



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager   **DATE:** February 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, Programs and Services Update  
**PRESENTER:** Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director

### **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 is currently offering its New Year Membership Specials that are valid through February 2025. Membership specials include 10% off all paid-in-full specials, 6-month packages for both Individual and Families, as well as a 2-week free trial to check out all of the NRH Centre's amenities for all new members.
- B. The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance will be Saturday, February 15, 2025. There are two dance times, Ages 3-6 begins at 4pm and Ages 7-11 beginning at 6pm. Due to the dance selling out each year, tickets will not be sold at the door and can be purchase online. Activities will include a DJ providing music and dance floor games, a beautiful dessert box and carnation at the door, dancing and photo opportunities. NRHPARD was the first in Texas to offer this event.
- C. Youth classes for 2025 kicked off the week of January 6. The Winter Spring Discover was released mid-December. Spring offerings include Fine Art Classes, After School STEM programming, Karate, Dance, Gymnastics, and Sports Clinics.
- D. The January Weekday Group Swim lessons wrap up Thursday, January 23 with 141 total swim lesson registrants. Registration for the February classes begins Friday, January 24 for current participants, and Monday, January 27 for new participants.

### **ATHLETICS**

- A. The Athletic Division remains dedicated to offering more engaging activities that keep adults active, connected and having fun.



- B. Adult Softball for the winter season has ended and is now gearing up for the spring season. Registration is open and closes at the end of February. Spring Season will start the first week of March.
- C. The Pickles n' Paddles league will be starting back up on Wednesday, February 12. The league was sold out within a couple of days.
- D. Gutterball Bowling League also had a successful fall season, staff is actively working to finalize dates for the next session to start at the end of April or beginning of May.
- E. Volleyball is finishing up their winter season in the middle of February. Spring season is scheduled to begin the first week of March.

### **GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE**

- A. The Grand Hall kicked off 2025 on a high note, welcoming back the Dallas YMCA for the first of three contracted events this year. The Grand Hall was honored to host NRH Police Chief Mike Young's retirement ceremony, celebrating his incredible service and leadership.
- B. February is packed with exciting city-sponsored and departmental events! Highlights include Night to Shine, the NRH Police Banquet, the Community Garden Spring Seminar, the always-popular Daddy Daughter Dance, Senior Center Monthly Luncheon, and the month wraps up with the NRH Human Resources hosted RSPiRiT Awards.
- C. FY2024/25 Revenue Update
  - a. Total Budgeted Revenue: \$447,500
  - b. Revenue to Date: \$150,845.96 (33.71% of budget)

### **RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:**

- A. RTC in-house leagues started Dec 30 and run through March 13. NETT, TCD and USTA leagues started December 18 and will run through March 9.
- B. Staff is gearing up for an increase in court rentals and tournament usage in FY24/25 building off of the great success of last year.
- C. RTC will be a host site for 1A and 2A Regionals along with many districts meets and area high school tournaments.



## **NRH SENIOR CENTER**

- A. The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, with over 75 volunteers and guests. A light dinner was served and members participated in charades, holiday bingo and fellowship.
- B. The NRH Senior Center first ever Caroling Caravan took place on Friday, December 13. There were 33 carolers that traveled to City Hall, Encompass Health, Atria at Hometown, Green Valley Healthcare and the NRH Library spreading holiday cheer.
- C. The Christmas Luncheon for 250 members was catered by Sweet Memories and funded through the 2023 garage sale.
- D. January 2025 kicked off with Tech Talk with Teens (NRH Youth Advisory Committee). Members were able to get many of their technology and device questions answered by this savvy group of young people.
- E. Economic Development enlightened the group at the January 15 Luncheon as they explained the new NRH Restaurant Reward program. Many in the group of 150 had great questions and downloaded the app during the luncheon.
- 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. *Silver Level:* December/January – WeCare Medicare Specialist, Watermere at the Preserve, AmeriLife, Green Valley Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Dean Owen Attorney, Ashford Insurance Encompass Health NRH Youth Advisory Committee, The Super Patch Company
  - b. *Bronze Level:* CenterWell Senior Primary Care, Edward Jones, Ashford Insurance, WeCare Medicare Specialists and Watermere at the Preserve

## **CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

- A. Common Ground NRH Community Garden is hosting a Spring Gardening Seminar on Saturday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall at NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Avenue. You definitely won't want to miss it! The seminar is free, open to the public (no registration necessary) with lots of great gardening information.
- B. February is American Heart Month, and NRH Parks and Recreation wants you to get out in Nature Right Here and find some Hearts in Parks! It is easy to participate. Simply visit a NRH Park or Trail, and find a red coroplast heart that says NRH Hearts in Parks. Then, take a pic with of the heart and post it on NRH Parks and Recreation Social Media or email nrhpard@nrhtx.com. You are then entered into

a drawing for a Healthy Heart Prize Pack. Hearts in the Parks runs from February 12 - February 26. Location hints will be given along the way. Twelve winners will be randomly selected and notified by February 27. Winners will receive a Healthy Heart Prize Pack from NRH Parks and Recreation and the NRH Centre.

- C. The Texas Jazz All Stars (TeJAS) performed a fantastic concert on January 2, 2025, in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. The enthusiastic audience enjoyed an evening full of top-notch jazz classics. The band received well-deserved standing ovations and gave the audience an encore. In July of 2025, there will be a special "Christmas in July" edition with a toy drive benefiting the Community Enrichment Center.
- D. The Lobby of the Grand Hall will host a Pop-Up Gallery art exhibition, titled *The Art of Teaching*, featuring the talented art faculty from BISD. The exhibition is part of the "Art Lives in Our City" initiative and celebrates the creative expression and dedication of educators through a diverse collection of artworks. The opening reception will be held on February 11 at 6:30 p.m. A selection of works will be on display during the Pop-Up gallery within the lobby of the Grand Hall until March 28. For the first week of the show, additional pieces will fill the lobby, showcasing even more artwork and offering visitors a chance to experience the artistry and passion behind our local art teaching professionals.
- E. Texas Parks and Wildlife came to NRH on January 21 to stock trout fingerlings in Linda Spurlock Park Pond, 6400 Glenview Drive. Many of our community grabbed their fishing poles and have already visited the pond to try their luck. Just a few reminders: There is no minimum length and a 5 trout daily limit. Trout anglers will need the \$5 Freshwater Fishing Stamp, which is included in all freshwater license packages. Anglers under 17 years of age are not required to have a license and don't need to purchase a stamp. Some tips for catching the trout: <http://bit.ly/2jHljrQ>.
- F. Play Today NRH is back for another season on March 1 of getting the community outside to PLAY! Join NRH Parks and Recreation the first Saturday of the month at different park locations for Play Today NRH. Help us 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. Thank you to Black Rifle Coffee for providing delicious coffee to the adults. Join us and come Play Today NRH!
- a. Upcoming Dates:
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| Saturday, March 1 | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Green Valley Park            |
| Saturday, April 5 | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Adventure World Playground   |
| Saturday, May 3   | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Linda Spurlock Park          |
| Saturday, June 7  | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park |
- G. The NRH POP UP Egg Hunts are coming in April. For 2025 The NRH Easter Bunny is going on an Egg-cellent adventure throughout multiple NRH Park locations! POP



UP Egg Hunts are coming to six NRH Parks with exact locations announced the day of the event. Volunteers from the National Charity League, the NE Kiwanis and individuals in the community will help stuff all of the eggs on Saturday, March 1. The POP UP Egg Hunts will be in two NRH parks each day, on three dates: April 16 at 6:00 p.m., April 17 at 6:00 p.m. and April 18 at 2:00 p.m. Park names and locations will be announced at least eight hours before the Pop Up Hunts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, City Calendar and on the City's Website.