



## June 27

**Bluegrass on Ballard** Bluegrass on Ballard, a free event in historic downtown Wylie, will feature bluegrass bands, 175-vehicle car show, chili cook-off, arts and crafts vendors and great food. Last year, thousands lined the streets discovering not only the event, but the charming restaurants and interesting shops. This year is expected to exceed last year's record numbers, introducing even more to the unique family-friendly music festival. Bands include Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers, Texas & Tennessee featuring Steve Huber and John R. Bowman, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Bluegrass Band, Phil Ferguson & Texas True, In Achordance, and Bobby Giles & Music Mountain. The fun begins at 10 a.m. and lasts all day until 10 p.m. *Historic Downtown Wylie on Ballard Avenue at Highway 78, WylieTexas.gov/Bluegrass*

### Fr Fridays in June

#### Storytime at the Interurban Railway Museum

Every Friday morning at 10:30 in the lobby of the historic Interurban Railway Museum, spell-bound children take a magical train ride through the tales of professional storyteller Genie Hammel and her sidekick Eugene the Motor Mouse. The 30-minute, fun-filled, interactive experience is aimed at toddlers and preschool children. However, kids of all ages are welcomed to attend.

Admission is free.

901 E. 15th Street, Plano  
*PlanoConservancy.org*

### June 8-July 27

#### Plano Concert in the Park Series - Plano Community Band

The Plano Community Band is a volunteer organization made up of approximately 70 musicians from all walks of life who share a passion for music. The band is best known for its summer concert series in Haggard Park. A list of dates and full details can be found on the website.

Haggard Park, 901 E. 15th Street, Plano  
*PlanoBand.com*

### June 12

#### Murphy Sounds at Sundown Summer Concerts

The Sounds of Summer Concert Series is a free event welcoming everyone in the community to sit back and unwind as they listen to great live music under the stars. On June 12, hear Petty Theft (a Tom Petty cover band). On June 19, hear Norther National Band & The Warehouse (a Dave Matthews tribute band). On June 26, hear Emerald City Band. All shows start at 8 p.m.

Murphy Central Park Amphitheater, 550 N. Murphy Road, Murphy  
*MurphyTX.org*

### June 12-June 14

#### Taste the Difference

Taste the Difference, a high-end tasting experience at Taste of Dallas, makes its debut with four open kitchens featuring renowned chefs as they cook up their signature recipes while sharing culinary secrets. A large selection of wine and craft beers will also be available. The event will represent Culinary with a Cause, a unique opportunity to enjoy food while helping to make the world better for deserving North Texans. Taste the Difference also benefits the American Heart Association. Tickets are \$125.

Dallas Fair Park  
*TasteTheDifferenceDallas.com*

### June 12-August 6

#### 2015 Young Authors

Students who are Richardson residents and entering 5th - 9th grades are welcomed to attend this free workshop on Fridays in June and August. Children will learn to write and illustrate a picture book for the library and receive their own copy at an awards ceremony in the fall. Registration is required by calling 972-744-4358.

Richardson Public Library, 900 Civic Center Drive, Richardson  
*RichardsonPublicLibrary.com*

### June 25-June 28

#### Texicon

Role-playing games, board games and miniatures are the focus of Texicon,

which will also feature seminars about the industry and tournaments for a couple of games. Find full details online.

Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street,  
*GrapevineTexicon.net*

### July 3

#### Red, White & Blue Blast

This year's Independence Day festival will bring live entertainment, activities, food, vendors, bounce houses, contests, face painting, and of course, fireworks. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray and enjoy an evening of good, old-fashioned family fun.

Heritage Park, 4408 Hudson Drive, Sachse  
*CityofSachse.com*

### July 4

#### Patriot Pops

The Plano Symphony Orchestra will present an entertaining and inspiring tribute to America at 3 p.m. Patriotic selections will honor our country and the people dedicated to preserving our freedom. Joining the Plano Symphony will be the Patriotic Pops Chorus, composed of experienced choral singers from the Plano Civic Chorus and the Men of Note Chorus.

Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive, Richardson  
*PlanoSymphony.org*