

RICHLAND HILLS



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Review

Mayor's letter

On behalf of the City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful winter! As we wind down the calendar year, it sure is amazing to reflect back on the happenings in Richland Hills in 2015. Perhaps the most exciting news is that in November voters approved the funding to build a new activity center in our City. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2016 and will take approximately one year to complete. Our new facility will include an indoor walking track, a gymnasium, community rooms, an arts and crafts space, weights and cardio space, a games area, a child-watch area, museum space, senior programming and locker rooms.



Perhaps just as exciting are several of the infrastructure projects that we have recently completed. Two drainage projects were completed south of Baker Blvd which ultimately relieved flooding of people's homes and yards. Even with all of the rain this last year, no reports of homes being flooded were received by City staff. That is a tremendous improvement to year's past.

In the process of completing these projects and other projects, we were also able to redo several streets, curbs and water and wastewater lines. In fact, portions of Vance, Kingsbury, Pecan Park, Scruggs, Park Place, Lavon, Sue, Faye, Rosebud and Matthews have recently been reconstructed. We look forward to another exciting year in 2016 in which we can continue to make great progress here in Richland Hills.

Enjoy your winter and I hope to see you all around town!

Warm Regards
Mayor Bill Agan



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

1/14/16
1/29/16
2/11/16
2/26/16
3/10/16
3/25/16

Senior Lunch Bunch

Lunch at Noon.

1/20/16
2/17/16
3/16/16

Brunch Bunch

10:00 am to 12 noon. Please join your neighbors for donuts, coffee and games.

1/1/16
1/18/16
2/15/16

City Hall Will Be Closed on the Following Days

3/14/16

Bulk Waste Collection

3/19/16

Easter Egg Hunt

DON'T FORGET

When walking your pet, the pet owner is responsible for cleanup of any pet waste.



Richland Hills Public Library
 Winter & Spring Children's Programs
 Beginning the first week in January
 All programs are free

Mondays	After School Club	3:30-5:30	Ages 5-12	Group led games, activities, building projects, and snacks.
Tuesdays	Preschool Storytime	4:00-4:45	Ages 2-6	Traditional songs, stories, and crafts.
Tuesdays	After School Cool	5:00-5:45	Ages 5-12	Book-based activities. Encourages reading.
Tuesdays	Mighty Girls!	7:00-7:45	Ages 7-12	Learning confidence & leadership skills. Registration required.
Thursdays	Dangerous book for Boys!	4:00-5:00	Ages 7-12	Making reading fun for boys. Registration required.
Fridays	Fabulous Fridays	4:00-5:00	Ages 5 & up	Structured activities, STEM, & theatre. Registration required.

SUPER SECOND SATURDAYS! 11:00 – 12:00

- January 9th Winter Wonderland
 - February 13th Valentines Party
 - March 12th All Things Green
 - April 9th Celebrating Seuss!!
- Themed programs with a variety of activities.

Winter Read-In
 Snuggle up with a good book! Join the Winter Read In and get a free book bag and punch card. When you get your card punched six times, you get a prize! Ages 1 – 12.

Hungry Town Folk Singer
 Richland Hills Public Library
 Wednesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m.

Hungrytown make no attempt at pretense. Even their handle hints at an unadorned, unaffected motif. Theirs is a sound that's conveyed simply, drawn together by the solitary strum of acoustic guitars, a bit of banjo playing, and the occasional keyboard. Strains of cello and violin creep into the arrangements as well, but for the most part, it's the Hungrytown twosome -- singer-songwriters Rebecca Hall and multi-instrumentalist/arranger Ken Anderson -- that color these songs so purposely and poignantly. See more at: <http://hungrytown.net>

The City of Richland Hills will hold a General Election on May 7, 2016 for Mayor and Council Places 2 and 4. Candidate packets will be available at City Hall, 3200 Diana Drive and on the City's website www.richlandhills.com starting January 12, 2016. Applications for a place on the ballot may be filed with the City Secretary during the following dates and times:

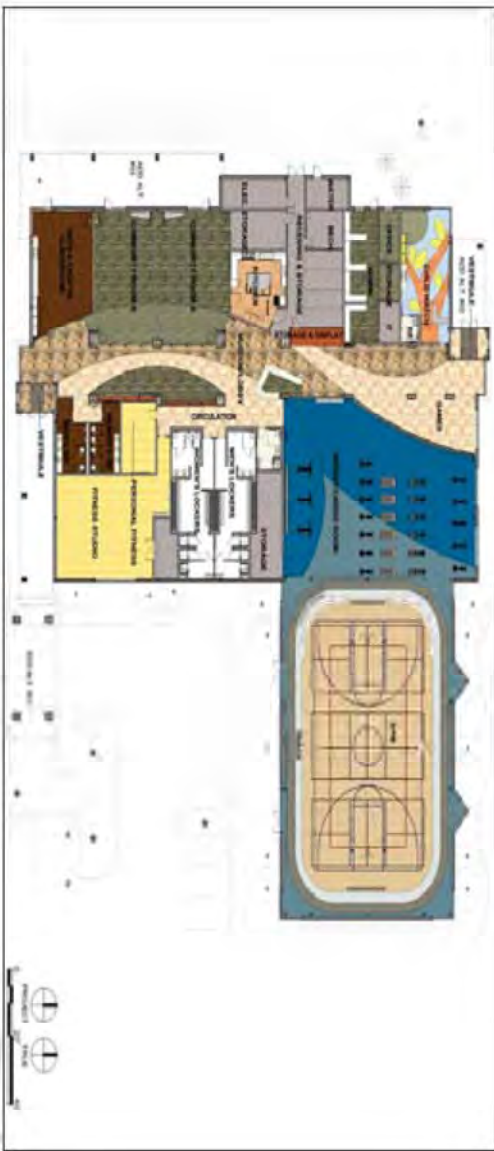
Start Date: January 20, 2016
 End Date: February 19, 2016
 Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Last Day Hours: Friday, February 19, 2016 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.

CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS KEEPING YOU INFORMED

An updated site plan has been developed for a new community/recreation center complex.



Richland Hills Activities Center

The City Council formally called a bond election for November 3, 2015, for the construction of a new activities center. The bond passed and was approved by voters. Proposed elements include an indoor walking track, fitness and weight rooms, gymnasium, museum spaces, public meeting spaces, arts and crafts area, game areas, fitness classes, recreation activities and child-watch, and senior programming. The facility is expected to open in the spring of 2017. Please contact City Hall for specific questions about this project or visit the project website at www.RHrecreation.com for more information.



Parks

Kate Baker Park is getting new playground equipment! Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2016, beginning with the removal of the existing equipment, and then the inclusion of underground drainage improvements. The equipment is expected to be installed and ready for play by the end of spring.



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

Visit us on the web: richlandhills.com

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



City of Richland Hills Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016 10:00 A.M.
ROSEBUD PARK
 2600 ROSEBUD LANE

Bring Your Easter Baskets and Hunt for Over 2,000
 Easter Eggs, Including Prize Eggs!

Refreshments Will Be Served After the Egg Hunt.



Richland Hills Citizen Police Academy "Bridging The Gap"

The next Richland Hills Citizen Police Academy class will take place January 7- March 10, 2016. Class will meet each Thursday night from 7pm-10pm. This is a FREE fun, yet safe, hands-on program covering topics such as Patrol Procedures, Traffic Enforcement, Crime Scene Investigation, Use of Force, Firearms, Jail Procedures and much more. You also get to meet many of the members of the Richland Hills Police Department and learn more about their job and your role in the community. For more information or to enroll, contact Sergeant Sheena Parsons at 817.616.3784 or sheenaparsons@richlandhills.com