

## PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

# **NEWSLETTER**

September 2025



### NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK

School may be back in session, but the fun isn't over at NRH2O Family Water Park! The park is still splashing every weekend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through September 27. Treat yourself for making it through the week and celebrate with at NRH2O on Saturdays and Sundays! And as added excitement, we have teamed up with the North Richland Hills Animal Shelter for the Doggie Beach Bash on Sunday, September 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your pup and enjoy the ultimate end-of-summer pool party with your favorite four-legged friend! Visit <a href="https://www.nrh2o.com/doggiebeachbash">www.nrh2o.com/doggiebeachbash</a> to purchase your ticket and reserve your luxury seating for the day!

### **RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER**

The Richland Tennis Center had two Men's team's advance to the USTA Sectional tournament, held in Dallas, with one team qualifying for Nationals. This tournament will be held in October in Arizona. The tennis center has seen a significant increase in the number of Men's USTA leagues this year. Also, RTC has continued to have an increase in the Women's leagues including USTA, NETT and TCD. The USPTA RSPA Gran Prix annual tournament held at John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas is scheduled



for September 6-7. Coach Sarah Swanston will be coaching the Fort Worth team out of Richland Tennis Center. With Birdville's school district back in session, RTC has been hard at work promoting the Home School tennis program, introducing new players to the lifelong game of tennis. In addition, many players are returning to continue building skills. Also, Junior Team Tennis, a USTA league for ages 8-18 is in the process of organizing for the season, which runs from September to November.



## **PARK MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

August rains have been a nice surprise for the parks. Staff are wrapping up improvements to Kay Granger Park that included a playground replacement, and new park furniture. There are a couple shade components that weren't shipped with the initial order from the manufacturer, but those will be installed as soon as they arrive. Staff also completed the main drainage improvements at Green Valley Park. There will be additions to this drainage system in the offseason that will address localized problem areas. Fall sports league have begun and staff have jumped right back into field preparation for youth soccer, youth baseball, youth football, youth softball, and adult softball. The majority of these sports activites will occur weekly from now into November.

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## **NRH CENTRE**

The NRH Centre completed its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Specials on July 31. Offerings included 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 YOUTH

The youth division is off to another great start for programming in the Fall with 244 total registered for youth programs including dance, gymnastics, sports and art classes. Early Childhood Programming at the NRH Centre includes the Just for 3's and PreK programs. These programs run from September through May of the following year. Just for 3's is a program that takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the PreK program taking place Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Pre-K is full in both the morning and afternoon offerings. Just for 3's is full in the morning, but has just a couple spots left in the afternoon offering.





### **NRH ATHLETICS**

Softball Registration is now open for the summer II session beginning in August 2025. Offerings include Monday Men's E, Monday Church, Tuesday Men's E Doubleheader, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader, and Sunday CoEd Doubleheader Leagues.

Pickles n' Paddles Pickleball league is set to begin on Wednesday, July 23 and will run through the third week in September. The league is sold out for the sixth consecutive year with 32 two-person teams. Offerings include a Recreation, Intermediate, and Competitive division.

The summer II session of the Volleyball league started on Tuesday, August 5 and Thursday, August 7 and will continue through the end of September. Offerings include Tuesday Intermediate A, Tuesday Intermediate B, and Thursday Recreational.

Gutterball Bowling League will start up the Fall Season on Tuesday, September 23.

### FITNESS AND WELLNESS

The Wellness Division is excited to share the upcoming slate of fall classes designed to promote whole-person health for the community. Our mission continues to focus on building accessible, inclusive, and innovative opportunities for residents to enhance their physical, emotional, and social well-being. This fall, the lineup of classes is expanding that address not only physical fitness, but also mental health, stress management, and community connection. Upcoming classes: Balance/Yoga, Grief Yoga, Vision Board Workshop, Core Strengthening, Mobility & Flexibility, Posture & Joint Health, Balancing through Ayurvedic Teachings and Free Community Yoga.

In addition to these fall classes, the Wellness Division has welcomed a new personal trainer and a new massage therapist to the team, further strengthening services. A new addition includes MixxedFit, a new group fitness class that blends dance and bootcamp-style movements for a fun, high-energy workout. Private Yoga sessions have also grown in popularity, offering one-on-one support for individuals seeking more focused guidance or those who prefer a private setting over a group class.

## **NRH AQUATICS**

The next session of swim lessons for NRH Aquatics begins the week of Monday, September 8 with 244 total registrants thus far. Swim lessons will be offered on Mondays, Tuesday/Thursday, and Saturdays. Offerings include Youth Beginner, Intermediate and Parent/Tot classes as well as Adult classes.



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## **CULTURAL ARTS & EVENTS**



## PLAY TODAY NRH & BIOBLITZ

Saturday, September 6 will be a special Play Today at Adventure World Playground, 7451 Starnes Rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and will include a BIOBLITZ! Special Nature Walk to participate in the Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz will leave from the pavilion at 10 a.m.

The morning will include fun, the nature walk, and giveaways! Bring your phone to load up our findings. All ages are welcome! Information collected will help us understand how we can better protect pollinators and other important wildlife in our community.

Come Play Today NRH!

### **AUTUMN SOUNDS CONCERTS**

Join us this FALL for a line up of great bands three Saturday nights in a row! Grab your dancing shoes and meet us at NRH City Hall on September 27, October 4 and October 11. The Autumn Sounds Concerts are held outdoors at North Richland Hills City Hall, 4301 City Point Drive. Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn, so don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs.

#### 2025 Autumn Sounds Lineup

- Saturday, Sept. 27 The Elton Johns An Epic tribute to Elton John
- Saturday, Oct. 4 The Riff & Chips 60's British Invasion
- Saturday, Oct. 11 The Jukebox Heroes TOP 40 songs from every genre
  - Includes a stunning Light Projection Show on NRH City Hall by Lightware Labs

Admission is free and parking is free. A Kids Zone with activities and fun is available at each concert for the younger music fans in attendance (ages 3 - 10), and food is available for purchase from a variety of food trucks. More information at: nrhtx.com/Autumn-Sounds-Concerts.





Experience the best of autumn at North Richland Hills City Hall! This October, cozy up with loved ones under the evening sky for free family fun every Saturday including live music, a spook-tacular movie night, and a fall festival, all part of our Fall at the Hall lineup. Plus, enjoy the Pop Up Art Gallery and autumn photo scenes all month long. Mark your calendars for:

- Autumn Sounds Concerts Saturdays, Sept 27, Oct 4, Oct 11. Enjoy live music on select evenings, perfect for relaxing under the crisp fall sky. Gates open at 6 p.m. and concert at 7 p.m.
- POP-UP Gallery Exhibition October 1-31, Opening Reception: Thursday, Oct 2. Experience inspiring local art showcasing the beauty of the season, with a special reception to meet the artists.
- Family Photo Scenes October 1-31. Capture your fall memories with beautifully themed photo scenes in the NRH City Hall Plaza perfect for family portraits or seasonal selfies!
- Fall Movies at the Plaza Cozy up with neighbors for a family-friendly movie, Hocus Pocus (PG), under the stars, complete with popcorn and warm drinks.
- Pumpkin Point The grand finale on Saturday, October 25! Celebrate Halloween with costume parades, games, food vendors, and festive fun for all ages from 5 p.m.l to 8 p.m.

All events are free and open to the community. Bring your family, friends, and fall spirit for unforgettable memories! Follow our NRH Parks and Recreation Facebook Events for more detailed information for each event!

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## **NRH SENIOR CENTER**

The NRH Senior Center will host a Garage Sale on Friday, September 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, September 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will help fund meals for the November and December luncheons in both 2025 and 2026.

Additionally, the Annual NRH Senior Center Craft Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, and Thursday, October 30, running from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. Recent program highlights include the NRH Senior Center's visit to NRH2O, the introduction of Tai Chi for arthritis, the trip to The National Medal of Honor Museum and ongoing Xplor software training for members







### **GRAND HALL**

Dona Roth Kinney, joined the Grand Hall team on July 28 as the Grand Hall Supervisor. Stop by and introduce yourself. She is looking forward to serving the community in her new role.

The Grand Hall fall calendar of events is filling quickly. If you are looking for a place to celebrate the holiday season, be sure to call Grand Hall now to get your preferred date.





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