



## PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** February 6, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Richland Tennis Center, Programs and Services Update  
**PRESENTER:** Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Mr. Antonio Evangelista, Assistant Director, will present an update on activities at the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Athletics, Senior Center, Cultural Arts and the Richland Tennis Center.

### **NRH CENTRE**

- A. The NRH Centre is currently offering its New Year Membership Specials through February 2023. 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 31<sup>st</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance will be Saturday, February 18. The first two dances (ages 3-6 and ages 7-10) have sold out and there is still room in the ages 11-14 dance. Activities will include a DJ providing music and dance floor games, a beautiful dessert box and carnation at the door, dancing and photographs.
- C. Youth classes for [Winter/Spring 2023](#) kicked off the week of January 9. The Winter Spring Discover was released mid-December. Spring offerings include Fine Art Classes, After School STEM programming, Karate, Dance, Gymnastics, and Sports Clinics. There are over 250 kids registered for programs that started in January.
- D. January swim lessons are in full swing with 189 participants and 93% capacity. Aquatics had four Instructors attend Water Safety Instructor Training over the holiday break and six new team members completed training which has helped launch this swim lesson season. Last fall aquatics ran an abbreviated session due to staffing shortages.

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

- A. Grand Hall completed an incredible first quarter, hosting over 80 events and collecting 40% of the annual revenue. January is also off to a strong start with 20 event days, majorly corporate events. In February, Grand Hall will host a handful of city events



including the annual NRH Police Banquet, Daddy Daughter Dance, Community Garden Event, RSPIRIT awards, Human Resources training, and the City Budget Review.

## **ATHLETICS**

- A. The Athletic Division just completed its first 2023 session of Average Joes Basketball league and Coed Volleyball leagues held at the NRH Centre.
- B. Registration for the next session of Coed Volleyball is underway with Tuesday Intermediate and Thursday Recreational/Competitive leagues beginning February 7 and February 9. Limited spots are available in the Competitive division while all other leagues are full.
- C. Adult Softball will return to Northfield Park on Thursday, March 2. Leagues will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Offerings include Men's E, Men's Church, and Coed divisions.
- D. Field Rentals are in full swing for the Spring 2023 season for Cross Timbers, Walkers Creek and Northfield Park. Rental requests can be made through [www.nrhcentre.com/fieldrentals](http://www.nrhcentre.com/fieldrentals) as check field availability.
- E. The NRH Athletic Coordinator full time position was recently vacated by Michael Richardson recently accepted a position with another municipality. The NRH position is open and staff is currently scheduling interviews with qualified candidates.

## **NRH SENIOR CENTER**

- A. The NRH Senior Center Gives Back Team of 7 spearheaded the 2022 Initiative that gave back to our local community in the following ways:
  - a. First Quarter, NRH Animal Adoption and Rescue Center – 255 hand towels, 90 bath towels, newspaper and pet items
  - b. Second Quarter, NRH Fire Department – 81 cases of water
  - c. Third Quarter, I Can Still Shine Women's Shelter – 206 school supplies, 12 - \$20 gas cards, 433 small toiletry items
  - d. Fourth Quarter – NRH Fire Department – 190 Toys Once a month, Food Pantry – Legacy Church of Christ Lunch Box Food Pantry 2,649 items/\$228
- B. In an effort to ensure maximum member participation for scheduled programs, the Three Strike Attendance Process began January 2, 2023. This stems from participant "no show" for activities that have a waiting list or that community partners have purchased supplies. The process states that members need to provide at least 24 hours notice if unable to attend a trip, community partner led program or the monthly luncheon. If three strikes are made, the member will fall to the end of the registration process for three months. This process was highlighted in the October – December 2022 newsletters as well as announcements at scheduled activities.

- C. The 2023 Community Partner Opportunities opened in October 2022. Currently all Gold, Silver and Bronze Level partnerships have been claimed.
- D. The NRH Senior Center relies heavily on Community Partners in order to offer many of their programs. Partnerships fall into three categories, (GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE). Gold Level consists of the monthly luncheon partnership. Silver Level are special activities. Bronze level consists of Bingo and monthly tournament prizes.
  - a. Gold Level: January - Encompass Health
  - b. Silver Level: January – Enduring Home Solutions, Healing Hands Healthcare, Troup and Davis Realty, Humana, Century21 Michelle Appling, Nations Insurance Solutions
  - c. Bronze Level: January - Sonia Ashford Insurance, United Healthcare, Humana

### **RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER**

- A. Winter leagues are in full swing consisting of USTA and TCD adult teams. We have increased our team count YTY from 16 to 18 teams.
- B. We will be hosting two upcoming UTR tournaments to be held January 21-22 and February 25-26. January's tournament had 110 players.
- C. The winter in-house leagues will start January 22 and runs for 8 weeks consisting of over 30 players.
- D. Springtown High School has again selected RTC to host their weekly tournaments, using 12 courts, which takes place every Wednesday. Play begins on January 25 and runs through March 22.
- E. RTC will manage the first reservations for Pickleball League at the recently renovated Pickleball Courts at Richfield Park. This is a regional league that travels to area courts for home and away games. There are several teams from NRH and the Richfield Courts will be their home courts for the upcoming spring season. Games are played on Tuesday mornings. Staff is managing this new reservation with league access to 3 courts so that there is always a 4<sup>th</sup> open play court available. Staff will monitor this first-time reservation and determine future use for leagues as needed.

### **CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

- A. Plans for an outdoor NRH Poetry Trail featuring the writing of North Richland Hills-area poets are currently in development, with four 9" x 12" poetry plaques to be installed in the spring of 2023 along the Linda Spurlock Park central walking trail. The plaques will be placed at regular intervals and will feature poems celebrating the beauty of nature by four poets who submitted their work for this important NRH Arts Program, which is part of the "Art Lives in Our City" initiative. Lana Aarnos Jackson,



Lisa Martinez, Jessica Copeland Bell and Lori Newbold each have deep connections to North Richland Hills and they have written works that are inspired by the NRH Parks and Trails that they utilize often for exercise and inspiration. In addition to the poetry, each plaque will feature a photo and short biography of the author. The NRH Poetry Trail is an Arts Initiative of the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Department and is intended to encourage and promote the art of prose, poetry and self-expression created by talented NRH Community members.

- B. Parks and Recreation will host an Open Trail Ride at the Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails, 6101 Onyx Drive South, on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Grab your bicycle and helmet and join us and partner Fort Worth Mountain Bike Association for trail rides, raffles, food and fun! The Mountain Bike Trails include approximately 5 miles of trails, a trailhead kiosk and a small parking lot. Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails are a great beginner/intermediate experience for riders of all ages and a great trail for continuing to work on the technical skills of mountain biking for more advanced riders. More info at <https://bit.ly/FossilCreekMountainBike>.