



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 4, 2023
SUBJECT: NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, Programs and Services Update
PRESENTER: Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Mr. 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 has developed a turn-of-the-year membership special that was sent out via direct mail the first part of November. The 2023-24 New Year's promotion will run from November 2023 – February 2024 highlighting:
 - 10% off all paid-in-full memberships for new and renewing members.
 - 6-month Individual and Family Membership Options with or without Group Fitness Add-ons
 - Free Two-Week Trial for those NRH residents that are not currently members and would like to try the facility before they commit to a membership.
- B. The NRH Centre will be closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and will have holiday hours on New Year's Eve from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and New Year's Day from 5:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. For a complete listing of annual holiday hours please visit the NRH Centre website at <https://www.nrhcentre.com/holiday-hours>.
- C. The 2023 Run Run Rudolph 5k fun run event that begins and ends at the NRH Centre will take place on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. The event provides a great opportunity for families and friends to share their holiday spirit and enjoy fitness and fun. This run benefits the NRH Water Safety 365 initiative, the city's commitment to keeping people safe in and around water 365 days a year.

ATHLETICS

- A. The athletic division has been working on leagues for both indoor and outdoor sports for the fall/winter seasons.
- B. For Indoor sports, Volleyball will be ending their fall league at the beginning of December and will restart the second week of January 2024 for the winter season. We are excited to announce that our second Pickles n' Paddles league is sold out to 32 teams. The second season double team enrollment capacity from 16 to 32. The new league will begin on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 p.m. Staff will host a



Pickles n' paddles orientation the Monday prior for the 16 new teams that are in the league.

- C. For Outdoor sports, our Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday softball leagues will end at the beginning of December and will pause throughout the holidays with a new enrollment period starting in February 2024.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE

- A. Grand Hall had a busy start to the fiscal year, hosting over 50 events in October and November including notable events for the community and NRH staff such as the Senior Center Craft Fair, United Way fundraisers, and the Longevity & Stability Celebration breakfast.
- B. The December calendar holds a great mix of city events, new and repeat corporate customers, and families celebrating the holidays and New Year.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. The NRH Senior Center Gives Back 4th Quarter Campaign, began October 2, 2023, the collection of new and unwrapped toys for children high school age and below. Items will be donated to the Community Enrichment Center. Toys will be collected until Thursday, December 21. The Senior Center Gives back Campaign is in its second year and we continue to see the generosity of our seniors supporting our community.
- B. October membership at the Senior Center continues to grow with total active members at 893 the largest since we began the annual facility fee. This consists of 674 resident and 219 non-resident members. Not only is this the largest number of active members but this is a very active group, participating in classes, activities, and events regularly.
- C. The NRH Senior Craft Fair was held on October 25 and October 26, 2023. The Craft fair consisted of 46 Senior Crafters selling handmade items at 76 booths. The craft fair is one of the most popular events held annually at the Senior Center and drew an attendance of over 687 shoppers throughout the 2 day event.
- D. Senior Center Holiday luncheons will take place in November and December. These special luncheons offer our seniors a chance to share the joy of the holidays together. The holiday luncheons are opened up to a larger group to ensure more are able to attend and are supported by the funds raised during the Senior Center Garage Sale.
- E. 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 are special activities. Bronze level consists of Bingo and monthly tournament prizes.
 - a. Gold Level: October/November – Encompass Health, Amerilife
 - b. Silver Level: October/November –Green Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Carin Troup & Debbie Davis of Keller Williams, Humana, Healing Hand Healthcare, Enduring Home Solutions, The Fetty Firm, Nations Insurance Solutions, Dean Owens Attorney, Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers, Michelle Appling of Keller Williams, Ashford Insurance



- c. Bronze Level: October/November – Ashford Insurance, United Healthcare, Edward Jones, and Humana

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER

- A. Keeping with the season, RTC held the annual Pumpkin Smash/Halloween Play day on November 4. Coach Sarah Swanston organized a festive and fun event with games and prizes.
- B. The KATCH organization held their Fall tournament at RTC on November 7 and 10 with a great turnout. The USTA Tri-level tournament was held on November 10-12. This tournament attracts many players from the DFW area. In addition, USTA has scheduled their Fall Playoff tournament at RTC for December 1-3. Monthly UTR tournaments wrapped up for the year the weekend of November 18-19.
- C. RTC is happy to be hosting the 19th annual Toys for Tennis tournament on December 16 which benefits the local NRH Community Enrichment Center.

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Music lovers of all ages are invited to attend a free live music concert on Thursday, December 14. The Texas Guitar Society will be presenting "Sounds of the Season," a performance featuring familiar holiday tunes played on the classical guitar. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Hall at NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Avenue. Light refreshments will be served prior to the concert.
- B. Three artists from North Richland Hills are being featured in December and January as "NRH Holiday Artists." NRH Cultural Arts is pleased to share the work and words of three North Richland Hills artists, Bonnie Binzer, Kathy Koons and Dahlia Tice. After successful careers in other fields, each lady has found purpose and meaning in creating artwork. Their Christmas-themed paintings are being displayed online, with stories about the importance art holds in their lives. Please visit NRHArts.com (formerly nrhpopupgallery.com) to see their work and read their stories.
- C. Sky Elements and NRH Parks and Recreation present the Holiday Drive-In Drone Show & Toy Drive on Sunday, December 17. The free 15-minute visual spectacle is a holiday themed spectacular. Pre-registration tickets are REQUIRED (one per vehicle) and must be presented at entry. The event is free to attend from the comfort of your car. Simply bring a new unwrapped toy for the NRH Toy Drive, benefiting the Community Enrichment Center for families in our own community. Ticket holders will drop off their donation as they enter the drive-in, park in the BISD FAAC north parking lots, 9200 Mid Cities Blvd, with your car facing the stadium. Parking opens at 5:00 p.m. and the 15-minute show starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a few snacks for your passengers and remain in or around your vehicle during the show. Enjoy the largest drone show in Texas while helping families in our community have a Merry Christmas!