



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** August 3, 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 will be wrapping up its 14th 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.
- B. The NRH Centre is nearing completion of the new outdoor addition on the aquatic side. This area will feature rentable bays available during designated Splash Swim hours, offering outdoor rental options ideal for larger groups and helping ease congestion on the pool deck. We're excited to introduce a new aquatic amenity and create an additional revenue opportunity alongside our already popular indoor party rooms.
- C. Camp NRH has had another great year with 951 total campers over the course of 10 weeks and will finish up the summer program on July 31.
- D. Fitness has reached over 95% of the Personal Training revenue goal, Massage 117.8% already exceeded goal and Wellness programs 93.3% achieved with over two months remaining in the fiscal year.
- E. Summer Swim Lessons are finishing up the week of July 20. There will be a break until September. Fall Swim Lessons will launch the week of September 7.
- F. Private Parties continue to sell out; Splash Swim parties are being advertised through social media to sell more parties during public open swim time.
- G. Aquatics hosted a Free Family Swim Night to the community on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This was marketed to recruit more families to join the NRH Centre and learn more about programs and services. Registration for the swim night filled quickly. More family swim nights will be considered in future months.



ATHLETICS:

- A. Softball leagues have started the summer seasons. Leagues that are currently being played are Monday Men's Church, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader. These leagues will play through the middle of August.
- B. Volleyball Leagues will start the summer II season on Tuesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 20. The divisions are wrapping up the current season on Tuesday, July 14 and Thursday, July 16. Registration is currently open for the next season.
- C. The 13th season of Pickles n' Paddles will begin on Wednesday, August 5 and will run through September 30.
- D. Field rentals at Cross Timbers Park and Walker's Creek Park are fully booked for practices for the spring/summer season. Northfield Park is filling up quickly on Adult Softball Tournaments for this year. Fall season reservations for field rentals will open the first week of August.
- E. The NRH Bike & Hike Series continues Tuesday, September 1 at 6 p.m. starting from the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. You choose to bike or hike at the park location listed each month. The Bike & 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 [Here](#) and Bike Route Map [Here](#).

YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- A. Youth camps, including opportunities in sports, dance, art, STEM and gymnastics are wrapping up with increased participation. A shout out was received for Ms. Candice's Tardigrades Art camp, blending science and multiple art mediums. This class and other art classes were held in the Terrace at the Grand Hall.
- B. Enrollment for Just 3s and pre-K is open for the upcoming school year.
- C. Fall classes for gymnastics, dance sessions, after school art, monthly STEM and sports classes are open for registration.
- D. Zumbini is a new class offered successfully this summer for children aged 6 months to 4 years and their adults. This class offers music and movement fun and has received a positive response from the community.

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC hosted the USTA Combo tournament held May 22-24. One of RTC's teams, captained by Michael Love, won their division and will be advancing to sectionals in October to be held in Corpus Christi.
- B. Summer junior and adult programs have had good participation throughout the season and continued through the month of July.
- C. Staff is preparing for the back-to-school programs. This time of year, sees increased high school and middle school usage as well as tournament events.

- D. September will resume RTC adult leagues for the DFW area. These leagues consist of USTA/TCD/NETT and KATCH and have continued to do well and have increased to almost maximum capacity.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE:

- A. Grand Hall is offering a Murder Mystery Dinner Party, *Death of a Gangster*, on Friday, August 21 as a promotional event to showcase the facility and vendors. The evening features a cocktail hour with casino-style games and a cash bar, followed by a three-course dinner and an interactive murder mystery performance. Tickets are \$55/guest, \$210/table of four and \$420/table of eight. Reserve your seats before the August 13 DEADline at www.GrandHallNRH.com
- B. Grand Hall partnered with the University of North Texas College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism to develop a ten-week Summer Internship Program. The program provided a student with hands-on experience in banquet operations and hospitality management through job shadowing and rotational assignments in supervisory, sales, event coordination, and event execution roles. The internship has proven to be a valuable experience for both the student and Grand Hall. Based on the program's success, Grand Hall has requested to continue participating in the summer internship program in future years.
- C. There is still time to take advantage of the Grand Hall's Summer Special Rental Package for events scheduled between now and August 31. Six-hour Terrace rental packages are available at rates ranging from \$800 to \$1,500, while ten-hour Ballroom packages range from \$2,500 to \$3,800. The promotion is designed to attract reunions, summer parties, and other seasonal gatherings.
- D. Grand Hall will be closed Monday, August 24 – Friday, September 11 for lighting renovations.
- E. Grand Hall continues to serve as a venue for a wide range of city-sponsored and community meetings and events. Upcoming events include the NRH City Budget Review, Senior Center Monthly Luncheon, Senior Center Celebrate Dance and Community Garden Bi-Annual Conference. Additional major scheduled events include YMCA Dallas After School Staff Training, Because I Matter Women's Empowerment Conference, Fort Worth Project Manager I Annual Chapter Event, DFW Card Show and The Hobby Collectors Show. Grand Hall also continues to host numerous corporate meetings, weddings, quinceañeras, birthday parties, celebrations of life, baby showers and other social gatherings.
- F. The FY26 total budgeted revenue for Grand Hall is \$403,500. Revenue collected to date totals \$292,524 representing 72.5% of the annual revenue budget.



NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. The NRH Senior Center celebrated Mother's Day with over 80 members enjoying flavored teas, finger sandwiches and cookies. Mother's Day themed games and activities were offered to all who registered.
- B. The annual Senior Center Health Fair was held on Wednesday, May 27. This event took place in the Grand Hall with 63 registered vendors. Offered from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., this event is planned with the assistance of a core volunteer team. An estimated 400 participants attended the event.
- C. May's Patriotic Luncheon on Wednesday, May 20 featured entertainment by Taps and Tunes. The June Luncheon, held on Wednesday, June 17, highlighted North Richland Hill Fire Department. Captain Smith discussed the basics of emergencies and fire safety in the home.
- D. 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:* May/June:
 - b. *Silver Level:* May/June: Encompass Health, Green Valley Rehabilitation, RAM Insurance Services, AmeriLife, and Nations Insurance Solutions
 - c. *Bronze Level:* May/June: RAM Insurance Services, Holiday Lane Estates and Palm Primary Care, Atria at Hometown

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. Common Ground NRH Community Garden invites you to a free **Fall Gardening Seminar** on Saturday, August 8, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. Gardening experts will speak on a variety of topics and answer all of your gardening questions. Admission is free. You can find more information at www.nrhcommunitygarden.com.
 - B. Parks and Recreation will continue to host **Play Today NRH** on the first Saturday of the month at different park locations. Help us celebrate Nature Right Here with a morning of free play that includes games and activities to help keep play a vital role in the lives of children. Join us in September for a special Play Today at Adventure World Playground, 7451 Starnes Road, that includes a Nature Walk!
 - Details:
 - Saturday, September 12
 - Adventure World Playground, 7451 Starnes Rd
 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - Nature Walk from the pavilion at 10 a.m.
 - All ages are welcome
- Thank you to our Play Today NRH sponsors: HTeaO in NRH at Davis and N. Tarrant and Andy's Frozen Custard.



- C. **Autumn Sounds Concerts** kick off *Fall at the Hall* with live music at City Hall Plaza on three Saturdays beginning September 26. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Seating is on the lawn, so don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs.

2026 Autumn Sounds Lineup

Saturday, Sept. 26 – [90 Proof](#) The best of 90's Country Music

Saturday, Oct. 3 - [American Petty](#) A Tom Petty Experience

Saturday, Oct. 10 – [80s Gadgets](#) All the hits from the 80's including 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). Food is 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. CPAAA will also be on hand with delicious popcorn for sale benefitting the NRHPD.

- D. This fall, NRH Parks and Recreation brings back a month-long celebration, **FALL AT THE HALL**, a festive October event series at NRH City Hall, including live music, a movie night, an art exhibition and charming photo scenes in the City Hall Plaza. Enjoy events each Saturday leading up to the fall finale, *PUMPKIN POINT* on Saturday, October 24. The Call for Art for this season's fall show titled *Harvest Hues*, is open for applications at www.nrarts.com/callforart until August 24 featuring rich warm colors to celebrate the changing season.