

Top News

Mary Bedosky Receives Citizen Of The Year Award At "reIMAGINED" Annual Meeting

The Chamber held its Annual Meeting, presented by the City of Richardson, last Thursday evening at the Eisemann Center.

The "reImagined" event began with a VIP Reception, sponsored by Durkin Enterprises.

The keynote presentation and awards ceremony followed. Finally, attendees wrapped up the night at a post-program reception, sponsored by KDC, Logotology, Prosperity Bank and West Coast University, that featured a signature cocktail - the Always Rising.

Among the highlights of the annual event is always the announcement of the Citizen of the Year Award. For 2022, the Chamber was proud to present the award to Mary Bedosky. Watch the video to learn why she was such a worthy recipient!



Seven other awards, sponsored by Dallas College Richland Campus and Methodist Richardson Medical Center, were also presented. Please congratulate:



Ambassador of the Year
Roni Carrasco



Young Professional of the Year
Danny McGaugh



Volunteer of the Year
Marta Gómez Frey



Charitable Organization of the Year
Richardson Symphony Orchestra



Member Company of the Year
Rescue Air



Rising Star Award
West Coast University



Chairperson's Award
Chuck Eisemann



The keynote portion of the event featured a "fireside chat" with Dan Johnson, Retired Richardson City Manager, and Steve Van Amburgh, CEO of KDC. The two spoke of the long-standing relationship between the team at KDC and City leadership. Amburgh said the strength of RISD, access to public transportation, and the City's "can-do" attitude will continue to attract businesses to Richardson. Speaking of the importance of humility in business and life, Amburgh shared his favorite bit of advice: "Your ego is not your amigo."



The program concluded with the ceremonial passing of the gavel to 2023 Board Chair Jan Arrant, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, from 2022 Board Chair Manasseh Durkin, Durkin Enterprises.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and attendees for making it such a successful event!

Events

EDGE Award Recipients Announced Ahead Of Presentation On April 27



The Economic Development, Growth & Entrepreneurship (EDGE) Awards, a partnership between the RCC, the City of Richardson, Richardson Rotary and Richardson East Rotary clubs, recognizes outstanding and cutting-edge Richardson businesses, initiatives and people that create economic impact and sustain community involvement.

The partnering groups are proud to announce this year's recipients are:

Community Favorite Award

Cafe Gecko

Community Involvement Award

Texas Bank and Trust

Commercial Real Estate Award

CBRE Finance & Tech Hub

Economic Cornerstone Employer Award

Berry Appleman & Leiden LLP

Economic Vitality Award

Photodigm, Inc.

Entrepreneur Award

Adaptive3D

Innovation Award

MedCognetics, Inc.

Legacy Award

Texas Instruments

Real Estate Reinvestment Award

Jasmine Cafe

Be there Thursday, April 27 for the awards presentation. Tickets include a networking hour beginning at 5 pm, followed by the awards and a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

Thursday, April 27 from 5 - 8 pm

The Drury Hotel

165 Cityline Drive

Richardson, TX 75082

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Attendees of the Austin Fly In, sponsored by West Coast University, met with elected officials to build relationships and discuss important issues.

Public Policy



Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday: **[Business Network](#)**

Thursday, March 30: **[RYP Lockwood Crawl](#)**

Tuesday, April 4: **[Ribbon Cutting at Planet Fitness](#)**

Thursday, April 6: **[Member Connections Happy Hour at Soccer Spectrum](#)**

Tuesday, April 11: **[Ribbon Cutting at Home Zone Furniture](#)**

Thursday, April 13: **[Ribbon Cutting at America's Credit Union](#)**

Thursday, April 20: **[City Council Candidate Forum](#)**

Tuesday, April 25: **[Local Business Roundtable](#)**

Wednesday, April 26: Info Session for LR Class 39 (*details coming soon*)

Wednesday, May 3: **[WIL Social](#)**

Community/Partner Events

Saturday, April 1: **[Richardson 150th Celebration - Kindness to Animals](#)**

Saturday, April 1: **[Citizenship Workshop hosted by Credit Union of Texas](#)**

Membership

New Members

Aboca's Italian Grill
America's Credit Union
Chris Blackburn
Excel Fitness
Michael Munden (RYP)
Rockie Marvel
Sugaring NYC
Texas State Optical Creek
Tim Marvel
Visionworks

Renewing Members

50+ Years

Education Service Center Region 10

40+ Years

David Blanchard

30+ Years

Inwood National Bank

20+ Years

Carter BloodCare

10+ Years

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State Rep. Angie Chen Button
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5+ Years

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Spotlight on Bell Nunnally & Martin LLC

With a record of successes spanning more than four decades, **Bell Nunnally & Martin LLC** is among the most-respected business law firms in Texas, one of the 25 largest in North Texas by attorney headcount and a perennial entry on both Benchmark Litigation and Chambers USA lists.



The depth of the firm's knowledge and breadth of its expertise set Bell Nunnally apart and underpin its status as being Behind Every Great Company®. A member of the global law firm network Legalink, the firm provides a full range of services, including litigation, appellate law, commercial finance, corporate and securities, creditors' rights, bankruptcy, health law, intellectual property, labor and employment, immigration, real estate, entertainment, mergers and acquisitions, estate planning, tax and white-collar criminal defense. A Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) "Compass Award" winner, Bell Nunnally has multiple times earned mention as part of *The Dallas Morning News*' "Top 100 Places to Work" feature.

Spotlight on Sam's Nail Supply

Sam's Nail Supply is a fast-growing family-owned business. It

currently has 10 retail stores with plans to add 30 more in shopping malls nationwide over the next 3 years. It offers 30,000 SKU's of beauty products and salon equipment to business owners and professionals.



Alliance Architects Names Chad Michel As New President

Alliance Architects, Inc. is pleased to announce Chad Michel has been elected by the Board of Directors to succeed Charlie Reagan as President of the firm, effective April 1, 2023. Charlie Reagan, one of the founding Principals, has held the title of President since 2014. He is transitioning ownership to Michel and other Principals, Carlos deSaracho, Thomas Maxwell and Scott Meyer. Reagan will continue to focus on business development, leadership and mentorship for the firm.



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Ambassador of the Month

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Roni Carrasco
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Richardson News

Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program Seeks Business Partners



A worthwhile way to connect businesses with our future workforce, the Richardson Mayor's Summer Internship Program – the result of a partnership created in 2018 between the City of Richardson, Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) – provides rising high school seniors with eight-week part-time or full-time paid summer internships.

In its sixth year, the program, which runs June 5 - Aug. 4, immerses current high school juniors who attend Richardson ISD or live in Richardson into the professional

workplace with paid internships at sought-after businesses, nonprofits and government agencies.

In an effort to increase the level of business and community support, **organizations of all sizes are encouraged to sign up by April 13**, to hire or sponsor at least one intern.

Here are a few meaningful ways to get involved:

Hire one or more interns at your place of work. Whether you're a Fortune 500 company or a small business, organizations of all types and sizes are encouraged to sign up.

Underwrite one or more interns to work at a nonprofit of your choice. This is a wonderful way to not only teach teens the important role that philanthropy plays in our city but also gives them a birds-eye view of its day-to-day operations.

Become a program sponsor. There are many special intern enrichment opportunities to underwrite such as the Workforce Skills and Work-Readiness trainings, Job Fair, Community Service Day, Celebration Luncheon and more.

Volunteer/share your expertise. Business professionals are needed to assist on site or virtually with Workforce Skills Trainings. Activities include coaching and critiquing students in professional etiquette and dress, resume development, interview preparation/mock interviews, and business communication.

The program will offer part-time and full-time paid internships in a variety of fields such as technology, manufacturing, communications, professional services, architecture, construction, education, engineering, philanthropy and more. With hours ranging from 12-40 hours per week, interns will earn a minimum of \$12 per hour.

From the art of communications and collaborative work to shadowing executives, planning events and more, interns are introduced to a variety of exciting fields while learning soft skills, technical abilities and lifelong lessons that are best taught on the job. Naturally, the internships serve as an important stepping stone as students prepare for college, trade schools and landing their future dream job.

To sign up and learn more, go to RichardsonMayorsInternships.org. For questions, please email info@richardsonmayorsinternships.org.



Council Seeks Voters' Approval To Replace Fire-Damaged City Hall

The Richardson City Council voted Feb. 13 to call a May bond election to raise \$46 million to go toward replacing the Richardson City Hall that was made vacant last August due to fire damage. If approved, no tax rate increase would be associated with the sale of the bonds.

The decision was placed before voters due the unusual situation where repair, renovation and restoration costs would amount to an estimated 70-percent of the cost of a new building. Currently, the cost to repair, restore and complete previously planned renovation of City Hall is estimated at \$60 million. The cost to replace City Hall with a new building is estimated at \$85 million.

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Other News

[Richardson's La Casita Bakeshop Is A Finalist For James Beard Award](#)

[Designing Careers: A Women's Tech Group Partners With UTD To Teach Architecture To Girls](#)

[How Richardson Is Attracting Dallas Restaurants and 'Entering Into A New Era'](#)

Informational Open Houses Scheduled For City Hall Bond Election



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Lennox International
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Texas Capital Bank
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West Coast University

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