

## City Council Work Session Handouts

May 6, 2013

- I. Review and Discuss the Wildflower! Richardson's Arts and Music Festival 2013
- II. Review and Discuss Enhancements to the Outdoor Warning System
- III. Review and Discuss the 2013 Texas Legislative Session Update



**The premier event of the  
Metroplex,  
celebrating all that is  
RICHARDSON!**

**May 17, Friday 6pm-Midnight**

**May 18, Saturday 11am-Midnight**

**May 19, Sunday 12:30pm-8pm**

**[www.wildflowerfestival.com](http://www.wildflowerfestival.com)**

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To get instant festival info  
on your smartphone,  
Text WFF to 88500

# HISTORY

## Breckinridge Park 1993-1994

Dusty Trails, Arts, Crafts,  
Gunfights

Lee Greenwood, Michael  
McDonald, & the Dixie Chicks



## Greenway Office Park 1995-2001

Paved streets, safety & security,  
Arts, Crafts, Wildflower! Nights  
Chuck Negron, Sister Hazel, The  
Beach Boys, Dan Fogelberg, Huey  
Lewis, Kenny Loggins, En Vogue,  
Collective Soul, Shawn Mullins

## Galatyn Urban Center 2002-2012

DART, Renaissance Hotel,  
Eisemann Center  
Men at Work, Big Bad Voodoo  
Daddy, Jonny Lang, Peter  
Frampton, Nelly,  
Bret Michaels & Pat Benatar



**MULTIPLE AWARD WINNING-EVENT**

# Partnerships With Our Great Sponsors Continues To Grow



ViewPoint Bank

DALLAS  
**Observer**

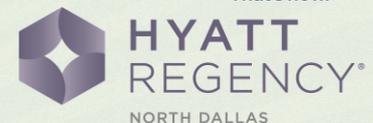
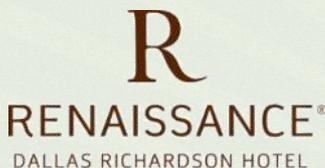
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BENEFITS SOLUTIONS



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Richland College  
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGES



The Dallas Morning News  
dallasnews.com



# **FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL**

- **Designed to give VIP access to small businesses and individuals.**
- **\$300.00 Value.**
- **Access to the festival & sponsors appreciation suite for three days of the festival.**
- **Full catering.**
- **Premium parking.**
- **Premium Reserved viewing at all stages.**

# 2013 FESTIVAL SITE MAP

1. VIP Hospitality Areas sponsored by Credit Union of Texas
2. Volunteer Vehicle Entrance
3. Will Call
4. VIP Vehicle Entrance
5. Performers Row sponsored by Credit Union of Texas
6. DART- Galatyn Park Station
7. Lost Children

-  Severe Weather Shelter Area
-  Designated Smoking Area



**The Bud Light Stage**

**Volunteer Check-In/ Parking**

**ViewPoint Bank Amphitheater**

**Motorcycle Parking**

**Singer/Songwriter Stage**

**The Wild! Market Place-Sponsored by Fossil**

**Methodist Richardson Medical Center presents Rocket Man-The Best of Elton John! Hill Hall**

**Bud Light Gateway (will call)**

**The Kidz Korner Sponsored by Pan American Life Insurance Group**

**metroPCS Stage**

**Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas Gateway**

**Festival Info & Merchandise/Lost & Found Booth**

**The Courtyard Stage**

**Credit Union of Texas Gateway**

**Taste of Texas Food Garden**

**Game Havens Game Zone**



# VOLUNTEERS

## Current Status of Volunteers:

- 100% Commitment anticipated by early April
- Volunteer Coordinator - matching people with a good community experience.
- Special emphasis on WF 100! Community Leaders working behind the scenes make Wildflower! all it can be!



**1,400 volunteers are needed  
to produce the 2013  
Richardson Wildflower! Arts  
and Music Festival!**



# BEYOND THE STAGES

**ROCKET MAN**

FEATURING:  
**RICH IZBACH**

GLOBE & MAIL  
"amazing vocals"



**THE BEST OF  
ELTON JOHN**

Elton & Kiki Dee?  
why not...

**ELTON & ME?**

Wildflower! is proud to announce  
our 2013 Contest Winner:  
Shelby Celeste Thornton!

Come hear Shelby sing "Don't Go  
Breaking My Heart" with "Elton John"  
during the Rocket Man shows  
in the Eisemann Center!



- 5 shows during the festival weekend in Hill Hall



# BEYOND THE STAGES



**COR Gymnasts**



**Flippenout!**



**Rene Bibaud**  
**5 X World Champion**  
**Jump Rope Performer**



**The Berkner Ramblers**



**Hula Hoop Dancing**



**The Drumline**



# TASTE OF TEXAS FOOD GARDEN



## Wild Mall



# MARKETPLACE



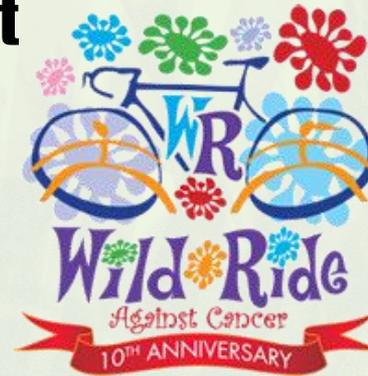
## Artists Avenue

# WildRide! & WildRun! at WILDFLOWER!

Presented by

Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation, Inc.

- **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildflower! Festival Event**
- **Cyclists choose a 16, 40 or 64 mile ride through Richardson, Murphy, Wylie, Lavon, Nevada and Josephine**
- **Timed 5K fun run/walk!**



- **Proceeds support the Lance Armstrong Shaped Beam Surgery Program**
- **Approximately 2,000 Cyclists & 800 Runners Participate**
- **[www.wildridebikerally.com](http://www.wildridebikerally.com)**

# GUITAR ART AUCTION



## Guitars Provided by:

- **Celebrities**
- **Sports Teams**
- **Festival Sponsors**
- **Local Artists**
- **Guitars are sold in a silent auction during the Festival.**

**35  
Entries  
So Far!**

- ❖ **Eisemann Center display throughout the weekend**
- ❖ **Benefiting the NETWORK of Community Ministries & RISD Fine Art Program**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **Care-a-Van Program**
  - **For Children and Seniors**
- **Concession Consortium**
- **Art Guitar Auction**
  - **Benefiting Network of Community Ministries and the Fine Arts Programs in the Secondary Level of RISD**
- **Student Art Contest**
- **Collin County Community College**
  - **Hospitality and Food Service Management Program**



# BUDDING TALENT COMPETITION



Richland College  
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGES

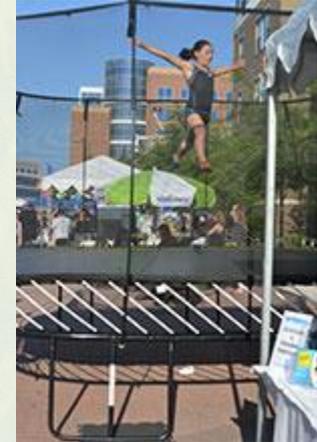
1:00 p.m. Sunday  
Bank of America Theater



**Wildflower! hosts the Budding Talent Program which is a vocal competition for all school age children. This is a chance for young singing talent to be discovered and bloom!**

# KIDZ KORNER

**A fun and colorful stop located in the heart of the Festival!**



- Bounce House
- Balloon Artists
- Free Kidz Krafts
- COR Petting Zoo
- Festival Photo Op
- Hula Hoop Loop
- Kidz Sand Pit
- ROCK STAR Karaoke Stage
- Climbing Rock Wall
- SpringFree Trampoline
- Live Butterfly Tent
- 2013 Wildflower! Student Art Contest "Music MAGNIFIED!" Display



# 2013 WILDFLOWER!

## Artist Line Up\*

**FRIDAY**  
**May 17**

**Cowboy Mouth**  
**Spin Doctors**  
**Uncle Kracker**  
metroPCS Stage

**Gretchen Wilson**  
**The Charlie Daniels Band**  
ViewPoint Bank Stage

**Rocket Man**  
**The Best of Elton John**  
Eisemann Center Hill Hall

**SATURDAY**  
**May 18**

**Eleven Hundred Springs**  
**Reverend Horton Heat**  
**Toadies**  
metroPCS Stage

**Blue Oyster Cult**  
**Grand Funk Railroad**  
**38 Special**  
ViewPoint Bank Stage

**Rocket Man**  
**The Best of Elton John**  
Eisemann Center Hill Hall

**SUNDAY**  
**May 19**

**It's "Tribute Band Sunday!"**  
metroPCS Stage

**Ray Wylie Hubbard**  
**Robert Earl Keen**  
ViewPoint Bank Stage

**Rocket Man**  
**The Best of Elton John**  
Eisemann Center Hill Hall

\*As of May 6

# metroPCS Stage

Friday, May 17

Spin Doctors



Uncle Kracker



Cowboy Mouth

# ViewPoint Bank Stage

Friday, May 17

The  
**CHARLIE DANIELS BAND**



# metroPCS Stage

Saturday, May 18

**Eleven Hundred Springs**



**Toadies**



**Reverend Horton Heat**



# ViewPoint Bank Stage

Saturday, May 18

**38 SPECIAL**



**GRAND FUNK RAILROAD**

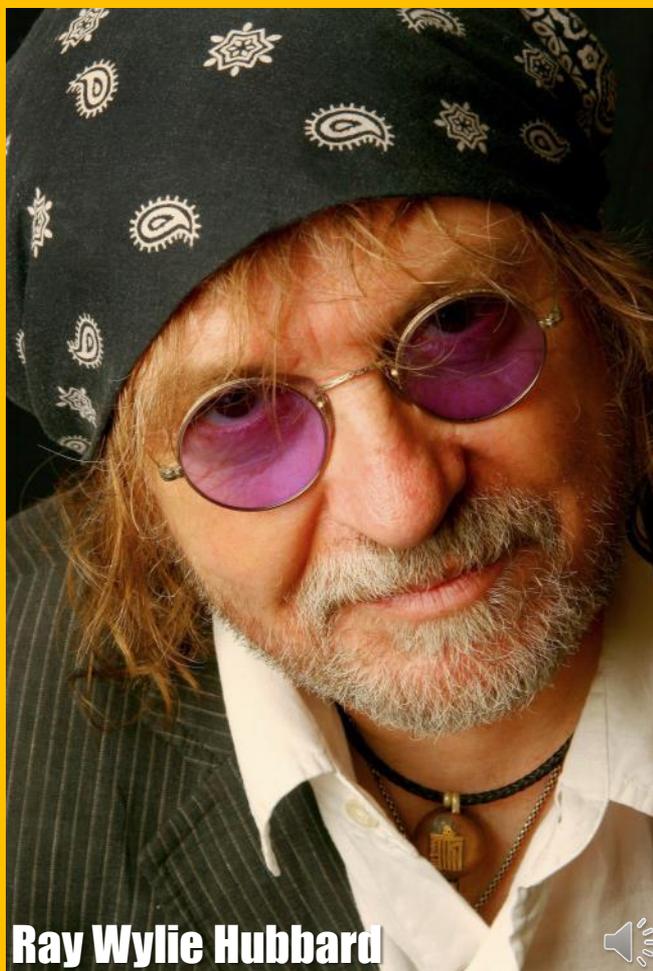


**BLUE ÖYSTER CULT**

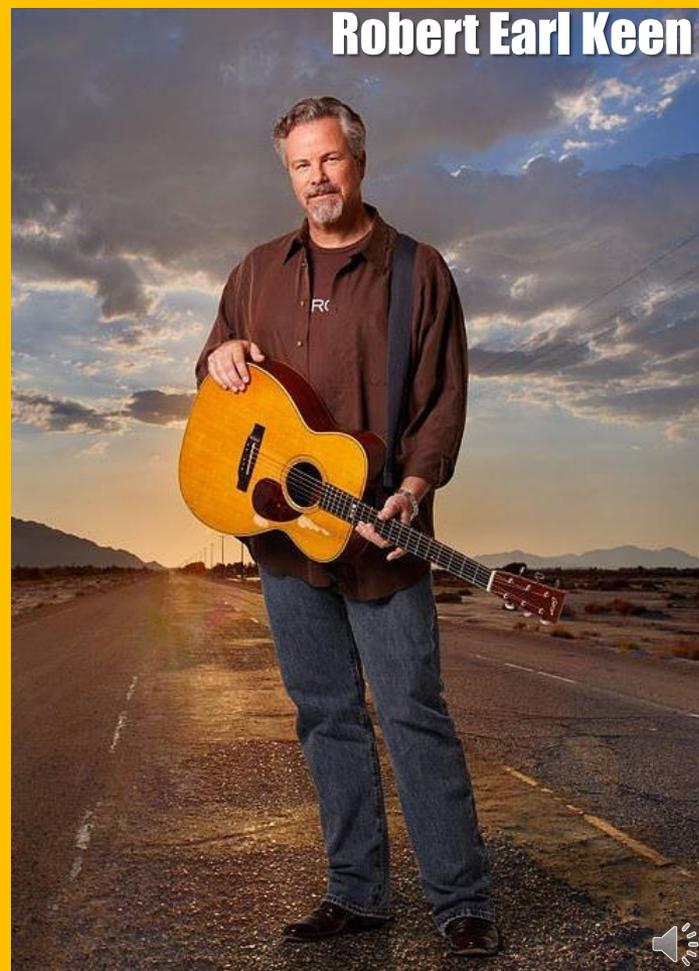


# ViewPoint Bank Stage

Sunday, May 19



Ray Wylie Hubbard



Robert Earl Keen



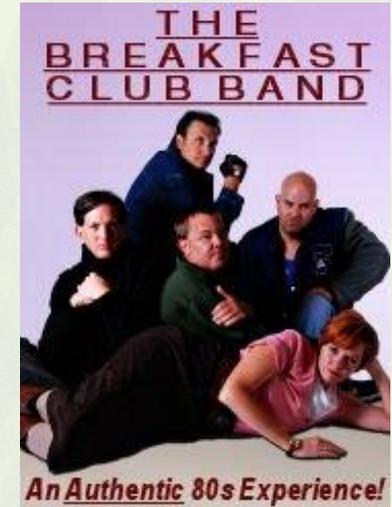
# LOCAL BANDS



**Chuck Ligon Band**



**Jolie Holiday**



**People on Vacation**



**blacktopGYPSY**

# SINGER SONGWRITER STAGE

**Friday, May 17**

- 6:30 pm – Tom Prasada-Rao
- 7:30 pm – Bill Ward & 2Bit Palomino
- 8:45 pm – The Waymores
- 10:00 pm – Eliza Gilkyson



Bill Ward & 2Bit Palomino



The Waymores



Eliza Gilkyson

# **SINGER SONGWRITER STAGE**

**Saturday, May 18**

- **11:30 am – SONGWRITERS CONTEST**
- **1:30 pm – Parker Millsap**
- **2:30 pm – Joe Crookston**
- **3:45 pm – Sally Barris & Don Henry Song Swap**
- **5:15 pm – Amy Speace**
- **6:30 pm – Tom Kimmel**
- **7:45 pm – Brother Sun**
- **9:00 pm – Slaid Cleaves**



Sally Barris



Tom Kimmel



Slaid Cleaves

# **SINGER SONGWRITER STAGE**

**Sunday, May 19**

- **1:00 pm – Budding Talent Vocal Competition**
- **2:30 pm – Songwriter Contest Winner's Rounds**
- **3:45 pm – Tom Faulkner**
- **5:00 pm – Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines**



Tom Faulkner



Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines

# There is an app for that!

- First ever Wildflower! App.
- Available on iPhone and Android.



- Partnered with Computer Science students from UT Dallas
  - Justin Ehlert, Team Leader (Freshman)
  - Alex Gwyn (Freshman)
  - Nelson LeDuc (Freshman)
  - Naveen Tammineni, (Graduate Student)



# Wildflower



Fri 9pm - metroPCS Stage

Food Court Visit the Country

Events >

Buy Tickets >

Map >

# Wildflower



Fri 10pm - ViewPoint Bank Stage

Food Court Visit the ViewPoint Bank

Events >

Buy Tickets >

Map >

# Events



## Spin Doctors

09:00 PM - metroPCS Stage



## Le Freak - (the greatest dis...

09:15 PM - Bud Light Stage



## Eliza Gilkyson

10:00 PM - Singer Songwriter



## The Charlie Daniels Band

10:00 PM - ViewPoint Bank Stage



## Uncle Kracker

10:30 PM - metroPCS Stage



Main



Events



Food



Social



Info

# Events



## Spin Doctors

metroPCS Stage

Friday - 09:00 PM

Listen



Main



Events



Food



Social



Info

# Food



### A La Carte Catering/The...

Variety



### Amazing Ad Specialties

Carnival/Variety



### Ben & Jerry's

Ice Cream



### Conway Corndogs

Corn Dogs & Funnel Cakes



### Crawfish Connection

Crawfish/Gumbo



Main



Events



Food



Social



Info

# #wildflower

Social Achievements 0/5 >



### Tweet #wildflower

@WildflowerFest - Mon May 6 9:14 AM



The full #Wildflower! Festival schedule is out--start making your plans for a weekend of music in Richardson!

<http://t.co/mmzuf5t5U3>

@jstjohn83 - Mon May 6 8:35 AM



@CowboyMouth I missed you at jazzfest (DVR mishap) but am checking you out on @Spotify and now I must see you at @WildflowerFest on may 17!

@WildflowerFest - Thu May 2 4:44 PM



Main



Events



Food



Social



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# Info

When



Where



Getting There



Gateways



Do's and Don'ts



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# TICKETS

\$3	\$10	\$20	\$30
<p>Children 5-12 One-Day Pass</p> <p>Children under 5 Free!</p> <p>Available at Gate, City Hall, Recreation Centers, &amp; Senior Center</p>	<p>Richardson resident advance discount adult ticket Per day</p> <p>Children \$3 Per day</p> <p>Available at City Hall, Recreation Centers &amp; Senior Center April 15 - May 17</p>	<p>Adult One-Day Pass at Gate and through ClicknPrint</p> <p>Friday 6 pm – Midnight</p> <p>Saturday 11 am - Midnight</p> <p>Sunday 12:30 pm – 8 pm</p>	<p>Weekend 3-Day Pass Advance Purchase</p> <p>Admission all three days!</p> <p>Available at Tom Thumb until 5:30 pm Friday 5/17/2013</p>

Bank of America  
**Kidz FREE Sunday!**

**CISCO Adult 1/2 Price Sunday!**

One-day and 3-Day passes also sold through ClicknPrint on WF website.

# WHAT'S NEW IN 2013?

- Credit Union of Texas – Gateway, VIP & Performance Row
  - History Channel BBQ Grill – 1<sup>st</sup> Stop on National Tour
    - Annual Wildflower! Student Art Contest – Music MAGNIFIED! is the theme!
  - Alamo Drafthouse Sponsors Movie Night at Wildflower!
- Rocket Man – The Best of Elton John in Hill Hall at the Eisemann Center
  - Cisco Sponsors ½ Price Sunday for Adults
- Coca-Cola Recycle Reimagine
- First ever Wildflower! App



# See You There!

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# Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS)



**In Emergency Planning and Operations**

*City of Richardson  
Office of Emergency Management*



# Introduction

- The purpose of tonight's briefing is to:
  - Discuss expectations related to Functional Needs Support Services preparedness.
  - Provide an overview of current program enhancements we are working to implement to become more compliant with the applicable regulations



# Attention to FNSS

## COURT CASE:

- February 2011 Decision
- CALIF v. City of Los Angeles
  - U.S. District Court (Central District, CA)
- Federal district court concluded:  
City of Los Angeles had violated federal  
and state disability laws

*CALIF = Communities Actively Living Independent & Free*



# Opportunities for Improvement

- *Alert/Warning Methods*
- Emergency Planning
- Public Education / Outreach
- Response Operations / Resources



# Outdoor Warning Sirens

- The vast majority of sirens in the U.S. do not provide alert for citizens who are deaf
- New siren systems now have options for visual alerts



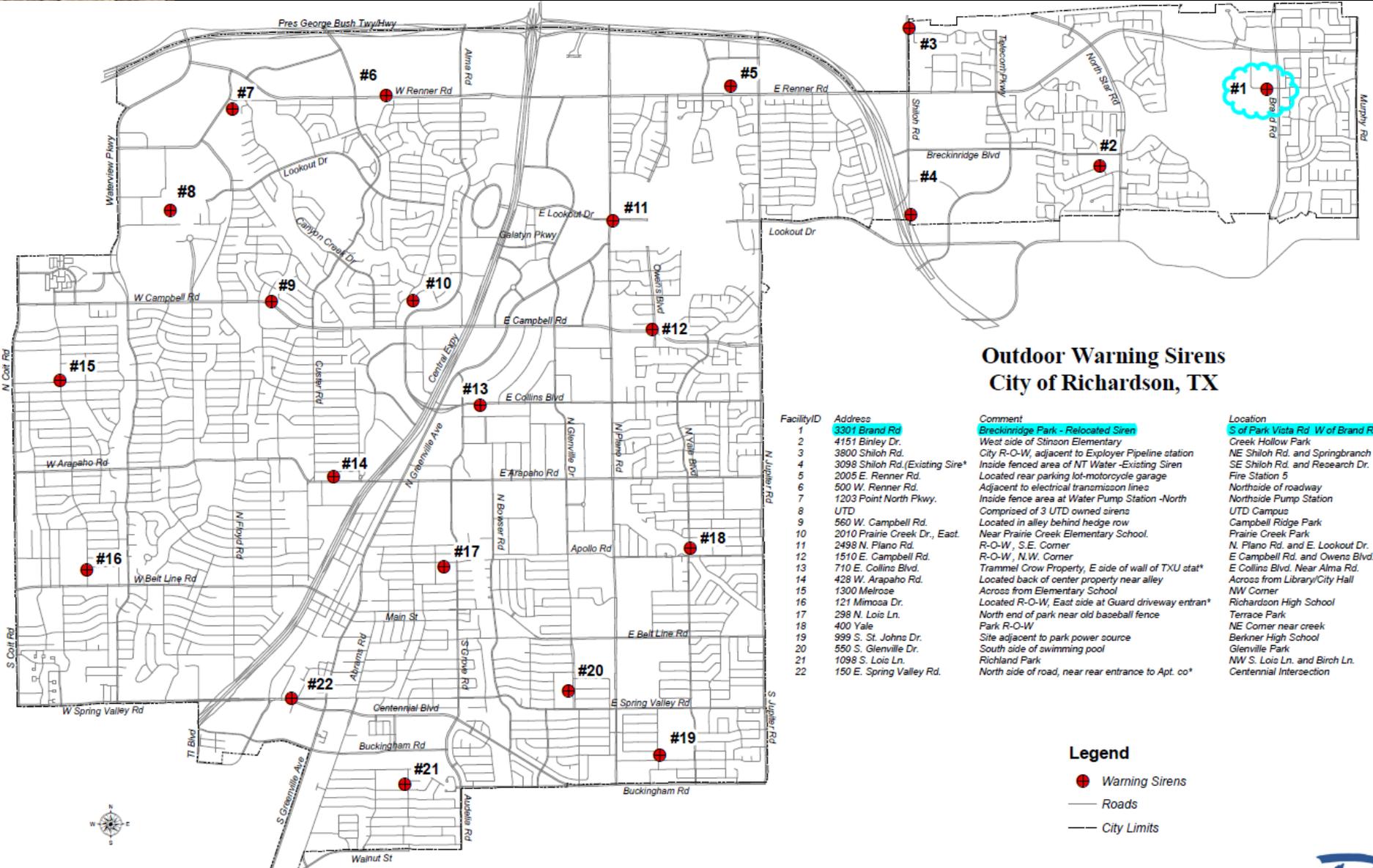
# Outdoor Warning Sirens

- Working to retrofit sirens with strobes
- Strobe will flash when siren is activated
- First trial siren, Breckinridge Park
- Project funded in current budget





# Outdoor Warning Sirens



## Outdoor Warning Sirens City of Richardson, TX

Facility/D	Address	Comment	Location
1	3301 Brand Rd	Breckinridge Park - Relocated Siren	S of Park Vista Rd. W of Brand Rd
2	4151 Binley Dr.	West side of Stinson Elementary	Creek Hollow Park
3	3800 Shiloh Rd.	City R-O-W, adjacent to Employer Pipeline station	NE Shiloh Rd. and Springbranch Dr.
4	3098 Shiloh Rd. (Existing Siren)	Located rear parking lot-motorcycle garage	SE Shiloh Rd. and Research Dr.
5	2005 E. Renner Rd.	Adjacent to electrical transmission lines	Fire Station 5
6	500 W. Renner Rd.	Inside fence area at Water Pump Station -North	Northside of roadway
7	1203 Point North Pkwy.	Comprised of 3 UTD owned sirens	Northside Pump Station
8	UTD	Located in alley behind hedge row	UTD Campus
9	560 W. Campbell Rd.	Near Prairie Creek Elementary School.	Campbell Ridge Park
10	2010 Prairie Creek Dr., East.	R-O-W, S.E. Corner	Prairie Creek Park
11	2498 N. Plano Rd.	R-O-W, N.W. Corner	E Lookout Dr. and Owens Blvd.
12	1510 E. Campbell Rd.	Trammel Crow Property, E side of wall of TXU stat*	E Campbell Rd. and Owens Blvd.
13	710 E. Collins Blvd.	Located back of center property near alley	E Collins Blvd. Near Alma Rd.
14	428 W. Arapaho Rd.	Across from Elementary School	Across from Library/City Hall
15	1300 Melrose	Located R-O-W, East side at Guard driveway entrant*	NW Corner
16	121 Mimosa Dr.	North end of park near old baseball fence	Richardson High School
17	298 N. Lois Ln.	Park R-O-W	Terrace Park
18	400 Yale	Site adjacent to park power source	NE Corner near creek
19	999 S. St. Johns Dr.	South side of swimming pool	Berkner High School
20	550 S. Glenville Dr.	Richland Park	Glenville Park
21	1098 S. Lois Ln.	North side of road, near rear entrance to Apt. co*	MW S. Lois Ln. and Birch Ln.
22	150 E. Spring Valley Rd.		Centennial Intersection

### Legend

- Warning Sirens
- Roads
- City Limits



# Outdoor Warning Sirens



## ■ Testing

- HOAs will be notified prior to testing
- Duration: 30-45 days

## ■ Process

- Use City Staff, Skywarn spotters, stakeholders
- Strobe testing performed silently
- Once fully implemented, strobes will activate simultaneously with audible tones

## ■ Next Steps

- If tests prove successful, full implementation is expected October 30, 2013

# Opportunities for Improvement

- Alert/Warning Methods
- *Emergency Planning*
- Public Education / Outreach
- Response Operations / Resources



# Emergency Planning for FNSS

## ■ Richardson Efforts

- Functional Needs Planning Group
- Meets Quarterly
- UTD Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) is a great partner

## ■ Regional Efforts – Richardson OEM participates

- Partners in Preparedness Committee
- Monthly Meetings each with a specific functional needs focus



# Opportunities for Improvement

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# Public Education / Outreach

## ■ Richardson Programs / Website

Budget
Capital Projects & Engineering
Civic Center
Communications
Community Services
Development Services
▼ Emergency Management
About Emergency Management
Think
▼ Prepare
Emergency Supply Kits
Family Emergency Plans
▼ Functional Needs
ESRD
Pets in Disasters
Teaching Children How and When to Call 9-1-1
Boy Scout Merit Badge
Faith-Based Conference Resources
Act
Public Warnings and Notifications

### FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

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If you or someone in your household has special needs, it's important to incorporate them into your disaster plans. If you need help in planning for your loved one's special needs please [contact the Office of Emergency Management](#) for assistance. The City of Richardson uses the [Special Needs Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) to register citizens with special needs to help in disaster planning as well as ensure vital information is provided to first responders.

#### To help prepare for an emergency:

- Keep 7-14 days of medication on hand. Keep support items in a designated place so they can be found quickly.
- Include any caretakers in the planning process.
- Provide the power company with a list of all power-dependent life-support equipment and plan for an alternate power source in advance.
- Create an adequate emergency food supply for those with special dietary needs.



# Opportunities for Improvement

- Alert/Warning Methods
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- *Response Operations / Resources*



# Response Operations / Resources

Working with FD:

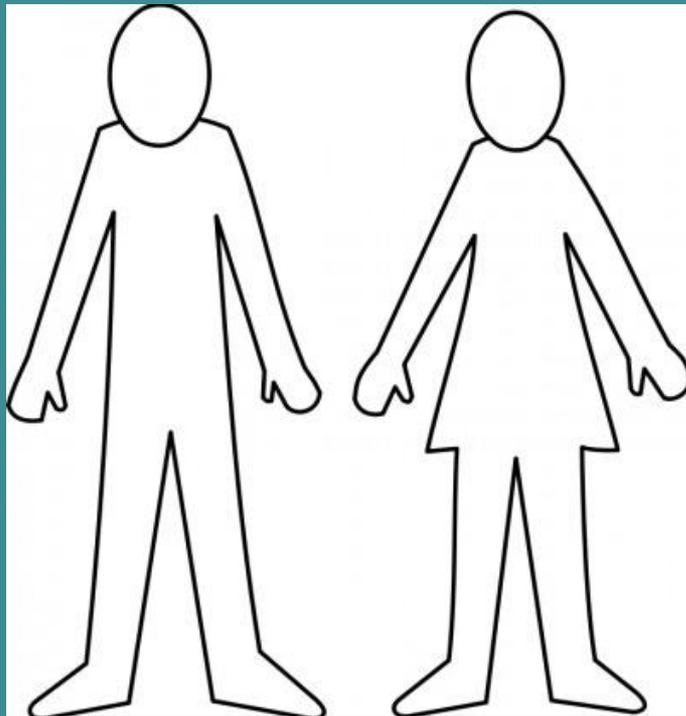
- Obtain Stryker (Expandable Patient Surface)



- Develop Flash Cards for those who are deaf and deafblind:
  - Braille for those who are deaf-blind
  - Pictograph
  - English for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and citizens who are deaf and read English



# Example Responder Flash Cards



Show me where it hurts





# Conclusion

- While it is impossible to plan for every potential situation and need for every possible hazard, OEM is actively working with existing resources and local partners to enhance current Functional Needs Support Services preparedness.
- We will continue to seek out opportunities to increase our compliance and provide the highest level of service to our citizens.



City of Richardson Legislative Agenda  
2013 Texas Legislative Session  
83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature

**General Government Initiatives:**

The City of Richardson strongly supports local control, where local elected officials are tasked with raising funds and providing services to respond to the individual needs of the community they serve. Local governments are the bedrock of the State, and provide the majority of public services to the citizens of Texas. As such, the City of Richardson strongly supports the following general government issues:

Parks:

- Restore the Local Parks Grant Program to the level recommended in the Texas Parks and Wildlife legislative appropriation request.

SB 1                      Williams, Tommy(R)                      General Appropriations Bill.  
                                 Pitts, Jim(R)

**Last Action:** 4-24-13 H Conference committee set for 8:00 A.M., E1.036

*Notes: Originally did not include parks grant funding in filed budget. House Floor Amendment was adopted to call for the use of a surplus of at least \$15 million with the Comptroller to be distributed to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to provide park grants to local municipalities and counties.*

- Support legislation that creates a Constitutional dedication of sporting goods sales tax revenue for use in State and local parks.
- Ensure that no legislative appropriation riders are allowed that set aside Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) moneys for specific projects or locales. All candidate grant projects should be subject to the established competitive grant process.

Library:

- Appropriate \$9.25 million for the TexShare Online Information database to support the need for digital learning resources.
- Appropriate \$3.4 million for incentive grants to increase literacy and educational success.

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*Notes: Allocates \$12.65 million (\$9.25 million for Shared Digital Content and \$3.4 million for Innovation Partnership Grants) to the State Library which would increase municipal Library programs and close the gap by less than half from the Library funding reduction in the last session.*

Public Safety:

- Support enhancement of burglary of a motor vehicle from a misdemeanor to a State Jail felony.

HB 235      Riddle, Debbie(R)      Relating to the punishment prescribed for burglary of a vehicle and to grants of community supervision to persons who commit that offense.

**Last Action:** 4-29-13 H Not heard in committee  
House Criminal Jurisprudence

- Support legislation authorizing sobriety check points in Texas.
- Continue support for municipally operated intersection safety camera programs.
- Amend the Government Code to require the collection of a DNA sample from all suspects who are arrested for a Class B misdemeanor or higher.
- Support restoration of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) funds.

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*Notes: Authorization for distribution of LEOSE funds in final conference report..*

- Enhance local control in decision making regarding fire protection system requirements. Current state law determines when a sprinkler system is required in a structure.

Finance:

- Support legislation requiring the mandatory disclosure of real property sales prices to appraisal districts to ensure fair and equitable valuation and taxation of all real property in the State of Texas.
- Support legislation allowing cities with a website to advertise once in a newspaper and continuously on the website for 14 days prior to a bid opening.

HB 335      Stickland, Jonathan(R)      Relating to the posting of required notice on a political subdivision's Internet website.

**Last Action:** 5- 2-13 H Reported from committee as  
substituted House Technology

*Notes: Allow the posting of official city notices to satisfy the newspaper posting requirement by posting on the Comptroller's website.*

- Support truth in taxation efforts by urging the legislature to permit the publication of a simplified notice of tax rates and tax impact to Richardson taxpayers.



*Notes: Places transaction limitations on the payday and auto title loan businesses. Will not preempt local ordinances adopted by a municipality related to regulation of payday and auto title loan businesses.*

- Provide a level playing field for financial institutions by requiring all lenders and brokers of payday, auto title, or other consumer loans to be licensed and to comply with the same standards and consumer protection laws of licensed lenders under Chapter 342 of the Texas Finance Code.
- Create a system to collect consumer loan data from lenders and brokers of consumer loans to ensure that these operations engage in fiscally sound lending that supports the well-being of our communities.

**Economic Development:**

The Texas Enterprise Fund has proven to be a valuable tool for the state to attract new job-creating projects to Texas through performance-based financial incentives. In Richardson, the Texas Enterprise Fund was crucial to convincing Texas Instruments to build a \$3 billion wafer fabrication plant, which was the largest economic development project announced in 2003. The City of Richardson encourages the Texas Legislature to continue funding the Texas Enterprise Fund.

The City of Richardson also supports the continued funding of the Texas Emerging Technology Fund. This fund is focused on fostering innovation, research and job creation in the high-tech industries. It's important for Texas to invest in emerging fields of technology in order to remain competitive in the evolving economy. The City of Richardson supports:

- Continued funding for the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, and the Skills Development Fund
- Support legislation that helps build equity in economic development between communities that are able to utilize 4A/4B sales tax and those who utilize sales tax funding for regional transportation purposes.

**Higher Education:**

The University of Texas at Dallas, which is located in Richardson, focuses on developing the human capital necessary for Texas to be competitive in the global economy. UT Dallas confers a higher percentage of science, technology and business degrees than any other Texas public, doctoral-granting institution. The City of Richardson recognizes UT Dallas as a key community partner and supports the following legislative initiatives that will assist them in their endeavors to move to Tier-One Research University status:

- Continue and increase funding for the Texas Research Incentive Program, which provides state matching funds for private dollars raised at the state's eight emerging research universities. DFW is home to three of these eight institutions, and DFW needs a major national research university for the future.
- Authorize a capital building program for higher education to address explosive enrollment growth since the state's last capital building program in 2006.

**Public Education:**

The City of Richardson strongly supports both the Plano and Richardson Independent School Districts, believing that top-quality public schools are the bedrock of any desirable community. The City of Richardson recognizes that high-performing public schools have a positive, direct impact on an educated, capable workforce, stability of property values, and desirability of the city to employers and their employees. Thus, the City supports the following initiatives related to public education:

- Ensure and protect adequate funding for school districts to meet the state's increasing education standards, including the provision of sufficient revenue to enable all districts to pay for educational reforms and cover inflationary costs.
- Return local control to locally elected school boards through sufficient taxing authority to cover educational reforms and inflationary costs. Returning such local control recognizes that representative government ensures an appropriate balance between the interests of parents, students, professional educators, taxpayers and the community
- Evaluate the statewide assessment program maintaining accountability while providing more flexibility to measuring a student's success.

**Transportation:**

The City of Richardson recognizes the value of a robust and healthy transportation system. Texas is adding more population than other U.S. regions, and the condition/capacity of Texas roadways is declining because of underinvestment in maintenance and new construction. Dallas-Fort Worth residents want and deserve transportation improvements that enhance mobility, improve air quality, relieve gridlock, maintain existing infrastructure and energize the local economy. As such, the City of Richardson urges the Texas Legislature to adopt several transportation funding and policy initiatives:

- Support state legislation that enables the future establishment of a regional Municipal Management District (MMD) for the Cottonbelt Regional Passenger Rail Line.

SB 1333

Carona, John(R)

Relating to the creation of the Cotton Belt Rail Improvement District.

**Last Action:**

Pending in Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee

- Support a Constitutional amendment to stop diversions of motor fuels taxes from Fund 6 to non-transportation programs.
- Identify a sustainable method of generating transportation revenue, which accounts for economic inflation and enhanced motor vehicle fuel economy, to ensure the adequate funding of statewide and regional efforts to maintain and improve multimodal transportation systems.

HB 479	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	<p>Relating to the allocation to the state highway fund of certain revenue from the taxes imposed on the sale, rental, or use of motor vehicles.</p> <p><b>Last Action:</b> 4-23-13 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., 1W.14, House Appropriations</p>
HB 514	Harper-Brown, Linda(R)	<p>Relating to the allocation of certain revenue from the taxes imposed on the sale, rental, or use of motor vehicles to the state highway fund.</p> <p><b>Last Action:</b> 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations</p>
HB 782	Phillips, Larry(R)	<p>Relating to the allocation of certain motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund and to the uses of that revenue.</p> <p><b>Companions:</b> SB 287 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical) 4- 2-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</p> <p><b>Last Action:</b> 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations</p>
SB 287	Nichols, Robert(R)	<p>Relating to the allocation of certain motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund and to the uses of that revenue.</p> <p><b>Companions:</b> HB 782 Phillips, Larry(R) (Identical) 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations</p> <p><b>Last Action:</b> 4- 2-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</p>
SB 309	Paxton, Ken(R)	<p>Relating to the state highway fund.</p> <p><b>Last Action:</b> 4- 2-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</p>

- Require allocations of all TxDOT funding categories across the state to be returned to the region in which they were generated.

- Support the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) efforts to maintain its first option for development of toll roads in the DFW region and re-establish the authority for TxDOT to enter into public-private partnerships (PPP) for projects selected by Metro Planning Organizations (MPOs) and local governments.
- Support legislation that allows for 4A/4B sales tax funds to be utilized for transportation purposes.
- Support the 2013 Legislative Programs of DART, DRMC, and the RTC.

**Anticipated Legislation to Oppose:**

The City of Richardson opposes and seeks to defeat any legislation that would erode municipal authority in any way or that would otherwise be detrimental to cities, especially legislation that would:

- Local Government Finance:
  - Reduce the appraisal growth cap established in current law.

HB 428      Creighton, Brandon(R)      Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Last Action:** 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1338      Bell, Cecil(R)      Relating to a limitation on the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

**Last Action:** 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3570      Hilderbran, Harvey(R)      Relating to limiting the frequency of reappraisals of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Last Action:** 4-15-13 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means

SB 95      Nichols, Robert(R)      Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Last Action:** 2-13-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance

- Impose revenue caps in the form of adjusting provisions for the current property tax rollback rate.

SB 102 Patrick, Dan(R) Relating to the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district and to voter approval of a proposed tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

**Last Action:** 3-25-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

SB 144 Williams, Tommy(R) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.

**Last Action:** 3-25-13 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

SB 154 Patrick, Dan(R) Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:** HB 1943 Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Identical)  
3- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Last Action:** 2-13-13 S Sent to subcommittee Senate Finance

- Creation of new court fees or elimination of the existing Court Technology Fee and Court Security Fee.
- Restrict the ability of cities to provide economic and efficient methods of financing city purchases and projects.
- Impose limits on the city's existing economic development authority.
- Limit a municipality's ability to implement and/or maintain safety camera program. The City also opposes any further diversion of proceeds from intersection safety camera programs away from local control.

HB 3304 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to registration of a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-13 H Committee action pending House Transportation

*Notes: Prohibits a city from placing a vehicle registration hold on a citizen who is delinquent on payment of a red light violation.*

HB 2420 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to the authority of a local government to impose a civil penalty for certain failures to obey a traffic-control signal.

**Last Action:** 4-17-13 H Reported favorably from committee on House Transportation

*Notes: Prohibits turning right on a red light as a violation and restricts the issuance of a fine.*

HB 2421 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to allowing a person to register a motor vehicle when delinquent in the payment of certain civil penalties.

**Last Action:** 4- 9-13 H Committee action pending House Transportation

*Notes: Prohibits a city from placing a vehicle registration hold on a citizen who is delinquent on payment of a red light violation.*

HB 3172 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to the content of photographic traffic monitoring system signs.

**Last Action:** 4-30-13 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Transportation

*Notes: Requires municipalities to post the fine amount for a red light violation on red light informational signs prior to approaching the intersection.*

- Erode zoning authority.
- Erode municipal authority over the rights-of-way or erode municipal authority to collect reasonable compensation for the use of rights-of-way.