As of Nov. 1, the City’s Emergency Operations Center remains under partial activation to manage the response and recovery efforts from an F5 tornado that struck the south central part of the city Oct. 20.

The tornado first struck in Dallas at 9:01 p.m. and hit Richardson 20 minutes later. Richardson outdoor warning sirens were activated at 9:09 p.m., providing advanced notice for people to take shelter, which is largely attributed for helping people in its path from suffering injuries. No injuries were reported due to the tornado’s impact.

While people were spurred, the tornado did cause significant damage during the nine minutes it was on the ground in Richardson. It followed a 4 3-mile path into Garland and destroyed 12 structures and severely damaged more than 300 other properties, including 54 single-family homes that were deemed uninhabitable.

When first responders arrived on the scene, they found many streets were impassable due to storm debris and downed power lines. Road and utility crews were activated and began clearing streets and alleys. In the days following the storm, staff from Building Inspection and Community Services were in the area assessing damage.

While staff from the City’s Public Services Department initially removed debris from alleys and streets, the City hired a contractor to monitor and manage the removal of storm-related debris from public property and the public right of way. With the contractor handling debris removal, the City’s Brush and Bulky Items Collection crews, as well as solid waste and recycling crews, were able to maintain their regular routes throughout Richardson. The City asks for residents’ patience as crews work to get all the debris picked up.

The City also activated several mutual aid agreements it has in place with local, regional, and state agencies that allow the City to both offer and receive help during and after an emergency. Following the tornado, approximately 15 other entities sent people and equipment to assist in fixing traffic signals and clearing debris among other tasks.

City staff replaced or repaired traffic signals at 30 intersections and are in the process of conducting an assessment to determine how many street signs will need to be replaced. The City continues to post information about the tornado impact on its social media and on a special webpage.

For updates, visit: cor.net/severeweather
facebook.com/richardsontoday
youtube.com/richardsonctv
richardsontoday.com

New technology abounds at the Richardson Library

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Beginning in 1944 with 400 books housed in a dry goods store on Main Street, the Library officially became a City department in 1959 with the opening of a one-story, bond-constructed 5,800-square-foot building on East Tyler Street (behind the current Public Safety Campus), with 5,000 books and vinyl records, 3,500 supplied by the Dallas County Library System. The Library grew to the current 81,650-square-foot building in 1970. Its collections, today numbering more than 288,000 items including DVDs, audiobooks and Wi-Fi hotspots, has evolved from being searched for by card catalogue, checked out by a librarian using an ink stamp and returned via a drop box, to being searched for online (the city’s Public Safety Campus) and returned on a conveyor belt guided by RFID technology.

In the Library’s early days, there was a check-out limit of 10 items, there were no fines and no late fees. Now, with the advent of technology, the Library is one of the few places where people can test out the latest technology. The Library offers monthly education workshops to familiarize people with new technology such as the 3D printer.

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While the Library has multiple floors filled with books, films and other materials, there is much more to the Library than traditional offerings. RPL offers 247 service through the Digital Library accessible through the website at www.cor.net/departments/public-library/digital-library. Books, audiobooks, films, magazines, and more are available anytime to Richardson residents with Library cards.

Another use of new technology in the Library is the second floor, which houses the Library’s computer lab with dozens of internet-capable computers and wireless printing for patrons who bring their own laptops and tablets. It also is home to a space that has been branded C-Tech @ RPL. The area includes not only a 3D printer, but also computers running the Adobe Creative Suite featuring programs such as Photoshop (photo editing), Premiere Pro (video editing) and Illustrator (graphic creation). The second floor is also the area where you can check out materials such as the Audubon and LittleBits kits that teach basic electronic programming and prototyping to children.

A portion of the basement has turned into a two-tiered, video production studio. Studio RPL includes an audio/video room with soft box lights, a video camera, microphone and acoustic panels for recording podcasts or video blogs. The space is available for reservations, with timeslots available most afternoons, evenings and weekends.

Finally, the Library offers monthly education workshops to familiarize people with new technology such as the 3D printer. Workshop topics include learning Microsoft programs such as Word and Excel and Adobe programs such as the ones available for use in C-Tech, as well as websites such as YouTube and software such as Audacity that is used to edit audio.

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Winter water conservation plan in effect

Tuesday a week’s watering is allowed anytime on designated days.

Beginning Nov. 1, residents may water their yards at anytime on their designated watering days to avoid watering during times when temperatures may drop below freezing. Visit www.watermyyard.org for ground moisture information, customized weekly watering recommendations and information on the best times to water your yard.

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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 departments and Richardson’s Richardson Today Staff.

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

**Mayor’s Message**

This month we are celebrating the Richardson Public Library’s 60th anniversary. The Library has been an important part of Richardson for generations, transitioning from a place largely focused on checking out books to a center for learning that embraces new technology and features a diverse array of programming and classes. One thing that has not changed is that the Library is as important a part of our community today as it was 60 years ago.

The Library serves many functions. It serves as a place to gather, with groups such as the Richardson Historical and Genealogical Society, Richardson Civic Art Society and multiple book clubs meeting at the Library each month. It also serves as a place to learn, with hundreds of thousands of items in the Library’s collection covering nearly every topic imaginable. Finally, it serves as a place to share knowledge, routinely hosting speakers to talk about a wide range of topics. A quick glance at the Library’s monthly calendar in each month’s Richardson Today shows programs ranging from preschool story time to adult computer classes.

The Library’s transition and growth over the past 60 years can be seen by looking at its history. In the 1940s, a general store owned by Ms. Jessie Durham housed a collection of books and served as Richardson’s unofficial library. When Ms. Durham closed her library in 1959, the books were donated to the City and the Richardson Public Library was born. By 1970, the library had outgrown a smaller location on Tyler Street and moved into the four-story building it occupies today. You can read more about the Library’s history on page 1.

The official 60th anniversary celebration is scheduled for Nov. 22 at the Library. This will be a time to not only look at what we have accomplished over the past six decades, but also to look forward to the next six. I don’t know where we are headed, but I can’t wait to start the journey.

Sincerely,

Paul Voelker

Mayor
The four-story Richardson Public Library opened in 1970 with the use of two floors and a portion of a third. By March 1995, all four floors were open to the public.

In 1970, a glass display case was located at the Library’s entrance to showcase unique collections of local patrons. Today, the display is encased in the wall.

A lounge area was included in the 2006 Library renovation project and is located on the first floor left of the entrance.

In the 1969 photo at left, students visiting the Tyler Street Library get a lesson on the proper use of the card catalog. The Richardson Public Library converted to a computerized card catalog in 1982 and internet service was first offered to the public in 1997 with six computers.
New services, hours at Library

The Texas Municipal Library Director’s Association has recognized the Richardson Public Library as one of the top libraries in the state of Texas. Allison, who has expanded the Library’s programs for more than 40 years (beginning part-time while in high school) remembers a time when the Library utilized only the first and second floors of the current building.

“Back in the day was a fallout shelter, with Red Cross supplies, and the third floor was like an attic, housing holiday decorations, parade costumes and other items for City events,” she recalled.

Most importantly, the large structure has allowed Richardson to amass “an entire good, deep collection in all one place.”

Residents don’t have to drive to another library in town to find what they need or wait to have something sent between libraries, as in some communities,” Allison said. “Chances are, what you need is right here.”

More than 1,100 visitors on average walk through the doors of the Richardson Public Library each day (not counting the increasing number of patrons who utilize the Library’s online collection, including 12,000+ e-books, and who enjoy the Library through remote book collections at area senior facilities). During any given operating hour, it’s a very busy place, with free activities taking place mornings, afternoons and evenings. The Library is open for more than 80 hours for adults (such as brown bag history lectures, art classes and tech 노트 bookings) and for children (such as scavenger hunts, “escape rooms” and robotics challenges); for students (such as story times, LEAD workshops and theatrical performances) and for families (such as movies, game nights and coloring parties). Students of all ages utilize private rooms in the basement reference area for individual and group study as well as tutoring.

Patrons also enjoy heading outside to the reading garden, the fountain plaza and Darby’s Story Walk, “a reading path” that enables visitors to walk while reading pages of a children’s book posted at 16 different stations. Area employees may grab a few moments of their lunch break reading magazines in the quiet third floor lounge and/or enjoying the local art continually on display in the third floor gallery. Senior citizens get help filling out tax forms in the spring and a used book sale draws hundreds to the Library for three days, twice a year. Another attraction is the free notary service, available with 24 hours’ notice. Those seeking employment who may not have access to the internet can search for jobs using the Library’s free Wi-Fi and extensive databases. Others who are self-employed may come to the Library for “office space” to work on their laptops. Even dogs enjoy the Library—therapy dogs, that is. “Tales to Tails” takes place, an event in which children in grades K-4 read to the canine companions.

“A lot of people come to the Library, or call, just to speak to a librarian and get answers to questions,” Allison said. “Google doesn’t know everything.”

To compete with online book providers, the Library has a high priority committee in which staff keep up with trends and continually scan The New York Times and individual publishers’ weekly newsletters so that “we’ve already got them on order and have the titles in our catalog for people to reserve before they’re published.”

Every year for the past 16 years, thousands of readers, from teens to seniors, have come together throughout Richardson to read and select a book’s author—all thanks to the Richardson Reads One Book (RROB) program.

Formed as a nonprofit in 2004 by Library supporter and employees including current Director of Library Services Susan Allison (then Director of Youth Services), the group strives to create a program similar to the first “one city, one book” program held in Seattle in 1998, called, “All Seattle Reads the Same Book,” the brainchild of National Public Radio’s Nancy Pearl.

“We had a hunch that Richardson’s many learners and readers would embrace the concept, and we were thrilled that we were right,” Allison said. “RROB brings out our community from all its diverse corners to learn from each other, and there is nothing that makes a librarian happier than to see people gathering around a book!”

RROB’s first selection was “Pay it Forward,” by Catherine Ryan Hyde, which was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd at the Eisemann Center in the fall of 2005. Other selections have included, “The Glass Castle,” by Jeannette Walls, “The Book Thief,” by Markus Zusak, and this year’s selection, “Bluebird, Bluebird,” by Attica Locke.

There are now “one book” programs in all 50 states, as well as internationally—RROB was one of the first in Texas. Some cities pick both an adult and juvenile selection, some pick classics one year and new fiction the next. RROB members strive to choose a book that has a broad appeal to a wide range of readers, from high school students to senior citizens; includes universal issues and themes that lend well to group discussion; and is available in a variety of formats and possibly other languages.

Each year’s selection is kept in strict secrecy, announced in April at a “reveal” party held at the Library.

Allison doesn’t see the Library’s reputation ever fading, as long as Richardson remains a community that likes to keep learning.

“Our citizens want to read, to learn, to have their questions answered… it really is a city for a lifetime learning, not just because of the great schools here, but also because of this Library.”

 Richardson Library celebrates 60 years of service

The public is invited to join the Richardson Mayor, City Council Members and City staff in celebrating the Richardson Library’s 60 years of service to the community.

A reception will be held Friday, Nov. 22 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Library and all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, call 972-744-4376.

Community embraces “One Book”

Richardson Library is now open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. This will enable the Library to provide patrons with four more hours a week to access the many resources and programs available at the Library.

The Library is now open 68 hours a week:

Monday-Thursday—9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday—10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday—2-6 p.m.

Visit the Richardson Public Library at 900 Civic Center Dr. (next to City Hall) or go online at www.cor.net/library to discover all the services and programs that are available.

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One of the great things about the Richardson Library is that we have the luxury of four floors, with different levels of quiet on each,” Allison said. “Once they’re published, our residents can get them quickly—and for free!”

For more information, visit www.cor.net/onebook.
Richardson Woman’s Club is more than just an event venue

In an era when bridal parties and high school prom groups seek out the best, most unique venue that will serve well as a backdrop for photos to post on social media, often traveling far distances to find that “perfect” spot, Richardson-area residents may not realize that what they are searching for might be “in their own backyard”—the Richardson Woman’s Club, tucked away on North Cliffe Drive, just northwest of the intersection of Campbell and Jupiter roads. “The country estate” dotted with towering trees and featuring a historic home, lush, manicured grounds, a gazebo, arbor, wishing well, and high school prom groups seek a backdrop that will serve well as a backdrop to the public seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and a lot of people aren’t aware of it. But we continually work on getting the word out.”

The facility hosts about 350 events a year, sometimes several groups at one time, with four rooms available for rental in the house (aka “the Clubhouse”), including a main meeting room, sun room, dining room and cozy living room filled with antiques), and space for 170-200 in the nearby Founder’s Hall.

The Hall was built in 1989, large enough to seat the sales of the Club’s original, award-winning cookbook. Both the Clubhouse and Founder’s Hall include fully-equipped kitchens, dishes, flatware, tables and chairs. The Hall also features Wi-Fi, a sound system, a piano and an elevated stage. Parking is plentiful, with 126 dedicated spaces.

Net proceeds from facility rentals benefit local scholarships and nonprofit organizations supported by the Club. The City provides grounds maintenance at no cost, and the Club, which pays for facility maintenance, utilities and a business manager, strives to keep overhead at a minimum, for maximum community benefit. Community organizations apply for BWC grant funds each year and are approved by the Club’s Charitable Foundation Board. Grant recipients have included H.E.R.O.E.S., Repertoire Company Theatre, the Richardson Symphony Orchestra, Take Me Home Pet Rescue and the Richardson Adult Literacy Center. BWC also funds community service projects as part of a chapter’s membership/call to action—its first philanthropic outreach was to donate $56 to toward the Richardson High School band’s 1957 trip to Washington, D.C. for the Eisenhower inaugural parade. This year, its 257 members designated funds to 411,000 people served by the Club. The facility is such a win-win for the citizens of Richardson,” said Sharon Robin- son, Richardson Woman’s Club (RWC) president. “It’s acquired by the City as part of the land pur- chase for Sherill Park, and it still feels like you’re in the country, even though a neighborhood grew alongside it. Since it’s not located on a major street, a lot of people aren’t aware of it. But we continu- ously work on getting the word out.”

Main Street project continues with sewer line replacement

In Richardson Today, November 2019

The Main Street revitalization proj- ect continues with the replacement of a sewer line along Texas Street (see photo at right). Work is scheduled to begin this month on the replacement of a water line that stretches along Main Street from Sherman Street to Texas Street. While work is underway, two lanes of traffic will be affected, but other detri- nation will be maintained.

The Main Street project kicked off at the end of September and is expected to last through late 2020. The repaving of Polk Street be- tween Interurban Street and Texas Street should wrap up this month, and a new parking lot has been constructed at Kaufman Street and McKinney Street.

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Richardson Economic De- velopment Partnership (REDP) President and CEO Bill Sproull recently represented Richardson on a global stage during a trade mission to France and the United Kingdom. At each stop, Sproull spoke about Richardson’s unique approach to globally minded, tech- oriented innovation, and how the city has become a model of success- ful public-private partner- ships.

Sproull was one of a select few thought leaders invited to speak on a panel at the International Association of Science Parks and Techno- parks Forum (IASP’s 36th World Conference, held in late September in Nantes, France. The esteemed audience included rep- resentatives from approximately 70 science parks and areas of innova- tion worldwide.

Alongside panelists from the U.K., Italy and Russia, Sproull discussed how Richardson and the entire Texas region fostered collabo- ration in order to drive business innovation and entrepreneurship. Sproull’s remarks highlighted the Chamber’s vital role in conven- ing key players and ideas to grow Richardson’s innovations-based economy, and its significant con- tributions to the City’s plans for an ambitious, new Innovation District in the heart of the historic Telecom Corridor® area, working hand-in-hand with other civic and business leaders.

From there, Sproull traveled to the U.K. and presented to 10 technology companies at a summit hosted by Cambridge Networks, a Cambridge University-based or- ganization similar to Tech Titans. Sproull also led a seminar, hosted at techUK’s London headquarters, for a cohort of six tech-focused companies. To date, two of the U.K. companies have scheduled Richardson visits later this year to learn more about global business opportunities here.

This recent trade mission is just one prominent example of how the REDP proactively spurs economic development, helping Richardson build on its well-deserved reputa- tion as the “International Business Capital of North Texas.”

"From the Boardroom is a re- curring guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, pro- duced in cooperation with the Richardson Chamber of Com- merce.

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Richardson Library stats

Stats for 2018-19

- **411,000**: visitors to the Library (1,131 daily average)  
- **1.3 million**: items that were checked out (390 per hour average)  
- **1.69 million**: Library website visits  
- **1.8 million**: minutes spent on Library’s public computers  
- **189,502**: Wi-Fi sessions  
- **288,809**: items in the Library’s collection and includes:  
  - **12,000+** eBooks  
  - **20,000+** DVDs  
  - **10,000+** audio books  
- **1,329**: programs offered for all ages (48,525 attendees)  
- **114,203**: questions answered  
- **214**: volunteers that provided 3,000+ hours of service

Visit www.cor.net/library.

Trade mission to France and the U.K. showcases Richardson

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Trips

Marshall and Jefferson Christmas Trip—Dec. 4-6

Enjoy a small town downtown square lit up with over a million lights and decorated up for the holiday season. Shopping, Christmas Tour of Homes, vintage hotels, museums and historical tours will immerse you into an old-fashioned, small town Holiday celebration. Double $659 per person, Single - $771.

Plan to celebrate the Holiday season with the incredible Wonderscapes as they sing in the season with four-part harmony. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. for a showtime of 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. $20.

Olden Year Museum—Jan. 15

Olden Year Museum houses a rare collection of more than 500 musical instruments that took over four decades to assemble. The van will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. Lunch will be on your own at the "The Coaches Box Restaurant." $50.

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

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

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CHILDREN/YOUTH

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information.

The Chamber’s newest program, Discover Richardson, is aimed at connecting Richard- son’s communities to the quality products, services and restaurants available from Chamber businesses, while also providing information about the news and events going on in Richardson. Not only will you have a great time at these businesses, but you’ll also be helping the City’s economy. For more information on Discover Richardson, visit www.richardsonchamber.com/shop.
The 2019-20 Eisemann Center Presents season continues this month with shows featuring family theater, comedy and visit from a Tony and Grammy Award-winning actress. Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts.

An Evening with Renée Elise Goldsberry
7:30 p.m. Nov. 2
Tickets $48-$59
Renée 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 Baz Luhrmann’s “The Great Gatsby,” and most recently winning the Tony Award, she has starred in “Hamilton.” Since then, she has taken on a number of roles in film and television, including her role as Hermione in the popular Netflix series “Candace.”

Richardson Civic Art Society looking for new members
The Richardson Civic Art Society is a volunteer-run organization that provides a local support system for the visual arts. Every Sunday, the society meets for a discussion of a selected artwork. The meetings typically feature an artist discussing the finer points of a specific medium. The November meeting will be held at 6:30 Nov. 19 and feature Ted Clemens discussing oils. The RCAS has several shows each year. Examples of art work from past show winners can be seen year-round on the Library’s third floor. For a list of upcoming shows and meetings, or for more information on joining the RCAS, visit www.richardson-arts.org.
$297,000 raised for Special Olympics Texas

The 22nd annual Richardson Corporate Challenge, a 10-week, athletic and non-athletic competition among area businesses sponsored by the City of Richardson, held its closing ceremony Oct. 10 and recognized the winning companies in six divisions.

This year employees from DFW-area companies helped to raise more than $297,000 to support Special Olympics Texas, the event’s beneficiary. Corporate Challenge has raised more than $2.9 million in its 22-year history.

The winners were:
- Division A—Raytheon
- Division B—McKesson
- Division BB—Maxim Integrated
- Division C—L&L Harris
- Division D—Armo Defense Inc.

Registration for the 2020 Richardson Corporate Challenge is now open to companies of all sizes in the DFW area. For more information, visit www.cor.net/cor.

Network in need of volunteers

Local nonprofit Network of Community Ministries is in need of volunteers. Opportunities are available for individuals to serve in weekly three-hour shifts, in areas such as:
- Food pantry
- Clothing closet
- Receptions
- Interview
- Seniors’ Net
- Handyman Program

To volunteer at Network, attend a volunteer orientation session, held every Thursday at 4 p.m. at Network’s headquarters, 741 S. Sherman St. If you are unable to attend an orientation or would like information about group/organization volunteering, contact the Volunteer Manager at 972-234-8800 ext. 126 or via e-mail at vrivera@thenetwork.org.

Free Recycling Bags Available Nov. 15

One free roll of blue recycling bags will be available to Richardson residents (with proof of residency) Friday, Nov. 15 to celebrate America Recycles Day.

There is a limit of one roll of bags per household. Free rolls of bags will be available at the following locations:
- Nov. 15—6 a.m.-8 p.m.
  - Richardson City Hall
  - Richardson Service Center

Groups Clean Up Parks, Creeks

Richardson got a needed sprucing up last month thanks to teens and adults who volunteered their time picking up trash. More than 25 members of the Lake Highlands High School National Honor Society worked along Huffines Creek between Belt Line Road and Plano Road, and members of the Dallas Bar Association worked in a section of Heights Park, especially the bed of Cottonwood Trail and replaced the home’s entire fence; removed 26 bags of landscape debris, a trailer-load of vines and tree stubs and 26 old plant pots; cleaned out the gardens and planted flowers.

The VAP is managed by the Community Services Division and pairs community groups with homeowners who cannot properly maintain their property due to age, finance or disability. Available projects are listed at the Program’s website, www.cor.net/vap.

Christmas Parade is Dec. 7

The 47th Annual Richardson Christmas Parade has been scheduled for Saturday morning, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. Former Richardson City Council Member Bob Macy will serve as this year’s Grand Marshal.

“A Lonestar Christmas” parade will travel north on Plano Road from Richardson Square Mall to Apollo Road. Individuals and groups are encouraged to represent this theme with their costumes, vehicles and floats. Come lock off the holiday season and get in the Christmas spirit by participating in this exciting, annual event! The registration form will be available online at www.cor.net/christmasparade beginning Nov. 1.

Would you like to become a Friend of the Parade? There are two levels for your convenience:
- VIP Gold package ($60—good for four people)
- VIP Silver package ($40—good for two people)

Each includes a parking pass, VIP seating, friends’ tent at the parade with refreshments and a gift card that will go directly to a recipient of Network of Community Ministries.

For information regarding the parade or becoming a Friend of the Parade, please contact Heidi Scalise at heidi.scalise@cor.gov or via phone at 972-744-7855.

We hope to see you at the parade whether you are on a float, in a marching group or as a spectator! Remember, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m., Plano Road is the place to be! The parade’s award ceremony will be held the same evening at 5 p.m. at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center plaza, just prior to the City’s Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the opening of Santa’s Village.

The City provides gloves and “trash tongs,” and picks up the bags when the event is finished. To get involved, visit www.cor.net/vap.

2019 Holiday Grease Roundup

Nov. 29–Dec. 8

Don’t pour grease and cooking oil down the drain. Cool the used oil/grease after you have finished cooking. Put it in a rigid plastic container with a screw-top lid (the container the oil came in may work), and recycle it at the City’s temporary drop off location. (see map below)

Just drive up, drop your container(s) off in the collection bin and drive off. DO NOT POUR oil/grease out. Staff will handle the disposal.

Location for oil/grease drop off:
- Nov. 29–Dec. 8
  - Drop off available
  - 24 hours a day
  - 551 N. Plano Rd.
  - Southwest corner of Plano Road and Columbia Drive

This year the City is partnering with American BioSource. They will collect the grease/oil during and at the end of the collection event.

Go to www.CeaseTheGreaseNTX.com to learn more.
Santa’s Village opens Dec. 7

Santa’s Village opens for the season Dec. 7 following the Christmas Parade award ceremony. Santa’s Village will be held outside City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Santa’s Village will once again have a special residents’ night, dubbed “Hometown Thursdays.” Thursday nights were selected to allow residents an opportunity to enjoy the event while having the least impact on area visitors because, historically, Santa’s Village experiences the greatest amount of visitors on Friday and Saturday nights.

Residents wishing to attend “Hometown Thursdays” Dec. 12 or 19 can receive up to eight free tickets, available at City Hall and the Heights and Huffhines recreation centers beginning Nov. 25. Residents must bring documentation (a water bill or driver’s license) to show proof of residency. Tickets are available while supplies last.

Santa’s Village will remain open to all visitors Dec. 7-8, 13-15 and 20-22.

For more information, visit www.cor.net/santa village.

Letter from Santa Request Form

Send your child a personalized letter from Santa Claus at Santa’s Village! For children ages 1 month and older. Each letter is addressed specifically to the individual child and sent from our own Santa’s Village, on very special stationery! No registrations taken after Dec. 7 to ensure delivery before Christmas Eve. Letters will start being mailed the last week of November. Please use the form below. Please use a separate request form for each child. Forms may be copied.

Child's Name ___________________________ Date of Birth __________________

Create a holiday memory and share breakfast with Santa Claus! Your child will also make a craft.

HUFFINES RECREATION CENTER
Thursday, Dec. 19 • 9-10 a.m. • $10 per child
Ages 2-5 • Registration #16396

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.

Sherrill Park

Sherrill Park Golf Course has a free smartphone app that includes flyover videos of both Course 1 and Course 2, tee-to-trouble mapping, a stats tracker, food and drink menus, and the ability to schedule tee times. The app can be downloaded from the Apple app store or Google Play.

Upcoming Tournaments
Nov. 10: Richardson Cup Matches
Dec. 15: Year-end Two-Man Stableford
To schedule tee times or lessons at Sherrill Park, call 972-234-1416 or visit www.sherrillparkgolf.com.

Richardson Today, November 2019
972-744-4300 www.cor.net/parks Parks & Recreation
The Richardson Senior Center welcomes adults ages 55 and older. This facility is especially designed to accommodate needs, and the 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 care and hygiene. Those patrons needing 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.

**Classes**

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay online on our website. For classes requiring payment, you will be given a credit card or a personal check. No fee.

### Plus Square Dance

Dance the first, third and fifth Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $10 per dancer per quarter (member) or $13 per drop-in fee with membership or a $13 drop-in fee without. Check or cash is accepted.

### Square Dance Lessons

Square dancing is a great way to participate in a low-impact activity, meet new people and be a part of a fun, friendly community of dance-ers. Fee is $85 per person. A Senior Center member must accompany all new students at registration. Please call 972-744-7800 for next session start date.

#### ABC Quilting

Students will learn basic quilt techniques to build their skills and tabletop quilting will be taught. A large standing basting frame will be available for those who have constructed quilt kits and need to pin, thread and baste their quilts. Hand piecing are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to “catch up” on their quilting projects. Classes every Monday from 2-6 p.m. Cost for the class is $16 a month with membership.

### Quilt Essentials

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

### Technology Help Desk

Instructor Ed Sanders is offering assistance for any Windows or Android portable device (cell phone, smartphone, laptop or reader) to help you search the internet and e-mail, use the Facebook, website maintenance, photography, application usage and install/removal. This is a great opportunity to help resolve your technology challenges and increase your knowledge. Assistance is available the fourth Thursday of every other month. Help is available from 2-4 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

### How to Use Ride Share

This class will answer: What is ride share? How much does it cost? What level of safety is it available in my area? How do you request the service and food delivery? You will also learn about other transportation services available. Next class is Dec. 7. Class is held 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is $10 with membership. $13 without. Bring your iPhone or Android smartphone to class.

### Beginners

**Conversational Spanish**

This is a beginner-level class. The next eight-week session begins Jan. 23. Call 972-744-7800 for information.

**Intermediate**

**Conversational Spanish**

Brush up on your Spanish skills by joining this class. Some knowledge of Spanish classes held for intermediate and advanced self-paced students are welcome. Classes are held Tuesdays for four consecutive weeks from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. New students start Nov. 5. Cost is $80 with membership or $22 per class. Please call 972-744-7800 for the class supply list.

### Art and Painting Classes

A new session of oil painting classes begins thefirst Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Beginner and intermediate level classes every other month. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and painting for $50 per class. Cost is $85 a month with membership.

### Fun with Oils

This is a beginner level class to bring basic understanding and to teach you about oil painting for $50 per class. Class meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

### Ukelele Players

Attention all ukelele enthusiasts and potential ukelele players. Let’s get together to play, share songs and techniques. All levels of players are welcome. Thursday nights, 7-9 p.m. No fee. Sunset Center membership required.

### Great Family Storytelling 1.0

Learn the tales of the American West with John and Grace—A Twentieth Century Saga,” believes “everyone has a story to tell.” This workshop will stimulate your imagination and help you to share personal life experiences. You do have your story to tell and the joy of sharing your story with others. Next session TBA. Cost is $80 with membership.

### Pocket Billiards Class

Ted Swanson offers individually scheduled two-hour classes Mondays-Thursdays and Sundays from noon-4 p.m. Classes begin the first Thursday of each month. Registration begins the Monday prior to class start. Cost is $40 per class. Register by phone or in person.

### Crochet

Classes are taught Thursdays from 1:15-4:15 p.m. The price is $5 per class. For new students, please bring a f# or hCrochet hook and a skein of four-ply yarn.

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**Intermediate**

**Conversational Spanish**

Advanced Spanish class will build on the Intermediate class. The next eight-week session begins Jan. 23, 1-2 p.m. Cost is $48 with a Senior Center membership.

### Bridge Lessons

Learn how to play Party Bridge Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for next five-week session. Cost is $50 with membership; $53 without.

### Programs

**Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Join us for a Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the Richardson Civic Center, 415 W. Arapaho Rd. Dave Tanner will be back to entertain you. Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center or over the phone with a credit card ($74-744-7800). Cost is $8.50.

**Senior Bowling League**

The Roadrunner Bowling League is a great way to meet new people and exercise at the same time. We have openings for regular members and subs for the 2019 season. For more information, contact Richard Ste- fen, NCSA, at 972-234-6167 or joc.Steffen19613@gmail.com.

**Senior Golf League**

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women ages 55 or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play at Winkell Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapt-ed to speed up play and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Tom Zale, president at 972-238-9258, or Jim White at 972-234-6167 atjwphot8@txrr.com for more information.

### Scramble Club

Join us Mondays at 10 a.m. for scramble. Meet new friends, exercise your mind and have fun. This is a day playing scramble. Children over 16 are welcome to participate. Play begins at 12-15 and must attend with an adult.

### Mental AERObics

Riddles, word games, puzzles, trivia and a general mental playground will 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 study. Monday nights. Cost $5.

### Tatting

Tatting is an ancient art of making lace with a shuttle and string using a stitch. We meet every Tuesday from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Free and open to all ages.

### Needlework

Bring your needlework and join us for a day of friendship and handcrafts. The Richardson Senior Center meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Richardson Senior Dance

The calendar lists dates for this month’s ballroom dances.

| Nov. 2 | Dick Gibbs |
| Nov. 9 | No Dance |
| Nov. 30 | Final Showdown Band (country/western) |

Dances begin at 7 p.m. at the Se-nior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., and end at 9:30 p.m. Dances are $5 per person. Light refreshments are served.

### Tennis League

Richardson’s Huffines Tennis Center offers times exclusive to seniors. The senior men’s group plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. The ladies group plays Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. A 1.0 (intermediate skill level) is required for both men and women players. Reservations are available to help players achieve this level. For more information, call 972-744-7870.

### Senior Table Tennis

Players who love the game are in-vited to play Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4:45 p.m.

### AARP Richardson Chapter

The Richardson AARP Chapter #1651 meets the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. All are welcome. See you Nov. 18.

### other related activities can be found on page 6. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.
The annual Senior Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd. Stop in and shop early for special handmade holiday gifts.

**Health Connection**

**Medicare Q&A**

Nov. 6-2 p.m.

Larry Cook with RightCare Store will hold a Q&A to help answer your Medicare questions.

**Chair Massage**

Laveta Kirby, our chair massage therapist, offers chair massage on Tuesday afternoons. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

**The Memory Café**

The Senior Center hosts a new free program called “The Memory Café” that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer’s dementia and their family/friends. Participants will be able to socialize, share concerns/ideas and learn more about the issues facing those with memory loss and dementia. Held the first Thursday of the month from 10-11 a.m.

**Hearing Screening**

Free hearing screenings are offered and hearing aid checks the first Friday of each month from 1:30-3 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment.

**Benefits Counseling**

The Dallas Area Agency on Aging will be at the Senior Center Nov. 1 to assist with questions about eligibility requirements for Medicare, Medicaid, SSI and other public health programs. Please call 972-744-7800 for scheduled dates.

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

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

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

Classes for the 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 Hosage is the instructor.

**Aerobic Exercise**

Renate Racher teaches exercise class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Cost is $2 with a membership.

**Tai Chi for All Ages**

Philip Russell teaches this fun and energizing way to better health. The cost is $7 per class with membership. Classes are held Mondays from 10-11:15 a.m.

**Health Connection**

**Duplicate Bridge**

Wednesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m.

Renate Racher teaches duplicate bridge classes. Call 972-744-7800 for more information.

**Silver Stars Fitness**

This class is designed for men and women of all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle tone, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are taught by Jesse Downs Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. Fee is $5 per class.

**Pickleball**

Pickleball play is offered every Friday at Huffman Tennis Center, 200 N. Plano Rd., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and every Monday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Heights Tennis Center, 711 W. Arapaho Rd. Fees are $2 to play per day or $8 per month. Senior Center membership is required to play. Richardson resident Senior Center members only membership is a one-time fee of $5. Nonresident Senior Center membership is a $15 a year. If you are interested and would like more information, call 972-744-7800.

**Private Trainer How is your Balance?**

This fitness program is designed to help increase cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility and balance. All sessions are held in a private room. Fee is $60 a session with a six-session commitment. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She has her certifications in special population (old-er adult) and general population from Cooper Institute.

**Health Connection**

**Chair Yoga**

Gain all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. Tailored to all abilities with a focus on body alignment and breath awareness. For questions e-mail yogawithchrissy@live.com. Class is taught by Jessica Downs.

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CUBETROOP
RUBIK’S CUBING HOW-TO
Nov. 4, 6, 8, 4-5:15 p.m.
Students from UT Dallas demonstrate how to master the Rubik’s Cube with tips based on algorithmic thinking and problem solving.
Studio RPL
For ages 10-12
Registration required
Must attend all three days
Register at 972-744-4358

LEARN TO GREEN SCREEN
Saturday, Nov. 16, 3-4:30 p.m.
Get to know all the technology and programs available for creating your own videos in the green screen room of Studio RPL.
Studio RPL
Ages 11-18

TALES FOR TAILS
READ TO REAL DOGS
Sunday, Nov. 24, 3-4 p.m.
Come read to the dogs! Sometimes wagging tails make the best audience.
First Floor Program Room
For readers in K-4
Free tickets at the door starting at 2:30 p.m.
All ages welcome to meet the dogs at 4 p.m.

CAMP WRITE-IN
Thursday, Nov. 7 and 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Set personal goals and write a novel in 30 days in conjunction with the National Novel Writing Month Young Writers Program. Word prompts, games and snacks will be provided.
First Floor Program Room
Ages 10-17
Registration required
Register at 972-744-4358

LUNCHTIME LECTURES
DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC
Tuesdays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 17
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Learn about James Garfield’s political career, his battles against the corrupt establishment and insights into his background as a scholar and Civil War hero plus more. Based on the book by Candice Millard. Presented by Richard Cudling.
Basement Program Room
Adults and Teens
You are welcome to bring your lunch.
Registration not required
For more information, call 972-744-4376

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY
Saturday, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m.
A gaming event for all ages and levels! Play board and card games, learn new games and come and go as you like. Teachers will be on hand to demonstrate each game.
First Floor Program Room
For all ages

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
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INSTANT SPANISH FOR YOUR TRIP
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3D DESIGN & PRINTING CLASS
BEGINNER LEVEL-TINKERCAD
Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Intro to Tinkercad: Set up an account, use basic geometric shapes and export 3D models to print on the Library’s 3D printer!
Basement Training Room
Ages 13 and older
Laptops provided
Richardson Public Library card required.
Registration required
Register at 972-744-4359

GET CREATIVE
PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn all about shooting product photos. Gain tips on the best equipment to use and how to take stellar photos for Etsy, Instagram and more. Presented by Stacey Jemison
Basement Program Room
Adults and Teens
Registration required
Register at 972-744-4376

GET TECH SAVVY
INTRO TO YOUTUBE
Saturday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Learn how to create your own YouTube channel and start making videos.
Basement Training Room
Adults and Teens
Laptops will be available or you can bring your own.
Richardson Public Library card required.
Registration required
Register at 972-744-4359

60TH ANNIVERSARY
RECEPTION
LIBRARY CELEBRATES
60 YEARS
Friday, Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Join us with the Mayor and City Council to celebrate the Library’s 60 years of service to the community!
Library First Floor
All ages welcome
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C-TECH
LEARN, CREATE, CONNECT.
Saturday, Nov. 23, 2-3:30 p.m.
Families tinker and experiment together with come-and-go creative technology at the Library!
Basement Program Room
For all ages

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