

Mayor's Monthly Bike Rides and Monthly 1 mile Walks Continue This Summer—'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 2nd Online Virtual Art Gallery—NRH Cultural Arts is hosting the second online "Virtual Art Gallery" this summer. "5 by 9" is an online art exhibition featuring nine of the NRH area's most outstanding visual artists, with five works displayed by each. Please visit www.nrhpopupgallery.com to view the art and to read about the artists and their creative process. The show will remain online through August. 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 September 2019.

The **NRH Poet's Corner** continues its bi-monthly schedule at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, 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.

Come celebrate our country's most patriotic holiday on Thursday, July 4 at the annual **Northeast Tarrant Family 4th 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 National Park and Recreation Month 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.

PARKS RECERTION

THE PARKS PARK AND RECERTION MOVITH - JULY 2019

<u>NRH Centre Summer Programs</u> —Summer programs are in full swing at the NRH Centre. Over 30 camps are offered throughout the summer of 2019. The wide variety includes: sports, arts, science, builder, programming, gymnastics and dance camps. A complete listing of the summer programs is available at www.nrhcentre.com.

<u>NRH Centre Learn to Swim</u> — Learn to Swim Session 3 begins July 1st and runs through July 11th. There is availability for all swim levels including Parent & Child, Preschool, Youth (beginner to intermediate), junior guard and adult swim classes.

<u>Camp NRH</u> — Camp NRH just wrapped up it's 5th week of camp. Independence week will consist of a trip to NRH2O, swimming at the NRH Centre, fun-filled gym activities and one of our favorite activities that we have all summer, our Water Fun Day. We will be grilling out and having fun with water balloons, water guns and other fun water activities!

<u>Grand Hall</u> — As we continue to find more ways to serve our residents and guests. The Grand Hall has partnered with Forest Ridge Funeral home to provide celebration of life services. The Grand Hall is a beautiful venue to honor a life well lived.

NRH₂O Family Water Park — Day 39 of 102 and we are still as excited and ready to serve our guests as we were on Day 1! We have a week full

of activities and have not let the weather stop us. From discount weekday tickets, pass holder exclusive, giving out free sunglasses on National Sunglasses Day with a partnership with Delgado Orthodontics, and ending the week with our favorited Dive-In Movie... JAWS! This is the kick-off event for our 6 Dive-In Movies that will run every Friday until August 2nd, and trust us you do not want to miss some of the great things we have planned.

As temperatures this summer are climbing we are prepared with our new first aid sponsorship with Trusted ER to care for our guests the best way we know how. All of our staff is trained extensively in CPR with continuous learning opportunities and we could not be more proud to see how they have grown personally and professionally!

What a Wonderful



Richland Tennis Center— RTC hosted the Junior Team Tennis National Qualifier tournament June 21-23. Over 200 players participated. Everyone had a great time. July 13-14 RTC will host another UTR tournament. July 19-20 RTC will be a site for the Fort Worth Adult Major Zone tournament where approximately

350 players will be participating. July 25-29, RTC will be a site for the National 16 & Under Zonals tournament.

<u>NRH Senior Center</u>— July features new programs such as Guided Meditation, Ted Talk Discussion Group, Poetry Discussion Group (the works of Emily Dickenson) and Second Chance Bingo. The seniors will be celebrating National Peach Ice Cream Day for the monthly Luncheon on Wednesday, July 17. Thirteen seniors and/or senior groups that will be showcasing their talent to the group before the lunch. Vitas Healthcare will be providing yummy treats Monday, July 29 for National Chicken Wing Day.

NRH Park Pavilion Reservations—As a reminder if neighbors and citizens ask, there are 12 pavilions available 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 occurring 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.

Vickie Loftice, Managing Director