone who registers for an exercise or fitness class is eligible to participate in our new program, "Seniors on the Move." We will track your monthly exercise commitment and you will have a chance to win 48 classes for one of the participating exercise or fitness programs of your choice. Please call 972-744-7800 or ask your class instructor for more detailed information. Remember.... Keep Moving.

### NEW!!! Hearing Screening

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

## 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.

### Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

### Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

### Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

### Mah Jongg

Wednesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

**Library to be closed March 8 and 31**

The Richardson Public Library will be closed to the public March 8 and 31. The closure on Friday, March 8, is because of installation of a cooling tower on top of the building. The Library's parking lot will also be closed.

Library materials that had been due March 8 will now be due March 9. The closure on Sunday, March 31, is for Easter Sunday. For additional information, please visit [www.cor.net/library](http://www.cor.net/library) or call 972-744-4350.

**Library to launch new services in April**

Two new services will be offered to Library patrons beginning in April. The first will serve people who live in Richardson who love to read but are unable to come to the Library due to age or disability. The Library will offer "Books by Mail" services to homebound patrons. The service includes music CDs and educational and documentary DVDs as well as regular and large print books and audiobooks. "Books by Mail" patrons will have the opportunity to borrow up to three items at a time. To receive

an application for the "Books by Mail" service, contact Janet Vance at 972-744-4350. "Book a Librarian" is another great new service that will begin in April. If you are involved in a research project and coming up short, schedule an appointment with one of our librarians for some in-depth research help. Appointments will be available on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Contact Hanna Jurecki at 972-744-4350 for more information or for a preview of "Book a Librarian" research assistance.

**Learn about digital resources**

Spend your lunchtime at the Library, and learn how to access consumer information and past *Dallas Morning News* articles 24/7 through the Library's digital resources. Two free Lunchtime Lectures will be offered to help patrons become familiar with great information that is available through the Library's website—information you can access from the comfort of your home. **March 27:** "Information for Consumers" presented by Lisa Jones with EBSCO. **April 3:** "Search the *Dallas Morning News* Archives" presented by reference librarian Stacey Davis. Both presentations will take place 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in the Library's Basement Program Room. No registration is required. Attendees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 972-744-4355.

**Teen Scavenger Hunt** Find the clues...win prizes!  
**Catch a Clue**  
**Tuesday, April 2**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Teens 6th-12th grade**  
**Basement Program Room**

**Literacy Starts @ Birth**  
 A free reading readiness workshop for parents, caregivers and educators!  
**Saturday, March 2, 2:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**Basement Program Room**

Learn tips, activities, information and games designed to help you prepare your child—from birth to 6 years old—for reading readiness. For more information and to reserve your seat, please call Youth Services at 972-744-4358.

**RALC** RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER PRESENTS  
**MURDER for REAL!**  
 Interactive mystery play produced by and featuring The Murder Mystery Players

**Saturday, April 6**  
**Richardson Public Library**  
**Doors open: 7 p.m.**  
**Play begins: 7:30 p.m.**

**STARRING Community Leaders**

Dan Johnson  
 Richardson City Manager

Bill DeGaetano  
 Alamo Drafthouse Cinema DFW COO

Kay Reynolds  
 Retired RISD Principal

Bill Ferrell  
 The Heights Administrative Pastor

\$45 Regular Ticket • \$60 VIP Ticket  
 Available from the Richardson Adult Literacy Center after March 1.  
 For tickets and information, please call the Richardson Adult Literacy Center at 972-644-5119.  
 Proceeds benefit the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, a local non-profit providing free ESL instruction for adults in Richardson.

**The Civil War**  
*Lunchtime Lectures*  
 Presented by Richard Cudlipp from Collin College's SAIL Program (Seniors Active in Learning)

March 19 Civil War Causes, Background and Beginnings  
 March 26 Civil War, 1862 The Year the War Could Have Ended  
 April 2 Civil War, 1863 The Climax, Gettysburg and Vicksburg

**11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** you are welcome to bring your lunch  
 Basement Program Room  
 Please call 972-744-4376 for more information.  
 Registration not required.

**SPRING Break-cation**

**March 12**  
**Movie Mornings**  
**10:30 a.m.-noon**  
 Showing: "The Gruffalo" and "The Gruffalo's Child"  
 For all ages  
 Children's Program Room  
**It's Elementary! Storytime**  
**4:15-5 p.m.**  
 Join us for an afternoon storytime AND a puppet show!  
**Grades K-4**  
 Children's Program Room

**March 13**  
**Movie Mornings**  
**10:30 a.m.-noon**  
 Showing: "Ice Age: Continental Drift"  
 For all ages  
 Children's Program Room  
**Superhero Academy\***  
**2:30-4 p.m.**  
 Conquer obstacle courses and smash brick walls—and be transformed into a superhero!  
**Grades 1-4**  
 Basement Program Room

**March 14**  
**Fancy Schmancy Soirée! (a fancy word for "party")\***  
**2:30-4 p.m.**  
 Ooh la la!—get fancy with Nancy! Create super-sparkly crafts and listen to splendid Fancy Nancy stories!  
**Grades 1-4**  
 Basement Program Room

**March 15**  
**Cuckoo for Cultures**  
**2:30-4:30 p.m.**  
 Multicultural games, crafts, songs and activities led by the Library's Teen Advisory Board.  
**Grades 1-4**  
 Basement Program Room

\*A FREE TICKET is required to attend. Limited tickets will be distributed in Youth Services beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of each program. First-come, first-served!

**Don't Be Bored Be Board! Game Extravaganza!**

**Tuesday, March 5**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**6th-12th grade**  
 Basement Program Room.  
 For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4385.

**Manners Matter**

**Friday, March 29**  
**10:30 a.m.-noon**  
**Basement Program Room**

Calling all K-4th graders: you are cordially invited to play silly games and make cute crafts while learning good manners...from animals! "Please" join us! For more information, please call 972-744-4358.