

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 1, 2025
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. NRH Centre Membership Specials are now available online and will be mailed via direct mail to NRH residents the last week of November 2025. Membership promotions will be available through February 28, 2026. Current promotions include:

- 10% Off Paid-in-Full Memberships
- 6-Month Membership Packages for both Individuals or Families, with or without Group Fitness Classes
- 2-Week Trial Membership for all non-members

Membership rates can be viewed on the NRH Centre website at:

www.nrhcentre.com/memberships.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- A. Gymnastics and Dance together offer over 30 class opportunities for the community serving more than 230 kids in the Fall II Session. In addition, after school Art and STEM classes, as well as twice a week Karate classes and Saturday multi-sport offerings offer a wide age range of kids a place to learn, create and play through the rest of 2025.
- B. Recently, a multi-generational cookie decorating class was held in the Grand Hall Terrace with participants ranging from 8 to 74.



- C. The Pre-K program is at capacity, while the Three's class is growing with the addition of two children in November
- D. Art Elf camp, Holiday cookie decorating and others have started sign-ups. NRH elementary schools are signing up to participate and compete in the Festival of Trees in conjunction with the NRH Tree lighting in early December. The trees will be displayed in the NRH Centre lobby for guests to enjoy. This event is a wonderful community partnership between our area schools.

ATHLETICS

- A. Softball leagues are ending fall seasons and wrapping up for the 2025 year. Offered this fall season were Monday and Thursday Men's E Doubleheader, Monday Men's Church, and Sunday CoEd Doubleheader. There will be new leagues that we will start in March 2026.
- B. Volleyball has started their fall season and will play through the holidays. The league will skip a total of 4 weeks due to holidays and will play through the month of January. The league offers Intermediate B on Tuesdays and Recreational on Thursdays.
- C. The 10th season of Pickles n' Paddles started on Wednesday, October 22 and will conclude the week before Christmas. The next season will be at the end of January.
- D. Run Run Rudolph Family Fun 5K will be on Saturday, December 6 at 8:30 a.m. (race start time). The race starts and ends at the NRH Centre. Registration is now going on in Xplor. The annual Run Run Rudolph 5K event provides a great opportunity for families and friends to share their holiday spirit and enjoy fitness and fun. This run benefits the NRH Water Safety 365 initiative, the city's commitment to keeping people safe in and around water 365 days a year! The RRR 5k Run & Walk is an un-timed run, all for holiday fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in fun and festive holiday attire! Register early by Sunday, November 23, 2025, for the best rate. On November 24 registration increases by \$5. Sweatshirts are included with each PAID registration. Additional Sweatshirts will be available for purchase during the registration process for \$20/shirt. Sweatshirts will be available for pick up on Thursday, December 4 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Friday, December 5 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Avenue, or at the walk/run check in starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, December 6.



AQUATICS

- A. The Aquatics Splash Flix was a success with 93 participants on Friday, October 24. The movie was The Nightmare Before Christmas. There were some fun activities before the movie started as well as a backdrop for pictures, popcorn and hot chocolate were free to attendees. The next movie will be on Friday, December 12. The movie is being decided with the NRH Centre Facebook audience. It will include activities before the movie themed to the movie. Attendees may bring food to enjoy during the movie along with free popcorn. Registration for this event will begin soon.
- B. November Swim Lessons are underway with 74 participants. This is for both Group and Private Swim Lessons. These lessons will finish the week of November 17, 2025. Swim Lessons will take a break until January 2026.
- C. The NRH Centre will host the 1st of 4 Ellis and Associates Lifeguard Instructor training classes for the DFW area. Some participants travel from out of state to attend. The Centre has been hosting this training for 12 years. Two NRH Centre Aquatic Leads will be attending this training to be able to certify new Lifeguards hired to work at the NRH Centre and renew current lifeguards since the certification is only good for one year. These Instructors also facilitate required monthly in-service.

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC is hosting Tri-Level tournament November 7-9. This event includes players throughout DFW. November we will have USTA 65+ playoffs. This is a big event that will include teams all over Texas.
- B. RTC will host a KATCH Tourney November 17-18 and men's and ladies USTA playoffs on December 5-7.
- C. December 13 RTC will host the 21st annual Toys for Tennis. This event will have prizes and awards with a cookout and all of the toys collected are donated to the NRH Community Enrichment Center.
- D. Adult and junior classes and leagues are winding down and will start back up after January 1.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE

- A. A Holiday Special Package has been offered for events in the Terrace with full packages ranging from \$1000 - \$1800 and ballroom packages ranging from \$3400 - \$5400. The first two weeks of December will be busy with seven holiday parties scheduled. The Grand Hall team looks forward to hosting a merry time for all!

- B. In addition to the holiday parties, Grand Hall looks forward to hosting a variety of city sponsored events including the NRH Business Appreciation Luncheon, Tree Lighting Choir Performances, United Way Closing and Senior Center monthly luncheons, two multi-day corporate training programs, and several corporate meetings.
- C. Four new Banquet and Hospitality Attendants have been onboarded to prepare for the busy fall and holiday season.
- D. Total budgeted revenue for Grand Hall in FY26 is \$403,500. Total current revenue to date is \$38,572.38 or 9.56% of total budget.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. The NRH Senior Center hosted the annual NRH Senior Center Craft Fair on Wednesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 30. Hosted by a member-lead team of five volunteers, this year's event brought in 51 senior citizen vendors selling homemade items. The event welcomed 847 shoppers looking for Christmas gifts and to spend time with friends. Funds raised by selling booths will be used in December to thank our over 100 volunteers for their service throughout the year.
- B. The NRH Senior Center Gives Back team began collecting items for the CEC toy drive. They also created festive bags to be distributed to over 120 North Richland Hills Meals on Wheels senior participants.
- C. A Picnic in the Park was held for members at the Northfield Park Pavilion on Monday, October 20. Hot dogs were prepared by parks employees and were enjoyed along with chips, bananas, oranges, and rice Krispie treats. 80 members participated and enjoyed time outside with friends.
- D. Empowering Seniors, hosted by Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare and Commissioner Matt Krause was held Thursday, October 2. With health screenings, workshops, and booths from over 190 exhibitors, NRH Senior Center members enjoyed lunch and learning about opportunities that are open to seniors. 19 members enjoyed transportation to the event by the NRH Senior Center, while countless other members were present as well.
- E. 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:* October/November Premiere Senior Advisors, Encompass Health



- b. *Silver Level:* October/November Nations Insurance, Ashford Insurance, Encompass Health, Green Valley Rehabilitation, The SuperPatch Company, Care Patrol, Premiere Senior Advisors, Dean Owen-Attorney
- c. *Bronze Level:* October/November Atria at Hometown, Edward Jones, Amerilife, Keller Oaks Healthcare, CenterWell

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. Celebrate the start of 2026 with an evening of outstanding jazz. On Thursday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM, the Texas Jazz All Stars (TeJAS) will return to perform a “Ring in the New Year” concert in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre. This free concert will feature some of the most talented young jazz musicians in North Texas, offering a high-energy performance for music lovers of all ages. Admission is free, but reservations are required due to limited seating. Join us for a memorable night of music and community.
- B. The city’s 46-foot-tall Christmas Tree at Stormy Plaza Park and other holiday lights and scenery along Hawk Avenue will continue to be on display celebrating Holidays on Hawk until January 4. The lights come on nightly at dusk, about 5:30 p.m. The area provides many opportunities for your holiday photos, so don’t forget your camera!
- C. Kick off the Christmas season with the NRH Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 4 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Stormy Plaza Park, 9010 Grand Avenue. In addition to the tree lighting and a spectacular drone light show, SANTA will be visiting with families and posing for photos. There will also be crafts for youngsters to make and take, a holiday drone show, choirs singing, and food and beverage available for purchase.