“Destination Richardson” theme is highlighted by Mayor in the annual State of the City Address

During the annual State of the City Address last month, Mayor Paul Voelker talked about many of the highpoints for the City in 2019 and also highlighted several milestones in the recent past that have contributed to making Rich- ardson a destination for residents and businesses alike.

“I feel very fortunate that for the last 10 years I, and mayors before me, have been able to re- port on ever increasing stories of success at this event,” Mayor Voelker said. “Over the last decade we have seen the development of CityLine and have become one of the largest data center hubs in the country. We have witnessed consid- erable growth in corporate and small business operations, which have diversified and strengthened our economy and encouraged the area to become their destination as Richardson.”

Mayor Voelker stressed in his address that Richardson is an in- clusive community, a place where not only residents but businesses and other stakeholders can enjoy a high quality of life.

“We are a destination for our residents because of our history of stable leadership and because we improve the things that mat- ter,” Mayor Voelker said. “Today we dedicate five times more than we did 10 years ago for infrastruc- ture improvements. Through voter support, bond programs have been passed that have brought us new recreation centers, new parks and trails, new fire stations and a new public safety campus.”

Mayor Voelker identified culti- vating community partnerships as a key ingredient in the formula that has people selecting their “Desti- nation Richardson,” the theme for this year’s address. The City has established strong relationships with the Richardson and Plano school districts, Methodist Rich- ardson Medical Center (MRMC), Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. In 2019, MRMC opened its $85 million expansion project and DART began construction on its Silver Line, the 26-mile commuter rail line between DFW Airport, UT Dallas and the CityLine/Grand Sta- tion. It was announced Jan. 28 that the 1,200-acre Collins/Arapahoe area that was rezoned in December has been named the Richardson Innovation Quarter, or Richardson IQ. IQ, and will be marketed through the Richardson Economic Develop- ment Partnership agreement with the Chamber of Commerce (see story below).

In his closing comments of the address, Mayor Voelker talked about the goals for the future. “While I used this State of the City to look back at our past ac- complishments, this is also a time to look forward to opportunities,” Mayor Voelker said. “I see a Rich- ardson with specific areas of op- portunity that include CityLine, Northside at UT Dallas, Galatyn Park, the Spring Valley area, our developing downtowns and the In- novation Quarter. These destina- tions provide opportunities to live, work and play, or study, or perform, or design, or gather or invest.”

In 2016, Marsh and the task force conducted one of the three major studies of the area that took place over the last decade and are now leading the Quarter’s marketing efforts. They chose the name and logo unanimously after working with real estate branding consultants on many ideas. The new name represents not only a location but also the area’s purpose and aspirations as well as the fact that it’s a distinct neighbor- hood and community, its abbreviation and logo design represent a per- sona established for the Quarter of being cutting edge, enterprising and creative as well as visually bold, bright and “hard-edged.”

Mayor Paul Voelker remarked at the reveal that the branding is con- sistent with the City’s ultimate vision of a vibrant, revitalized, urban mixed-use environment that will appeal to start-ups and emerging growth companies.

“The new IQ name implies, this is a smart business and community redevelopment strategy for Richardson.”

Plans are underway for a brand awareness campaign involving a se- ries of special events that will be held throughout the Quarter over the course of this year. IQ-branded posters were handed out at the event and Quarter stakeholders were encouraged to post them at their offices/businesses.
Early voting begins Feb. 18 for March 3 election

Early voting for the March 3 Primary Election will be held Feb. 18-28. For the Democratic and Republican primary elections, Dallas County Richardson residents may vote early at City Hall or at any of the other Dallas County early voting locations. Collin County Richardson residents may vote early at any of the Collin County early voting locations.

Residents not registered to vote must submit their voter registration application (postmarked by Feb. 3) to the Voter Registrar of the county they reside in order to vote in the March 3 election. Voter registration cards may vote early at any of the Collin County early voting locations.

Election Day voting will take place Tuesday, March 3 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

For more information, go to www.cor.net/elections, contact the City Secretary at 972-744-4290 or aimee.nemer@cor.gov.

Below are dates and times for early voting in Dallas and Collin counties.

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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.cor.net/jobs. Call Human Resources at 972-744-4001 for more information.

Public Services-Water Production is seeking an individual with one year of municipal, management, marketing, public relations or accounting experience. Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Adobe Pro and Art CDS software programs experience is required.

Part-Time Pool Manager-seasonal ($13.50-$14.79 hourly)

Parks Department-Pools is hiring for Summer 2020. Applicants must have a minimum of one year's experience in lifeguarding, pool operation and pool maintenance. Applicants must also hold current certifications in lifeguard training (YMCA or American Red Cross), CPR/PR, first aid and a Texas, Class C driver's license. A Lifeguard Instructor Certification is preferred.

City Social Media

Several City departments are active on Facebook and Twitter, including Richardson Today, the Animal Shelter, the Eisenhower Center, the Library, Parks and Police departments and Richardson's Community

Richardson Today Staff

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

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When: 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Where: Spectrum channel 16

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Mayors Message

Last month I had the privilege of presenting the 2020 State of the City Address. This annual event allows us to not only celebrate our accomplishments from the previous year, but also to look at what is on the horizon for the upcoming year.

The theme of this year’s event was “Destination Richardson.” The City Council and I spent the evening bringing stories of Richardson’s success in each of our core areas from our Statement of Goals. During this year’s address we also had the opportunity to recognize many members of our city. Among those recognized were local educators, philanthropists, business leaders and organizations who contribute and make Richardson the quality home that it is.

We also had the opportunity to briefly mention the naming of Richardson’s new Innovation Quarter, which you can read more about in our page one of this edition of Richardson Today. The Innovation Quarter, or IQ, is the new name for the roughly 1,200-acre area in Central Richardson that is home to hundreds of technology-focused businesses and will be the focus of future work to attract redevelopment opportunities.

Finally, last year’s Oct. 20 tornado was also highlighted. While there were too many people to recognize each individually, at the address I singled out Network of Community Ministries and its CEO Cindy Shafer for their work to help those most impacted by the storm. Network was crucial in not only providing food and clothing to tornado victims, but also helping coordinate volunteers and find housing for those who lost their homes.

Richardson would not be the great city it is without the hard work of not only the people mentioned above, but all of those who work daily to make Richardson a place we are all proud to call home.

If you couldn’t attend the address, replays are available online at www.cor.net/statedothecity.

Sincerely,

Mayor

Paul Voelker

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/ENews, and select the options you would like to subscribe to.

Requesting an Accommodation

The City of Richardson will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all City programs, services and activities. Any one who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a City program, service or activity, are requested to contact:

ADA Coordinator
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Richardson, TX 75080

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

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About City Council Meetings

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

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

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

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.
Residents, visitors, employers and workers in Richardson are not the only ones who are taking notice of what is happening in the city. National and local publications and websites took notice in 2019, naming Richardson to some prestigious “Best of . . .” lists.

View video at RichardsonToday.com or at www.cor.net/stateofthecity.
During the annual State of the City Address held Jan. 29, Mayor Paul Voelker noted that the City of Richardson had an amazing year in 2019 and is well positioned for even greater success in 2020.

The information on this page highlights key areas that help make Richardson one of the best “destinations” in the Metroplex for people to create a home or build a business.

**Economic Development**
- Texas Instruments announced plans for a $3.1 billion semiconductor fabrication plant that will expand its existing facility.
- Richardson has more “large” private-sector employers per square mile than any other major DFW suburb.
- The Richardson Chamber of Commerce hosts the Mayor’s Office of International Business Development and last year the Office hosted 45 international delegations from 15 countries.
- Through its Richardson Economic Development Partnership with the Chamber, the City provides small businesses with counseling resources for business development, help with real estate needs and introductions to potential customers.

**Community Engagement**
- The City held semiannual Neighborhood Leadership Workshops, designed to provide leadership training for neighborhood and other community associations.
- The City Council and neighborhood and home association leaders met monthly to discuss community issues and events.
- Nearly $800,000 was raised through community philanthropic efforts to support community projects and services.
- A record 24 events were held in 2019 through the Health Department’s Community and Corporate Environmental Cleanup Program.
- The City continues the use of more than 30 social media channels to provide information and connect residents to services and keep them informed.

**Community Pillars**
- Richardson retained its “Triple A” bond rating for the 10th consecutive year.
- RISD and PISD rank among the top performing districts in the state by the Texas Education Agency.
- UT Dallas ranks as the second fastest growing public doctoral university in the country and was named a “Best Value in Higher Education” university by Princeton Review while also being selected by Forbes as the number one “Best Value” university in Texas.
- Construction began on DART’s Silver Line, a 26-mile commuter rail corridor between DFW Airport, UT Dallas and Richardson’s CityLine/Bush Station.
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center opened its $85 million expansion, which added two new patient floors and a new parking garage.

**Neighborhood Integrity**
- Richardson now commits more than five times the amount of funding toward infrastructure improvement projects than it did 10 years ago.
- Richardson’s Home Improvement Incentive Program saw 141 projects with more than $19 million in neighborhood reinvestment in 2019.
- Almost $400,000 in art grant funds was approved for 25 groups that represent community theater, music and other creative specialties.
Richardson Police Department celebrates opening of new facility with ribbon cutting

The Richardson Police Department has moved into its new administration building and celebrated Jan. 25 with a grand opening. The Richardson City Council, Police Chief Jimmy Spivey and other City staff were on hand for the festivities, marking the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and were able to tour the newly constructed facility, located at the northeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Belt Line Road and part of a larger Richardson Public Safety Campus funded by the 2015 Bond Program.

The 77,000-square-foot Police headquarters building features more space for existing and future staff and numerous security and operational enhancements, including secured parking for staff and a new surveillance system. A new glass-enclosed skybridge connects it to the adjacent, existing detention center, which has undergone renovations to its lobby and façade.

The entire Campus includes the new Fire Station 1/Fire Department Administration building that opened in October 2019, as well as a 7,000-square-foot police support building to be constructed later this year. Future plans also include a new public parking lot, screening wall, a memorial to Officer David Sherratt and the installation of two additional pieces of public art.

DART Silver Line community meeting is Feb. 6

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is inviting communities along the historic Cotton Belt railroad to learn more about its 26-mile passenger rail project. Construction on the Silver Line began in September and will travel from Shiloh Road in Plano to the DFW International Airport, with stops in Richardson at CityLine and UT Dallas. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.

A meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center Complex, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., at 6:30 p.m.

Subjects to be discussed:
• Design-build
• Project schedule
• Betterments program

Please plan to attend a meeting near you! Visit www.DART.org/silverline for more information.

Census 2020 discussion at Library March 3

A Census 2020 presentation and panel discussion will be held at the Richardson Public Library March 3 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The decennial Census of the U.S. population is occurring this spring. Find out what is new for 2020, from new methods of filling out the form to information and cyber security. Attendees will hear from a panel featuring representatives from the City of Richardson, Richardson Independent School District and the Census Bureau as they discuss the importance of the Census to the City of Richardson, the State of Texas and the United States. This event is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Richardson Public Library.

For more information, contact Vrena Patrick at 972-744-4376.

Applications open for Mayor’s Summer Internship Program

The Mayor’s Summer Internship Program has opened the application process for the 2020 session. Now in its third year, the Program is a collaboration between the City, RISD and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce that enables incoming high school seniors to receive eight weeks of paid summer employment at a local business, nonprofit or government agency. Students gain invaluable real-world experience and exposure to careers in which they have expressed an interest, work 20-40 hours per week and earn a minimum of $10 per hour. Employers invest in Richardson’s future workforce and get to know some of RISD’s most motivated talent.

Student applications will be accepted through Feb. 29. To qualify, students also must complete online internship readiness courses and participate in a training session and job fair. Those chosen for internships after job fair interviews must be available for leadership training May 30-31 and be able to work the entire eight-week internship period, June 1-Aug. 7.

For more information and further information for both students and businesses may be found online at www.rmsip.org.

Library updates its app

The Library’s myPLP app has been improved and upgraded with several new features. The new app is easier to use than the previous version and includes:
• Links to RPL social media
• Barcodes-scanning feature
• Access to online e-books, audiobooks and magazines
• Information about upcoming events at the Library
• Ability to save and use a Library card from the app

The myPLP app is free and users may download it wherever they usually get apps.

RISD Council of PTAs to hold annual used book fair Feb. 13-16

The annual RISD Council of PTAs Used Book Fair will be held Feb. 13-16 in the gym of the Richardson Professional Development Center, 701 W. Belt Line Rd. (SW corner of Floyd and Belt Line roads). Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Thousands of used books, CDs, LPs, DVDs and computer games will be available, with prices starting at 50 cents. Cash, checks with ID and credit cards will be accepted, and all sales on Thursday and Friday will be tax-free. Proceeds from the four-day event help fund scholarships in memory of Dr. J.J. Pearce, who served as superintendent of the RISD from 1946-1977.

The Fair has generated more than $900,000 in scholarship funds since it began in 1982. Council delegates, students, teachers, staff, parents and community organizations help collect, sort and deliver items and volunteer at the sale.

To contribute items to the sale, e-mail usedbookfair@risdpta.org. To volunteer and for more information, visit www.risdpta.org and click on “Council Projects.”

iDream Day: helping prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s workforce

As part of the half-day event, each participating student selected and attended two panel sessions based on the student’s areas of interest. The industry clusters represented by the panelists reflect the wide array of innovative enterprises found in Richardson, including: architecture and construction; arts and communications; business, marketing and finance; education; health science; hospitality; public service; and science, technology and engineering.

Prominent Richardson companies providing speakers for the event included Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Frost Bank, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, Haytn, Texas Instruments and many others.

If you would be willing to speak on a panel for a future iDream Day or another Richardson workforce development event, please contact Kim Quirk at 972-792-2809 or kim@richardsonchamber.com.

Jan Arrant is vice president of community services on the Chamber’s executive board.

“From the Boardroom” is a recurring guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, produced in conjunction with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.
The Richardson Woman’s Club will host “An Evening with Jaston Williams” March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson Center for Performance Arts, 200 N. Plano Rd., 972-744-7881. Please bring last year’s tax return and Social Security card. No fee. Please note the location change this year.

The evening promises to be one-of-a-kind, with violinist Lev Kardonsky will perform. Refreshments will be served. A door prize will be drawn. Buy your ticket now. $5

Please call 972-744-7800 for more information.

RWC Bridge Festival is Feb. 27-28

The Richardson Woman’s Club Bridge Festival, a two-day event featuring duplicate and party bridge, is scheduled for Feb. 27 (party bridge) and Feb. 28 (duplicate bridge) at the Women’s Club, 200 N. Cliffe Dr. It’s a great opportunity to play bridge, have lunch and win prizes while benefiting the RWC’s community outreach programs including Network of Community Ministries, Friends of the Library, Richardson Reads One Book and Santa’s Village, to name a few.

For more information, visit www.rwctx.org.

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

Upcoming Trips

Feb. 4
Bureau of Engraving Tour—Feb. 4
The bus will load at 9 a.m. Lunch is on your own at Chick-fil-A. The bus should return to Senior Center around 4 p.m. 510

Feb. 27
Kilgore: Oil and Rangerttes—Feb. 27
You cannot get more Texas than oil and football drill teams! The East Texas Oil Museum and The Rangerette Showcase will help you understand the history of the Texas oil boom and the drill team phenomenon that still draws a nationwide following. A tour of this historic town, a visit to the Broadcast Communications Museum and lunch is also included. 589

Feb. 5
Ellis County Bluesbonnet Tour—April 6
We will drive through the Ellis County countryside to enjoy the spectacular bluebonnets in full bloom. We’ll also enjoy a tour around Ennis with downtown shopping time, a visit to the popular train depot in Hillsboro and stop at the Kolache Depot for you to purchase kolaches to take home. We will leave the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and arrive back at the Center around 5 p.m. 589

Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more information.

The Richardson Woman’s Club, visit www.rwctx.org.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Please call 972-744-4350 for more information on children and youth activities.

Call 972-744-4374 to register. For information.

Call Tamara Lacks at 972-744-4350 for information.

Call 972-744-4376 or visit www.wgtonline.org for additional information.

Call Janet at 972-744-4352 for information.

Call Heathers Morris at 972-744-4359 for more information.

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Eisemann Center Presents continues with six shows this month

The 2019-20 Eisemann Center Presents season continues in February with six performances ranging from classical music to children’s theater. Visit www.eisemanncenter.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.

**Mandy Harvey**

with UT Dallas Choirs

7:30 p.m. Feb. 8

Tickets $10-$42

Mandy Harvey’s message is universal...hope, dream, believe, no matter what...and she is coming back to the Eisemann Center presented in partnership with UT Dallas School of Arts & Humanities. Harvey is a deaf American singer-songwriter. A vocal music education major at Colorado State University, Mandy lost her residual hearing in 2006-07 at age 18 due to a connective tissue disorder and left the program. She pursued several career options, including education, but returned to music in 2008, placing fourth on America’s Got Talent season 12 in 2017 where she was Simon Cowell’s Golden Buzzer contestant.

**Shana Tucker**

ChamberSoul Cello & Songs

7:30 p.m. Feb. 21

Tickets $42

With a deep respect for lyrical storytelling, cellist/singer-songwriter Shana Tucker delivers a unique voice through her self-described genre of ChamberSoul. Tucker’s melodies weave strong hints of jazz, classical, soulful folk, acoustic pop and a touch of R&B into a distinctive rhythmic tapestry. Tucker will be partnering with Eisemann Educates and Richardson ISD in community outreach activities. Tucker has grown up in Richardson.

**Judy Moody & Stink**

2:30 p.m. Feb. 23

Tickets $12-$22

Judy Moody and Stink, this dynamic sister and brother duo take audiences on a hilarious adventure. After seeing her classmates’ picture on the front page of the newspaper, Judy wants to be famous and sets off to find fame and happiness. All the while, Stink and his foul-smelling sneakers become a real distraction as he vies for the coveted Golden Clothespin Award. Judy Moody and Stink are the perfect pair for their imperfect capers that lead to fun, mystery, sibling rivalry, and, in the end, true friendship.

**Repertory Company Theatre**

“Barefoot in the Park”

This February, the Repertory Company Theatre will present “Barefoot in the Park,” the off-broadway classic about an optimistic couple who are due by Feb. 21. The show is open to all high school arts students who live in the RISD. This year’s show will be on display in the Library’s 3rd floor gallery from February 4-29. The performance is open to the general public. Visit www.richardsontheatre.com or call the box office at 972-690-5209.

The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission.

**Richardson Civic Art Society**

Young People’s Art Show

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- Remove outdoor water hoses and cover the faucet with an insulated faucet cover, which can be purchased at most home and garden stores.
- If you go out of town while temperatures are expected to drop below freezing, keep the thermostat set at least 55 degrees.
- If a pipe does freeze, which you will typically notice due to a lack of water pressure, open up any faucets connected to the frozen pipe. Opening the faucets allows melted ice water to flow freely. You can apply heat to the frozen section of the pipe using an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater or towels soaked in hot water, but never use an open flame, propane heater or charcoal stone. Apply heat until water pressure is restored. If a pipe does burst or if you detect leaks from small cracks in the pipe, turn off the water at the main water valve. Call the City at 972-744-4120 during business hours or 972-744-4111 during non-business hours if you need help turning off your water at the meter. If you are unable to locate the frozen pipe or if you cannot access it, call a licensed plumber.

For more information about preventing frozen pipes, visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org/106LCQV.

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Pay Your Water Bill

Try to avoid frozen pipes this winter

The Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) is held once a year and is a 10-week program open to persons 21 and older who either live or work in Richardson or the Richardson Independent School District. Class participants meet one night a week from 6:30-9 p.m. (dinner is provided) at the Fire Training Center, located at 1621 E. Lookout Dr. Academy participants receive an insider’s view of the vast services the RFD provides. Each academy participant is allowed to spend time at fire stations and ride on the fire engines to emergency calls. The next CFA begins March 26 and graduates May 28. If you are interested in attending the next academy or a future academy, call 972-744-5750 or go to www.cor.net/fire and download an application.

The intent of the CFA is not to train citizens to become firefighters; rather, it’s an opportunity to experience firsthand the duties and responsibilities of firefighters. Participants will learn about the firefighter hiring process, an overview of the RFD, fire prevention, special operations, emergency medical services, fire investigation, hazardous materials, firefighter safety, fire apparatus operations, fire ground operations, emergency management, training requirements and administration of the RFD. After completing the program, graduates will be able to use their knowledge to create a safer home and work environment and educate others about the RFD and the services provided to the community.

February typically brings the coldest temperatures of the year in North Texas. With freezing temps comes the chance of burst pipes and costly repair bills. Since water expands when it freezes, the pipes holding the water are in danger of bursting if they freeze. Luckily, with a few simple precautions, you can decrease the chances of having plumbing problems.

- Remove outdoor water hoses and cover the faucet with an insulated faucet cover, which can be purchased at most home and garden stores.
- If you go out of town while temperatures are expected to drop below freezing, keep the thermostat set at least 55 degrees.
- If a pipe does freeze, which you will typically notice due to a lack of water pressure, open up any faucets connected to the frozen pipe. Opening the faucets allows melted ice water to flow freely. You can apply heat to the frozen section of the pipe using an electric heating pad, hair dryer, portable space heater or towels soaked in hot water, but never use an open flame, propane heater or charcoal stone. Apply heat until water pressure is restored. If a pipe does burst or if you detect leaks from small cracks in the pipe, turn off the water at the main water valve. Call the City at 972-744-4120 during business hours or 972-744-4111 during non-business hours if you need help turning off your water at the meter. If you are unable to locate the frozen pipe or if you cannot access it, call a licensed plumber.

For more information about preventing frozen pipes, visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcross.org/106LCQV.

Pay Your Water Bill

Anywhere, Anytime

Save steps, time and money! No need to use checks or stamps!

Automatic Bank Draft

With no extra cost to you, automatic bank draft is a convenient way to pay your bill. Visit www.cor.net/PayYourBill or call 972-744-4120 for more details.

Pay Online—Create an Online Account

Customers can create an online account with a one-time or recurring credit card payment. With an online account, customers may also view information such as usage history.

Quick Pay Online—No Online Account Needed

Using the online “quick pay” service, customers may make one-time payments using a credit card without needing to create an online account. Customers will not be able to set up recurring payments or see account history using quick pay. Visit www.cor.net/PayQuickPay for more details.

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Don’t forget to register your pets

The City of Richardson currently requires all dogs and cats to be vaccinated against rabies and registered with the Health Department each year. This registration tag could save your pet’s life. According to the Humane Society of the United States, animals found with identification tags are 90 percent more likely to be reunited with their owners than those not wearing tags. This simple pet registration tag allows the Shelter staff to identify the pet owner, the pet and sometimes most importantly your veterinarian. This is especially helpful if a pet is found injured and needs immediate medical care.

Registration fees are $5 per year for sterilized pets and $10 per year for unsterilized pets. Registration for pets owned by senior citizens (65 and older) is free.

Registrations can be purchased at the Health Department office (411 W. Arapaho, Room 107), at the Animal Shelter (1350 Columbia Dr.), online at www.cor.net/animalshelter, by mail or by appointment at your bank. If you have any questions, please contact the Shelter staff at 972-744-4480.

Free ID tags and collars

The Richardson Animal Shelter is now placing collars and ID tags on all pets adopted from the Shelter. The collar and a personalized tag are free with adoption, but anyone can purchase collars, leashes and tags at the Shelter.
Parks and Rec job fair scheduled for March 12

The City of Richardson Parks and Recreation Department will hold a job fair for potential aquatics and day camp employees from 4-7 p.m. March 12 at the Heights Recreation Center. This year is shaping up to be a busy one and there is a need for a variety of positions including lifeguards, pool managers, swim team coaches, swim instructors, day camp directors and day camp counselors. Hourly pay rates are highly competitive. Applications may be filled out online at www.cor.net/jobs.

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- Pool Managers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Lifeguards
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- Swim Team Coordinator
- Swim School Coordinator
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- Gymnastics Instructors
- Recreation Support Technicians

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### Special Events and Trip Information

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### Classes

For all classes, unless otherwise noted, you may pay with a credit card by phone or in person, or with check or cash. For some classes, payment may be made online.

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

**ABC Quilting**  
Beginning students will go through the basic appliqué techniques to build their skills and tabletop batting. There will be a large standing batting frame available for those who constructed quilt tops and need to pin, thread baste or tie their quilts. Hand quilcers are welcome in this class, as are other quilters needing extra time to “catch up” on their quilt tops. Please call class instructor Darlene Martin for more information, 972-644-5008.

**Quilt Essentials**  
Learn the art of hand piecing and quilting as well as machine piecing and quilting. Beginner and experienced quilters welcome. Please call class instructor Darlene Martin for more information, 972-644-5008.

**How to Use Ride Share**  
How to use Ride Share, available on page 6 of this publication.

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### Senior Golf League

The Richardson Senior Golf League is open to men and women 55 years of age or older playing at all skill levels. The members are divided evenly into four flights. All play is at Sherrill Park on Monday mornings with a shotgun start. The league is for the enjoyment of golf, and several league rules have been adapted to assist the senior player and increase the pleasure of the game. Please contact Tom Zale, president, at 972-346-6494 or Whitner at 972-214-4671 for more information.

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### Programs

**Fun with Oils**  
A new session of oil painting classes begins the first Thursday of each month from noon-4 p.m. Instructor Andrew Wages has 20 years of experience teaching and has painted for 50 years. Cost for the class is $85 a month with membership.

**Pocket Billiards Class**  
Ted Swanson offers individually scheduled two-hour classes Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10:45-11:45 a.m. He has a 20-year teaching history. Teacher to advanced skill levels are welcome. Register for the next five-week session by calling 972-744-7800. Cost is $10 per person/week.

**Crochet**  
 Classes are taught Thursdays from 2:15-4:15 p.m. The price is $5 per class. For new students, please include A-R-I-O (crochet hook) and a skein of four-ply yarn.

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

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### Additional Information

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 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.
Photography Club

If photography is your hobby or you just love to take pictures, how about joining a photography club to share ideas and know-how? You do not need professional equipment, just the love of capturing a moment. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. 7-9 p.m.

Emeritus Plus 50 Programs at Richland College

Explore lifelong learning with classes at Richland College for ages 50 and over. If you are 65 years or over and live in Dallas County, you may be eligible for FREE classes. Day, evening and Saturday classes are available. Call 972-288-6972 or visit www.richlandcollege.edu/emeritus.

Health Connection

Craffing the Art of Medicine

Feb. 10—Feb. 17—10 a.m.—No Fee

Kim Ludwig with Caring Transi- tions will help you to start the new year organizing your belongings and becoming clutter free. Learn the art of downsizing, so you can focus on the important things in life.

Volunteer Opportunities

Susan at 972-744-7811 for various opportunities at the Senior Center.

First Richardson Helpers

The Richardson Public Library

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

City of Richardson

Transportation Services

Transportation is offered to Rich- land residents ages 55 and over. The City’s van service operates Monday through Thursday. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment.

The Memory Café

The Memory Café is a new free program called “The Memory Café” that is designed for both those who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease 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.

Hearing Screening

Free hearing screenings are offered and hearing aids checked during the first Friday of each month from 10:30-11 p.m. Call 972-744-7800 for appointment.

Blood Pressure Checks

Cottonwood Creek Healthcare Community provides blood pres- sure readings and various classes. Basic first aid for the bathroom grab bars and outdoor hand rails, repairing dinged faucets, running toilets and minor electrical problems as well as maintenance items such as caulking, light bulb and A/C filter replacements. Call 972-996-0160 or online at www.firstrichardtanthony.org.

RSVP Volunteer Program

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? Why not become a volunteer for the “Richard- son Rowdies”? If you are age 55 or older, you are invited to become a Rowdies volunteer at various nonprofits residing within Richardson ISD.

Chair Massage

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

The Energy Café

The Energy Café is a new free program called “The Energy Café” that is designed for men and women of all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle and strength; balance and flexibility. You will be comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are taught by Jessie Durs- ty Wednesday 10-11 a.m. Cost is $5 per class with membership.

Proof of Downsizing

Out getting on the floor. Tailored to fit abilities and fitness level. Focus is on body alignment and breath- ing exercises. For more information, call yogawithrichy@live.com. Class is held Mondays at 9 a.m. Cost is $6 per class with membership.

Pickleball

Pickleball play is offered every Fri- day at Huffhines Rec Center, 200 N. Coit Rd., 11 a.m.—2 p.m. every Monday and 11 a.m.—2 p.m. at Heege Rec Center, 711 W. Arap- ho Rd. Fees are pay per day at $8 per month. Senior Cen- ter membership is required to play. Richardson resident Senior Center only membership cost is one-time fee of $5. Nonresident Senior Center only membership is $15 a year.

Silver Stars Fitness

This class is designed for men and women of all fitness levels. You will regain or improve muscle and flexibility. Two comfortable loose-fitting clothing. Classes are taught by Jessica Durs- ty Wednesdays 10-11 a.m. Cost is $5 per class.

Private Trainer

How is Your Balance?

This fitness class is designed to improve cardiovascular endur- ance, strength, flexibility and balance. All fitness levels are held in a private room. Fee is $60 a session with a 6-session commitment. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment with personal trainer Elaine Hosage. She has her certifi- cations in special population (old- er adults) and personal training from the Cooper Institute.

Fit for Life—Beginning Strength Training Class

Strength training that works all mus- cle groups. Two classes offered: first Monday of the month, 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.; four weeks; first Wednesday of month, 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m., four weeks. Cost is $25 for four weeks or $7 per class.

Tai Chi for All Ages

Philip Russell teaches this fun and relaxing way to better health. The cost is $7 with a six-month membership. Classes are Mondays at 10:15-11 a.m.

Weave-A-Thon Classes

Weave-A-Thon classes are held Tuesday, Thurs- day and Friday, 10-11 a.m. at the J.J. Pearce H.S. Natatorium, 600 N. Coit Rd. Please register at the Senior Center, Huffhines or Heights recreation centers. Cost is $39 a month. For updated class information, please call 972-744- 7813 or 972-744-7800.

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Thursday, Feb. 13
4-4:45 p.m.
Tweens will read the best of the best kids’ books and explore them via games, scavenger hunts and more!
Registration required.
Call 972-744-4358 to register.
First Floor Program Room
For ages 9-12

SENSORY SATURDAY
Saturday, Feb. 15
11:30 a.m.-noon
Engage all of your senses! Explore a host of sensory activities and books by visiting interactive centers. Open to and fun for all!
First Floor Program Room
For ages 5-9

A NOVEL IDEA
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Saturday, Feb. 15
2-3 p.m.
Teens, join the discussion! Reserved copies of each month’s book available at the Youth Services Desk. We’ll read “My Real Name is Hanna” by Masih this month.
Call 972-744-4358 for more info.
2nd Floor Conference Room
For ages 13-18

C-TECH KIDS CLUB
Fridays, Feb. 21, March 20, and April 17
4-5 p.m.
Experiment with exciting new STEM activities every month!
Registration required.
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Studio RPL
For ages 9-12

SQUISHY MAKEOVER!
Saturday, Feb. 29
3-5 p.m.
Transform and redecorate squishies!
3-5 p.m.
Registration required.
Call 972-744-4358 for more info.
First Floor Program Room
For all ages

LUNCHTIME LECTURE
ELIZABETH ELLIS, STORYTELLER
Wednesday, Feb. 12
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
As a storyteller, Elizabeth Ellis doesn’t mince words. Her stories deliver down-home wisdom, southern style with hilarity and honesty. Hers is a voice that finds the heart and the funny bone, riveting audiences of every age wherever she goes. In collaboration with Arts Incubator of Richardson Storytelling Festival.
Basement Program Room
Adults and Teens
Registration not required.
You are welcome to bring your lunch.
Call 972-744-4376 for more information.

STEAM STARTERS
Fridays, Feb. 21, March 20, and April 17
4-5 p.m.
Books, activities, and fun with STEAM topics and toys!
First Floor Program Room
For ages 6-8

SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE
Saturday, Feb. 22
2-4 p.m.
Watch Toy Story 4 (G) and enjoy snacks with the family!
First Floor Program Room
For all ages

HEARTY ARTY VALENTINE’S PARTY
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2-4 p.m.
Get heart-happy with Valentine’s stories, crafts, and a puppet show for kids! The puppet show begins at 2 p.m.
Basement Program Room
For all ages

PRIVATE JEFF MORGAN TUCKER: FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN CASUALTY FROM COLLIN COUNTY IN WWI
Tuesday, Feb. 11
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Presented by Kristen Spalding
Born and raised in McKinney and later residing in Greenville, Private Tucker enlisted for World War I. He served eight weeks before dying of illness. He was the first black soldier to return to Collin County from the war. Kristen Spalding, Collin County Historical Society Volunteer, will share her findings of Private Tucker’s unmarked grave, and his fellow African American doughboys.
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Presented by Julie Flandorfer
Spayd a creative morning with others, turning old books into works of art. All levels of experience welcome.
All supplies provided.
Basement Program Room
Adults and Teens
Richardson Residents with Richardson Library Cards Only
Registration required.
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