

NEWSLETTER

MAY
2026

NRH2O FAMILY WATER PARK



NRH2O kicked off the 2026 season on May 2 and staff is excited that summer has officially started! Nothing beats seeing the loyal pass holders back in the park, starting their summer memories the best way possible... with a splash!

NRH2O is open weekends only through Memorial Day then will be open daily. Check out the Park Hours [here](#).

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER

RTC is hosted many tournaments throughout the month of April with a full calendar in the coming month of May. There have been five high school tournaments hosted out of RTC for a variety of districts in the DFW area, including UIL Regional Tournaments for classes 1A and 2A. Multiple Regional and State tournaments provided over 200 spectators each day throughout tournament play.

Upcoming events include the USTA Ladies Spring Playoffs May 01-03 and the USTA Combo Tournament to be held May 22-24. RTC staff are getting ready for a busy Summer with Camps and classes starting June 1 and running through August 7.

RTC is currently advertising the latest models of Wilson and Head tennis racquets for sale, as well as promoting an apparel blow out sale.



PARK MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS



Spring has been great for the plants throughout the parks, trails, and facilities with almost five inches of rain over the last 30 days. Staff have been working diligently to control the significant plant growth around town. They have also been working to keep the trails clean between rains where sediment can accumulate on the concrete itself. Athletic field crews are also navigating these frequent rains with expertise to ensure the fields are playable as many days as possible despite the ground saturation.

With NRH2O opening to the public on May 2, Park Operations staff have been finalizing the landscape preparations within the park. This preparation includes tasks such as sod and plant installation, fire ant control, irrigation inspections and repairs, and drainage improvements. The results look fabulous!



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NRH CENTRE

The NRH Centre celebrated its 14th anniversary on April 12 and will be running anniversary specials through July 31, 2026. Membership offerings include 10% off all Paid-in-Full Memberships, 6-Month Membership for Adults/Families with or without Group Fitness included as well as a 2-Week Free Trial for all non-members.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Several family night classes at the NRH Centre are being offered in May. This is an opportunity for multi-generational activities and gives parents insight into some of the camps and classes offered over the summer. Pre-K and Just 3s celebrated Spring with a class egg hunt and culminated learning about animals and the environment with a trip to the Ft. Worth Zoo! Upcoming signature events utilizing the Grand Hall include a record-breaking number of participants in the 2026 dance recital and a graduation for parents and family honoring the NRH Centre Pre-K classes. Over 50 camps or classes are being offered this summer for youth at the NRH Centre!



AQUATICS

The Aquatics department launched April Swim Lessons on Tuesday, April 14 with 54 participants. For the month of April Aquatics hosted 19 private Pool Party Rentals.

As neighboring entities are preparing for the upcoming season NRH Aquatics has provided rental space for lifeguard training classes. Some of these include NRH2O, City of Hurst, as well as a Regional Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Instructor courses.

NRH Aquatics hours have adjusted based on seasonal usage. To see the NRH Pool hours, please check the current schedule [here](#).

Three team members attended the Ellis & Associates Lifeguard Instructor course the weekend of April 10-12, 2026. Sarah Hageman and Xavier Pineda renewed their licenses to certify Lifeguards and Ashley Aguilar attended for the first time and received her Lifeguard Instructor certification.

Hiring efforts are underway for Lifeguards and Swim Instructors in preparation for summer.



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FITNESS

The Upcoming wellness programs include Fitness & Vitality, a dance-based movement class that combines strength and flexibility training, beginning May 4 at 2:15 p.m. at the NRH Centre. Free community yoga will also be offered on May 9 at Linda Spurlock Park and on May 30 at Northfield Park, both at 9:00 a.m. In addition, CancerStrongHER Yoga, designed for female cancer survivors of all types, will be held on May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the NRH Centre. These programs continue to provide accessible and inclusive wellness opportunities for the community.



Continued member and guest lobby activities will be offered at the NRH Centre. May features complimentary chair massages on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. with Rebecca.

The new replacement fitness equipment is scheduled to arrive in late May and will include both cardio and lower-body strength machines. The new equipment will feature a SciFit machine, rowers, Assault bikes, leg press, glute drive, calf raise, pendulum squat, Smith machine, ab crunch, upright bench, and Precor stretch machines, supporting a wide range of fitness and rehabilitation needs for facility users.

ATHLETICS

The Athletics Division is now starting Spring II with indoor and outdoor sports. The Spring II Softball season is starting back up now and the last week of April. Upcoming league offerings include Monday Men's E Doubleheader, Tuesday Men's E Doubleheader, Wednesday Women's Doubleheader, and Thursday Men's E Doubleheader. Monday Men's Church will wrap up their current season the first week of May and will start their next season the first week of June.

Pickles n' Paddles Pickleball league is starting the next season on Wednesday, April 22. Offerings include Recreation and Intermediate divisions.

The winter/spring season of adult volleyball is wrapping up their current season the week of April 20. The next season will begin the week of May 18. Offerings include Tuesday Intermediate B and Thursday Recreation teams and with a free agent registration option for recreational.



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CULTURAL ARTS & EVENTS

NRH ART FEST RECAP

NRH hosted the inaugural NRH ART FEST on April 11, 2026. The weather shifted the event indoors but was well-attended and full of art enthusiasts and creative activities for all ages. Over 1,200 people were in attendance at the first NRH Art Fest!

In the Grand Hall, twenty-seven artists showcased and sold their original works of art. Betsy Allaire, a local artist, shared a live demo showing her silk dye painting process in the lobby.

The NRH Centre gym hosted the kid's arts and crafts conducted by the NRH Library along with volunteers. Additional activities included a bounce house and gaga pit. In the lobby, a live pottery demo was performed by Jill from Texas Pottery Supply. NRH PD, CAAA, CFAAA, and BISD were also on-site contributing to the event.

The Youth Art Show created in conjunction with the NRH Library was on view for the young artists to see their work on display. An open art wall filled up throughout the day with artwork created in the gym. The community mural was a big hit with all ages participating to complete a beautiful mural representing the day and share how Art Lives in Our City!



MEMPHIS SOUL CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The Memphis Soul concert that was originally scheduled for Art Fest has been rescheduled to June 5, 2026. Memphis Soul, DFW's Premiere Motown Band, will take the stage for a special 90-minute concert at the NRH Centre Plaza on Friday, June 5. Gates will open at 6 p.m and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the lawn at the NRH Centre Plaza, 6000 Hawk Ave.

There will be food trucks with yummy cuisine on-site, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic, but please NO glass containers.

Date: Friday, June 5, 2026

Time: Memphis soul takes the stage at 7:00 p.m.

Location: NRH Centre Plaza, Along Hawk Avenue
6000 Hawk Avenue, North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Admission: FREE and open to the public

Parking is at the NRH Centre Parking Lot



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Parks and Recreation will continue to host Play Today NRH for 2026 on the first Saturday of specific months 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. All ages and abilities welcome. Thank you to our drink sponsor HTeaO on Davis and N. Tarrant that will be serving tea and coffee to our participants this year!

Upcoming Dates:

Reschedule TBD 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Fossil Creek Bike Park
Saturday, June 6 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Green Valley Park
Friday, July 10 Play at 7:30 p.m., Movie 8:30 p.m. NRH Centre Plaza



LET'S PLAY AT THE PARK!
Join us for a fun-filled morning of games, swings, slides, bubbles, and active exploring!

Saturday, March 7 Linda Spurlock Park 6400 Glenview 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Rescheduled Soon! Fossil Creek Park 6101 Onyx Drive South 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM <i>Bike FUN, Bring Your Bike</i>
Saturday, June 6 Green Valley Park 7701 Smithfield Drive 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Friday, July 10 NRH Centre Plaza 6000 Hawk Avenue Play at 7:30 PM Movie at 8:30 PM <i>Special PLAY TONIGHT with Movie</i>
Saturday, Sept 12 Adventure World Playground 7451 Starnes Rd 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM NATURE WALK	THANK YOU TO OUR DRINK SPONSOR: HTeaO HEAEO - NRH (DAVIS & N. TARRANT)

COME PLAY WITH US!



CALL FOR ART FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITION

Exhibition Theme: Land That I Love

The City of North Richland Hills is seeking landscape-themed artwork for an upcoming exhibition that will celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month and America's 250th with artworks representing its beauty!

Deadline to Apply: Thursday, May 28

INFO

Theme: Land That I Love (American landscapes, skies, and the "Power of Nature")

Who: Artists of all ages (NRH & surrounding areas)

Media: Painting, drawing, 3D/craft, photography, and mixed media.

Location: Grand Hall Lobby, 6000 Hawk Avenue

Exhibition: June 1 – August 4, 2026

REQUIREMENTS

One entry per artist.

Must be framed and "hang ready" with a single wire (no D-rings).

APPLY HERE: www.nrharts.com/callforart



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SOUNDS OF SPRING CONCERT SERIES

The Sounds of Spring 2026 concert series started up on Friday, April 17 at NRH City Hall with a record-breaking audience attendance of nearly 2,000 to see Desperado (Eagles tribute band) and continued the next week with Waterloo (Abba tribute). 90 PROOF (90s country) was slated for Friday, May 1 but was postponed to Saturday, September 26 and added to the Autumn Sounds Line Up.

Sounds of Spring wraps up this Friday, May 8 with a premier Jimmy Buffet Tribute band, Buffett Beach!

Sounds of Spring was sponsored by Medical City North Hills, AT&T, Wing Drone Delivery, Hounds Town NRH and Freeform Chiropractic.



BIKE AND HIKE SERIES CONTINUES

The monthly bike and hike series continues on TUESDAY, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. starting from Cross Timbers Park, 7680 Douglas Ln. The Bike and Hike Series provides a great monthly opportunity to get outside in Nature Right Here 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 staff.
- Individuals, groups, and families are welcome.
- Bring your water bottle, and if riding a bike please wear safety helmet during the ride.

Thank you to our bike ride partners, Medical City North Hills and Sunrise Bicycle Shop.

More information [here](#).



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NRH SENIOR CENTER

The NRH Senior Center Annual Survey was emailed to 918 members on Monday, March 16, with a response deadline of Wednesday, March 31. Hard-copy surveys were also available at the front desk upon request. A total of 231 responses (25%) were received, including 18 hard-copy submissions. Overall satisfaction was very strong, with an average score of 4.8 out of 5. Final survey results can be found on the NRH Senior Center website at nrhseniorcenter.com.

Premier Senior Advisors provided corned beef and cabbage for the March luncheon. Pipe Major Robert G. Richardson entertained 150 members with a presentation on the history of bagpipes along with his Scottish piping performance. Jenn's Shenanigans March craft project was a full and lively session, with 31 members decorating eggs for the Easter holiday. The Gives Back team visited and toured the NEED West office to deliver the first round of toiletries for the Center's second-quarter initiative.

All Senior Center full and part-time staff completed Community CPR/AED & Standard First Aid - Traditional by Ellis & Associates in March.



GRAND HALL

March marked the biggest month this fiscal year at Grand Hall, generating \$46,656.96 in revenue. The venue buzzed with activity, hosting a diverse mix of events including 22 corporate gatherings, 5 social celebrations, and 6 internal functions, welcoming a total of 2,759 guests through its doors.

Alongside the many private events, Grand Hall was proud to support the North Tarrant Chamber Awards Banquet and several meaningful city-hosted occasions, including the NRH Annual RSPiRiT Awards, the NRH Police Banquet, NRH2O Lifeguard Training, NRH Centre Ellis Lifeguard Training, and the Senior Center Monthly Luncheon.

Looking ahead, the popular Graduation Package is still available for celebrations held in the Terrace or Ballroom from May 1 through July 31. Terrace packages range from \$800 to \$1,500, while Ballroom packages are available from \$2,500 to \$3,800. Prime May dates are nearly booked – reserve your date today!

Grand Hall was proud to be named the North Tarrant Chamber Member of the Month in March.

Grand Hall hosted a booth at NRH Art Fest and is also excited to return to the NRH Sounds of Spring Concert Series with a booth presence. Be sure to stop by, strike a pose in the photo booth, and share your snapshots with friends!



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