The 2019-20 budget approved by the City Council last month includes an overall increase of 4.1 percent in expenditures from last year, reflecting strong property values experienced in the city associated with growth in the Richardson Telecom Corridor and North Texas area. The new budget directly applies the impact of this recent growth toward improvements in infrastructure maintenance.

The budget maintains the tax rate of $0.62516 and includes an increase in the City’s senior property tax exemptions to $100,000. The City’s budget development for this upcoming fiscal year, and the years to follow, are being heavily influenced by recently ratified state legislation that constrains property tax and franchise tax revenue. While the fuller impact will be felt in the 2020-21 budget cycle, key preparations and constraints have been made in the 2019-20 budget. A “new era two-year view” has been used as an informal budget theme for this year. Stronger attention to new operating expenses, price adjustments, and recurring cost obligations will be made. These will likely impact future municipal service delivery.

“This budget process and fiscal policy changes made during this year’s legislative sessions in Austin,” said Richardson City Manager Dan Johnson. “We’re evolving our budget to adjust to this new ‘era’ and balance the services we provide in order to focus on key City Council initiatives related to neighborhood vitality, development and redevelopment, key commercial corridors and keeping a priority on funding infrastructure improvements.”

The following are some key highlights included in this year’s budget.

**Infrastructure Maintenance**

Infrastructure maintenance is funded at $5.4 million in this year’s budget for arterial streets, collector streets and neighborhood zones, an alley repair program, and a preventative maintenance program. Included in this total are $1.4 million for alley repair projects and street maintenance in three residential areas. Small street signs in two zones will be replaced as well as numerous pavement markings and buttons. One mile of bike lane will be added on Spring Valley Road from Grove Road to Plano Road and existing bike lanes at Yale Road from Buckram Hill Road to Campbell Road will be updated.

**Public Safety**

Funding is included for the replacement of vehicles for the Police Department, the placement of a rescue pumper apparatus and an ambulance for the Fire Department. The budget also includes money to support electronic citation software and 911.

**Park Maintenance**

The budget includes $1.85 million to begin IT and traffic technology upgrades. Traffic initiatives include the upgrading of network connectivity for traffic signals and installation of 40 video detection cameras for traffic management.

**Additional budget information at www.cor.net/budget**

**Video replays**

- July 15-16 Budget Workshops
- Aug. 12 Budget Presentation
- Aug. 19 Tax Rate Hearing
- Aug. 26 Tax Rate and Budget Hearings

**Documents**

- Sept. 9 City Council Meeting Budget and Tax Rate adopted
- 2019-20 Adopted Budget
- Agendas from all meetings
- Handouts from all meetings

**Information Technologies and Traffic Initiatives**

New this year is a dedication of an annual $1.85 million to begin IT and traffic technology upgrades. Traffic initiatives include the upgrade of network connectivity for traffic signals and installation of 40 video detection cameras for traffic management. See story on page 4. Other highlights include:

- Certified Tax Roll increase of 7.51 percent
- Maintaining a tax rate of $0.62516
- Increasing the Senior Tax Exemption from $85,000 to $100,000
- A total of approximately $5.4 million in street/aliy maintenance
- 7.5 percent rate adjustment in water and sewer services
Early voting is set for Nov. 5 State Constitutional Amendment Election

Early voting for the Nov. 5 election is Oct. 21-Nov. 1

Registered voters living in Dallas County may vote early at Richardson City Hall/Civic Center or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. Registered voters living in Collin County may vote early at Methodist Richardson Medical Center or at any of the other Collin County early voting locations.

Below are dates and times for early voting.

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Election Day voting will take place Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Richardson City Hall is NOT a voting location on Election Day.

For more information, call the numbers or visit the websites listed below.

City of Richardson 972-744-4290
www.cor.net/elections

Dallas County www.DallasCountyVotes.org

Collin County www.collincountytx.gov/elections

League of Women Voters to hold RISD candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Richardson and the Richardson Council of PTAs will co-sponsor a forum for the Richardson ISD candidates of District 2. The forum, open to the public, will be held Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at L.V. Berkner High School Lecture Hall, 1600 E. Spring Valley Rd., Richardson.

The District 2 candidates, in ballot order, are:
• Emm Liou
• Vanessa Pacheco

For the forum, questions from the audience can be submitted that night or in advance by sending them to: tvservice@tvhrichardson.org. E-mailed questions will be given the same consideration as questions submitted at the event. The questions will be screened according to League of Women Voters of Texas Guidelines. Video of the forum will be available on the League’s website (www.tvhrichardson.org) soon after the forum.

For more information on the Nov. 5 election, visit the League of Women Voters of Richardson’s website at www.lwvrichardson.org.

CITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

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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 Police departments and Richardson’s 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:

Richardson Today
411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 204
Richardson, Texas 75080
972-744-4104

Receive City news updates by e-mail

Sign up to receive the City’s “Week in Review” e-mail, which is sent 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/Emails and select the options you would like to subscribe to.

Citizens Information Services
City Hall/Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Rd., Suite 204
Richardson, Texas 75080
972-744-4104

Mayor’s Message

October is the beginning of the City of Richardson’s fiscal year, and the City Council and I are happy to be able to report this year’s budget maintains a strong focus on improving infrastructure and providing resources for public safety. This was possible because of the strong property values we have in Richardson due to the continued growth in the Telecom Corridor area, and I hope you feel as I do, that your investment in Richardson has been good for adding value to your home and enjoying a good quality of life.

Our top priority continues to be our focus on infrastructure. Richardson is a great community, but we are also aging. Many of our roads and water mains were built before many people in college today were born, which is why we continue to prioritize street and alley repair in the budget for replacement and maintenance.

Of course, we also continue to meet the needs of our public safety agencies. Richardson is one of the safest communities in Texas and we aim to keep that reputation. In addition to making sure our personnel have good equipment, we’ve also approved extra funds to cover other needs that will be identified in the police and fire departments. This year’s budget also continues to dedicate a portion of property taxes for park maintenance projects.

While these are great wins for our community, I do think it’s important to note that next year will be a greater challenge to meet some of our community’s financial needs. The state legislature passed property tax reforms that will begin in 2020 and will inhibit the ability for many cities across Texas to create budgets that can meet the needs of their community. No matter how you may feel about this legislation, we hope our community’s “Triple A” rating by both S&P and Moody’s makes you feel confident about our past performance and our dedication to spending wisely in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker
Mayor

Contact the City Council

Richardson City Council
411 W. Arapaho Rd.
Richardson, TX 75080
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 online at the City’s 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.

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.
### General Property Taxes
Taxes levied on real and business property.

### Sales & Other Business Taxes
Sales tax of 3.5% per dollar collected by retailers on the sale of goods and services within the City, as well as business taxes on mixed beverages and bingo.

### Franchise Fees
Charges to utility companies operating within the City’s rights of way.

### General & Administrative Transfers
Transfers between several different types of funds in support of the general fund to ensure equity in cost sharing.

### Recreation & Leisure
Fees collected at rec centers, pools, tennis center, concessions, festivals, etc.

### Fines & Forfeits
Revenue from a wide variety of fines and forfeits, including citations, overdue library books, misdemeanor violations of state law and other sources.

### Licenses & Permits
Numerous fees including but not limited to building permits, childcare permits, alarm system permits, animal licenses and shelter fees, and apartment inspection fees.

### Other Revenue
Fees from the ambulance, 911 service and other miscellaneous.

### Revenue from Money/Property
Revenue from interest earnings on the City’s bank and investment accounts.

### Fees & Other Revenue
Fees from various services.

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### General Fund Revenues
- **$144,432,237**

### General Fund Expenditures
- **$143,581,872**

### Top Ten Taxpayers
- **Corporate Properties (State Farm)**: $711,682,592
- **Collins Technology Partners**: $495,331,730
- **Bank of America**: $394,732,747
- **Qorvo**: $305,829,883
- **Texas Instruments**: $261,853,905
- **Cisco Systems**: $189,020,966
- **Healthcare Services Corp. (BCBSTX)**: $158,301,650
- **LinkedIn**: $157,690,280
- **IBM**: $153,440,802
- **Jefferson LP (Apartments)**: $152,801,650

### Total Certified Value
- **$18,115,085,706**

### Commercial vs. Residential Tax Base
- **Commercial**: 61%
- **Residential**: 39%

A greater percentage of the City of Richardson’s property tax base is from commercial property as compared to residential property.
Traffic communications system upgrades are included in budget

Upgrades to the City’s traffic signal communications systems are among the Transportation and Mobility technology improvements included in the 2019-20 budget. Each of the City’s 129 traffic signals is connected to the City’s Traffic Management Center (TMC). Currently, signals connect to the TMC through a wireless radio system that involves a signal being sent to an antenna on City water towers, where the information is then sent over fiber optic lines to the TMC. However, the company that manufactured the hardware has gone out of business so sourcing replacement parts has become difficult.

The technology upgrades will connect each of the City’s traffic signals to the 4G cellular network. However, the entire system will have the ability to upgrade to 5G or some other future wireless network technology. The new technology will enhance the ability of the TMC technicians to monitor traffic in real time and make necessary adjustments, therefore improving traffic flow throughout Richardson. The upgrades are scheduled to be complete by summer 2020. In addition to nearly $200,000 for the communications upgrades, another $432,000 is included to install video vehicle detection hardware at intersections that do not already have the technology. The funds will cover about 40 intersections, with grant funds from the North Central Texas Council of Governments covering the remaining 60, which will complete installation at all 129 signals. Work is expected to be complete by spring 2021.

City maintains highest credit rating

For the 10th year in a row, both the Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s credit rating agencies have reaffirmed Richardson’s “Triple A” status, the highest possible rating available for credit worthiness. Richardson has held AAA status from Standard & Poor’s for 12 years now, and this is the 10th year in a row the City has received an Aaa rating from Moody’s.

Moody’s Rationale

In its rationale, Moody’s said Richardson’s “strong credit profile is supported by a healthy local economy, favorable resident income levels and historically stable financial position. The credit is further bolstered by a sophisticated, policy-driven management team that budgets conservatively and maintains the city’s financial flexibility and stability, offsetting the below median reserve position.”
**Ricochet Arts & Music Festival is Oct. 19**

Richardson’s vibrant and growing arts scene will be on display Saturday, Oct. 19, when Arts Incubator Richardson presents the third citywide Ricochet Arts & Music Festival. The festival provides opportunities for local artists, as well as individual artists of many kinds to showcase their talents. Multiple venues across the city that support creativity will be on display as well, hosting performances, demonstrations and activities, from knitting and Chinese dancing to chalk art and Texas blues.

The fun kicks off at noon with a Mayoral proclamation and a concert by the Contemporary Adult Choir at Heights Village Shopping Center, while at the same time, kite making and keyboard music commences at the Richardson Public Library and an art exhibit and activities, from knitting and Chinese dancing to chalk art and Texas blues.

For more information and a complete festival schedule, visit www.artsincubatorrichardson.org and the AIR Facebook page.

**Senior/disabled property tax exemption is increased**

The 2019-20 budget includes an increase of the senior/disabled property tax exemption from $85,000 to $100,000. The increase will result in a total savings of $625 for the average senior/disabled homeowner. The exemption is available to residents over 65 years of age, disabled persons and surviving spouses.

If the tax exemption is already in place, no action is needed on the part of the taxpayer. To apply, all property owners are urged to contact the appraisal district in which their property is located. For property in Dallas County, contact the Dallas Central Appraisal District at 214-901-3000. For property in Collin County, contact the Collin Central Appraisal District at 469-742-9200 or at www.collicad.org.

**2019 EDGE Awards recognize companies, individuals and projects**

The City of Richardson, Richardson Chamber of Commerce and Richardson Rotary Clubs are excited to announce the 2019 Economic Development, Growth and Expansion (EDGE) Award recipients, who will be honored during a special luncheon Thursday, Nov. 14.

This year’s honorees have achieved extraordinary successes and meaningfully contributed to Richardson’s continued economic prosperity through significant local investments.

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The Richardson Woman's Club has a long history of working to help the community, having been a vital organization helping the community since 1955. The club has a deep heritage that defines who it has been, who it is today, and where it is heading. Since its founding, the club has been a viable organization where members continue to involve the current and future generations of Richardson first responders.

The club's activities include bible study, computer classes, storytime for infants, and more. The club has an active newsletter and a Facebook page where members can stay up to date on current events and upcoming meetings. Members also enjoy social events such as the annual Women's Tea and the Christmas Tea.

In addition to organizing these events, the club offers opportunities for members to give back to the community. The club participates in various charitable events such as the Richardson Lions Club's annual Turkey Giveaway and the Richardson Public Library's Book Sale.

Members also enjoy the opportunity to socialize with other women and to learn about current events and issues relevant to women and girls. The club provides a welcoming environment for women of all ages to come together, share their experiences, and support each other.

For more information about the Richardson Woman's Club, including how to join, visit their website or contact them directly.
Eisemann Center Presents kicks off 2019-20 season

The 2019-20 Eisemann Center Presents season begins this month with shows featuring family theater and several different genres of music. Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650.

**Events:**
- **Keyboard Conversations®**
  - **7:30 p.m. Oct. 7**
  - Tickets $36-$42
  - Jeffrey Siegel presents “Spell-binding Bach,” which includes the vivacious “Partita No. 5,” the stupendous “Chromatic Fantasy,” the haunting and poetic “Preludes,” and the exuberant “Italian Concerto.”
  - **8 p.m. Oct. 12**
  - Tickets $15-$75.
  - Jeffrey Siegel’s Keyboard Conversations® are concerts with broad, popular appeal, exploring the beauty, informative 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. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music!

- **The Jen Chapin Trio**
  - **7:30 p.m. Oct. 19**
  - Tickets $40
  - Jennifer Chapin is an American singer-songwriter and the daughter of the singer-songwriter Harry Chapin and Sandra Chapin. She serves on the board of directors of Whynaughter, a grassroots support organization founded by her father and the current executive director Bili Ayres. She has been compared at times with Laura Nyro, Toni Innis and Alainis Morissette.

- **Lee Rocker of the Strat Cats**
  - **7:30 p.m. Oct. 26**
  - Tickets $37-$49
  - Lee Rocker made his mark singing, playing, standing on, spinning and rocking his giant bass in The Strat Cats. Grammy-nominated, the Strat Cats have sold nearly 10 million albums and garnered an astounding 25 gold and platinum certified records worldwide.

- **Renee Elise Goldsberry**
  - **7:30 p.m. Nov. 2**
  - Tickets $48-$59
  - Renee Elise Goldsberry received the Tony Award, Grammy Award, Drama Desk Award and Lucille Lortel Award for her performance off and on Broadway in the musical phenomenon “Hamilton.” Since winning the Tony Award, she has appeared in Rae Luhman’s “The GetDown” for Netflix and shot the title role for HBO’s “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” opposite Oprah Winfrey.

**Barbry & Frank: The Concert That Never Was**

**Richardson Community Band**

**Hooshang Touzie**

**Cottonwood Art Festival**

**University of Texas at Dallas**

**Richardson Public Library**

**RCT presents “Little Shop of Horrors”**

**Richardson Today**

**Cultural Partnership Initiative**

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Electronic recycling, document shredding offered Oct. 19

The Richardson Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (RCPAAA) will hold the fall electronic recycling and paper shredding event Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of the old Sears store at the Richardson Square Mall (see map).

Acceptable items include phones, GPS devices, calculators, MP3 players, PDAs, radios, satellite receivers, VCRs, DVD players, remote controls, speakers, cameras, computers and accessories, speakers, printers and cartridges, sporting equipment, toys, baby gear, bicycles, shredders, typewriters, etc. CRT TVs or computer monitors CANNOT be accepted. Flat screen monitors and televisions are OK.

NO hazardous waste items will be accepted. This includes batteries, paint, cleaners and fluorescent bulbs. Visit www.cor.net/healthwellness for more information on hazardous waste disposal.

Due to rising costs for shredding equipment, most of the paper brought to the event will be shredded offsite. For those who need to witness the shredding, there will be one truck available to shred the paper brought to the event.

Shredding paper, most of the paper brought to the event will be shredded offsite. Documents and paper will be loaded into containers, secured and transported to the Shred-It facility in Coppell. Shred-It provides the RCPAAA with a certificate of destruction and it will be shared with anyone who would like to have it. Please remove any paper from three-ring binders prior to the event. Paper clips and staples are allowed. Personal shredding will be limited to what can fit into a car.

This recycling event is free and open to anyone who lives in the North Texas area. The RCPAAA is a nonprofit organization supporting the Richardson Police Department (RPD) and was founded in 1993. Donations will be solicited to help cover the cost of this event as well as to help support the RPD. Among the activities RCPAAA sponsors are the annual RPD appreciation meal, gifts to newly hired police officers, gifts to retiring police employees, scholarships to children of RPD employees (both current and retired), and the Retired K-9 Vet Assistance program.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/rcpaaa or www.rcpaaa.org. You may e-mail questions to event@rcpaaa.org. The hotline number is 972-656-9636.

Health and Wellness Expo Set for Oct. 18

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Health and Wellness Expo, presented by Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Visiting Angels and Celebration Magazine, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd. The Expo informs consumers about products and services available from Chamber members that encourage good health and fitness, increase mobility, address special needs care and provide nutrition. The free event will feature vendors offering hearing, vision and BMI testing, flu, pneumococcal, Tdap and shingles vaccinations will be provided by Tom Thumb. There will also be healthy food samples from local restaurants, raffles like Snappy Salad and Alfarah. So make plans to come out for some great swag and for a chance to win fantastic door prizes! For more information, visit www.richardsonchamber.com/healthexpo.

Pay your water bill anywhere anytime

Sign up for paperless water bill

For residents looking to avoid clutter, visit our website to sign up for the e-mail billing service and stop the printing and mailing of monthly bills.

Customers who opt to go “paperless” will receive an e-notification that their bill is available for viewing online. The electronic version will be an exact replica of the paper bill. If you are interested in going “paperless” with your water bill, registering an online account or receiving an e-bill notification, go to www.cor.net/waterpayment or call 972-744-4120.

Drug Take-Back Event is Oct. 26

The Richardson Police Depart- ment will host a prescription and over-the-counter drug take-back Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Unused or expired pharmaceuticals may be dropped off at the parking lot of the Police Substation, 2003 E. Renner Rd. There is no charge for this service.

Solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers are accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain tightly sealed in their original container. Intravenous solutions and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information, contact the Richardson Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 972-744-4955. Additional information may be found at www.deadversion.usdoj.gov.

Learn how to identify water leaks

Learn to identify water leaks both inside and outside the home with a video featuring ad-vise from the Public Services Department. Action steps for what to do if you suspect a leak are also included. To view the video, go to www.richardsontoday.com
**Huffhines Tennis Center**

The Huffhines Tennis Center has 10 lighted courts, a fully stocked pro shop and private and semi-private lessons. Lessons for juniors and adults are available in group or one-on-one settings. Private lessons are available in 30-minute or one-hour blocks.

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/parks.

**Halloween Bash**

Friday, Oct. 25, 7-9:30 p.m.
Heights Rec Center
Ages 16 and up
Registration #15047
Cost: $20 for residents, $22 for nonresidents

Come join us for our annual Adaptive Halloween Bash. You will enjoy a night of dinner, music, dancing, meeting new friends and socializing with old friends, and prizes! We will have a costume contest so come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume! We look forward to having a frightful good time! Register early!

**Recess!**

Fall Session:
Monday, Oct. 7
#15032  8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Registration deadline Sep. 30.
Tuesday, Nov. 5
#15033  8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Registration deadline Oct. 29.

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

**Heights Recreation Center**

Grades: Kindergarten to 5th grade
$20 per child for early registration
$25 per child after deadline

**Cottonwood Park**

OCTOBER 5-6
COTTONWOOD ART FESTIVAL.COM
CELEBRATING THE ART OF FUN FOR 50 YEARS

**Lil’ Punkins Fall Festival**

Saturday, Oct. 26
10 a.m.-noon
Huffhines Rec Center
Ages 2-5 years
Registration #15421
Cost: $10 per person

Lil’ Punkins join in the fun of our Lil’ Punkins Fall Festival. There will be a petting zoo, games, crafts, activities, refreshments and a bounce house. Come in a costume for a special time. Registration required by Oct. 23.

**Sherrill Park Ladies Golf 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 Stubbs (972-669-8090) or Vicki Denton (469-569-2016).

To schedule tee times or lessons at Sherrill Park, call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.
Special Events and Trip Information
Special events and trip information can be found on page 6 of this publication.

Classes
For all classes, unless oth-

erwise noted, you may pay online at www.cor.net/parksonline, by phone with a credit card or in person with a credit card, check or cash.

Technology Help Desk
Instead of Ed Spaniels is offering assistance for any Windows or An-
droid portable device (cell phone, smartphone, laptop or reader) or any solution accessible via the device and the internet (e-mail, Facebook, website maintenance, photography, application usage and instruction, etc.). This is a great opportunity to resolve your technology challenge and increase your knowledge. Assistance is available the fourth Sat-

day of every month. Help is available by appointment only. Next ses-

sion is Oct. 26. No fee.

How to Use Ride Share
This class will answer: What is ride share? How much does it cost? Where is it available? Is it safe? How do you request the ser-

vice and fund delivery? You will also learn about other transporta-
tion services available. Next class is Dec. 7. Class is held 10:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is $10 with membership. No charge otherwise. Please bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

Ukulele Players
Attention all ukulele enthusiasts and old timers—let’s get together to play, share songs and techniques. All levels of play-

ers are welcome. Thursday nights, 7-9 p.m. Cost is $35 per month with membership. No charge otherwise.

Private Ballroom
Dance the first, third and fifth Mon-

days from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $5 per dancer. Free for members (mem-

bership is required). There is a $10 drop-in fee with membership or a $3 drop-in fee without.

Plus Square Dance
Dance the first class, and third and fifth Mon-

days from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $5 per dancer. Free for members (mem-

bership is required). The Richardson Senior Center membership required. Please call 972-744-7800 for next session start date.

Crochet
Classes are taught Thursdays from 2:15-4:15 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.

Tennis League
Richardson’s Huffines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The Richardson men’s group plays Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. The Ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. A 1.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women wishing to play. Please help players achieve this level. For information, call 972-744-7870.

AARP Richardson Chapter
The Richardson AARP Chapter #4165 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome. See you on Oct. 21.

Scrabble Club
Join us Mondays at 10 a.m. for scrabble. Meet new friends, exer-

cise your mind and have fun while playing scrabble. Children over 16 are welcome to participate. Play-

ers ages 12-15 must attend with an adult.

Mental Aerobics
Riddles, word games, puzzles, tri-

nis and a general mental playground will help keep your brain activ-

ity sharp. We have a large room and welcoming atmosphere for everyone. Bring thinking activities that require no study, memorization, practice or stress. Mon-Thurs 1:30-4:00 p.m. Cost is $1 (no fee for members). Tatting
Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using the Shuttle Tatting method. We meet every Tuesday from 3:30-9 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

Needleworks
Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and hand-

crafts. Meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Richardson Senior Dance
The calendar includes dances for this month’s ballroom dances.

Oct. 5 Dick Gibbs
Oct. 12 Jim Baker
Oct. 26 Warren Cook

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Se-

ior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are $5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

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

mosphere 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 and hygiene. Those patrons needing personal help, 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.
**Bear Rovers Square Dance**

The Bear Rovers Square Dance Club sponsors square dancing the first and third Thursday of each month from 7:30-10 p.m. on Facebook. For information, please call 972-238-6972 or visit www.facebook.com/TheTexasBearRoversSquareDance. Admission is $5.00.

**Celebrity**

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

**City of Richardson Transportation**

The Richardson Senior Center provides the Richardson Senior Center with vehicles for pickup and delivery. To reserve a vehicle, call 469-803-3636.

**Chair Massage**

Larina Karley, our chair massage instructor, will offer 30-minute appointments on Tuesday mornings. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

**Caregiver Support**

The Senior Resources program provides a variety of services to help seniors in the community remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Services include homemaker services, senior informational seminars, health screenings, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and holiday baskets. The “Lumers of Care” program has established several sessions to help. Richardson ISD may shop for free lovers of bread at the Network offices located at 711 S. Sherman St. in Richardson. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. for members only.

**First Richardson Helpers**

First Richardson Helpers (FHR) is staffed by senior volunteers who provide companionship, outings, and repair service to seniors. Basic services include installation of medication dispensers, help with hand rails, repair of dripping faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacement. In addition, FHR accepts tasks with code enforcement issues. To request service, call the 24-hour hotline at 972-744-0160 or online at www.firstrichardsonhelpers.org.

**Safely generating income in retirement**

User adds a 50% discount to the Richardson Senior Center. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. for members only. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. for members only.

**Fitness**

**Strength and Stretch**

Press play on the floor. Tailored to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are held in a private room. Fee is $60 for a six-week commitment. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hauser. She has her certifications in special population (old- er adult) and general population from the Cooper Institute.

**Aerobic Exercise**

Renae Bacher teaches exercise class Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. Cost is $2 with a membership.

**Squared by 7**

Every Thursday, a featured band, dance and have refreshments. Come and enjoy the sounds of an 11-piece band, dance and have refreshments. Please call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

**Chair Yoga**

Gain all the benefits of yoga with- out getting on the floor. Tailored to fit abilities and fitness level. Focus is on body alignment and breath awareness. For questions e-mail yogavitchesslive@live.com. Class is held Mondays at 9 a.m. Cost is $6 per class with membership.

**Water Aerobics Classes**

Classes are held Tuesday, Thurs- day and Friday, 10-11 a.m. at the J Pearce U.S. Natatorium, 1600 N. Cott Blvd. Please register at the Senior Center, Huffyhines or Heights recreation centers. Cost is $30 a month. For updated class information, please call 972-744-7813 or the Senior Center at 972-744-7800.

**Café**

The Richardson Senior Center “Café” that is designed for both seniors and caregivers. The café provides assistance with code reds, RIHs and protecting your nest egg.

**RSVP Volunteer Program**

Our volunteer opportunities are designed to help you get back to your community! Why not become a volunteer for the “Rich- ardson Rowdies”? If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer. The Rowdies volunteer at various special events in the Richardson Senior Center. Transportation is provided by RSVP to get volunteers to and from events. For more information on how to be- come involved, call 214-525-6167.

**Party Bridge**

The Richardson Senior Center hosts a new free program called “The Memory Café” that is designed for both new and returning members. The program is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30-11 a.m. for members only.

**Table Tennis**

Richardson Senior Center offers a variety of skill levels in addition to the Cooper Institute. For more information, please call 972-744-7800.

**Mah Jongg**

Games are played Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Scrabble**

Games are played Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Tuesday, 1-2 p.m.

**Bridge**

Games are played Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Thursday, 1-2 p.m.

**Senior Holiday Bazaar**

Our annual Senior Holiday Ba- zaar will be held Friday and Sat- urday, Nov 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Richardson Senior Center. Registration is now open. If you are 55 or older and would like to participate in our annual craft sale, please fill out the reg- istration form and mail it to the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080 Attn: Holiday Bazaar. Robin’s Nest crafters who were active crafters as of July 1 have priority. All items must be hand- made by the crafter. Eight-foot tables with two chairs will sell for $30 each. A Tax ID will be required to participate. Name: ____________________________

Street: ____________________________

City: Richardson

State: TX

Zip: 75080

Phone: ____________________________

Fax: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Tax ID#:

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**STORYTELLING BOARD GAMES**

Monday, Oct. 7, 2–4 p.m.  
Come play games with a storytelling element to them, like Apples to Apples and Dixit, that encourage you to rely on imagination over strategy.  
Basement Program Room  
For ages 7-13

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**PICK-A-BOOK CLUB**

Oct. 10, Spooky Stuff  
Nov. 14, Food Feasts  
Dec. 12, Holiday Celebrations  
Thursdays, 4-4:30 p.m.  
Introduce your preschooler to bookclubs! Bring a themed book to share, pick a new book to try and discuss your favorites!  
First Floor Program Room  
For ages 4-6

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**GET TECH SAVVY**

**Instagram for Beginners**

Friday, Oct. 11  
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Learn the basics of this popular photo-sharing app. Bring your smartphone or tablet with the Instagram app installed. Participants need a Facebook account or e-mail address.  
Basement Training Room  
Adults and Teens  
Registration required  
Richardson Public Library card required  
Register at 972-744-4359

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**FRIENDS OF THE RICHARDSON LIBRARY**

**Book Sale**

Friday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2-5 p.m.  
50,000+ Books, CDs, DVDs and other media  
Most books are $2 and under! (Except rare, signed or first edition books)  
Basement Program Room  
All ages  
RichardsonFOL.org

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**RICOCHET 2019 @ RPL**

**CHIN WOO LION DANCE SHOW**

Saturday, Oct. 19  
2-3 p.m.  
Presented in partnership with the citywide art event Ricochet, hosted by Arts Incubator of Richardson (AIR).  
Fountain Plaza, outside  
For all ages  
Registration not required  
Call 972-744-4350 for more information

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**CANDY SUSHI**

Saturday, Oct. 19  
3-4:30 p.m.  
Make “sushi” with different fun candies and rice crispy treats!  
First Floor Program Room  
For ages 11-18

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**LEARNING & NEW EXPERIENCES**

**Medicare and You**

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
This workshop covers in detail the four parts of Medicare: A, B, C and D. Gain a better understanding of eligibility, election periods, enrollment penalties and more.  
Presented by Scott Teagle  
Basement Program Room  
Adults  
Registration not required  
Call 972-744-4376 for more information

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**GET CREATIVE**

**Boosting Wellness with Essential Oils**

Saturday, Nov. 2  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Hands-on workshop learning about the history and benefits of using essential oils. Participants will leave with several products they’ve created.  
Presented by Kerry Gibson  
Basement Program Room  
Adults and Teens  
All supplies provided  
Registration required  
Register at 972-744-4376

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**CELEBRATE SESAME STREET’S 50TH!**

**LUNCHTIME LECTURE**

History of the Richardson Library  
Tuesday, Oct. 22  
11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.  
Panel discussion and Q&A on the history of Richardson Public Library with the Library’s past and present directors: Julianne Lovelace, Jane Merz, Steve Benson and Susan Allison. Facilitated by Local History Librarian Stacey Davis  
Basement Program Room  
Adults and Teens  
Registration not required  
You are welcome to bring your lunch  
Call 972-744-4376 for more information

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**3D DESIGN & PRINTING CLASS**

**Advanced Level–Tinkercad**

Friday, Oct. 25  
10:30 a.m.-noon  
Build on your 3D Design skills: Create unique reusable shapes, learn timesaving shortcuts and explore how to export/import resources. Bring your Tinkercad login info.  
Baseline Training Room  
Adults and Teens  
Registration required  
Richardson Public Library card required  
Register at 972-744-4359

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**SPOOKILICIOUS**

Saturday, Oct. 26  
2-4 p.m.  
Have a spooky fun time with a puppet show, crafts and trick-or-treating. The puppet show begins at 2 p.m.  
Basement Program Room  
For all ages

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