



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 6, 2026
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 celebrates its 14th anniversary on April 12, 2026. The Centre will be running a summer membership promotion that will include a 2-week trial pass for non-members, 10% off all paid-in-full annual membership as well as 6-month membership packages for both individuals and families. Membership specials and trial pass memberships must be activated by July 31, 2026.
- B. Registration for the recital session of dance for the spring is hitting record numbers. Gymnastics registration is also filling up. These youth programs combined offer 34 classes to 300 plus kids this spring.
- C. After school Art with Candice Harrison is at capacity. Monthly Karate and STEM classes continue to fill every month. Multi-sport, basketball and soccer classes on Saturdays at Richfield Park round out our classes for March and April.

AQUATICS:

- A. Youth camps are now enrolling for summer 2026. Camp offerings include science/technology, design, builder, fitness, art, dance, and gymnastics camps. Camp NRH Summer Day Camp is slated to begin the week of May 26 and continuing for 10 straight weeks. Camp NRH is sold out with the exception of a few remaining spaces in week 1 and the July 4th week. More information about Camp NRH can be viewed at www.campnrh.com.
- B. The Aquatics area closed on Monday, February 9, for a scheduled aquatic improvement project to replace the pool's HVAC system. This upgrade includes a Paddock air extraction system that along with the new Desert Air Handling system will optimize the pool environment and uphold superior air quality, ensuring a comfortable experience for all aquatics guests. During this time, many other staff led pool projects were ongoing throughout this closure. on. New tile work was

installed around the inlet returns at the bottom of the pool to minimize visible staining from water flow. Some plaster patchwork was necessary due to the aging plaster. Capitalizing on the closure, the Aquatics team conducted deep-cleaning efforts, specifically targeting the extensive calcium buildup on the facility's tile surfaces to restore their appearance and integrity, as well as rock work on the kiddie slide area, re-caulking seams in the slides for upcoming inspection and summer, and rust removal on all stainless steel in the Aquatics area. The Wet Classroom drop ceiling was removed, as the initial design didn't allow for cleaning the membranes or retrieving trapped balloons. The area will be evaluated for noise and HVAC demand to determine whether a new ceiling will be installed that doesn't need to be cleaned. The anticipated re-opening date for the Aquatics area is Monday, March 30, 2026.

- C. Classes and parties have been loaded in for the rest of this year to get ahead during this downtime. Staff project April Swim Lessons starting the week of April 6, 2026. Pool Parties have also been loaded in with a waitlist for the first weekend of April. Once re-opening date is confirmed, these will be open for registration.
- D. The NRH Centre is happy to host space for Lifeguard trainings for NRH2O's upcoming season and an Ellis & Associates Regional Lifeguard Instructor class in the month of April to get ready for the summer season. With the waterpark being an outdoor facility, it is operationally beneficial to accommodate these trainings to complete in an indoor space.

ATHLETICS:

- A. Softball leagues have started spring seasons. Leagues currently in session are: Monday Men's Church, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader, Wednesday Women's Doubleheader. Starting the end of April, Coed Kickball will be offered along Sunday CoEd Doubleheader.
- B. Volleyball Leagues started the spring season. The divisions currently playing are Tuesday Intermediate B and Thursday Recreational through the end of April.
- C. Gutterball is back! The Bowling league is returning on Tuesday, April 21 at Bowerlo, located on the west side of Rufe Snow.
- D. The 11th season of Pickles n' Paddles is wrapping up the Winter season on Wednesday, March 25 with playoffs. Next season is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 22 for the Spring season and continue through the middle of June.
- E. Field rentals at Cross Timber's Park and Walker's Creek Park are fully booked for practices. Northfield Park is filling up quickly on Adult Softball Tournaments for this year.
- F. The Bike & Hike Series continues on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. starting from Northfield Park, 7804 Davis Blvd. You choose to bike or hike at the park location listed each month. The Bike and Hike Series provide 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.

Hike Route Map: <https://www.nrhtx.com/DocumentCenter/View/16859/APRIL-2026-Northfield-Park-HIKE-Route>

Bike Route Map: <https://www.nrhtx.com/DocumentCenter/View/16854/April-2026-Northfield-Park-BIKE-Route>

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC is in full swing for spring with all the Adult In-house Leagues starting March 16 and running through May 7. The Leagues have increased by 16 new players with more potential growth.
- B. Outside Leagues like NETT, TCD and USTA area are maxed out at 40 teams.
- C. RTC will host various events from high school tournaments and adult playoffs including the Regional 1A and 2A Tournaments April 17-21, which is typically one of the biggest tournaments of the year. March 27-29 RTC will host the USTA Men's and Women's USTA Playoffs.
- D. Lessons and adult programming are increasing and looking to build more as summer program enrollment begins.
- E. RTC has the most adult teams playing for USTA leagues in the DFW area.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE:

- A. Grand Hall hosted a booth at the North Tarrant Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 12 at the Grand Hall. It was a great opportunity to showcase the facility and promote offerings provided.
- B. A Special Graduation Package for bookings May 1 – August 31 is currently being offered. Six-hour Terrace packages range from \$800 to \$1,500, while eight-hour Ballroom packages range from \$2,500 to \$3,500. May dates are in high demand. The Grand Hall team looks forward to supporting families as they celebrate these milestone occasions.
- C. The North Tarrant Chamber of Commerce named Grand Hall as Member-of-the-Month in March and will recognize the facility at the March Luncheon.
- D. Grand Hall is pleased to host a variety of city-sponsored and community events, including the NRH Employee Training, Art Fest, Pop-Up Gallery Closing Reception, Police Department Volunteer Breakfast, Administrative Professional's Day and Senior Center monthly luncheons. Additional scheduled events include gaming and sports card shows, graduations and proms as well as several corporate meetings, social gatherings and weddings.
- E. The FY26 total budgeted revenue for Grand Hall is \$403,500. Revenue to date totals \$168,973.79, representing 41.9% of the annual budget.



NRH SENIOR CENTER :

- A. The NRH Senior Center celebrated Valentine's Day with Galentine's & Guys Day on Friday, February 13 with 83 members. This activity featured Valentine themed snacks (punch, candy & heart shaped ding dongs). Themed games were distributed to all participants, Valentine's Family Feud was played, and prizes were given to the top point winners.
- B. Simple Steps for Better Nutrition was offered to 40 members on Monday, February 16 through Gold Level Community Partner Palm Primary and nutritionist Kristin Censon.
- C. February Variety Show and Luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 18 with 143 members. PEMF Recovery Plus was the Gold Level Community Partner for this event. Seven Variety Show acts performed from vocal acts, Interpretive storytelling and dance.
- D. The NRH Senior Center Annual Survey was emailed out to current members on Monday, March 16. The final day to complete is Tuesday, March 31 at 5 p.m.
- E. Premiere Senior Advisors was the Gold Level Community Partner for the March Luncheon. Entertainment for the event was Pipe Major Robert G. Richardson playing the bagpipes and offering fun stories and bagpipe fact. A lunch of corned beef, cabbage and red potatoes highlighted this St. Patrick's Day event for 143 for the members.
- F. The NRH Senior Center relies heavily on Community Partners 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:* February/March: PEMF Recovery Plus and Premiere Senior Advisors
 - b. *Silver Level:* February/March: Encompass Health, Green Valley Rehabilitation, RAM Insurance Services, Lucas Funeral Homes, AmeriLife, PEMF Recovery Plus, Silver Streak Senior Services and Nations Insurance Solutions
 - c. *Bronze Level:* February/March: RAM Insurance Services, Atria at Hometown and Palm Primary Care.

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. (postponed, future date TBD) - Come on out to NRH Movies in the Park Spring Movie Night on Friday, March 27 at Green Valley Park, 7701 Smithfield Rd. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk around 7:40 p.m. Kick your way into spring with the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Department and the [Birdville Area Youth Futbol Alliance \(BAYFA\)](#) for a special movie night on the pitch! We're bringing the family friendly soccer film, The Big

- Green (Rated PG) to the Green Valley soccer fields for a night of goals and laughs. BAYFA will have concessions available for purchase.
- B. For 2026 The NRH Bunny is going on an Egg-cellent adventure throughout several NRH Parks! POP UP EGG HUNTS are coming to multiple NRH Parks. Pop Up Egg Hunts will be in two parks on Wednesday, April 1, two on Thursday, April 2 and two on Friday, April 3. As an Egg-stra Treat, each park on the POP UP Egg Hunt tour will have two Bunny Prize Eggs. Thank you to our Prize Egg Sponsors: NRH2O Family Water Park & Peppa Pig Theme Park! Kids, bring your baskets and check Social Media and the City's website for the locations! Park names will be announced the morning of each hunt.
- C. Join us for the first-ever **NRH ART FEST**, presented by the City of North Richland Hills Parks & Recreation Department on Saturday, April 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.! NRH Art Fest will be in the NRH Centre Plaza, 6000 Hawk Avenue and in the NRH Library Parking Lot. Engage in creative activities designed for kids and families, including community art projects! End the day with an encore concert with Memphis Soul at 6:30 p.m. **EVENT MAP**. This vibrant celebration of creativity and community will feature:
- Artists' Booths – A selection of juried artists from NRH and surrounding areas showcasing original works in various media.
 - Interactive Experiences & Kids' Crafts – Hands-on art activities for all ages.
 - Live Entertainment – Enjoy music and performances throughout the day.
 - Food Trucks on-site
 - Art ENCORE Concert featuring Memphis Soul at 6:30 p.m.
 - Our mission is to create an outdoor gallery experience that highlights that Art Lives in Our City in a welcoming, family-friendly environment.
- D. The NRH Sounds of Spring Concert Series is back for 2026! The very popular, free Friday night live music event is coming this spring with a variety of the best bands around. Plan to join us for 4 Fridays from April 17 through May 8, and bring your friends and family out for fun, great music and relaxation under the stars at the NRH City Hall Plaza, 4301 City Point Drive. Food will be available for purchase from a variety of food trucks, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic and beverages, but please no glass containers. Admission is free and parking is free. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m.

2026 Sounds of Spring Line Up:

Friday, April 17 - [Desperado](#) Tribute to the Eagles

Friday, April 24 - [Waterloo](#) Celebration of ABBA

Friday, May 1 - [90 Proof Country](#) Best of 90s Country

Friday, May 8 - [Buffett Beach Band](#) Premier Jimmy Buffett Tribute

Mark your calendars for another great season of LIVE music for the NRH community and can't wait to see you there! **[More Information](#)**