



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 5, 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 running 11th Anniversary specials including 10% off all paid-in-full specials, 6-month Paid-in-Full options for both individuals and families with or without Group Fitness classes. 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. In accordance with the Equipment Replacement Plan, some of the fitness equipment was replaced on May 4. The Signature Series line of selectorized machines from 2012 for upper body and core, the Hammer Strength full rack, squat rack and spin bikes were replaced. The addition on some weight plates and heavier dumbbells were introduced as well as a seated Preacher Curl, a third weight rack/flat bench and seated/adjustable and flat benches.
- C. The NRH Centre Multipurpose Room had new flooring was installed on Wednesday, May 17. This high-use room is utilized for youth and adult programming throughout the year.
- D. Early childhood school year ended on May 19. The PreK program held a graduation for 20 participants to recognize their achievements this past year. They performed "Moving Up to Kindergarten" and shared what they want to be when they grow up.
- E. The Spring Dance Session ended with a recital at the Grand Hall on May 12. The performance featured 120 dancers. Dancers were thrilled to share all they have been working on this past year.
- F. All summer youth camps are currently open for enrollment including youth dance camps, gymnastics camps, science camp, design camps, art camps and more! A full list of camps may be viewed online at www.nrhcentre.com.



- G. Camp NRH Week One begins Tuesday, May 30 and will run for 10 consecutive weeks ending the week of July 31, 2023. Camp NRH is at 98% registration capacity with 1,058 kids registered out of a possible 1,080. There are only a couple of spots available in some weeks while most weeks are sold out.
- H. Spring swim lessons just wrapped up with 97 participants. The Spring Session had only 1 spot available and enrollment for summer swim lessons have begun. June Swim Lessons begin the week of June 5, 2023. The registration for the June session is 89% full in less than a week with 131 participants on the waitlist. The Summer Swim Program allows for a daytime session to be included which is not offered during the school year.
- I. Private Pool Parties continue to sell out quickly, with only two available in July. Open Swim Parties have also picked up in bookings. With Summer approaching, there will be increased Splash Swim for all ages seven days a week.
- J. Aquatics is actively hiring and training new staff to ramp up for the summer season.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE:

- A. May was great month for community at Grand Hall, hosting end-of-season events from Colleyville Heritage, L.D. Bell, Birdville, and Richland high schools in addition to many private graduation celebrations!
- B. Grand Hall also hosted a number of city events such as NRH Centre Dance Recital, NRH Centre Preschool Graduation, Senior Center May Luncheon, Chief Perdue's retirement ceremony, An Evening with Victoria Wyeth, and the annual Senior Center health fair.
- C. June's calendar is also looking full with not only events, but facility upgrades as the lobby painting and carpeting updates will be underway by June 12th.

ATHLETICS

- A. Adult Softball at Northfield Park is wrapping up the Spring II Season. We are in the process of registering for the Summer session. Offerings will include a Monday Church, Monday Men's E, Tuesday Men's E Doubleheader and Thursday Men's E Doubleheader division.
- B. The NRH Centre completed two more Pickleball 101 classes in the month of May, one on Monday evening May 8 and another during the day on Friday, May 19. Both clinics sold out quickly continuing the high demand for pickleball instruction.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. The NRH Senior Center Gives Back Second Quarter Initiative for 2023 is the collection of bottled water for the NRH Fire Department. Collection began in April 1 and over \$678 has been collected that will be used to purchase cases of water. The final day to donate will be Friday, June 23, 2023.
- B. Program highlights include the spring start of Barfield Trail rides. This activity allows members to ride in a 6-person golf cart beginning at Cross Timbers Park to the Barfield Trail and back. Volunteer drivers take members on the NRH Trail system for a taste of NRH "Nature Right Here" in their own community. On Monday, April 17, over 60 members joined the Center on a TexRail train ride to Grapevine where we had lunch up and down Main street. On Tuesday, April 18, the NRH Senior Center held a Picnic at Northfield Park. Over 60 members joined us for a hot dog lunch cooked by our very own parks division. The April Luncheon was a 50's Sock Hop with The Back Beats Band. Poodle skirts and 50's attire was the fashion and lots of singing and dancing was had by all. In May, Edward Jones provided a wonderful Mother's Day Tea for 50 members. The May Luncheon was a Family Feud event hosted by our Luncheon Game Team. A survey was distributed to seniors with over 225 returned. The member survey was where the game questions stemmed from. On Friday, May 31, the NRH Senior Center will host a Health and Wellness Fair with over 50 vendors.
- C. 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: April/May - McGee Law Firm and Back in Motion
 - b. Silver Level: April/May – Edward Jones, Green Valley Rehabilitation & Healthcare, Healing Hands Healthcare, Canine Companions, Nations Insurance Solutions, Encompass Health, Michelle Appling KW, Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center,
 - c. Bronze Level: April/May – Ashford Insurance, United Healthcare, Troop & Davis Realtors, and Humana

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC has a full calendar of events planned for the month of May. RTC hosted KATCH tournaments on May 2 and 4, USTA Ladies Playoffs on May 5-8, and hosted the annual NETT tournaments on May 8 and 11. These events along with our two UTR tournaments this month has had a positive impact on the growth of our facility rental revenue.
- B. RTC Summer kids camps and programming will be kicking off June 5.

- C. The tennis center is in the process of installing upgraded security cameras providing a safe environment for our staff and patrons.

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. The 16th Sounds of Spring concert season took place on consecutive Friday evenings on April 21 through May 12. Although the April 28 concert featuring Texas Flood, the Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute, was postponed due to inclement weather, the season was a success, with capacity crowds enjoying the music of Blaze of Glory, a Bon Jovi tribute, on April 21, Escape, the Essential Journey Experience, on May 5 and Moving Colors, performing contemporary hits, on May 12. The May 12 concert also featured a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the incorporation of North Richland Hills, in addition to the National Night Out Kick-Off celebration hosted by NRH Public Safety.
- B. Poems celebrating the beauty of nature are now featured on plaques along the central walking trail at Linda Spurlock Park, 6400 Glenview Drive. The poems were written by four local authors including Lana Aarnos Jackson, Lisa Martinez, Jessica Copeland Bell and Lori Newbold, who each have deep connections to North Richland Hills. The four poems were inspired by the NRH Parks & Trail System. In addition to the poetry, every plaque features a photo and short biography of the author. Cultural Arts and NRH Citicable are collaborating on a short video about the project, which will be released through social media in July. The NRH Poetry Trail is a low-cost installation provided through the Cultural Arts Division of the Parks & Recreation Department. It is intended to encourage and promote the art of prose, poetry and self-expression by talented NRH community members. More information can be found at www.nrhpoetscorner.com
- C. Victoria Browning Wyeth, the iconic American painter Andrew Wyeth's only grandchild, gave a virtual lecture about her grandfather, great-grandfather N.C. Wyeth, and her uncle, Jamie Wyeth on Thursday, May 25 in the Grand Hall at NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Avenue. Ms. Wyeth joined an audience of local art-lovers from her home in Maine, interacting with attendees via large screen and answering questions about her grandfather's work and artistic legacy, while also sharing painting techniques, family stories, sketches and seldom-seen paintings and drawings. This free event was part of the NRH Cultural Arts "Art Lives in Our City" initiative. For more information, please visit www.nrhpopupgallery.com