

Richardson at a Glance

The City of Richardson, located 15 miles north of downtown Dallas, is part of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Originally a farming community, Richardson has evolved into a city with more daytime workers than residents. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) estimated Richardson's resident population as 97,488 for January 1, 2008, and its employment as 110,124 as of January 1, 2005.

Richardson is 28.7 square miles in area—18.4 square miles in Dallas County, the remainder in Collin County. The city is served by two nationally-acclaimed public schools systems, two community colleges, one State university, a flourishing hospitality industry, a renowned orchestra, a thriving arts and culture community, and a community hospital, all of which work together to enhance the City's quality of life and business environment.

Rail Transit in Richardson

Commencement of service—2001.

Bush Turnpike

- Northern-most Richardson station
- Light rail extends north into Plano
- 800 parking spaces beneath turnpike lanes (update number)

Galatyn Park

- Destination station; no parking provided
- Serves Galatyn Park Urban Center

Arapaho Center

- 15-acre multi-modal transit center (bus, rail)
- 1,120 parking spaces
- Pedestrian underpass connects parking lot to rail station

Spring Valley

- Southern-most Richardson station
- Light rail extends south into Dallas
- Elevated station
- 550 parking spaces
- Brick Row mixed-use development under construction to the east

UTD Station

- Proposed station on the future Cotton Belt Rail Line
- Will serve the University of Texas at Dallas and surrounding area
- Campus-oriented mixed-use development envisioned



Galatyn Park Station

Richardson, Texas



Located east of North Central Expressway (US75) and south of Lookout Drive in Richardson, the Galatyn Park Station serves Richardson's first Transit-Oriented Development. The station location and the development surrounding it are the result of a very successful public/private collaboration.

Galatyn Park Urban Center

The Galatyn Park Urban Center combines a unique mix of uses with gathering places and open spaces to create an iconic destination. Public/private cooperation has been a hallmark of the development throughout the project's history. The master plan has evolved over time, but the vision for a cohesive district with a mix of private development and civic spaces has been consistent.

The Telecom Corridor® and More

Since the 1960s, high-tech companies have dominated Richardson's employment centers. At its height, 600+ tech firms were located in Richardson, the majority in the 11-square mile Telecom Corridor®. While technology is still strong in Richardson, the City is experiencing a diversification of its economy with growth in finance, insurance, and other industries. The Galatyn Park Urban Center has seen its share of diversification with the addition of Countrywide Financial/Bank of America and the construction of the new Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas corporate campus, currently underway.

Public Art

Each rail station in the DART system includes art and design elements that were created to reflect the environment, history and culture of the surrounding community. The Galatyn Park Station, at the gateway to the Telecom Corridor®, features a technology theme—large columns symbolizing twin satellite dishes and a circuit board fence design.



1. The Eisemann Center

- Performing arts and corporate presentation facility
- Flexible, three-venue facility
 - 1,550 seat performance hall
 - 350 seat theater
 - 3,150 square foot multi-use facility
- Advanced presentation technology
- Capital enhancement gift from Richardson resident Charles W. Eisemann
- Land donation from Galatyn Park Corporation; main venue named Margaret & Al Hill Performance Hall
- Donation of light sculpture by local resident

2. The Renaissance Hotel

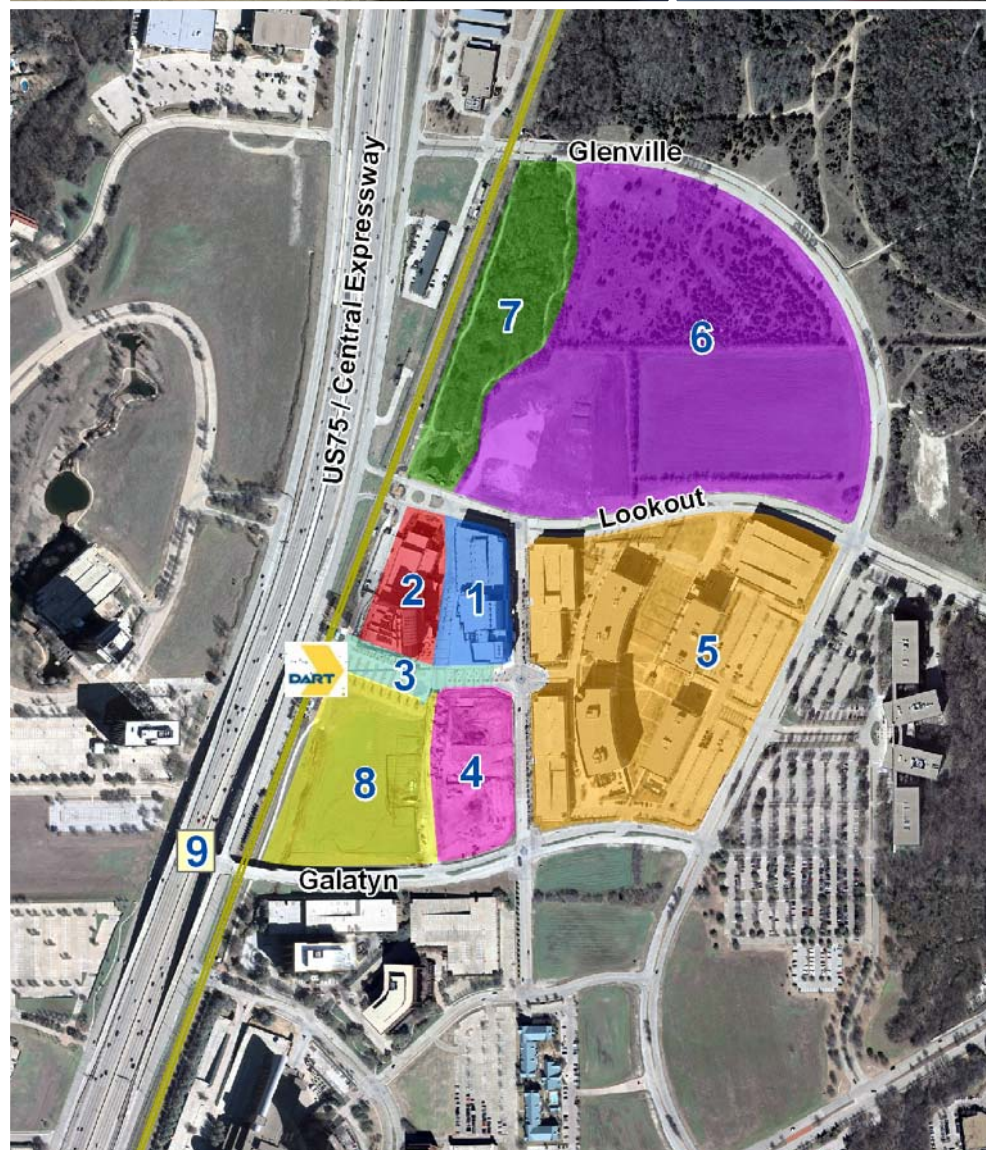
- Full service Renaissance Hotel by Marriott International, owned and operated by John Q. Hammons Hotels
- 12 stories; 336 rooms, including 42 suites
- 30,000 square feet of meeting space, including 12,000 square foot ballroom
- 750-space City-built/financed parking garage (380 parking spaces for hotel, 370 spaces for conference center)
- Conference center financed by City; 20-year city ownership, with debt service paid annually by hotel and ownership transfer at payout

3. Public Plaza

- Two-acre public plaza
- Land donation from Galatyn Park Corporation
- Site of annual Wildflower Festival, attracting over 70,000 people
- Element of live/work/play environment
- Texas Instruments Foundation Community Fountain designed by WET Design as plaza focal point
- Design links adjacent development with DART station and nature trail system

4. The Venue

- 4-acre mixed-use development by Legacy Partners
- 279-units; four stories
- 7,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, restaurant
- 4-level parking garage



5. Corporate Campus

- 800,000 square feet of office space, three parking garages
 - Countrywide Financial/Bank of America
 - CreditSolutions
 - Nortel Networks
- Public parking partnership to accommodate evening/weekend activities at Eisemann Center
- Campus design coordinated with Urban Center plan for aligned view and design axis
- Trees relocated to area parks before start of construction

6. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas

- 1 million square foot headquarters for Blue Cross and Blue Shield on 34 acres
- Initial employment of 2,700, with ability to increase to 5,000
- 15-story building, 7-story building, parking garage; land for expansion
- Start of construction Fall 2007; occupancy early 2010

7. Woodland Preserve and Nature Trails

- Eight acres donated by Galatyn Park Corporation
- Wetlands mitigation area for urban center
- Multi-use trail, picnic areas, animal sculpture playground, boardwalk for bird-watching, wetland ponds, horseshoe pits
- Trail connects corporate campuses, DART Station, and hotels to the Spring Creek Nature Area to the north
- Property value used as in-kind match for State grant

8. Future Development

- Eight-acre vacant parcel for employment/mixed-use development

9. Galatyn Park Interchange

- Ingress and egress from US75 to Galatyn Park
- \$11-million project combining DART/CMAQ/City funding and TxDOT administration
- Extension of Galatyn Parkway to properties west of US 75 under design

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