



PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 1, 2024
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, Fitness, Athletics, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Cultural Arts and the Richland Tennis Center.

NRH CENTRE

- A. The NRH Centre celebrates its 12th anniversary on April 12, 2024. The Centre will be running a summer membership promotion that will include a 2-week trial pass for non-members, 10% off all paid-in-full annual membership as well as 6-month membership packages for both individuals and families. Membership specials and trial memberships must be activated by July 31, 2024.
- B. Youth camps are now enrolling for summer 2024. Camp offerings include science/technology, design, builder, fitness, art, dance, and gymnastics camps. Camp NRH Summer Day Camp is slated to begin the week of May 28 and continuing for 10 straight weeks. Camp NRH is sold out and currently on a waitlist for all 10 weeks.
- C. April Pools Day is Friday, April 12 from 5p.m. - 8 p.m. This is a free event and will feature water safety activities from 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m. and a goody bag. Activities will be followed by open swim for all participants until 8 p.m. Registration is required and spots are limited.
- D. Underwater Egg Hunt is Friday, March 29. The Hunt will begin at 12 p.m. sharp. This is for ages 3-12 years old. Registration is currently full. The event is free for members and \$10 for Non-Members. Every child receives a Goody Bag. Special Prize Eggs will be in the water and a special appearance from the Easter Bunny.
- E. Three Sessions of Swim Lessons begin the week of March 25, and these sessions are sold out with 220 total participants.

ATHLETICS

- A. Spring Volleyball leagues started on Tuesday, March 26 and Thursday, March 28. Both competitive and recreation divisions were near capacity.
- B. The third season of Pickles n' Paddles started Wednesday, February 28 and was full after the early registration period. This league continues to be a huge success.



- C. Adult Softball league begins the Spring season the 2nd week of April. The league offerings include Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday Men's E doubleheader leagues as well as a Women's doubleheader league that will be offered on Wednesdays. Registration closes the first week of April.
- D. Join in on a monthly bike and hike community event beginning on Tuesday, April 2 at 6 PM from the TexRail Smithfield Station, 6420 Smithfield Rd. The bike ride and hike will end at our partner Sunrise Bicycle Shop, 7901 Mid Cities Blvd Suite 180 where people can check out the shop and selection of merchandise and all things biking, Participants choose to bike or hike at the park location listed each month. The monthly Round the Town provides a great opportunity to get outside and be active in a fun and welcoming setting. The recreational bike rides are 9–12 miles and the bike routes incorporate trail and on-road. The wellness hikes are 1-2 miles within the trails of the park or trail system and led by city staff. Individuals, groups, and families are welcome. Bring your water bottle, and if riding a bike please wear a safety helmet during the ride. Thank you to our bike ride partner Sunrise Bicycle Shop. Route Map <https://bit.ly/RoundtheTownBikeApril2024> More info on all the monthly hikes and bike rides at www.nrthx.com/roundthetown

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE

- A. Grand Hall is gearing up for a very busy spring season. Special rates for weekend packages were sent to over 600 subscribers to encourage the early booking of graduation parties as dates in May and June are already limited.
- B. The Terrace at Grand Hall is a fantastic venue offering an intimate space for come and go receptions, which includes the exterior south outdoor Plaza of the NRH Centre where guests can set up yard games and customized decorations for their event.
- C. Spotlight events this month include AirCo Training, American Red Cross Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, and KPOP Spring Festival.
- D. Partner events for March and April include MHMR Mental Health First Aid Training, Telestaff Training, NRHPD Volunteer Breakfast, and the Senior Center Luncheons.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

- A. Health Fair Vendor Forms were emailed out to past agencies and organizations on Wednesday, February 7, 2023. The NRH Senior Center Health Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29 in the Grand Hall for 10:00am – 1:00pm. The event is geared for seniors but open to all.
- B. The March 2024 Annual Survey was distributed on Facebook and through the Constant Contact Senior email list beginning on March 11 and runs through March 31.
- C. The Spring 2024 Plant Swap event was scheduled for Thursday, March 21 from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. There were 50 members registered for the activity. Guest speaker and Master Gardner Trisha Darago spoke on growing herbs.
- D. 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

are special activities. Bronze level consists of Bingo, Birthday Party and monthly tournament prizes.

- a. Gold Level: February/March – Troup & Davis Realtors, *Back in Motion Family Chiropractic*
- b. Silver Level: February/March – *Encompass Health, Better Health Group, Healing Hands Healthcare, Troup & Davis Realtors, Green Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Nations Insurance Solutions, Caring Transitions, Lucas Funeral Homes, and Humana*
- c. Bronze Level: February/March - *Ashford Insurance, United Healthcare, and Humana*

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

- A. RTC continues to be a host sight for high school UIL District tournaments throughout the months of March and April.
- B. USTA, NETT, and TCD Spring adult team matches have begun as of the week of March 8. All of the above has contributed to an overall increase in court usage.
- C. RTC is hosting a March (23-24) and April (27-28) UTR as we continue the monthly UTR tournament events.
- D. Plans are in place for summer camp and junior development camps. All Spring and Summer classes and activities are open for registration and posted on NRHRTC.com. Cross promotion marketing with NRH Centre and Iron Horse youth camps is designed to increase outreaches for all programs.

CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

- A. For 2024 the NRH Easter Bunny is going on an Egg-cellent adventure throughout multiple NRH Park locations. POP UP Egg Hunts are coming to several NRH Parks with exact locations announced the day of the event. Each location will have filled eggs for participants to grab and go along with special prize eggs at each location. The POP-UP Egg Hunts will be in two NRH parks each day, on three dates: *Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, March 29 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 Bouncer, the Chick fil a Cow and a representative from Peppa Pig will hand out some of their promotional items. Sponsor Wing Drone Delivery will be on-site with a drone and handing out materials.
- B. The first Play Today NRH was held on Saturday, March 2 at Northfield Park. Over 100 participants enjoyed being outside and playing at Northfield Park. Most families in attendance indicated they had seen the event online. Thank you to Black Rifle Coffee and Pokey O's Cookies and Ice Cream for being onsite during the event. The next Play Today NRH will be the first Saturday in April on April 6 at Linda Spurlock



Park from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Play Today NRH will be held the first Saturday of each month and rotate throughout different parks in NRH (no event in July).

- C. The 2024 Sounds of Spring concerts will resume in April and May for another season of outstanding music by five of the area's best live music bands. This year the event is being sponsored by Centurion American, Medical City North Hills, Sam's Club and Wing Drone Delivery. All concerts take place at NRH City Hall Plaza, 4301 City Point Drive. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the music plays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Food trucks will be on-site to purchase concessions, and make-it take-it goodie craft bags will be available for kids aged 4 to 10. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for great music under the stars in 2024. More info can be found at www.nrhtx.com/sounds
- a. The free Friday night concerts begin on April 19, with the Wanda King Big Blues Band Revue. Ms. King is the daughter of Texas blues legend Freddie King and she has assembled a terrific group for the show.
 - b. On April 26, the Squeezebox Bandits make their NRH debut, playing a lively mix of Tejano and Country with a contemporary flair.
 - c. On May 3, audiences will be treated to the smooth and relaxing R&B and jazz sounds of Igimèji.
 - d. On May 10, September Moon, a high energy vocal band that creatively blends Country, Rock and Americana will take the stage.
 - e. Returning favorites BackRoads will close the season on May 17 with a setlist featuring some of rock and pop's most enduring tunes.
- D. NRH Parks and Recreation will host an Open Trail Ride at the Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Trails, 6101 Onyx Drive South, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Grab your bicycle and helmet and join us and partner Fort Worth Mountain Bike Association for trail rides, raffles, 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>. Staff is working with Neighborhood Services Department to incorporate a Park Clean Up opportunity for individuals or group volunteers from 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. prior to the open trail ride. More information will follow regarding the details of that effort.
- E. 21 talented photographers from around our community are sharing their view of our world in the 2024 NRH Spring Photography Exhibition, currently on display at the Grand Hall Lobby. We are delighted to share these thoughtful and arresting images that express the unique vision that each photographer communicates through their individual work. The exhibition remains on view through June 14. For more information, please visit www.nrhart.com.