Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced last month that Texas Instruments Incorporated (TI) will increase its presence in Richardson and build a new 300mm analog semiconductor wafer fabrication facility. Upon completion, the new facility is expected to create more than 488 jobs (with an average annual salary of $75,000) and represent more than $3.1 billion in capital investment. A Texas Enterprise Fund grant of $5,124,000 has been extended to TI contingent upon the company fulfilling these investment and staffing commitments.

Richardson has long proven to be a hub for tech-based developments such as this and we are proud TI's global search has led them once again to our community,” said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. “Our business environment is competitive, friendly and offers access to a highly trained technical workforce that helps keep us as a top-tier location for projects like this. We look forward to continuing to prove our value to TI as it prepares to develop this new high-tech manufacturing facility.”

Texas Instruments has operated in North Texas for more than 85 years and is a significant presence in Richardson's Telecom Corridor® area. Its current Richardson fabrication (RFAB) facility located on the northeast intersection at Renner and Alma roads has two Gold LEED buildings, about 800 employees and has the fourth highest property value in Richardson and eighth largest in Collin County, with a market value of $412 million. The additional facility is also expected to attract ancillary businesses.

“We’ve selected Richardson for our next 300mm analog wafer fabrication facility because of its access to talent, an existing supplier base and multiple airports, as well as operational efficiencies due to the close proximity of the new facility to our existing RFAB,” said Kyle Flessner, senior vice president of TI’s Technology & Manufacturing Group. “This factory is an important step in our strategy to invest in more 300mm manufacturing capacity, which is a competitive advantage for our company and will enable us to continue to support our customers well into the future.”

Inclusive Playground opens

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last month marking the official opening of the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground at Cottonwood Park, 1101 W Belt Line Rd. The playground’s construction was a community collaboration, with the City providing partial funding through the 2015 Bond Program and the Richardson East Rotary Club (RERC) spearheading the campaign to raise additional funds needed.

This is the first inclusive playground that we have in the city where anybody with any ability can come and play together,” said Parks and Recreation Director Lori Smelby. “There will be swings, see-saws and cozy spaces for kids with autism. Our goal was to try to include something that would be fun for everybody.

The new inclusive playground includes specialized play areas for children 2-5 and 5-12 years old. It was made possible through the donations of more than 1,000 individuals, organizations, foundations, businesses and families that helped RERC raise $500,000, more than double the original fundraising goal, in less than two years, allowing the playground to increase in size and add enhancements.

Major donors include Ann and Charles Eisemann, the B.B. Owen Trust, The Rees-Jones Foundation, RERC, the Richardson Rotary Club, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, 100 Women of Richardson and Knickrs or Nothing, Inc.

To learn more about the playground’s features and the types of play equipment that has been installed, see the story on page 5. For more information, visit www.cor.net/inclusiveplayground.

Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 17-19

One of the largest three-day outdoor music events in North Texas, Richardson’s Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, brings more than 80 musical acts to Galatyn Park May 17-19. The final lineup of headlining acts is set and a variety of local and national acts will perform the best in classic rock, R&B, country, pop, alt-rock, folk and Americana—this year there is something for everyone.

Friday’s lineup includes RATT, Quiet Riot and Zebra with the Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage, and Good Charlotte, Neon Trees and J.L. Edwards on the Wildflower! Plaza Stage.

Saturday provides a full day of music highlighted by Grand Funk Railroad, The Guess Who and Blue Oyster Cult at the Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage with Fitz and the Tantrums and Judah & the Lion at the Wildflower! Plaza Stage. Big City Outlaws and Joshua Ray Walker are featured on the Bud Light Stage while Crystal Bowerson and Darrell Scott perform on the UnitEdHealthcare Singer Songwriter Stage.

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Richardson resident voting information for May 4 Election Day

• Dallas County Richardson residents who vote May 4 in the City Council election will vote at their designated polling location.

• Collin County Richardson residents who vote May 4 in the City Council, PSD School Board and Collin College Board of Trustees elections may vote in all three elections at their designated polling location.*

* NOTE: On the May 4 Election Day, Collin County Richardson residents in Precincts 78 and 110 may vote in all three elections at the Richardson Church of the Nazarene, 2101 E. Renner Rd. (see map) The church replaces the Renner Police Substation.

MAY 4 POLLING HOURS: 7 A.M.-7 P.M.

City of Richardson
Dallas County
Collin County
972-744-4290
814-819-6389
800-687-8546 (Toll Free)
www.cor.net/election
www.DallasCountyVotes.org
www.collincountytx.gov/elections

The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center is NOT a voting location May 4.

Runoff election, if needed, will be June 8
In the event a runoff election is required for the Richardson City Council or the Collin College Board of Trustees, it will be held June 8. Early voting will be held May 28-9. Early voting locations and times will be determined after the May 4 election.

Holiday sanitation schedule and recycle make-up days
Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be NO solid waste pick up, special pick up, or recycling pick up Monday, May 27. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

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City facilities schedule for May 27 holiday

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<td>Closed May 27, Open May 27-29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 27, Open May 27</td>
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Richardson CARES opens application process
Applications are now available for the Citizens Academy and Resource Education Series (Richardson CARES). The free, seven-week class series is offered to adults ages 18 and up, to help them gain a better understanding and knowledge of the structure and function of the City of Richardson.

Classes will meet Sept. 5-Oct. 17, every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. CARES participants will meet City staff, learn about the day-to-day operations of Richardson’s government and discover ways to contribute and be an active participant. Each session will focus on a different function of the City and be presented by various departments, at various locations. The program will be interactive and include tours, on-site demonstrations and question-and-answer sessions.

Applications will be accepted June 1-July 31. For more information and an application, visit www.cor.net/RichardsonCARES or stop by the City Secretary’s office in City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Richardson Today Staff
Richmond Today is a monthly publication of the City of Richardson. It is free for Richardson residents. The publication is designed to keep citizens of Richardson informed of activities and news that may be of interest to them. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning this or future issues, please send them to:

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Receive City news updates by e-mail
Sign up to receive the City’s “Week in Review” e-mail newsletter each Friday, as well as to receive important notifications concerning City events, projects, services and information about weather-related activities and the West Nile virus. Visit www.cor.net/Enews, and select the options you would like to subscribe to.

Mayor’s Message
May is going to be a busy month here in Richardson. We kick things off May 4-5 with the Cottonwood Art Festival, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Cottonwood brings together artists from across the United States to showcase their works right here in Richardson. Just two weeks later, if Cottonwood we will host the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival, one of the largest music festivals in North Texas. This annual event is attended by tens of thousands of people and always has a solid music lineup; this year being no exception. These events come on the heels of an eventful April, when a stormy Saturday didn’t prevent many groups from braving the weather to come to the Civic Center for Trash Bash’s indoor activities.

The one thing all three of these events have in common is that they would not exist without our community working together to make them possible. Trash Bash, the Cottonwood Art Festival and Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival would not all be possible without the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who come to work together.

However, I think the ultimate story of Richardson coming together to make something special happen is the construction of the Ann Eisemann Inclusive PlayGround, which we officially opened with a ribbon cutting last month. The playground, the City’s first to feature solely inclusive play elements, will allow people of all ages and abilities to come together and enjoy time outdoors. It was just an idea on paper until the Richardson East Rotary Club spearheaded a fundraising campaign to raise the $290,000 it would take to build the inclusive park. When all was said and done, the club raised twice the required amount, and proved that when the Richardson community puts its support behind a project, it will become a reality.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Voelker

Richardson City Council
411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080
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www.cor.net/council

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

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

The agenda is posted on Friday evening prior to the Monday night meeting. To request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary’s Office at 972-744-4292.

City Council meetings and work sessions are broadcast live on the City’s website at www.cor.net and on the City’s cable TV channel on Spectrum channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse (channel 99). Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.

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STAGE SCHEDULE

All acts, times and locations are subject to change or cancellation without notice. Visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for more information.

1 Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage

FRIDAY
4:45 p.m. Zebra
8:15 p.m. Quest Riot
10 p.m. RATT

SATURDAY
2 p.m. Taylor Young
3:30 p.m. Round Right Men
5 p.m. Almost Brothers
6 p.m. Armed Forces Day
8:30 p.m. Blue Oyster Cult
8:15 p.m. The Guess Who
10 p.m. Grand Funk Railroad

SUNDAY
11:45 a.m. Ryan Glenn Band
1:15 p.m.
2:45 p.m. Ronnie Heart
4:30 p.m. The Jacksons

2 Wildflower! Plaza Stage

FRIDAY
6 p.m. Rosedown Funeral Party
7:15 p.m. L.A. Edwards
8:45 p.m. Noon Teens
10:15 p.m. Good Charlotte

SATURDAY
1:30 p.m. Corner Sans
2:45 p.m. The 40 Acre Male
4:15 p.m. Margo Zoffe
5:15 p.m. Quiet Company
8:45 p.m. Judah & the Lion
10:30 p.m. Fitz and the Tantrums

SUNDAY
11:45 a.m. Andrey
1:15 p.m. Billy Law
2:45 p.m. Hannah Kirby
4:15 p.m. Friday’s Folly

3 Bud Light Stage

FRIDAY
6:15 p.m. Ana Popovic
7:45 p.m. The Trews
9 p.m. The Rich Girls

SATURDAY
11 a.m. Laura Hanrell
Noon Nathan Monopoli
1:15 p.m. Vanessa Peters
2:30 p.m. TBD Music
3:45 p.m. Charlie J Memphis
5:15 p.m. Justin Pickard
6:45 p.m. Devil’s Candy Brother
8:15 p.m. Joshua Ray Walker
9:45 p.m. Big City Outlaws

SUNDAY
11:30 a.m. The Ta Tones
1 p.m. LaPuma
2:30 p.m. Matt the Electrician
4:30 p.m. Sam and Olivia

4 CityLine Stage

Performances on the CityLine Stage will feature emerging songwriters with the Dallas Songwriter Association. Performers will take place all three days.

FRIDAY
6:45 p.m. Aeromyth
8:15 p.m. Staci and Olivia
9:30 p.m. Michael.png

SATURDAY
3, 6, 9 p.m. Aeromyth

SUNDAY
2 p.m. Aeromyth

5 Hill Hall (Eisemann Center)

FRIDAY
6 p.m. Aeromyth
8 p.m. John & Kenny
10 p.m. Local Heroes

SATURDAY
6 p.m. The Wooks
8 p.m. John & Kenny
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For AMLI Performance Row schedule, see page 4.
Check out the acts on AMLI Performance Row

Visit AMLI Performance Row in front of the Eisemann Center!
(Performance times and schedule are subject to change.)

**Friday**
- 6:30 p.m.: Berkner Drum Line
- 7:15 p.m.: Mango and Dango
- 8 p.m.: J.J. Pearce Mustang Stampede

**Saturday**
- 12:15 p.m.: Richardson Desperados
- 1:45 p.m.: M.O.M. Dance Crew
- 2:30 p.m.: Mango and Dango
- 3:15 p.m.: Na-Da El Raks Belly Dance
- 4 p.m.: M.O.M. Dance Crew

**Sunday**
- 4:45 p.m.: Ju Long Lion Dance Troupe
- 5:30 p.m.: M.O.M. Dance Crew
- 6:15 p.m.: Mango and Dango

Support arts education and Network at the Art Guitar Auction

More than 30 amazing guitars from Festival sponsors, local artists and guitar builders will be on display and open for bids in a silent auction held throughout the Festival weekend inside the Eisemann Center Lobby. Now in its 18th year as a Wildflower program, the auction has raised almost $144,000, with all proceeds going to two local organizations. The benefactors of the Art Guitar Auction, Network of Community Ministries and the RISD Fine Arts Program, will staff the auction with volunteers and share with festivalgoers and bidders how the auction proceeds benefit their organization. The bidding will close at 3 p.m. on Sunday, so bid early and often.

**Weekend highlights**
Big names in music aren’t all that will be at Richardson’s Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. There’s family fun and entertainment from open to close. Check out these highlights or visit www.wildflowerfestival.com to see more!

**FRIDAY**
**Friday Night Street Party featuring The Rich Girls on the Bud Light Stage at 9 p.m.**

**SATURDAY**
**Battle of the Bands**
At 4:15 p.m., three bands will compete for the Battle of the Bands title. Bands will perform on the Wildflower Plaza Stage. Supported by Guitars & Guitawlers

**SATURDAY**
**Salute the Troops**
Miss Texas Outstanding Teen Ady Lee Forrester will perform the national anthem on the Methodist Richardson Amphitheater Stage at 6 p.m.

**SUNDAY**
**Budding Talent Vocal Competition Finals**
1 p.m., UnitedHealthcare Singer Songwriter Stage in the Eisemann Center.

**Grab some tasty grub at WF! Eats**

Don’t miss...
WF Kids Activities
Rock Star Karaoke
Student Art Contest Display
Free Kids Arts and Crafts
Live Butterfly Tent and Info Booth
WF Kids Safety Tag Program
Wildflower! Face Painting

There’s fun for kids of all ages at Wildflower!

WF! Kids, presented by First Baptist Richardson, is a fun and colorful Festival stop where kids of all ages will find all kinds of games, activities and entertainment geared just for them. WF! Kids is located near the middle of the Festival grounds adjacent to the LegacyTexas WF! Marketplace. (See map on page 3.)

**Don’t miss...**

**WIT Kids Activities**
- Rod Star Karaoke
- Student Art Contest Display
- Free Kids Arts and Crafts

**Visit the Singer Songwriter Stage inside the Eisemann Center**
One of the hidden gems of the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival is the UnitedHealthcare Singer Songwriter Stage, located inside the Eisemann Center. The stage is a great place to beat the heat and enjoy the most intimate performances you will experience at Wildflower! This year the Singer Songwriter Stage will feature about two dozen performers, including American Idol alums Crystal Bowserox and Jason Castro. The stage is also the home of the Al Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest, whose winner will be crowned Saturday afternoon.

Visit www.wildflowerfestival.com • #wamfest2019
Friday 6 p.m.-midnight • Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight • Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Visit Wildflower! on social media
Be sure to follow Wildflower! on Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram and Snapchat—we’ll be covering the Festival live, giving you updates from every stage, plus posting photos of all the fun from each day. If you’re out at the Festival, be sure to use the hashtag #WAMFest2019.

Grab some tasty grub at WF! Eats

- A La Carte Catering
  - (nachos, fajitas, quesadillas, flavored tea)
- A Taste of Cuba Catering
  - (Cuban, carnival, variety)
- Ben & Jerry’s (ice cream)
- CrisTi-N’Ali Cuisine
  - (German-inspired cuisine)
- Conway’s Corndogs
  - (corn dogs, funnel cakes, cotton candy, lemonade)
- Concession Staffing Services
  - (chicken tenders, french fries, tater tots)
- J Bob’s Kettle Corn
  - (kettle corn, gourmet popcorn, cotton candy)
- Kona Ice
  - (snow cones)
- Marble Slab Creamery
  - (ice cream)
- Marie’s (pita wraps, gyros)
- Maui Wowi
  - (smoothies, nuts)
- Mrs. Lively’s Southern Cuisine
  - (fried po’boys, pecan pie, chicken tenders)
- Satay Hut (kabobs)
- TJ’s Dawg House
  - (Chicago-style hot dogs and sandwiches)
- T.C. Roasted Corn
  - (roasted corn, baked potatoes)
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lance of mosquitoes last month to test for West Nile virus.

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crease. Tracking the presence of West Nile in the mos-
quito populations allows us to respond with strategic control measures to reduce mosquito populations and reduce the chance the virus makes its way into the human population," said Director of Health Bill Alsup.

Mosquito surveillance traps are set and collected in 12 areas of the City on a weekly basis each year from April through October, and mosquitoes are sent to a lab to test for West Nile virus. If a mosquito sample tests positive for the virus, the management area surrounding the sample trap is sprayed. In ad-
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The Health Department schedules West Nile virus spraying to begin at 9 p.m. to limit exposure to people who may wish to avoid contact with the pesticide used to control mosquito populations. The goal is to end by 4 a.m., though it may last until 5:30 a.m. depending upon the size of the spray area. Targeted neighbor-
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The start time, duration and frequency may vary if spraying is done for the Zika or Chikungunya viruses.

To keep the public informed of sprayed events, news releases are sent to local media and posted on the City website, and information is sent electronically to homeowners associations and neighborhood associations, as well as to subscribers of the Mosquito Spraying/West Nile e-notification list. Information is also posted on Richardson Today, the Richardson Today Facebook page, NextDoor and the Richardson Today Twitter account.

The best way to protect yourself is by following these tips:

**The Four D’s:**

- **Dress:** Wear long sleeves and pants.
- **Drain:** Get rid of standing water that mosquitoes can breed in.
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- **Delay:** Use insect repellent when you go outside.

Cottonwood Art Festival Celebrates 50 Years

When the Cottonwood Art Festival (aka “Cottonwood”) takes place, May 4-5 at Cottonwood Park, Richardson residents, visitors and artists celebrate not only the biannual festival’s 50-year longevity but also the fact that today it’s considered by the art world to be among the top 10 fine art festivals in the nation. Its recent 2019 ranking (#7) by the Art Fair Sourcebook, known as “the Bible of the art industry,” puts Cottonwood on the same level as New York City’s three-day passes to the award-winning festival, share your experiences using #WFF2019.

**Ticket Information**

The 2019 Wildflower! Festival’s three-day passes to the award-winning event can be purchased online only at www.wildflowerfestival.com for $65. Single-day tickets (good for entry Friday or Saturday) can be purchased online only for $30. Tickets purchased at the gate are $40 (Sunday tickets can be purchased online for $15 ($20 at the gate). Tickets for kids ages 5-12 are $5 and can be purchased online or at the gate; admission for kids 4 and under is free.

Friends of the Festival VIP Packages are $575 and include two hospitality passes, reserved park-
ing, special seating and a weekend of catered food and beverages.

**Resident Ticket Discount**

Richardson residents can purchase up to six individual adult tickets to the Festival per house-
hold for only $12 each. These tick-
ets must be purchased in advance at City ticket outlets by 5 p.m. Fri-
day, May 17.

**See pages 3 and 4 for more information and a schedule of performances.**

**Stay up to date on the latest Wild-
flower! information, visit www.wil-
derflowerfestival.com.**

**Wildflower! rocks Richardson May 17-19**

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**Health Department works to combat mosquitoes**

Sunday caps the weekend of music with The Jacksons and Ronnie Heart showcased on the Methodist Richardson Amphithe-
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Making Richardson’s parks “picture-perfect”

Many of Richardson’s parks offer picturesque views and a number of good backdrops for photographs and videos, which is why local parks are popular locales for professional and amateur photographers, video makers and videographers, as well as sites for photographs of school events or sports teams.

While normally not an issue, there are times of the year when substantial numbers of photographs have dominated popular park features like bridges and waterfalls causing safety concerns and blocking these amenities from public access. Some also bring large props (such as sofas and chains) for photo sessions and trash or other items are being left behind afterwards.

To address these concerns, signs have been placed along some of the city’s most picturesque areas and a website and pamphlet have been created, specifically for distrib-
ution to local photographers.

We also ask anyone who is vis-
ing the park to take photos or videos (professional or amateur), to please help us maintain a posi-
tive park experience for everyone, as well as the integrity of our parks by following the guidelines at www.cor.net/photography.
Developing Richardson’s future workforce

Youth-oriented workforce de-

velopment programs are being

used proactively to sustain and
grow Richardson’s business

capacity through the continu-

ous, cooperative efforts of the
City, Chamber of Commerce and

the Richardson Independent School
District (RISD), plus numerous

corporate partners.

For instance, through a part-

nership with RISD and the Rich-

ardson-based Tech Titans, 50

high school engineering students

recently gathered at UT Dallas
and participated in a challenge to

build and test optical heart rate

monitors. Workable devices were

donated to training programs in

the Dominican Republic and Af-

rica through a nonprofit organi-

zation. Sponsored by State Farm,

this unique, hands-on challenge

offered local students the oppor-
tunity to develop critical-thinking

and problem-solving skills while

working in a collaborative environ-

ment.

The Richardson Mayor’s Sum-

mer Internship Program is another

key initiative that develops our

future workforce by placing Rich-

ardson high school public school

students in internships with leading local

companies and nonprofits. This

eight-week, paid internship offers

students real-life work experiences,

resume building and interview-

training. Additionally, students

receive on the job training once

placed in an internship, an oppor-
tunity to participate in a high-en-

ergy, competitive job fair and learn

important lessons about giving

back to the community.

Beyond the obvious skills de-

velopment benefits to the stu-
dents, this partnerships deliver
tremendous value to Richardson’s
business community and help to

establish a robust talent pipeline

from the most convenient source
—our local area.

Camille Usoy is senior vice

president and executive officer of

ETB Bank and also serves on the

Richardson Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors and Executive Committee; he is the

Vice Chair of Community Div-
nision.

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.
Eisemann Center hosts Summer Sizzle Reel

This Memorial Day, the Eisemann Center is kicking off summer with food, games, and a classic summertime movie.

On May 27, the Eisemann Center’s Summer Sizzle Reel begins at 1 p.m. with indoor and outdoor activities and games for the whole family, including science experiments presented by Mad Science Dallas. Concessions will be available for purchase inside the Eisemann Center and chillers from Kona Ice will be served outside from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. At 3 p.m., the celebration will move into the Hill Performance Hall for a showing of “Honey, I Shrink the Kids.”

Tickets are free, but required, and are available online at www.eisemanncenter.com or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650.

Altrusa accepting Outstanding Women nominations

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is accepting nominations for its 2019 Outstanding Women of Today — Builders of Tomorrow Awards. The event honors exceptional women who exemplify excellence, determination and innovation by making an outstanding contribution in their career. In the past 15 years, more than 450 women have been recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their chosen fields.

Nominations must mature in the Dallas Metroplex and be currently employed in their positions.

Corporations, businesses or individuals may nominate women in one of six categories: work, business, education, government, nonprofit, health care, corporate, or for Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (a woman 15 years of age or younger, in any of these categories). All nominees and their organizations will be honored at the 16th annual Outstanding Women of Today. Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Presentation Friday, Nov. 1, at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel Richardson.

Nominations must be received by June 1. To learn more about this event, submit a nomination or become a sponsor, visit www.altrusarichardson.com.

RTC presents “Daddy’s Dyin’ ... Who’s Got the Will?”

The Richardson Theatre Centre is presenting Del Shore’s “Daddy’s Dyin’ ... Who’s Got the Will?” Thursdays-Sundays from May 3-19.

Set any time in a small Texas town, “Daddy’s Dyin’” stages the reunion of a family gathered to await the imminent demise of the patriarch, who has recently suffered a physically as well as mentally disabling stroke. In essence, however, it is not the story of the impending demise of the father or of the drafting of his will, but rather a rebirth of the spirit of the family.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are $20-$22. Performances take place at the Richardson Theatre Centre, 518 W. Arapaho Rd. For more information, visit www.richardstonetheatrecenter.com.

RCT Musical Theatre Summer Camps begin in June

The Repertory Company Theatre’s School of Musical Theatre will have four camps this summer, starting off with Alice in Wonderland and Mamma Mia! in June. Camps are offered for ages 8-18.

The camps will culminate in performances (some of them on Saturdays). Camps will be held at the Repertory Company Theatre, 770 N. Coit Rd. For more information on the camps, visit www.rcttheatre.com.

Upcoming summer camps

Alice in Wonderland
June 10-13 or June 17-22, ages 8-12, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; $195
Mamma Mia!
June 3-22, ages 12-18, Week 1 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Weeks 2-3 1:30-3 p.m.; $395
Matilda the Musical
July 8-27, ages 12-18, Week 1 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Weeks 2-3 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; $395
Mamma Mia!
July 15-20 or July 22-27, ages 8-12, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; $195
Xanadu Jr
Aug. 5-24, ages 12-18. For more information or to enroll, call 972-690-5029.

Cultural Partnership Initiative

The Contemporary Chorale “What a Wonderful World”

The Contemporary Chorale celebrates “What a Wonderful World” with noted guest vocal artist Denise Lee and special guests, The Dallas Street Choir. As the oldest, continuously operating choir in North Texas, The Contemporary Chorale is comprised currently of 70 adults of all ages who love to sing. They perform two main concerts annually, Christmas and Spring, representing music of diverse genres ranging from Broadway to jazz to traditional choral anthems. Performances are 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 11 at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Dr. Tickets are $25-$35 and are available at www.eisemanncenter.com. For more information, visit www.thecontemporarychorale.org.

University of Texas at Dallas

Musica Nova: The Eight Seasons

Students from the University’s Advanced Orchestra and Chamber Music Ensemble perform with UT Dallas faculty and other professional musicians under the direction of composer-conductor Robert Xavier Rodríguez. 8 p.m. May 3 in the University Theatre. Free.

Richardson Civic Art Society

Local artists and art patrons are invited to join or visit the Richardson Civic Art Society, which provides a local support system for the visual arts. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month (no meetings June-August) at the Richardson Public Library. The featured demo artist for the May 21 meeting is acrylic/mixed artist Ron Stephens. Visit www.richardson-arts.org for more information.

RichardsonToday.com is a responsive and mobile-friendly website with tabs for news, videos, environmental, and arts and culture, highlighting five stories on the home page. You can find it at www.richardsontoday.com.
Groundbreaking held for Fire Station 3

The official groundbreaking for Fire Station 3 was held last month for the new station that is being constructed at the northwest corner of Custer Parkway and Lookout Drive, across the street from the current facility.

The project is a high priority from the 2015 Strategic Fire Station Plan, due in part to increasing development and population in the service area and was included in the 2015 Bond Program. The facility will more than double the current station’s size to 13,200 square feet, allowing for more trucks, equipment and personnel to meet future demands.

Completion of the project and the Fire Department move-in is planned for March 2020.

Electronics Recycling and Shredding Event Rescheduled

Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Richardson Square Mall—Plano and Belt Line roads

The electronics recycling and shredding event originally scheduled for April 13 has been rescheduled for June 1 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Richardson Square Mall. The event is sponsored by the Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association and will provide document shredding and electronics recycling (cell phones, flat screens, computer parts and monitors, audio/video, peripherals).

Youth Citizen Police Academy scheduled for June 10-14

Applications are being accepted for the Richardson Youth Citizen Police Academy, a one-week program, June 10-14, designed to provide youth aged 13-17 first-hand information about how the Police Department functions. It is designed to increase understanding between the youth and police through education and to acquaint youth with law enforcement’s role in the criminal justice system by providing an understanding of issues faced by police officers every day.

Sessions begin with a presentation of the Police Department’s philosophy regarding the goals and visions of the command staff. Subsequent topics include hands-on instruction in the following areas:
- Operations overview of Police Department
- K-9 Unit
- SWAT
- Patrol Tactics
- Dispatch (Communications)
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Drunk and Distracted Driving
- and much more.

Academy participation requires a one-week commitment. The Academy will be held June 10-14 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day, primarily at the Richardson/Plano Police Training Academy located at 4912 14th St. in Plano.

The deadline to submit an application is May 20. To submit online, access the application at www.cor.net/RCPA. School Resource Officers will also have applications. If you have any questions, please contact Officer David Beregausky at 972-744-4938.

Lawrence E. Martin Police Memorial Service is May 10

The public is invited to attend the Richardson Police Department National Peace Officers’ Memorial Service Friday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m. The service will be held at the City Hall/Civic Center Fountain Plaza, located at 411 W. Arapaho Rd. (at the east side of the Library and at the north side of City Hall.)
Richardson Today, May 2019

972-744-4300

www.cor.net/parks

Parks & Recreation

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

- Recreation Support Technicians
- Swim Instructors/Coaches
- Day Camp Counselors
- Day Camp Directors

Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs. For more information on the aquatics jobs, call 972-744-7892.

Follow Richardson Parks and Recreation on Instagram
To stay up to date on special events, contests and giveaways going on in Richardson, follow Richardson Parks and Rec (@RichardsonParksandRec), the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival (@wamfest) and Cottonwood Art Festival (@cottonwoodartfest) on Instagram.

**COTTONWOOD PARK**

Richardson, Texas

MAY 4-5

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COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING THE ART OF FUN FOR 50 YEARS

**DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT**

**HEIGHTS FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER**

Gates open at 8 p.m.
Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.
$7 per person, resident or nonresident

**Secret Life of Pets (PG)**
Friday, May 31
Friday, July 19

**Aquaman (PG-13)**
Saturday, June 1

Meet the Counselors!

Thursday, June 6
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Heights Recreation Center

Come to an informal evening for you and your campers to meet the camp staff and learn all about the City of Richardson Summer Day Camp program. Feel free to come and go as you like!

2019 Richardson Aquatics

Operating hours

Canyon Creek Pool
Open: 1-8 p.m. Tues.-Sun.
Closed: Mon.
600 Aspenwood Dr., 972-671-0185

Cottonwood Pool
Open: 1-6 p.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Wed.
1321 W. Belt Line Rd., 972-644-7156

Gleneille Pool
Closed: Tues.
500 S. Gleneille Dr., 972-671-0187

Terrace Pool
Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Wed.,
1-8 p.m. Sat., Sun.
Closed: Thurs.
300 N. Lois Ln., 972-671-0190

Heights Family Aquatic Center
Open: Noon-8 p.m. Sun.-Sat.
10 a.m.-noon. Wed., Fri.*
709 W. Arapaho Rd., 972-744-7856

* This zone is set aside for families with young children who wish to use the tot pool and play feature area. The slides, lap pool and lazy river will not be open during this time.

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Day Cares:
There are specific guidelines for day care centers and other groups of children who visit our pools. To register your group, please call 972-744-7831.

2019 Richardson pool and aquatic center fees

Season passes now available at Heights and Huffhines rec centers!

**Heights Family Aquatic Center**

Neighborhood Pools
Daily: Resident $2, Nonresident $4
Season Pass: Resident $30, Nonresident $40
Resident Family Pass (up to four people) $100

Heights Family Aquatic Center
Daily: Resident $4, Nonresident $8
Season Pass: Resident $45, Nonresident $65
Resident Family Pass (up to four people) $150

**Splash Day**
Saturday, June 1
FREE ADMISSION
Noon-8 p.m.

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**Richardson’s Inclusive Swim & Play Day**

**Adaptive Event**

**Heights Family Aquatic Center**

#13914 June 3 10 a.m.-noon
#13915 July 8 10 a.m.-noon
#13916 Aug. 12 10 a.m.-noon

These times are specifically set aside for those with special needs and their families! All family members will be able to play, swim and enjoy the Family Aquatic Center without all the crowds. You can spend two hours with us or spend the entire day and enjoy all the amenities the Aquatic Center offers. Admission is free for all swimmers with special needs/disabilities who have registered for this event. Family members will need to pay the regular admission rate ($4 for residents and $8 for nonresidents) at the gate. Participants are asked to please register in advance. Ages 18 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver. For more information, e-mail Alan.Gatto@cor.gov or call 972-744-7854.

Sherrill Park

Junior League Golf

Sherrill Park is looking to host its first Junior League, but to do so it needs to have 32 junior golfers sign up. The cost is $200 and includes five practice sessions and matches, plus an event for families at the conclusion of the last match. For more information, e-mail Jacob Horton at jhorton@pgaa.com.

Ladies’ League

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

To schedule tee times or lessons at Sherrill Park, call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

Huffhines Tennis Center

The Huffhines Tennis Center has 10 lighted courts, a fully stocked pro shop and private, semi-private and group lessons for all ages.

Huffhines Tennis Center is located in the southeast corner of Huffhines Park. Reservations are made by calling 972-744-7870. For information, visit www.cor.net/tennis.
Special Events and Trip Information

Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Quilt Essentials
Learn the foundations of piecing and quilting as well as sewing machine piecing andquilting. Class meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost for beginners and first-time students is $35 per month and for advanced students is $15 per month with a membership. First-buddy sewing time is from 8:10 a.m. Tuesdays. Darlene Martin is the instructor.

Square Dance Lessons
Dance is great for you to participate in a low-impact activity, meet new friends and be a part of a fun, friendly community of dance. Fee is $8 per person. Private Center membership is required. Please call 972-744-7800 for next session.

Square Plus Dance
Dance the first, third and fifth Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $50 per dancer per quarter (membership is required). There is a $10 drop-in fee per session. Weekly membership or $35 drop-in fee available.

AARP “Smart Driver” Program
Anyone 50 years and older may attend. This program is designed for the safe operation of personal vehicles. Includes classroom sessions and a practice driving session. Cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Call 972-744-7800 or email pibiller@rcrrc.org to register.

Conversational Spanish Advanced Spanish class will build on the Intermediate class. The next eight-week session begins May 9, 1-2 p.m. Cost is $48 with a Senior Center membership.

Crochet
Classes are held on Tuesdays from 1:15-4:15 p.m. The price is $5 per class. For new students, please bring a #J or #H crochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn. Staff instructor Ted Swanson offers individually scheduled classes. Cost is $20 per class.

Pocket Billiards Class
Ted Swanson offers individually scheduled classes. Staff instructor Ted Swanson offers classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3-5 p.m. Each class has a two student maximum. Beginner to advanced skill levels are welcome. Register before day of class or call 972-744-7800. Cost is $10 per person/per class.

Watercolor
Renata Shamoo will offer watercolor classes for all painting levels. This class is for beginners and will be held Thursdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Students will be taught watercolor techniques and sharpen their painting skills. Registration starts the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bridge Lessons
Learn how to play Party Bridge using cards from 2-4 p.m. Cost is $50 with membership or $55 without membership. Call 972-744-7800 for next five-week session. Class is held at the Richardson Senior Center.

Ceramic Art
Relax and create in a restful and peaceful atmosphere. All supplies are provided. Call 972-744-7800 for next class.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter meets the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome.

Tennis
Players who love the game are invited to play Thursday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

Scrubble 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.

Senior Golf League
The Richardson’s own Golf League is open to men and women 55 or younger playing at all skill levels. New members are welcomed, even during the four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. The league is for enjoyment of golf, and both league rules have been adapted to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Contact Tom Zale, president, at 972-238-9258, or Jim White at 469-234-6176/jparent@texas.net for more information.

Senior Bowling League
The Roadrunner Bowling League is open to men and women over 50 and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2019 season. For more information, contact Richard Steffen, president, at 972-865-9613.

Tennis League
Richardson’s Houma Tennis Center offers times to practice for novices. The senior men’s group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon. (Intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Lessons are available to help players achieve this level. For more information, call 972-744-7870.

Military Aerobics
Buddy word, vowel, letter 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.

Dance Classes at the Senior Center

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

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

Blood pressure screenings have been completed successfully. Please call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Robert Parkinson's**

**Rhythm Reconditioning**

Instructor Gavin Mogan will provide various rhythm-conductive exercises for those suffering from Parkinson's disease to help alleviate the frustrating disruptions of thought and movement. Classes are held Monday 7-8 p.m. Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m. and Saturday 2-3:30 p.m. Cost is $5 per session.

**RSVP Volunteer Program**

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Why not become a volunteer for the “Richardson Rowdies”? If you are age 55 years or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening or weekend volunteers are needed. Call 972-234-8880 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus for more information.

**Emeritus Plus 50 Programs at Richland College**

Explore lifelong learning with classes at Richland College for ages 55 and older. Tours of Richardson start May 16 at 2 p.m. Visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus for more information. Admission is $7 per session.

**Rebel Rousers Square Dance**

The Rebel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:30-10 p.m. to Facebook.com/TheTexasReelersSquareDance. Admission is $7 per person.

**Bingo**

Next bingo is May 16 at 2 p.m.

**City of Richardson Transportation Service**

Transportation is offered to Richardson residents ages 55 and over. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**B.A.S.I.C.S., Bond, Activities, Senior Services, Recreation**

For senior informational seminars, we begin taking reservations at 3 p.m. Thursday, Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Chase Chess Club**

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

**Hobby Store Square Dance**

Texas Reelers Square Dance Club sponsors square and round dances. Dances are held the first Friday of every month from 7:30-10 p.m. Like us on Facebook.com/TexasReelersSquareDance. Admission is $7 per person.

**Slimmers’ Nest Craft Store**

Located inside the Senior Center. Our senior consignment shop is open Monday–Saturday, 9 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.

Margaret Roberts was named Senior Center Volunteer of the Year for 2018-19. She has been volunteering since 2014 and her total hours for last year were 960. Her primary responsibility is greeter, but she does far more than that. She also tends to the library, puzzle table, waters the indoor plants, gives tours of the Center, encourages patrons to participate in programs and when extra help is needed in the kitchen, you will find her there too. Pictured left to right: Asst. City Manager Shanna Sims-Bradish, Suppt. of Recreation and Older Adults Spencer Doyle, Margaret Roberts, Director of Parks and Rec Lori Simsey and Asst. Director of Parks and Rec Yvonne Falgao.

**Robins Nest Craft Store**

For those special gifts, stop at the Robins 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.

**Trinity Rowdies**

This class is designed to improve body awareness and motor control of our bodies decreases. Become less direct than when we were younger. As we age, the connection between our eyes and bodies can become less direct than when we were younger; the time between thought and reaction time increases and control of our bodies decreases.

This class is designed to improve body awareness and motor control that is lost as we age. At The Cooper Institute.

**Tai Chi for All Ages**

This fitness program is designed to help increase core strength, and improve balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. and are $5 per class.

**Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class**

Strength training that works all muscle groups. Two classes offered: first Monday of month, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the second Monday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is $25 for each class or $47 for both classes.

**Fit for Life—Intermediate Strength Training Class**

Classes for this next level of fitness begin the first Monday of the month from 1-2 p.m. and the first Wednesday of 10-11 a.m. for four weeks. Cost is $25 for four weeks or $7 per class. Cooper Institute-certified personal trainer Elaine Higson is the instructor.

**Private Trainer (How is Your Balance?)**

This fitness program is designed to help increase core strength, and improve balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. and are $5 per class or $47 for both classes.

**Thai Chi for All Ages**

Philip Russel teaches this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is $5 per class with membership. Classes are Mondays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Chair Massage**

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

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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Selection Announced for 2019 Richardson Reads One Book

“Bluebird, Bluebird” by Attica Locke is the 2019 Richardson Reads One Book selection. The book was revealed at a reception last month for sponsors, supporters, community leaders and friends of the RROB community programming.

In “Bluebird, Bluebird,” we meet Darren Mathews, a black Texas Ranger who knows all too well that East Texas defies the rules when it comes to law and order. After testifying on behalf of a family friend, Darren finds himself suspended and coerced to travel up Highway 59 to Lark, a blink-and-you-miss-it town, to investigate the murders of a black lawyer and a young white woman. Darren must untangle the web of local resentment, race, loyalty, the past and the present to solve this mystery.

“Kirkus” said in its starred review of “Bluebird, Bluebird,” “Locke, having stockpiled an acclaimed array of crime novels deserves a career breakthrough for this deftly plotted whodunit whose writing pulses throughout with a raw, blues-infected lyricism.” “Publishers Weekly” called the book “Absorbing … filled with stories, poems, fingerplays, rhymes, music and other early literacy tools. The goal of Richardson Reads One Book is to build connections in the community through the shared experience of discussing the ideas in a single book. Through RROB, the City becomes a giant book club with community book discussions and related programs to enhance the reading experience. Locke will give a free lecture at Richardson High School on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.” Copies of “Bluebird, Bluebird” are available for checkout. For information on public discussions of “Bluebird, Bluebird” and a continually updated calendar of events, go to www.cor.net/onebook.

Baby Booksit

June 1. No storytimes July 1-5. Must have been 12 months old by June 3-Aug. 2. Registered children brings books, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy tools. Toddlers ages 2-3 years old are introduced to books and reading. No storytimes July 1-5. Must have been 12 months old by June 1. No storytimes July 1-5. Open to Richardson residents only. Required registration begins May 20, call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.

BabySteps

BabySteps brings books, rhymes, music, fingerplays and movement activities to children ages 12-24 months old, accompanied by at least one parent. Session runs June 3-July 30. Registered children must have been 6 months old by June 1.

Wiggle Worms

Weekdays

June 3-30

Storytime Stars

Storytime Stars for children ages 4-6 years old is filled with stories, songs, fingerplays, rhymes and music. Child must be accompanied by at least one parent. Session runs June 3-July 30. Registered children must have been 2 years old by June 1. Required registration begins May 20, call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.

Baby Booksit

June 1. No storytimes July 1-5. Must have been 12 months old by June 3-Aug. 2. Registered children brings books, rhymes, fingerplays, music and other early literacy tools. Toddlers ages 2-3 years old are introduced to books and reading. No storytimes July 1-5. Must have been 12 months old by June 1. No storytimes July 1-5. Open to Richardson residents only. Required registration begins May 20, call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.

Wiggle Worms

Weekdays

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GET CREATIVE: Intro to Hand Lettering

Learn modern brush calligraphy to enhance your journals, letter and card writing, or other creative pursuits. Presented by Laura Lester.

Saturday, May 11

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

Basement Program Room • Adults and Teens

All materials provided. Registration required at 972-744-4378.

LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Probably Someday Cancer

Genetic Risk and Preventative Mastectomy

Author Kim Homer shares how she learned of her genetic predisposition to cancer, the tough decisions she had to make and why she believes genetic testing saved her life.

Tuesday, May 21

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

Basement Program Room • Adults and Teens

Registration not required. You are welcome to bring your lunch. Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

Get Tech Savvy!

Learn how to record and edit multitrack audio

Saturday, May 25

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

Basement Training Room • Adults and Teens

Laptops will be provided or you can bring your own. Richardson Public Library card required. Registration required at 972-744-4359.

May the Fourth Be With You: An Epic Star Wars Afternoon!

Saturday, May 4, 2-4 p.m.

Star Wars LEGO challenges, origami and slime-making crafts, a scavenger hunt, Sphero Bots, and STEAM activities await you! Come as your favorite character! Youth Services Area and throughout the Library. For all ages.

Celebrate May 5 with a performance by the Alma y Corazón Tejano Ballet Folklorico dancers and crafts celebrating Mexican-American culture

Sunday, May 5, 3-4 p.m.

Basement Program Room

Young Authors

Write and Illustrate a Picture Book

Fridays, June 7-Aug. 2

10:30 a.m.-noon

No class July 5

Basement Program Room

For Richardson residents entering fifth-ninth grades this fall. Valid RPL Library card required. Registration required by June 14. Call 972-744-4358 or stop by the Youth Services Help Desk.