



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** February 2, 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 is currently offering its New Year Membership Specials that are valid through February 2026. Membership specials include 10% off all paid-in-full specials, 6-month packages for both Individual and Families, as well as a 2-week free trial to check out all of the NRH Centre's amenities for all new members.
- B. The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance will be Saturday, February 21, 2026. There are two dance times, Ages 3-6 begins at 4 p.m and Ages 7-11 beginning at 6 p.m. Due to the dance selling out each year, tickets will not be sold at the door and can be purchased online while supplies last. Activities will include a DJ providing music and dance floor games, a beautiful dessert box and carnation at the door, dancing and photo opportunities.
- C. Youth classes for 2026 kicked off the week of January 6. The Winter Spring Discover digital course catalog was released mid-December. Spring offerings include Fine Art Classes, After School STEM programming, Karate, Dance, Gymnastics, and Sports Clinics.
- D. The NRH Centre has said goodbye to the long-time (10 year) Building Maintenance Supervisor, Jason Crandell, as he relocates to Washington state. Jason's dedication and expertise have been instrumental to our success over the years, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for his future endeavors. The position has been posted, and the search for his replacement is already underway.



### **AQUATICS:**

- A. The NRH Centre Aquatics Division experienced a significant leak in its pump room that required a pool and spa closure beginning on Monday, January 12. Fortunately, a pressure test was able to identify the source of the leak quickly and a repair was completed by Friday, January 16 allowing staff to start to fill the pool back up and begin the re-balancing of pool chemicals. The pool reopened on January 20.
- B. Aquatics will undergo a 2-month long project to replace the HVAC system and add an air Evacuation system. The customized DesertAire and Paddock Evacuation systems are replacing the original air treatment systems originally installed in 2011/2021 and are designed to improve air quality by removing more chloramines from the environment.

### **ATHLETICS:**

- A. Adult Softball leagues kick off the spring season the first week in March. Leagues offered this season include Sunday CoEd Doubleheader, Monday Men's Church, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader, Wednesday Women's Doubleheader.
- B. Adult Coed Volleyball leagues are wrapping up their fall season. The new season will start on Tuesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 26. The league offers Intermediate A and Intermediate B on Tuesdays and Recreational leagues on Thursdays.
- C. The 11<sup>th</sup> season of Pickles n' Paddles started on Wednesday, January 28 and will conclude the week after spring break. The next season starts in April.
- D. NRH Centre will host hosting the upcoming Area 11 Special Olympics Basketball Skills Competition. This event will take place on Tuesday, February 3rd and Thursday, February 5th. Athletes will participate in multiple skills, including passing, dribbling, and shooting. Across both days, we anticipate serving an estimated 350 athletes.
- E. Field rentals at Cross Timber's Park, Northfield Park, and Walker's Creek Park will open reservations at the end of January for the spring and summer season.

### **RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:**

- A. RTC has benefited from the exceptional mild fall and winter from October through December. This has helped to generate increased revenue with more players participating in drop-in drills, private lessons, and group play.
- B. On December 13, RTC held the annual Toys for Tennis adult tournament. This tournament was cancelled last year due to bad weather, so our patrons were excited to play this year. There were 54 adult participants that graciously donated over 130 toys benefitting the NRH Community Enrichment Center.
- C. December 14 kicked off the start of the USTA winter season. RTC had many returning teams as well as new teams joining this season. In addition, the in-house adult leagues kicked off on January 5.



- D. The Winter Junior league, coached by Sarah Swanston, kicked off on January 11. Sarah has worked diligently to increase the number of junior participants and has a very large league this winter with over 30 juniors playing.
- E. RTC has seen dramatic increase in the number of 40+ USTA adult Sunday leagues.

### **GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE**

- A. A Special Graduation Package is now available for events hosted in the Terrace and in the Ballroom. Terrace packages range from \$1,000 to \$1,800, while Ballroom packages range from \$3,400 to \$5,400. May dates are in high demand. The Grand Hall team looks forward to supporting families as they celebrate these milestone occasions.
- B. Grand Hall is pleased to host a variety of city-sponsored and community events, including the NRH Centre Daddy Daughter Dance, Fire Department Banquet, Police Department Banquet, and Senior Center monthly luncheons. Additional scheduled events include the Northeast Chamber Awards Gala, Night to Shine, as well as several corporate meetings and social gatherings.
- C. The FY26 total budgeted revenue for Grand Hall is \$403,500. Revenue to date totals \$109,217, representing 27% of the annual budget.

### **NRH SENIOR CENTER**

- A. Two busloads of seniors, dressed in their festive holiday attire, visited City Hall, Encompass Health, Green Valley Healthcare, and the NRH Library, singing carols and spreading joy throughout the community. The Monthly Luncheon, co-hosted with Palm Primary, filled the Grand Hall with 209 members on Wednesday, December 17. Kristen Coiner of Kristens Keys DFW provided a beautiful backdrop of piano music for the event.
- B. The annual Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Party took place on December 11, bringing together more than 75 volunteers for a celebration filled with music, food, and camaraderie. The Gratitude Guru Volunteer Team played a key role in organizing this merry event.
- C. "Noon" Years Eve was celebrated on Wednesday, December 31 beginning at 11:30 a.m. There were 120 members participating in this event that featured food, fellowship and a New Year's Toast.
- D. January 5, 2026 featured the NRH Youth Advisory Committee teaching Tech Talk with Teens. Many members took advantage of the opportunity to have smart phones, tablets and other accessories explained with one-on-one assistance.
- E. NRH Senior Center Gives Back first quarter campaign began in January 2026 and will run through March 2026. Members are encouraged to donate used towels, blankets or new or slightly used toys.
- F. 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 is special activities. Bronze level consists of Bingo, Birthday Party and monthly tournament prizes.

- a. *Gold Level*: December/January: Palm Primary Care
- b. *Silver Level*: December/January: Encompass Health, Green Valley Rehabilitation, The Super Patch Company, Keller Oaks Healthcare Center, RAM Insurance Services, NRH Youth Advisory Committee, & Tarrant County Public Health
- c. *Bronze Level*: December/January: Lucas Funeral Home, Palm Primary Care, & RAM Insurance Services.

## **CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

- A. Common Ground NRH Community Garden invites you to a free Spring Gardening Seminar on Saturday, February 21, starting at 9 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](http://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. All ages and abilities welcome. Join us and come Play Today NRH!
  - a. Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, March 7	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Linda Spurlock Park
Saturday, May 2	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Fossil Creek Bike Park
Saturday, June 7	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Northfield Park
- C. The NRH POP UP Egg Hunts are coming to six NRH Parks in April. The exact park locations announced the day of the event. Volunteers from the community will be meeting soon to help stuff all the eggs to prepare for another great year of hunts in 2026!
  - a. POP UP Egg Hunts will be in two NRH parks each day, on three dates:  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.
- D. The inaugural NRH Art Fest – Color Me Spring will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Held along Hawk Avenue, this free public event will serve as an outdoor gallery featuring a juried selection of regional artists, live performances, and various local food trucks. The festival is designed to be a family-friendly celebration, offering interactive art activities and hands-on crafts for all ages. Highlighting the initiative, Art Lives in Our City, this event will celebrate NRH's vibrant creative community and provides a unique cultural destination for residents and visitors. The call for artists is open until February 22 and [nrharts.com](http://nrharts.com).