

CITY BRIEFS

Details upcoming City of Irving news and events



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OFFICE CLOSINGS

City offices will be closed May 26 for Memorial Day. All offices will reopen at their normal times May 27. There will be no residential trash, brush or curbside recycling pickup on that day. The landfill at 220 W. Hunter Ferrell Road will be closed May 26, but will be open all other days, weather permitting. Call the landfill at (972) 264-3772 to confirm hours of operation. Drop-off recycling centers will be closed May 26 and will reopen May 29. All libraries will be closed May 25–26. All city recreation centers will be closed May 26.

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Residents are invited to participate in the annual Senter Park Neighborhood Cinco de Mayo Celebration and Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3 at Senter Park Recreation Center, 901 S. Senter St. The free event includes health screenings (blood pressure, sugar, cholesterol, vision, prostate cancer and many others), and will emphasize wellness for the entire family. Participants will enjoy music, food, arts and crafts, games for children, and Mexican folkloric and other ethnic dances. For more information, call (972) 721-2641. For booth opportunities, call (214) 687-2071.

COMPOSTING AWARENESS CLASS

To bring awareness to residents about backyard composting, the City of Irving will commemorate International Compost Awareness Week by offering free classes. Residents can attend a weekend session from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 3, or a weekday class from 6 to 8 p.m. May 6. The classes will be presented by Solid Waste Services and both sessions will be held at the Max G. Greiner Environmental Center, located at the southeast corner of Conflans and Gilbert roads. Composting has many benefits including improving the structure of the soil, maintaining healthy plant growth, helping conserve water, and removing organics from the garbage and putting them to good use in the environment. To register or for more information, call Solid Waste Services at (972) 721-8059.



POOCH FEST

Irving residents and their beloved pooches can participate in Pooch Fest from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 31 at the Irving Soccer Complex, 3585 World Cup Way. Pet contests, pet and food vendors, rescue groups, and pet demonstrations and educational information will be offered. Residents of all ages and all breeds of dogs are welcome. Participant cost is a \$10, all-inclusive entry fee. Spectators are free. To register or for more information, call (972) 721-2496.

SUMMER AQUATICS CLASSES

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of aquatics classes for residents of all ages. Call for class details or visit the Parks and Recreation Department Web site page at www.cityofirving.org.

- Summer Swim Lessons – (972) 264-2774
- Water Aerobics – (972) 262-0621
- Irving Swimmers/Irving Masters – (214) 493-5174
- Synchronized Swimming – (214) 448-7937

IRVING CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

Those who live or work in Irving and want to learn about what police officers do are invited to apply for the Irving Citizens' Police Academy. The free program is designed to provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a day in the life of a police officer and is the first step to become an Irving Citizens on Patrol member. Classes are presented in a lecture setting and provide information on the crime scene division, criminal investigations, SWAT, K-9 and bomb unit. The next classes start June 3 in Spanish and Aug. 26 in English. Space is limited. To receive an application, contact Officer Lance Peikert at (972) 721-3557. The form also can be downloaded at www.irvingpd.com.

