



Welcome to Our New Park and Recreation Board Members—From the entire Parks and Recreation Team, we want to welcome our new Park and Recreation Board Members. Thank you for volunteering your time and supporting the NRH community by encouraging active recreation and enjoying **Nature Right Here**. Your commitment and dedication to the NRH community and the support you give to Parks and Recreation makes our community a better place! We look forward to the upcoming July 18 Park and Recreation Board Member orientation.

July is National Parks and Recreation Month—This July, North Richland Hills is celebrating National Park and Recreation Month. With over 800 acres of park land and 30 miles of trails, NRH makes the great outdoors accessible to everyone. The people in our community who connect with each other in our parks, programs, at the NRH Centre, NRH2O Family Water Park, Iron Horse Golf Course and the Richland Tennis Center. The theme this July is “Where You Belong”. Components of the campaign include: a dedicated [website page](#), [calendar](#) with activities, tips and events July, social media postings, and a Where You Belong Painted Rock Contest. Painted Rocks are placed throughout our park and trail system and at facilities for the public to find and win a Parks and Recreation Prize Pack. The contest runs from July 17-July 26 and is sponsored by Chic-fil-a, NRH2O and the NRH Centre.

Visit the website for more details: <https://bit.ly/NRHParksRecMonth>
 Download the Calendar here: <https://bit.ly/2024PRMCalendar>

NRH Play Tonight and Family Movie on July 25—We have got a double treat in July! Join NRH Parks and Recreation for a PLAY Tonight NRH and Family Movie Night. Help us celebrate July as National Parks and Recreation Month with an evening of free play that includes games and activities, then enjoy the new family movie *Kung Fu Panda 4* on Thursday, July 25 in the NRH Centre Outdoor Plaza between the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk and the NRH Library. All ages are welcome, feel free to bring your picnics but please no glass containers. CPAAA will be on hand

with popcorn, candy and water for purchase and Frio's Gourmet Pops will have their ice cold frozen treats for purchase. Parking is available in the NRH Library Parking lot, or the NRH Centre Parking Lot. Come play with us under the stars!

NRH Parks and Recreation partnering with the CEC Refresh BISD Back to School Event—NRH Parks and Recreation is partnering with the CEC Refresh BISD Back to School event again this year to support their school supply drive efforts. Refresh BISD is an annual event hosted by the Community Enrichment Center that brings together over 500 volunteers, businesses and churches to assist low-income families in the Birdville ISD - Official Site. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024. Families receive backpacks filled with supplies along with nutritious food and eye exams.



The school supply drive is going on now through July 31. It is easier than ever to help by purchasing the needed supplies through their Amazon Wishlist and pick the Haltom City Recreation Center as the delivery address: <https://amzn.to/3VDYNBz>, or these most needed items can be dropped off at the NRH Centre, Richland Tennis Center or NRH Senior Center. More information at <https://cechope.org/refresh-bisd/>

NRH2O Family Water Park—NRH2O's 30th season continues into July with excitement building for the Christmas in July drone show on Saturday, July 27. The drone show will lift off from the back field of the water park and will start at dusk on the 27th. All day on the 27 there will be Christmas themed activities and games and the NRH2O team is even having a decorating contest a few days before to make the park look its best. Stop by and enjoy the coolest water park in the Metroplex.



The Beachside Bay Bungalows are now complete and open for business. These Bungalows will provide outstanding private seating areas for our guests and offer many special food items not available to the general guests. Pricing and information can be found on the website at www.nrh2o.com

NRH Centre—The NRH Centre will be wrapping up its 12th 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.

NRH Fitness—Upcoming classes to wrap up the summer include: Teen Fitness, Tween Performance Camp, Restorative Yoga, Vision Board Workshop, Yoga Summer Camp, Yoga Stretch/Sound Bath, Western Dance and CancerStrongHer Zumba and Yoga/Sound Bath.

NRH Aquatics—July swim lessons are in full swing! Summer swim lessons will wrap up this month, and lessons will resume in September. We are currently training new lifeguard staff and will be planning swim instructor training for end of summer/early fall.

NRH Youth—Youth programming continues its record participation and program revenue pace with 462 registered kids across the various summer youth camps and class offerings. Unfortunately, the previous youth program coordinator (Jordan Strickler) had to vacate her position and relocate to another state. We are currently in the middle of the interview process to fill the youth program coordinator position and look to get that position filled in the next month or so. The position is posted on the city's website at <https://www.nrhtx.com/881/Employment-Opportunities>.

NRH Centre Athletics—The athletic division is in full swing with adult leagues for the summer seasons. Volleyball is in the middle of their summer season. Volleyball has three different divisions, and the leagues are mostly full. Pickles n’ Paddles is wrapping up on their current league next Wednesday, July 17. The Fourth season of Pickles n’ Paddles league will start on Wednesday, August 21. Registration will open soon for the pickleball league. Spring Adult Softball leagues are up and going at Northfield Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Men’s E Doubleheader leagues are all sold out for the summer season. The current Women’s Doubleheader league ends next Wednesday, July 17 then we will take a break then bring it back at the end of August or start of September. *New league alert* - Gutterball Bowling League with details are coming soon!



Round the Town Bike & Hike—In its 11th year, Round the Town Bike & Hike is a great opportunity to get outside, be active and enjoy time with friends and neighbors. Join in on this monthly community event and choose to bike or hike. The monthly ‘Round the Town includes recreational bike rides are 9–12 miles and the routes move through trail and on-road areas, or you can choose the self-paced wellness hike that varies in distance 1-2 miles within the loop trails of the park and are led by city staff. Individuals, groups, and families are welcome. Bring your water bottle. If participating in the bike ride, please wear a safety helmet during the ride. Thank you to the Round the Town bike ride partners Sunrise Bicycle Shop and Medical City North Hills. The remaining 2024 schedule is listed below. More information including routes can be found at <https://www.nrhtx.com/766/Round-the-Town-Bike-Hike>



- Aug 6 6:30pm Green Valley Park
- Sept 3 6:00pm NRH Centre
- Oct 8 6:00pm Northfield Park

Grand Hall—Grand Hall has had an incredible summer so far, wrapping up graduation season and moving into family reunions and corporate events! April-June boasted the top earning quarter in Grand Hall history, owing this success to corporate event marketing, customer service, and upselling throughout the coordination process. On July 9th, Empire360 Media filmed an interactive tour of the Grand Hall and Terrace spaces which will be shared and available soon!



Richland Tennis Center—Programs are in full swing with summer tennis at RTC. The Junior Development and High Performance summer camps are going well with an increase in player participation from last summer and there has been a steady number of youth register for the week long tennis camps. RTC’s in-house adult leagues have also remained steady with an increase in the Men’s Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening leagues. The Men’s USTA Playoffs were held on-site on Saturday, June 15. RTC is hosting the monthly UTR on July 27-28.



New and exciting news is that RTC will host the Dallas Baptist University’s conference matches in the Spring of 2025. This conference will bring a high level of competition to our facility and provide an exciting atmosphere for our patrons and tennis enthusiasts from surrounding areas.

Park Maintenance and Operations—Summer has begun will for the Park Operations Team. Staff is constantly working to keep the parks and trails safe a looking the best they can. A few of the items staff has accomplished include:

- Spring athletic seasons have just about wrapped up. Two large baseball tournaments were held at Cross Timbers and Richfield Park near the end of the season. Staff will begin some athletic field work to prepare for the upcoming fall seasons.
- Irrigation staff have been diligently monitoring systems and making irrigation repairs as needed to ensure optimal plant health throughout the parks, facilities, and landscaped rights-of way.
- Staff installed an idea garden at Stormy Plaza that showcases perennial plants that are beneficial for pollinators. The educational component of this landscape has already been popular for visitors passing by.
- Staff fabricated and installed signage that covers trail safety and pet rules when utilizing the trails. These signs are currently installed on the Walkers Creek Trail and will be rotated periodically throughout the entire trail system.
- The basketball court, hop scotch, and mini foursquare received some fresh painted lines at Ace Park. The striping had worn significantly and was in need of a refresh



NRH Senior Center—The NRH Singers entertained members for their 4th of July performance on Tuesday June 18 – *Celebrate*. Many of our Nation’s popular patriotic music was showcased at this event. Three videos of the performance we played on the center’s Facebook page on July 4th. June’s Gold Level Community Partner was Encompass Health and entertainment was our Game Time Team’s rendition of “America Say’s”. For the second year in a row, members attended a NRH2O swim event on Thursday, June 27. The Center said goodbye to Kathy Coyle, our front desk attendant. Kathy is trading in her employee badge for a membership card.

NRH Senior Center Luncheon



Young Wildlife Stewards Help Build Fishing Line Receptacles—On June 18, which is National Go Fishing Day we went to some 8 and 9 year old junior stewards in CAMP NRH at the NRH Centre to help build fishing line receptacle to help keep our waterways here in NRH clean. They were experts at following directions and helped us make eight Monofilament Recycling Bins that are were installed by parks staff at Linda Spurlock Park, HomeTown Lakes and Liberty Lakes. There were already two in place at Green Valley Park. Thank you to these 8 & 9 year old campers helping parks staff with this project and hope everyone spreads the word

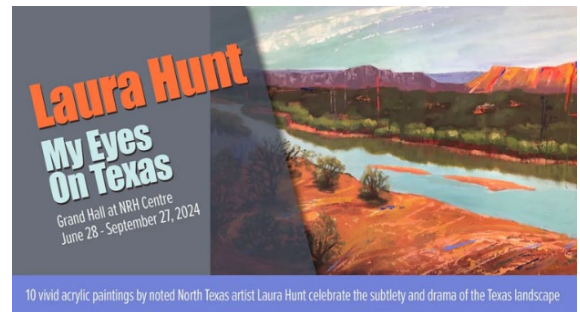
to cast your used fishing line into the proper bins!



Community Volunteers Help with Fossil Creek Park Litter Pick Up—On Saturday, June 8 community volunteers and Parks and Recreation staff worked together to pick up litter at Fossil Creek Park because a “Litter” Bit goes a long way! Thank you to these community volunteers that came to Fossil Creek that beautiful morning to help clean up. The volunteers, along with staff netted quite a haul! And, yes that is a shopping cart that was recovered from the waterway. Great job NRH community!



Cultural Arts—The work of artist Laura Hunt is being featured in the lobby of the Grand Hall at NRH Centre from June 28 through September 27, 2024. The exhibition, titled “My Eyes on Texas,” is a collection of 10 vividly-colored landscapes, painted in acrylics on various materials, from canvas to wood panel. Laura Hunt says “*My Eyes On Texas is an ongoing exploration of both the ordinary and the iconic landscapes that characterize my home state. I invite you to view these paintings as expressions of a dynamic, changing entity that holds stories, memories, and a profound sense of place.*” Laura Hunt’s exhibition follows a very successful Spring Photography Show, which featured 21 outstanding North Richland Hills area photographers, which ran from March 15 through June 26. The Grand Hall Lobby is open daily. Please contact them at (817) 427-6640 before you visit to assure that an event isn’t taking place at the time you wish to view the art. More information about Laura Hunt can be found at www.nrharts.com.





The Texas Jazz Allstars (TEjas) Performed in NRH on July 11—

The Texas Jazz Allstars (TeJAS) performed a sold-out concert on Thursday, July 11 at the Grand Hall at NRH Centre. The Texas Jazz All Stars (TeJAS) is a 22 member, teenage all-star group of saxophones, brass, vocalists and a roaring rhythm section. Members are selected by audition, or based on instructor recommendations and their All Region/All State standings. This process yields an elite lineup able to perform college-level and professional level repertoire. This free concert was provided to the public through the NRH Arts initiative “Art Lives in Our City”. For more information, please visit <https://texasjazzallstars.org>.

2024 Fall Concerts Coming Soon—Live music will return to the stage at NRH City Hall Plaza for the 2024

Autumn Sounds Concerts. On Saturday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m., the Squeezebox Bandits will be playing Honkytonk Country with a TexMex flavor. This concert has been rescheduled from the cancelled April 26 Sounds of Spring concert. On Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m., the very popular Lights and Music event will take place, featuring Project 2, a different kind of 80’s band that not only has a kickin’ rhythm section and awesome vocalists, but also a hot horn section. As a visual treat, Lightware Labs will be projecting spectacular video imagery onto the face of the NRH City Hall rotunda while the band plays.



Fall Gardening Seminar—Save the Date for the annual Fall Gardening Seminar hosted by Common Ground NRH Community Garden on August 31 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Grand Hall, 6000 Hawk Ave. There will be informative presentations, door prizes, and light refreshments. This is a free event, open to everyone, and no registration is required. Bring yourself (and your plant-loving friends) to the Grand Hall at NRH Centre on August 31 and enjoy!

If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact 817-427-6620.