

# NRH

## PARK BOARD UPDATE

### JUNE 12, 2020

**NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park Opens on June 15**—NRH<sub>2</sub>O 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. Staff is ready for the opening with all the new protocols in place. Monday June 15 and Tuesday June 16 the park will be operating at a 25% capacity (500 people) to ensure a smooth, safe, and fun opening for our guests and staff. Starting Wednesday, June 17 the park will open to 50% capacity (1500 people). Guests are able to go to [www.nrh2o.com](http://www.nrh2o.com) and reserve their spots for specific days and times. After you pick your ticket day, it shows you different arrival time slots and the number of tickets available. We have reserved a number of spots each day for season pass holders, day tickets, group tickets, and comp tickets for each day.



**'Round the Town with Oscar Mayor's Virtual Ride This Week June 8 – 14**—NRH Parks and Recreation is hosting 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 are posted on social media and the website. Find all the instructions [HERE](#). Several groups have already completed the Virtual Ride and posted their Selfie Picture Points. Winners will be notified next week and will receive NRH Park and Recreation "Play Bucks" where they can choose from one of the following: NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Waterpark day passes, gift cards from the NRH Centre, Richland Tennis Center, Iron Horse Golf Course or choose a picnic pack from NRH Parks & Recreation.



**NRH Aquatics Splash Swim Will Begin on June 15**—Since the NRH Centre reopened on May 20, private swim lessons and fitness swim have been available. Beginning June 15, limited Splash Swim hours will be added to the schedule, while still adhering to the social distancing and capacity protocols. Details at [www.nrhcentre.com](http://www.nrhcentre.com).

### **Iron Horse Golf Course Opens for Limited Play**

The golf course opened holes 1-6 on Friday, June 12. Originally scheduled for June 15, staff surprised golfers by opening early Friday morning. By 11:00 a.m. 35 rounds had been played with more rounds scheduled for the afternoon. The driving range has seen a steady flow of golfers since it opened in late May. Players and guests have been delighted with the improvements to the Club House and playing conditions on Holes 1-6. The renovation project is generating tremendous interest and curiosity and staff expects an increase in rounds when the course fully reopens in September.

Look for the golf course to fully reopen Labor Day weekend. Plans are underway for the grand reopening and includes a sneak peek for City Council, Park Board and invited guests to be the first to play the course on Thursday, September 3. A Grand Re-Opening Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 4 with general play for the public beginning on Saturday, September 5. More details will be released shortly.

**NRH Youth Associations Prepare for Game Play beginning June 15**—Youth Sports resumed practices on May 31 and we have game play beginning 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. Public restrooms and public water fountains will also open on June 15.



### **NRH Adult Recreational Sports Prepares for League Play beginning June 15**

With the most recent Executive Order from Governor Abbott, Adult Recreational Sports resumed practices on May 31 and game play begins on June 15. While NRH leagues do not have a practice component, game play for Adult softball at Northfield Park will begin the week of June 15.

The initial registration response has been overwhelmingly positive with 100 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.

**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 Daily Celebration, Tuesday's Question of the Day, Thankful Thursday and Friday Brain Games are weekly staples. Supplemental programs include virtual science DIY's such as lava lamps, dissolving the shell of an egg and the popular Diet Coke and Mentos explosion. Fitness videos, virtual trips and card games are popular with the members on the website. Daily senior welfare calls continue with over 715 calls made to date and the Ambassador Program continued for those members that need ongoing communication. The June NRH Senior Center digital newsletter, "Chit-Chat" was emailed to 3,700 members through Constant Contact on June 4, 2020.





**Richland Tennis Center**—Richland Tennis Center reopened on May 11 and people were ready to get back out on the courts. Lessons started out with a maximum of 4 players on a court with an instructor.

Beginning June 1, 8 players per court were allowed. RTC in-house leagues began play on June 1. USTA & NETT leagues began play on June 8 with new COVID-19 guidelines. RTC will host a UTR tournament June 27-28. Go to: [www.myutr.com/events/19276](http://www.myutr.com/events/19276) to register. Singles will be played on Saturday and doubles on Sunday. Players are guaranteed 3 matches. Registration deadline is Sunday, June 21.

Hope this if of interest and useful to you.

Vickie Loftice, Managing Director

**UTR POWERED EVENT**

Join us for our future 2020 UTR events which will be hosted at Richland Tennis Center on these dates  
 (SINGLES ON SATURDAY ONLY - DOUBLES ON SUNDAY ONLY)

FEES: Singles \$38 Doubles \$44 (Team)

JUNE 27-28 ID #19276; JULY 25-26 ID #19891; AUGUST 29-30 ID #20826  
 SEPT. 26-27 ID #22310; OCT. 17-18 ID #22311; NOV. 21-22 ID #22312

**HOW TO CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND SIGN UP FOR AN EVENT:**

1. Go to: [myutr.com/join](http://myutr.com/join)
2. Click on "Sign Up With Email" & follow the prompts
3. Login to your account and search for Richland Tennis Center
4. You'll find upcoming events and can register for the tournaments there.

**Universal Tennis Rating**

Developmental Stage: Red Ball (3-6), Orange Ball (6-7), Green Ball (7-8), 4 Game Sets (9-10), 6 Game Sets/10 pt Tournament (10-11), Juniors (11-18), Juniors + Adult (18-34), Top WTA / ITA Elite M (17-34), Futures M (17-34), Futures W (18-34), Top ATP (18-34), Challengers M (14-34)