

NRH Welcomes Tom Lombard to the City Council

The City of North Richland Hills welcomes Tom Lombard as its newest City Council Member. Mr. Lombard will take the oath of office and begin his two-year term as the Place 3 Council Member on May 18. He is replacing Councilwoman Suzy Compton who announced in March that she would not seek re-election. No other candidates filed for the position.

Mr. Lombard is a software engineer with AT&T and has been a resident of North Richland Hills since 1994. Since 2006 he has been appointed by the City Council to serve on several city boards and committees including: the Parks & Recreation Board which he currently chairs; Gas Board of Appeals; Parks & Recreation Facilities Development Corporation; and Red Light Camera Advisory Committee. He also previously served as chairman of the Birdville ISD 2006 Bond Oversight Committee.

Mr. Lombard is a 1978 graduate of the University of Dayton (Dayton, OH) with Bachelor of Arts and a 1984 graduate of Bellarmine University (Louisville, KY) with Associate of Applied Science.

In addition to Mr. Lombard, the following Council

Members were unopposed for re-election and will also begin new terms in May:

- **John H. Lewis, Place 1** – Mr. Lewis is beginning his fourth term on the Council. Semi-retired, he instructs computer related courses part time at Tarrant County College and is director of the North Texas District of SCORE, overseeing more than 130 volunteers who mentor small businesses across North Texas.
- **David Whitson, Place 5** – Mr. Whitson is beginning his fifth term on the Council. He is a U.S. Government Pricing and Compliance Supervisor with Bell Helicopter.
- **Tim Welch, Place 7** – Mr. Welch is beginning his fourth term on the Council. He is the president and owner of Welch Engineering, Inc., a consulting civil engineering firm specializing in general land development projects in Texas.

The City of North Richland Hills thanks outgoing Councilwoman Suzy Compton for her 4½ years of dedicated service to our community. More information about the NRH City Council is available online at www.nrhtx.com.

Help Prevent Burglaries in Your Neighborhood

Most burglaries in your neighborhood are apt to occur during weekday, daylight hours by individuals who take advantage of an easy target. Try taking these steps to help reduce your chances of a burglary:

1. Install deadbolt locks on exterior doors.
2. Replace shorter screws in door jams with 3” screws. Longer screws will sink into the frame of the house going past the door frame.
3. Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood at least 1 ¾ inches thick.
4. Keep garage doors closed and locked.
5. Mark your valuables with an engraver and/or document the serial numbers and model numbers.
6. If affordable purchase a burglar alarm. Remember to test the system periodically.
7. Work together with your neighbors to form a neighborhood watch program.
8. When on vacation complete a ‘Vacation Check.’ Go to www.nrhtx.com/police click on the Community link and complete the form under Vacation Check.

Report any suspicious activity to the North Richland Hills Police Department at 817-427-7000.

Welcome New Businesses

A-Class Window Tint

5213 Davis Blvd, Ste. L, 682-554-1257, Window Tinting

Albanian Grill

5600 Rufe Snow Dr., #110, 817-788-3000, Restaurant

All American Builders

5750 Rufe Snow Dr., #160, 817-788-2013, Home Improvement

Bella Spa and Nails

7901 Mid Cities Boulevard, #236, 817-281-9797, Nail Salon

G&E Enterprise Inc.

8208 Northeast Parkway, #122, 817-532-2938, Restock Vending Machines

Jireh Salon & Beauty Salon

5326 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-891-4108, Beauty Supply Shop

Lil's Sprouts Boutique

7808 College Circle Dr., 817-656-7791, Children's Resale

Texas Investor, LLC

5198 Rufe Snow Dr., #201, 817-281-1900, Property Management

The Forgery & Furnishings

5217 Davis Blvd, Ste. K, 817-428-8400, Custom Iron Doors

Weld Works

8200 Northeast Parkway, #109, 817-503-0835, Construction

Support local businesses. Shop NRH first!

Properly Dispose of Oil, Paint and Other Hazardous Waste

Potentially hazardous chemicals are products you use in your home or yard that are labeled: danger, toxic, flammable, or poison. Once they are used, no longer needed, or are too old to use they become hazardous, especially if improperly stored or incorrectly disposed. Residents are encouraged to dispose of household chemicals and other household hazardous waste (HHW) in a safe, responsible manner.

The City will hold its annual HHW Collection Event from **9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 30** at Tarrant County College Northeast Campus, 828 Harwood Road (by the tennis courts). Proof of residency is required. **To participate in this collection event, resident must have at least enough HHW to fill an 18 gallon bin (size of current recycle bin).** If you only have a couple of items, please combine these with a friend's or neighbor's to meet the minimum load.

Residents may also take household hazardous waste to the Environmental Collection Center (ECC) at 6400 Bridge St. in Ft. Worth. When taking items to the ECC residents must have at least enough HHW to fill an 18 gallon bin (size of current recycle bin). Again, if you only have a couple of items, please combine these with a friend's or neighbor's to meet the minimum load. Residents must also present a voucher to the ECC. The voucher is available at the NRH Neighborhood Services Department located at 7200-C Dick Fisher Dr. S. Proof of residency is required. The City is assessed a fee of \$47 per each participating household. Waste will no longer be accepted from NRH residents at the ECC without a voucher obtained from Neighborhood Services. The ECC is open Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details, call Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6651.

Please see www.nrhtx.com/dept_env_hazardous.aspx for a list of other ways to reduce and recycle items such as batteries, motor oil, paint, etc.

Blanket, Pillow & Cushion Drive to benefit NRH Animal Shelter

De La Rosa Upholstery is holding a blanket, pillow and cushion drive to benefit the animals located in the North Richland Hills Animal Adoption & Rescue Center. The drive, which calls for blankets, pillows, cushions, and monetary donations, will run April 1st through the month of May. Donations can be dropped off at De La Rosa Upholstery, located at 6500 Iron Horse Boulevard. For more information please call 817-581-2851.

Think Green Tip

Replacing a single incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb (CFL) will keep a half-ton of CO2 out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb. CFL bulbs (broken or expired) can be recycled at the Home Depot stores at 6411 Precinct Line Rd and 6505 Northeast Loop 820.

Upcoming Events

2009 Sounds of Spring Concert Series

Bring the family to relax and enjoy music and fun at the North Richland Hills' annual Sounds of Spring Concert Series. Concerts will be held on the grounds of NRH2O Family Water Park, 9001 Boulevard 26, every Friday from **April 3 through May 8**. Concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is FREE (Don't forget to bring a lawn chair.) Breaker's Cooking Shack will be selling tasty snacks and the Kidz Zone will be jam packed with activities for those little music fans at all six shows! For additional information, please visit www.soundsnrh.com or call 817-427-6600.

CPR Classes

The NRH Fire Department is offering CPR classes on **May 8, June 4, July 18 and August 8**. The classes are American Heart Association approved and participants will receive an AHA certification card. The cost is \$25 for Heartsaver CPR and \$35 for Healthcare Providers. To sign up or get more details, please call 817-427-6900.

Investment Seminar

"Outlook and Opportunities - Smart Decisions for Tough Markets," an investment strategies seminar sponsored by Edward Jones, will be offered at the North Richland Hills Public Library on **Thursday, May 7** at 7:00 p.m. The library is located at 9015 Grand Avenue. For more information about this free program or other upcoming events at the library, please call 817-427-6814.

Free Movies at NRH Library

Enjoy FREE movies and FREE popcorn at your NRH Public Library! Join us in the Community Room each **Saturday** for a recent film release on our big screen. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and movies begin at 2:00 p.m. Moviegoers are invited to bring snacks, drinks, and floor cushions. The library is located at 9015 Grand Avenue. For movie titles or other information, please call 817-427-6814.

Memorial Day Closings, Collection Schedule

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day Holiday. The NRH Recreation Center, Library, Richland Tennis Center, and Senior Centers will also be closed. Iron Horse Golf Course and NRH2O Family Water Park will be open on Memorial Day. **The City's trash and recycling schedule will not change for the Memorial Day Holiday.**

Water Conservation Reminder

City ordinance prohibits outdoor watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., except when watering by hand or soaker hose. Irrigation systems should be set to operate in the early morning or late evening, when the sun and temperatures are less likely to cause evaporation.