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Mandy Patinkin in Concert: Diaries is presented in the Hill Performance Hall Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. This show is a marriage of some of Patinkin’s favorite Broadway and classic American tunes, along with selections from his newest recordings. This powerful, passionate evening of popular song will feature selections from Randy Newman to Stephen Sondheim.

Lee Rocker of The Stray Cats is on the Hill Performance Hall stage Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Rocker made his mark singing, playing, standing on, spinning and rocking his giant upright bass in the legendary music group The Stray Cats. The band has 10 Grammy awards, sold nearly 10 million albums and garnered an astounding 23 gold and platinum-certified records worldwide.

Lee Rocker

Entry portal stone placement at SCNA nearing completion

The new Spring Creek Nature Area entry portals are taking shape and local tourism. As Richardson has established its arts grant funding process in Texas law, which restricts the use of hotel/motel tax revenue to expenditures that promote tourism, the City’s arts community resulting in a more cohesive and collaborative arts climate.

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City Council election results

The Richardson City Council consists of the Mayor and six Council Members in two at-large seats and four place, or district seats. Though members representing Place 1 through 4 must reside in those areas, all members of the City Council are elected at-large by all voters. All City Council seats carry two-year terms, and are up for election during May of every odd year. Term limits for members of the City Council are limited to six terms, or 12 consecutive years. The following votes were canvassed and made official at the May 13 City Council meeting.

The candidates, in ballot order, and vote totals:

City Council Place 1
Bob Dubey* 3,690
Jason Clarke 2,671
Mark Solomon* 4,884
City Council Place 2
Franklin Byrd 1,761
Stacia Brandt-Ruoff 2,155
Janet DePuy Ruoff 2,649
City Council Place 3
Raymond DeGuzman, Sr. 818
Johny Lanzillo 2,081
Kyle Kepner* 3,411
City Council Place 4
Mauri Long 2,691
Ken Hutchens* 5,615
City Council Place 5
Steve Mitchell* 5,025
Paul Voelker* 5,194
Mayor (Place 7)
Denotes winner

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Runoff Denotes runoff election

A run-off election for Place 3 will be held June 8. For more information, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or www.cor.net/elections.

City Council Place 3 runoff election is June 8
Early voting will be held May 28–June 4
The runoff election for Richardson City Council Place 3 will be held June 8. Richardson residents must vote at their designated polling location on Election Day. The Richardson City Hall/Civic Center will serve as an early voting location for both Dallas County and Collin County residents. The City Hall/Civic Center is NOT a voting location on June 8.

NOTES: Two Election Day polling locations have changed for the June 8 runoff election.
Precinct 2701 will vote at Richardson Church of the Nazarene, 2101 E. Renner Rd., Richardson, TX 75082
Precinct 2702 will vote at Miller Elementary School, 5661 Coventry Dr., Richardson, TX 75082

JUNE 8 ELECTION DATES AND TIMES: 7 A.M.–7 P.M.

Below are dates and times for early voting at the City Hall/Civic Center.

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July Fourth holiday sanitation schedule
Due to the July Fourth holiday, there will be NO solid waste collections, brush and bulky item collections or recycling pick up Thursday, July 4. The table below shows the recycle make-up days.

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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 Recreation, and Richardson’s Facebook page, Richardson Today.

Richardson Today Staff
Richardson 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
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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Richardson has a long history of supporting the arts. Last month we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Cottonwood Arts Festival, while also welcoming thousands of people to Galatyn Park for the Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. The opportunities to enjoy the arts don’t end with our festivals. As you can read in this edition of Richardson Today, we have exciting 2019-20 Eisemann Center Presents season beginning this fall. Eisemann Center Presents brings top performers to Richardson annually, and this year there is no exception, with appearances by Mandy Patinkin, Alec Mapa and more.

Of course, you don’t have to wait for traveling groups to come to the Eisemann Center to see top-notch entertainers. Each fall, the City Council awards grants to local groups based on recommendations from the City’s Cultural Arts Commission. In 2018, we awarded $160,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to 29 organizations ranging from the Richardson Symphony Orchestra and Richardson Civic Art Society to the Dallas Chinese Community Center and Tuzier Ballet. The more than two dozen recipients do a fine job of showcasing off the rich diversity of the city’s performing arts community.

In addition to the grants awarded last fall, in April we awarded five Arts Initiative Grants. These grants are designed to bring events to Richardson by providing funding for special opportunities that are not included in a group’s annual budget. Among this year’s grants were $2,500 to the Dallas Chinese Community Center to host InspriASIAN, a one-day interactive event at the University of Texas at Dallas, and another $2,500 to the Richardson Community Fund to commission an original piece to celebrate the band’s 50th anniversary.

We take the arts seriously in Richardson. I believe our vibrant arts community enhances the quality of life and represents the diversity found in our population and business community. I hope you have the opportunity to take a moment to experience all we have to offer.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor

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972-744-4203
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. You may request a copy of the agenda or more information by calling the City Secretary’s Office at 972-744-4292.

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 999. Taped replays of the meetings are also available on the website within 24 hours.
The Richardson Community Chorale

Drive through Richardson on any given evening with your windows down and you just might hear music, whether the faint strains of a choir rehearsing indoors or the loud boom of a band performing outdoors. With several community festivals, award-winning school music programs and a state-of-the-art performing arts center, Richardson offers musicians many performance opportunities and is home to numerous bands, orchestras and choirs. Here’s a look at four music groups based in Richardson that receive funding from the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission:

• Richardson Symphony Orchestra—Founded in 1961, the Richardson Symphony Orchestra (RSO) is recognized as one of the premier orchestras of the region. It is the resident symphony of the Eisemann Center and offers a variety of classical and pops concerts each season. Many notable artists have made their DFW debut with the RSO, including cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianist Behzod Abdurazakov. RSO is also active in education, and community outreach programs.

• Richardson Community Band—a diverse, all-volunteer wind ensemble founded in 1970. The Band performs year-round, with its longest, free outdoor concert series a summer tradition for many area residents. The Band is also a fixture of the July celebration at Breckinridge Park, playing a pre-fireworks concert of traditional patriotic songs each year.

• The Contemporary Chorale—Formerly the UT Dallas Community Chorale, the group moved off campus and into the Richardson community in 2016. The non-audition choral ensemble welcomes members of all ages and experience levels in August and hosts both a winter and spring concert at local churches.

• Richardson Community Chorale—First organized in 1949, this 60-member choral group has staged new productions through the last six decades, changing its name in 1974, admitting men in 2012 and incorporating multimedia techniques into concert presentations and shows. Performance venues include St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church and the Eisemann Center.

Call for volunteers

The rezoning of the Collins/Arapaho to register or learn more about the Innovation District. The full presentation about the District will only be held at 7 p.m. June 13. Come-and-go events with live music and food trucks, plus a chance to share input on new park and trail ideas, as well as new uses for spaces inside the District. The full presentation about the Innovation District and a range of businesses, and bikeable space was created following a nine-month study and assessment and a range of businesses, and bikeable space was created following a nine-month study and assessment.

Join the 2020 Census team

Applications for 2019-20 operations grants will be posted later this month on the City’s website. For more information, visit www.cor.net/arts. To keep up with arts events in Richardson, visit www.richardsonchamber.com.

Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker and Miss Texas 2018 Madison Fuller commemorated the Miss Texas Pageant’s sixty consecutive year in the city with a special sign toppers that have been placed on street signs around the Eisemann Center. Contestants will vie for the crowns of Miss Texas and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen at the Eisemann Center. The new Miss Texas will receive her crown the evening of June 29 and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen will be crowned earlier in the day. The Miss Texas final begins at 7:30 p.m. June 29. Tickets are $50 and $100 and may be purchased at the Eisemann Center Ticket Office, 972-744-4650 and at www.eisemanncenter.com. For more information, visit www.miss-texas.com.
Eisemann Center Presents’ Family Theatre Series is a Sunday matinee series in the Hill Performance Hall for children of all ages and their families. All performances take place at 2:30 p.m. The popular Eisemann Extras program enters its seventh season with immersive pre-show activities designed to stimulate and engage our youngest patrons. Admission for Extras is sold separately from Family Theatre Series subscriptions.

Subscriptions and Multi-Show Flex Packages

Family Theatre Series subscriptions range from $36-$66, a savings of 25 percent off single ticket prices. The Keyboard Conversations® series subscriptions range from $108-$126, at a 25 percent discount off single ticket prices. All ticket prices include a $2 non-refundable facility maintenance fee. Subscriptions may now be renewed or purchased online at www.eisemanncenter.com/subscriptions.

Due to the artistic diversity of the remaining productions, these events are not packaged as subscription series. All of these shows, as well as the other shows in the season, qualify for our tiered discount flex program, in which you can build your own entertainment package with a minimum of any four shows and enjoy savings up to 20 percent. Flex Packages do not guarantee the same seats, but offers flexibility of choice economically (different price levels and quantity of seats on a show-by-show basis), as well as artistically. If you are a subscriber to one or more of our subscription series, those shows will also count toward this discount flex package. All shows must be ordered at the same time in order to receive the discount benefits offered and may be ordered online at www.eisemanncenter.com/subscriptions.

Single tickets may be purchased online at www.eisemanncenter.com, by telephone and in person beginning Monday, July 8. For more information, call the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. and one hour prior to curtain time for all events. Flex packages and subscription orders are on sale now at the Ticket Office.

The Eisemann Center is a City of Richardson facility located in the Galatyn Park Urban Center at 2351 Performance Dr. in Richardson. Eisemann Center Presents 2019-20 Season sponsors include the University of Texas at Dallas School of Arts & Humanities, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Dr. John F. Dixon, Mr. Robert Winn and media partners The Dallas Morning News and WRR Classical 101.1 FM. Additional support provided by Altrusa International of Richardson, Texas, Inc. and Raising Cain’s.


Maddi’s Fridge Oct. 13
One day Sofia discovers that her best friend Maddi has no food in her fridge at home. Sofia wants to help her friend, but Maddi makes her promise not to tell anyone. What should Sofia do? Based on the book by Lois Brandt, this play is a gentle, yet sometimes hilarious, exploration of friendship, empathy and doing the right thing.

Pete the Cat Nov. 24
For Pete the Cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up. So, the minute the groovy blue cat meets the Biddles, he gets the whole family rocking. That is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet Earth. Join Jimmy and Pete on an adventure of friendship, all the way to Paris and back in a VW bus!

Judy Moody & Stink Feb. 23
This dynamic sister and brother duo take audiences on a hilarious adventure. Judy wants to be famous and sets off to find fame and happiness, while Stink and his foul-smelling sneakers become a real distraction. Judy Moody & Stink are the perfect pair for their imperfect capers that lead to fun, mystery, sibling rivalry and, in the end, true friendship.

Jeffrey Siegel’s Keyboard Conversations®
Piano concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question-and-answer session following the concert. Piano and music teachers may request one complimentary ticket for each ticket purchased (single or subscription) to bring a student to experience a Keyboard Conversations® concert. The Series is sponsored by Dr. John F. Dixon. Student concerts are sponsored by Mr. Robert Winn.

Spellbinding Bach Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Warm Romantic Music from the Cold Far North! Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.
Fascinatin’ Rhythms! April 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Mistresses and Masterpieces! Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Dog Man: the Musical April 19
A hilarious new production based on the series from Dav Pilkey, the creator of Captain Underpants. Best buds George and Harold have been creating comics for years, but now they figure it’s time to level up and write a musical based on their favorite character, Dog Man, the crime-biting sensation who is part dog, part man and ALL HERO! How hard could it be?
Known across the globe as “the ultimate-feel good show,” it offers up 90 minutes of joy. It’s a party. It’s a concert. It’s a pint-filled good time set in a real working pub that combines hair-raising harmonies, high-energy dance and live percussion with foot-stomping choreography. The multi-talented cast of nine handsome blokes sings everything—pub tunes, folk, Broadway, classic rock—all to roof-raising heights.

The Piano Battle sees the duo go head-to-head on stage, charming and enchanting the audience with a variety of classical pieces. The two artists, with distinctly different performance styles, take turns performing pieces by composers such as Chopin, Liszt and Debussy, or improvising based on tunes requested by the audience.

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Nov. 14-16
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Riders in The Sky and The Quebe Sisters
Christmas the Cowboy Way
Dec. 17—7:30 p.m.
Hill Performance Hall
For more than 30 years, Riders in The Sky have been keepers of the flame passed on by the Sons of the Pioneers, reviving and revitalizing the genre while remaining true to the integrity of Western music. They have become modern-day icons by branding the genre with their own legendary wacky humor and way-out Western wit.

Cocktail Hour the Show by Ballets with a Twist
Feb. 28—7:30 p.m.
Hill Performance Hall
From a blonde bombshell superspy to a legendary warrior, a Hawaiian island beauty to a rockabilly rebel—dancing drinks from around the globe take the stage. This dazzling production from New York City brings the Mai Tai, Martini, Manhattan and more to life through a theatrical mix of original choreography, music and design. It’s electrifying entertainment for all ages.

I Wrote That One Too … An Evening With Steve Dorff The Hit Songs and the Stories Behind Them
March 20—7:30 p.m.
Hill Performance Hall
This Songwriters Hall of Famer’s career spans five decades with more than 400 songs and numerous No. 1 hits recorded by legendary artists such as Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Anne Murray, Kenny Rogers, George Strait, Ray Charles, Willie Nelson, Whitney Houston, Alison Kraus, Aaron Neville, Ringo Starr and countless others. Enjoy an evening of live entertainment as he performs many of his best-loved hits and shares the fascinating stories behind them.

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My Life on a Diet
Feb. 14-16
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Smoke used to test sewer system

The City of Richardson has contracted with RJN Group to identify sewer system infiltration and inflow by using a smoke leak detection process. The smoke is non-toxic, harmless and has little odor, but it could be very visible in areas where leaks are detected.

Smoke is forced through the sewer pipes using blowers placed on top of manholes to identify areas where groundwater or rainwater falls into the sewer system. Any where the smoke exits, there is potential for rain or groundwater to seep into the sewer system.

RJN is scheduled to begin smoke testing on the Cottonwood Creek Drainage Basin this month. The basin includes about 97 miles of sewer lines. The city has about 410 miles of underground sewer lines in the area.

Testing will start in the south- ern part of the basin and progress northward. The project is expected to last approximately 14-16 weeks, weather permitting, but testing on specific streets within the study area should only take 20-30 minutes. RJN will place door hangers on the front door of every building where testing will be conducted at least 24 hours before testing begins. RJN will also visit businesses in person to notify operators of the testing. Roadside signs will be prominently displayed on the street when smoke testing is in progress. The City of Richardson will also send out direct notifications using NextDoor prior to testing beginning and on the week that testing occurs in a neighbor- hood. Residents can sign up for an account at www.nextdoor.com.

Smoke may be noticed cutting through the ground, vents or pipes on the roofs of homes and through sewer line breaks. The smoke should not enter a home or business unless defective plumbing exists or if there are main traps. If it does, residents should pour a small amount of water in a sump or drain to fill the trap and contact RJN staff working in the area. They should also contact a licensed plumber to come inspect the home prior to any smoke testing. Please be running water down sump-drained drains for a few minutes prior to the testing to prevent smoke from entering the house.

At no time will field crews have to enter a residence, but you may see them walking around your property to record leaks. RJN staff will be dressed in RJN-logged uniforms and will carry identification badges. Crew members operate from vehicles with RJN signage.

Anyone with questions regarding the smoke testing process can call Tristan Nickel at 972-437-4000. Questions can also be e-mailed to padma.patla@cor.gov. Residents can also read more about the testing on the City’s website at www.cor.gov/smokeet.

Don’t let your water use catch you by surprise

On average, Richardson residents use more than twice as much water during summer months as they do in winter and spring. When watering this summer, please keep in mind that water rates have increased since last summer.

This year’s municipal budget includes a 9 percent increase to the City’s water and sewer rates as the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) continues to improve its aging infrastructure while also securing new water supplies to meet the needs of its growing customer base. For the current fiscal year, an average water and sewer bill has increased $8.69 a month, a 5104 increase for the year. Keep in mind that increased costs of service along with any increases in consumption can result in a higher water bill.

To secure this latest win, the state extended a TEF grant of over $5 million, contingent upon TI fulfilling the massive investment and staffing commitments noted above. Additionally, Plano ISD authorized a Chapter 315 property tax relief for a 10-year period to help ease the company’s tax burden. As of the time of writing, such tools were up for reauthorization by the Texas Legislature. They will continue to be important for Texas and Richardson to remain globally competitive in a world that has intense economic development competition.

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Since its 2003 inception, the TEF has provided over $800 million in grants to help Richardson secure a litany of high-impact projects such as the Infosys relocation, and Collins Aerospace and Texas Instruments (TI) expansions. Most recently, the TEF and other tools were a crucial part of a package that helped ensure TI would increase its presence in Richardson by building a new 300mm analog semiconductor wafer fabrication plant right next door to its large existing fab plant. Upon completion, the recently announced TI facility is expected to create more than 480 jobs and represent more than $3.1 billion in capital invest-

Suggested steps to improve collection routes

The City of Richardson offers twice-weekly solid waste collection and once-weekly recycling and brush and bulky item collection. To make these routes as efficient as possible, the City is asking for help from residents.

One way to make all three collection services—trash, recycling and brush and bulky item—more efficient is by making sure all items are out at the designated collection point by 7 a.m. the day of the collection. Occasionally trucks are shifted off their normal routes or blended with another route. When this happens, it can change the times they are collected at an address. For example, you may typically place your items out about 11 a.m. since they are collected in the afternoon. However, when the route is changed, the truck may come by at 8-9 a.m., causing you to think your address was skipped. If all items are out by 7 a.m., this problem can be avoided.

Brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) allows residents to dispose of large, bulky items that can’t be discarded in the normal trash or yard waste that can be turned into mulch. It is designed for unwanted furniture; old appliances and other items weighing more than 50 pounds. Smaller items should be placed out for regular trash pickup.

While the service is available weekly, the City requests that residents limit their requests to no more than eight per year to help cut down on the overall number of BABIC requests and help alleviate the strain additional use puts on the service. Also, you should only call when disposing of waste produced on your property. Business waste and waste brought from other properties are not eligible for collection.

When calling for a BABIC pickup that includes compostable material, please make sure to note that when making the request. Brush, tree trunks and other green waste up to six feet long and two feet in diameter are accepted. When compostable material is set out along the curb it needs to be in a separate pile from non-compostable, bulky items, to ensure it goes to the correct place. When the items are mixed, or when residents don’t let the city know that compostable items are present, the compostable material will end up in the landfill rather than being composted and turned into mulch. If you have grass clippings, consider mulching and not bagging your clippings. When grass clippings break down in your lawn, they release valuable nutrients you’d otherwise be throwing away.

If you choose to continue bagging, please point cans in compostable bags, which are available at most home and garden stores.

State economic development tools help Richardson land big projects

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“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.
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Trips
We have great travel destinations planned for you in 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.

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

June 1
10-11 a.m. Join us for a special treat! Bring your blankets and chairs to Fountain Plaza. For ages 3 and up.

June 4
10-11 a.m. Firefighters will share how to respond during an emergency, and share fire safety tips along with how to prevent age-related falls. Door prizes and refreshments. No fee.

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Lunch at the International Buddhist Progress Society

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water to our customers. "Superior," is the rating of our water system by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This rating reflects the hard work and efforts of our employees to protect your health by delivering and maintaining safe and reliable drinking water.

The Water Utilities Department is a municipal water distribution and wastewater collection authority owned by the City of Richardson. Wholesale treated water is purchased from the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), which has surface water rights from Lavon Lake, Lake Chapman, Lake Texoma and Lake Tawakoni.

The pumping and storage system is comprised of five pump stations, seven ground storage tanks and seven elevated storage tanks. The storage capacity is 56.25 million gallons with a pumping capacity of 98.9 million gallons per day. The water distribution system is comprised of 544 miles of water mains with 4,644 fire hydrants and 34,638 metered service connections. Each day, the city tests the water in the distribution system at various points in the city to ensure water is reaching the residents in good condition.

As water travels over the land’s surface or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and picks up substances from animal or human activity. Contaminants that may be in untreated water include organic chemicals from industrial or petroleum use and/or radioactive materials. Good water management by each of us to keep contaminants out of our lakes and waterways is cheaper and easier than removing them later at the treatment plant. The NTMWD conducts daily tests on the raw water from their sources, water in process and the finished water.

ALL drinking water may contain contaminants. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Communication Links:
- Maintenance/Emergency Service - 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- Water Utilities Administration - 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday
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- Richardson Water Utilities - P.O. Box 830309 Richardson, Texas 75083

Enjoy July 4th fireworks safely
It is hard to imagine a July 4th celebration without fireworks, and Richardson will once again provide a professional fireworks display at its Family 4th Celebration at Breckinridge Park (see page 9). Residents are reminded that City ordinance prohibits the sale, storage or use of fireworks within the City limits. Not only are fireworks a potential fire starter, but they can be dangerous and unpredictable, especially in the hands of amateurs.Celebrate and enjoy the holiday, but leave the fireworks to the professionals.

Local veterinarians donate services

The City of Richardson Animal Shelter would like to thank the following members of the Richardson veterinary community for their generous donation of time and services for this year’s Rabies Vaccination Clinic. With their help, 99 pets were vaccinated/registered:
- Dr. Roy Dimon, chairman, Animal Shelter Advisory Commission
- Dr. Phillip Loretz, Buckingham-Plano Road Veterinary Clinic
- Dr. Gary Branley
- Dr. Ann Heymann, Richardson Vet Clinic

The rabies shot provided is the very minimum veterinary care your pet should receive. Any of these veterinarians can easily protect your pet from deadly viruses such as rabies, distemper and feline leukemia. Routine deworming and flea protection are all part of keeping your pet healthy and happy member of your family.

Most importantly, don’t forget to put that tag on your pet—it’s the best insurance to get your pet returned safely!

Residential/business burglaries Feb. 16-May 15

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

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

Residential burglaries reported in blue.
Business burglaries reported in red.
Junior golf camps offered at Sherrill Park

The Performance Golf Academy at Sherrill Park offers several weeks of summer camps for junior golfers.

The goal of the Performance Golf Academy is simple: Have fun, create long lasting relationships, enjoy the game of golf, and learn a little about yourself while doing so. Whether it’s a beginner or an advanced player, we strive in providing a foundation for our youth to enjoy a game for a lifetime as well as becoming admirable friends.

The PIONEER CAMP is for the junior golfer whose interest in golf is either high or growing immensely. While still based on learning the fundamentals through games, our Pioneer Camps offer golfers a chance to apply skills learned on the course. Providing a platform that makes golf easier and more enjoyable is vital to long term participation and success. It includes putting, chipping, pitching, full swing, on-course play and rules/etiquette.

Camps are held from 8 a.m.-noon, Monday through Friday beginning the week of June 10 and ending the week of July 29, with no camp the week of July 4. The camp is for ages 6-13 and costs $250 per week.

For questions or more information, call 817-846-7157, visit www.myperformancegolf.com or e-mail jhorton@pga.com.

Meet the Counselors!

Come meet your summer camp counselors from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6 at Heights Recreation Center. Learn all about the City of Richardson Summer Day Camp program at this come-and-go event.

2019 Richardson Aquatics

Splash Day

Saturday, June 1 FREE ADMISSION Noon-8 p.m. Heights Family Aquatic Center 1-8 p.m. Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Glenville and Terrace pools

2019 Richardson pool and aquatic center fees Season passes now available at Heights and Huffman Center rec centers! Height Family Aquatic Center 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

Summer Slam Tennis Camps offered at Huffman Tennis Center

Come have fun this summer at Huffman Tennis Center! Huffman is offering six summer tennis camps for ages 5-16 and all skill levels. Camps are held Monday through Friday during the weeks of June 3 and 17, July 8, 15 and 29, and Aug. 12. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is $150 for the week, or $40 for an individual day. Huffman Tennis Center is located at 1601 Syracuse Dr.

Campers need to bring a tennis racquet, a hat/visor and a snack. But don’t stress if you don’t have a racquet, as Huffman has demo racquets to get players started on the right track. Campers will receive a camp T-shirt, learn awesome tennis skills, meet new tennis friends, compete in a tennis tournament and enjoy a pizza party.

Sign up over the phone by calling 972-744-7870 or online at www.cor.net/tenniscenter.

2019 Richardson Aquatics Operating hours

Canyon Creek Pool

600 Aspinwood 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

Glenville Pool

500 Sh. Glenville Dr., 972-671-0187

Terrace Pool

Open: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon., Wed., Fri. 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.

All children under 7 years of age MUST be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older in the swimming suit. The adult must be in the water within arm’s reach at all times while the child is in the pool. If your child limits his/her use to the baby pool areas, you must remain with your child, but it is not necessary to wear a swimsuit.

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 972-744-7853.

Inclusive Swim & Play Days Heights Family Aquatic Center

Mon., June 3-July 8, 10 a.m.-noon

#13914 June 3
#13915 July 8
#13916 Aug. 12

Richardson’s Inclusive Swim and Play Days are days that you can bring your family members with special needs or disability to swim and play free of charge for two hours before the general public is allowed into the pool. Stay as long as you like and continue to swim and play the remainder of the day. Individuals with special needs or disability need to be registered. All family members/caregivers will need to purchase a gate pass, $4 for residents and $8 for nonresidents. Pre-registration is required. Ages 18 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver.
Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 7 of this publication.

Watercolor Classes

- **Plus Square Dance Lessons**
  Square dancing is a great way to participate in a low-impact activity with new friends and be a part of a fun, friendly community of dancers. Fee is $85 per person. A Senior Center membership is required. Please call 972-744-7800 for next session start date.

- **ABC Quilting**
  Students will learn basic quilting techniques to build their skills and tabletop basting will be taught. A large meeting, sewing frame and basic tools will be available for those who have constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand pieces are not required; all patterns are included in class. As class goes into the second month, students will be encouraged to join with others to meet every other month. Help is available from 2-4 p.m. Next session is June 22. Fee is $25.

- **iPhone and iPad**
  One-on-one instruction is offered to help you learn the operations, usage of the iPhone and/or iPad. Half-hour individual class sessions are available from 1-3 p.m. Bring your iPhone and/or iPad to class. Monday, May 24. Cost is $25. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

How to Use Ride Share
This class will answer: What is ride share? How does it work? Where is it available? Is it cost? Where is it available? Is it insurance? How much does it cost? Which is the best? This class will also answer: How can you help your family member? How does the family member prepare? How can you assist? This class will also provide assistance for any Windows or Android portable device (cell phone, smartphone, tablet, PDA, or any device usable and functional).

Tennis Classes

- **Tennis League**
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- **Fun with Oils**
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- **Crochet**
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- **Pocket Pinning Class**
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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 in time. The club meets the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at the Richardson Public Library. Call 972-731-3470 for more information.

The Richardson Red Hatters
The Richardson Red Hatters welcome all women to put on their red hats and have some fun. Next meeting is Aug. 5 at 9:30 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch or you may purchase a lunch from the Senior Center's concession.

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

Emeritus Plus 50 Programs at Richland College
Explore lifelong learning with classes at Richland College for ages 50 and over. If you are 70 or older and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FRH (Senior Citizen Rates). For additional information, call 972-238-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Texas Reelers Square Dance
The Reel Rousers Square Dance Club hosts a square dance the third Saturday of each month from 7:00-10:30 p.m. Fee is $5 per person.
Drinks will be provided. Come to the Library to sign up and select a basement program room for adults and teens and expand your cooking experiences. “Bluebird, Bluebird,” taste everyone’s creations, Richardson Reads One Book selection, June 12. Enjoy recipes inspired by the Southern foods. Pick a recipe to prepare and bring it on.

Registration required at 972-744-4359. Richardson Public Library card required.

**Cook the Book**

**Southern Food**

Come browse the cookbooks we’ve selected featuring Southern foods. Pick a recipe to prepare and bring it on June 12. Enjoy recipes inspired by the Richardson Reads One Book selection, “Bluebird, Bluebird,” taste everyone’s creations and expand your cooking experiences.

**Wednesday, June 12, 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 972-744-4374 for more information.

**StudioRPL**

An exciting space to get creative and learn new technology in the Library!

- Sound Proofed A/V Room with Green Screen
- Softbox Lights
- Lego Mindstorm
- MacBook (Camtasia Video Editing Software)
- LittleBits & Arduino
- Microphone
- Video Recorder
- Creative Laptops (Creative Cloud, Adobe Premiere Pro, Tablet, Arduino Software & Office Software)

StudioRPL is located in the Library basement. For more information call 972-744-4376.

**Medicare and You**

Presented by Scott Teagle

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.

**Tuesday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 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.

**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.

**Lunchtime Lecture**

Become Your Own Hero

Presented by Dr. Troy Campin, poet, playwright, fiction writer and humanities scholar.

A self-help talk based on literary depictions of what it means to be a hero. What made Achilles, Odysseus, Oedipus and Orestes great heroes? Learn from hearing their stories.

**Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 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!**

Google Docs

Learn to use Google Docs to create and format documents right in your browser, for free! And have the ability to share and work on your documents with multiple people.

**Friday, June 14**

10:30-11:30 a.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 972-744-4339.

**Get Tech Savvy!**

Google Sheets

Learn to create and format spreadsheets that you can share with other people, coworkers and members of a team.

**Saturday, June 29**

10:30-11:30 a.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 972-744-4339.

**Get Tech Savvy!**

Intro to Premiere Pro

Learn to edit videos, adding effects, transitions and titles.

**Saturday, June 22**

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 972-744-4339.