



NRH2O Family Water Park—One of the most heard reasons on why people work at NRH2O is the friends that they make working at the park. In addition to a fun working environment and a great place to meet friends, NRH2O offers new increased pay rates, flexible schedules, a free season pass for team members, free tickets for friends and family, and other incentives throughout the season. Applicants can visit www.nrh2o.com/jobs to review all the available positions and fill out an application. NRH2O will host an onsite Job March 11 – 15 from 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm daily during spring break week. Applicants can stop by and learn more about the wide variety of positions available for the summer of 2024.



NRH Centre—The NRH Centre New Year membership specials finished up at the end of February 2024 setting a new revenue record for the month of February. Year to date, NRH Centre membership revenues are currently running flat to prior year’s record membership revenues. The Centre are looking forward to another busy week with families out of school for Spring Break.

NRH Aquatics—Swim Lessons will start back at the end of March with a Saturday Session starting March 23rd, Monday Private Lessons March 25th, and Group Lessons on Tuesday, March 26th. Registration is underway. These classes are 85% full with two more weeks before they begin.

The Annual Underwater Egg Hunt will take place on Friday, March 29th at 12pm sharp for ages 3-12 years old. This event is free for NRH Centre members and \$10 for Non-Members. **This event is SOLD OUT.**

NRH Youth—Early childhood classes took a special trip to the NRH Library this past February. Librarians engaged our classes in story time, songs, and showing them the children’s section of the library. Registration for preschool programs for 2024-2025 school year are open online.



The 2nd Winter/Spring program session kicks off March 18th. With just under 300 participants registered for dance, gymnastics, afterschool and sports programming. As part of Spring session 2, dancers will be preparing for their spring dance recital on Saturday, May 11. Summer programming registration is open for our half day camps. Offerings this summer include Wildlife Explorers, Galaxy Art Camp, Martial Arts, and Adventures in Coding.

NRH Fitness—The 32nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance was a wonderful success! DJ/music, dancing, photos, flowers and sweets. The first dance, ages 3-6 welcomed 228 participants and the second dance, ages 7-11 had 235 participants; up from 202 and 212 last year.



NRH Centre Athletics—The athletic division returns with adult leagues for the spring seasons. Volleyball is wrapping up on their Winter season. Volleyball will start again new, Tuesday, March 26th and Thursday, March 28th. Registration is open and spots are filling quickly. The third season of Pickles n’ Paddles league resumed Wednesday, February 28th and is again sold out within a few days. Winter 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 winter season. Spring season is around the corner, and registration is currently open.

Grand Hall— February is a great month for hosting city events! This month, Grand Hall hosted Night to Shine, NRH Police Banquet, Community Garden Bi-Annual Conference, 32nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance, city-wide HR Training, and the NRH RSPiRiT Employee awards. In addition to these internal events, the Texas Speed Puzzling Championship was the highlight of the month, and the association already plans to return in 2025.

NRH Participated in American Heart Month with Hearts in Parks—February was American Heart Month, and NRH Parks and Recreation encouraged NRH to get out in Nature Right Here and find some Hearts in Parks! It was easy to participate. People searched for the 20 painted rocks around town to take a pic with the rock and post it on NRH Parks and Recreation Social Media or emailed nrhpard@nrhtx.com. We then randomly drew for ten winners that received a Healthy Heart Prize Pack from NRH Parks and Recreation and the NRH Centre. There were over 60 entries in the Hearts in the Parks!



NRH POP UP Egg Hunts—For 2024 The NRH Easter Bunny is going on an Egg-cellent adventure throughout multiple NRH Park locations! POP UP Egg Hunts are coming to several NRH Parks with exact locations announced the day of the event! Keep an eye out for filled eggs for you to grab and go. Kids, have your baskets ready and keep a watch on Social Media and the nrhtx.com website and calendar for the locations.

The POP UP Egg Hunts will be in two NRH parks each day, on three dates:

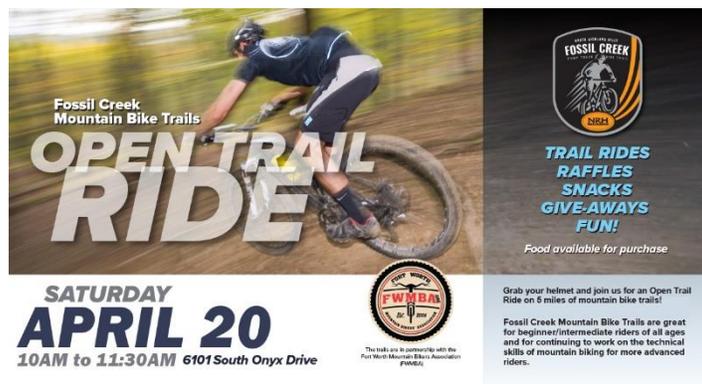
- Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.**
- Friday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.**

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. The Easter Bunny will be at the hunts, as well as NRH2O’s Frog Bouncer, the Chick fil a Cow and a representative from Peppa Pig will hand out some of their promotional items.

Play Today NRH Held on March 2, Next Date is April 6—The first Play today NRH was held on Saturday, March 2 at Northfield Park. Lot of families were in attendance and enjoyed being outside at Northfield Park playing! Thank you to BlackRifle Coffee and Pokey O’s Cookies and Ice Cream for coming out. The next Play Today NRH will be the first Saturday in April on April 6 at Linda Spurlock Park at 10 a.m.

Open Trail Ride at Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails on April 20—NRH Parks and Recreation will host

an Open Trail Ride at the Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails, 6101 Onyx Drive South, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Grab your bicycle and helmet and join us and partner Fort Worth Mountain Bike Association for trail rides, raffles, food and fun! The Mountain Bike Trails include approximately 5 miles of trails, a trailhead kiosk and a small parking lot. Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails are a great beginner/intermediate experience for riders of all ages and a great trail for continuing to work on the technical skills of mountain biking for more advanced riders. More info at <https://bit.ly/FossilCreekMountainBike>. Staff is working



with Neighborhood Services Department to incorporate a Park Clean Up opportunity for individuals or group volunteers from 9am – 10am prior to the open trail ride. More information will follow regarding that effort.

Richland Tennis Center— RTC is hosting various DFW High School tournaments. In April, spring season UIL District Tournaments for local area schools will take place at the RTC. Spring league has kicked off for NETT and USTA. RTC had several teams play in the USTA 55+ play-offs, with Team Driver/Trevathan making it to Sectionals which will be in May. This team is coached by our own instructor Julia Geske. March 24-25 will be our monthly UTR tournament. March 4 will kick off the Spring Adult in-house leagues and the start of Junior and Adult classes.

Park Maintenance and Operations—Spring has already sprung! With great weather, the parks and trails have been packed with a wide variety of users across the city. Staff have been busy making sure these spaces are clean, safe and looking great for everyone that visits them. Youth and Adult athletic seasons have all begun, including all of the field maintenance that is needed for the fields to be ready for every team. Pavilion rentals are ramping up with parties and cookouts on the weekends. Water fountains have been turned back on from the winterization process that occurred. Wheel stop installation at Green Valley Park was completed last month and stops at Cross Timbers Park were installed the week of March 4.

2024 Spring Photography Exhibition—22 talented photographers from around our community are sharing their view of our world in the 2024 Spring Photography Exhibition. The collection is comprised of breathtaking landscapes and nature studies, exquisite florals, and colorful portraits of unusual subjects. Complex and beautiful patterns found in the way light and color respond to man-made objects such as bridges, a birdhouse and mechanical systems are also featured. We are delighted to share these thoughtful and arresting images that express the unique vision that each photographer communicates through their individual work. The photographs will be on view from March 15 – June 14 at the Grand Hall at NRH Centre Lobby, and an artist’s reception will be held at a date TBA. More information can be found here: <https://www.nrhpopupgallery.com/exhibition>

Betsy Times 2 Exhibition Reception—The Lobby of the Grand Hall at NRH Centre was the scene of a reception and artist’s talk for painters Betsy Horn and Betsy Allaire on Tuesday evening, March 5. The two were celebrated during the closing week of their exhibition, “Betsy Times 2”. An eager and receptive crowd gathered to hear about the creative process that both ladies use to make their work. Betsy Horn’s paintings are remarkable explorations of the spiritual experiences that she has discovered within nature’s colors and patterns. Betsy Allaire creates vividly-hued, nature-inspired visuals that she paints directly onto silk. The exhibition has been on display in the Lobby of the Grand Hall since January 5, and is part of the “Art Lives in Our City” initiative.



Sounds of Spring Kicks Off April 19—The 2024 Sounds of Spring concerts will resume in April and May for another season of outstanding music by five of the area’s best live music bands. The free Friday night concerts begin on April 19, with the Wanda King Big Blues Band Revue. Ms. King is the daughter of Texas blues legend Freddie King and she has assembled a terrific group for the show. On April 26, the Squeezebox Bandits make their NRH debut, playing a lively mix of Tejano and Country with a contemporary flair. On May 3, audiences will be treated to the smooth and relaxing R&B and jazz sounds of Igimèji, and on May 10, September Moon, a high energy vocal band that creatively blends Country, Rock and Americana will take the stage. Returning favorites BackRoads will close the season on May 17 with a setlist featuring some of rock and pop’s most enduring tunes. All concerts take place at NRH City Hall Plaza, 4301 City Point Drive. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the music plays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Food trucks will be on-site and make-it, take it goodie craft bags will be available for kids aged 4 to 10. Sponsors for this season of Sounds of Spring include: Medical City Hospital, Sam’s Club and Centurion American Development. More info can be found at www.nrhtx.com/sounds.

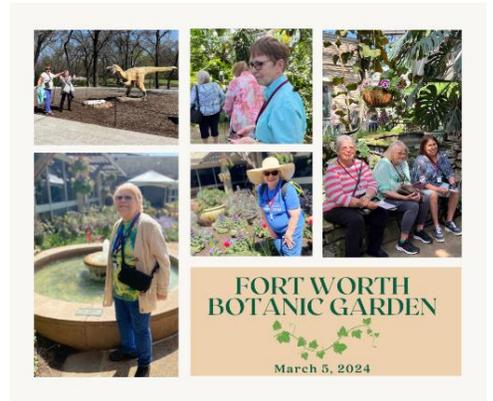


‘Round the Town Bike or Hike—Entering its 11th year, Mayor Oscar Trevino invites all to ‘Round the Town Bike or Hike is a great opportunity to get outside, be active and enjoy time with friends and neighbors. Join in on this monthly community event beginning in April. You choose to bike or hike. The 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 partner Sunrise Bicycle Shop, 7901 Mid-Cities Blvd., Suite 180. The 2024 schedule is listed below. Please note there will be no ‘Round the Town Bike or Hike in July.



- April 2 6:00pm Start at Smithfield Station parking lot and return to visit Sunrise Bicycle Shop
- May 7 6:30pm Cross Timbers Park
- June 4 6:30pm Richfield Park
- Aug 6 6:30pm Green Valley Park
- Sept 3 6:00pm NRH Centre
- Oct 8 6:00pm Northfield Park

NRH Senior Center— February marked the beginning of the call for NRH Senior Center Health Fair Vendors. The Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29. We currently have 8 Prime vendors (full) and 26 Regular booths. Trips for February/March included Lunch bunch at The Flying Fish in Coppell, the Mary Kay Museum in Addison and a quarterly casino trip to Winstar. Our first trip in March was to the Fort Worth Botanic Garden for the butterfly exhibit. The Garden also had exhibits on Dinosaurs and sculptures as well as beautiful spring flowers. Our monthly luncheon, in partnership with Troup and Davis Realty, took place on Wednesday, February 21 with our annual center Variety Show. Two dance groups performed to “Hit the Road Jack” and “Love Train”, Solo vocal performances by Richard Cano, Diane, Seigel, Tracy Cody, Bill Warren and Jim Sledge ending with a group performance of “Take me out to the ballgame” (Texas Ranger Addition) delighted the audience of 150. Encompass Health provided a well-attended Fall Recovery Workshop on Friday February 23. March signified the beginning of our annual volunteer team training. Current kitchen team members came together on Monday, March 4 with new members scheduled for Monday, March 18.



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