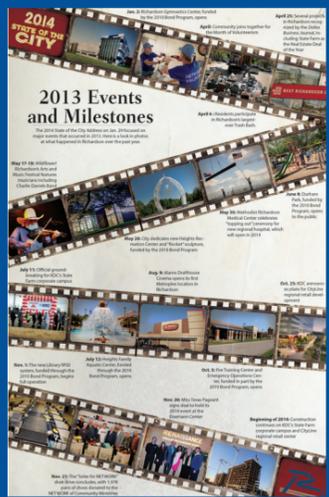




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Mayor delivers State of the City Address

Major accomplishments of 2013 reviewed with a look to the future

Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka delivered the annual State of the City Address at a free, open-to-the-public event held at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Jan. 29. Noting the city's strong condition, Mayor Maczka's remarks focused on the City Council's completion of the visioning process that led to the 2013-2015 statement of goals, the city's major accomplishments during 2013, and its positive future outlook.

Several accomplishments received special recognition, due to their current and anticipated positive impact on the community:

- Developer KDC broke ground on the \$1.5 billion mixed-use, transit-oriented CityLine development. At 186 total acres, including State Farm Insurance's corporate campus, it is the biggest build-to-suit project under construction in Texas. Currently, phase one is underway and represents an investment of more than \$600 million. Once complete, the development is expected to generate more than 17,000 permanent jobs and \$7.3 billion in estimated salaries indirectly or directly to workers in the next 10 years.
- Methodist Health System continued construction on the \$120 million regional hospital at its Renner Road campus near the

President George Bush Turnpike. Opening this spring, the site is already home to a cancer center, outpatient hospital and medical office. The expansion will offer a four-story, acute-care hospital to serve the area. At completion, the new hospital will employ approximately 900 professionals and physicians representing more than 35 specialties.

- The iconic Austin movie theater Alamo Drafthouse Cinema opened its first Metroplex location, with great fanfare, last year in Richardson Heights Shopping Center. Dubbed "the coolest movie theater in the world," the City has plans for it to be a catalyst to attract other destination retail and restaurant development to the Main Street corridor.
- In 2013, the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) recorded the creation or retention of 11,248 jobs and the leasing of more than three million square feet of space. Also, through the REDP, Richardson's Telecom Corridor® area earned the prestigious "Area of Innovation" membership status in the International Association of Science Parks. Richardson is one of only eight such recognized technol-



Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka presented the 2014 State of the City Address at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Jan. 29.

ogy hubs in the United States, and one of the first to earn the "Area of Innovation" designation. Becoming an official "Area of Innovation" marks Richardson as an international leader in fostering high-tech opportunity and furthers its long-standing global reputation as a hotbed of technological innovation.

Other 2013 accomplishments were featured during the remarks, which were segmented into areas of emphasis reflecting the City Council's statement of goals and included:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Vitality and Neighborhood Integrity

- Economic Development
- Education
- Environmental Management
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Governance
- Healthcare Facilities and Community Wellness
- Land Use and Development
- Public Services
- Transportation and Mobility
- Arts and Culture

A schedule for replays of the State of the City Address on the City's cable channel can be found on page 2.

Richardson Fire Department receives Class 1 rating

Class 1 ISO rating provides opportunity for lowest residential/commercial insurance rates



Personnel and equipment at Fire Station #4

The Richardson Fire Department was recognized as one of the best departments in the United States when it recently received a Class 1 ISO rating from the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office and the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Only 56 municipalities in the U.S. and only 14 departments in Texas have been so honored.

The ISO rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection in a community. Additionally, it allows residential and commercial property owners

the opportunity to obtain the best possible insurance rates.

"This superior rating reflects the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Richardson Fire Department to maintain such high standards of fire protection for the residents of this community," said Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka. "Earning this rating is something to be extremely proud of, and I applaud everyone responsible."

"Earning a Class 1 rating is a tremendous accomplishment for

the City of Richardson and will have a lasting positive effect on our commercial property owners," said Richardson Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Joe Costantino. "Being one of only a few communities in the state to earn this classification, and creating the opportunity for companies to have lower insurance rates, positions Richardson to become an even more attractive place to do business."

As part of its evaluation, the ISO collects information from cities throughout the U.S. ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) Program helps establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties and provides insurance companies with reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire protection services. The three major areas include:

- Fire department (staffing, equipment, training, and emergency response capabilities).

- Water supply system (highlighting the water supply a community uses for fire suppression).
- Fire alarm and communications system (which centers on facilities and support for handling and dispatching alarms).

The ISO commended the Richardson Fire Department for adapting to the demands of a changing environment and congratulated the City for its commitment to serve the needs of the community's property owners and residents.

"A Class 1 rating is not easy to earn," said Richardson Fire Chief Alan Palomba. "To do so takes a collective effort by so many associated with the City and the community. Because of upgrades to our communications operations, water systems, facilities and training, we were able to maximize our rating. Many of these components were possible through the passing of the 2010 Bond Program, and I want to thank everyone for their support allowing us to achieve this rating."



State of the City Address available for viewing

Watch replay broadcasts of the 2014 State of the City Address on the City's cable channel through Feb. 27 or online at any time.



Broadcast Schedule

When: 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
6 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Time Warner Cable, channel 16
AT&T U-Verse, channel 99

Online Viewing

cor.net/StateoftheCity
youtube.com/richardsonCITY

Currently we are at:



Stage 3 winter water restrictions in effect

The City of Richardson moved to Stage 3 winter water conservation measures Nov. 1. Stage 3 winter restrictions allow residents and businesses to irrigate lawns twice a month. (See table below.) The implementation of Stage 3 winter water restrictions comes at the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District, which is facing critical shortages in its water supply. For additional information about Stage 3 winter restrictions, visit the City's website at cor.net or contact the Public Services Department at 972-744-4220 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stage 3 winter irrigation schedule (twice a month until further notice)	
Last digit of address	Allowed landscape watering days
2, 4, 6, 8, 0 (even)	1st and 3rd Saturdays (water at any time on designated day)
1, 3, 5, 7, 9 (odd)	1st and 3rd Sundays (water at any time on designated day)

Visit cor.net/WaterConservation for more information.

Early voting held for March 4 Primary Election

Early voting for the March 4 Democratic and Republican Party Primary Election is available for Dallas County voters Feb. 18-28 at the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

A sample ballot and Dallas County voting day polling locations may be found on the Dallas County Elections website at dalascountyvotes.org. Collin County polling locations and a sample ballot may be found on the Collin County Elections Department website at co.collin.tx.us/elections.

Voters are reminded that they are required to show a photo ID at the polls. For more information, contact the Dallas County Elections Department at 214-819-6389 or the Collin County Elections Department at 972-424-1460 ext. 1990.

For more information, contact the Richardson City Secretary's Office at 972-744-4290 or visit cor.net/Elections.

Dates and times for early voting at Dallas and Collin county locations:

Feb. 18-21 (Tue.-Fri.)
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Feb. 22 (Sat.)
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Feb. 23 (Sun.)
1 p.m.-6 p.m.

Feb. 24-28 (Mon.-Fri.)
7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Election Day voting will take place Tuesday, March 4 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the location designated for your precinct.

Richardson City Hall is NOT a voting location on Election Day.

If a run-off election is needed it will be held May 27.



City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the Jan. 13 meeting. 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, 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 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. 13

Public Hearing, Zoning File 13-22: A request by Ayman Alkurdi, Moose Construction LLC, representing Richardson Mediterranean Foods LLC, for a Special Permit for a smoking establishment to be located at 1601 N. Central Expressway (west side of Central Expressway, between Campbell Road and Collins Boulevard) was denied.

Variance 13-12: A request by Kevin Gaskey, representing TDI Richardson East, for a waiver from the physical separation requirement between apartment communities of more than 250 units. The property is located at 905 and 955 W. President George Bush Highway. The variance was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution No. 14-01, approving and authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation.

Resolution No. 14-02, approving the terms and conditions of an assignment of a City access easement to Gateway Pioneer Inc. No. 1, a California corporation, c/o RREEF Management LLC, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the assignment of easement on behalf of the City.

Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute the first amendment to TIF Zone No. 1 Centennial Park Richardson, Ltd., Infrastructure Reimbursement, Grant and Development Agreement.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I hope you were able to see the 2014 State of the City Address, which took place Jan. 29 at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. If you haven't, the program will be rebroadcast on Richardson's cable TV channel, and is also available online at cor.net/StateoftheCity.

Richardson has had an incredible year, and there is tremendous momentum for even greater success in 2014. In 2013 ground was broken on KDC's State Farm corporate campus and the CityLine regional retail development. And, the world's coolest movie theater, the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, opened its doors here.

Our tech companies are also growing, and several other large employers have announced they are calling Richardson home.

Richardson continues to be recognized as a community for business, quality living and culture. We have benefitted from the addition of more than 3 million square feet of new office and technological industrial space, have seen nearly \$1 billion in new investment in the Telecom Corridor® area, were selected to be the home of a new regional hospital, and will soon be home to a new corporate campus for the largest insurance company in the U.S.

Not only is the state of our wonderful city strong today, but it is well-positioned to remain so for many years to come, because we continue to reinvest in our neighborhoods through the completion of bond programs, infrastructure development and high-profile corridors. In fact, I don't recall a time in our history when we were as excited and confident as we are today about the future.



Mayor
Laura Maczka
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Past City Councils used a formal approach to developing a course for our future with a Statement of Goals. Since that first statement, each Council has revised these goals to shape the community. Late last year, the Council completed a new set of goals and vision through 2015 and beyond.

So many people throughout the community are responsible for our success. Working together with dedication, spirit and love for this great community, we've created not just a place where residents, businesses and other stakeholders enjoy a high quality of life, but a home.

Sincerely,

Laura Maczka
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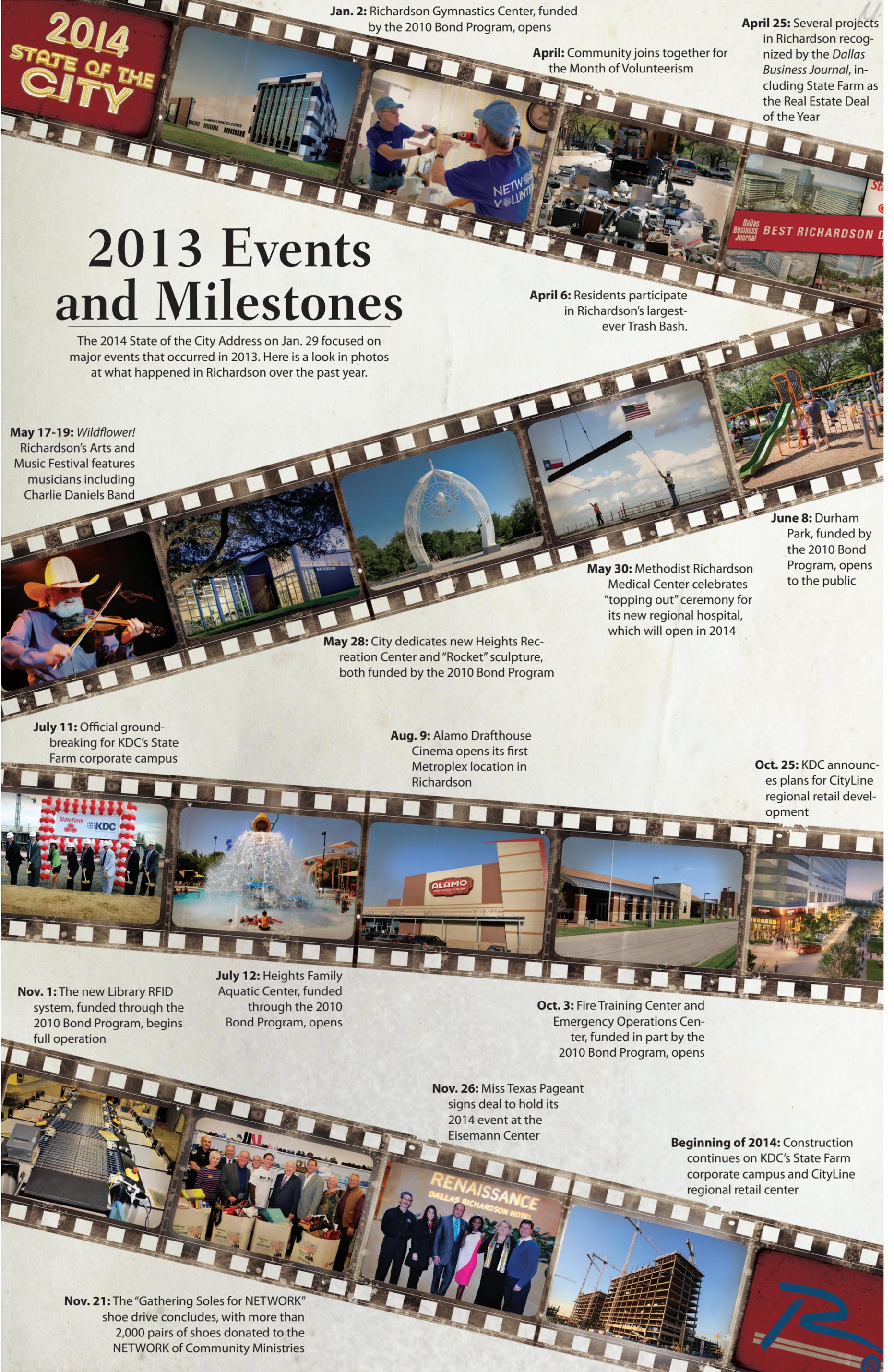
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Jan. 2: Richardson Gymnastics Center, funded by the 2010 Bond Program, opens

April: Community joins together for the Month of Volunteerism

April 25: Several projects in Richardson recognized by the *Dallas Business Journal*, including State Farm as the Real Estate Deal of the Year

2013 Events and Milestones

The 2014 State of the City Address on Jan. 29 focused on major events that occurred in 2013. Here is a look in photos at what happened in Richardson over the past year.

May 17-19: *Wildflower!* Richardson's Arts and Music Festival features musicians including Charlie Daniels Band

April 6: Residents participate in Richardson's largest-ever Trash Bash.

June 8: Durham Park, funded by the 2010 Bond Program, opens to the public

May 28: City dedicates new Heights Recreation Center and "Rocket" sculpture, both funded by the 2010 Bond Program

May 30: Methodist Richardson Medical Center celebrates "topping out" ceremony for its new regional hospital, which will open in 2014

July 11: Official groundbreaking for KDC's State Farm corporate campus

Aug. 9: Alamo Drafthouse Cinema opens its first Metroplex location in Richardson

Oct. 25: KDC announces plans for CityLine regional retail development

Nov. 1: The new Library RFID system, funded through the 2010 Bond Program, begins full operation

July 12: Heights Family Aquatic Center, funded through the 2010 Bond Program, opens

Oct. 3: Fire Training Center and Emergency Operations Center, funded in part by the 2010 Bond Program, opens

Nov. 26: Miss Texas Pageant signs deal to hold its 2014 event at the Eisemann Center

Beginning of 2014: Construction continues on KDC's State Farm corporate campus and CityLine regional retail center

Nov. 21: The "Gathering Soles for NETWORK" shoe drive concludes, with more than 2,000 pairs of shoes donated to the NETWORK of Community Ministries

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State of the City includes highlights of 2010 Bond Program



The new Heights Recreation Center opened in 2013

The 2010 Bond Program showed significant progress last year and Mayor Laura Maczka highlighted some of the projects that were completed in 2013 at the annual State of the City Address held last month. Last year the city celebrated the opening of the new Gymnastics Center, Heights Recreation Center, Heights Family Aquatic Center, the Fire Training Center and the opening of Durham Park.

The projects are part of the \$66 million bond program that voters approved in May 2010. Almost 90 percent of projects are either complete, under construction or out to bid.

The following is an overview of the status of projects included in the four bond propositions.

Proposition 1 Street Improvements

The projects that have not yet started construction in Proposition 1 are either currently in the design/engineering phase or bidding and are all scheduled to begin construction later this year. This proposition includes street and alley repairs; street capacity and intersection projects; traffic control devices; and flood prevention, erosion control, bridges and culverts. More than 36 percent of projects have been completed, including street improvements for 800-1400 Melrose, 600-800 Dumont Drive, 100-300 S. Grove

Road, 100-300 N. Bowser Road, three alley phases, nine traffic signal rebuilds and erosion control projects at two sites.

More than 36 percent of projects are under construction including the Phillips Street Bridge at Floyd Branch which is part of the Floyd Branch Drainage Improvement project. This project is anticipated to be completed this month, approximately two months ahead of schedule. The project includes a new bridge over Floyd Branch at W. Phillips Street, upgrades to the existing underground storm drain system north and south of Main Street and the widening of west bound Main Street between the DART rail line and US 75. The drainage improvements provide additional capacity to the decades-old underground drainage system and reduces the risk of flooding in the Main Street area of Richardson between US 75 and the DART rail line. The improvements to the drainage system also enhance the redevelopment opportunities within the area. Traffic flow will also be improved in the area with an additional dedicated right-turn lane on westbound Main Street.

Proposition 2 Park and Recreational Facilities

There are 5 percent of projects either in the planning/design/engineering phase, and design work for the remaining 3 percent has

begun. This proposition includes facilities; neighborhood parks; playground equipment; trails; shade structures and entry signs; and a new pedestrian bridge. Approximately 83 percent of projects have been completed, including Heights Recreation Center, Heights Family Aquatic Center, Richardson Gymnastics Center, shade structures at Huffhines and Breckinridge ball fields, and Durham Park. The Central Trail and neighborhood park trails make up the 9 percent of projects that are currently under construction.

Proposition 3 Municipal Public Buildings

Every project in this proposition has been completed, including the canine visitation area at the

Richardson Animal Shelter, Fire Station No. 4, the Fire Training Center and the Richardson Public Library's new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Material Handling System.

Proposition 4 Neighborhood Vitality Projects

Approximately 86 percent of projects are completed, under construction or out to bid, with the remaining projects in the planning/design phase. This proposition includes sidewalk repairs, neighborhood bridge aesthetics, entry features and screening wall treatments. Eight of the 11 sidewalk replacement areas in the proposition have been completed, as have bridge aesthetics in the Duck

Creek, Mark Twain and North College Park neighborhoods. Construction is currently underway on sidewalk replacement in the Duck Creek neighborhood and on bridge enhancements in the Canyon Creek neighborhood. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring on the remaining two sidewalk replacement areas and entry features in six neighborhoods. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year on the remaining projects, which include additional neighborhood bridge aesthetics and screening wall treatments.

If you would like more information about 2010 Bond Program projects, contact the Capital Projects Department at 972-744-4280 or visit cor.net/2010Bond.

Investment in basic infrastructure increases in 2013-2014 Budget



Plans were laid in 2013 and will be implemented in 2014 to significantly increase investment in Richardson's basic infrastructure.

Funds dedicated to street maintenance increased by 83 percent in the 2013-2014 Budget, as compared to the previous year, and funding for key maintenance

activities increased by 76 percent in that same timeframe.

In all, more than \$2 million in operational funding, including nearly 2 cents of the city's property tax rate, is dedicated to street maintenance. This increase was achieved without any increase in the City's tax rate.

"Maintaining our infrastructure is very important to upholding the perception and quality of our community," Mayor Laura Maczka said. "These are the kinds of improvements our residents and business owners expect, and they are among the qualities prospective homebuyers and investors notice most about a community."

The theme for the current budget, "Maintaining a Solid Foundation," reflects the importance of the higher level of infrastructure investment. And the greater investment is part of a multi-year plan to revitalize and strengthen roads and other infrastructure in Richardson.

The infrastructure included in the maintenance plan includes neighborhood streets, arterial roadways, screening walls and neighborhood entry signs, and street signs on both arterial roadways and on neighborhood streets.

Strong fiscal management reaps rewards

Continued investment in the community and strong fiscal management are key reasons Richardson has maintained its "Triple A" bond ratings from Standard & Poor's for six years and Moody's for four years. Richardson is one of a small number of cities that have attained the bond ratings, the highest available.

Also because of a strong financial position and because of a growing local economy, the City is saving taxpayer money by paying debt off early. The nearly \$768,000 in interest savings results from paying off the remainder of debt issued in 2004 six years

early, with nearly \$2.1 million in principal paid in 2013 and the remaining \$1.8 million in principal to be paid this year. By paying this debt off early, the City avoids paying applicable interest each year from 2013 through 2020.

In 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013, the City also refinanced existing debt, taking advantage of historically low interest rates and the City's high bond rating. Combined with the most recent debt payoff, all of these actions taken will save taxpayers nearly \$11.3 million in interest payments over the life of those bonds, through 2025.

Council sets goals and vision for 2013-2015

City councils for decades have planned for Richardson's future by working together to develop goals for the community and a strategy to achieve those goals.

In November, the Council completed its goal-setting process, creating a Vision Statement, a formal Statement of Goals, and 17 strategies to achieve those goals for 2013-2015 and beyond.

"Our success is the result of a well-managed plan," Mayor Laura Maczka said. "Our vision is that these goals will keep Richardson a clean, safe, vibrant, and inclusive community where residents, businesses, and other stakeholders can enjoy a high quality of life and a place they are proud to call home."

Council members met through the summer and early fall to develop their priorities and vision for the community.

Since the Statement of Goals was adopted, City staff mem-

bers have been working to draft plans to implement the Council's strategies, and those plans will be presented to the Council over the coming months.

To view the goals, vision and a full list of the strategies online, visit cor.net/councilgoals.

Adopted City Council goals

- For Richardson to be a place where people are proud to live, work, and engage in the community
- To have stakeholders choose Richardson as the best place to invest
- To increase City revenues without raising the tax rate, and to reduce costs while maintaining and enhancing city services
- To have clear, easy to understand processes and policies that make it easy to do business with the City

The City Council's Vision

City of Richardson is a clean, safe, vibrant, and inclusive community in which residents and businesses enjoy a high quality of life and are proud to call "home."

All of our stakeholders enjoy superior, responsive city services. Our accessibility, and the quality and variety of our amenities, recreation opportunities, green spaces, housing options, education opportunities, retail choices, and transportation options are locally and nationally recognized.

We have a thriving, diverse business community whose success is supported by a superior infrastructure, access to a talented, well-educated, and engaged workforce, a business-friendly environment, and easy access to the North Texas region.

Community meetings gather feedback on recycling



How to recycle, what to recycle and where to recycle are emerging not only as common barriers to recycling, but also as common themes of residents' ideas for how Richardson can improve its recycling program.

Among the ways the City is seeking public input was a series of focus groups and community meetings held in January.

"We are extremely thankful to all of the residents who attended the community meetings to provide feedback on their experience with recycling," said Marketing Manager Jessica James. "The information we gathered is invaluable as we make changes that will make it even easier to recycle in Richardson."

Residents at the community meetings cited several factors that make recycling difficult, including pickup times that are too early, the need to clean food containers and uncertainty about which types of plastics are recyclable. They also suggested solutions, such as increased education about the program and assistance with finding locations to recycle items not accepted through the City.

The City will use the information gathered at the meetings, as well as through focus groups and a survey, to find ways to improve the recycling program. A marketing strategy is also in development to reach residents that don't recycle often or at all.

At the meetings, the City announced that plastic grocery bags and wax-coated paper drink containers are now accepted in the recycling program. The City recently began taking the blue bags to Republic Service's new Material Recovery Facility in Fort Worth, which has the capability to sort and process these items that were previously prohibited.

Berkner Park neighborhood resident Dora Slover was among the many residents thrilled to hear the news.

"My husband doesn't have to take his plastic bags to the grocery store anymore," she said. "It's really exciting to learn about the changes."

Learn more about Richardson's recycling program, including a complete list of what's now accepted in the blue bags, at cor.net/recycling.

City's new arts website to launch in April; ArtsInRichardson.com a one-stop shop

There will soon be a single place where both residents and visitors alike can see the full array of arts events happening in Richardson.

The new ArtsInRichardson.com will be far more than just an event calendar. Visitors to the site will be able to see event information, buy tickets and check out photos and videos of the arts groups that participate.

"It's a one-stop website that citizens or even tourists can visit if they want to know what kind of art offerings are in Richardson," said Richardson Assistant City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish. "We want to provide an easy-to-navigate website that has a comprehensive arts calendar for the community."

The new website will launch in April. In addition to providing information about the 29 organizations that receive grants through the Richardson Arts Commission,



it will list events for the City's partner organizations, such as Richardson ISD, Plano ISD and UT Dallas, and the City's own events.

Each arts group with access to the site is responsible for adding events to the calendar and keeping it up-to-date.

ArtsInRichardson.com is being developed and maintained by Artsopolis, a California-based marketing company. Artsopolis has created similar websites for Fort Worth, San Antonio, Boston, and many other cities across the country.

The website is one of the first projects originating out of the strategies identified in the Cultural Arts Master Plan, developed by the City and Lord Cultural Resources in 2013. The master plan is designed to 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.

Learn more about the Cultural Arts Master Plan at cor.net/CAMP.

Eisemann Extras enhances performances

The Eisemann Center is targeting its youngest patrons with events and activities aimed specifically for children.

Eisemann Extras events include a scavenger hunt around the Eisemann Center, circus-themed events including balloon animals and face painting, and a post-production party to help wrap the season. The interactive experiences will be related to the Eisemann Center Presents' Methodist Richardson Medical Center (MRMC) Family Theatre Series performance happening that day.



Cost is only \$20 per child to participate in all activities or \$10 a child for a single-day pass. Parents are free with paid child.

The events are geared toward children 3 years of age through fifth grade.

The remaining Family Theatre Series performances this season include *We're Going On a Bear Hunt* Feb. 16; *Circo Comedia* March 2; and *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* April 6. All Family Theatre Series performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Eisemann Extras events will begin an hour before each show,

at 1:30 p.m. A registration form for Eisemann Extras can be found at eisemanncenter.com/PDF/ExtrasRegistration.pdf. Contact Amy Taylor at 972-744-4613 for more information.

Single tickets for the performances may be purchased online at eisemanncenter.com, by telephone or in person. For more information, call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and one hour prior to curtain time for all events. The Ticket Office fax number is 972-744-5830.

The Eisemann Center is located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Dr.

Where to purchase your blue recycle bags

The City of Richardson offers its residents the opportunity to inexpensively buy recycling bags that meet City Code requirements. These bags are available at the following locations:

City Hall

411 W. Arapaho Rd.
M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
972-744-4120

Huffhines Rec Center

200 N. Plano Rd.
M-F 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun. 1-6 p.m.
972-744-7881

Heights Rec Center

711 W. Arapaho Rd.
M-F 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun. 1-6 p.m.
972-744-7850

Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
M, T, Th 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
W, F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
972-744-7880

Cost:

One roll of 25-count, 30-gallon, 1.5 mils Resident: \$3.50 Non-Resident: \$4



MyRichardson mobile app is updated

The City of Richardson recently updated its MyRichardson mobile app with a new design and a personalized home screen that shows the user's trash, recycling and watering days.

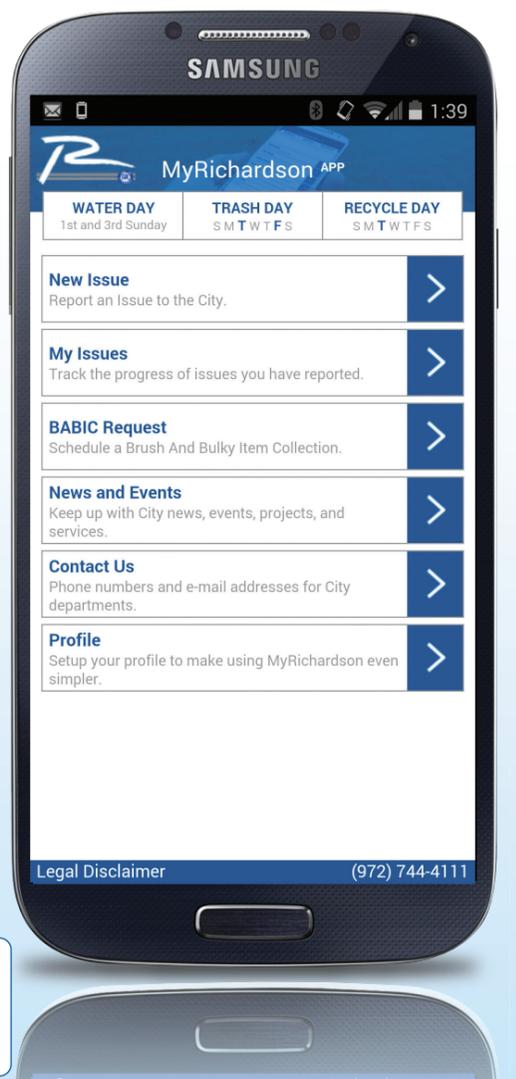
New features include the ability to report street light outages and tabs detailing information on facility holiday closures and where to purchase blue bags for recycling.

Richardson launched the MyRichardson app in April 2013. The app is integrated with the City's website to allow access to many of the City's online services on an even easier-to-use mobile platform.

The City's Information Technology Department created and programmed the mobile application internally to integrate it with the City's already existing issues management system.

The MyRichardson mobile app is available for Apple iOS through iTunes and Android devices through the Google Play Store. You can learn more about the app at cor.net/MyRichardson.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE DOWNLOAD PAGE FOR THE APP



Calendar

At the Library

900 Civic Center Dr.
972-744-4350



General Interest

AARP Tax Aide

Mondays through April 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Job Search & Sales Leads Luncheon Workshop

Feb. 11, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Basement Program Room. Learn how to use ReferenceUSA. For more info, call 972-744-4355.

The Write Stuff

Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. C.J. Critt presents writing workshop for adults and teens ages 15 and up. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 to register.

Luncheon Lectures:

The Vanderbilts

Feb. 18 and 25, and March 4, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Richard Cudlipp. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4376 for info.

RCAS Meeting and Demonstration

Feb. 18, 6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Jeff Goode, Watercolor.

Book Groups

Registration is requested for all book groups and clubs.

First Wednesday Book Club

Feb. 5, 7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "12 Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Second Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 12, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4376.

Third Wednesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 19, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Cutting Season" by Attica Locke. Call Penny Manly, 972-744-4350.

Book a Librarian

Get personalized, 1-on-1 help from a Richardson librarian! Call 972-744-4350 to set up an appointment.

Fourth Tuesday BOOKbabble Group

Feb. 25, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy. 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.

Job Searching on the Internet

Feb. 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

Internet 101

Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon

Children's Activities

Heart-y Arty Valentine Party Feb. 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Family Storytime

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

Movie Mornings: Monsters University

Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Tales for Tails

Feb. 23, 3-4 p.m. Children's Program Room.

Special Interest

Writers' Guild of Texas

Feb. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Community Writers' Critique Group

Feb. 19, 6-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Richardson Historical & Genealogical Society

Feb. 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Basement Training Room. Bunker Hill program presented by Barbara Bayliss.

At the Senior Center

820 W. Arapaho Rd.
972-744-7800

Special Events Out to Lunch Bunch Feb. 18—Babe's

Cost for the trip is \$2, 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!

A Vegas Show Night at the Richardson Senior Center Feb. 5—6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Join us for a fun night of entertainment, Vegas-style. "Jimmy the Magician" will intrigue you with his magic and Terry Edwards will take you down memory lane with his Elvis Tribute. A photo op will be available for you to take a memento of the evening home. Light hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee will be served. Tickets are available for purchase at the Senior Center. Hope to see you in Vegas!

A Valentine for You Feb. 7—1 p.m.

Cost: \$3. Refreshments served. Joy Davis will present "Almina" by Lady Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon. The romance, the mystery and especially the history of the elegant television series "Downton Abbey" has captured the imagination of fervent fans across two continents. Highclere Castle in Hampshire

where the series is filmed has been home to the Earls of Carnarvon since the 17th century. Almina Herbert was the Lady of Castle during the Edwardian period. You will hear the romantic, enchanting life story of Lady Almina and about the lost legacy of Highclere Castle.

Book Review

March 13—1 p.m.

No fee. Author David Huntley will discuss his novel, "Death Watch Beetle: A Historical Post WWII Spy Thriller," and his firsthand civilian wartime experience. "Death Watch Beetle" is an action-adventure thriller that takes readers on a quest to find one of Hitler's SS officers wanted for his war crimes and knowledge of superweapons. Both David and his wife experienced World War II firsthand, David in London during the blitz and Sophie under Nazi occupation in France. This book has been dedicated to surviving veterans of World War II, many of whom are named in the publication.

Health Connection "SAFE—Stopping Adult Financial Exploitation" Feb. 20—10 a.m.

First Community Bank will present helpful ways to recognize

and protect yourself from financial exploitation. You will learn how to avoid identity theft and what to do if you are a victim of financial exploitation and identity theft. Do not miss this important presentation.

"RAnswers: What you need to know about Rheumatoid Arthritis" Feb. 27—10 a.m.

Rheumatoid arthritis is a serious chronic disease that affects the body's joints. It is the most common form of inflammatory arthritis. More than 1.3 million people live with this form of arthritis every day. You will learn what you're able to do that will help you adjust and live with this form of arthritis. No fee. Refreshments provided.

Travel Opportunities 2014 Trip Show Feb. 27—1 p.m.

Are your suitcases ready? It is time to reveal our travel destinations for 2014.

The Senior Center, along with Byron Cain/Heritage Tours, invites you to attend our 2014 Trip Show. Byron will discuss the exciting new destinations planned for you to explore. Mark your calendars, and we will see you on Feb. 27.



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

Coming up at the Civic Center

Antique Elegance
Feb. 14-16
antiqueeleganceshow.com
Dallas Comic and Pop Expo
March 1-2
dallascomicandpopexpo.com

Library to host annual RALC murder mystery fundraiser

Get your tickets today for the Richardson Adult Literacy Center's annual murder mystery fundraiser! The Richardson Public Library will host "Murder at the Anger Games" at 7 p.m. Feb. 22.

Guests will be invited to solve a mystery by sifting through clues

from the scenes enacted throughout the building. The popular Murder Mystery Players will be joined by special guest stars Ken Hutchenrider, President, Methodist Richardson Medical Center; Chris Luna, Metro PCS; Mark Solomon, City Council Member and



President, Assurnet Insurance Agency; and Courtenay Tanner, community philanthropist.

Tickets are \$45, or \$60 for a VIP ticket, and include refreshments. Tickets may be purchased at ralc.org.

Richardson Civic Organizations

Special Interest Groups

- AARP Chapter 1651**
972-234-2815
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**
972-690-4075
- Helping Agencies Serving Richardson**
972-239-3501 or <http://hasr.org/about/>
- League of Women Voters of Richardson**
972-470-0584 or lwvrichardson.org
- NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273**
972-238-8438 or 972-234-6922
- Plano/Richardson Coin Club**
214-287-4817
- Richardson Animaluv**
richardsonanimaluv.org
- Richardson Humane Society**
972-234-5117
- Richardson Community Band**
richardsoncommunityband.org
or info@richardsoncommunityband.org
- Richardson-North Dallas Christian Women's Club**
972-386-6041
- Richardson Galaxy American Business Women's Association**
214-762-2304 or abwa-richardson.org
- Richardson Poets' Group**
214-478-4870
or richardsonpoetsgroup@gmail.com
- Richardson Red Hat Chapter**
972-744-7800

- Richardson Retired School Personnel**
214-890-6989
- Richardson Wireless Klub**
k5rkw.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

Civic Groups

- Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.**
214-476-8248
- 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 e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichardsonHost

- Richardson Kiwanis Club**
richardsonkiwanis.com
or steagle@sbcglobal.net
- Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 A.F.&A.M.**
972-235-5667
- Richardson Rotary**
972-690-0637

Social Groups

- Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club**
972-239-4078, 972-671-8331, 972-239-3977
or 214-226-2887
- Texas Reelers Square & Round Dance Club**
972-235-1400 or texasreelers.org

Family Groups

- Canyon Creek Moms Club**
972-690-7609
or canyoncreekmomsclub.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—East**
momsclubrichardsoneast@yahoo.com
- MOMS Club of Richardson—West**
momsclubrichardsonwest@gmail.com

Support Groups

- Dallas Amputee Network**
972-470-0505
- DFW Spondylitis Support Group**
degrowkingsley@gmail.com
- Better Breathers Club – American Lung Association**
214-916-5120, ext. 5133
or rohi.puri@fundlrc.com

Toastmasters Groups

- Hallelujah High Toastmasters**
vppr/hallehigh.freetoasthost.net
- Richardson Evening Toastmasters**
214-534-0885
- Richardson Icebreakers Toastmasters**
972-387-4709
- Richardson Noon Toastmasters**
469-235-3586
- Texins Toastmasters**
214-566-4086 or 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
- World War II Veterans**
214-361-6294
- Military Officers Women's Club**
972-644-6871
- Military Officers Association of America Greater Dallas Chapter**
972-437-2345

Eisemann Center/Cultural Arts/Community Events

At the Eisemann Center

2351 Performance Dr.
 Tickets: 972-744-4650 or eisemanncenter.com

Richardson Community Band presents
Of Brass, Wood and Steel
 2 p.m. Feb. 9
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$5-\$7
 richardsoncommunityband.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
 The Church Basement Ladies:
A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement
 2 p.m. Feb. 13, 15, 16
 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 15
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$32-\$42

Richardson Symphony Orchestra presents
The Thrilling Film Scores of John Williams
 8 p.m. Feb. 15
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$10-\$87
 richardsonsymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$12-\$22



EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
The Fantasticks
 8 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 22
 2 p.m. Feb. 22, 23
 Bank of America Theatre
 Tickets: \$32-\$40
 fantasticksontour.com

Plano Symphony Orchestra presents
Ballroom with a Twist
 8:15 p.m. Feb. 22
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$19-\$85
 planosymphony.org

EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS
 Direct from Ireland: Celtic Nights
The Emigrants Bridge—A Journey of Hope
 8 p.m. Feb. 28
 Hill Performance Hall
 Tickets: \$35-\$52
 celticnights.ie

Eisemann Center Presents events include partnership with UT Dallas

Visit eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts. Call Group Sales at 972-744-4657 for information.



The Church Basement Ladies: A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement
 2 p.m. Feb. 13, 15, 16
 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 15
 Tickets: \$32-\$42

The Church Basement Ladies, who performed to sold-out houses in 2009, return to the Eisemann Center to face change head-

on from their church's basement kitchen in this comedic musical. These ladies maneuver through each situation with food and faith in their all new show *A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement*. Against the changing tides, these pillars of the church stand strong in their convictions and in their friendships with crazy antics, great songs, and lessons reluctantly learned in their fresh and updated show.

We're going on a Bear Hunt
 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16
 Tickets: \$12-\$22

Come along because *We're Going on a Bear Hunt!* Join this

fun group of adventurers and make your way through swishy grass, a splashy river, oozy mud all on our "bearable" quest. With interactive scenes and catchy songs based on Michael Rosen's award-winning book, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* is loaded with fun! **Don't forget:** Story Time at Barnes & Noble on 15th St. in Plano takes place on Friday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m.

The Fantasticks
 8 p.m. Feb. 20, 21, 22
 2 p.m. Feb. 22, 23
 Tickets: \$32-\$40

The Fantasticks is presented in partnership with the University of Texas at Dallas School of Arts & Humanities for five performances in the Bank of America Theatre. This new steampunk adaptation of a classic favorite adds whimsical visuals and fantastical sets to the expressive parable about young love confronted by the dif-



ficulties of real life. Presented by the acclaimed Nebraska Theatre Caravan, this cherished musical you know and adore is given a fresh, engaging and fun new approach.

The Fantasticks is the world's longest-running production of any kind, and with good reason: at the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle theatrical sophistication is a purity and simplicity that transcends cultural barriers. The result is a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time.

In addition to the five performances, a variety of residency activities will take place on the UT Dallas campus and at the Eisemann Center for theater and choral students.



Celtic Nights
The Emigrants Bridge—A Journey of Hope
 8 p.m. Feb. 28
 Tickets: \$35-\$52

Celtic Nights *The Emigrants Bridge—A Journey of Hope* expertly weaves the lilting melodies and nostalgic lyrics of traditional ballads with vivid choreography to display the history and strength of Celtic heritage. Expert step dancers share the stage with prominent vocal talents creating an exhilarating picture of a proud people who dared to dream big.

RCAS hosts artist demonstration

Jeff Good will present a demonstration of his watercolor techniques at the Richardson Civic Art Society meeting on Feb. 18. Good has been a practicing architect for 30 years and has been doing watercolor since college.

RCAS meets in the Richardson Public Library basement on third Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. The event is free, and all welcome. RCAS is supported by the City of Richardson through a grant from the Arts Commission.

AARP offers free tax preparation help at Library, Senior Center

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

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

program will run through April 14 at the Library and through April 11 at the Senior Center.

Assistance through the Tax-Aide program is first come, first served. People should bring Social Security cards and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

Altrusa Richardson scholarship applications are due Feb. 14

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas, a non-profit service organization serving Richardson, is pleased to offer scholarships for undergraduate study at two- or four-year colleges or universities. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000.

Applicants must be graduating seniors of an RISD high school or live in the city of Richardson and attend a public high school. Require-

ments and application forms are available on the Altrusa Richardson website at altrusarichardson.com.

All applications must be submitted for consideration to the Scholarship Committee by Feb. 14. Interviews with applicants selected for final consideration will take place March 26-29.

For more information, please contact Liz Luthans at 214-880-8432 or lluthans@petrohunt.com.

Eisemann Center offers group sales

The Group Sales Coordinator at the Eisemann Center can help you make the most of your corporate gala, fundraising event, travel package or theatre party. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts and priority seating for most Eisemann Center events. For group sales, order tickets by phone at 972-744-4657.

RTC opens 25th season

To open its 25th season, Richardson Theatre Centre will present *Moon Over Buffalo*.

The hilarious show centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they're playing *Private Lives* and *Cyrano De Bergerac* in rep in Buffalo, N.Y. On the brink of a disastrous split-up, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie re-

make of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Unfortunately, everything that could go wrong does go wrong.

Performances will be held at Richardson Theatre Centre, located at 518 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 113. The show runs from Feb. 14 through March 2. Shows will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets for the Thursday and Sunday performances are \$20 and Friday and Saturday performances are \$22. Tickets can be reserved by calling 972-699-1130.

RISD Council of PTAs USED BOOK FAIR



Thursday-Saturday
 Feb. 13-15, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Sunday
 Feb. 16, noon-6 p.m.

Dal-Rich Shopping Center
 (Southeast corner of Belt Line Road and Coit Road)

Proceeds benefit the Dr. J.J. Pearce Memorial Scholarships Fund, the RISD Council of PTAs and local PTAs.



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BRIDGE FESTIVAL

RICHARDSON WOMAN'S CLUB
 FRIDAY, MARCH 14
 Benefits RWCCF Philanthropy

DOOR PRIZES! **DELICIOUS LUNCH!**

Plan your party now! \$28 per person • Reservations must be received by Friday, March 7.	Registration 9:15 a.m.
Duplicate - Bring your partner Party - Bring your table of four	Mini Bridge Lesson 9:30 a.m.
	Play Bridge 10 a.m.
	Play Ends 3 p.m.

For more information, please call Barb Moxham at 972-235-7963.

Make checks payable to RWC, your check is your reservation.
 Mail checks to:
 Barb Moxham
 202 Bridge Canyon Ct.
 Richardson, TX 75080

Richardson Woman's Club
 2005 N Cliffe Dr.
 Richardson, TX 75082
 RichardsonWomansClub.com
 Find us on Facebook.

City completes record clean-up from ice storm

The City of Richardson successfully collected an unprecedented number of Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) requests—from 49 percent of Richardson homeowners—after the December ice storm downed tree branches across the city.

Workers from various departments joined forces and responded to more than 13,800 requests and finished the post-storm collection Jan. 8.

Crews from the City's solid waste, water, and street divisions and from the Parks and Recreation Department teamed up and travelled every street in the city, picking up more than 2,600 tons of material after the ice storm. In addition to the weather-related debris, clean-up included normal and seasonal pickup, such as used appliances and Christmas tree collection.

Residents may make a BABIC request by calling 972-744-4111 or going online at cor.net/recycling. Smartphone users may also download the City's MyRichardson mobile application to request service. Items must be placed on the front curb for pickup.



Pictured are some of the members of the solid waste, water and street divisions and the Parks and Recreation Department who worked together to help collect more than 2,600 tons of material after the December ice storm.

Next CFA class begins March 13

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 the city of Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week for three hours at the new Fire Training Center located at 1621 E. Look-out Dr. Academy participants will receive an insider's view of the vast services the RFD provides. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls.



The next CFA class begins March 13 and will graduate May 22. If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to cor.net/fire and download an application.

The intent of the CFA classes is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it's an opportunity

to experience firsthand what duties and responsibilities firefighters have. Learn about the firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground op-

erations, emergency management, training requirements and administration of the RFD. After completing the program, participants will be able to use their knowledge to create a safer home and work environment and educate others about the RFD and the services provided to the community.

Richardson Central Rotary honors two city employees

Building Facilities Supervisor Jeff Savage and GIS Programming Manager Brian Peppard were awarded Supervisor of the Year and Employee of the Year awards from the Richardson Central Rotary Club.

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



Pictured from left: Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson, Jeff Savage, Brian Peppard and Richardson Central Rotary Club President Jerry Ortega.

NTMWD to conduct chlorine maintenance

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has scheduled a free chlorine maintenance that will be conducted on its water transmission system and customer cities' distribution systems for a 28-day period from Feb. 17-March 17. As a member city, Richardson receives its water from NTMWD.

The free chlorine maintenance does not affect water quality, and water remains safe for use. Con-

sumers who are sensitive to taste and odor changes in drinking water might notice a change during this period. This palatability change does not alter the quality of the drinking water.

Free chlorine maintenance allows water suppliers to maintain the disinfectant residual in their systems without flushing systems, thus conserving water.

2014 Trash Bash is April 26

Annual event will include several recycling options

To celebrate the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup, the City of Richardson is joining forces with Keep Texas Beautiful to hold Trash Bash 2014, a city-wide cleanup that removes litter from the streets, parks and waterways of Richardson. This is the 20th anniversary of Trash Bash and it will also coincide with the national Earth Day. All citizens, homeowner and neighborhood associations, social organizations, civic groups and businesses are invited to participate in this event to help clean up the community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26.

This year's Trash Bash will provide several recycling opportunities in the parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall complex. There will be edu-

cational booths, refreshments and door prizes inside City Hall, and outside on the Fountain Plaza there will also be activities for everyone. The following list provides a description of what is available at this year's Trash Bash.

City Hall parking lot

- Electronics recycling
- Document shredding
- Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
- Plastic grocery bag recycling
- Free Texas Pure Compost (up to 2.5 cubic feet per resident or five 1-gallon containers; please bring your own containers to take your compost home)
- Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Inside City Hall

- Environmental Education Fair
- Free recycling bags
- Refreshments
- Free plants
- Door prizes
- Styrofoam (EPS) recycling (please place in bags)
- Richie the Recycling Duck

Fountain Plaza

- City and DART vehicles on display
- Animal Shelter adoptable animals
- Children's bounce house
- Recycle bales

For additional information or questions please visit cor.net/trashbash or call 972-744-4076. Please plan to come out and make this the best TRASH BASH yet.

Join Crime Watch Patrol

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community as a volunteer?

If you can spare an hour or two per month for your Richardson neighborhood, then Crime Watch Patrol might be the opportunity you are seeking. The next training class will be held Thursday, March 6 from 6-10 p.m.

If you are interested, please visit Richardsonpolice.net and complete your online application as soon as possible.

For more information, contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Clean out medicine cabinet

The Richardson Police Department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will host a free prescription and over-the-counter drug disposal day.

The program is part of a nationwide effort to promote safe disposal of unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals or other medications. The event will take place Saturday, April 26. The time and location have not yet been finalized, and more information will be included in next month's *Richardson Today*.

This is a collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration and state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. Since this is a national initiative open to everyone, participation is not limited by geography.

Call the RPD Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 if you have any questions.



972-744-4300

cor.net/parks

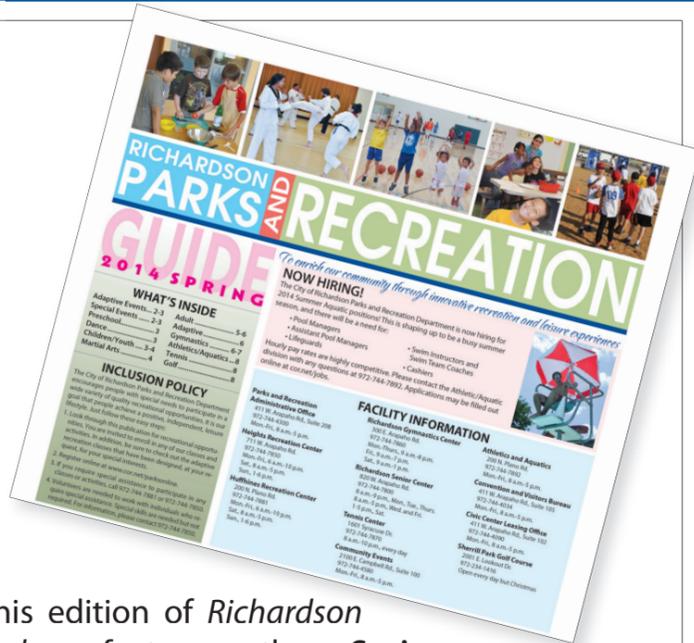
Parks & Recreation

Now Hiring!

Applications are being accepted for 2014 Summer Aquatic positions!

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

Visit cor.net/jobs to apply! Please contact the Athletic/Aquatic division with any questions at 972-744-7892.



This edition of *Richardson Today* features the **Spring Recreation Guide**, which lists classes for all ages that will be held in March, April and May. Registration begins Feb. 1.

See the **March** issue of *Richardson Today* for the **Guide to Summer Camps and Swimming** with all the information you need to sign your children up for summer camps and swimming lessons. Registration for swimming lessons and summer camps begins March 3.

Register online!

www.cor.net/parksonline or call
 Huffhines Rec Center: 972-744-7881
 Heights Rec Center: 972-744-7850

Sherrill Park Golf Course

2001 E. Lookout Dr. 972-234-1416 sherrillparkgolf.com

Spring Break Junior Golf Camp

March 10-14 • 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • \$260

The Sherrill Park Learning Center Powered by Titleist® offers golf instruction to junior golfers of all skill levels. Classes are set up to allow golfers of all skill levels to learn at the same pace. The schedule for each day includes 2 hours (8-10 a.m.) of instruction, followed by 2 hours (10 a.m.-noon) of implementation of the skills learned. On the course activities and games are used in the second half of the class to help the golfer learn how to play the game.

Junior Golf Camp includes:

- 20 hours of instruction (3 to 5 hours of course time)
- A learning center hat and bag tag
- Lunch and snacks each day

Golf It Up

The Golf It Up program provides instruction for the new golfer to the intermediate player with varying levels of skill. Golf It Up for the beginning and intermediate player includes eight hours of instruction. For questions, call Sherrill Park Golf Course at 972-234-1416 visit sherrillparkgolf.com or e-mail spgolf@cor.gov.

Mondays, March 17-April 14

\$140

6-7:30 p.m. weeks 1-4
 6-8 p.m. week 5

Wednesdays, March 19-April 16

\$140

6-7:30 p.m. weeks 1-4
 6-8 p.m. week 5

Upcoming Tournaments

- Feb. 23: 2-Man Best Ball
- March 16: 2-Man Stabelford
- April 13: 2-Man Masters



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

To book tee times and to tour both courses, visit sherrillparkgolf.com

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870



Group Lessons— Adults/Juniors

Feb. 3-21
 March 3-21

Adults Leagues

March 17-May 2
 Cost: \$30

Private lessons available

Spring Break Camp

March 10-14
 Monday-Friday
 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost: \$150/week or \$35 daily



Adaptive Event

Valentine Jubilee

Heights Recreation Center
 Saturday, Feb. 8, 7-9:30 p.m.
 Registration #75915
www.cor.net/parksonline

Ages 18 and older. Come join us as we celebrate this exciting and romantic holiday with a dance. It will surely be all your heart desires! No date necessary. You will enjoy a sit-down dinner, as well as a full night of dancing, contests, and more! Space is limited, so register today. Due to catering, registration ends Feb. 1, or when full. Sorry, no drop-in registration will be available. Fee is \$20 for residents and \$22 for non-residents.



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2014 PHOTO CONTEST



2013 Student Best of Show
 Morgan Petri (People Color)

Featured Artist Exhibit: Clark Crenshaw
 Through Feb. 17
 Huffhines Recreation Center

2014 Contest Results Exhibit
 Feb. 1-24
 Library 3rd Floor

2014 Awards Ceremony & Workshop
 Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m.
 Civic Center Grand Hall

Visit cor.net/PhotoContest



2013 Proficient Best of Show
 John Fowler (Cityscape Color)



2013 Adult Best of Show
 Jim Vaughn (Journalism B&W)

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 (cor.net and scroll down to online registration), by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is \$35 per month and for advanced students is \$15 per month. Free buddy-sewing time is from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays. All adults are welcome. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

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

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

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

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

Becky Parks Art Lessons
Monthly classes are designed for all levels of painters and are taught by award-winning local artist Becky Parks. Classes are Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$100 per month.

Adult Piano Lessons
Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claiborne offers piano lessons adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is \$65 per month. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Fundamentals of Windows
Overcome your fear of personal computers and be introduced to the basics of personal computing. You will learn the differences of Windows 7 and 8, Vista and XP. This class will help prepare you for when you are ready to explore other computer programs. Classes are held Mondays from 1-2 p.m. The next four-week session starts Feb. 3. 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 Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 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, Feb. 3 from 7-8 p.m. Cost of the class is \$60 with membership; \$65 without membership.

iPad Instruction 102
This class will cover all of the functions and applications available for your iPad. Bring your iPad to class Monday, Feb. 3 from 8-9 p.m. Cost is \$60 with a membership; \$65 without a membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 101
A beginners' class to learn the basics of the iPhone. Learn what the buttons and icons can do for you! Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. You will learn how to update to iOS 7, use Control Center, Notification Center, AirDrop, Multitasking, face time and more. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, March 22 from 2-3 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

iPhone iOS 7, 102
This class will cover storing contacts, taking and sending pictures, adding helpful free programs to your iPhone, camera improvements, the new look for Safari, Siri and face time. Also receive tips on the new iOS 7 operating system. Bring iPhone to class Saturday, March 22 from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 with membership, \$30 without membership.

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

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

All Position Line Square Dance Lessons
Class started Jan. 9 and will run through March 2. Fee is \$50 a quarter and class is held 7-9 p.m.

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

Beginner Square Dance Lessons
Classes started Jan. 14 and go through May 27. Cost is \$75.

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.



AARP "Smart Driver" Program
Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is used for automobile insurance premium reductions. Please check with your insurance company for percentage of reduction. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Fee is \$14 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800. Please pay the instructor at the time of the class. Classes are held at the Richardson Senior Center:

Feb. 6	8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	6-10 p.m.

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

Feb. 3 and 6	6-9 p.m.
Feb. 17 and 20	6-9 p.m.
Feb. 8 and 15	1-5 p.m.

Cost for the class is \$27 with membership; \$30 without membership. Please call 972-744-7800 or e-mail lakesidedriving@yahoo.com to register.

Conversational Spanish
Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining our intermediate Spanish class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. Call the instructor, Susan Garza, at 214-321-9637 for more details. Next class will start Feb. 13. Class is 10-11 a.m. and runs for eight weeks. Cost is \$48.

NEW!
Conversational French
Bonjour! This beginner class provides a solid introduction to the French culture and language. Those wanting to refresh their speaking skills are welcome. Instructor Serge Schragin has taught ESL at Richland College and taught high school French for 11 years. This eight-week session will start March 5 and is 1-2 p.m. Cost is \$48.

Programs

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 31.

Pool Tournaments
Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 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 2013-2014 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 55 years or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start 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.-noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. A 3.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For information, call 972-744-7870.

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

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

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

Feb. 1	Gary Lee
Feb. 8	Doc Gibbs
Feb. 22	Bill G Band

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.

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 richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. 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 Feb. 3. Call 972-744-7800 for more information or questions.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. All are welcome.



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.

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

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

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

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. These doll clothes and blanket shown at right were made by Kathryn Thompson.

972-744-7800

820 W. Arapaho Rd.

Senior Center



Senior Center quilters helped make 30 quilts that were hand delivered to families who lost their home or were personally touched by the tragedy in West, Texas. From left standing, Linda Hurd, Laurel Lakovakis Laniece Thomas, Yvonne Highes, Mary Jane Bearden, Dee Darais and Val Closson-Burke (seated). Not pictured Jan Eby and Darlene Martin.

Chess Club

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

Password and Mental Aerobics

Monday at 10 a.m.

Bingo

Bingo anyone? 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.



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.

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.

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.

Services

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.

First Richardson Helpers

First Richardson Helpers (FRH) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide minor home maintenance and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of bathroom grab bars and outdoor hand rails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FRH provides assistance with code enforcement issues. To request service please call the 24-hour hot line at 972-996-0160 or send an e-mail to info@FirstRichardson-Helpers.org.

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.

Benefits Counseling

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health benefits. Counselors are available the first Friday of every month. Please call 972-744-7800 to schedule an appointment.

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.

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.

Blood Pressure Checks

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



The Memory Café

The Senior Center hosts a new FREE program called "The Memory Café" that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Memory Café will meet the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m. The next meeting is Feb. 6.

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 reinsurance program. Call Nancy Jellinek at 214-689-2209.

iHeart Screening

iHeart Center will be at the Senior Center Feb. 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to provide screening for Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD). Please call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Hearing Screening

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

RSVP Volunteer Program Help Needed!!!

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, but do not know where to start, how about becoming a volunteer for the "Richardson Rowdies?" If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a "Richardson Rowdies" volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various non-profits throughout Dallas and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling "goodie bags," and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call Michael Gondran at 214-525-6167.

Fitness

Aerobic Exercise

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

How is your balance?

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

Fit For Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered the first Monday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks; first Wednesday of month: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Fee is \$20 or \$7 per class. Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Fit For Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class

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

Sit and Be Fit

Do you want to gain flexibility and strength, but are unable to participate in an impact exercise class? Join Cooper Institute Certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage for chair exercises designed just for you. Class are held Mondays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Cost is \$20 a month.

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.



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.

Hatha Yoga for all Ages

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

Stretch and Strengthen

This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. 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

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

Games

Canasta

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

Pinochle

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Friday, 10 a.m.

**If you are interested in taking bridge lessons please call 972-744-7800.

Bunco

Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Cribbage

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jongg

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

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

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
Group Ballroom	Fri.	3-4 p.m.	\$10 Couple \$5 Single	Faris
Private Ballroom	Appointment		\$40	Faris

MOVIE MORNINGS



Monsters University RATED G
Saturday, Feb. 22
 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Basement Program Room

For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358

Heart-y Arty Valentine Party
 Make Valentine crafts!
 Enjoy a puppet show!

Saturday, Feb. 8
 2:30-4:30 p.m.
 Recommended for preschool-4th grade
 Basement Program Room
 For more information, call Youth Services at 972-744-4358

Writing workshop scheduled for Feb. 15

C.J. Critt will bring her popular interactive writing workshop back to the Richardson Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 15.

"The Write Stuff" is an engaging writing and performance workshop focused on writers, whether they are beginners or professionals, who wish to banish writer's block and connect with their most vivid, searing, uncensored and memorable feelings, experiences and beliefs.

Critt is a well-known voice artist, writer for Radio Disney, playwright and actress. In the workshop, she starts with readings and performances of her own pieces that showcase a variety of styles—monologues, poetry, and journal entries, just to name a few. She then uses provocative writing prompts to trigger passionate feelings in her students, and they write

intensely about the first topic that comes to mind, for up to 20 minutes. Writers then volunteer to read and share their work. The process is repeated several times through the workshop, and writers' individual writing style begins to emerge.

The free workshop is for adults and teens ages 15 and older. It will take place 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Library's Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 to register.

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Richardson Library.



C.J. Critt

Library offers free online learning courses

Thanks to a generous gift from the Friends of the Richardson Public Library, the Library has purchased access for its patrons to Learn4Life online courses.

Comprehensive six-week courses start monthly, and you may choose from a catalog of many classes including test preparation (GED, SAT, LSAT, GRE,

GMAT), grant writing, career development, basic computer literacy, computer applications, and much more.

Visit richardsonpubliclibrary.com and click on Learn4Life to see the entire catalog of course offerings and to register for free classes. A valid Richardson Library card is required.

Learn about popular reference tool at free lunchtime lecture

Kam Draper will teach how to use ReferenceUSA, a popular online Library resource, for sales, marketing and employment opportunities.

ReferenceUSA provides detailed information on more than 34 million businesses. The data includes company name, address, phone number, key contacts, titles, executive biographies, number of employees, sales volume, SIC codes, NAICS codes, 10-Ks, news information, annual reports,

UCC filings, and more. Users are able to create customized lists with more than 30 different search criteria, including a new map-based search functionality. Data may also be downloaded and printed.

The lecture will take place 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11. Lunchtime lectures are free and open to all adults. No registration is required. Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch. For more information call 972-744-4355.

SPRING Break-cation

<p>March 11 Movie Morning 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Showing: "Dear Dumb Diary" Ages 6+ Basement Program Room</p>	<p>March 12 Puppet Show* 11 a.m.-noon "The Princess and the Pea," performed by Sandy ShROUT Ages 5+ Basement Program Room</p>	<p>March 13 LEGO "Box of Bricks" Challenge** 2-3 p.m. OR 3:30-4:30 p.m. See where your creativity takes you! Ages 6-10 only Basement Program Room</p>	<p>March 14 Rainbow Loom Crafternoon** 2:30-4:30 p.m. It's a bracelet make-a-thon! Grades 3-6 Basement Program Room</p>
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*A FREE TICKET is required. Limited tickets will be distributed in Youth Services beginning at 10 a.m. on the day of each program. First-come, first-served!

**Registration required, and space is limited. Please call 972-744-4358.

Winter Storytimes

For Richardson residents. Valid Library card required. **Registration required.** Visit Youth Services or call 972-744-4358.

<p>Ages 3-6 Storytime A six-week program for children ages 3-6 filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must have turned age 3 by Jan. 28. Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only. Program runs through March 5. Choose <u>one</u> of the following times: Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m. or 7-7:30 p.m. Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>BabySteps A six-week program for children ages 6 weeks to 12 months accompanied by at least one parent. Designed to assist parents in preparing prewalkers for reading readiness by introducing them to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music, and other early literacy tools. Program runs through March 7. Choose <u>one</u> of the following times: Monday 6-6:30 p.m. Friday 10:15-10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Wiggle Worms A six-week program for 12-36 month-olds, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Children must have turned 12 months old by Jan. 27. Program runs through March 6. Choose <u>one</u> of the following times: Monday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m. Tuesday 6-6:30 p.m. Thursday 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 a.m.</p>
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The Vanderbilts Presented by Richard Cudlipp from Collin College's Seniors Active in Learning (SAIL) Program
Lunchtime Lectures

Feb. 18	The Commodore Making Money & More Money
Feb. 25	Fortune's Children Builders & Spenders in the Gilded Age
March 4	Fortune's Children II Spending More

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.

Tales for Tails
For Readers in Grades K-4
 Read to real dogs from Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs!
3-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23
 Children's Program Room
 For information, call 972-744-4358