

<u>Mayor's Monthly Bike Rides and Monthly 1 mile Walks Continue This Summer</u> - 'Round the Town Bike Rides will continue through October 2019. Rides are off to a strong start, setting a record number for the first ride of the year at 103 riders. Currently, rides are averaging 86.5 riders heading through the Summer. Upcoming rides will take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on July 2 (Richfield Park), and August 6 (NRH Centre).

'Round the Town Monthly Walks will also continue through October. The first neighborhood walk had over 30 in attendance the most ever since adding the monthly walks in 2018. Walks take place on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Summer dates are: July 11 (Linda Spurlock Park), and August 8 (Richfield Park).



**NRH Cultural Arts 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Virtual Art Gallery** - NRH Cultural Arts will host the second online "Virtual Art Gallery" this summer. Ten artists will be selected to show five of their works on the NRH Pop-Up Gallery website. There is no fee to submit artwork. Artists aged 14 and up are eligible to submit jpegs or video links of their work. The call for art began May 15 through June 23. The final selections will be displayed online June 27-August 10. All mediums accepted, including 2D, 3D, video, music and dance. Files must be labeled when artists' submit work by email so work can be attributed to the artist accordingly. Please visit www.nrhpopupgallery.com for more information. Our live NRH Pop-Up Gallery will return to Kindred Coffee for the month of November 2019. A call for art will go out in August 2019.



The NRH Poet's Corner continues its bi-monthly schedule at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, at Roots Coffeehouse, 9101 Boulevard 26, Suite 101. The NRH Poet's Corner 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. Writers of all ages and abilities are invited to participate by reading their original poetry and prose to an audience of like-minded lovers of the written and spoken word.

**New Signal Art Boxes** - The final installation of the "Music Legends" series of signal art boxes are currently being installed. The placement of 5 artworks includes a removal of Roy Rogers at Smithfield and Chapman roads, which will be changed out to the **Beatles**. A striking black and white image of **Madonna** will be installed on the new electric box at Rufe Snow and Glenview Drive, a colorful image of British musician and innovator **David Bowie** will be placed in front of the Race Trac at Davis and Maplewood and country legend **Johnny Cash** will replace the Robert Duvall image at Shadywood and Davis, in front of Fire Station #1. In addition, NRH<sub>2</sub>O will receive a bright and cheery new artwork featuring a welcoming **Frogstein**, which will replace "up a Lazy River" by artist Nancy Lamb. The first round of brand new Signal Art boxes are slated to be installed in the Fall of 2019. The proposed new theme will be revealed later this year.

<u>NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park</u> - Come and join us Saturday, June 15 for the kick off to our Songs about Summer firework show! Starting at dusk you are able to float in the wave pool or watch from the Splashatory- either way you have a great view for the 25th summer firework show. If you aren't able to celebrate this weekend- don't forget that NRH2O has the best team to host any group/company event and birthday parties (no age limit required- what adult doesn't want a water park party!). We know our team is the best but to prove our point- here are just a few of our guest's comments "Is the best I had a lot of fun with my family when we went. I think it is better than Hurricane Harbor or Hawaiian Falls" and "The best place in the world."

Come celebrate our country's most patriotic holiday on Thursday, July 4 at the annual Northeast Tarrant Family 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Fireworks Show. Activities start at 5:00 p.m. with kid's activities, a salute to Veterans, stage performances featuring local talent and a live concert from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with vocalist Holly Tucker of NBC's "the Voice" fame. Food, fun and entertainment for the whole family will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Hills Shopping Center at 6351 Boulevard 26 in North Richland Hills. Later in the evening, enjoy the best area fireworks show with plenty of dazzling and stunning pyrotechnics starting at approximately 9:30 p.m. Fireworks can be viewed from the parking lots of the Wiley G. Thomas Coliseum at 6108 Broadway Avenue in Haltom City and the Hills Shopping Center, 6351 Boulevard 26 in North Richland Hills. (Both are located south of Loop 820 near the intersection of Boulevard 26 and Broadway Avenue). Free parking will be available on a first come, first serve basis, so plan to come early. Vehicles will not be allowed to park along the street. Feel free to bring chairs, blankets and games for the family to play while waiting for the fireworks. However, no outdoor cooking, grilling devices, alcohol or personal fireworks will be permitted. In the event of inclement weather, some festivities and the fireworks show will be rescheduled to Friday, July 5. This free patriotic event coordinated by the Northeast Tarrant County Chamber is made possible thanks to the support of the cities of Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Watauga as well as the event title sponsors.

July is <u>National Park and Recreation Month</u> and we will once again celebrate all the benefits of Parks and Recreation in our community. The national theme is "Game On!". Staff is developing social media promotions and featured opportunities to play and get outside throughout the month of July and all year round. Follow NRH Parks and Recreation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for all of the fun.







2019 Summer Discover Brochure Now Available - The 2019 Summer Brochure is now DISCOVER available online for all your NRH Parks and Recreation information. The brochure includes summer activities, events, programs and information on NRH Parks and Trails. The brochure is online here: https://adobe.ly/2W2q7eW and is also available on the website and social media.

> **NRH Centre Aquatics** - Summer Swim Lesson registration for our American Red Cross Learn to Swim program is open now! The second session is coming up June 17-27. There will be a total of (5) Sessions throughout the summer. Classes are available for all ages and skill levels.

Summer Programs in Full Swing - Summer programs began last week at the NRH Centre. Over 30 camps are offered throughout the summer of 2019. The wide variety includes: sports, arts, science, Lego, drama, dance and more. A complete listing of the summer programs is available at www.nrhcentre.com.

Camp NRH - Camp NRH started its first full week on June 3 and will continue for the next 10 weeks of summer. Enrollment for 2019 has increased from 85 kids per week to 100 per week. There will also be a "Friday Drop-In" only option for parents in each camp week.

Richland Tennis Center - RTC will host a UTR tournament June 15-16. This tournament will have approximately 80-100 players. RTC will be the host site for the Junior Team Tennis National Qualifier tournament RICHLAND TENNIS CENTER June 21-23. Teams from though out the state will come to participate with a chance

to gualify for the national tournament. July 13-14 RTC will host another UTR tournament.

NRH Senior Center - The Seniors will highlight the NRH Animal Adoption & Rescue Center (AARC) at this months "National Pets in Film Day" Monthly Luncheon at 11:00 a.m., June 19 in the Grand Hall. Keane Menefee, Animal Services Manager will be our guest speaker. This event will officially kick off our community service project of collecting supplies for AARC. Additionally, we will offer movie trivia spotlighing classic "Pets in Film" and watch a film during the lunch.

Jokes & Floats with Tracy will be offered at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28. This new program encourages creative laughter mixed with tasty ice cream and soda, what's not to like? Seniors will pass around a jar of jokes. Once each person has a joke, they will share with the group. This process will continue until all the jokes run out. The key to this activity is expresively telling the joke as a comedian might. All jokes are rated G to PG-13.

NRH Park Pavilion Reservations - As a reminder if neighbors and citizens ask, there are 12 pavilions avaiable for private reservations within the NRH park system. Availability, pricing and time slots vary based on the park and capacity of the pavilion. The spring season has been a busy season for NRH Park pavilion usage, with over 100 reservations occuring since March 1. There are a total of 12 pavilions available for reservation throughout the system. Reservations can be

made at the NRH Centre in person or Request for reservations can be completed online. All Northfield Park reservations are completed through the PARD Admin office due to larger group rentals utilizing the Barfield Pavilion for private events.

Hope this is of interest and useful to you.

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