During the annual State of the City Address last month, Mayor Paul Voelker talked about Richardson’s “value proposition” and how the City strives to be the location for those looking to live, work, or do business. He shared that Richardson has a goal of creating points of differentiation that enable Richardson to remain a top choice in the DFW Metroplex.

“Our value proposition is our promise of what we as a city government will deliver to you,” Mayor Voelker said. “How do we do it more economically, with a greater consideration for leveraging resources and with a focus on service. It is the difference you hear in the way we answer the phone and the speed at which we respond to your needs. Our success is the result of a history of good planning and City Councils have gone through a process to chart a course for the future. Over the decades this long-term planning process has resulted in the development of the Telecom Corridor® area and helped shape our strong commercial office development while also envisioning the neighborhood amenities that make Richardson a place we live to call home.”

During his Address, Mayor Voelker stressed that the City’s value proposition is only enhanced by the many strong local and regional partnerships that have been established. He recognized educational partners UT Dallas, RISD, PISD, Richardson and Collin colleges, health care partners Methodist Richardson Medical Center, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce; Dallas and Collin county commissions county courts, state and national legislative representatives; and board members and officials from the North Texas Municipal Water District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). “Our partnerships have led to signature projects in our city,” he said. “Fossil’s new headquarters, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas headquarters and the development of CityLine, home to State Farm and BayBears facilities are just a few. And this past year, commercial leasing activity in Richardson was so active it led to our Telecom Corridor® area ranking as one of the hottest office markets in North Texas.”

Mayor Voelker highlighted recent news concerning Richardson’s longtime partner DART, and the announcement in December that the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail Line has been fully funded. The project includes a 26-mile commuter rail corridor from Plano through Richardson to the DFW International Airport. It will connect with Fort Worth’s TEX Rail line, providing a direct route from a new second station at CityLine to downtown Fort Worth. The new rail line will run through the northern part of Richardson with a stop on the UTD Dallas campus. It will also include an adjacent bike-and-hike trail and noise wall structures near residential areas. The City is working closely with DART on the design and construction of an enhanced bridge feature over US 75. “Our partnership with DART has brought lasting benefits to our community and provided economic mobility for the people who depend on transit services every day,” he said. “We are excited to see this vision become a reality and look forward to riding the train to DFW Airport when the project is completed in late 2022.”

Mayor Voelker closed the address by highlighting some future and long-term projects that are underway including the Collins/Arapaho TOD and Innovation District vision and improving and revitalizing the City’s downtown district.

More information about the City’s highlights/accomplishments presented during the State of the City Address (www.cor.net/stateofthecity) may be found on pages 3 and 4 of this publication.

The results from last year’s communication survey are reported in the City Council.

Richardson’s “value proposition” is highlighted by Mayor in the annual State of the City Address

Richardson Today.com website to launch Feb. 1

This month marks a new chapter in City of Richardson communications—the launch of RichardsonToday.com, a new website dedicated to ongoing coverage of news and events connected to Richardson city government. “We’re adding a new dimension to our coverage,” said Director of Communications Greg Sowell. “Our new online presence will allow us to provide more timely stories, which we will also enhance with video reports that will be much like what you may see on television when you watch the news.”

The blog-style website, which went live Feb. 1, was crafted as the result of feedback and data gleaned from a comprehensive city-wide communications survey conducted in 2018. Results from the survey showed the Richardson Today newsletter was the most valued news resource provided by the City. The City’s Communications Department is hoping to leverage its identity to expand outreach on the new digital platform. Coverage on the new website will also be shared on other channels such as social media to inform as many people as possible about projects, programs and services. The new website is responsive and mobile-friendly, with tabs for News, Videos, Environmental and Arts & Culture, highlighting five stories on the home page. You can find it at www.richardsontoday.com.

The ceremonial ground-breaking for the City’s first inclusive playground, named the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground, took place last month at Cottonwood Park, commemorating the beginning of a much-anticipated project and long-time dream of many area civic leaders, caregivers, teachers, parents and children. The playground will replace the existing playground at the park and will be accessible to children and caregivers of a wide variety of abilities, through creative design, materials and equipment.

“Groundbreaking is held for Inclusive Playground”

“This speaks volumes about our City and the types of things we can do when we all come together,” Mayor Paul Voelker said at the event. “We’ve inspired not just our own citizens but others in the Metroplex.” He reminded those in attendance that the playground is designed for all, not just those with special needs. “I think this is going to build empathy, understanding and awareness at all ages, whether you’re a child playing with another child or a grandparent here visiting your children.”

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Winter water conservation plan in effect
Twice a week watering is allowed anytime on designated days.

Beginning Nov. 1, residents may water their yards at anytime on their designated watering days to avoid watering during times when temperatures may drop below freezing.

Visit www.watermyyard.org for ground moisture information, customized weekly watering recommendations and information on the best times to water your yard.

**TWICE A WEEK WATERING:**
Lawn irrigation is allowed anytime on designated day. Please water only once.

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**City Social Media**
Several City departments are active on Twitter and Facebook, including Richardson Today, the Animal Shelter, the Eisemann Center, the Library, Parks and Police departments and Richardson’s 

**Richardson Today Staff**

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Taylor Lough, ADA Coordinator
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**About City Council Meetings**
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**Mayor’s Message**

Last month myself and the City Council presented the annual State of the City Address. A packed house filled the Eisemann Center’s Bank of America Theatre to look back on 2018 and look ahead into 2019.

The Address focused on Richardson’s “value proposition,” which to me is what makes us different. We are in competition with other cities in North Texas, the United States and even other countries. Because of this, we strive to be the location of choice for those looking to plant new seeds for creating a home or building a business. We promise to deliver services more economically and with a greater consideration for leveraging resources, with a focus on good customer service.

An important part of delivering these services is the creation of partnerships. During the Address we had the chance to highlight many of the groups we work with including the Network of Community Ministries, Richardson Interfaith Alliance, Helping Agency of Richardson, Aledo and the Richardson East Rotary Club. We also had the opportunity to recognize several leaders and supporters in our community such as RISD and its “STEM for All” partnership with the Texas Instruments Foundation, Charlie Chen with the Chamber of Commerce and his work with the Mayor’s Office of International Business Development, Ann and Chuck Eisenmann for their donation to help make Richardson’s inclusive Parkland a reality, and State Farm for its support of our public safety community. There were also many other partners and supporters recognized who help make Richardson such a wonderful home.

If you couldn’t attend the Address, replays are available on-demand at www.cor.net/stateofcity. You’ll see that people choose Richardson because we are among the best places in the region to locate, contribute and participate. We effectively and efficiently manage City resources while maintaining and enhancing services, and I hope you agree that Richardson is a great place to call “home.”

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Voelker

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In October, Charlie Chen, CEO of DFW Technology Incorporated, received the Citizen Leadership Award from the International Economic Development Council. Charlie is a past chair of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and helped to establish the Mayor’s Office of International Business in 2010.

Last December, DART gave unanimous approval to build the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail Line, a 26-mile, more than $1 billion project from Plano through Richardson and on to DFW International Airport. In addition to a station at CityLine, a fifth DART station will be built at UT Dallas as part of the project. The Cotton Belt is projected to be complete in late 2022.

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The Richardson Interfaith Alliance is made up of more than 40 different worshiping communities spanning various faiths and reflecting the diversity of Richardson. The RIA’s purpose is to increase respect of all faiths through education and increased awareness and to coordinate and enhance faith-based services for the betterment of the Richardson community.

The Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant came to Richardson in 2014, and last year signed a contract extension to keep the competition at the Eisemann Center through 2020. Miss Texas is an icon and Richardson is honored to be the host city for this historic event that has been held since 1937. Miss Texas Madison Fuller and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen Ady Lee Forrester represented the pageant organization at this year’s State of the City Address.

Richmond ISD and the Texas Instruments Foundation launched “STEM for All” last year. The program will reshape the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and math for more than 10,000 children in the 16 campuses within the Berkner High School feeder pattern. It was made possible thanks to a $4.6 million grant from the TI Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for educational and charitable purposes.

Gloria Black has lived in Richardson for more than 50 years and wrote a poem showcasing what she loves about Richardson. The poem was shared with the audience during the 2019 State of the City Address.

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Over the past two years, the Richardson East Rotary Club raised more than $500,000 to help fund the City’s first inclusive playground. Children of all ages and abilities will be able to enjoy the playground, which will be named the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground after a naming rights donation was made by Ann and Chuck Eisemann.

Altrusa International of Richardson features members from all walks of life who are united in community service. Altrusa has provided support to a number of organizations throughout Richardson including Network of Community Ministries, the Richardson Animal Shelter and Richardson Reads One Book, in addition to providing college scholarships to local students.

Last October, State Farm gave the City a $100,000 grant to help fund new equipment for the Police Department. That, combined with other donations, brought State Farm’s total corporate giving to Richardson to $148,535 last year.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center partners with Richardson ISD’s Health Science Program by utilizing available space at Methodist’s Campus for Continuing Care on Campbell Road. The program is open to students in grades 10-12 and allows them to earn certifications or licenses in a number of fields including medical coding, emergency care, medical dispatching, phlebotomy, pharmacology and vocational nursing.
Building a Better Home

- During the past five years the City replaced or repaired 49 miles of roads, 35 miles of sidewalks and nearly 10 miles of alleys. These numbers include the seven miles of roads, 1.7 miles of alleys and six miles of sidewalks that were done in Fiscal 2017-18.
- Fox Creek Park opened in 2018 and a new perimeter trail at the Spring Creek Nature Area was completed. Four-and-a-half miles of bike lanes were added.
- Richardson received the Insurance Service Office’s recertification as an ISO-1 rated community, one of only 505 cities in the nation and 52 communities in Texas.
- The Richardson Fire Department again was awarded the American Heart Association’s Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Award recognizing swift treatment and transport of patients who suffer a type of severe heart attack known as STEMI.
- The Richardson Police Department earned ‘Recognized’ status in the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation’s Best Practices Program, launched a new community Dog Walker Watch crime prevention program and formalized a new intelligence unit to expand on real-time information available to fight crime.
- The Richardson Citizen’s Academy and Resource Education Series, or CARES, launched last September to give people direct access to city leaders and up-close interaction with city services through a six-week municipal training course.
- In 2018, homeowners completed 143 Home Improvement Incentive Program projects, adding more than $20 million in neighborhood reinvestment.
- The 2018-19 Fiscal Budget includes a 1/2 of a cent property tax dedication for parks maintenance projects, implementing a multi-year maintenance strategy.
- The Richardson Public Library circulated 1.3 million items in 2018, an average of 390 items checked out per hour.

Doing Business in Richardson

- Richardson is home to the Telecom Corridor® area, which serves as the greatest concentration of high-tech telecommunication workers between California and New York.
- More than 60 foreign-owned companies operate in the City; the highest concentration in the Metroplex.
- The Texas Legislature has designated Richardson as the Official International Business Capital of North Texas.
- Office leasing totals surpassed more than 1 million square feet in 2018.
- Customer-focused City staff provide clear, simple-to-understand processes and policies that make it easy to interact with the City.
- The City offers multi-modal transportation options with four DART light rail stations. A fifth station, planned on the Cotton Belt Rail Line at UT Dallas, will connect to DFW Airport and the DART Red Line at CityLine/Bush Station.
- The current City budget dedicates 8/10 of a cent from the property tax rate to economic development.
- Six percent of the City’s property tax base comes from commercial property.

Community Partners and Philanthropy

- A highlight of 2018 was the Richardson East Rotary Club’s drive to raise funds for inclusive playground amenities at the newly planned playground at Cottonwood Park. (see story on page 1)
- State Farm provided a $100,000 grant to help fund new equipment for the Police Department that will allow for more efficient data collection while officers are on patrol.
- The City provides strategic support for nonprofit agencies that help Richardson residents in key areas such as assistance for the elderly, support for those who are disabled and providing connections for those who are financially distressed.
- In 2015, the City Council adopted April as the official “Month of Volunteerism,” coinciding with annual projects like Trash Bash and other activities held throughout the month, and coordinated throughout the year, through the City’s Volunteer Assistance Program.
- The annual Corporate Challenge serves a dual role as a corporate recreation program and a fundraiser for Special Olympics Texas. Last year a record $313,000 was raised and over the 21-year history of the program more than $2.5 million has been donated.
- City personnel manage programs throughout the year that benefit the Richardson Interfaith Alliance, Helping Agencies Serving Richardson, Network of Community Ministries and many other groups.
- The City’s Community Services Division recently began a new winter program, “Holiday Reinforcement,” with code enforcement officers helping distressed home owners clean their properties in order to meet community standards.

Institutional Partners

- In 2018, the City partnered with RISD for the inaugural Mayor’s Summer Internship Program, designed to give local students on-the-job experience.
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center continues to support the Health Occupation Students of America program—providing high school students with on-the-job training.
- Richland College and UT Dallas partner with summer camps and dual credit programs so local students can earn college credits while still in high school.
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Inclusive Playground Groundbreaking held

Richardson Today, February 2019

Richardson launches free business mentoring service for startups

Paul Bendel
Senior Vice President of Programs
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At the heart of Richardson's innovation-oriented business community are its small businesses and startups. An integral part of the local economy, small businesses and startups have brought growth and innovation, provided employment opportunities and helped foster a thriving and diverse corporate scene here.

Throughout the years, the small business-focused programs of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Economic Development Partnership have played a critical role in nurturing the growth of small businesses and entrepreneurial ventures in Richardson.

Now, as part of its ongoing effort to support the development and success of small businesses and startups, the Richardson Chamber is reactivating its partnership with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program. The SCORE program has been operating nationwide for more than 50 years as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It offers free and confidential business mentoring services to prospective and established small business owners.

Starting Feb. 5, the Richardson Chamber will offer SCORE counseling from 10 a.m. - noon every Tuesday at its offices. The SCORE mentors are committed to helping the Richardson startup community thrive by providing local business owners with valuable guidance and experience-driven insights for success, including assistance with writing business plans, developing products or conceiving marketing strategies.

Companies or individuals interested in joining can make an appointment through the Dallas SCORE website https://dallas.score.org/ by calling 972-792-2800.

For more information on SCORE, its workshops and counseling services, visit https://www.score.org/.

Paul Bendel is the senior vice president of programs for the Richardson Economic Development Partnership.

"From the Boardroom" is a recurring guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, produced in cooperation with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.
**Weekly e-mail by going to www.richardsonchamber.com/shop.**

Visibility to Richardson businesses and encourage subscribers to shop locally. You may sign up for the Shop/Dine Richardson information and offers from local shopping outlets and professional services. Shop/Dine Richardson is meant to provide more

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**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Please call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.**

**Upcoming Trips**

**Celebration Travel—Feb. 13, 1 p.m.**

Celebration Travel will present its list upcoming travel destinations for 2019. Both one-day and longer overnight trips, offer you the opportunity to travel and experience new adventures. Please call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more information.

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**ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST**

**February 2**

**DIGITAL DROP-IN: GET HELP USING YOUR eREADER** 10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Basement Program Room.

**February 6**

**FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB** 7:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The President is Missing" by James Patterson and Bill Clinton. Discussion led by Paulette Planko. Call Tamara at 972-744-4393 for information.

**February 8**

**COMPUTER CLASS: MICROSOFT WORD 2016 BEGINNER LEVEL** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.

**February 9**

**DIGITAL DROP-IN: GET HELP USING YOUR eREADER** 10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

**February 10**

**BEGINNER LEVEL—3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD** 10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for more information.

**February 12**


**February 13**

**COOK THE BOOK: CELEBRATIONS!** 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Basement Training Room. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.

**February 14**

**LUNCHTIME LECTURES: MARRIAGE—THE FIRST 50 YEARS ARE THE HARDEST** 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Dr. Kerin Groves.

**February 16**

**DIGITAL DROP-IN: GET HELP USING YOUR eREADER** 10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

**February 18**

**WRITERS’ GUILD OF TEXAS** 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Theme is "Fairly Tale Twists." Call Kaylo at 972-744-4350 or e-mail kaylo.kaylo@texas. cable.gov for information.

**February 19**

**TECH SAVVY: GOOGLE DOCS WORKSHOP** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Basement Training Room. Registration required. Call 972-744-4359 for information.

**February 20**

**ROMANTIC INTERLUDES BOOK CLUB** 7:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Theme is "Lady in Red." Second Floor Conference Room. Call Karen at 972-744-4350 for information.

**February 21**

**RICHARDSON HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING** 1:30-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. "God Save Texas" presented by Rosemary Rumbley. Call Stacey at 972-744-4350 for information.

**February 22**

**FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABLE** 7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "If the Creek Don’t Rise" by Leah Weiss. Call Jan at 972-744-4352 for information.

**February 23**

**DIGITAL DROP-IN: GET HELP USING YOUR eREADER** 10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

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**CHILDREN/YOUTH/TEENS**

**February 2, 9, 16, 23**

**SATURDAY MORNING KIDS STORYTIME** 10:30-11 a.m. First Floor Program Room.

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The AARP income tax assistance program is offered each Friday by trained volunteers. Please bring your 2017 tax return and Social Security card. No fee.

**February 27**

**VEGAS SHOW NIGHT** 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun filled night of entertainment with Marty Ruiz and Anne Hinson’s "70’s Disco Party." Light hors d’oeuvres, dessert and coffee will be served. Come dressed in your Vegas evening finery and you could be chosen to spin the lucky wheel for a prize. Tickets are for sale at the Richardson Senior Center, but will not be available for purchase at the door the evening of the event. Hope to see you in Vegas! $5.
Paul Taylor Dance Company
7:30 p.m. Feb. 4
Tickets $34-$40

Raphaella Smits

Paul Taylor Dance Company
7:30 p.m. Feb. 9
Tickets $39-$52

Raphaella Smits is known for performing on eight-string guitars and historical instruments. Smits calls Raphaella Smits “the great maestra” and praises her “a love story—a reluctant one. It is a play that revels in ambiv-
ture and there is a question and answer session following the con-
cert. Gain a whole new perspec-
tive and enrich your life with great
music!

Paul Taylor Dance Company
7:30 p.m. Feb. 10
Tickets $39-$52

Returning to the Eisemann Center for a ninth appearance, Paul Taylor Dance Company, estab-
lished in 1954, is a national trea-
ture and one of the world’s most
magnificent dance troupes. Taylor
of one another—and each wrote
some of the most love-inspired
music in the repertoire including
Schuman’s “Fantasy,” Liszt’s
“Consolatio” and the Chopin
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answer session following the con-
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two tickets for the Feb. 14 perfor-
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Pretto Cafe with champagne and a
post-show meet and greet with
the artists for $200 per couple.
This show contains mature con-
tent.

University of Texas at Dallas
Raphaella Smits

Classical Guitar Magazine calls Raphaella Smits “the great maestra” and praises her performances as “deeply musically expressive,” while Tim Page called her “an uncommonly musical guitarist” in The New York Times. Since picking up the
guitar at age 12, she has been honored with a chair at Belgium’s Lemmens
Institute and has performed and taught master classes internationally. She is
known for performing on eight-string guitars and historical instruments. Smits
will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 15 in Joejon Performance Hall. Tickets are $15. For more
information, visit www.utd.edu/ah.

Bumper Jacksons

Jeffrey Siegel

Bumper Jacksons
7:30 p.m. Feb. 1
Tickets $45

The Bumper Jacksons are hot and sweet, painting America’s sto-

tive and enrich your life with great
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The Flu Season
Set in a hospital and in a theater, Will Eno’s “The Flu Season” is
a love story—a reluctant one. It is a play that reveals in ambiv-

Eisemann Center Presents continues 2018-19 season

The 2018-19 Eisemann Center Presents season continues in Feb-

uary with a mix of music, comedy and
dance. Visit www.eisemann-
center.com for ticket information,
or call 972-744-4650. Groups of
10 or more qualify for ticket dis-
counts by calling Group Sales at
972-744-4657.

The Flu Season
7:30 p.m. Feb. 14-16
2 p.m. Feb. 16
Tickets $38-$100

Join comedians Pat Harell, one of the original writers for NBC’s
“Seinfeld” and a veteran of “The Tonight Show,” and Dena Blizard,
as they come together for an even-
ing of hilarity and heartwarming
standup comedy. Topics include
relationships, dating, parenting
and family life, and there will be a
chance to ask for free relationship
advice as Pat and Dena answer
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Sammy Miller and the Congregation
7:30 p.m. Feb. 21
Tickets $47

Grammy-nominated drummer
Sammy Miller has become known
for his relentless focus on making
music that “feels good” as a drum-
ner, singer and bandleader. Upon
completing his Master’s at The
Juilliard School, Miller formed
his ensemble, The Congregation. As
a band they are focused on shifting
the power of community through
their music—good jazz. This is the
third return engagement for Sam-
my Miller and The Congregation
due to popular demand.

Arlo Guthrie
7:30 p.m. Feb. 22
Tickets $48-$52

Arlo Guthrie has been known
to generations as a prolific song-
writer, social commentator, mas-
ter storyteller, actor and activist.
“Alice’s Restaurant Back by Popu-
lar Demand” featuring Sarah Lee
Guthrie is on tour in celebration of
the 50th anniversaries of the film
“Alice’s Restaurant,” Woodstock
and 50 years of Flaver Power.
During the tour, Guthrie will per-
form “The Alice’s Restaurant Mas-
sacres” in its entirety, along with
select songs from every full length
studio album he’s released.

My Funny Valentine
7:30 p.m. Feb. 1
Tickets $45

Jeffrey Siegel’s

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Bumper Jacksons

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7:30 p.m. Feb. 1
Tickets $45

Jeffrey Siegel presents “Chopin,
Liszt & Schumann.” These three
great composers of the romantic
19th century were born months

Eisemann Center Presents continues 2018-19 season

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Arlo Guthrie

Bumper Jacksons

Second City

The Best of Second City
7:30 p.m. Feb. 28-March 2
2 p.m. March 2
Tickets $30-$55

This must-see show features the best sketches and songs from The
Second City’s history made famous by superstars like Tina Fey,
Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray and more—as
well as their trademark improvisa-
tion. Come see where it all began
during this special engagement.
Presented in Partnership with the
UT Dallas School of Arts & Hu-
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Citizens Fire Academy begins March 21

City Hall parking lot
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Residential cooking oil/grease disposal
Book drive (books, magazines, CDs, DVDs)
Free bag of Texas Pure Compost
Clothing and shoe drive (clothing should be gently used and washed, place in plastic bags/sacks, no trash bags please)

Don’t forget to register your pets

Try to avoid frozen pipes this winter

Save the Date: 2019 Trash Bash is April 13
Aquatics job fair scheduled for March 14

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department will hold an aquatics job fair from 4-7 p.m. March 14 at the Huffhines Recreation Center. This year is shaping up to be a busy one and there is a need for a variety of positions including lifeguards, pool managers and assistant managers, swim team coaches, and swim instructors. Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs.

Photo contest results available online Feb. 1

The 2019 City of Richardson Photo Contest concluded in late January and results will be available online beginning Feb. 1. Once again, the annual event attracted dozens of photographers, both amateur and professional, from throughout the Metroplex. Winning photographs will be on display on the third floor of the Richardson Public Library Feb. 2-19. The 2019 Awards Ceremony and Judges Workshop is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Grand Hall of the Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. For a complete list of winners, visit www.cor.net/photocontest beginning Feb. 1.

NOW HIRING!

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department is looking for some enthusiastic people to join its team! This is shaping up to be a busy year, and there will be a need for the following part-time and seasonal jobs:

- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
- Swim Instructors
- Swim Instructor Coordinator
- Swim Team Coaches
- Swim Team Coordinator
- Swim School Coordinator
- Cashiers
- Day Camp Directors
- Day Camp Counselors
- Gymnastics Instructors
- Recreation Support Technicians

Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs. Call 972-744-7855 for information on camp jobs, 972-744-7892 for aquatic jobs and 972-744-7860 for gymnastics jobs.

Valentine Jubilee

Adaptive Event
Heights Recreation Center Saturday, Feb. 9 7-9:30 p.m. Registration #11300

Ages 18 and older. We will be celebrating this exciting and romantic holiday with a dance! It will surely be all your heart desires! No date is necessary, so come enjoy a fabulous evening with your friends. You will have dinner and a full night of dancing to music from our very own disc jockey. We will have plenty of fun with food, dancing, contests and more! Space is limited so sign up today! Due to catering, registration ends Feb. 5; or when full. Sorry, no drop-in registrations will be available. Fee is $25 for residents and $27 for nonresidents.

RECESS!

It’s time for Recess!

Recess is a day of play during RISD Staff Development/Student Holidays. We will have fun at Heights Park and then retreat to Heights Recreation Center for indoor activities. Come with a sack lunch, water bottle, plenty of snacks and your playful side.

Heights Recreation Center

Grades: Kindergarten to 5th grade
$20 per child for early registration
$25 per child after deadline
Registration deadline is Feb. 11

Winter Session:

Monday, Feb. 18
#11630 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Huffhines Tennis Center

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-$50. Private lessons are available in 30-minute or one-hour blocks.

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

Sherrill Park Golf Course

Winter and colder temperatures are officially here, but Sherrill Park is in great shape and now is a good time to get out and play. To schedule tee times or private lessons at Sherrill Park, contact the Pro Shop at 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

You’re invited to the dance!

MOTHER & SON DANCE

Huffhines Rec Center Saturday, March 30, 7-10 p.m.
Registration #12866
Fee: $10 per person
$5 for second child
Ages 6-11 years

It’s tournament time, so get your game on! Come join us for a sports-themed dance while watching the NCAA basketball semifinals.

Live DJ and games! Buffet-style refreshments of various snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

Sports-themed attire.

Follow Parks and Recreation on Instagram

Follow Richardson Parks and Recreation on Instagram to stay up to date on special events, contests and giveaways. Follow us at @RichardsonParksandRec!
Technology Help Desk
Instructor Ed Sanders is offering assistance for answers to questions. Search the internet to find the answer and also phone for help. The Center has one computer with internet access available. If assistance is needed, phone for help. The Center offers assistance to help you with your technology challenge and increase your knowledge. Assistance is available at the fourth Saturday of every month. Help is available from 2-4 p.m. Next session is March 2.

iPhone and iPad
One-on-one instruction is offered to help you learn the operation of the iPhone and/or iPad. Half-hour individual class sessions are available from 1-1 p.m. Bring your iPhone and/or iPad to class. Monday, Feb. 25, Cost is $25. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

iPhone and iPad 102
This class covers how to use functions and applications of your iPhone/iPad. Bring your iPhone and/or iPad to class. Next class is TBA. Cost is $25. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

NEW!! How to Use Ride Share
This class will be offered in February. What is ride share? How much does it cost? Where is it available? Is it safe? How do you request the service and find the driver? You will also learn about other transportation services available. Next session is Mar. 2. Class is held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is $10 with membership, $15 without. Please bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

Ukulele Players
Attention all lovers of the Hawaiian art-form of the ukulele and potential ukulele players. Let’s get together to play, share songs and techniques. All levels of players are welcome. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. No fee. Senior Center membership required.

Great Family Storytelling
E. L. Taylor, author of “Elgar and Grace—A Twenty-First Century Saga,” believes “everyone has a story to tell.” This workshop will stimulate and strengthen the brain through personal recall of life experiences. You do have your own story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. Next session: TBA. Cost is $8 with membership.

Watercolor
Renata Sharmann will offer watercolor classes for all painting levels. Students will learn the basics of materials, tools and techniques of watercolor. Intermediate and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New session begins on Tuesday, March 5. Cost is $80 per member. Call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 2-4:15 p.m. The price is $5 per class. For new students, please bring a jh or 4H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

Adult Piano Lessons
Piano lessons are offered to adults 55 and older on a monthly basis. Cost is $85 with membership. Call 972-744-7800 for an appointment.

Pocket Billiards Class
Fred Swanson offers individually scheduled two-hour classes Mon.-Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Each class has a two student minimum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Register before day of class or call 972-744-7800. Cost is $10 per person per class.

Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Part Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for next five-week session. Cost is $50 with membership, $55 without.

Programs
AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome to attend. Joanna Clifton is the instructor. Cost is $8 for four monthly classes with membership.

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

Scrabble Club
Join us Mondays at 10 a.m. for scrabble. Meet new friends, exercise your mind and have a fun day playing scrabble. Children over 16 are welcome to participate. Players ages 12-15 must attend with an adult.

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

Tatting
Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using one stitch. We meet every Tuesday from 3-3:30 p.m. Fresh and open to all ages.

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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Pool Tournaments
Pool tournaments are every Friday at 1 p.m. with registration begin- ning at 12:30 p.m. Due to Friday pool tournaments, open play is from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

Let’s Play “42”
Regular “42” games are scheduled Thursday afternoons from 12:30- 4 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center.

Photography Club
If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures, how about joining a photography club to share ideas and know-how? You do not need professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment, a memory kept in the first Thursday of every month. 7:00 p.m. No fee.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats and have some fun. Next meeting, expected to be a yard sale, will be on March 11th. If you wish to bring a sack lunch or you may purchase a lunch from the Senior Center concessions.

Mental Aerobics
Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia, and a general mental playground will help keep your brain activity sharp. We have a large room and welcome drop-ins who enjoy thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. Mondays at 10 a.m. Call 972-238-6972.

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B.A.S.I.C.S., for Healthy Living

Body Awareness Support (to) Improve Cognitive Skills
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Blood Pressure Checks
Free blood pressure screenings are available Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Rebel Rousers
Square Dance
The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club sponsors 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.

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Instructor Carin’n Mogas will offer a variety of rhythm-conducive exercises for those suffering from Parkinson’s disease to help allev- iate the frustrating disruptions of thoughts and movements. Class- es are held Monday 7-8 p.m.; Wednesday 7-8 p.m.; and Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per class.

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Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class
Strength training that works all mus- cle groups. Two classes offered: first Monday of month, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks, first Wednesday of month, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., four weeks. Cost is $25 for four weeks or $7 per class. Cooper Institute certi- ficate earned. Register with personal trainer Elaine Hoseg is the instructor.

Chair Yoga
Gain all the benefits of yoga with- out getting on the floor. Class is about 20 minutes and includes fitness and ability level. Focus is on body alignment and breath awareness. For more information, call smallyogaathoo@live.com. Class is held Mondays at 9 a.m. Cost is $6 per class with membership.

Aerobic Exercise
Renate Recher teaches exercise class Tuesday and Thursday morn- ings from 9-10 a.m. Cost is $2 with a membership.

Yoga for All Ages
Bharata Nivas conducts classes ev- ery Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is $25 per class.

Water Aerobics Classes
Classes are held Tuesday, Thurs- day and Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. Cost is $30 a month. For updated class information, please call 972-744-7815.

Private Trainer Services
 private fitness trainer who can come to your home. Fee is $25 per appointment.

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Robin’s Nest Craft Store
For those special gifts, shop at the Robin’s Nest Craft Store inside the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and is located inside the Senior Center at 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop by, browse and admire the handmade crafts that are for sale. Open to the public.

Did You Know?
RISD offers free senior passes for all RISD high school concerts, theater productions and basketball games. For more informa- tion, please call 469-593-9000 or 469-593-0310.

Games
Canasta
Thur. and Fri. 9:30 a.m.

Pinochle
Mon., Tue., Wed., 9:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge
Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.

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

Bunco
Friday, 12:30 p.m.

Scrabble
Monday, 10 a.m.

Mah Jong
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Many other games such as Chess, Skip-bo, Rummi-Cubes, Dominos and “42” are played by our patrons.
**Book Match**

You can now request personalized reading recommendations from the Library. Book Match is a free service that matches readers with reading recommendations. Fill out the form online with titles, authors and types of books you enjoy. We'll send you a customized reading list.

Go to www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com and scroll down to the blue spotlight section to learn more.

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**Medicare and You**

Presenter Scott Teagle

**Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

All ages, registration not required.

Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

New to Medicare? This workshop covers in detail the four Parts of Medicare: A, B, C and D. Gain a better understanding of Medicare eligibility, election periods, enrollment penalties, the differences between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage (Part C), Prescription Drug (Part D) and the donut hole.

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**Cook the Book: Celebrations**

Come browse the cookbooks we’ve selected featuring treats for celebrating Valentine’s Day or any other special occasion. Pick a recipe to prepare and bring it Feb. 13. Taste everyone’s creations and expand your cooking experiences. Come hungry!

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Adults and Teens

Drinks will be provided.

Come to the Library to sign up and select a recipe! Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

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**HEART-Y ARTY**

It’s a Valentine’s Party! All ages welcome!

**Saturday, Feb. 9, 2-4 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

Get heart-happy with Valentine’s stories, crafts and a puppet show for kids. The puppet show begins at 2 p.m.

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**Lotsa LEGOS Challenge**

Saturday, March 2, 2-3 p.m.

Basement Program Room

For all ages

Come play and build with LEGO® or try your hand at a Dr. Seuss-themed building challenge!

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**Award-Winning Storyteller Decee Cornish**

Veteran, world-traveler and five-time Texas State Storytelling Champion, Decee Cornish entertains and informs with his own life stories and motivates others to tell their stories. Presented as part of the Richardson Storytelling Festival, a project of AIR (Arts Incubator of Richardson).

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Adults and Teens

Registration not required. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

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**Write Here, Write Now: Writing Workshop**

Build your writing know-how with games, skills-building, brainstorming, word-building help and fun writing activities!

**Saturday, Feb. 16, 3-4 p.m.**

Basement Program Room

**For ages 11-18**

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**Literacy Launch: Preschoolers**

Explore ways to build your child’s early literacy skills using books, songs and activities designed for your child’s age.

For more information on programs in March for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, visit www.richardsonpubliclibrary.com.

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