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

Add to that a heap of national and international press for more than 20 years that has reinforced the link between the city and the tagline, and it’s easy to see why Richardson uses every chance it gets to promote the Telecom Corridor® as a hotbed for high-tech research and development. The words Telecom Corridor®, imply smart people, technology, etc.—they don’t have to limit us to a certain business segment," said John Jacobs, Vice President of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership, a joint initiative established by the city and the Chamber in 1984.

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

With the city’s distinguished roots in telecommunications and electronics (Texas Instruments moved to the area in 1956 and Collins Radio opened a division here in 1957) and the proliferation of telecommunications-related businesses moving in from all over the world along the east side of US 75, the name Telecom Corridor® was a perfect fit. (Ever since MCI opened a facility in Richardson in 1972 to be close to its supplier Collins Radio, telecom companies from all over the world were flocking to Richardson, giving the area a head start after the 1984 divestiture of AT&T. By 1989, Richardson’s resident telecom companies included Nortel, Ericsson and Fujitsu.)

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

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

Construction underway for new Restaurant Park

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

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

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

Currently three restaurants have been secured for Restaurant Park, The Rock Wood Fired Inn, Dog Haus and Verteks Kebap. The Rock is a 20-year-old Ta-soma, Wurst-based restaurant all about good of classic rock ‘n’ roll

"Tree Cycle"
Your Christmas Tree

You may drop off your Christmas tree or have it picked up until Jan. 29. It will be turned into mulch instead of going to the landfill.
Lots of doors open, more to come at CityLine and area development

Sanitation schedule/recipe makeup days

City facilities schedule for holiday Jan. 18

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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

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

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

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Richardson City Council

Richardson City Council meetings (second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m.) and work sessions (Monday at 6 p.m.) are open to the public, and citizens are welcome to attend.

Each meeting’s agenda is posted at City Hall on a bulletin board at the west end of the building and can be found on the City website, www.cor.net.

The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary’s Office at 972-442-4922.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City’s website at www.cor.net and on the City’s cable TV channel on Time Warner Cable (channel 16) and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.
1 CITYLINE
- Good Union Urban Barbeque – Opening Soon
- Smoothie King – Opening Soon

2 CITYLINE
- Fixin Grill
- Eight
- Nerdle "ToL House" Café by Chip
- Red Mango
- Subway
- The Kitchen Table
- The Green House
- Starbucks – Opening Soon

3 CITYLINE
- TOM+CHEE
- Top Pot Hand-Forged Doughnuts & Coffee
- Coal Vines – Opening Soon
- Jasper's – Opening Soon
- Kin Kin Urban Thai – Opening Soon
- P&D Market – Opening Soon
- Tricky Fish – Opening Soon

4 CITYLINE
- ALOFT HOTEL – Opening Soon
- WXYZ Bar – Opening Soon

5 CITYLINE MARKET
- Lot A@CityLine – Residential
- Lot B@CityLine – Residential
- Fernando's – Opening Soon
- Edako Sushi and Robata – Opening Soon
- BITE City Grill – Opening Soon

6 CITYLINE MARKET
- 18|8 Fine Men's Salon – Opening Soon
- CityLine Dental – Opening Soon
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- Deluxe Nails – Opening Soon
- FedEx – Opening Soon
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- Hollywood Feed – Opening Soon
- Jimmy John's – Opening Soon
- Luna Grill – Opening Soon
- Luxy Lash Salon & Boutique – Opening Soon
- Massage Envy – Opening Soon
- ModMarket – Opening Soon
- Pei Wei Asian Diner – Opening Soon
- Pho is for Lovers – Opening Soon
- Piada Italian Street Food – Opening Soon
- Reel Point Yoga – Opening Soon
- Smashburger – Opening Soon
- Super Chix – Opening Soon

Additional Retail
- Taco Diner – Opening Soon
- The Joint – Opening Soon
- Wells Fargo – Opening Soon
- Whole Foods – Opening Soon
Mayor's Office of International Business
works to attract foreign companies

City upgrades website security; some residents' access affected

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

As the International Business Capital of North Texas, Richardson is a diverse workforce, and the city. “Friendly City” agreements have also been reached with the city. Richardson was made in 2011 to attract international businesses. “I am in the relationship-building business-friendly location for international business. Richardson last year, companies of all sizes have found Richardson to be a good fit for their needs.

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

“The object is to create a last- ing impression of Richardson as a business-friendly location for international business. I am in the relationship-building business and these international deals have just begun. It is all about selling to people why Richardson is important and what we can offer them.”

As the sole REDP employee focused on international development, Skelton relies on ambassadors to be his eyes, ears and mouth on the ground. From local business people who regularly travel internationally, to foreign University of Texas at Dallas students, ambassadors have directed Richardson to businesses needing to hire in the market. We can make your more accessible to our clients and our more visible with the more companies we can attract.

Zhejiang, China-based Yankon Ltd Lighted Systems imported 140 employees worldwide and more than $500 million in annual revenue. Earlier, United States footed at an office in California. When it came time for Yankon to open a second US office in Richardson, a major ambassador gave them the heads up and a deal was made. Yankon got a call from a UTD professor who had a family member who was looking at bringing a company to the US. Skelton said, “We met when he was in town and a few months ago Yankon set up an of- fice and demonstration showroom here in Richardson.”

In September, Skelton orga- nized a trip to Japan and China with Richardson’s College of Commerce’s Chairmaine Chen and Chamber President and CEO Bill Schmitz. The delegation met with Chinese and Japanese exec- utive at the world headquarters of companies with operations in Richardson. “I went to China to Invest in Richardson” receptions that attracted 125 companies. The work put in over the past few years also extends to Europe, which Skelton has visited several times. Memorandums of under- standing have been signed with two cities—Reading, England and Mansfield, France—stating the cities will help Richardson with its international development economic efforts, and versa. Lead companies in China and Germany and the United Kingdom let Skelton know when compa- nies in those countries are looking for a place to do business. To Spain, Denmark, Sweden and Fin- land have also taken place to meet with potential clients that may be a good fit in Richardson.

One final tool in Skelton’s tool- box is a concierge program, which is an ambassador program pro- cess as seamless as possible. Com- panies coming to Richardson need a variety of services during and after the move—banking, market- ing, accounting, legal represen- tation, etc.—and the concierge program allows new companies to meet with several businesses from each category. Through the pro- gram, the clients have been able to get things from immigration attorneys for foreign employees to international. “It’s taken nearly four years to get this network off the ground, but you can’t make things happen overnight.” The program is all about recognition, visibility, branding, and time. Our biggest impacts will be seen in the future, in the making.”

Residents with older Windows operating systems using Internet Explorer may no longer have access to the City’s billing websites begin- ning Jan. 4 due to upgrades to the City’s website security. The City’s Information Technology Department has been upgrad- ing website security to remain in compliance with Payment Card Industry (PCI) standards, a requirement for entities that process, store or transmit credit card data. The upgrades and standard con- stants ensure that transactions are secure and that data is stored in a safe environment.

While most residents with current computer operating sys- tems and Internet browsers will see no changes in their ability to access the City’s website, resi- dents using older operating systems such as XP or Vista combined with the Internet Explorer web browser will no longer have access to portions involving credit card transactions.

Since Microsoft no longer sup- ports Internet Explorer, residents using Internet Explorer that’s compatible with the older operating systems, may not be able to access the City’s website. The City is working with these systems use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as their Internet browser. Both browsers can be downloaded for free on the Internet.

"When I was in China last year, I was amazed at the size of this market. wants to make the most of this opportunity, bringing significant implications for the North Texas economy. Many Richardson-based com- panies already have a presence in China. The US arm of telecom giant ZTE recently opened a training center for the company’s American cli- ents at its Richardson headquar- ters. Other Asian companies with US headquarters or international subsidiaries in Richardson include Amtris, Fujitsu, Hitachi, Liteon and Samsung. The top tele- communications equipment maker, which Skelton has been a Richardson-based software developer that has its US headquarters or international branch in Richardson, recently opened a training center in the Telecom Corridor® area. The center is home to a diverse workforce of approximately 125 employees worldwide and more than $500 million in annual revenue. Earlier, United States footed at an office in California. When it came time for Yankon to open a second US office in Richardson, a major ambassador gave them the heads up and a deal was made. Yankon got a call from a UTD professor who had a family member who was looking at bringing a company to the US. Skelton said, “We met when he was in town and a few months ago Yankon set up an office and demonstration showroom here in Richardson.”

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

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

“There are some elite Fortune 500 companies that have data centers in Richardson,” Jacobs said. “Then there is the telecom universe. They want a location with a low crime rate and don’t want a physical tax, but they need a political risk, so being a safe community is key to attracting companies.”

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

“When Fohare Commercial purchased the property about 10 years ago they intended to turn it into a mixed-used development,” Jacobs said. “However, because Alcatel had built its own electrical substation on the property when it purchased it from Collins [in 1991], Fohare had engineers from a data center design firm look over the property. They said the site offered the finest infrastructure for a data center in the Southwestern United States.”

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

Data centers are healthy revenue generators for cities for a number of reasons, including the amount of labor created. From janitorial services to IT support to electricians to electricity wholesalers, it is another significant revenue generator. The city also receives a franchise fee from the data center delivery companies.”

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

With Eastside proving popular with both Richardson residents and visitors, developers recently began construction on the project’s second phase. Eastside Phase II is located on the west side of Greenville Avenue south of the existing development. While Phase 1 has a mix of retail and residential, Phase II will focus more on residential and also include office space in the form of a 1-story office tower. A total of 508 residential units will be located in the development, which will also include a parking garage and is scheduled to be complete by this summer.

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

The development will also connect to the City’s Central Trail, which runs from the Spring Creek Nature Area in the north to the border with Dallas in the south. Popular spots along the trail include Galatyn Plaza, DFW Chisla Town and the Downtown Revitalization Area. With several DART Rail stations located along the trail, Eastside is easily accessible from anywhere in DART’s service area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Memberships may be purchased at the City's Customer Service Center, located at 711 W. Arapaho Rd., 972-744-7850, or at 711 W. Arapaho Rd., 972-744-7881. For further information about the recreation centers and memberships, go to www.cor.net/parks. Information about rec center classes may be found at www.cor.net/parks. For aquatics and tennis information, visit www.cor.net/aquatics and www.cor.net/tennis.
**Calendar**

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

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST**

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2 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

Call Jane Nearing at 972-744-4353 for information.

**Dekey 3**

**SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE**

10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

*The Rosse Project* by Graeme Simison. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

**Dekey 4**

**THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE**

10:30-noon. Second Floor Conference Room.

*The Husband’s Secret* by Liane Moriarty. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4353 for information.

**Dekey 5**

**COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 2019**

10 a.m. Basement Training Room.

Call 972-744-4359 for information.

**Dekey 6**

**COMMUNITY WRITERS’ CRITIQUE GROUP**

10 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room.

E-mail WGSTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for information.

**Dekey 7**

**WRITERS’ GUILD OF TEXAS**

7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4352 for registration information.

**Dekey 8**

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) MEETING AND PROGRAM**

2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4353 for more information.

**Dekey 9**

**COOKIES AND COLORING**

3:30-5:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

**Dekey 10**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB**

7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room.


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**Dekey 12**

**C-TECH LEARN, CREATE, CONNECT**

2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Call the Youth Services Department at 972-744-4358 for registration information.

**Dekey 13**

**C-TECH 3D PRINTING AND TINKERING**

2-4 p.m. Basement Program Room.

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**Dekey 14**

**REAL READS BOOK CLUB**

7:30-8:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room.


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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY SCHEDULE**

The Library will be open regular hours beginning Jan. 19.

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**RICHARDSON HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

7-8:30 p.m.

*“Tales of Your Ancestors: Locating Business History to Enrich Your Family History”* presented by Paula Perkins. Basement Program Room.

1:30-3 p.m. Call 972-744-4352 for information.

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**RCAS MEETING AND FREE DEMONSTRATION**

6:30-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room.

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**Dekey 18**

**FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE**

7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room.

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**Children/Youth**

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**Jan. 24**

**GERSHWIN’S GREATEST HITS**

1 p.m. The Dallas Symphony will present Gershwin’s Greatest Hits under the direction of Jeff Tyzik. You will swoon to the music of “Lullaby,” “Funny Face,” “Cuban Overture” and selections from “Porgy and Bess.” The van will leave the Senior Center at 1 p.m. and return immediately after the concert. $30.

**Jan. 25**

**WRITERS’ GUILD OF TEXAS**

7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4352 for information.

**Jan. 26**

**REAL READS BOOK CLUB**

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**Jan. 27**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB**

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**Jan. 28**

**HEALTH CONNECTION**

10 a.m. Non-melanoma skin cancers are going untreated in our older adult population. This is mainly attributed to the fact many do not realize there could be an alternate treatment besides having surgery. Come and learn how non-melanoma skin cancer can now be treated in minutes without surgery with electronic brachytherapy.

**Jan. 29**

**OUT TO LUNCH**

10:30 a.m. Our next out to lunch will be at Cracker Barrel. Cost is $1 for van trip. Call 972-744-7800 to save your spot!

**Jan. 30**

**BERKNER HS FINE ARTS CHOIR PRESENTS “GRIESE”**

2 p.m. The Berkner High School Fine Arts Choir will take you down memory lane to a time of jitterbugging with saddle oxfords, pony tails and duck tails. Enjoy an afternoon of music and a scene from the musical “Gross.” The van will leave the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. and return after the program. Call 972-744-7800 or stop by the Senior Center to purchase tickets. $10.

**Seniors’ Net hosts free monthly seminar**

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The Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month

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

The acclaimed host of A Prairie Home Companion shares hilarious anecdotes about growing up in the American Midwest, the people of Lake Wohegen, and “late-life fatherhood.” Best known for his wildly popular radio show, A Prairie Home Companion—which attracts more than 17 million listeners each week and daily radio and online program The Writers almanac—Keillor is a humorist who combines storytelling with a wonderful dry sense of humor.

"Black and White Conversation" by Antoaneta Melnikova-Hillman
8 p.m. Jan. 28
Tickets $48-$75

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

"Trick Boxing: Swinin’ in the Ring"
8 p.m. Feb. 11-13
2 p.m. Feb. 13-14
Tickets $38-$45

Bringing the aesthetic of classic movie musicals to the stage, two actor/dancers and four ridiculous puppets playing 16 different characters, use rapid-fire dialogue, physical comedy, 1930’s music and Randy Noojin’s Fred and Ginger-style dancing and boxing to tell a romantic rags-to-riches story about beating the odds and spending your time wisely in “Trick Boxing: Swinin’ in the Ring.” The artists of Sossy Mechanics, Megan McClellan and Brian Sostek will also be engaged with acts and humanities students at UT Dallas during a week-long residency.

"Hard Travellin’ with Woody"
7:30 p.m. Feb. 20
Tickets $35

Hug a box car through the dustbow! with Woody Guthrie and commune with the stories and songs of America’s iconic folk-singer, a saint of the workingman and poet-of-the people in this critically acclaimed multimedia one-man play with Woody’s music and artworks. Woody plays for a union meeting of striking miners who are on the verge of breaking due to vigilante violence. “Hard Travellin’ With Woody” is a one-man multimedia play written and performed by Randy Noojin in the classic style of Woody Guthrie.
City is proactive with winter weather

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

“We are prepared and have our equipment and supplies ready to respond to inclement weather,” said Public Services Director Darrell Foulks.

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

The Parks and Recreation Department has been continuously prizing questionable tree limbs (those with fracture lines, indicating a weak spot that could easily break during a storm) in the parks and on private property.

The Solid Waste division’s Brush and bulky Item Collection (BABIC) is ready to staff

Try to avoid frozen pipes this winter

As the calendar turns to winter, freezing temperatures have at an average and can freeze within minutes as the temperature drops, making the water in danger of bursting if it freezes. Since water expands when temperatures come the chance of freezing are those located in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls, especially if cold outside air is able to reach them. Leave a small trickle of both hot and cold water coming out of faucets attached to the frozen pipe. Even a small trickle can help prevent pipes from freezing. If you go out of town while temperatures are expected to drop below freezing, keep the thermostat at least to 55 degrees.

If a pipe does freeze, which you will typically notice due to a lack of water pressure, open up all faucets connected to the frozen pipe. Opening the faucets allows water pressure, open up any faucets connected to the frozen pipe. Opening the faucets allows water pressure, open up any faucets connected to the frozen pipe to melt the ice water to flow freely. You can apply heat to the frozen section of the pipe using an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater or towels soaked in hot water, but never use an open flame, propane heater or charcoal stove. Apply heat until water pressure is restored. If a pipe does burst or if you detect leaks from small cracks in the pipe, turn off the water at the meter. If you are unsure of which day is your BABIC day, call 972-744-4111 or fill out an online form at www.cor.net/recycling.

“Tree Cycle” your Christmas tree

Many Christmas trees are blown away at the end of every holiday season. This practice wastes potential uses of the trees and uses vital land fill space. Instead, the City of Richardson encourages residents to “tree cycle” their un-decorated Christmas trees.

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

1. Drop trees off at the Municipal Service Center, 1260 Columbia Dr. The site is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

2. Call 972-744-4111 and request a Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC), then set the tree out at the front curb for collection. Make sure to request that the tree be collected for composting.

Tree cycling guidelines

• Trees must be natural (not artificial) and unflocked.

• All ornaments, tinsel, tree stands, nails, lights, etc., must be removed.

• Calls for Brush and Bulky Item Collection (BABIC) must be requested before the designated collection day. (Your BABIC day is the same as your recycling day).

• Call 972-744-4111 if you are unsure which day is your BABIC day.

Winter Weather & Power Outages

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

Keep supplies of water and food on hand.

Keep trees and other foliage trimmed and away from power lines. Swaying and broken limbs can rub against or cut power lines causing outages and even fires.

DURING POWER OUTAGES, leave your porch light and only one light inside on to help residents determine which areas are functioning.

To PREVENT SECONDARY OUTAGES, reduce initial demand once power has been restored by adjusting thermostats and turning off lights.

Blue Bags available at Fire Station #6 Jan. 9

Fire Station #6 will offer blue recycling bags for purchase Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 30-gallon bags are sold in rolls of 25 for $3.50 for residents, or $4 for non-residents. Blue bag letters redeemable for a free roll, are honored at this location as well. Credit and debit cards are accepted.

Fire Station #6 normally offers the bags on the first Saturday of every month but because of the New Year’s holiday the January date has been moved to Jan. 9. The station is located at 3591 Park Vista Rd. For more information, call 972-744-4111.
Thank you to Santa’s Village volunteers

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

Sponsors and Volunteers
- COR Animal Shelter
- COR Fire Department
- COR Library
- COR Police Department
- COR Recycling
- COR Swim Team
- Exchange Club of Richardson
- Richardson Youth Alumni Association
- Logotology
- Merchandise Richardson Medical Center
- Neighborhood Credit Union
- Richardson Family YMCA
- Richardson Junior League
- Richardson East Rotary
- Richardson Rotary
- Richardson Woman’s Club
- Symphony League
- Entertainment
- Alchemi Music Students

Amy J with sidekick Jay Wilson
Amy’s Studio of Performing Arts
Angela’s Angels from Anheuske Studio of the Dance
Arissa Qirolski
Berkeru HS Jazz Band
Berkeru HS Latin Dance Team
Berkeru HS Ramblers
Big Spring Baptist Church
Canyon Creek Elementary Choir
MudSpinel
Centre for Dance
Class Act Tap Company
Creative Arts Dance Team
Crystal Yates
Dallas Tap Dazzlers
Dannoye Jani
Dartmouth Honor Choir
Draxe Grand Cluggers
Dove Academy of Dance Arts
Edge Dance
F Troop
GenYratioN
International Conservatory of Performing Arts Preparatory School

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

- Resolution Hike (Spring Creek Nature Area) Friday, Jan. 8, 7:15 a.m. Course Number: 87402
- Birds of Winter (Breckinridge Park) Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Course Number: 8744
- Trout Lily Discovery Walk (Breckinridge Park) Saturday, Feb. 27, 10-11:30 a.m., Course Number: 87404

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

Richardson Soccer Association registration open

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

How to Register:
- Online: www.richardsonsoccer.org (now open)
- In Person (beginning Jan. 4):
  - 6511 N. Plano Rd. #421
  - Between Koaparte and Belt Line
- Monday-Thursday: 1-6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 972-234-2571

Registration Dates and Deadlines:*
- Regular Registration: Jan. 1-17
- Late Registration: Jan. 18-25
- Wait List: begins Jan. 26
- * Special requirements for new players and those outside the City of Richardson. Players must live in the City of Richardson to participate. Late and Wait List registration requires $10 late fee.

Visit www.richardsonsoccer.org to register online!

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The following calendar lists the Rebel Rousers Square Dance. Come join us Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelERSquareDance. Admission is $7.

**The Rebel Rousers Square Dance**

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club holds a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP Volunteer Program if you are looking for a way to give back to your community, how about becoming a volunteer for the Richardson Rowdies? If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling “goody bags,” and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at the Richardson Senior Center on the second Wednesday of each month. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information, call Shannon McElhaney-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

**Hearing Screening 402**

In addition, there will be free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 2 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment.

**Chair Massage**

Lavonna Clausen, a certified massage therapist, offers chair massage on Tuesday mornings. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

**Weedwork**

Bring your needledเครื่อง and join us for a day of knitting and crocheting. We meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**City of Richardson Transportation Service**

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 55 and over. The City’s van service operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Persons may ride the service anywhere within the city limits of Richardson for 25 cents each way. For general transportation, we take reservations on Fridays at 8:30 a.m., prior to the week you need service. For doctor’s appointments, we begin taking reservations the Thursday before. Call 972-744-7800 for reservations.

**The Seniors’ Net**

The NETWORK of Community Ministers’ Seniors’ Net program provides a variety of services designed to help seniors maintain their mobility and remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include: handyman services, senior informational seminars, Louies of Love home delivered groceries, medical equipment rentals, and holiday baskets.

The “Louies of Love” program has expanded! Seniors residing within the Richardson ISD may shop for free loaves of bread at the NETWORK offices located at 741 S. Sherrill St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9:11 a.m. for more information, call Rosemary Conley at 972-238-6972.

**Bingo**

Next Bingo is Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.

**Backgammon**

If you are interested in playing backgammon once a week at the Senior Center, please call 972-744-7800.

**Let’s Play “42”**

Regular “42” games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 12:10-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. New players welcome.

**RSVP Volunteer Program**

If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, how about becoming a volunteer for the Richardson Rebels? If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a volunteer. The Rebels volunteer at various nonprofits throughout Dallas County and Collin County helping with mail outs, assembling “goody bags,” and other light tasks. The Rebels meet at the Richardson Senior Center on the second Wednesday of each month. Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information, call Shannon McElhaney-Ballard at 214-525-6167.

**Bunco**

The Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Thursday from 9:30-12:30 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and Other Benefits**

The NETWORK of Community Ministries’ Seniors’ Net program is able to assist with questions regarding eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other benefits. Call 972-744-7800 or log on to www.richlandcollege.org/FirstRichardsonHelpers.org. Click Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and Other Benefits. For doctor’s appointments, we begin taking reservations the Thursday before. Call 972-744-7800 for reservations.

**Chess Club**

The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6:45-9:00 p.m. and Friday afternoons from 12:00-3:00 p.m. There is a $5 admission fee.

**57**

Regular “57” games are scheduled Monday afternoons from 12:10-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

** Derrick Thompson**

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

**Richardson Public Library**

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

**Emeritus Plus 50 program at Richland College**

Explore life-long learning with many opportunities from computers to history and more. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-238-6972 or log on to www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

**The Richardson Red Hatters**

The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats, join the group and have some fun. Next meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 1. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. Meetings are held at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**NEW!! Scrabble Club**

Join us every Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Come and learn how non-melanoma skin cancers are growing in numbers and adult populations. This is mainly attributed to the fact many do not realize there could be an alternate treatment besides having surgery. Come and learn how non-melanoma skin cancer can now be treated in a non-surgical manner with Electronic Brachytherapy.

**First Richardson Helpers**

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**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.

**Bingo**

Next Bingo is Jan. 21 at 2 p.m.

**Tai Chi for all ages**

This fun and energizing class of Tai Chi will get you moving and help you gain strength, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. This class is designed for men and women at all fitness levels. We will learn basic moves, increase flexibility and lower back aches and pains. The class is taught by Certified Tai Chi instructor. Class is held Wednesday and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. Fee is $4 per class.

**T’ai Chi for all ages**

Join teacher Philip Russell in this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is $7 per class. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-1:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 10:30-1:30 a.m.

**Zumba Gold**

The new fun fitness rage of Zumba has now been adapted to target older participants. Zumba Gold is a fitness program that is geared to active older adults, as they bring just the right fun and fitness journey. Classes will start Jan. 6. Please call 972-744-7800 for class times. Pilates Class

Learn the basics of mat Pilates from certified instructor Julie Miller. Classes meet every Monday from 10-11 a.m. and are for beginners as well as those with some experience. This class is done on the floor with a mat. Strengthen your core muscles to help improve posture, reduce lower backaches and gain balance. Class is for all ages and fitness levels. Class fee is $5 per class.

**Hula Yoga for all ages**

Bhakti Amun, who has been teaching yoga for more than 35 years, will teach this class. Classes are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Fee is $5.

**New!**

Silver Punchers Pool Tournament

Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and Thursday from 9:30-12:30 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Water Aerobics**

Popular instructor Laurie Wilder continues winter Water Aerobics classes Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Cost for the class is $30 a month or $40 for four classes. Call the information line at 972-744-7813 or the Richardson Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

**Golf**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:15-10 a.m. at Benbrook Country Club. Call 972-744-7813 or the information line at 972-744-7813.

**Pinochle**

Wednesday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**

Wednesday and Friday 9:30 to 11 a.m.

**Tiddlywinks**

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

**Scribble, Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Cribbage**

Tuesday, 10 a.m.

**Mab Jong**

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

**Dodgeball**

Many other games such as Chess, Sko-Blo, Rummi-Cubs, Dominos and “42” are played by our patrons.
Learn & Create:
3D Printing & Tinkercad
adults & teens
Saturday, Jan. 9
2-4 p.m.
Laptop required
Basement Program Room
No registration required
Call Vrena at 972-744-4376 for more information.

Learn-Create-Connect
Drop in to snap it, click it, and get in gear experimenting with electronic circuits and Legos
Saturday, Jan. 23
2-4 p.m.
Basement Program Room

DID YOU KNOW?
You can make an appointment for help with many tasks, including:
• finding a good book
• setting up a free e-mail account
• exploring genealogy
• downloading free ebooks
Complete the online Book a Librarian form posted on the Library’s website at www.RichardsonPublicLibrary.com under the tab titled “For Adults” to schedule an appointment.

Winter Wiggle Worms
A 6-week program for Richardson residents 12-36 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Walking and wiggling toddlers will be introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music.

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

Fun projects at your fingertips!

Quercetti Kaleido Gears
Snap Circuits Jr.
All ages

Legos best for ages 6 and up

Lego Kits

Creative Station

Arduino Kits

LittleBits Kits

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

DID YOU KNOW?
As a LIFESAVER,
CPR & AED
Tax Preparation Help
At the Library:
Mondays
Feb. 1–April 11
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Registration required.
You are welcome to bring your lunch. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

At the Senior Center:
(F20 Arapaho Rd.)
Fridays
Feb. 5–April 15
10 a.m.–4 p.m.
For low to moderate income taxpayers, with an emphasis on Seniors. First come, first served. Bring Social Security card, 2014 Tax Return and all pertinent tax forms, including Social Security statements.

Join the Real Reads Book Club on the 3rd Thursday each month to read and discuss engaging nonfiction books.
3rd Thursdays
7:30-8:45 p.m.
2nd Floor Conference Room

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