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### MEMBERSHIP

The Branch Connection is open to anyone 50 years of age or better.

#### Yearly Membership Fees

Farmers Branch & Carrollton residents: \$25  
Non-residents: \$50  
Day Pass: \$5  
Replacement card: \$3

Participation in Special Events does not require a membership.

### HOURS

**Monday - Wednesday**  
8am - 8:45pm

**Thursday - Friday**  
8am - 5pm

**Saturdays**  
1 - 5pm

### DROP-IN RECREATION

The game room is open during facility hours for drop-in recreation such as cards, billiards, dominoes, board games, or puzzles.

The Branch Connection accepts Silver Sneakers, Renew Active, Silver & Fit Memberships. Bring in your insurance card and find out if you qualify for a discount.

### TO VOLUNTEER

Contact Jennifer Stone  
972.919.8744  
[jennifer.stone@farmersbranchtx.gov](mailto:jennifer.stone@farmersbranchtx.gov)

## SPECIAL EVENTS MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

### Monthly Breakfast

Monday, April 1 | 8:15 am | No Charge  
Thank you to the Dallas Medical Center for sponsoring our breakfast this month.  
Menu: sausage, gravy, biscuits, eggs, fruit, juice & coffee. Host: Senior Advisory Board.  
Entertainment: Mary Immaculate School Choir



FARMERS BRANCH  
**LIBRARY**  
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### TOWN HALL MEETING

THUR, APRIL 4 | 2 - 4 PM  
THE BRANCH CONNECTION  
DISTRICT 4  
TERRY LYNNE

### Notary Public

Monday, April 8 | 9-10 am | No Charge  
Provider: Maxine Pride  
Bring your documents to be notarized and a government issued photo ID.

### Medicare Fraud: Spot, Prevent, & Report It

Thursday, April 11 | 10:30 am | No Charge  
Learn about the common scams targeting seniors and how to protect yourself.

### Benefits of Bees Talk

Thursday, April 11 | 2 pm | No Charge  
Speaker: Bruce Crozier, Bee Hobbyist  
Bees are vital to a healthy environment and healthy economy. There is growing concern at bee decline across the world. Learn more.

### Old Time Acoustic Jam

Saturday, April 13 | 1:30-4:30 pm | No Charge  
Bring your acoustic instrument and jam with others who enjoy playing old time songs. Listeners welcome too!

### Birthday Lunch

Wednesday, April 17 | Noon | No Charge  
Sponsor: Bonnie Potraza, City Council Candidate, District 4.  
Menu: chicken salad sandwiches and broccoli salad. Cake sponsor: Brookdale Assisted Living of Farmers Branch.

### CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19

### AARP Safe Driver Course

Thursday, April 25 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Fee: AARP members \$15, Non Members \$20  
Learn to compensate for age-related changes, reduce traffic violations, accidents & chance for injury. Course does not qualify for traffic violation dismissal.

### Savvy Saving Senior Talk

Thursday, April 25 | 11:30 am  
Overview of basic money management for a fixed budget, the benefits of banking, and how to access public benefits. Learn to take advantage of available resources to safeguard your money for economic safety.

### Fishin' Fun in Farmers Branch

Saturday, April 27 | 8 am - Noon | No Charge  
Grab the grandkids (16 & under) and come out to Gussie Field Watterworth Park, next to City Hall for a morning of fishing and outdoor fun!

## COMMUNITY



Saturday, May 11, 7:30 am - Noon

Location: SW Corner of Valwood & Dennis

### Vendor Registration

Vendor registration is going on now at The Branch Connection, 14055 Dennis Lane. Fee: \$25. For more info: 972.919.8744. [www.fbspecialevents.com](http://www.fbspecialevents.com)

## Monday Night

7-9:20 pm Fee: \$5

April 1	Swingin' Country	Country
April 8	Jim Baker	Ballroom
April 15	Solid Country	Country
April 22	Dave Alexander	Ballroom
April 29	Warren Cook	Variety



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# SPECIAL INTERESTS

## Thinkabilities

**Mondays 9:15 am | No Charge | Instructor: Anna Abner**  
"Use it or lose it" applies not only to your physical body, but also to brain fitness. This class will help to improve memory, sharpen your mind and promote social interactions, all while you're having a great time.

## BRIDGE PROGRAMS

### Duplicate Bridge

Leader: Diane Royer

**Mondays | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm | Fee: \$1 per day**

**Wednesdays | April 10 & 24 | 1 - 4 pm | Fee: \$1 per day**

### Party Bridge

**Tuesdays | 12:30 - 3 pm | No Charge**

No partner necessary.

## Sudoku Workshop

**Tuesday, April 9 | 3 - 5 pm**

No Charge | Instructor: Bruce Crozier

Learn tips and strategies in playing this popular game. Sudoku is played by entering the digits 1 through 9 into each 3x3 box, column, and row, only once. It's a great brain activity!

## Texas Hold 'em Lessons

**Thursdays in April | 10 - 11 am**

No Charge | Instructor: Bruce Crozier

Come learn the basics of this poker game in a relaxed atmosphere so you can play with confidence.

## Cookin' Club: Wontons and Mo Koo Gai Fan

**Wednesday, April 10 | 10:30 am**

There will be a small food supply fee at the session.

Instructor: Henry and Tita Sih

Learn to make this classic dish of chicken and vegetables stir fried with a savory sauce. Then try your hand at Cards: \$1 each/3 card limit. making wontons for soup. Registration required.

## Shared Moments

**Mondays | 10:15 am | No Charge**

What's your story? In this group you will have the opportunity to hear others recall and share life memories as well as share your own. All are welcome!

## ATTENTION: 42 Players

We have 42 games happening in the game room every afternoon from about 1 to 5 pm. We welcome any member and any skill level to come and join us. Just drop in to join the fun and leave when you want.

## BINGO

**Wednesdays | 1 pm**

**2nd & 4th Saturdays | 3 pm**

\$1 per card/ 3 card limit

## Random Acts of Kindness

**Sponsoring: Metrocrest Services Food Drive**

**Thursday, April 11 | 11 am**

Please bring in donations of canned goods cleaning supplies and pre-packaged food items by April 10.

## Gardening: "Can I Eat That?" Browsing for Food in the Ornamental Garden

**Wednesday, April 17 | 10 am**

No Charge | Speaker: CA Hiscock, Master Gardener

Learn about the flowers, fruit, leaves, and roots that can be grown and eaten in the Dallas area. The nightshade (tomatoes, petunias, tobacco and potatoes) and umbel (hemlock and carrots) families are discussed as they include both edible and poisonous members. Handout includes recipes.

## Crusin' Cusine goes to El Famoso

**Thursday, April 18 | 11 am - 1:30 pm | Fee: \$5**

A Southern California-Mexican inspired diner that fuses Mexican comfort food and American. Lunch on your own with prices ranging \$10 - \$18.

## Texas Hold 'em Tournament

**Thursday, April 18 | 1 pm | No Charge**

Snacks sponsor: The Avenues of Park Forest

Play for 1st and 2nd places and one high hand.

## NEW! Book Club Meet & Greet

**Monday, April 22 | 1 pm | No Charge**

For those on the other side of 50 who enjoy reading, let's meet and start a Book Club! It's a great way to meet new friends that share a common interest.

## Genealogy Trip to Dallas Library

**Tuesday, April 23 | 9:30 am - 3 pm | Fee: \$2**

**Must buy \$10 transportation ticket good for 5 trips**

The Dallas Public Library's Genealogy Section contains one of the largest and most comprehensive collections for family history research in the Southwest.

## Conversations in Neglected History

**Fridays | 9:30 am - Noon | No Charge**

Come explore alternate views of history and enjoy special guest speaker: Dr. Richard McCaslin from UNT on **April 26 speak on Battle of the Nueces, August 1862.**

## Photography Club

**Wednesdays | 1 - 2 pm**

No Charge | Instructor: Deborah Hutchins

Share your love of photography and how to improve your skills. Don't have a camera? Bring your smart phone and we'll show you how to use it to take nice pictures.

## Evening Beginner II Line Dance Lessons

Wednesdays, April 3, 17, May 1, 15 & 29 | 6:30 pm

Fee: \$15 | Instructor: Karen Aubrey

This is a continuation of our on-going evening line dance class. If you are at an Advanced Beginner level, you are welcome to register.

## Pole Walking All Ages Welcome!

Wednesdays | 8:15 - 9:30 am

No Charge | Instructor: Jennifer Stone

Easy-to-learn, this fun exercise really gets you moving. Meet us at the Manske Library in the west side parking lot. Bring your poles or use ours. together to improve your pictures.

# CRAFTS

## Beaded Sun Catchers

Friday, April 5 | 1 pm

Fee: \$12 - \$14 | Instructor: Carol Slawson

Whether you want to catch the golden rays of the sun or just add a little dazzle to your window, a beaded suncatcher is a fun and easy project you can complete in an afternoon.

## Just Craftin' Around

Two different classes each month.

Fee: \$8 | Instructor: Bettie Smith

Crafts made with fabric, paint, wood and other craft materials. All supplies furnished.

### Commuter Bib & Bag Holder

Monday, April 8 | 6 - 7:30 pm

### Burrito Pillowcase & Screen Tote Bag

Friday, April 26 | 1 - 3 pm

## Beginner Greeting Cards

Tuesday, April 9 | 10 am - Noon

Fee: \$10 | Instructor: Vicki Young

Taking the time to make a greeting card personally, lets the receiver know how special they are to you. Start with simple cards then build your skills to more complex techniques in this monthly class.

## Advanced Greeting Cards

Tuesday, April 9 | 1 - 3pm

Fee: \$10 | Instructors: Jan McCord & Carmel Mosley

Prerequisite: Beginner Greeting Cards Class

Learn to make fabulous cards using advanced techniques such as embossing, die cuts, matting, layering, masking, paper piecing and much more.

## Spring Sweatshirt Jacket

Friday April 5 | 1 - 4 pm

Fee: \$20 | Instructor: Bettie Smith

Turn an oversized sweat shirt into a lovely, wearable and versatile cardigan. Super easy and fun reconstruction with a spring theme!



## Instructional Quilting

Thursdays 1 - 3 pm | No Charge

Want to learn to quilt or get help learning new techniques? Join others who share your same interest in this weekly group.

## Drop-In Arts & Crafts

Bring your projects to one of these groups and get your arts and crafting on with friends! No Charge

**Art Group**

Mondays 2 - 5 pm

**Evening Crafts**

Mon, Tue Wed 5 - 8 pm

**Quilting**

Fridays 10 am - 12 pm

# COMPUTERS

## MS Word I 2016

Monday & Wednesday, April 8 - 17 | 9 am - Noon

Fee: \$20 | Instructor: Linda Eakle

For students new to MS Word, this course introduces the essential uses and features of the program. You will learn document set-up, formatting text and documents, how to create and format tables, shapes, WordArt and more.

## NEW! PC Clean Up and Windows 7 End of Life

Thursday, April 11 | 9:30 - 11:30 am

No Charge | Instructor: Linda Eakle

In this 2 hour lecture, learn how to clean up your PC and find out about Windows 7 end of life coming in January 2020. As the lifecycle ends for Windows 7 learn how to make informed decisions about when to update, upgrade or make other changes to your software.



**The Computer Lab is open for use unless a Computer Class is scheduled.**

**The Computer Lab closes 1 hour before class.**

\* Denotes a Charge

# APRIL 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:15 am <b>Monthly Breakfast*</b> 8:15 am <b>Strong Forever</b> 9:15 am Thinkabilities 9:30 am Duplicate Bridge* 10:00 am Tai Chi 10:15 am Shared Moments 12:30 pm Mah Jongg 2:00 pm Art Group 5:00 pm Evening Craft Group 7:00 pm Dance - Swingin' Country*	<b>2</b> 9:00 am <b>Everyone's Yoga</b> 9:00 am Cribbage 10:00 am Intermediate Bridge* 10:00 am <b>Balanced Bodies</b> 11:15 am Chair Volleyball-Open 11:30 am <b>Silver Sneakers Classic</b> 12:30 pm Lo Begin Line Dancing* 12:30 pm Party Bridge 2:00 pm Hi Begin Line Dance* 5-8 pm Square Dancing*/Crafts 6:30 pm <b>Alzheimer's Support</b>	<b>3</b> 8:15 am <b>Pole Walking</b> 9:00 am Begin Table Tennis 10:00 am Five Crown/Dulcimer 10:00 am Intermediate Line Dance* 12:30 pm Dominoes & 42 1:00 pm Photography Club 1:00 pm BINGO* 1:00 pm Table Games 2:00 pm Tai Chi/Table Tennis 5:00 pm Craft Group 6:30 pm <b>Begin II Line Dance</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 am <b>Everyone's Yoga</b> 9:00 am Billiards 9:30 am Basic Bidding Bridge* 10:00 am <b>Texas Hold 'em Lessons</b> 10:00 am <b>Balanced Bodies</b> 11:15 am Chair Volleyball-Team 11:30 pm <b>Silver Sneakers Classic</b> 1:00 pm Instructional Quilting 1:00 pm Table Games 1:30 pm Squares Game	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Neglected History 9:30 am Clogging 10:00 am Dulcimer Lessons 10:00 am Quilting Group 1:00 pm <b>Beaded Sun Catchers</b> 1:00 pm <b>Spring Sweatshirt Jacket</b> 1:00 pm Dominoes & 42 1:00 pm Canasta 2:00 pm Table Tennis	<b>6</b> 1-5:00 pm Table Games & Open Recreation 1-5:00 pm Table Tennis
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