

<u>Iron Horse Golf Course Grand Reopening</u>—Congratulations to Iron Horse Golf Course on celebrating their grand reopening this weekend, following a 10-month renovation. The project included extensive drainage improvements, widening of the playing corridors throughout the course, new irrigation on 12 of the 18 holes, updating the 13th and 14th holes, new better Billy Bunkers throughout, a new set for forward tees that play at 4,300 yards, and updates to the clubhouse and pro shop. The course logo and signage were also updated.

The City Council, Parks & Recreation Board and other city leaders got a preview of the new and improved course on Thursday. Located in a picturesque setting among the rolling terrain of North Richland Hills, Iron Horse Golf Course was originally designed by Dick Phelps and opened in 1988. The improvements were designed by noted golf course architect Jeffrey Brauer. While owned by the city, the golf course is not funded by tax dollars. It operates like a business, with revenues from the course paying for its operational expenses and debt service. The course hosts more than 50,000 rounds a year. Link to the entire Ribbon Cutting Program: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=LXgmUDeN_Z0.



<u>Linda Spurlock Park Renovation Project</u>— The Linda Spurlock Park Renovation project is moving slightly ahead of schedule. Dean Construction recently completed approximately 80% of the concrete work for the project to include the perimeter of the playground with accessible ramps, adjoining sidewalks, swing bench and picnic table pads and the accessible parking areas with accessible ramps on Dawn Dr. All storm water utilities along with above ground drainage is in the final stages of development. Additional current work includes the final color selections for the new restroom building and pavilion and forming for the additional concrete work left to be done. While some components of the project are ahead of schedule the delivery of the restroom building is on time to be delivered in middle February. The restroom delivery aligns with the original schedule for the completion of the park.







NRH2O Hosts Drive Through COVID Testing Site—A new, free COVID-19 testing site is open in the parking lot of NRH2O Family Water Park beginning Monday, Aug. 24. The site will operate by appointment only from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The tests will be self-administered mouth swabs. Appointments can be booked online at https://texas.curativeinc.com.



<u>Richland Tennis Center</u>—RTC was a host site for a USTA Super Champ Junior Major Zone tournament September 5-6. Over 125 players participated. Drop In Drills continue to be popular with 20-30 people participating each time. RTC will host a UTR tournament September 26-27. October 17-18, RTC will host an ITA

(Intercollegiate Tennis Association) UTR tournament. The 64 highest rated UTR men and 64 highest rated UTR women will be chosen to participate

September 1-30 Cycle September The Global Bike Challenge—

We are taking our 'Round the Town with Oscar Bike Ride for September and partnering with Love to Ride USA on their Cycle September - The Global Bike Challenge!

We are encouraging everyone in NRH to take part in Cycle September from September 1-30, a global competition with individuals and organizations coming together to help more people realize the benefits of riding a bike. Riding a bike is a great way to maintain physical distancing, get some exercise, enjoy some fresh air and feel connected with the world around us.



Everyone who logs a ride in September will go into a drawing for the trip of a lifetime to New Zealand for a mountain biking adventure with Haka Tours – and everyone who gets their company registered by August 15 will get an extra entry into the drawing. There are other prizes: free and discounted gear and bikes. Register at lovetoride.net – it is free and only takes a minute You can find lots of resources on the Love to Ride website and we'll be sharing information, inspiration, and encouragement via social media throughout the month.

NRH Centre — With the challenge of COVID-19 for high school athletic teams, the swim teams from Birdville High School and Richland High School were without a home pool during the month of September due to construction delays at the GCISD Natatorium. The BISD Athletic Department reached out to the NRH Centre Aquatics team to see if renting the NRH Centre pool was available during this access delay with GCISD. Staff was excited to identify consistent usage times, four days per week, throughout the month of September that did not affect the membership and general public use of the pool or the already scheduled NRH Centre aquatic programs. This rental has generated revenue as well as covered the cost of NRH Centre lifeguard personnel on duty during the team practices. We look forward to continued partnerships with BISD teams where available throughout our facilities and parks.

NRH Centre Early Childhood— the NRH Centre Preschool class started on Monday, September 14. This school year opened with six students registered in both the morning and afternoon sessions. There is still limited availability in both sessions for parents looking for last minute registration. We have are excited to announce a new preschool teacher (Ms. Emily) and have already experienced the energy that she has brought to the program. We are off to a great start and look forward to a fun year of learning. Even at age 4 and 5 these early learners are doing very well with health and safety protocols and mask wearing.

NRH Centre Aquatics – Fall Swim Lessons for all ages and abilities started back up this September with both weekday and weekend sessions. Both group and private lessons are back in full swing allowing us to teach over 70 participants the lifesaving skill of swimming this month. Private pool parties are also picking up speed in bookings for the months of September and October; over half of the available dates are already full! Splash Swim parties are still on hold due to COVID-19.

<u>NRH Centre Group Fitness</u> – the NRH Centre continues to expand its group fitness offerings, adding two new water aerobics classes that are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings starting at 10:40am. A NRH Centre membership is required as Group Fitness Drop-ins are currently unavailable. Online registration is required and can be found at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/nrhcentre



Grand Hall at the NRH Centre—While many traditional and large size gatherings and events are not possible right now, that has not stopped the Grand Hall team from getting creative to provide facility promotions during this time. Amber Corley, Grand Hall Sales and Marketing Coordinator, developed a "Community Wedding" package for a beautiful and intimate ceremony on Saturday, September 19. This event will allow couples the opportunity to have a small wedding ceremony with all the traditional elements. Couples can invite up to eight of their family members or friends and allow the rest to join in virtually. Each event time is limited to one couple's event. Available times include: 10:00 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. 3:00 - 4:30 PM. 5:30 - 7:00 PM, and 8:00 - 9:30 PM. Cleaning and disinfecting will take place between each reserved time. See all the details at https://www.grandhallnrh.com/community-wedding.



NRH Centre Adult Athletics— Fall season of Adult Slow Pitch Softball has been severely affected by the amount of rain taken place in NRH, but the overall season is still continuing its success. The second session of our double header leagues, taking place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, will be opening up for registration soon and we expect those divisions to sell out very quickly. Northfield Park will also be opening up concession stand operations very soon, led by our NRH2O staff. We are excited for all of those visiting the park, whether they are softball players or bystanders, to have the opportunity to purchase a quick snack or beverage!

Walker's Creek has been seeing a bunch of action in the recent weeks, as we have reached capacity for field rentals during the week and have booked multiple tournaments for the weekends. USA Softball was able to be the first to use our site for a weekend-long tournament, and it occurred with great success. Adult Kickball will be starting later this Fall, using Walkers Creek as a host site for all games.



Northfield Park

NRH Athletic Field Rental Reservations—Effective August 1, NRH staff have been coordinating athletic fields at Northfield Park, Walker's Creek Park, Fossil Creek Park, and the 60/90 high school sized field #3 at Cross Timbers Park. The available practice times for the 60/90 field are full for the Fall 2020 season. Walker's Creek Park has seen team practice requests begin to come in for Fall 2020 as well. Northfield Park is highly active throughout 6 of the 7 days a week with NRH Adult Softball Leagues with some tournament play being coordinated for available Saturdays. Visit https://www.nrhtx.com/1127/Athletic-Field-Rentals to view all the reservation options and details for use of NRH Athletic fields. The reservations are accepted on a seasonal basis and staff looks to provide as many teams as possible access to their desired site.

NRH Senior Center — The NRH Senior Center continues connecting with members through social media, email and phone calls. In an effort to catalog programs for our members, the NRH Virtual Senior Center has been updated to reflect activities that are publicized on Facebook. This allows seniors to refer back to the center website rather than look back through multiple posts on Facebook. So, senior members receive a monthly enewsletter, daily activities offered through Facebook and a final reference the NRH Virtual Senior Center website location in https://www.nrhcentre.com/special-activities.



Suzi McAlpine - National Guacamole Day



Beginning September 28, a "Virtual Hide & Seek" event will begin in an effort to draw attention to the website. Additionally, on Tuesday, September 15, twenty-seven seniors took part in the Tom Thumb Flu Shot Clinic offered at the Senior Center. This is an annual event that we were happy to see continue during the covid-19 facility closure. Two volunteers assisted with the event in the way of reminder calls and directing members through the facility. On Wednesday, September 16, the NRH Senior Center partnered with Suzi McAlpine to offer a "Drive Thru luncheon" to commemorate National Guacamole Day. There were 110 senior members that participated in the event held in the parking lot between the NRH Centre and the Library. Six volunteers assisted with the program by making reminder calls, event photos, assembly of boxed lunches, routing vehicles through parking lot, and the delivery of

lunches from the refrigerator to the staging area. The event was a huge success with many thankful comments emailed and posted on Facebook.

Hope this if of interest and useful to you.

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