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PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 5, 2026

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. Fitness Revenue had another solid year generating $268,304 in total operating revenues. Personal Training set a new revenue record by generating $223,000 in total revenues, improving over PY's previous record benchmark. Massage Therapy had a nice bounce back year generating $30,432 improving over PY actuals by $14,000 or 85%.
B. Kids Club continues to show attendance increases ending the year with 4,200 total visits. This is the 2nd highest attendance dating back to FY2019.
C. Youth Program Revenues set a new revenue record by generating over $228,000 in total revenues for FY26. The NRH Centre youth division saw 1,619 total enrollments for various programs including dance, gymnastics, art, and youth camps.
D. Camp NRH had another fantastic year with total revenues of $170,000. Camp NRH hosted 947 registered campers throughout the 10-week summer day camp season.
E. Aquatics finished up Summer Swim Lessons with 344 participants over the course of June and July. September Swim Lessons launched on September 7 with 105 participants. October Swim Lesson registration will open on Friday, September 25, for lessons beginning October 6.

ATHLETICS:

A. Softball leagues began their summer II seasons last month. Leagues that are currently being played are Sunday Coed Doubleheader, Monday Men's Church, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Men's E Doubleheader. These leagues will play through October and mid-November.
B. Volleyball Leagues began summer II season on Tuesday, August 18 and Thursday, August 20 and will run through the mid-October. The next season will start Tuesday,

October 27 and Thursday, October 29. The fall/winter season will have four weeks of holiday breaks implemented and will end the season in January.

C. The 13th season of Pickles n' Paddles will began on Wednesday, August 5 and will run through September 30. The next season will start on Wednesday, October 21 and will end on Wednesday, December 16.
D. Field rentals at Cross Timbers Park and Walker's Creek Park are fully booked for practices, leagues and tournaments for the fall season. Northfield Park has several Adult Softball Tournament reservations booked for this season.
E. The NRH Bike & Hike Series will host the final 2026 event on Thursday, October 8 at 6 p.m. starting from Northfield Park, 7804 Davis Blvd. You choose to bike or hike at the park location listed each month. The Bike & Hike Series provides a great monthly opportunity to get outside and be active in a fun and welcoming setting. The recreational bike rides are 9–12 miles and the routes incorporate trail and on-road. The wellness hikes are 1–2 miles within the loop trails of the park and led by our staff. Individuals, groups, and families are welcome, just bring your water bottle and safety helmet during the bike ride. Staff will evaluate this series before determining the future program. Hike Route Map Here and Bike Route Map Here.

RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER:

A. Coach Sarah Swanston represented the Fort Worth area team at the RSPA Texas Junior Gran Prix held in New Braunfels, Texas. The team had a great time and finished in second place.
B. Fall tennis adult league season kicked off the first weekend of September with the highest level of participation of players representing USTA, TCD, and NETT.
C. High School fall tennis season is beginning, which includes matches, tournaments and district/regional tournaments that will be held throughout the Fall.
D. RTC is in the planning stages for hosting an adult Halloween mixer to be held on Friday, October 30.

GRAND HALL AT THE NRH CENTRE:

A. Grand Hall's promotional event, "*Death of a Gangster- A Murder Mystery Dinner Party"*, held on August 21, was a success. Designed specifically to showcase the facility and vendors while providing additional recreational event opportunities for our residents and guests, the event sold out with 152 in attendance and over 80 guests on the waiting list. The evening featured a cocktail hour with casino-style games followed by a three-course dinner and an interactive murder mystery performance. Special thanks to our sponsors including *Italianni's, Pop's Parties & Events, Just Say Cheese, Simply Elegant Wed and Iron Horse Golf Course*.
B. The next promotional event designed to highlight the facility and vendors is "*Christmas Carol-oke"* in December. Look for additional information and registration coming in October.
C. Grand Hall's Holiday Packages are now available for booking in both the Ballroom and Terrace. Holiday packages feature festive décor throughout the facility and a

seasonal tea & hot cocoa bar, with pricing ranging from $1000 - $1800 in the Terrace and $3400 - $5400 in the Ballrooms. December dates are filling fast.

D. Grand Hall was temporarily closed August 24 – September 11 for lighting renovations. Lighting installation has been completed. Final programming of the system to include dimming capabilities and color adjustments are part of the upgrades to the system and final adjustments are still being made.
E. Grand Hall continues to serve as a venue for a wide range of city-sponsored and community meetings and events. Upcoming events include the NRH Senior Center Monthly Luncheon, Senior Center Celebrate Dance and Senior Center Craft Fair. Additional large scheduled events include Creekstone Church 10th Anniversary Celebration, DFW Card Show, Bureau of Prisons Employee Party, Medical Career Training Graduation and Halloween Speed Puzzling Spooktacular. Grand Hall also continues to host numerous corporate meetings, weddings, quinceañeras, birthday parties, celebrations of life, baby showers and other social gatherings.
F. The FY26 total budgeted revenue for Grand Hall is $403,500. Total estimated revenue, including pre-booked revenue for the remainer of the fiscal year is $374,004.95, representing 92.7% of the annual revenue budget. Overall revenues experienced a decline this year due to the loss of 25 operational days including five days for a winter storm in January and 20 days in August and September resulting from facility lighting renovations. Additionally, this fiscal year marks the first full operational year without a weekly Sunday church rental that had utilized Grand Hall for over seven years, generating more than $150,000 annually before relocating to a facility better suited to its growing congregational needs.

NRH SENIOR CENTER

A. The quarterly non-profit Lunch & Learn was held on Monday August 10, Silver Streak Senior Solutions offered Fraud Awareness for Older Adults: Recognize it. Prevent it. Protect Yourself. There were 76 attendees that were provided with a helpful booklet that detailed many current scams and key factors in how to spot them.
B. The NRH Senior Center Gives Back team began collecting items for the Birdville Teacher School Supply Drive.
C. 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:* July/August: AmeriLife
    b. *Silver Level:* July/August: AmeriLife, Green Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Heritage Village Residences, Silver Streak Senior Solutions, RAM Insurance Services, Nations Insurance Solutions and Encompass Health
    c. *Bronze Level:* July/August: Atria at Hometown, AmeriLife, Ram Insurance Services

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CULTURAL ARTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

A. FALL AT THE HALL, the month-long festive celebration at NRH City Hall has arrived. In October, charming photo scenes will be on display in the Plaza and events each Saturday leading up to the fall finale, NRH PUMPKIN POINT on Saturday, October 24. Don't miss this month of festive fun in North Richland Hills! https://bit.ly/NRHFallAtTheHall

B. **Autumn Sounds Concerts** kick off Fall at the Hall with live music at City Hall Plaza on three Saturdays beginning September 26. Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn, so don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs.
2026 Autumn Sounds Lineup
Saturday, Sept. 26 - 90 Proof Country Best of 90s Country
Saturday, Oct. 3 - American Petty A Tribute to Tom Petty
Saturday, Oct. 10 - 80s Gadgets Best of the 80s
Includes a stunning Light Projection Show on NRH City Hall by Lightware Labs

Admission is free and parking is free. A Kids Zone with activities and fun is available at each concert for the younger music fans in attendance (ages 3 - 10). Food is available for purchase from a variety of food trucks, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic and beverages, but please no glass containers and CPAAA will also be on hand with delicious popcorn. Autumn Sounds is sponsored by Medical City North Hills, AT&T, Hounds Town NRH, and Wing Drone Delivery. For more information visit https://www.nrhtx.com/AutumnSounds

C. Join us for the **Opening Art Reception for the NRH POP-UP Gallery** exhibition, Harvest Hues on Thursday, October 1 in the NRH City Hall Lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This POP-UP Gallery Exhibition celebrates fall with creativity and color! Explore artworks inspired by the beauty of autumn, created by local artists from NRH community. Enjoy light refreshments while meeting the artists and experiencing the art work. The POP-UP Gallery is free & open to the public, with the exhibition running through October. https://www.nrharts.com/upcoming-events

D. Fall will be in full swing for a magical evening under the stars at the **NRH Movies at the Plaza**, featuring the Halloween classic *Monster, Inc.* (rated G)! As part of the NRH Fall at the Hall, the T. Oscar Trevino Municipal Center Plaza will turn into an outdoor theater filled with autumn vibes, fall photo scenes, and include a Trunk or Treat with NRH PD, benefitting Special Olympics, on Saturday, October 17. Gates open at 6 p.m. with the Trunk or Treat and the movie will begin at dusk around 7 p.m. The movie is free and parking is free. Bring your chairs, blankets, and favorite people and prepare for a night of fun, laughs, and fall magic!

E. Wrap up the autumn season with your Halloween spirit at **NRH Pumpkin Point**, the grand finale of NRH Fall at the Hall! Come out in your costume on **Saturday, October 24** from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the T. Oscar Trevino Municipal Center Plaza, 4301 City Point Dr. for an unforgettable evening of Halloween-themed fun for the whole family. The plaza will come alive with fall magic featuring festive crafts, carnival-style games, music, stage entertainment, live owls and raptors, fall photo scenes, hayride

shuttle, food vendors, and more. Admission is free and parking is free with food available for purchase. https://bit.ly/NRHFallAtTheHall

F. The city's 19th Annual **Veterans Day Celebration** to honor those who have served in the armed forces will take place on Wednesday, November 11 at 11 a.m. The celebration will be held in the NRH City Hall Lobby, 4301 City Point Dr. and will include a wreath of honor, NRH Police and Fire Honor Guard presenting the colors, patriotic music and performances and a special keynote address from Bill "Big Sarge" Hansen, a United States Marine Corps and Army National Guard veteran who served in both Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom and is representing the Wounded Warrior Project.

G. The City of NRH will host a **Veterans Day Display** in the NRH City Hall Lobby, 4301 City Point Drive, from November 4 through November 11 daily between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The display will feature flags recognizing all branches of the military, patriotic decorations, and a Wall of Honor for all Veterans who have served or are currently serving. Members of the public are invited to SUBMIT 4"x6" photos of their loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. Please submit your photos to tearle@nrhtx.com with the following information: Veterans first and last name, branch of service and years of service. The deadline to submit a photo is Sunday, November 1.

H. Kick off the Christmas season with the **NRH Christmas Tree Lighting** on Thursday, December 3 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Stormy Plaza Park, 9010 Grand Avenue. In addition to the tree lighting and community performances, SANTA will be visiting with families and posing for photos. There will also be crafts for youngsters to make and take, choirs singing, and food and beverages available for purchase.

I. Take a stroll down Hawk Avenue to enjoy thousands of twinkling lights, the city's 46-foot-tall Christmas Tree and other holiday scenery at the **Holiday Lights on Hawk** Avenue from November 23 to January 3. The lights come on nightly at dusk, at about 5:30 p.m. The area provides many opportunities for your holiday photos, so don't forget your camera!