



**Trout Stocking at Linda Spurlock Park Pond**—Texas Parks and Wildlife will be coming to NRH on January 21 to stock trout fingerlings in Linda Spurlock Park Pond, 6400 Glenview Drive. Grab your poles and try your luck! Just a few reminders: There is no minimum length and a 5 trout daily limit. Trout anglers will need the \$5 Freshwater Fishing Stamp, which is included in all freshwater license packages. Anglers under 17 years of age are not required to have a license and don't need to purchase a stamp. Some tips for catching the trout: <http://bit.ly/2jHljrQ>.



**Spring Gardening Seminar**—Join Common Ground NRH Community Garden and area gardening experts for a free Spring Gardening Seminar on **Saturday, Feb. 15** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grand Hall at NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. This event will include gardening lectures, light refreshments and door prizes. No registration is necessary.

**2025 Daddy Daughter Dance on February 15**—Get Your Dancing Shoes On for the 2025 NRH Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Dads, grandpas and uncles are invited to bring their daughters, granddaughters and nieces to this highly anticipated annual dance. This special evening will include dancing, refreshments, photographs and more! The dance does sell out, so get your tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door. For Questions Contact 817.427.6600. Tickets here: <https://bit.ly/NRHDaddyDaughter2025>



**Celebrate February as American Heart Month with Hearts in Parks**—February is American Heart Month, and NRH Parks and Recreation wants you to get out in Nature Right Here and find some Hearts in Parks! It is easy to participate. Simply visit an NRH Park or Trail, and find a large red heart that says NRH Hearts in Parks.



Then, take a pic of the heart and post it on NRH Parks and Recreation Social Media or email [nrhpard@nrhtx.com](mailto:nrhpard@nrhtx.com). You are then entered into a drawing for a Healthy Heart Prize Pack. Hearts in the Parks runs from February 12 - February 26. We will give hints to locations along the way. Twelve winners will be randomly selected and notified by February 27. Winners will receive a Healthy Heart Prize Pack from NRH Parks and Recreation and the NRH Centre.

**NRH Centre Membership**— The NRH Centre has developed a turn-of-the-year membership special that was sent out via direct mail prior to the start of the Thanksgiving holiday. The 2025 New Year's promotion will run from November 2024 – February 2025 highlighting:

- 10% off paid-in-full memberships for new & renewing members.
- 6-month Individual and Family Membership Options, with or without Group Fitness
- 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.



**NRH Fitness**—January Wellness Classes: The first wellness classes offered in the new year were a success. Participants found inspiration and empowerment through Fitness & Vitality 4 Me and channeled their aspirations in *the* Manifest Your Dreams: Vision Board Creation Workshop. Upcoming classes include: Wellness Reset, Warriors at Ease Yoga (military focus), Yoga and Clay for Tweens/Teens, Yoga for Emotional Release/Hormonal Balance and an Introduction to Reflexology.

New fitness equipment is arriving in March! NRH Centre strives to have the newest and most state-of-the-art fitness equipment. New equipment including treadmills, a cable crossover machine, decline/sit-up bench, and some updated workout benches will arrive March 2025.

**NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park**—2025 is a big year at NRH<sub>2</sub>O with the construction of its newest, and biggest, attraction, Nitro Blast. Contractors have been working diligently on site work, tower renovations, and plumbing and pump room renovations. Proslide Technology Inc., industry leader in water slide design and install, is on-site to assembling pieces and in the next couple of weeks will start erecting the slide. Along with the excitement of our new attraction, we are looking forward to celebrating the 30th anniversary of the park providing unwavering guest experience and safety.



**NRH Centre Aquatics**—January Lessons have started with 83 participants in the weekday Private and Group Swim classes. The Saturday session was postponed due to the inclement weather last week and will begin on January 18. This session has 58 participants registered.

Ashley Aguilar was recognized as one of the Part Time Employee of the Year awards for 2024. She is a Lead Lifeguard and has been working on our Aquatics team for 5 years. She has been dedicated to the vigilance, safety and service of the department, leading her shifts with maturity, professionalism and consistency. She is a Water Safety Instructor for the Swim Lesson program teaching Private Swim Lessons and Group Lessons with many requests to continue with her.

Aquatics finished 2024 with 4 unannounced Ellis Audits with 3 Exceeds and 1 Meets Audit and continues daily to provide a vigilant and responsive environment for members and guests.

Aquatics staff is anxiously waiting for the new lighting to arrive for the Aquatics area, that will enhance the space tremendously from a safety perspective as well as aesthetics. Staff is tentatively planning to have the lighting project take place in the week of February 24.

**NRH Youth**—Youth programs has resumed activities in the New Year with strong registration in the first session of gymnastics and youth dance. It is anticipated that this momentum will carry over to the second session of winter/spring classes. In addition, requests for summer programs have been sent out to instructors and vendors. Registration for summer programs are set to begin the first week of March.

**NRH Centre Athletics**—The Athletics division has resumed on adult leagues from the holiday break. Volleyball resumed on January 7 and 9. They will wrap up on their winter season in February. Registration is already open for Tuesday Intermediate A, Tuesday Intermediate B and Thursday Recreational leagues. Pickles n' Paddles came back from the two-week holiday break on Wednesday, January 8 and will end on January 15.

Pickles n' Paddles will take a couple of weeks off and start back up February 12. Adult Softball Leagues will begin the week of March 3 for Mondays Men's Church, Men's E Doubleheader, Tuesday Men's E Doubleheader, Wednesday Women's Doubleheader, and Thursday Men's E Doubleheader for the spring season. Registration opened on January 13, and teams are signing up now. Registration closes on February 28. The Bowling League will start back up in April/May.

**Grand Hall**—The Grand Hall wrapped up a very busy December and was thrilled to host and participate in several wonderful community events. Highlights included the choir performances during the annual tree lighting, the Senior Center Christmas Luncheon welcoming over 250 seniors, and the NRH Police Department's holiday party. The Grand Hall was honored to be a part of these celebrations and to help close out 2024 on such a high note. With this momentum, staff looks forward to continuing to serve our community and hosting memorable events in 2025!



**Richland Tennis Center**—The USTA and NETT winter leagues kicked off December 18 and will continue through March 9. Although the temperatures have been cold and windy, RTC still had many regulars and a few new players participating in drills preparing for the new season. RTC's in-house league began December 30 and runs through March 13. Junior and adult lessons and classes continue with a new session beginning in January. Starting February 19, RTC will be hosting several high school tournaments as they begin their 2025 tennis season. All classes have been opened for the months of January and February and we will have additional classes open through the Spring season.

**Park Maintenance and Operations**—The recent weather has made things busy for the Park Operations team. Staff winterized all drinking fountains to protect the plumbing from frigid temperatures. Fountains will be turned back on around March 1 once risk of a hard freeze is out of the forecast. Park Restrooms will be closed intermittently as needed to protect plumbing from extreme temperatures. Staff cleared walkways or snow and ice at different facilities during the freezing precipitation event last week to ensure customer safety. Landscape staff have been busy performing landscape enhancements around town. Infrastructure staff replaced some of the park furniture at Tommy and Sue Brown Park in conjunction with the new playground that was installed. Irrigation staff are working on drainage improvements at NRH2O to prepare for the upcoming season. Staff will also be beginning work at Fossil Creek Park with the upcoming Bicycle Playground and Pump Track installation.



## **Cultural Arts & Events**

**The Texas Jazz All Stars Perform in NRH**—The Texas Jazz All Stars (TeJAS) performed a fantastic concert on January 2, 2025 in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. The enthusiastic audience enjoyed an evening full of top-notch jazz classics with some alumni from NRH that were home for the holiday season. The band received well-deserved standing ovations and gave the audience an encore. In July of 2025, there will be a special "Christmas in July" edition with a toy drive benefiting the Community Enrichment Center.



**Pop Up Gallery Exhibition Coming Featuring BISD Faculty**—



The Lobby of the Grand Hall will host a Pop Up Gallery art exhibition, titled The Art of Teaching, featuring the talented art faculty from BISD. The exhibition is part of the “Art Lives in Our City” initiative and celebrates the creative expression and dedication of educators through a diverse collection of artworks. The opening reception will be held on February 10 at 6:15 p.m. A selection of works will be on display on the gallery wall until March 28. For the first week of the show,

additional pieces will fill the lobby, showcasing even more artwork and offering visitors a chance to experience the artistry and passion behind our local art teaching professionals.

**New Signal Art Installation Featuring Texas Botanicals is Blooming**—

The NRH Signal Art Program was implemented in 2007 to enhance the City’s Art in Public Spaces Program. The program works with local artists and staff to design original artwork for various traffic signal boxes located throughout the City with rotating exhibits that change approximately every five to seven years.

The North Richland Hills Signal Art Program has attracted national attention in the years since it commenced, with several North Texas cities now joining in to beautify byways and intersections with remarkable art. The NRH gallery is unique in its cohesive and creative themes with a professional design developed throughout each signal box.

The new NRH Signal Art Program installation features “Texas Botanicals” by Sarah (Green) Blagg, who also designed three wraps representing North Richland Hills high schools that remain in place, and recently retired from the City of NRH.

The Signal Art boxes serve as the City’s “outdoor art gallery” in addition to being used as wayfinding markers and “selfie spots” by commuters, residents and visitors to the City. The NRH Signal Art Program is funded by donations and promotional (hotel/motel tax) funding.



Texas Botanicals... Installation in progress

**Play Today NRH picks back up on March 1**—Play Today NRH is back for another season of getting outside to PLAY! Join NRH Parks and Recreation the first Saturday of the month at different park locations for Play Today NRH. 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 Black Rifle Coffee for providing delicious coffee to the adults. Join us and come Play Today NRH!

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Saturday, March 1 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Green Valley Park
- Saturday, April 5 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Adventure World Playground
- Saturday, May 3 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Linda Spurlock Park
- Saturday, June 7 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park  
Bring Your Dogs!

**LET'S PLAY AT THE PARK!**  
JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED MORNING OF BUBBLES, GAMES, SWINGS, SLIDES, AND ACTIVE EXPLORING.

**Saturday, March 1**  
Green Valley Park  
7701 Smithfield Road  
10 AM to 11:30 AM  
GREEN THEME

**Saturday, April 5**  
Adventure World Playground  
7451 Starnes Road  
10 AM to 11:30 AM  
ARTS & CRAFTS

**Saturday, May 3**  
Linda Spurlock Park  
6400 Glenview Drive  
10 AM to 11:30 AM  
MAY DAY MINI GARDENS & ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, June 7**  
Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park  
7804 Davis Boulevard  
10 AM to 11:30 AM  
BRING YOUR DOGS

**COME PLAY WITH US!**  
Thank you to Black Rifle Coffee for sponsoring coffee for the adult participants!

First Saturday of the month  
10 AM to 11:30 AM

**BLACK RIFLE COFFEE COMPANY**

**NRH POP UP Egg Hunts Coming in April, Egg Stuffing with Volunteers on March 1**—For 2025 The NRH Easter Bunny is going on an Egg-cellent adventure throughout multiple NRH Park locations! POP UP Egg Hunts are coming to six NRH Parks with exact locations announced the day of the event. Volunteers from the National Charity League, the NE Kiwanis and individuals in the community will help stuff all of the eggs on Saturday, March 1.

**The POP UP Egg Hunts will be in two NRH parks each day, on three dates:**

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Park names and locations will be announced at least eight hours before the Pop Up Hunts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, City Calendar and on the City's Website. The Easter Bunny will be at the hunts, as well as NRH2O's Frog Bounder and the Chick fill a Cow.

**NRH Senior Center**— December was a busy month at the center with many holiday happenings. The Group enjoyed the Christmas spirit and some tasty lunch at Harvest Hall and Main Street in Grapevine on Friday, December 6. Our talented Parks and Recreation Administration prepared a special treat of gingerbread flapjacks and sausage on Monday, December 9. Our folks traveled to Dallas to view the 12 Days of Christmas at the Arboretum on December 10. The Center closed early to prepare for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party on Thursday, December 12. We enjoyed games, food and fun with 75 volunteers and spouses. Our first ever Caroling Caravan of 31 members traveled to NRH City Hall, Encompass Health, The Atria at Hometown, NRH Library and Green Valley Healthcare to spread Christmas cheer. More good Cheer was celebrated with the NRH Singers Musical Christmas on Tuesday, December 17. All members who registered during the designated December registration were allowed to attend the luncheon. Our group of 250 seniors enjoyed fellowship and a wonderful meal, provided by our 2023 garage sale funds on Wednesday, December 18. After Christmas, we ended 2024 with New Year's Eve Bingo with a group of 87. We are looking forward to all 2025 has to offer.



If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at 817-427-6620.