



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** June 7, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, Programs and Services Update  
**PRESENTER:** Antonio Evangelista, Recreation Operations Manager

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Mr. Antonio Evangelista, Recreation Operations Manager, will present an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center and the Tennis Center.

### **NRH CENTRE**

- A. NRH Centre Membership Specials – the NRH Centre is currently running 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary specials including 10% off all Paid-in-Full Memberships, 6-month Paid-in-Full options including a \$25 gift card that can be used on future membership purchases and other services such as kids club, adult/youth programming, personal training, massage therapy, nutritional consultations and more! For new members, there is a free two-week trial pass available so they may experience all the NRH Centre has to offer prior to joining.
- B. NRH Centre Youth Programs – All summer youth camps are currently open for enrollment including youth dance camps, gymnastics camps, science camp, creative minds, builder camps and more! A full list of camps may be viewed online at [www.nrhcentre.com](http://www.nrhcentre.com).
- C. Camp NRH – Camp NRH Week 1 began Tuesday, June 1 and will run for 10 consecutive weeks ending the week of August 2, 2021. Camp NRH is at 99% registration capacity with 862 kids registered out of a possible 870. There are only a couple of spots available in some weeks while other weeks are sold out.
- D. NRH Centre Aquatics – Aquatics wrapped up the Spring Swim Session and are launching the Summer session on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Weekday lessons begin on Monday, June 7, 2021 and will run two days a week for three weeks. Currently, 279 have registered with registration continuing through the end of the week.

A small team of swim instructors have been in training the last couple of weeks for kids with special needs. We look forward to being able to train many of our staff to



handle participants with special needs to fill a void in our community. We received a small grant last year to be able to help add to this new program.

Open Swim Parties are beginning the weekend of June 5, 2021 and are open to the public online to book. All Swim Parties may now be booked through August. The return of Open Swim Parties has been very well received with spots booking fast.

We received our second unannounced Ellis Observational Audit. We had six Lifeguards and one Lead observed and received an Exceeds. Our overall score was a Meets Expectations.

## **ATHLETICS**

- A. It was a nice start to 2021 Mayor's Bike Ride schedule as we saw 82 total bike riding participants at Green Valley Park on Tuesday May 4 and 88 at Cross Timbers Park on June 1. Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price joined Mayor Trevino as a special guest at the June 1 ride. The next ride takes place on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the NRH Centre. For a full schedule of rides and their distances, you can visit [nrhtx.com](http://nrhtx.com) or [nrhcentre.com/mayorsrides](http://nrhcentre.com/mayorsrides).
- B. Indoor Athletics are back in full swing at the NRH Centre with Average Joes Basketball and Indoor Coed Volleyball. Average Joes takes place on Monday evening at the NRH Centre and is sold out for the first season of 2021 with 14 teams. Coed Volleyball also has strong first session enrollment, just one team shy of selling out both Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the NRH Centre.

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

- A. The Grand Hall is back in full swing! We hosted 37 events for the month of May and closed out with \$54,672.40 in total revenue (5<sup>th</sup> highest month in GH history).
- B. The Grand Hall hosted eight community partner events including NRH Police, NRH Fire and numerous BISD events.
- C. Pre bookings for July and August are light, as they historically have been. We are on a trend for a busy fall and holiday season and look forward to getting back to a full calendar for the remainder of 2021 and 2022.

## **NRH SENIOR CENTER**

- A. Phased programming continued in April and May. Just keep Movin', Light & Lively and Chair Yoga began in April with Guitar and Tai Chi added in May. In addition to in-person classes, virtual programming continued with daily engagement opportunities through Facebook, center webpage and the emailed monthly newsletter.



- B. Community Partners continued to assist with monthly programming. Green Valley Healthcare and Rehabilitation provided lunch in April for 125 seniors and 70 prizes in May for two Horn Honkin' Bingo events. The Conservatory of Keller Town Center and NRH Centre provided ice cream and cake for the April 16 birthday event. Dean Owen, Attorney at Law, provided 70 prizes for the April Horn Honkin' Bingo Event. Nation's Insurance Solutions partnered with the center to provide goodie bags and a photo booth area for the "Senior Health Day" activity on May 26.
- C. Staff continued to prepare the center for the June 1 reopening by spacing out furniture in the dining and living areas. Staff cleaned storage and kitchen to ready these areas for classes and instructors. Staff communicated with NRH Centre to prepare for the July SilverSneakers® program.
- D. The Senior Center continues to receive great volunteer support with a roster of 34 seniors offering their time and talents. Volunteer training took place in May for Front Desk, Kitchen, Class Instructors, and team members that incorporated COVID safety guidelines as well as day-to-day safety and information.

#### **RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER**

- A. RTC is hosting the USTA Men's Playoffs June 18-19. Approximately 100 players will participate.
- B. The May 22-23 UTR tournament had over 193 players registered. Unfortunately, the singles was rained out on Saturday but we were able to get most of the doubles played on Sunday.
- C. RTC will continue the UTR series with monthly tournaments. The next two events are scheduled for June 26-27 and July 13-14. These tournaments are not gender specific or age specific and matches are based strictly on the players' ability. This means that boys may play girls, adults play juniors, etc. At our first UTR, we had a 12-year-old girl play a 55-year-old man in a very entertaining and competitive match. Our UTR tournaments average 175+ players for each tournament.
- D. The new session of summer programs begins the week of June 1. This summer RTC will be offering "Tennis in the Parks" where RTC staff will be conducting group lessons for beginners at Northfield Park. Another offering will be a tennis & golf camp where beginner players will attend golf camp at Iron Horse Golf Course on Monday & Tuesday and RTC Wednesday-Friday. A pass to NRH<sub>2</sub>O will be given to each camper to encourage them to enjoy the water park.



## **CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

A. After a postponement of the 2021 Sounds of Spring Concert Series due to the Coronavirus pandemic, live music returns to North Richland Hills with four free Friday evening concerts from September 10 through October 1, 2021. Join us at City Hall Plaza, 4301 City Point Drive, for the **NRH Autumn Sounds Concert Series**. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. and the music starts at 7:00 p.m. Visitors can enjoy all four concerts with family and friends, and concertgoers are encouraged to bring picnics, lawn chairs and blankets and prepare for fun, relaxation and favorite tunes under the stars this Fall. The music lineup includes two returning audience favorites, **BackRoads**, featuring classic American rock on **September 10** and **Bad Moon Rising**, the Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute on **October 1**. Two bands new to the NRH City Plaza Stage, **King George**, the popular George Strait tribute, will play on **September 17** and **Even It Up**, the Heart tribute band, will play on **September 24**. Food trucks will be on site at each concert, and a modified Kids Zone will hand out take-and-make arts and crafts kits to concertgoers 12 and under.

Fri. Sept. 10	BackRoads	<i>Classic American Rock</i>
Fri. Sept. 17	King George	<i>George Strait Tribute</i>
Fri. Sept. 24	Even It Up	<i>Heart Tribute</i>
Fri. Oct. 1	Bad Moon Rising	<i>Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute</i>

B. The **NRH Pop Up Gallery** “NRH Scenic Spot” digital art exhibition went online Tuesday, May 11. Eighteen North Richland Hills area artists who have created images inspired by nature are represented in the show, which can be viewed at <https://www.nrhpoppugallery.com>. Artwork covers a wide range of mediums, including sculpture, drawings, paintings, photography and digital art. Three images that were influenced by the recent Linda Spurlock Park renovations are featured in the virtual gallery, which will remain online through August. Over 370 unique visitors accessed the website between May 11 and May 27. A live and in-person gallery exhibition is being planned for November 2021, with the date and location to be announced at the end of summer.