

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 4, 2025
SUBJECT: NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, Programs and Services Update
PRESENTER: Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director, will present an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Fitness, Athletics, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Cultural Arts and the Richland Tennis Center.

NRH CENTRE

- A. The NRH Centre will be wrapping up its 13th Anniversary Specials on July 31. Offerings include 10% Off all Paid-in-Full Memberships, 6-month packages for Individuals or Families with or without Group Fitness classes included, and a 2-week trial pass for all new members.
- B. Xplor Recreation is in full swing as the transition completed is final phases incorporating group fitness and finalizing use of the previous software effective July 31. Xplor offers an in-app experience for quick and easy registration of classes and programs. Approximately 90% of the NRH Centre registrations are completed online allowing ease and convenience for the guest while allowing the staff to focus on guest experience instead of data entry.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A. NRH Centre closes out another summer at Camp NRH. Camp NRH ran from May 27 through August 1 with a record 960 campers participating over the 10 weeks. The program offers full days of activities, crafts and field trips. This summer camp went to the movies at B&B Theatres, visited Northfield Park, bowled at Bowlero, played classic arcades at Tornado Terry's, and visited a local favorite, NRH2O Family Water Park. NRH Centre Camp Director and Counselors did a great job each day to provide a safe and fun experience for the campers. NRH Centre is proud of their dedication to all campers this summer.
- B. Youth programs have been full of summer fun for pre-k kids to teens. Gymnastics camps with themes of Dinosaurs, Red-White-Blue and Beach have been popular choices with lots of campers, Dance with Princesses and Tea Party camps have also

been full of tutus and tiaras dancing and creating this summer. NRH Centre successfully hosted Rainforest Art on the Terrace and several STEM related camps centered on building and design, coding, experiments and wildlife exploration. This summer the NRH Centre is excited to see the results of camp offerings in which kids write, direct and make their own movies. Regular offerings of evening Karate and Monday evening dance classes continue to be in demand. Looking ahead, the NRH Centre is excited to offer a volleyball/basketball sports camp the first week in August.

ATHLETICS

- A. Softball leagues are underway with the summer season. Offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader and Monday Men's Church.
- B. Volleyball is ending the current season and will begin next season the week of August 4. The league offers Intermediate A, Intermediate B on Tuesdays and Recreational on Thursdays.
- C. The new session of the Pickles n' Paddles Indoor Pickleball League began on Wednesday, July 23. This is the 9th consecutive sold out league that is comprised of 32 total two-person teams divided into 3 divisions: Competitive, Intermediate, and Recreational. The reason for dividing the league into divisions is so the teams can play against others of similar skill level.
- D. Gutterball League is returning in September for its third season.
- E. TCU Men's Basketball hosted the Special Olympics Clinic back in June at the NRH Centre. The clinic had approximately 40 participants.
- F. The Bike & Hike Series continues on Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. starting from the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. You choose to bike or hike at the park location listed each month. The Bike and Hike Series provides a great monthly opportunity to get outside and be active in a fun and welcoming setting. The recreational bike rides are 9–12 miles and the routes incorporate trail and on-road. The wellness hikes are 1-2 miles within the loop trails of the park and led by our staff. Individuals, groups, and families are welcome, just bring your water bottle and safety helmet during the bike ride.

September Bike Route Map: <https://bit.ly/2025SeptRIDERoute>

September Hike Route Map: <https://bit.ly/2025SeptHIKERoute>

AQUATICS

- A. July Swim Lessons are underway with 149 participants. This session will be the last set of lessons before the break in August. The NRH Centre has seen many new families enrolled this summer, with high hopes to retain these families in the Fall.
- B. NRH Centre partnered with NRH20 for their Annual World's Largest Swim Lesson Event on Thursday, June 26, 2025. Amanda Hamiter, NRH Centre Aquatics Program Coordinator, organized 12 Instructors to lead this 30-minute lesson. The Lesson involved teaching key safety skills such as safe entry, submersion and breathing, floating, and basic freestyle stroke skills.



- C. This past month, 6 newly trained Lifeguards began working. The NRH Centre continues to interview, hire and train new staff as we gear up for the Fall due to the natural turn-over with team members leaving for school.
- D. NRH Centre aquatics team receives four unannounced independent audits annually through Ellis and Associates. These audits observe the team through standard operations as well as through scenarios. It is a testament to the dedication to provide safe water at all times that the team received its third consecutive overall score of Exceeds.

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC is in full swing this summer with weekly junior summer camps and classes which will run through the first week of August.
- B. In June, RTC hosted the Men's USTA Spring Playoffs on June 13-15. RTC is also hosting the Keller KATCH league on July 15 and 17.
- C. In-house adult leagues will run from June 30 through August 21. As well as a full Fall season of adult USTA, TCD, and NETT leagues and our junior/adult classes which will begin in August.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE

- A. The Grand Hall welcomes Donna Roth Kinney as the Grand Hall Supervisor. Donna comes to the parks and recreation department with over 30 years of experience in Parks and Recreation operations, management, and events.
- B. FY24/25 Revenue Update
 - a. Total Budgeted Revenue: \$447,500
 - b. Revenue Through June: \$333,897 (74.6% of budget)
- C. Recent community partner and internal events for included NETC Chamber Scholarship luncheon, Senior Center Health Fair, NRH Center Dance Recital, Senior Center Luncheons.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. The Senior Center continued transitioning members to Xplor during June and July. Eleven dedicated time slots were offered for staff to assist up to 10 members for one-on-one assistance in logging into their accounts on the computer and then to download and log onto the app. Due to the slow nature of this process, members will continue to use paper registration for August programs.
- B. The 2025 Health Fair was held on Wednesday May 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. While the event was focused on seniors, everyone was welcome to attend. Door prize drawings were offered throughout the fair. Over 430 participants visited 56 booths.
- C. The Senior Center hosted the first Nifty 90's get-together for members 90 years and better. This event was requested by our over 90 members. A light meal was served and members visited. The center currently has 29 members over 90-year-old and 10

members/spouses/caretakers attended this event. The oldest member attending was 98 years young. This activity will be offered twice a year.

- D. Applications for the 2025 2-day craft fair to be held October 29 and 30 began July 14. Currently 43 applications have been submitted for consideration. The Craft Fair Team will meet in early August to review and send out letters.
- E. "NRH Senior Center Gives Back" collected \$704 and ordered 40 cases for sports drink for the North Richland Hills Fire Department. Currently "Gives Back" has raised \$2,128 and gathered 2,342 items for Legacy Church of Christ Food Bank, NRH Animal Services, I can Still Shine Battered Women/Children services NRH Fire Department and BISD school supplies drive.
- F. The NRH Senior Center relies heavily on Community Partners in order to offer many of our programs. Partnerships fall into three categories, (GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE). Gold Level consists of the monthly luncheon partnership. Silver Level is special activities. Bronze level consists of Bingo, Birthday Party and monthly tournament prizes.
 - a. Gold Level: June/July Atria at Hometown and AmeriLife
 - b. Silver Level: June/July Green Valley Rehabilitation & Healthcare, Encompass Health, Dean Owen Attorney, Premiere Senior Advisors, CenterWell Senior Primary Care, Atria at Hometown, and The Super Patch Company
 - c. Bronze Level: June/July Atria at Hometown and Palm Primary

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. The newest NRH POP-UP Gallery is on exhibition at the Grand Hall and runs through August 28. On Thursday, July 17 the artists and their works were celebrated with a reception in the Grand Hall. The exhibition is centered around the theme *Nature Right Here* and reveals how local artists interpret the beauty of our natural surroundings. Attendees had the chance to hear firsthand about the artists' techniques and creative process.
- B. Fossil Creek Park was celebrated on July 19 with a ribbon cutting before the Play Today to honor the playfully reimagined park that now has a pump track and bicycle playground. Play Today NRH continues to encourage the community to get outside to PLAY!
 - a. The next Play Today is Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Adventure World Playground with a Nature Walk plus Arts & Crafts. Celebrate Nature Right Here with a morning of free play that includes games and activities to help keep play a vital role in the lives of children. All ages and abilities welcome.
- C. Mozart Meets Spanish Strings performed by The Texas Guitar Society concert on August 28. Mozart Meets Spanish Strings is a concert with an educational component where attendees will learn about the music and the stories behind it, straight from the performers themselves! Before the concert, there will be a featured luthier on hand to share insights into the art of guitar-making and members of the Texas Guitar Society. Drinks available for purchase before the concert only. Light refreshments and water provided. FREE with RSVP Tickets! <https://www.nrhart.com/upcoming-events>



- D. This fall, NRH Parks and Recreation introduces a month-long celebration, FALL AT THE HALL, a festive October event series at NRH City Hall. In October NRH will host, live music, a movie night, an art exhibition and charming photo scenes in the City Hall Plaza, all surrounded by pumpkins, hay bales and fall foliage. Enjoy events each Saturday leading up to the fall finale, PUMPKIN POINT on Saturday, October 25. Don't miss this month of festive fun in North Richland Hills!