Recent West Nile virus outbreak required more control measures

In response to what federal, state and local health officials have identified as an immediate public health threat in Dallas County, the City of Richardson has significantly escalated its mosquito control operations this summer due to the spread of the West Nile virus.

In August, Mayor Bob Townsend sent a letter formally requesting Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins include Richardson in Dallas County’s aerial mosquito control program, which was implemented after Dallas County declared a public health emergency because of the West Nile virus outbreak.

The evidence was very compelling that it was time to expand an existing mosquito control effort in our region,” said Mayor Townsend.

“Health leaders from government agencies at the federal, state and local level, and third-party medical groups all support expanded action to limit the risks to people from contracting this potentially deadly disease.”

Dallas County has been at the epicenter of an outbreak of the West Nile virus this year. In August, the area accounted for nearly half of the human cases of West Nile virus in Texas, and nearly a quarter of all human cases recorded in the United States. Approximately 76 percent of those cases have occurred in the North Dallas County area, which includes parts of Richardson.

Aerial spraying is considered to be an effective and safe way to kill adult mosquitoes in large, densely populated areas. Aerial spraying allows the mosquito control measures to be more efficiently applied, and the spray is uniformly dispersed in areas where vehicle-based spraying cannot reach.

City is moving forward with plans for redevelopment zones

With the purchase of property on Central Expressway and plans for rehabilitation of the West Spring Valley Road surface under way, the City is continuing to implement recommendations of the West Spring Valley Corridor Reinvestment Strategy.

At the same time, two additional studies are ongoing to create strategies for the future of other redevelopment zones, the Main Street/Central Expressway corridor and the East Arapaho/Collins area.

Each area was identified in the 2009 Richardson Comprehensive Plan as worthy of further study due to changes in market factors, demographics, technology and building format since their original development. The studies are designed to identify new opportunities for reinvestment in the community.

The City has quickly begun to implement the West Spring Valley Corridor Reinvestment Strategy, first with adoption of Planned Development zoning regulations for the area, and now with projects that were identified as potential catalysts for redevelopment.

The lead occupied by the Continental Inn, located at 758 S. Central Expressway, and the adjacent property located at 750 S. Central Expressway cost $2.2 million and will be used as part of a retail redevelopment plan.

"This purchase will help us get closer to realizing redevelopment goals we have for the Spring Valley Corridor," said Mayor Bob Townsend. "Our studies have shown the area is perfectly located to attract destination retail opportunities, and we are working towards creating catalyst projects to attract new development.”

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Rec Center promotes environmental sustainability

Not only is the Huffhines Recreation Center a place for people to exercise and take classes, but it is now also a place that visitors can learn about environmental sustainability.

Solar photovoltaic electricity panels, solar thermal hot water heating, a wind energy system and electric vehicle charging stations all make the Huffhines Recreation Center a unique demonstration of viable, commercially available energy efficiency projects.

The project, which was formally dedicated on Earth Day this spring, was one of several in Richardson made possible by the City’s award of a grant totaling more than $1 million from the 2009 Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

“The Richardson City Council is dedicated to environmental management, and the Huffhines Renewable Energy Project is dramatic proof of our strong commitment to this area,” said Mayor Bob Townsend. “We are proud to offer this great amenity to our residents and invite them all to join in our efforts to implement energy-saving projects throughout the City.”

The Renewable Energy Project increased the efficiency of a building that was originally constructed in an environmentally friendly way. Among the eco-friendly design elements were rainwater harvesting features that lower the need for artificial lighting and optimize energy use and construction of 29 percent of the building with recycled material.

The new components were designed to reduce the recreation center’s energy usage by an additional 10 percent, and they helped the recreation center earn Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

“According to our contractor, it may be one of the only facilities in the state with this diversity of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies at one location,” said E.A. Hoppe, Assistant Director of Community Services.

“It shows a real commitment by the City Council and the Environmental Advisory Commission to embrace the technology the way they did.”

In addition to the energy-saving features of the Huffhines Renewable Energy Project, there is also an educational component. Kiosks help to explain each of the features to the public, and an online portal allows people to see data generated by each component. Visit www.greencor.net and click on the “Huffhines Renewable Energy” link for the real-time data as well as information about other environmentally friendly features built into Huffhines Recreation Center.

Other projects in Richardson that have benefited from the EECBG grant include an energy conservation study and greenhouse gas inventory, energy monitoring systems at key City facilities, LED lighting retrofit at the Eisemann Center parking garage, an LED street light pilot project, general HVAC and lighting enhancements, and the hiring of environmental policy coordinators for the City. In all, the projects are expected to create more than $50,000 a year in energy savings for the City.
Stage 2 water restrictions are in effect

The City of Richardson moved to Stage 2 water conservation measures June 1. The easing of restrictions allows irrigation days for rescinded businesses from one to twice per week. (See table below.) Under Richardson’s Stage 2 water restrictions, use of sprinkler or irrigation systems is still prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., even on approved watering days. Use of soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems is allowed at any time on any day of the week. Also included in the Stage 2 restrictions are the following:

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- No golf course irrigation

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Currently we are at:

Richardson’s 41st annual Christmas Parade presents “Reindeer Games” Dec. 1

Registration begins Oct. 8

The 41st Annual Richardson Christmas Parade, produced by the City of Richardson, has been scheduled for Saturday, December 1. The theme for this year’s parade is “Reindeer Games.” Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme in their costumes, vehicles, floats and booths.

The parade will be held on Coit Road. For information regarding the parade, please contact Parade Chairperson Barbara Cottone at barbara.cottone@cor.gov, or call Melissa Sprott at 972-744-4100.

City facilities close for Labor Day holiday

Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will be no solid waste pick up or special pick up Monday, Sept. 3. The table below shows the recycle make up days.

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City Council Action

The following is a listing of some of the main items considered by the Richardson City Council at the July 9 and July 23 meetings. Citizens are welcome to attend Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. and every Monday at 10 a.m. in Richardson City Hall at 100 W. Campbell Rd., Richardson, TX 75080).

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City’s website at www.cor.net and on the City’s cable television 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.

City Council set to approve budget Sept. 10

The Richardson City Council is currently formulating the city’s 2013-2014 budget and the proposed tax rate of $0.4536 per $100 of assessed valuation, unchanged from the 2012-2013 rate, at a public meeting Sept. 10. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The final public meeting in this year’s budget process is open to the public and will begin at 7:30 p.m. in addition, as part of the City Council’s Transparency Initiative goals, the meeting will be broadcast live on the City website, www.cor.net, and on the City cable TV station (channel 16 on Time Warner and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse). All budget documents are available online as well.
Measures taken to help control the West Nile virus outbreak . . . continued from page 1

The Health Department schedules a variety of scheduled spraying events, including both aerial and ground-based, throughout the local media, social media, the City website and direct e-mail messages to those signed up for community notifications. Notification has also taken place through the City’s “reverse 911” system.

Potentially mosquito-bites and possible West Nile virus infection, residents are urged to reduce outdoor activity during evening and nighttime hours. When outside, cover arms and legs and use a mosquito repellent. And standing water should be eliminated promptly. Breeding places for mosquitoes include swimming pools that are not kept clean, stagnant ponds, pet watering dishes, bird baths, potted plants, old tires, empty containers, toys and clogged rain gutters and French drains.

Spraying is a last resort, and is part of the Richardson Health Department’s comprehensive plan to control the mosquito population and the spread of the West Nile virus. Other activities include: controlling mosquito breeding sites through the removal of mosquito traps placed throughout the City; using larvicide along creeks and ditches; and visually inspecting yards to prevent mosquito eggs from developing into adults, monitoring and notification in neighborhoods where potential mosquito breeding areas are discovered, and public education efforts through mass communications channels.

The Health Department schedules mosquito spraying based on positive findings of West Nile virus in mosquito traps or if a human case is confirmed. The area around the positive finding is targeted for spraying in an attempt to limit the spread of the disease. Spraying events take place during overnight hours (typically beginning at 10 p.m. with a goal of ending by 4 a.m.) to limit exposure to people who may wish to avoid contact with the pesticide.

The West Nile virus is transmitted by a bite from an infected mosquito, but not all mosquitoes are capable of carrying or transmitting the disease. In North Texas, the risk of being bitten by an infected mosquito is greatest from June to October.

Not everyone who gets bitten by an infected mosquito will get the virus. Symptoms vary depending upon the individual who is bitten, and it’s rare for people to contract the most serious forms of the disease. People who do develop symptoms usually suffer from milder “flu-like” illnesses. Rarely, symptoms may require medical care or hospitalization. The elderly and very young, the very old and those with weakened immune systems are at greatest risk.

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Rainwater harvesting provides an alternative for water usage

Richardson residents are able to water their yards but still conserve water, thanks to a City ordinance that allows residents to capture rainwater for future use.

Rainwater capture, or harvesting, has become an increasingly popular way to irrigate gardens and water foundations, and the City’s ordinance is intended to simply the process of installing rainwater harvesting systems while still ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the community. Captured rainwater may only be used for outdoor irrigation and foundation watering.

All rainwater harvesting systems are required to comply with the City’s Rainwater Harvesting Ordinance. A permit is only required when the total capacity of all storage tanks or rain barrels on the property exceeds 400 gallons, but systems with less than 400 gallons are encouraged to register with the City’s Community Services Department. Additional permits may be required for systems that have permanent electrical or mechanical features, such as electrical pumps.

For more information about the City’s requirements for rainwater harvesting, visit www.greencor.net or call Community Services at 972-744-4180. The Texas Agrilife Research and Extension Center also provides educational opportunities to the public, with workshops that teach participants how to build their own rain barrels, as well as other classes on water conservation and efficient irrigation. Classes are taught at the Center at 17360 East Blvd., and a list of classes offered is available at www.greencor.net. Residents may register online, and more information is available by calling the Center at 972-231-5362.

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.cot.net/dsl and go to the Dining Page to sign up for e-mail updates.

Community gardens grow food, fellowship

Community gardens generally provide small plots for individual gardeners and a portion of the produce is donated to area food banks.

For more information or a list of community gardens in the City of Richardson, see www.greencor.net, or contact the Community Services Department at 972-744-4180.

Benefits of a Community Garden

Community gardens provide many environmental benefits and improve the quality of life for residents of the city. The American Community Gardening Association explains that community gardens reduce city heat from streets and parking lots, preserve green space, beautify neighborhoods, conserve resources, produce nutritious food, provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development, stimulate social interactions, reduce family food budgets, provide opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections and provide opportunities for recreation, exercise, therapy and education.

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Revitalization Award nominations due to Development Services Sept. 21

The Richardson City Council created the Community Revitalization Awards in 1994 to recognize owners who have enhanced the quality of life in Richardson by making significant improvements to their properties. Both residential and nonresidential properties are eligible for consideration; 176 properties have been recognized since the program’s inception. Because no one knows their neighborhoods better than residents, the City of Richardson is asking the public to identify candidates for the 2012 Richardson Community Revitalization Awards.

What is revitalization?

Revitalization is defined as “imparting new life or vigor.” When applied to the built environment of our community, revitalization can take several forms:

- Significant improvements to properties or structures that halt or reverse decline
- An ongoing high level of maintenance and/or periodic refreshment of properties or structures that prevents decline
- Total redevelopment of a property or structure; or
- Full development of vacant property in a developed area.

A Community Revitalization Award nomination is evaluated by assessing its individual merit as well as its impact on surrounding properties, or on the City as a whole, if appropriate:

- Has the effort improved the built environment?
- Does the effort contribute to the stability or enhancement of an existing neighborhood or district?
- Does the effort set a desirable precedent for surrounding property owners?

Projects that receive awards typically incorporate at least two of the following elements: landscaping enhancements, building or façade improvements, lighting, enhancements, signage upgrades and/or a consistently high level of general maintenance.

Nomination process

Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including the property owner, and may be submitted any time throughout the year. The nomination deadline for the 2012 awards is Friday, Sept. 21. Nominations received after Sept. 21 will be held for consideration next year.

Nominations must include the property address, a description of the exterior/site improvements that have been made, and any additional information available, such as the property owner’s name and contact information. Contact information for the person making the nomination should also be provided. Before and after photos are particularly helpful, but are not required. This information can also be viewed on the Community Revitalization Awards website listed at right.

For more information on the awards or to submit a nomination, contact:

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Hazelbaker honored by Special Olympics Texas

Robbie Hazelbaker, assistant director of parks and recreation for the City of Richardson, was recently honored as an Outstanding Community Leader by Special Olympics Texas—Area 10 and the local Richardson Roadrunners delegation.

Through his work organizing the Richardson Corporate Challenge over nearly 15 years, Hazelbaker has helped raise more than $1,030,000 for Special Olympics Texas and the local Richardson Roadrunners team. Special Olympics Texas—Area 10 has also nominated Hazelbaker for a statewide award to celebrate his exceptional leadership and dedication to the organization.

“The City of Richardson is proud of Robbie for his continued success with the Richardson Corporate Challenge,” said Richardson Mayor Bob Townsend. “The efforts of Robbie, his team and the corporate partners in our great community have made it possible for the Richardson chapter of Special Olympics Texas to thrive. Robbie is greatly deserving of this award, and his outstanding community leadership is a true testament to the civic commitment of our City employees.”

As an actively involved member of the Richardson community, Hazelbaker is also a broadcaster and master of ceremonies for the Richardson Christmas Parade. He was a member of the first class of the City of Richardson’s Citizen Police Academy and, as an active volunteer member of the Richardson community, Hazelbaker is also a broadcaster and master of ceremonies for the Richardson Christmas Parade. He was a member of the first class of the City of Richardson’s Citizen Police Academy and worked as the executive director of the Richardson YMCA, for which he completed a $1.2 million capital campaign. Hazelbaker was the recipient of the Special Olympics Texas Hero Award for 2012, developed area.

Bank of America Hotel

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Antique Elegance

Eisemann Center from 1-5 p.m., offering a variety of free activities that will include:

Lobby Activities: Exhibits, a caricature artist, a balloon artist and other roaming artists, 10th anniversary merchandise, concessions, information on Richardson arts organizations and an Eisemann Center 10-year retrospective exhibit in the Green Mezzanine Gallery.

Bank of America Theatre: Visitors will get a hands-on experience with technical equipment and stage operations and see demonstrations of the rigging system, lighting system, sound system and more.

Visit the Eisemann Center website at www.eisemanncenter.com to learn more about the 10th anniversary celebration weekend.

Saturday • September 15

The Saturday night show will feature the return of “An Evening with Patti LuPone and Mandy Patinkin,” which had its debut at the Eisemann Center’s opening in 2002. Since then, the Broadway stars have performed the show across the country. The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tickets for the performance are on sale and are $55-$58. But hurry! Only a few tickets remain! Call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 or visit www.eisemanncenter.com.

Sunday • September 16

A “community arts day” will be held at the Eisemann Center from 1-5 p.m., offering a variety of free activities that will include:

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Call us 972-744-4090

Coming up at the Richardson Civic Center

Texas Stamp Dealers

Sept. 7-8

www.texasphilatelic.org

Dallas Business Journals

Business Growth Expo

Sept. 12

www.bizjournals.com/dal-

las/event/67621

Antique Elegance

Sept. 15-16

www.victorianshow.com

Mothers of Twins Sale

Sept. 7

www.mothersons.com

Eisemann Center 10th Anniversary Weekend Celebration

A weekend with special performances and exhibits highlighting the Eisemann Center’s 10th anniversary.

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 16

COMMUNITY ARTS DAY

A weekend with special performances and exhibits highlighting the Eisemann Center’s 10th anniversary.

Hill Performance Hall

A showcase of the All Round Talent winners selected from auditions held in August will take place at 2 p.m.

Visit the Eisemann Center website at www.eisemanncenter.com to learn more about the 10th anniversary celebration weekend.
Community service day planned Sept. 22
Event will honor Army 2nd Lt. Pete Burks

The Richardson Community Services Department is assisting a service organization to help resi-
dents in need on what will be the City’s largest service project related to the Volunteer As-
sistance Program. More than 200 volunteers will work on projects at 27 homes, and at the Richard-
son Family YMCA.

Through the program, Community Services matches home-
owners who are unable to complete home repairs on their own with individuals and organizations that can do the work. Footwash-
ers Ministries Inc., which is organiz-
ing Sept. 22, has been involved with the Volunteer Assistance Program for nearly two years. The group was also recognized by the City Council this spring for its service to the community.

The day is named in honor of Army 2nd Lt. Pete Burks, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2007.

“His service through the military, and he was always in-
volved,” Kanneman, a Richardson resident, said. “Richardson was the obvious choice—we felt trying to help is help people in our community.”

Lowrie’s Home Improvement at Richardson Square is helping to provide materials for the project, and the organization is seeking financial help to purchase addi-
tional materials needed. Donations can be made at http://www.

“The new ordinance is very
much an extension of the neigh-
borhood study work we have done and the enhancements to the City codes we have made recently,” said Community Services Di-
rector Don Magner.

Magner said that retail busi-
nesses could benefit from some of the changes, as temporary pro-

tional signs would be allowed for longer periods of time. Business owners would be able to post signs for “Coming Soon,” “Grand Opening” and “Grand Re-Opening,” giving them additional promotional op-
portunities that previously weren’t allowed.

The updated ordinance also adds

dresses current development and sign trends both in Richardson and nationally.

One new type of sign included in the ordinance is electronic signs, which many national retail-

ers are beginning to increasingly use.

The ordinance will limit dis-
traction to drivers by prohibiting images or messages that have been or are animated or resolve.

Also, each message would be re-
quired to be displayed for at least 10 minutes before changing, and a change of message would have to occur in two seconds or less.

The new ordinance also re-

stricts businesses from using ve-
hicles parked alongside roads as a type of sign. Vehicles with signage attached would have to be set back from the road, would have to have a bona fide transportation purpose and would have to be parked in a single, designated parking space.

“Many of these businesses are located at or near entry points to our neighborhoods,” Magner said.

“This new ordinance will really help to improve the look and feel of our major thoroughfares and our community as a whole.”

The signs at right are an ex-

ample of the signage that is al-

lowed by City ordinance.

Floodplain management program targets risk reduction and preparedness

With little or no warning, heavy rains can produce urban stream flooding or flash floods that in-
undate streets, bridges and even homes. In Texas, floods can oc-
cur at any time of year and cause more damage and loss of life than any other natural hazard. To re-
duce the risk of flooding in Rich-

ardson, the City provides services and information to homeowners, businesses and the public as part of the Floodplain and Stormwater Management programs.

The program provides informa-
tion on flood prevention and preparedness, flood safety and flood insurance. Regulation of flood-

plain development, preservation of open space and storm drain sys-
tem maintenance are also part of the services provided through the program. More information about the program can be obtained at the Capital Projects website, www.cor.net.

Prior to purchase of or construction on a property near a stream or drainageway, contact the Richardson Capital Projects Department to obtain additional floodplain management information and local regulations. The planned modifications or construc-
tion that is used for planning, construc-
tion or re-grading or placing fill near streams or drainageways may require City review and permits. Often, the City of Richardson has informa-
tion that is used for planning, construction or home improve-
ments that is more detailed or recent than the Federal Emer-
gency Management Agency (FEMA) has published for in-
surance purposes.
September Calendar

Richardson Civic Organizations

Civic Groups
Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. 972-231-9633 or beegerry@aol.com
Exchange Club of Richardson 972-680-8614
The Junior League of Richardson, jjltx.com
Richardson Central Kiwanis Club 214-739-5610
Plano-Richardson Elks Lodge 972-224-2855
Richardson Central Rotary 972-690-8637
Richardson East Rotary 972-442-5295
Richardson Host Lions Club 972-388-3321 or http://www.e-clubsinc.com/sites/RichardsonHost
Richardson Kiwanis Club www.richardsonkiwanis.com or steagle@sbcglobal.net
Richardson Masonic Lodge #1214 F.& A.M. 972-235-5667
Richardson Rotary 972-277-1221
Family Groups
Canyon Creek Moms Club 972-670-7609 or www.canyoncreekmomsclub.com
MOMS Club of Richardson—East 972-383-6068 or drselliendoes@yahoo.com
MOMS Club of Richardson—West www.aomomsclubresourcecenter@gmail.com
Social Groups
Richardson Newcomers and Neighbors Club 214-793-1646, 972-690-8525, 972-239-3977 or 214-750-0506
Texas Realtors Square & Round Dance Club 972-699-0934 or 972-416-2311
Special Interest Groups
AARP Chapter 1651 972-224-2315
Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association 972-690-8075
Helping Agencies
Serving Richardson 972-219-1501
http://base.org/about/
League of Women Voters of Richardson 972-470-0974
www.hwvrichardson.org
NARFE Eppard Chapter #1273 972-238-8458 or 972-234-6922
Plano-Richardson Coin Club 214-287-4817

At the Senior Center

280 W. Arapaho 972-744-7800

Special Events
Flu Shots Sept. 11–13 Do not forget to make your flu shot appointment. Please check the Senior Center section of this paper or call the Senior Center 972-744-7800 to make your appointment or for more details.
Out to Lunch Bunch Sept. 1—11.p.m.
Campisi’s on Mockingbird Cost for the trip is $2, payable on the day of the trip, plus the cost of your meal.
Cheryl’s Fall Recital Sept. 21—1 p.m.
The piano and voice students of Cheryl Hayes will present their Fall recital in the Public Library. Her students are looking forward to showcasing their accomplishments for you to enjoy. Refreshments will be served.

Travel Opportunities
Check our Travel Board at the Senior Center for 2012 travel opportunities with the Senior Center and Heritage Tours.

Trip Shows!!!
Sept. 6—11:30 a.m.
Bus Tour with Heritage Tours and the Richardson Senior Center would like to invite you to the County Trip Show. It will unveil the 2013 trip destinations planned, so don’t miss the opportunity to plan early for where your travels may take you in 2013.

“Gainesville: The Civil War and More”
Depart by motorcoach from the Senior Center at 8 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. $515
Join us for a tour around Gainesville on the 150th anniversary of the day of one of the most important incidents in Texas during the Civil War. Noted Civil War historians will lead us to the sites where the actual events occurred. The tour will also include sightseeing around Gainesville with lunch at the Fried Pie Company. We will visit a neighborhood to observe Victorian homes, the Gainesville Community Circus, stop at the railroad depot that is the eighth largest destination for the Santa Fe System and admire the Cooke courthouse. You will be able to browse in the Knouse’s Jew- elry Store, which has been operating in town since 1889. Their upstairs is an attachment to the store of antiques and collectables. You will also have time to shop in the area's unique shops around the square. Deadline for registration and final payment is Sept. 28.

Galveston’s Dickens on the Strand Nov. 30-Dec. 2
Three day, two night trip
Depart by motorcoach from the Senior Center at 8 a.m. Nov. 30 and return to the Senior Center at approximately 9 p.m. Dec. 2.
Cost: $695 per person, double occupancy, $808 per person, single occupancy.
We will travel to Galveston Island for the annual Dickens on the Strand Festival. Several rest stops are planned, including lunch at The Farmhouse Cafe in Huntsville (on your own). We will stay at the Hotel Galvez night on the beach. Friday night we will dine at Gaudi’s, and after dinner we will be entertained by George Lee, a veteran speaker recently featured on the History Channel. He will regale you with tales of the colorful history of the island. Sat- urday is for spending time at the festival downtown enjoying the many blocks of holiday merchandise. Saturday evening we will tour the historic showplaces of the Menard Home and Bishop’s Palace while sipping champagne. Both will be decorated for Christmas to put you in the holiday spirit. Dinner will be at Clary’s, a favorite to the locals. After dinner you may choose to take a private ghost and his- tory tour with a concierge through the back stage areas of the Hotel Galvez. Sunday morning will start with a brunch at the Garten Verein followed by a driving tour of the city. Jan Johnson, the author of “Driving Tours of Galveston,” will be with us to guide you through the sights.

Civic Art Society announces 2012-2013 events
Richardson Civic Art Society invites all DFW Metroplex artists to join them for an art-filled sea- son. Art shows, artist’s demonstra- tions and workshops are organized by RCAS to benefit anyone who wants to participate. Complete information on the events of the 2012-2013 season is available at http://www.richardson-arts.org.

The first artists’ demonstration will be at the monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Richardson Public Library basement. A watercolor demon- stration will be given by Michael Bales, a fine arts graduate of Uni- versity of North Texas. Bales’ art- works are detailed and realistic, earning him numerous awards and recognition. His presentation will be an excellent opportunity to see a young, modern watercolorist at work.

The first workshop will be held Oct. 27 at the Artists’ Showplace in Richardson by Marilyn Broum, who will work with participants in mixed media/ acrylic. Artists’ Show- place is at the southwest corner of Arapaho and Cot roads.

Finally, RCS sponsors six art shows each year with different ob- jectives, from membership shows to area elementary school com- petitions, to a regional exhibition with prize awards. The first show is a Membership Show in the fall, which hangs in the Richardson Public Library.

Seniors’ Net schedules bi-monthly seminars
Seniors’ Net is hosting free seminars on a variety of topics af- fecting the aging population and their caregivers. Seminars will be held 10 a.m.—noon the first and third Tuesdays at NENWOK, 741 S. Sherman St.

Sept. 4 Nancy Broun
Visiting Nurses Association Meals on Wheels Program

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Sept. 18 Lori Stovall
Financing Long-term Care, Guardianship and Probate

For more information call 972-234-8880.

Richardson Today, September 2012

Richardson Civic Art Society meets the third Tuesday of the month in the Richardson Public Library basement at 6:45 p.m. RCS is supported in part by the City of Richardson through the Arts Commission.
2012-2013 Upcoming Shows

The following are just some of the upcoming shows that are part of the Eisemann Center Presents 10th Anniversary Season. Visit www.eisemanncenter.com and click on the season brochure icon to see all the great acts that are offered in this “Season of Celebration.”

MainStage Shows
The Oak Ridge Boys
Oct. 27, 8 p.m.

Ricky Nelson Remembered
Nov. 15, 8 p.m.
The Romeros with Mansouni Parts & Concerto Malaguini
Dec. 11, 8 p.m.

Family Theatre Series
Agoa Room
Oct. 14, 3 p.m.
The Sinister Cheese Man and Other Foully Stupid Tales
Nov. 18, 2:30 p.m.

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and another Story Books
Jan. 20, 2:30 p.m.

ViewPoint Bank Theatre Comedy Series
Deer Camp: The Musical!
Oct. 17-21
Broadway’s Next Hit Musical
Nov. 7-11
Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice!
Feb. 6-10

Jeffrey Siegel’s Keyboard Conversations®
Spellbinding Bach!
Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m.

For ticket information call 972-744-4650 or visit www.eisemanncenter.com.

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General Interest
Concert of Contemporary Classical Music—NACUSA
Sep. 15, 4 p.m. Featuring Enric Madriguera, guitar, Karen Lin-Smith, violin, James Birch, cello, and Patrick Bechteriger, piano/
Keyboard
Basement Program Room, FREE
Richardson Reads One Book: Chitra Divakaruni
Author Lecture
Free lecture by “One Amazing Thing” author Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Richardson High School. FREE: ticket is required.

Book Groups
First Wednesday Book Club
Sep. 5, 7-8:45 p.m.
Second Floor Conference Room. “In the Garden of Beasts” by Erik Larson presented by Arlton White. Call Janet Vance, 972-744-4767.

Second Wednesday
BOOKkahle Group
Sep. 12, 10-11:15 a.m.
Second Floor Conference Room. “Before I Go to Sleep” by S. J. Walker. Registration requested.

BOOKkahle Group
Sep. 19, 10-11:45 a.m.

Third Wednesday
BOOKkahle Group
Sep. 26, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Computer Classes—Richardson Public Library
Card needed for required registration. Call 972-744-4361 after 10 a.m.

Introduction to MS Excel
Sep. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Internet 101
Sep. 17, 10 a.m.-noon.
Job Searching on the Internet
Sep. 21, 10-11:10 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint
Sep. 24, 10 a.m.-noon.
Introduction to Microsoft Word
Sep. 28, 10 a.m.-noon.

Children’s Activities
Family Storytime Every Monday, 6-8:30 p.m., children's Program Room. Everyone welcome.
It’s Elementary! Storytime Every Tuesday, 4-4:45 p.m., Children's Program Room. Grades K-4.

Teen Activities
Dewey KNIT!, an adult knitting program. Dept. 1, 2-4 p.m.
First Floor Program Room.
Call Jane Nearing, 972-744-4355 for information.

Writer’s Group of Richardson Poetry Reading
Guest poet Terry Everett Sept. 23, 3-5 p.m.
First Floor Program Room. Everyone is welcome, and no registration is required.

Comedy show “Jeff Garlin—Built for Comfort” has been added to the upcoming Eisemann Center Presents’ 2012-2013 10th Anniversary Season for two shows Friday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Bank of America Theatre.
Jeff Garlin’s talent encompasses writing, producing, directing, acting and performing stand-up comedy. Garlin also greatly enjoys working as the Executive Producer of the HBO series Curb Your Enthusiasm, starring Seinfeld creator Larry David. The critically acclaimed series has won the Golden Globe Award for Best Comedy, the Emmy Award for Outstanding Comedy Series, and the AFI Comedy Series of the Year Award and is going into its eighth season on HBO.

The Chicago native studied filmmaking and began performing stand-up comedy while at the University of Miami. Garlin has toured the country as a stand-up comedian and his first-ever stand-up comedy special, Young & Hand- some: A Night with Jeff Garlin,” was shot at the historic Second City Theatre in Chicago. Garlin has been a featured performer on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” and “The Late Show with David Letterman” and the AFI Comedy Series of the Year Award and is going into its eighth season on HBO.

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National Night Out (NNO) is the premiere celebration of the Neighborhood Watch Program. 2012 marks 29 years of police-community partnership recognition across the nation and in U.S. territories and military installations worldwide. This year also marks the 29th year of the Richardson Police Department’s local Neighborhood Watch program, a community-based, self-help program that empowers residents to take control of their neighborhoods in an effort to discourage criminal activity. The goal of both programs is to enhance the quality of life for citizens within their own communities.

This is the 23rd year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit. Richardson’s National Night Out celebration ranked No. 2 in the nation in 2011 for cities in our population category. Help celebrate our proud tradition by participating in National Night Out.

Pre-NNO event Monday, Oct. 1 Noon-2 p.m. The Richardson Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Road will host its traditional NNO event for the older adult community the day before NNO. Potluck, and hotdogs, dancing, singing, magic acts, door prizes and even a portable bowling alley to try your hand at STRIKES, interspersed with crime prevention and NNO messages.

National Night Out 2012 Tuesday, Oct. 2 6 p.m.-8 p.m. The main event! Officers, dignitaries and VIPs will be riding out to visit residents at their neighborhood block parties all over the City to visit residents at their neighbor- hood block parties all over the City.

Clean out medicine cabinet at Sept. 29 event

The Richardson Police Department and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will host a free prescription and over-the-counter drug disposal day on Saturday, Sept. 29.

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 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the south parking lot of the City Hall/Civic Center Complex, adjacent to Belt Line Drive.

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.

What you need to know about Richardson’s local “Take Back” event:

• The event is “drive thru and drop off” so participants do not have to park and exit their vehicles.
• The event location is on the south side outer parking lot of the Richardson Civic Center/City Hall located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. (at U.S. 75). The easiest access and exit is from Belt Line Drive.
• Participation is anonymous, and no identification will be requested. Substances turned in for destruction will not be inventoried or logged. Police will be present for participants’ safety and event security.
• All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the collection process, from home to the point of disposal.
• Participants may dispose of solid dosage medications (pills, capsules, etc.) in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and dumping it into the disposal box.
• All pharmaceutical liquids, such as cough syrup, will be accepted in their original consumer containers, and should be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
• Intravenous solutions or medications and syringes will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
• Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in disposal containers.
• Call the RPD Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 if you have any questions.

For more information, and to register your block party, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955 to go to www.richardson-police.net.

Residential/business burglaries May 16-Aug. 15

The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit reports crime statistics by Incident Reporting Areas (IRAs). Locate your residence or business on the IRA map. If the IRA in which you reside or have a business is shaded, the number represents the total burglaries reported. If the IRA is not shaded, no burglaries were reported.

Visit the Police Department Web site at www.cor.net/PD and click on the Crime Reports map for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Business burglaries reported in red. Residential burglaries reported in blue.

The following residential burglary occurred in the 29th year of the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. Shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car. Individuals or small businesses that have more documents that need to be shredded than can fit into a car may contact Bruce Murphy at 214-370-1945 or wastewater.fiscal@greenville.tx.gov to arrange a direct pickup by Brinks, for a fee, with a contribution going to CPAAA scholarship fund. The documents will be destroyed on site, safely and securely.
Richardson Corporate Challenge offers health, bonding and fun

The companies involved in the Richardson Corporate Challenge are diverse in size and industry, but the reasons they join the program are similar. They’re seeking a bonding experience. They want healthier employees. And they just want to have fun.

“The Corporate Challenge from the very beginning has helped us build teamwork, improved morale and fostered new friendships,” said Linda Baker, who coordinates Corporate Challenge for SOURCE Inc.

Corporate Challenge, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, kicked off its 15th year Aug. 17 and will run through the closing ceremony Oct. 19. The 10-week, Olympics-style event is the only one of its kind in Texas. Information about the event, including a link to the Corporate Challenge Facebook page, can be found at www.cor.net/cc.

More than 50 Metroplex companies will take part in 24 athletic and non-athletic events. More than 10,000 employees from companies including General Electric, Southwest Airlines and Fossil are expected to participate and to help raise funds in support of Special Olympics Texas and its local affiliate, the Richardson Roadrunners – the event’s beneficiary since its inception. Last year, total contributions to Special Olympics Texas over the past 14 years surpassed the $1 million mark.

Richardson Corporate Recreation Manager Abby Morales said the driving force behind Corporate Challenge is to get employees to be more active and for companies to have a unique team-building experience.

“One of our goals is to get people at the companies to be a little more active,” she said. “We have participants who would not have considered doing a 5K before, but now they’re doing it to help their company team earn points.”

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

15th annual

25th annual

NETWORK Golf Classic honoring Billye Meyer

Friday, Sept. 28

Sherrill Park

Richardson City Championship Golf Tournament Winners

Sherrill Park Golf Course held its annual City Championship Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26. The tournament was played on Course 1, and trophies and awards were given in five flights. The winners are listed below.

• City Champion is John Hefner-70, who shot a 142 in two rounds (72, 70)
• First Flight Winner is Garrett Meggin (149: 73, 76)
• Second Flight Winner is Ricky Suber (155: 74, 81)
• Third Flight Winner is Evan Bolanz (156: 78, 80)
• Fourth Flight Winner is David K. Finfrock (133: 65, 68) Net

Congratulations to all players. See you next year!

Huffhines Tennis Center

1601 Syracuse Dr. 972-744-7870

Group Lessons—Adults/Juniors

Sept. 4-21

Adult Leagues

Oct. 1-19

Meet twice per week for three weeks. Cost: $42

Doubles cost: $24 each

Last chance for a swim

The City pools officially closed for the season Aug. 12 but there is one last chance to take a swim. Canyon Creek and Glenville pools will be open Sept. 1, 2 and 3 for the Labor Day weekend and then will close for the year.

Progressive Dinner

Adaptive Event

Look out Dallas, here we come again! Join us for a unique progressive dinner down the DART rail line. We will meet at the Arapaho Station and then make two stops on the rail and eat at different restaurants. Each stop will require a walk to the restaurant. All participants are responsible to buy their own food at each location. No alcoholic beverages may be purchased! Very limited enrollment. You MUST be registered to attend this event with our group!

Friday, Sept. 21

4:45-11:30 p.m.

Arapaho DART Station

Ages 18 and older

Cost: $12 with a DART Pass

$16 if participant does not have a DART Pass

Registration #69098

Register online at: www.cor.net/parksonline
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 - Thursday 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 hand-made crafts which are for sale. To open.
Senior Bovling League
The Roadrunner Bovling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and guests. For more information, contact Bill Northrop, 214-676-0411, Lina McFerrin-VIP, 972-596-4089, Charles Turner, Sec./Treasurer, 972-785-2248.
Emeritus Plus 50 program at Rich Junior College
Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from continuing education and more. Call Barbara at 972-235-4976 for more information.

New!! Amateur Radio License Testing The exams at 1:30 p.m. the first Sat- urday of each month starting Oct. 6. The candidate will need to pro- vide a government issued photo ID, driver’s license, social security number and an appointment number.

Department of Transportation 2012 licenses will be required for those drivers over the age of 70.

Regular “42” games are scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and is a member of the Richardson Senior Center.

Bingo
Bingo anyone? We play the third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Buzz, laughter. Let’s Play “64”

City of Richardson Transportation Services Free transportation is available for Richardson resid- dents ages 55 and over. The City’s van service oper- ates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons may ride anywhere within the city limits of Richardson. For more information, call the information line at 972-744-7800.

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One Book author lecture tickets available Sept. 4

Chitra Divakaruni will present a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Richardson High School auditorium, 1250 W. Bel Line Rd. Complimentary tickets to the lecture will be available at the Richardson Library beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Divakaruni is an award-winning author, poet and teacher of writing. Her work has been published in more than 50 magazines and in more than 50 anthologies.

Romance Tea supports literacy

Best-selling author Sarah MacLean will be the keynote speaker at the annual Buns & Roses Romance Tea. The event, which benefits literacy programs at the Library and at the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson Public Library, will take place 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson. It is hosted by romance authors from every part of the country who represent every romance genre.

Individual tickets are $35. You can also buy an entire table with the author of your choice and nine guests for $360, or an author and seven guests for $280. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit the Buns & Roses website at www.richardsonroses.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Library’s information desk.

Poets group meeting features guest speaker

The Richardson Poets Group will present a poetry reading by members and by guest poet Terry Everett 5:5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Everett is retired from teaching after 35 years at Delta State University in Mississippi. He served for six years as director of the Southern Literary Festival and conducted poetry workshops for the festival. In addition to authoring two books of poetry, Everett’s work has appeared in more than 200 literary magazines.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jaret Vance at 972-744-4376.

Art journaling registration starts Sept. 25

Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 25 for the Library’s Art Journaling Workshop to be held 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, in the Library’s Basement Program Room. Graphic artist Trisha Alexander will lead participants in combining words with art to express thoughts, dreams or daily activities in a visually creative way. All materials will be provided for this free workshop for adults and teens ages 15 and up. Register at 972-744-4376.

It’s Elementary! Storytime for kids in grades K-4

Every Tuesday 4:15-4:45 p.m.

Family Storytime

For children ages 3-7, but all are welcome.

Every Monday 6:45-7:15 p.m.

No registration required.

Do drop in! Children’s Program Room.

Altered book workshop Sept. 22

Do you have a favorite book that is battered and frayed, but you love it too much to throw it away? Spend a creative morning with professional artist Julie Flaudorfer as she teaches new techniques for altering books into beautiful pieces of art. Her altered book workshop will be held 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Library’s Basement Program Room. Adults and older teens (15 and up) are invited to register for this free workshop. All supplies will be provided. Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 4. Call 972-744-4376 to register or for more information.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

*Oct. 4 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 6 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2-5 p.m.

The sale will be held in the Basement Program Room at the Richardson Public Library. For information, please call 972-744-4350.

*Members of the Friends of the Library only. Individual memberships can be purchased for $10 at the door. Other types of memberships are available.

A Concert of Contemporary American Classical Music

Saturday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m.

Free Admission

Richardson Public Library Basement Program Room

Edward Brown, guest speaker

Required Registration Begins Tuesday, Sept. 4

Storytime

A six-week program for children ages 3-6 filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by Sept. 1.

Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only.

Starts Sept. 18; ends Oct. 24

Choose one of the following times:

Tuesday 3:30-4 p.m.

Wednesday 11-11:30 a.m.

Wiggle Worms

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Poets group meeting features guest speaker

The Richardson Poets Group will present a poetry reading by members and by guest poet Terry Everett 5:5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25. Everett is retired from teaching after 35 years at Delta State University in Mississippi. He served for six years as director of the Southern Literary Festival and conducted poetry workshops for the festival. In addition to authoring two books of poetry, Everett’s work has appeared in more than 200 literary magazines.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jaret Vance at 972-744-4376.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

*Oct. 4 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Oct. 5 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 6 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oct. 7 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2-5 p.m.

The sale will be held in the Basement Program Room at the Richardson Public Library. For information, please call 972-744-4350.

*Members of the Friends of the Library only. Individual memberships can be purchased for $10 at the door. Other types of memberships are available.

A Concert of Contemporary American Classical Music

Saturday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m.

Free Admission

Richardson Public Library Basement Program Room

Edward Brown, guest speaker

Required Registration Begins Tuesday, Sept. 4

Storytime

A six-week program for children ages 3-6 filled with stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays. Children must be age 3 by Sept. 1.

Children attend Storytime independently. Limit one guest per child—one time only.

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