

RICHLAND HILLS



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Review

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful winter! I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and that you have your New Year's resolutions in order.



There sure is a lot to be thankful and grateful for, especially right here in Richland Hills. As I speak to numerous folks around town I always feel honored to be a part of such a caring and thoughtful community. Let me encourage you, if you don't already do this, to get out and meet your neighbors. As our City continues to progress, my hope is that we will remain a tight-knit community; one in which we stick together and support each other no matter what life throws our way. I would encourage you to get involved in community events and participate or just attend the City or School Board meetings.

This is OUR community, and I really look forward to seeing you around!

**Warm Regards,
Mayor Bill Agan**



UPCOMING EVENTS

A Quick Look at Happenings in the Area –
Find out more online at richlandhills.com

- 01/01/15;** **City Offices and Library Closures –**
01/19/15; Holiday schedule for office closings. More
02/16/15; information online.
- 01/08/15;** **Senior Lunch Bunch –**
02/12/15; Lunch at Noon. The Lunch Bunch meets the
03/12/15 2nd Thursday each month at the Community
Center.

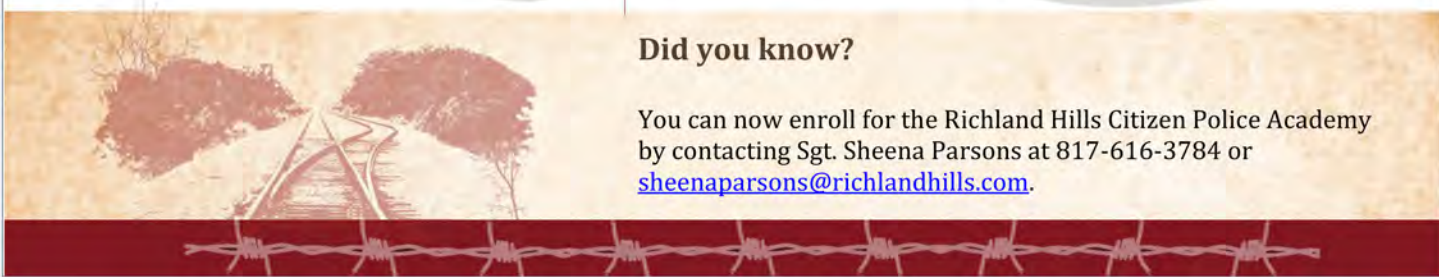
The City of Richland Hills will hold a General Election on May 9, 2015 for Council Places 1, 3, and 5. Candidate packets will be available at City Hall, 3200 Diana Drive and on the City's website www.richlandhills.com starting January 20, 2015. Applications for a place on the ballot may be filed with the City Secretary during the following dates and times:

- Start Date: January 28, 2015
- End Date: February 27, 2015
- Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Last Day Hours: Friday, February 27, 2015 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary's Office, at 817-616-3810 or via email at cbourg@richlandhills.com.

Did you know?

You can now enroll for the Richland Hills Citizen Police Academy by contacting Sgt. Sheena Parsons at 817-616-3784 or sheenaparsons@richlandhills.com.



CITY NEWS



City Hall Social Media - City Hall Facebook

Keep up with the latest news and events in Richland Hills by following us on the city's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RHCityHall



New children's programs at the Library-

Children begin learning from the moment they are born. Attending story times and other library events will help prepare children for success. Story times include music, rhymes, crafts and other engaging activities that develop the skills necessary to become a strong reader. The Library will be hosting four new programs for children starting in January. All of the programs are free and will be held in the Library classroom. For more information call 817 616 3760.

Book Smarts

Mondays
2:00 - 3:30

A book based program designed for elementary age children with an emphasis on homeschoolers. The first class begins January 12th.

After School Club

Tuesdays
3:30 - 5:30

Creative activities, games, and snacks for children ages 3 - 12 beginning January 15th.

Songs and Stories

Thursdays
10:15 - 10:45 & 11:15 - 11:45
Story time programs designed for toddlers and preschoolers begins January 15th.

Super Second Saturdays

Second Saturday each month
11:00 - 12:00
A family-friendly theme based program with a variety of fun events for all ages begins January 10th.

Tales at Twilight

Tuesdays
7:00 - 7:45 pm
An evening story time designed for families with small children. Pajamas are encouraged. This program begins January 13th.

RH Police Department - Excellence in Victim Services Award

The Richland Hills Police Department received the 2014 Excellence in Victim Services Award presented by The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and LogIn, Inc. The award

recognizes law enforcement agencies that have developed and integrated an enhanced response to victims of crime and provided comprehensive services to victims of crime. Law enforcement agencies worldwide compete for this award with only three given annually to one agency in each category: small, medium, and large agency.



Richland Hills Police Chief Barbara Childress, Sergeant Sheena Parsons and Crime Victim Liaison Coordinator Christi Garcia accepted the award at the 121st International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.



CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS KEEPING YOU INFORMED



Baker Boulevard Improvements. Drought tolerant trees and perennials with a drip irrigation system for efficient watering.



In late October the Fire Dept. placed into service the City's new fire engine, Engine 291. This is the Fire Department's primary response apparatus.



A basic master plan has been developed for a new community center complex. Stop by City Hall to see the plans on a larger scale.

Baker Boulevard Landscape Improvements (Phase 2) -

If you will recall from the last Richland Hills Review, improvements along Baker Blvd are continuing. However, not only are more medians being enhanced, this time the two City monument signs on each end of Baker Blvd will be improved with landscaping of their own. The design phase of the project is nearing completion and the expected bid dates should be late winter with construction beginning in early spring.

Kingsbury Interceptor -

This is a new project that is currently being bid and is anticipated to be let in January and awarded in February 2015. The project will connect to the Matthews Interceptor at Lavon and will consist of 1,186 LF of 8'X7' box culverts, 313 LF of 7'X6' box culverts, and 558 LF of 7'X5' box culverts, and connect to the Richland Elementary Detention Pond. Once construction begins, this project is expected to take 10 to 12 months.

Wintertime Home Safety -

Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year. Follow these heating tips to help prevent house fires and stay safe this winter season:

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from all heat sources including fireplaces, space heaters and candles
- Never use an oven to heat your home
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional

All homes and apartments should have a working Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detector to alert residents of a high level of CO. Carbon Monoxide is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas that results from faulty, improperly used or incorrectly vented fuel burning appliances including furnaces and hot water heaters. Because CO is odorless and colorless it is undetectable to the human senses. People don't know that they are being exposed. Initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are: headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. High levels of CO results in: mental confusion, vomiting, loss of muscular coordination, loss of consciousness and ultimately may cause death. If you have questions about CO please contact the Fire Department at 817-616-3750.

The Richland Hills Fire Fighters would like to say Thank You for the many donations of food and toys during the Holiday Food and Toy Drive.

City Manager's Office 817.616.3806
Economic Development Department 817-616-3745
Public Works Department 817-616-3830

City Hall Office Hours:
Mon-Thur 7:30am to 5:30pm, Fri 7:30am to 11:30am

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Important Numbers to Know:

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
Fire Station Non-Emergency 817-616-3754
Police Department Non-Emergency 817-616-3780
Library 817-616-3760
Recreation & Special Events 817-616-3820



Business Spotlight
Walmart Neighborhood Market
 6604 Blvd 26

The City is excited to welcome Walmart Neighborhood Market to Richland Hills! Residents will have access to fresh produce, a pharmacy and fuel station on the western end of town. The store is located on the southwest corner of Blvd 26 and Rufe Snow Drive.

Congratulations
Buyers Barricade
 7409 Baker Blvd

Buyers Barricade received the prestigious "Momentum Award" from the Northeast Tarrant Chamber of Commerce this past November. The Company has grown steadily over the years and this past year they invested heavily in Richland Hills with a new Company location.

The Company gives back to the community in many ways including Toys for Tots, Susan G Komen, Shriner's and St. Judes just to name a few. Buyers Barricade has an unwavering dedication to their customers and though the Company has grown, they continue to treat all their employees like family.

Welcome New Businesses

- 7530B Glenview Dr – Debra Discount Dog Grooming, Pet Grooming
- 6912 Baker Blvd – Stel Pro Inc., Residential House Cleaning
- 7353 Airport Freeway - Ferrell Safety Apparel, Wholesale Distribution