Construction is taking shape on Richardson’s Public Safety Campus

Construction is on schedule for the new Public Safety Campus, with exterior work underway on both buildings and employees scheduled to move in next June. The campus, located at the northeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Belt Line Road, has been under construction since last year.

The project includes new homes for the Fire and Police departments. A new 31,000-square-foot fire station with an administration wing will be located on the north end of the property, with a 77,000-square-foot police facility centrally located. The new facilities will provide larger, improved locker rooms, quarters for female firefighters, additional space for existing and future staff and numerous security and operational enhancements including secure parking.

Following the opening of the new police and fire facilities next summer, the existing police and fire buildings on the property will be demolished to make room for a public parking lot and screening wall along Main Street. A new 7,000-square-foot police support building will be constructed along Main Street adjacent to the existing detention center. This final phase of the project is scheduled for completion in July 2020.

The campus will also feature three pieces of public art and a police memorial paying tribute to Officer David Sherrard, who was killed in the line of duty in February.

Voters approved funding for the new Public Safety Campus as part of the 2015 Bond Program, with additional funding to complete Fire Station 1 coming from a supplemental certificate of obligation issuance.

City’s EM Coordinator testifies on Capitol Hill


Gardner gave recommendations for ways to improve U.S. systems of disaster recovery based on her 23 years of experience in public safety and emergency management, particularly her service after Hurricane Harvey. Through the City’s partnerships/coalitions for emergency response, Gardner served post-Harvey as the Emergency Operations Center Manager for Dallas to help coordinate the sheltering of approximately 5,000 evacuees; worked in the State Operations Center to coordinate Public Works resources from throughout Texas; and was deployed to the Victoria Disaster District as part of a recovery assistance team supporting the needs of seven jurisdictions, including help with public assistance, debris management and damage assessment.

Feedback gathered at the hearing is expected to help lawmakers as they draft the Disaster Recovery Reform Act.

Fire Training/EOC stays busy

The City’s Fire Training/Emergency Operations Center has been called a “hIDDEN gem” and “Richardson’s best kept secret” because of its tucked-away location at 1621 E. Lookout Dr., but it’s no secret to the numerous entities and hundreds of people that use it each year. The five-year-old, 11,500-square-foot complex, built with 2010 Bond funding, is the site of Richardson’s Emergency Operations Center and both indoor and outdoor classes and training for public safety personnel from Richardson and cities across the state. The Richardson Fire Department has had three of its Fire Academies graduate from the Training Center since it opened in 2013; the Richardson Police Department routinely uses the facility, and safety training for other City departments takes place there as well. In addition, the Training Center hosts the annual Citizens Fire Academy and has provided training for safety officers from local colleges and companies. Newbies to the world of safety cross its thresholds as well as seasoned veterans seeking to stay abreast of the latest techniques and earn hours for recertification.

“It’s a very busy place,” said Gene Senter, Assistant Chief of Operations for the Richardson Fire Department, who oversees four Fire Department staff who manage the Fire Training Center, and has been housed at the complex while the Public Safety Campus is being built. “Our motto is ‘Semper Gumby’ out here—we each make sure we leave room in our workloads so we can stay flexible and quickly respond to change and last-minute needs, with all that we have to juggle.”

The complex includes two conference rooms; a large training room for three EOC staff members; a kitchen and break room; a storage building for fire vehicles and equipment such as a fire truck driving simulator; a police memorial paying tribute to Officer David Sherrard, who was killed in the line of duty in February; and a new Public Safety Campus as part of the 2015 Bond Program, with additional funding to complete Fire Station 1 coming from a supplemental certificate of obligation issuance.

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City Council to approve 2018-19 fiscal budget and tax rate Sept. 10

The City Council will adopt the 2018-19 fiscal budget and property tax rate at its Sept. 10 meeting.

The meeting will be held at the City Hall/Civic Center at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. See schedule below.

Sept. 10 2018-19 budget and property tax rate adopted by City Council
7 p.m. Council Chambers

Labor Day sanitation schedule, recycle make-up days

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

Recycle collection day affected by holiday  Make-up day
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Monday, Sept. 3  Tuesday, Sept. 4
Tuesday, Sept. 4  Wednesday, Sept. 5

City facility schedule for Labor Day holiday Sept. 3

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CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Each month this section will highlight selected job openings with the City of Richardson. For a complete list of job openings, visit www.cor.net/jobs. Call Human Resources at 972-744-4001 for more information.

Older Adult Coordinator ($5,211-$5,965)
Parks and Recreation Senior Center is seeking individuals interested in operating programs for older adults, develop plans for assigned program areas and organize class programs and instructors.

Maintenance Helper II ($2,206-$3,196)
The Public Services Department has multiple job openings in Streets, Water and Wastewater for individuals who love working outdoors doing repair and construction to streets and water distribution and wastewater collection systems.

Recreation Support Technician-part time (88-$13.75 hourly)
Huffhines and Heights recreational centers are seeking individuals interested in assisting with instructors, programs and activities as well as enrolling students in programs and providing information to patrons.

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including Richardson Today, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, Parks and Police departments and Richardson’s social media.

Richardson Today Staff

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Requesting an Accommodation

The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service or activity, are requested to contact:

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

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

Mayor’s Message

In Richardson, we are fortunate to have exceptional first responders. It is no coincidence that we routinely find ourselves near the top of safest cities lists and that both our Police and Fire departments have received recognition for their work. The Police Department was recently recognized for complying with the requirements of the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation’s Best Practices Program, while last fall the Fire Department received its ISO 1 rating, a rating it has held since 2014. The ISO 1 rating is held by only 53 departments in Texas.

It is essential that we provide the best facilities and equipment for the dedicated men and women in our Fire, Police and Emergency Services departments who keep our community safe. Therefore, making sure they have the tools needed to effectively do their jobs is one of the City Council’s top priorities.

Several new mixed-use developments have come to Richardson over the past few years. While these developments have created thousands of jobs and added to our tax base, they have also increased the volume of calls received by our 911 operators. To help keep up with the call volume, we have provided funding for 28 new public safety positions over the past five years. This year’s budget also included funding for both departments to replace aging equipment. The Police Department replaced some of its patrol vehicles, while the Fire Department received a new ambulance and ladder truck.

as you can read about in this issue of Richardson Today.

Finally, we are nearing the move-in date for the new Public Safety Campus. What was just a dirt-filled lot last October has quickly taken shape, with police and fire personnel scheduled to move into the new facilities in June 2019. This project would not have been possible without funds from the 2015 voter-approved Bond Program, so thank you for your support of our first responders and for letting us give them what they need to succeed.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor
Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

Exit drills in the home
PLAN with your whole family, PRACTICE at least twice a year. PREPARE two ways out and designate a meeting place.

Test every door before you open it
Check the door and door knob with the back of your hand. If it is hot, use a second way out.

Get out, stay out
If your smoke detector starts beeping
• Get out quickly
• Crawl low under smoke
• Once out, STAY out
• Go to your meeting place
• Call 911 from a safe place

Choose a meeting place
A neighbor’s house is the best option and increases the likelihood that a 911 call will be made.
Other places to meet are a tree or a mailbox away from the house.

Build a Kit
When disaster strikes you need to have plans and supplies in place to make it on your own, at least for a limited time. Once you have stocked your emergency kit, keep it in a designated place and have it ready in case you have to leave your home quickly.

After assembling your emergency kit, it is important to maintain it. Remember to replace expired items such as food, batteries and medications.

No one wants to experience a disaster, but when one does occur, it is best to BE READY.

www.cor.net/buildakit

Smoke Detectors
Have one inside and outside of all sleeping areas. Know what your smoke alarm sounds like!

Choose a meeting place
A neighbor’s house is the best option and increases the likelihood that a 911 call will be made.
Other places to meet are a tree or a mailbox away from the house.

Collect in storage bin:
- Can Opener
- Cash
- Dust Mask
- First-Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Food
- Infant Supplies
- Local Maps
- Medications
- Personal Hygiene
- Pet Supplies
- Radio
- Tools
- Water
- Whistle
New equipment deployed by first responders

A new fire truck and a Sky-Watch Tower are just some of the new equipment the Richardson Fire and Police departments have received in the past year.

The Richardson Fire Department has numerous fire trucks and ambulances housed at its six fire stations. With the vehicles receiving heavy use, all front-line fire apparatus are replaced on a regular schedule—every 7-8 years for trucks and 5-6 years for ambulances. The two newest members of the Fire Department’s fleet are a 78-foot truck housed at Fire Station 2 and an ambulance for Fire Station 1.

The new fire truck features an aerial ladder as well as a computer-aided control system, which helps drivers avoid crashes by reducing speeding and over steering by automatically adjusting the braking capability of each wheel and reducing the throttle. This feature is important as it helps protect the truck and crew from a roll over when having to suddenly avoid an obstacle.

The new ambulance has a diesel engine, which provides additional power, torque and improved fuel performance over the gas engines. It also has increased storage space for equipment and inventory.

In addition to replacing a number of patrol vehicles, the Police Department has a new tool that serves to deter crime such as bumber burglaries. The 25-foot SkyWatch tower is a hydraulic-powered, climate-controlled observation booth that can be deployed in commercial areas and at special events. The tower serves as a complement to the Department’s traditional methods of surveil- lance along with a growing group of citizens in Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and Crime Watch Patrols. The tower was received through the Department of Home- land Security Grant Program.

Richardson police officers exemplify “protect and serve”

The old adage of “one good turn deserves another” was underscored recently when Richardson Police Officers received a special thank you from a long-time friendly business. Richardson resident Mon- tis James delivered the meal to the Fire Department to show his gratitude to the officers for going above and beyond in their duties in helping his longtime friend Chris Tulig.

During the period of extremely high temperatures in July, Rich- ardson Police Officer Ramon Nieto responded to a report that a home had all its windows and doors open. That’s when he met the 69-year-old Tulig and learned that his air conditioner was not working and he was unable to afford to have it fixed.

“It was extremely hot inside the home,” Ofc. Nieto said. “Mr. Tulig only had a box fan to try to circulate the air through the house and I was concerned for his well-being in that type of environment.”

Ofc. Nieto reached out to his fellow officers Austin Trice and Jacob Perry and Sgt. Eric Willad- sen, and together they obtained a portable cooling unit to help bring temperatures down inside the house. The next day the officers arranged to have the air condition- ing system repaired at no cost to Tulig.

“My situation reminded me of the story about the frog,” Tulig said. “If a frog is placed in boiling water it will immediately jump out and survive itself. But if that frog sits in tepid water that slowly rises to a boil, it will not notice the slow change and eventually perish. I felt like the frog and I really believe the officers saved my life.”

RPD acquires driving simulator

In October 2017, The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit applied for a “Driver Safety and Education Pro- grams” grant through State Farm, which was ultimately awarded in the spring of this year. The grant allowed for the purchase of a DWI distracted driving simulator, which enhances the unit’s community education and outreach efforts.

The driving simulator will be used to educate drivers, new and experienced alike, about the dangers of distracted driving, whether by cell phones or other in-vehicle interruptions that can remove a driver’s attention from the road. The availability of customizable op- tions within the software allows the Crime Prevention Unit to addi- tionally address the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Over the next few weeks, members of the RPD Crime Prevention Unit will receive training to become proficient in operating the simu- lator. The simulator will make its debut at the RPD’s annual Public Safety Expo, which will be held on the grounds of the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Work continues on Plano Road, Spring Valley Road projects

Maintaining and improving Richardson’s infrastructure is a City Council priority, and two road repair/improvement projects are currently underway.

Work is progressing on the Spring Valley Road Project, which will realign the road to the north of this City’s major corridors. Weather permitting, all work between Coit Road and Walnut Way will be complete by the end of this Octo- ber, with work on the Cottonwood Creek and Hunt Branch bridges complete by the end of the year. Overall, the entire project should be complete by early 2019.

The project began last summer and includes the reconstruction of two bridges, the replacement of pavement panels, improvements to both pedestrian access and intersections, and traffic signal upgrades with the addition of an Intelligent Transportation System.

The Spring Valley Road Project is a partnership between Dallas County, the cities of Richardson and Dallas, Dallas Water Util- ity, DART and the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and Richardson. The project is financed from the Coit Road to Weathered Drive/Goldmark Drive. The goal of the project is to enhance mobility along Spring Valley Road, which is a critical part of the City of Rich- ardson’s City of Dallas Master Thoroughfare Plans. Located in Richardson’s West Spring Valley Corridor, it is one of six en- hancement/redevelopment areas identified in the city’s 2009 Comprehensive Plan and falls within the boundaries of the city’s Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1.

Pavement repair work is con- tinuing on Plano Road, one of Richardson’s busiest north-south roads. Work will be completed by the end of September on two stretches, Arapaho Road to Collin Boulevard, and Renner Road to Lookout Drive, with pavement repaired in both directions where needed. The stretch between Arapaho and Apollo roads was pre- viously completed.

Work will begin soon on a stretch from Collins Road north to Lookout Drive, with additional work scheduled to be completed near Renner Road when the Spring Creek Nature Area Perimeter Trail project is completed.

The city’s portion of the Spring Valley project is being paid for par- tially with funds from the 2015 voter-approved Bond Program, while the Plano Road pavement repairs are using money from the City’s general fund. The projects are in line with the Richardson City Council’s initiative of rein- vesting in the City’s key infrastruc- ture. More than four times the amount of money for street reha- bilitation is being spent this fiscal year compared to five years ago.

For more information on infra- structure projects in Richardson, visit www.cor.net/projects.

Fire Department has alert systems for the hearing impaired

The Richardson Fire Department recently received alert systems for the hearing impaired that were donated by State Farm.

The system enables deaf and hard of hearing individuals to be alerted during emergency situa- tions. It connects up to three alarms such as fire or smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, home security systems, weather alerts or any other audible alarm.

The system’s transmitter connects directly to an existing alarm. When the alarm is activated, it transmits a high volume audible siren and the bed shaker will wake even a heavy sleeper. It also has three alarms such as fire or smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, home security systems, weather alerts or any other audible alarm.

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Contact the Richardson Fire Marshal’s Office at FMO@cor.gov, 972- 744-7500 or visit the office at 136 N. Greenville Ave, to find out if you are eligible to receive one of the units. The Fire Marshal’s Office will provide the installation if needed.

Nationwide wireless emergency alert system test is Sept. 20

At 1:18 p.m. Central Day- time Sept. 20, the Federal Emergency Management Agency will issue a nationwide Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) testing the Presidential WEA capabilities. While the test message will be available to all compatible cell phones, there may be some cellular phones that won’t receive the test message. The nationwide WEA test will be followed by a nationwide Emergency Alert System test (EAS).

The WEA is a nationwide test system that is activated when severe weather threatens an area. The “Presidential Alert” is a test warning that might be issued in the event of a serious natural disaster or ter- rorism threat.
Mayor’s Internship Program wraps up first summer
The Richardson Mayor’s Summer Internship Program wrapped up its inaugural year with a celebratory luncheon for the 2018 interns and their supervisors at RISD’s Professional Development Center. Guest speakers included Mayor Paul Voelker and RISD Superintendent Dr. Jeanette Steine.

Twenty-five students participated in the program, which began in the spring with job-skills workshops and interviews and culminated in eight weeks of paid employment. More than 20 companies, individuals and departments served as intern sponsors, program sponsors or host locations. Participating businesses included BB&T Bank, Corgun, UT Dallas, Alliance Architects, Inc., Atmos Energy, the Dallas Chinese Community Center, BRY-JO Roofing and Remodeling, City of Richardson, RISD, Speedpro Imaging, P&J, Inc., the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Properties LLC, Johnny Lee CPA and Network of Community Ministries.

The program is a collaborative project between the City, RISD and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. For more information, go to www.cor.net/ismm.org.

Fire Training/EOC is always busy
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A workout room that’s utilized by fire staff assigned to light duty and who are recovering from injuries and a three-story “hurricane tower” used for hands-on fire-fighting training, hazardous materials training, rope rescue practice and fire investigation instruction. Each of its four sides mimic different “real-world” structures, such as an apartment building/hotel with outside balconies, and an office building with and without fire escapes. A nearby propane tank provides the fuel for the fires, which is piped into the Training Center via a fye schedule; several cities have had reciprocal agreements, providing valuable training to Richardson personnel in return. Senter said entities of all sizes utilize the Center, from larger cities with larger budgets and their own training facilities.

Richardson is known for developing cutting-edge curriculums, said Senter. “Even in the 1950s, other cities were coming to us for training. ... we have been a part of the most important conversations about public safety since then and continue to be.”

Annual Giving Day to raise funds
North Texas Giving Day is Sept. 20 to raise money for North Texas nonprofits. Several nonprofits with close ties to the City are participating, including Network of Community Ministries, Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson East Rotary Club, Tuzer Ballet, Richardson Community Band, Contemporary Chorale, Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson East Rotary Club Foundation (RERC). For more information about North Texas Giving Day, go to www.nortexasgivingday.org.

New initiative to match North Texas companies to Japanese counterparts
Richardson has long had significant international business ties, earning us recognition by the Texas Legislature as the International Business Capital of North Texas. Today, we continue to build on this reputation by developing new initiatives with global trade groups to create new opportunities.

Most recently, the Richardson Economic Development Partnership and the Organization for Community Ministries, Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Friends of the Richardson Public Library, Eisemann Center Foundation, UT Dallas, Arts Incubator of Richardson, Tuzer Ballet, Richardson Community Band, Contemporary Chorale, Richardson Adult Literacy Center and the Richardson East Rotary Club Foundation (RERC). For more information about North Texas Giving Day, go to www.nortexasgivingday.org.

Community Revitalization Awards nominations are due by Sept. 30
The Richardson City Council created the Community Revitalization Awards in 1994 to recognize owners who have enhanced the community by making significant improvements to their properties. Both residential and nonresidential properties are eligible for consideration, with more than 244 properties recognized since the program’s inception. Because no one knows the city and their neighborhoods better than residents, the City is asking the public to identify candidates for the 2018 Community Revitalization Awards.

Nomination process
Nominations may be submitted by anyone, including the property owner, any time throughout the year. The nomination deadline for the 2018 awards is midnight, Sept. 30. Nominations received by Sept. 30 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. Additional information and the online nomination form can be found on the Community Revitalization Awards website at www.cor.net/cra. For more information on the awards, contact Keith Krum, Senior Planner Development Services, at 972-744-4240 or kkrum@cor.net.

National Night Out 2018 is Oct. 2
National Night Out (NNO) celebrates its 19th anniversary of police-community partnership recognition across the nation and this is also the 38th year of the Richardson Police Department’s local Neighborhood Watch program. The goal of both programs is to enhance the quality of life for people within their own communities. This is the 29th year of NNO participation by the City of Richardson, facilitated by the Richardson Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit.

The main event takes place Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 6-8 p.m. NNO showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and resident involvement in our fight to build a safer nation.

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

September is National Preparedness Month
September is National Preparedness Month and provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year. The theme for this year is ‘Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.’

Take time to learn life-saving skills—such as CPR and first aid; check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as floods and tornadoes. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

For more information visit www.cor.net/EM or www.ready.gov.

This year’s Community Revitalization Awards were presented at the noon awards ceremony on Oct. 7, 2017 at the Boardroom. From the Boardroom is a securing guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, produced in cooperation with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.
### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

### TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**Upcoming Trips**

**New Mexico: Behind Adobe Walls**—Sept. 17-21

We are flying to New Mexico to enjoy the crisp cool air of fall. The tour will explore Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, the three major towns of Northern New Mexico. This will be a special opportunity to experience the cuisine, culture and art of The Land of Enchantment: Behind Adobe Walls. For more information, call 972-744-7810.

Rose-Mary Rumbley is going to take you to court: Denton and Decatur—Oct. 29

Rose-Mary will lead us through two historical courthouses: Museum of Denton County History and Wise County Heritage Museum. You will have time for shopping and antiquing on the squares and/or have lunch on your own at one of the cafes. The day will conclude with a wine tasting and tour at Bushy Creek Vineyards. For more information, please call 972-744-7810.

San Antonio: The Christmas River Parade and Lighting Festival—Nov. 23-25

Join your friends on a motor coach tour to San Antonio. You will have reserved seats for the dramatic moment when the colorful holiday lights are turned on along the Riverwalk and the River Parade. You will experience the rich culture, history and cuisine celebrating San Antonio’s 300th anniversary. Your accommodations will be at the historic Menger Hotel. For more information, please call 972-744-7810.

We have great travel destinations planned for 2018. Both one-day and overnight trips offer you the opportunity to travel and experience new adventures. Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more information.

**For more information about the Senior Center and a list of upcoming classes and services provided, see page 10-11 of this issue of Richardson Today.**

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### Library

Library 900 Civic Center Dr. • 972-744-4350

The Library will be closed Sept. 3 for the Labor Day holiday.

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### EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Calendar**

**For more information call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.**

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Dave Eggers discusses “One Book” selection

Janet Vance, Richardson Junior High School One Book President, recently asked “The Circle” author Dave Eggers the following questions for readers of Richardson Today today.

You don’t seem to have a significant personal online presence via Facebook or Twitter. How did your views about sharing our personal lives in real time shape the ideas that you explored in “The Circle”?

I didn’t use social media myself, and have never set up an account of any kind, but the organizations I started all use various forms of social media. So I know the value it has in the nonprofit world. But in “The Circle,” social media is one of many dozen aspects of the digital world I was trying to interrogate. In the book, social media affects Mae’s personal life, but is less important thematically than is the company’s monopolistic control over the flow of information, and the transformation of power and influence over what we think, consume, and how we behave.

When I first read “The Circle” in 2013, I thought it quite futuristic that it feels reading the book in 2018. Security cameras and social media were already everywhere in our community. People have ever fancier devices on their wrists that collect and share data. Are you surprised by how quickly the world described in “The Circle” seems to reflect real life?

I’ve been very surprised at the speed that many of the predictions came to pass. But I haven’t been surprised by the rate at which these devices and the tech giants, I do think, have seen the true colors of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. You get the idea for this unique image

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How do you think that our addiction to devices is impeding traditional family life and friendships?

The machines are too addictive and we are too susceptible. But there are so many easily employed strategies to create balance at home. But it has to start with a commitment to reverse the balance of power, so we use the devices, and they do not use us.

The Character of Maebeleline in “The Circle” initially does not seem markedly different from the high school and college students that I know. I was expecting Mae to have an epiphany and return to normal life” at the end of the book. How have young adults reacted to “The Circle” and the book’s ending?

The book was first published in many countries of the world. After the book’s release, a lot of feedback was received, expressing opinions and reactions to the book’s content.

How do you think the book’s ending reflects today’s world’s only go deeper into Circles. Things are getting far more complex, and there are so many more facets to the digital world I was trying to inter-represent. In the book, social media is used to control and monitor our一举一动, and there is no one seems greatly concerned.

Watching the world through cameras and data collection devices has some benefits—solving crimes, staying on top of our health, etc. “The Circle” provides a satirical look at the endgame of these types of advances in technology. Do you have hopes that our society will figure out the right balance between personal freedom and a total surrender to life transparency?

I think we’re very willing to give up control, privacy and independence in favor of convenience. I do think there’s a significant portion of humanity that would acquiesce to a machine-controlled existence. We are speeding quickly toward that already, and no one seems greatly concerned.

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Richardson Police Department hosts annual Public Safety Expo Sept. 22

The Richardson Police Department is hosting its fifth annual interactive Public Safety Expo Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

The Public Safety Expo is a free family-friendly event for anyone interested in getting a closer look at police and fire operations, as well as learning how to make their home and neighborhood safer.

The Public Safety Expo provides an opportunity for an up-close look at the various vehicles used by first responders and to see demonstrations by some operational units. It also helps to educate the public in a fun and interactive way.

The Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will be available to provide valuable safety information and discuss volunteer opportunities within the Department. There will also be police and fire vehicles to view, a DWI/distracted driving simulator along with a scheduled visit from a medical helicopter.

Event activities will include demonstrations from K9 and SWAT officers, visits from McCrae the Crime Dog mascot, “Nat” the National Night Out Knight mascot, face painting, a bounce house and more. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Additionally, representatives from Richardson’s Office of Emergency Management, Richardson Fire Department, Home Depot, PHI Air Medical, North Texas Auto Theft Task Force and more are on-hand to display safety and security products and materials.

Community partners including Methodist Richardson Medical Center and the North Texas Poison Center will be in attendance to provide valuable educational material and information about the services they provide.

For more information, call 972-744-4955 or visit www.richardsonpolice.net.

RCPAAA presents $3,000 college scholarships

The Richardson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (RCPAAA) recently presented $3,000 scholarships to Makayla Kockler and Oria Wilson-Iguade, college-bound students whose parents are members of the Richardson Police Department. Kockler is the daughter of Capt. Keith Kockler and Oria Wilson-Iguade is the daughter of Fiscal Affairs Supervisor Jennifer Wilson.

Kockler graduated from Edward S. Marcus High School in Flower Mound with a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.175. She will attend Texas A&M University with plans to major in interdisciplinary studies/career childhood. During the last four years, Kockler played an active role in student athletic training at Marcus High School and participated in several church mission trips, the Feed-the-Hunger program and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Wilson-Iguade graduated from Ursuline Academy of Dallas with a 4.014 weighted cumulative GPA. She will attend Tarleton State University with plans to major in interdisciplinary studies/early childhood. During the last four years, Kockler played an active role in student athletic training at Marcus High School and participated in several church mission trips, the Feed-the-Hunger program and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

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Residential/business burglaries May 16-Aug 15

The Richardson Police Department 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 website at www.cor.net/crimestats for online statistics. If you have any questions about these statistics, contact the Richardson Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955.

Residential burglaries reported in blue.

Business burglaries reported in red.

Help feed children everywhere

The Richardson Interfaith Alliance, along with the City of Richardson, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Compassionate DFW, invites the community to volunteer side by side at the fourth annual Feed children everywhere food bagging event, to be held at the Richardson Civic Center Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. The goal is to provide 100,000 nonperishable healthy meals to make an impact on hunger in the north Dallas County area; 75,000 meals were assembled and packaged last year. (All meals will be distributed through Network of Community Ministries.)

Registration is required to volunteer for each 45-minute shift. To register and/or provide a financial contribution, go to www.feedingchildreneverywhere.com/events/compassionate. The City of Richardson also received the Silver Award in 2017. For the past two years, no cities have received the Gold Award.

NTMWD Renames Newest Lake

The newest North Texas Municipal Water District reservoir has a new name. North Texas Municipal Lake, as it was named when construction began in May, will now be called Bois d’Arc Lake following a vote last month by the District’s board of directors. Residents and officials in Fannin County, where the lake will be located, urged the District to come up with a name that more accurately reflects the source of the water, suggesting the name Bois d’Arc Lake to honor important local history. Bois d’Arc Lake will receive water from the lake in 2022.

When full, it will provide up to 108 million gallons of water a day.
The Huffhines Tennis Center has 10 lighted courts, a fully stocked pro shop and private and semi-private lessons. Lessons for juniors and adults are available in group or one-on-one settings. Group lessons are available in three-week blocks at a cost of $40-$90. Private lessons are available in 30-minute or one-hour blocks.

Huffhines Tennis Center
The Huffhines Tennis Center is located in the southeast corner of Huffhines Park. Court fees are $3 per person for 1 1/2 hours. Reservations can be made by calling 972-744-7870. For more information, visit www.cor.net/tennis.

Parks & Recreation

Sherrill Park
Ladies Golf League
The Sherrill Park Ladies Golf League is open to women with golf experience and a handicap of 36 or less. Members play Tuesday mornings from March to October. For information, contact Nancy Stubbs (972-669-8909) or Vicki Denton (469-569-2016).

Upcoming Tournaments
Sept. 23: Two-Man Event
Oct. 21: Two-Man Event
Nov. 10: Richardson Cup Matches

To schedule tee times or private lessons, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com. Sherrill Park is located at 2201 E. Lookout Dr.

Arapahoe Center DART Station
Ages 18 and older
Registration #10396

FEES
RICHARDSON RESIDENT NON-RESIDENT
WITH DART PASS $25 $27
WITHOUT DART PASS $30 $32

Opening Day at the Great State Fair of Texas is always a grand day to attend to see new shows, eat new foods and try some fun rides. We will meet at the Arapahoe Center DART Station and then take the train to Fair Park. Your fee will cover supervision and gate entrance, but you will need to bring additional money for all food, rides and games! Food and ride tickets are 50 cents each. Rides vary in price from four tickets to 26 tickets per ride. Food prices vary as well from four tickets to 30 tickets per item. We will only be taking 24 participants on this trip so be sure you sign up today! Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 26, or when full. No exceptions will be made.

Heights Family Aquatic Center Schedule
The Heights Family Aquatic Center will close for the season on Labor Day, Sept. 3. The final weekend’s hours of operation will be noon-8 p.m. on Sept. 1-3. For more information, visit www.cor.net/aquatics.

Food Trucks
2018 FOOD TRUCKS LIVE MUSIC
CRAFT BEER
WWW.COR.NET/PAWTOBERFEST
Richardson Parks & Recreation
OCTOBER 27 • 10 AM-6 PM
HUFFHINES PARK
Your Pup!
Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes
For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online at www.cor.net/parksonline or by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Beginner Square Dance Lessons
Square dancing is a great way to participate in a low impact activity, meet new people and be part of a fun friendly community of dancers. New classes started July 24.

Learn to Read the Right Way to Sell Real Estate
Are you thinking of downsizing? This class will show you how to present your property to the market in the best way possible.

Private Ballroom

Learn to Ride with Uber
The class will cover Uber transportation, its cost, where it is available, safety, how to request the service and how to request food delivery. You will also learn about other transportation services available through Uber. New class is for new students.

Albums
“Smart Driver” Program
Anyone 50 years and older may attend. The completion certificate is currently issued for an insurance premium reduction. Please check with your insurance company for particulars. The certificate does not qualify for a traffic citation dismissal. Cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Reservations may be made by calling 972-744-7800.

Instructor Ed Sanders is offering the class at the Richardson Senior Center.

Please pay the instructor at the time of attendance. He charges $10 drop-in fee with membership or $13 drop-in fee without.

Basic Conversational Spanish
All levels. No previous experience required. This class is designed for senior enjoyment, and the staff looks forward to the opportunity to provide an atmosphere of enjoyment and enrichment.

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

Quilt Essentials
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing and quilting. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is $35 per month and for advanced students is $15 per month with membership. Free buddy-seeing time is from 8-10 p.m. with Marlene Martin, the instructor.

Crochet
Classes are offered Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:15-4:15 p.m. The price is $5 per class. For new students, please bring a #9 or #10 crochet hook and a skirt or a garment to crochet.

Watercolor
Renata Sturm will offer watercolor classes for all painting levels. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor painting and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. New classes start Sept. 4. Cost is $80 for four classes with membership or $22 per class. No membership is required.

Ukelele Players
Attention all ukelele enthusiasts and potential ukelele players. Let’s get together to share ukelele playing skills and techniques. All levels of play are welcome. Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $85 with membership required.

Great Family Storytelling 1.0
E.L. Taylor, author of “Elgan and Katrina—A Twenty-First Century Saga,” believes “everyone has a story to tell.” This workshop will help students to compile and strengthen the threads of personal recall of life experiences. You do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. Next sessions are Sept. 11, 13:30-3 p.m. Cost is $85 with membership.

Watercolor Round-Up
Join us in the newest craze, watercolor for adults. Coloring is a great introduction to watercolor as a component of health and wellness. Color pens, crayons and pictures will be provided or you may bring your own. A table will be set up with color supplies every Thursday from 1-4 p.m. for visiting and coloring. A multi-dimensional table is available for you to enjoy the fun of coloring with your grandchildren. No fee.

ABC Quilting
Students will learn basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and a quilt top will be assembled. A large standing frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand piecers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to “catch up” on their quilt tops. Class meets every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is $55 with membership. Jan Eby is the instructor.

Advanced Conversational Spanish
Advanced Spanish class will build on the Intermediate class. The next eight-week session starts Oct. 1, 1-2 p.m. Cost is $48 with a Senior Center membership.

Adult Piano Lessons
Dr. Margaret Mulvey Claborn offers piano lessons to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is $85 with membership. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Poker Night Bingo
Join Ted Swanson for individually scheduled two-hour classes Mondays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two-hour student minimum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Register before class day of call at 972-744-7800. Cost is $10 per person with membership.

Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Partner Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. New class is held Tuesdays for five weeks. Cost is $50 with membership, $53 without.

Programs
AARP Richardson Chapter
Great Family Storytelling 1.0 is a new four-week session of painting instruction starts the first Thursday of each month from 1:45 p.m. Beginner and intermediate level Two classes are encouraged to attend. Joann Clifton is the instructor. Cost is $80 for four months with membership. Fun with Oils
A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from 1:45 p.m. Cost is $50 with membership.

Beginners Conversational Spanish
This is a beginner’s level class. The next eight-week session starts Oct. 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $52 with membership.

Intermediate Conversational Spanish
Builds on your Spanish skills by joining this class. Some knowledge of the Spanish language is required. The next eight-week session begins Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is $52 with membership.

Senior Bowling League
The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise. The Richardson Senior Bowling League has openings for regular members and subs for the 2017-18 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen, president, at 972-865-9613.

Tennis League
Richardson Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior’s group days Mondays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon. The Ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. A 1.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help members achieve this level. For information, call 972-744-7870.

Senior Table Tennis
The Richardson Table Tennis group has been invited to play on Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4-7 p.m.

Pool Tournaments
Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration beginning one hour prior. These events are low-stakes pool tournaments, open play is from 3:30-5 p.m. only.

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

Tattooing
Tattooing is an art of making face with a needle and string using a tattooing machine. The machine is operated from 3:30-9 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

Needlework
Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. We meet Tuesdays from 12-9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Richardson Senior Dance
For more information, call 972-744-7800.

Dance Classes at the Senior Center
For those special gifts, shop at the Robin’s Nest Craft Store inside the Senior Center. The senior center showcases a different gift each month, through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

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

Hours of Operation:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.—Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Saturday, 1-5 p.m.

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Photography Club
If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures, how about joining the Richardson Photography club to share ideas and know-how? You do not need professional equipment, just a love of photography and a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, 7:10 p.m.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats and have fun. Next meeting is Nov. 5 at noon. Please bring a sack lunch or you may purchase a sack lunch. The Seniors’ Center will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Mental Aerobics
Buddles, word games, puzzles, trivia, and a general social playground will help keep your brain active. We have a large room and we are looking forward to a new day of fun and games. Our Sessions are for adults only. We are constantly seeking new thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. No training required.

Scrabble Club
Join us Wednesdays from noon-4 p.m. to meet new friends, enjoy good company and have a fun time playing Scrabble. Those 16 and over are welcome to participate. Come join us for a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Chess Club
The chess club meets Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Young and adults of all playing strengths are welcome. Call the Senior Center at 972-744-7800 for more information.

Emeritus Plus 50 Program
Acquired knowledge and life skills are the foundation for a speaker series that was conceived to continue learning and thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. No training required.

Health Connection
Explore lifelong learning. Ear training classes at Rice Hall College for ages 50 and over. If you are 65 years and older and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-234-8880 or visit www.thericardson.com/emeritus.

Texas Reeler Square Dance
The Texas Reeler Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dancing the first and third Friday and Thursday nights from 7:30-10 p.m. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheTexasReelerSquareDance.

Relief Rousers Square Dance
The Relief Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Fee is $7 per person. Richardson Public Library
The Richardson Public Library provides the Richardson Senior Center with books on CD and large print books.

Bingo
Next bingo is Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. and every Thursday and Tuesday.

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

RSVP Volunteer Program
Are you looking for a way to give back to your community that is better suited for your talents? Do you want to be a volunteer for the “Richardson Rowdies?” If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofit throughout Dallas County and Collin County. These opportunities are for assembling “gaggle bags” and other light tasks. The Rowdies meet at about 10:30 a.m. every Friday at Richardson Transportation is provided by RSVP to and from the volunteer locations. For more information on how to become involved, call 214-525-6167.

B.A.S.I.C.S. for Healthy Living
Improve Cognitive Skills
As we age, the connection between our minds and bodies can become less direct than when we were younger; the time between thought and action increases, and our body’s reduces. This class is designed to improve body awareness and motor control and is also cognitive stimulating. Class is held Tuesday, 9:30-10:45 a.m. next class is Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Benefits Counseling
The Dallas Area Agency on Aging is able to assist with questions about eligibility for Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

The Memory Cafe
The Memory Cafe is a new free program called “The Memory Cafe” that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer’s and their families and friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn from each other. Those with memory loss and dementia, held the first Thursday of the month from 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

Blood Pressure Checks
Free blood pressure screenings are available every Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteers are needed to help with any of the various volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center.

Hearing Screening
Total Hearing solutions will offer free hearing screenings and check hearing aids the first Friday of each month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Health Connection
Sleep the 8-Hour Way
Feeling Tired? 10 p.m.

Understanding Medicare: Your Questions Answered
We are offering free monthly educational classes on the ABCDs of Medicare. You will learn when and how to enroll in both Social Security and Medicare. Classes are held the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Credit is available through approved classes. For more information, call 972-744-7800 or visit www.cor.nets/jobs for more information and/or to apply online.

Medical Aerobics
Dancing the first and third Friday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Next classes are Oct. 2 and Oct. 4.

Fitness
Hatha Yoga for All Ages
Shanee Brown teaches classes every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30-10 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30-11 a.m. Cost is $5 with membership.

Tai Chi for All Ages
Philip Russell teaches this fun and relaxing form for those not suited for “Tai Chi for All Ages.” The cost is $7 per class with membership. Classes are Mondays from 10-11 a.m.

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class
Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes are offered, first Monday of month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., fourth week, first Monday of month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., fourth week. Cost is $25 for four weeks or $7 per class. Cooper Institute certified personal trainer Elaine Hosage is the instructor.

Fit for Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class
Class for those who wish to increase their level of fitness begin the first Monday of the month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Monday of each month from 1-2 p.m. Senior Center membership is required to play. Richardson resident Silver Center only membership cost is $1-one time. Fee to joining Silver Center only membership is $15 a year. If you are interested and would like more information, call 972-744-7800.

Private Trainer
Fit for Life—Personalized Coach
This fitness program is designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and overall wellness. All levels are welcome. Fee is $60 a session with a six-session commitment $350 each session for couples. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She has her certifications in special population (older adult) and general population from the Cooper Institute.

Healthy Connections
New!! Drumba Class
This class is designed for men and women of all fitness levels. No prior experience or dancing experience is necessary. It is a fun, energizing way to better health. This class is designed for men and women of all fitness levels. No prior experience or dancing experience is necessary. It is a fun, energizing way to better health. For more information, call 972-744-7800.

Senior Holiday Bazaar
Our annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 9 and 10, from 9 a.m. –5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center. Registrations is now open. If you are 55 or older, a resident and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the registration form and mail it to the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn.: Holiday Bazaar. Robin’s new crafter who are active crafters will have priority. All items must be handmade by the crafter. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will rent for $30 each. A Tax ID is required to participate.

Senior Holiday Bazaar
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Address: __________________________
Phone: __________________________
Fax: __________________________
Email: __________________________
D.O.B.: __________________________
City: __________________________
State: __________________________
ZIP: __________________________
Number of tables requested: __________________________
Any special requests?: __________________________

Senior Center
Games
Canasta
Thur. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Pinocchio
Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:30 a.m.
Duplicate Bridge
Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.
Bridge
Friday, 10 a.m. If you are interested in becoming involved in playing these games, please call 972-744-7800.

Junior Club
Monday, 10 a.m.
Mah Jong
Wed. and Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Scrabble
Monday, 10 a.m.
Chihubale
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo
Tuesday, 10 a.m.

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Senior Center
Water Aerobics Class
Water Aerobics class has been temporarily suspended. We are actively looking for a certified water instructor. For updated in-
formation, call the water aerobics information line at 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800. If you are interested in be-
ing an instructor, please call 972-
744-7800 for more details or go to www.cor.nets/ jobs for more information and/or to apply online.
Le Theatre de Marionette presents

**STAR-WARP**

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2-3 p.m.  
Basement Program Room  
For ages 3 and up

The marionettes will act out a Star Wars parody with your favorite characters, and afterward they’ll put on a mini-demonstration of marionette skills.

**Pawgwards Party!**

Saturday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Fountain Plaza  
(Basement Program Room in case of rain)

The Richardson Animal Shelter will bring adoptable pets to be sorted into Pawgwards (Hogwarts) houses as in the Harry Potter series. Bring pictures of your pets to be sorted and enjoy Harry Potter-themed crafts and games!

**Regular Library hours are:** Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday, 2-6 p.m.

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**Baby Booksit**

**storytime for pre-walkers**

Introduce baby to books, stories, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy tools.

Open to Richardson residents only. Baby Booksit is for pre-walking children ages 6 weeks to 12 months old. Child must be accompanied by at least one parent. Registered children must be 6 weeks old by Sept. 1. Baby Booksit runs from Sept. 10-Oct. 19. Registration required; call 972-744-4358.

**Please choose ONE of the following times:**
- Mon. 6:45-7:05 p.m.
- Tue. 11:10 a.m.
- Fri. 10:15-10:35 a.m.

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**BabySteps**

**open to Richardson residents only. BabySteps brings books, rhymes, fingerplays and movement activities to children ages 12-24 months old, accompanied by at least one parent.**


**Please choose ONE of the following times:**
- Mon. 6:45-7:05 p.m.
- Tue. 11:10 a.m.
- Fri. 10:15-10:35 a.m.

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**Wiggle Worms**

**Please choose ONE of the following times:**
- Mon. 10:15-10:35 a.m.
- Tue. 6:30-6:50 p.m.
- Thu. 10:15-10:35 a.m.

Open to Richardson residents only. Toddlers ages 2-3 years old are introduced to books and reading using stories, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Child must be accompanied by at least one parent. Wiggle Worms runs from Sept. 10-Oct. 19. Registered children must be 2 years old by Sept. 1. Registration required; call 972-744-4358.

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**Storytime Stars**

Open to Richardson residents only. Storytime Stars is for children ages 4-6 years old, filled with stories, songs, fingerplays and puppets. Children attend independently and must be 4 years old by Sept. 1.


**Please choose ONE of the following times:**
- Wed. 3:45-4:15 p.m.
- Thu. 11:10-11:30 a.m.

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**Fountain Plaza**

Saturday Morning Kids Storytime

Everyone is welcome! No registration required. A DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME geared toward 3-7 year olds, featuring stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays and movement activities. Saturdays through Dec. 29, 10:30-11 a.m.

First Floor Program Room

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**Get Tech Savvy!**

**Intro to Photoshop**

Learn the basics to get started creating in Photoshop

**Part 1:**
- **Saturday, Sept. 8**  
  10:30 a.m.-noon  
  Studio RPL (in the basement)

**Part 2:**
- **Saturday, Sept. 22**  
  10:30 a.m.-noon  
  Basement Program Room  
  Adults and Teens

Laptops will be available or you can bring your own. Registration required; call 972-744-4359.