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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.

[Texas legislature session a wrap](#)

Legislators make deal on budget, public school finance and property tax reform

Stay tuned for our Legislative Wrap-Up. We'll tell you what you need to know about action on key priorities this session.

These bills have been sent to Governor Greg Abbott and must be signed by him to be made law.

- Included in HB3 was \$6.5 billion to improve public education and pay teachers, plus \$5.1 billion to lower school district taxes. Though the bill provides funding for pay raises, a mandated teacher raise was not included.
- Property tax reform: voter approval would be required when local governments want to increase property tax revenues by more than 3.5%.
- Raising the age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21, except military personnel.

[Read more](#) from Friday's legislative alert



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City council election results

One race in run-off; former Chamber board chair Hutchenrider gains seat

compiled from Community Impact/City of Richardson

Richardson City Council will gain three new members as a result of this year's election, but the question of who will fill one of those seats will not be answered until next month.

Returning City Council members are Mayor Paul Voelker (Place 7), Bob Dubey (Place 1), Mark Solomon (Place 2) and Steve Mitchell (Place 6). New to the City Council are Kyle Kepner (Place 4) and Ken Hutchenrider (Place 5).

One race will go to another round as none of its three candidates polled more than 50 percent of the vote. Dan Barrios and Janet DePuy were the top two vote-getters in the race for Place 3 and will face each other in a runoff election on June 8. Early voting at the Civic Center begins today, May 28. **For voting information, click [here](#).**

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Cottonwood & Wildflower

More than 100,000 people visited Richardson for the Cottonwood Arts Festival, and more than \$1 million of fine art was sold during the weekend. Also, more than 100,000 people visited for the Wildflower Festival, even with a seven-hour late start on Saturday with the weather. Thanks to all sponsors, volunteers and visitors!

Put your business on the map! **[Claim your business profile now](#)**

Check it out! It's live.
Stake your claim and promote your business.

The Richardson Chamber is a leading partner in a new 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 newly elected 2019-21 City Council members have been sworn into office, except Place 3.

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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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[Mayor's Internship Program hosts job fair, interns waiting to be placed](#)

It's not too late to sign up for the Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program. Hire an outstanding high school junior at your workplace or nonprofit.

Students are immersed in a professional environment, working 20-to-40 hours per week and earning a minimum of \$10 per hour. The teens gain exposure to exciting careers, shadow top executives, experience real-world opportunities and benefit from networking and meaningful, mentoring relationships that last beyond the summer.



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[5 reasons you should consider a stand-up desk](#)

by Jan Arrant, director of community and public relations, Methodist Health System, vice chairman of business services for the RCC

If you're like many professionals, you spend a significant portion of your day sitting at a desk. According to research, that's a problem.

In fact, multiple studies have linked a sedentary lifestyle with an increased risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and even cancer. Not surprisingly, sitting all day is associated with an increased risk of weight gain and obesity.

Fortunately, even if you have a desk job, you may not be desk-bound. Standing desks are becoming an increasingly popular choice among office workers, offering a host of benefits.



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[Richardson in the news](#)

[UT Dallas named No. 1 best-value public university in Texas](#)
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[US 75 through Richardson officially named for fallen officer Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground opens](#)

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[Leadership Richardson XXXIV graduates; applications for 2019 due soon](#)

Applications due June 14

Leadership Richardson has graduated its **Class XXXIV** of future community leaders. The program, which consists of monthly all-day classes about all facets of community leadership, has graduated more than a thousand local participants since its founding.

"The program's success comes from the strength of the syllabus, the active engagement and involvement of so many civic leaders and the legacy of its graduates," said Kim Quirk, executive director of the Leadership Richardson program.



[Find out more about LR](#)

[New ambassadors receive blue jackets](#)

Ambassador Club members are liaisons who serve as the face of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. Ambassadors represent, promote and encourage participation in the Richardson Chamber, while maintaining contact with new and current members. They also serve as greeters at various chamber networking functions.



Pictured are Roy Stringfellow, Farmers Insurance; John O'Haugherty, Coldwell Banker Realty; Vicki Ratliff, Wills on Wheels; and Price Newton, Dimensional Payments. Ambassadors of the month for the last few months include May - Steve Rolandelli, IRI Consulting; April - Tami Davis, Total Hearing Care; March - Bill Schaid, Kiwanis Club of Richardson.

Congratulations and thank you to all our ambassadors!

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2020 Board of Directors

[Help set the direction and make a difference in the business community](#)

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee chaired by Amanda Rockow, 2018 chairman of the board, is accepting nominations to the board of directors for terms beginning Jan. 1, 2020.



The RCC board of directors is responsible for setting the Chamber's strategic direction, both now and in the future.

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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: NOAH'S Event Venue

From a picture-perfect wedding to a motivational corporate seminar, all successful, stress-free events start with the right place.

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President's Club member, [NOAH'S Event Venue of Richardson](#), offers all the flexibility necessary to make any event a success. The local in Richardson hosts the chamber's Women In Leadership quarterly luncheons, among other events.

"NOAH'S is here to change the way that people come together to work and play," said Kate Jensen, vice president of sales. "Our goal is to create the best possible environments and experiences for our customers while they are with us. Our unique, affordable, diverse and creative accommodations allow guests an opportunity to spend quality, wholesome time with family, friends and business associates."

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Stop slackin', 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!

Help us keep things rolling by becoming a [sponsor](#).

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[Podcast](#)

[HR: Corporate culture--what makes a great place to work](#)

What does it take to be on the Dallas Business Journal's list of the best places to work in North Texas? What is the corporate culture that allows organizations to attract and maintain the best talent? Hear inspiring ideas for how to make your business a great place to work.



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[Chamber receives unmodified opinion on financial audit 2018](#)

Every year, the Richardson Chamber undergoes a financial audit to ensure the fiscal stability and financial responsibility of the organization. For the fourth year, Judd, Thomas, Smith & Company conducted the audit and issued an unmodified opinion. This indicates a clean audit in which financial statements are presented in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework. This was a good report with no management letter on control matters and no audit adjustments.



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[Tech Titans contributing to technology workforce needs in RISD](#)

The Tech Titans STEM workforce initiative is bringing career inspiration to Richardson students. During the past year, they have planned and executed events for RISD students in three high schools, seven middle schools and for sixth- and rising-fifth graders at four elementary schools.



These events educate kids about STEM careers and encourage them to pursue a STEM educational track in high school and beyond. Tech Titans partners with ISDs, companies, universities and individual members to plan and execute STEM experiences.

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Ribbon cuttings

Mutual Assistance Association for the Ethiopian Community, 300 South Cottonwood Drive #A100
 Their mission is to keep and enhance the quality of life for Ethiopians that reside in the DFW area through services, stewardship of resources, and shared responsibilities.



The Fifth

2701 Custer Pkwy. #700

A fireside patio and bar that offers a new American style restaurant experience. Their food is from a scratch kitchen with a chef driven menu. Their bar focuses on craft cocktails, beer and an innovative selection of wines.



New and renewing members

Please welcome our new and returning members from April.

New members

Welcome! We're so glad to have you!

The Pharm Haus
 Manchester Place Care
 Homes/Cambridge Caregivers
 Junior Achievement of Dallas
 Corporate Image Group GSG LLC
 Fun Movie Grill
 Legacy Mutual Mortgage - The
 Pendleton Team
 Shaddock Caldwell Builders &
 Developers LLC
 Find Joy LLC - Anytime Fitness
 Senior Personal Care LLC - Hill Crest
 Home Health
 Visiting Angels
 Fitness Together
 Super Cuts - W. Campbell Road
 Palapas Seafood Bar
 Alexandra Powell
 Reza Paknejad

40+ years

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Halff Associates, Inc.

Herb's Paint & Body Shop

30+ years

Doubletree Hotel Dallas/Richardson
 Hyatt Regency North
 Dallas/Richardson

10+ years

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LegacyTexas Bank

George McKearin, Attorney
 Chocolate Angel Cafe & Tearoom
 Maverick Commercial Real Estate
 Charles W. Eisemann Center
 Bland Garvey, CPAs & Wealth
 Advisors
 Plano Independent School District
 Ronald J. Poff, PC
 Baylor Scott & White Family Health
 Center Richardson
 Cottonwood Creek
 Courtyard by Marriott - Spring Valley
 Chick-fil-a
 Ebby Halliday Realtors - 190 & Jupiter
 State Representative Angie Chen
 Button

5+ years

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UnitedHealthcare
 Dean Air Conditioning & Heating

Sushi Sake Japanese Restaurant
 Best Wire & Cable
 Ebby Halliday Realtors - Kassen
 Senior Helpers
 Aspen Water, Inc.
 Pan-American Benefits Solutions
 Jason's Deli
 My House Catering
 The String Bean
 Elements Massage of Richardson
 Jewelry Limited

1-4 years

Gateway Crossing Apartments
 Saville Dodgen & Company, PLLC
 Bangkok @ Beltline Thai Restaurant
 Lemonov LLC
 Texas Green Plumbing
 The Standard at City Line
 S2R Hair Studio
 Total Restoration Ministries
 Z Constructors

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If you feel you have a worthy submission for the Chamber newsletter (including member news), please email Amy Alexander at amy@richardsonchamber.com. Our goal is to create a communication vehicle interesting for the largest number of our members, so unfortunately not all submissions will be accepted. Also contact Amy for advertising possibilities.

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