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Richardson Letter April 1

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

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Chamber delegates visit Austin to learn and advocate

Forty Richardson business and community leaders went to Austin March 5 - 6 for Richardson and Tech Titans Legislative Days to visit our state elected officials. On Tuesday, meetings were held at the new Texas Association of Business (TAB) office. Speakers included Lisa Craven, deputy comptroller from the Texas Comptroller's office; Dale Craymer, president of the Texas Taxpayers & Research Association; and Jessica Boston, manager governmental affairs, TAB.

Most of the elected officials attended a reception and dinner on Tuesday evening. Sen. Angela Paxton spoke to the delegation about her legislative priorities for this session, which include property tax reform and public education funding.

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Chamber CEO updates about current happenings in Texas legislature

Chamber President & CEO Bill Sproull gives his perspective of the legislation moving through the Texas House and Senate and issues that affect us here in North Texas. Of particular interest is the budget moving on and bills pertaining to education and property tax roll backs.

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[School finance reform integral to legislative session](#)

If you haven't been paying attention to the chamber's legislative alerts, you might have missed that it's heavy on school finance reform references. Richardson ISD Superintendent Jeannie Stone updated the chamber's board last Wednesday about what she's seeing in Austin and RISD's hopes for this legislative session.



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[City Council elections May 4, meet the candidates](#)

The upcoming city elections will be Saturday, May 4, though early voting will begin Monday, April 22 and go through Tuesday, April 30. The chamber's Public Policy Committee will host a meet and greet with Richardson City Council candidates on Wednesday, April 10, 4-5:30 pm at The Drawing Board. [Register here>>](#)



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[US Rep. Colin Allred hosts area chamber representatives in Richardson](#)

Rep. Colin Allred (TX-32) held a small business town hall with area chambers of commerce at the Richardson Chamber. The discussion covered transportation needs in our district, health care costs for employers, the need for greater transparency between medical providers and

consumers, the gas tax proposal and education, and specifically the need to create opportunities for jobs in the skilled trades. Representatives came from Sachse, the Dallas Regional Chamber, the Dallas Hispanic Chamber, among others.



Discover Richardson

[New tool to increase your visibility with Richardson consumers](#)

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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[Chamber signs letter of support about diversity & inclusion](#)

The chamber has taken a stand with other employers and chambers that would oppose any legislation that would oppose diversity and inclusion, particularly with the LGBTQ population, resulting in damage to the Texas economy. Read more about which bills could be of concern in The Dallas Morning News and the original letter on our website.

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Learn on the go!

[New chamber podcast highlights Richardson business success tips](#)

The chamber has launched a new podcast program. And the first offers insights from Chairman of the Board Kory Aoyama.

The podcast programs will offer success tips from Richardson Texas' business community, including business leaders, government officials and successful community contributors who can help you and your business.

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[President's Club profile: DorianBahr](#)

Richardson is more than a business address for DorianBahr. It's more than a city with a strong, loyal customer base. It's more than a strategic geographical area with the perfect niche clientele. Richardson is home.

"We are Richardson. We are Richardson," said Curtis Dorian. "We are a local, home-grown company." Curtis and his business partner and husband, Michael Bahr, own DorianBahr, an all-encompassing architecture and interior design firm.



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[Chamber board makes changes in ranks](#)



Our dedicated board members give their time and commitment to the success of businesses in Richardson. Sometimes businesses and people make changes. The nominating committee works to keep a representation across industries, size of companies, gender and those who live/work in Richardson. We thank some exiting board members and urge you to welcome our new representatives.

[Read more](#) about the members representing you on the board

[Chamber brings Robbins speaker for strategy workshop](#)

Chamber members can learn personal and professional strategy from a Robbins Institute veteran at a special luncheon workshop in April. The lunch and workshop, "Unleash the power within," will begin at 11 a.m. April 10 at Richardson Chamber of Commerce, 411 Belle Grove Dr., Richardson. The fee is \$10.

The workshop will teach participants to improve performance by integrating Tony Robbins' 3-step process for creating lasting change in their personal and professional life.

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[Richardson in the news](#)

- City Council updated on Richardson Economic Development Partnership
- Main Street revitalization project should begin this summer
- HOV lanes in Richardson to tolls, give more access
- City receives "Triple A" bond ratings
- DART Galatyn Station platform extension project begins
- Richardson a best city for retirement
- Richardson named to "Top 100 Places to Live" list; highest ranked in Texas
- UT Dallas' updated campus master plan addresses unprecedented enrollment growth in recent years
- Wildflower! Festival to feature performances by Quiet Riot, Blue Oyster Cult, The Jacksons and more
- Eisemann Center officials announce art and technology programmatic partnership with UT Dallas
- Texas House votes to rename part of North Central Expressway in Richardson

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[UT Dallas students help attract international companies and receive overseas internships](#)

After a successful inauguration year, an international program sponsored by the Mayor's Office of International Business and the Jindal School of Management's Global Development Initiative at the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) is kicking off year 2.

This semester, students are researching four Japanese companies and one Finnish company by assisting with market research aimed at establishing those companies' initial operations in Richardson.

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[Richardson mayor calls on high schoolers and area businesses to join summer internship program](#)

from Community Impact Newspaper

Applications are being accepted from high school students living in Richardson or attending Richardson ISD who are interested in an eight-week, paid summer internship program.

The Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program gives rising high school seniors workforce experience through an internship at an area business. Each participant works between 20-40 hours per week between June 10-Aug. 2 and earns a minimum of \$10 per hour.



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[Learn about Leadership Richardson](#)

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

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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Participate in Interlink survey identifying future workforce in North Texas

By participating with this survey, you are providing Career and Technical educators who train the future workforce with employer driven data to determine the programs of study that will best prepare students with the skills and knowledge for dynamic careers.



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New and renewing members

Please welcome our new and returning members from February.

New members

Welcome! We're so glad to have you!

Sandlin Construction
Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea of Shire
The Richardson Dentist
BurgerIM
Total Men's Primary Care
Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union
Baylor Scott & White Signature
Medicine
Quiroz Chiropractic
FC Dallas
Authority Roofing Windows Solar
Plan@1121 Rock
Zachary Dunbar - The Standard Real Estate
Coleman Yates
Zhi Lin
Janeye Pritchard

30+ years

Congressman Pete Sessions

20+ years

Appletree Court

10+ years

President's Club
Frost Bank

Eisemann Investments

5+ years

President's Club
Methodist Richardson Medical Center
BTH Bank

Canyon Creek Country Club
Photo Organizing Solutions
Simpson Law / Fidelity National Title
Charter Communications
Kirkpatrick Group
Leader Mutual Freight System, Inc.
Ebby Halliday Realtors-LopezGroup
Rescue Air LLC
Supreme Lending - Luke Hamlett

1-4 years

Spine Team Texas
Johnson Firm, PC, The
Southern Pride Openings
DWF Motion LLC
Brightway Insurance - The Phan Agency
Angel Young Realty
Dallas Nephrology Associates
The Reserve at Richardson

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