



Parks and Recreation continues to move forward with plans and protocols for reopening our facilities and park amenities. To keep the public and employees safe, staff have created detailed reopening plans for each facility adhering to requirements set forth by Governor Abbott.

Our citizens have been vocal about wanting our parks and facilities to reopen. Thankfully the trails and opens spaces have remained open and we've seen a surge in use, especially on the trails. Most of our citizens have supported our measured approach to reopening and were thrilled when we recently reopened the NRH Centre, Tipps Canine Hollow Dog Park, Richland Tennis Center, and all park playgrounds.

This chart details the status of NRH Park Facilities and Amenities.



## Park Facilities/Amenities Reopening Updates

The safety and wellness of our NRH community is of the utmost importance to NRH Parks and Recreation. As we continue to open park amenities and add programming, we remain committed to providing a safe environment for you and our staff as we follow the guidance and safety protocols from the Open Texas plan and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). While enjoying NRH parks and trails, please follow the recommended guidelines and make the best decisions for yourself and your family's health.

### DO

- Visit parks that are close to your home.
- Bring your own water and hand sanitizer.
- Know the CDC guidelines.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others ("social distancing").
- Adhere to all park specific guidelines and follow all posted signage.

### DON'T

- Visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- Visit crowded parks/areas.
- Gather in large groups.

PARK Facility/Amenity	OPEN NOW	OPENS JUNE 1	OPENS JUNE 15
Athletic Fields-League Games	—	—	✓
Basketball Courts	—	✓	—
Camp NRH	—	✓	—
Dog Park	✓	—	—
Fishing	✓	—	—
Grand Hall	✓	—	—
NRH Centre	✓	—	—
NRH2O Family Water Park	—	—	✓
Parks	✓	—	—
Park Tennis Courts	✓	—	—
Pavilion Rentals	—	—	✓
Playgrounds	✓	—	—
Restrooms	—	—	✓
Richland Tennis Center	✓	—	—
Sand Volleyball Courts	—	✓	—
Senior Center (Opening TBD)	—	—	—
Trails	✓	—	—
Water Fountains	—	—	✓



For all NRH Parks and Recreation Updates, visit [www.nrhtx.com/parks](http://www.nrhtx.com/parks) or call 817-427-6620.

**Camp NRH Begins on June 1**—Camp NRH will kick off summer 2020 on Monday, June 1 with new safety and distancing protocols in place and ready to go. Visit [www.campnrh.com](http://www.campnrh.com) to see all protocols and guidelines. Camp NRH was featured this week in story on CBS 11 and can be viewed here: <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=0b292da0-9803-4d44-b6e8-f8e482ba68fd>

**'Round the Town with Oscar Mayor's Summer Kick-Off Virtual Ride Week June 8 – 14**—NRH Parks and Recreation will host a Virtual 'Round the Town with Oscar Bike Ride June 8-14 on social media. The virtual bike ride will encourage the community to ride their bike along the over 30 miles of hike and bike trails in NRH! While the traditional NRH Monthly Mayor's Bike rides are on pause for now, we are kicking off the summer of 2020 with a special week of rides everyone can experience throughout NRH. The instructions for participants are simple and will be posted on social media and the website the week of June 1.

### **Instructions for Virtual Bike Ride:**

- Select a suggested route from one of four Mayor's Bike Ride routes
- Each route will include three Selfie Picture Points
- You can start your personal ride from your home and incorporate the mapped routes to find the Selfie Picture Points along that route
- Submit all three "Selfie Picture Point" photos from one of the routes listed. You will be entered into the Virtual Ride Week drawing for Parks and Recreation "Play Bucks" where you can choose from one of the following: NRH20 day passes, gift cards from the NRH Centre, Richland Tennis Center or Iron Horse Golf Course, or you can choose a family picnic pack from NRH Parks & Recreation.
- Your three picture point Photos must be posted here within the Virtual Ride Week Facebook event page between June 8 – June 14 or email the your Selfie Picture Points to nrhpard@nrhtx.com between June 8 – June 14 only. Winners will be notified by June 17.
- Bonus Picture Point! Be on the lookout for Mayor Oscar Trevino riding on the trails. Take a social distance selfie with the Mayor AND complete your three route selfie picture points and you are an automatic Virtual Ride Week winner!
- Always remember: Wear a helmet, Bring water, Observe all trail and road safety rules, share the trails safely with all.



Keep a watch on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for the event and details coming next week!

**NRH Centre Reopened on May 20**—The NRH Centre team implemented a phased approach for the reopening of the facility on Wednesday, May 20. The Phase I plan incorporated local regulations and new protocols and guidelines with a focus on the safety of all guests and staff. Areas are being cleaned throughout the day, as well as designating certain facility zones and times for use of specific program areas that can be managed effectively while safely achieving adherence to all requirements. Staff is communicating with members and the public through emails, social media, the website and signage. Details can be found at [www.nrhcentre.com](http://www.nrhcentre.com).

**PHASE 1 REOPENING ACCESS:**  
ACCESS TO NRH CENTRE  
MEMBERSHIP CARD HOLDERS ONLY  
NO DROP-IN DAY PASSES SOLD  
NO DROP OFF OF CHILDREN  
AND 14 UNDER

**PHASE 1 REOPENING HOURS:**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8AM-5PM  
SATURDAY: 9AM-4PM  
SUNDAY: 10AM-4PM  
MEMBERSHIP DAY HOURS  
MONDAY, MAY 25: 8AM-5PM

**AQUATICS FITNESS SWIM ONLY:**  
12-14 YEARS AND OLDER: 10AM-12PM  
15-17 YEARS: 12PM-2PM  
18+ YEARS: 2PM-4PM  
MONDAY, MAY 25: 10AM-12PM AND 12PM-2PM

**THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT! WELCOME TO THE TEAM! PLAY WELL, STAY WELL!**

- ✓ STAY 6 FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS
- ✓ NO SHOWERING OR LOCKERS AVAILABLE
- ✓ MUST ENTER ON AT THE RECEPTION DESK
- ✓ PLEASE WEAR MASKS WHILE AT THE RECEPTION DESK
- ✓ RECOMMENDED CHILD MEMBERS WEAR THEIR OWN GLOVES
- ✓ COVERING FINGERPRINTS IN WHITE GLOVES WHEN POSSIBLE
- ✓ LIMIT YOUR WORKOUT TO ONE HOUR OR LESS
- ✓ FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS & POSTER SIGNS
- ✓ BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE
- ✓ NO GROUP FITNESS CLASSES • NO KIDS CLUB
- ✓ WEAR YOUR OWN MASK/TRAFFIC/PERSONAL PROTECT

**Please keep all staff and members safe by wearing your mask and social distancing at all times.**  
There is no exception to this rule.

### **NRH2O Family Water Park Opens on June 15**—

NRH2O Family Water Park will be opening on Monday, June 15 following the guidelines for water park operations that were released by Governor Abbott's office. These include updated safety and cleaning protocols, along with new procedures designed to allow our guests and their families to enjoy the water park while still keeping safe and maintaining social distancing. Preparations for opening will take a little bit of time to complete, but we all know NRH2O is well worth the wait. Ahead of opening day a new and improved website will be released where guests can go online to purchase their tickets and reserve their spots for the day they want to come out. A quote from one of our guests "We may enjoy and have a summer after all!"



**NRH Youth Associations Prepare for Practices and Game Play beginning June 1 and June 15**—With the most recent Executive Order from Governor Abbott, Youth Sports can resume practices on May 31 and game play on June 15. Staff has been working directly with the three Youth Associations within NRH to ensure they are in alignment with the State's Open Texas checklists for resuming Youth Sports. Prior to beginning any youth sports activities, Youth Associations submitted to NRH Parks and Recreation Administration their association's adopted health and safety protocols, as well as the communication requirements that must be posted on their websites and distributed to all families participating in the summer 2020 league. Where possible, bleachers have been removed for spectator use to limit gathering areas, dugouts will remain closed for use during the June 1 – June 14 practice phase. Practice and games schedules have been staggered so families may exit the park site before other families arrive for their scheduled activity, fields not in use while practice and games are occurring are not open to the public for use, public restrooms and public water fountains will remain closed until June 15.

- Richland Youth Association (RYA) will be hosting baseball leagues at Richfield Park and Cross Timbers Park with practices starting on June 1 and game play beginning no sooner than June 15. During the practice only phase, only one parent/guardian can accompany their child to practices and there are no additional spectators permitted onsite. Additionally, social distancing must be followed for anyone outside of the field of play and coaches must incorporate as many skill development drills that allow for social distancing.
- Birdville Area Youth Futbol Association (BAYFA) will conduct youth soccer during the summer 2020 league. Practices at Green Valley Park will begin on June 1 with game playing beginning on June 15. All soccer fields will not be available for practice and game use so that social distancing can be achieved by natural spacing and no side by side field play will occur.
- North Richland Girls Softball League (NRGSL) has elected to not conduct summer 2020 leagues and will host no summer 2020 tournaments.

At the start of 2020, NRH Parks and Recreation Administration transitioned to six month Contractual Agreements (vs. the annual contractual agreements previously in place). The six-month contracts provide for more communication during the league season and at the conclusion of each league season. The spring 2020 six-month contractual agreement now includes a summer 2020 addendum and extension for associations conducting a summer league. This addendum incorporated specific communication due to COVID-19.



**NRH Adult Recreational Sports Prepares for League Play beginning June 15**—With the most recent Executive Order from Governor Abbott, Adult Recreational Sports can resume practices on May 31 and game play on June 15. While NRH leagues do not have a practice component, league registration has begun and game play for Adult softball at Northfield Park will begin the week of June 15. The initial registration response has been overwhelmingly positive with 72 teams registered for leagues occurring

throughout Monday – Friday. In addition to weeknight league options NRH Athletics is offering a Sunday softball league for the first time and there are 20 teams registered for this first time league. Staff is finalizing all health and safety protocols that must be followed including the direct communication with all team coaches and players regarding the protocols. NRH Centre Indoor leagues, adult volleyball and basketball, will be on hold until we move more towards full regular operations at the NRH Centre.

**Park System Signage Project**—This project provides for new park signage with lighting at 11 locations throughout the city, and replacement of existing sign blades and lighting at 5 existing park sign locations. Stone work for the sign columns is completed at 4 new sign locations. Concurrently, the exterior stone work, steel support structures, lighting alcoves and aluminum sign blades are nearing completion. As a part of the contract, a change order was executed with Turner Signs to construct the new Iron Horse Entry Sign on Meadow Lakes Dr. and provide a sign panel for Browning Road. The project is expected to be completed in late June.





**Iron Horse Golf Course Improvements Project**—The Iron Horse project is entering into the final stages of development prior to sprigging of greens and grassing the fairways. Shaping of landforms for improved drainage, bunker renovations and preparation for grassing is underway. The final connections for the new irrigation system on sections B and C will be completed by the end of the first week in June. The extensive drainage improvements were tested on May 16 when over 5 inches of rain fell in a single day. Staff, contractors and the golf course architects were amazed at how quickly the massive amounts of water drained off and left the new features nearly untouched.



**Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Project**—This project will provide for development of mountain biking/hiking trails within Fossil Creek Park. The City hired Baird Hampton and Brown for development of plans for the final trail alignment along with other recommendations for drainage and bridges. The project development and stewardship will be in partnership with The Fort Worth Mountain Bikers Association and Shadow Trail Designs. Staff received and is reviewing the Concept Trail Development Plan from Baird Hampton and Brown. As soon as a final master plan is developed, staff will move forward to enter into agreements for the construction and maintenance of the Fossil Creek Mountain Bike Area.

**Linda Spurlock Park Renovation**—15 Competitive Sealed Proposals were received on May 13 for the Linda Spurlock Renovation project. An evaluation committee of five North Richland Hills staff members selected Dean Construction as best value to the City. Staff is currently negotiating with Dean Construction to settle on a final contract price. Dean Construction developed Northfield Park and is considered one of the best in the business. We look forward to a great project developed by the great team of Dunaway Associates, North Richland Hills and Dean Construction.

**NRH Centre Aquatics Team Implements Private Swim Lesson Option**—The NRH Centre Aquatics team is passionate and committed to teaching swim lessons to all ages. While COVID-19 disrupted the spring lessons schedule, Krista Henry, NRH Centre Aquatic Coordinator, immediately began to develop a very strong protocol and plan to re-introduce private swim lessons at the NRH Centre during the first phase opening that started May 20. Twelve families jumped at the opportunity to take private swim lessons in the first phase of reopening. Krista developed a plan that incorporated safe check-in, social distancing, safe instruction with social distancing, and clear communication with parents to know what to expect upon arrival at the NRH Centre. Krista re-trained her swim instructor team on all protocols and safety measures in place while still emphasizing the importance of actual skill development and confidence building for each swim student. The parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and shows that the meticulous planning to achieve great

success in this challenging time is well worth the effort. Comments and Feedback Surveys include the following comments from participant parents:

- “Amazing set up!”
- “Y’all nailed it, this is great!”
- “Such a perfect fit for us”.
- “It’s been a great experience”
- “These lessons have been a night and day difference between other facilities. Maggie is so patient and knowledgeable.”
- “Jack has been a fabulous instructor!”
- “Very wonderful experience! Great staff and very clean facility. Been a great experience. My kid looks forward to it every time. Thank you.”
- “We wanted to say thank you again for such a great swim lesson experience for Philip. Everything has been set up so good and safe and we appreciate it. He is excited for his last two days.”

Thank you Krista and the NRH Centre Aquatics team for the time, effort and commitment to serve your community!

**NRH Senior Center**—While the NRH Senior Center remains closed, staff is keeping in touch with members in a variety of ways. Virtual Senior Center programming continues on Facebook and the website. The Weekly Daily Challenge, Tuesday’s Question of the Day, Thankful Thursday and Friday Brain Games are weekly staples. Supplemental programs include virtual DIY’s such as recycled bird feeders, cooking videos such as Banana Split Breakfast, and fitness videos featuring our own fitness and line-dance instructors. Daily senior welfare calls continue with over 714 calls made to date and the Ambassador Program continued for those members that need ongoing communication.

NRH Senior Center Virtual Senior Center Programs						
						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Daily Challenge Virtual Video	Daily Challenge Virtual Video Tuesday QOD	Wkly Daily Challenge Sheet Virtual Video	Daily Challenge Virtual Video Thankful Thursday	Daily Challenge Virtual Video Brain Games	Daily Challenge	Daily Challenge



**Richland Tennis Center add Hours and Programming June 1**—Richland Tennis Center Phase II hours will be effective June 1, 2020 and additional programming will begin in June. Please see [www.nrhtc.com](http://www.nrhtc.com) for all the details.

Hope this if of interest and useful to you.

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