



2019 Sounds of Spring Continues with BackRoads and Memphis Soul—The Sounds of Spring concert series will continue the 2109 Season at the NRH City Hall Plaza, located at 4301 City Point Drive, on Friday, April 19 and Friday, April 25. This Friday, the audience will enjoy the Credence Clearwater Revival Tribute, **Bad Moon Rising** followed on Friday, April 19 with the classic rock hits of local band **BackRoads**.



Food is available for purchase from gourmet food trucks and the ever-popular Kids Zone with free games and crafts on site at each concert. This season, the Kids Zone will be hosted and feature Parks and Recreation Divisions along with Community Services facilities. The Kids Zone host for April 19 will be Richland Tennis Center and April 26 will feature the NRH Centre Aquatics and WS365 teams. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the shows starts at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you each Friday. More information [here](#).



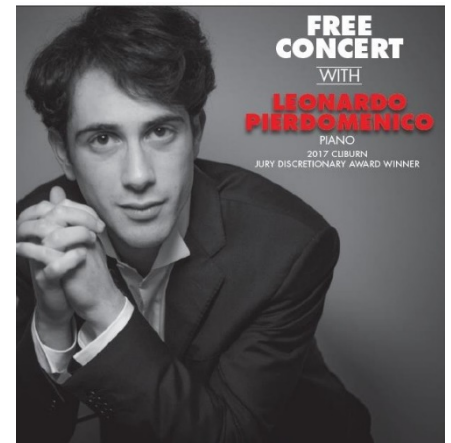
Parks and Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on April 25—NRH Parks and Recreation will host the annual **Parks and Recreation Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Grand Hall on Thursday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.** This annual event recognizes both individual volunteers and organizations who have committed time and talents to NRH Parks and Recreation throughout 2018. Please save the date for this special event and celebration and we hope you will be able to attend.

POP UP Easter Egg Hunts in Eight NRH Parks a Success— While it was a disappointment that due to weather Easter in the Park was cancelled, the Easter Bunny was determined to continue our time honored tradition of delivering Easter eggs to children in our community. This week, NRH “Pop Up” Easter Egg Hunts took place at eight (8) different parks. The parks were spread throughout the city and located in neighborhoods accessible to parents and kids. Staff designed a social media campaign with teasers to get the word out about the egg hunts. Approximately 2,000 eggs and candy were placed at each park including a “Prize egg” which can be redeemed at the NRH Centre for a prize. Staff and event signs were positioned at each park during the egg hunt. The public was notified of the locations an hour in advance of each hunt and the Pop Up Egg Hunts were very well attended at each park, with close to 1,000 total attendees throughout the 8 locations ! Those in attendance enjoyed this format immensely!



“Cliburn in the Community” Free Concert—On Wednesday May 1, NRH Parks and Recreation has teamed up with The Cliburn to present a free concert with Leonardo Pierdomenico. Cliburn in the Community provides the experience of live classical music performance for free to a broad audience through partnerships with vibrant venues and organizations throughout the Fort Worth area. The program brings in young, emerging artists for weeklong residencies to include performances and other community engagement opportunities.

Leonardo Pierdomenico is the winner of the Raymond E. Buck Jury Discretionary Award at the 2017 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The 26-year-old Italian pianist Leonardo Pierdomenico won the 2011 Premio Venezia piano competition in Venice and was a semifinalist at the 2016 Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. He has performed with many prominent orchestras and has played solo recitals in Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, and in the major venues of Italy. The event will be held at the Grand Hall at 10:00 a.m.



Rescheduled Mayor’s 5K Run and Walk on April 27—The 2019 Mayor’s 5K Run and Walk was rescheduled due to weather for Saturday, April 27, so you still have time to join Mayor Oscar Trevino on a path to better health! All fitness levels are encouraged to participate in the 2019 Mayors 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. The run/walk is \$10

for all participants and it comes with a free awesome t-shirt! You can Register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/21897/mayors-5k-run-walk>.

2019 NRH Super Hero Un-Run 0.5K benefiting Children's Literacy at the NRH Library—The NRH Library, in partnership with NRH Parks and Recreation, will host the 1st Annual Super Hero Un-Run 0.5K, a fun un-run benefiting Children's Literacy through the Friends of the NRH Library. The Super family-friendly event will be held on **Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m.** at the NRH Library, 9015 Grand Ave. This unique "Un-Run" is only a 0.5K so everyone can be a hero for 1 lap! Participants are encouraged to wear their Super Hero gear and bring their Super Hero attitude. Event day parking located at the NRH Centre. So, on May the 4th Be With Us (and help kids become Super Hero readers)! Immediately following your Super Hero lap (even if you have to stop in the middle for a donut) stay and enjoy the NRH Library's Free Comic Book Day. Register Here: <http://bit.ly/2Ct6oKk>. Thank you to our Super Hero Sponsors: City of NRH, Alamo Drafthouse NRH, and Generation X Comics and Games.



RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER

Richland Tennis Center—RTC hosted four tournaments from April 1-April 14. Unfortunately, the singles portion of the UTR tournament on April 13 was rained out. RTC will be hosting the Area 11 Special Olympics tournament on Saturday, April 27. Over 75 athletes will be participating. Five players that participate in RTC programs qualified for the TAAPS state tennis tournament. We also had two additional players qualify for the high school Regional tournaments.

New awnings for the bleachers between courts 3 and 4 and courts 14 and 15 were installed. The previous awnings were 12 years old and had tears in them. The color was changed to blue to match the US Open court colors.



NRH Centre Celebrates 7 Years with Anniversary Specials—The NRH Centre 7th Anniversary Specials are available April 2019. Specials to include a 10% off discount on all paid-in-full memberships, a 6-month membership special including group fitness classes as well as a discount bundle card that will allow the member to take advantage of a 15% discount on personal training, massage therapy, health coaching, adult/youth programming and kids club punch passes. Each discount bundle card will be valid through December 31, 2019.

NRH₂O Hiring and Training—NRH₂O is in full swing preparing for opening day May 4. While the May 4 is our first day open to the public, the park will start hosting over 19,000 student musicians beginning May 1 – May 28. With this being the 10th year of [Music Fest](#), NRH₂O is excited to see the highest attendance of choirs, bands, and orchestras. Volunteers from across the NRH departments help make this event one the kids will never forget.



Preparation and training for the first guest to arrive is top of mind for the waterpark with education and hands-on training happening nights and weekends until opening day. We hope to see you at the park this summer!

Hope this is of interest and useful to you.

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