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Richardson Chamber

Our mission: we develop and provide leadership for our members and community through advocacy, alliances, economic development and education to advance economic prosperity.

Fab to add 500 jobs

[Richardson will be home to TI's new 300mm wafer manufacturing site](#)

Texas Instruments will expand its presence in Richardson with its new wafer manufacturing facility.



The new facility is expected to create more than 488 jobs and represent more than \$3.1 billion in capital investment.

The 300mm analog wafer fabrication facility will be built on W. Renner Road, between Custer Parkway and Alma Road next to its current Renner Road facility. The current Richardson manufacturing facility has about 800 employees; TI employs 9,000 in Texas.

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[Richardson council hears updates on effort to rezone 1,200-acre innovation district east of US 75](#)

[From Community Impact Newspapers](#)

Richardson city officials have big plans for what they envision as the "premier tech hub of Texas," a future 1,200-acre transit-oriented development just east of US 75. But to bring the vision to life, the city must first rezone the area.

Rules that govern land use, parking requirements, development standards and signage in the area must be tailored to accomplish what the city has in mind for the Collins-Arapaho Innovation District, an area roughly contained by US 75, Campbell Road, Plano Road and Apollo Drive.

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Richardson's historical downtown Main Street area to be called the Core

Developers and investors have revealed a new name for the Main Street area.

Richardson's Core District, an historic place on Main Street between Central Expressway and Greenville Avenue, will include construction of more than 20,000 square feet of retail and commercial space, 300 multi-family and 100 single-family homes and the addition of new parks.



THE "core" (The Richardson Core District) was selected after several months of research and evaluation by design firm Dodd Creative Group, who worked with Main Street area property and business owners as well as other community leaders to develop a concept and logo for the downtown area.

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Remember to vote! City council elections May 4

City elections are Saturday, May 4. Read more about the candidates from [Community Impact Newspaper](#)



Read the latest legislative alert. [Sign up](#) for the next Friday email.

Property tax reform bill passes House, moves to committee Senate reveals school finance proposal; top 10 anti-city bills; college-readiness bills advance

Senator Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood), chair of the Senate Education Committee, filed the upper chamber's school finance proposal on the filing deadline in March with numerous blank underscores in place of actual dollar amounts. On Thursday, he laid out before the Senate Education Committee a heavily-revised substitute of House Bill 3.

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Cult of personality: Building a more positive workplace culture in 90 days

by Camille Ussery, senior vice president, BTH Bank, vice chairman of community division for the RCC

Building a positive workplace culture results in happier employees, which in turn, improves efficiencies and creates more satisfied clients. Basically, a happy workplace is good for everyone.

The question is, how can you create a positive, supporting workplace culture quickly. Check out these tips to get started.



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International news

Richardson mayor meets with Canadian representatives

Mayor Paul Voelker met recently with Canadian officials to discuss Richardson's high-tech roots and technology sector focus.

Facilitated by the chamber, Voelker met with the new Canadian Acting Consul General Douglas George and Canadian consul for Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Service Vasken Khabayab.

Other topics included impacts of the new US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) on trade between the two countries and educational partnerships. Ongoing conversations will likely include an educational partnership at the university level.



Canada's Acting Consul General Douglas George with Mayor Paul Voelker

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Discover Richardson

Stake your claim: Set up your business profile now

The Richardson Chamber has contracted to build a website focused on local news, events and businesses. It's meant to benefit the entire community with information while providing an opportunity for businesses to showcase their offerings. The website offers robust business profiles, intuitive directory search and local news, events and deals. While every Richardson business will have a profile, chamber members at our new marketplace membership level will have access to additional tools.



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State of Dallas County **Update on economic outlook and growth opportunities, May 30**

The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Richardson Chamber, will host Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins with moderator Dale Hansen, WFAA sports anchor.



The event will be held at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel and presented by AT&T.

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President's Club profile: Anthony Pampillonia

Even after six generations, it's still great when you get a little help from your friends, and your community. "When we opened our store in Richardson, we wanted to open it here," said Anthony Pampillonia, "It's our community."

"We enjoy serving our community, and our local employees and clients are just great," he said. The business community is supported by the City and its residents. The supportive atmosphere makes Richardson a special place, he said.



The Pampillonia family began designing, manufacturing and selling quality jewelry in their ancestral home in Italy. The family moved from their US base in Washington D.C. to Richardson in 1985. Richardson's retail store opened in 2005.

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Let's go bowling, dude

[Get your team together for fun and competition in 4th annual bowling tournament](#)

Find your inner "Dude" at the Richardson Chamber Bowling Tournament. Bring the office or clients out for some friendly competition, team building and networking -- but make sure not to go over the line!



Awards presented to winning teams, teams with the cleverest bowling shirts, individuals for high scores, and more...so, get your creativity on with your team!

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[Lifechanging gmail hacks you need on your next business trip](#) from *Forbes Magazine*

You can't outrun them. There's no escape. Try as you might to delete, reply and forward your way to "inbox zero," the relentless onslaught of email messages just keeps coming. Many would argue that taming an inbox is even harder for business travelers, who often find themselves on a plane or in a rental car without a way to easily stay connected. Productivity guru David Allen, author of the bestseller *Getting Things Done*, asks himself the following questions when deciding how to manage email when he's traveling:



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[2020 U.S. Census seeks census takers](#)

While the official Census Day is a year away, the 2020 Census has kicked off. An accurate count is essential to driving the future of Richardson.

The once-a-decade population count affects local representation in government, determines how much funding a community receives and provides data to help businesses plan. Current initiatives include recruiting a local base of census takers.



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[Tech Titans helps students donate equipment to developing countries](#)

Fifty Richardson ISD (RISD) students participated in a Talent Team workshop hosted by the UTDesign Makerspace. Juniors and seniors from Buckner High School and J.J. Pearce High School spent the day-long STEM education experience touring the UTDesign Studio, talking with engineering students, participating in a design workshop and assembling heart monitor kits that will be used for training in developing countries.



See a video of the event [here](#).

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[Build your future with Leadership Richardson](#)

Interest meeting:

5:30-7 pm, May 2, Alamo Draffhouse

Leadership Richardson is a unique opportunity for participants to enhance their personal and organizational leadership as they relate to community trusteeship. The program explores all aspects of the community, including arts, business and economic development, government, health and wellness, public education, public safety and social services.



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[Podcast, event replay](#)

Women in Leadership

A fireside chat with Gabrielle Madison, director of community relations, Thomson Reuters, moderated by Anna Butler, managing editor, Dallas Business Journal

This compelling discussion with two successful businesswomen demonstrated that it is the quality time you spend with valued friends and family that can make a difference in maintaining your work-life balance when inevitable change comes your way.



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[Cottonwood Art Festival celebrates 50th anniversary this weekend](#)

Kathleen Murphy Willer, an artist who works with textured, semi-abstracted landscape paintings, has been named 2019 Spring Featured Artist for Cottonwood Art Festival. The event features museum-quality artwork from more than 200 artists. Willer's work has been shown in hundreds of fine art fairs around the country and is also collected by numerous private collectors, businesses and corporations spreading across five continents.



The Cottonwood Art Festival is held on the first weekend of May and October every year and includes work in mixed media, ceramics, drawings/pastels, fiber, glass, jewelry, leather, metalwork, photography, sculpture and wood. The artists' works are available for purchase.

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[Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas to open advanced primary care medical center in Richardson \(by Community Impact\)](#)

New and renewing members

Please welcome our new and returning members from March.

New members

Welcome! We're so glad to have you!

Allie-Coosh, Inc
American Shaman of Richardson
Arapaho United Methodist Church
Chase Oaks Church
Ebby Halliday Realtors - Hamilton,
Morgan 190 & Jupiter
H&G Systems
Jefferson Vantage
N2NE (In Tune) Youth Mentoring, Inc.
North Texas Municipal Water District
One Hummus
Prestige Janitorial Services
Stanton Chase

30+ years

First United Methodist Church
Richardson
Richardson Rotary Club
Solutions For Local Control
Blanchard and Associates
Inwood National Bank
North Texas Premier Soccer Assoc.
Richardson Ready Electric, Inc.

20+ years

Toyota of Richardson
Residence Inn by Marriott -
Richardson-Waterwood Dr.
Canyon Creek Home Owners
Association
Kiwanis Club of Richardson
LeeMAH Electronics, Inc.

10+ years

President's Club
Richland College of the DCCCD
University of Texas at Dallas
Oncor

Carter BloodCare
Avison Young
North Central Ford
Cooksey Communications, Inc.
Five Star Advisor Partners, LLC
Miranda CPA, PLLC
Structure Tone Southwest
National Write Your Congressman

5+ years

Cindi's NY Deli, Restaurant &
Bakery
Accord Construction
DFW Chinatown/Terrace Shopping
Center
Friends Place Adult Day Services
Preferred Business Solutions
Commissioner Cheryl Williams
Pharmco International, Inc.
Richardson Adult Literacy Ctr.
Dallas County Commissioner 2, JJ
Koch
Thai's Thumbz Urban Kitchen
Inogen
Sleeper Sewell Insurance -
Richardson
Texas Republic Bank

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Bilsky Financial Group, Inc.
Dallas County Community College
District-Global Economic
Development
Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind
J Paul Roofing & Construction
Lizzie Bee's Flower Shoppe
The Drawing Board
Staples

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