

## Have a Safe Holiday Season

Now that we are in the midst of the holiday season keep in mind these simple tips:

- Avoid placing expensive electronics and toy boxes at the curb for all to see your new gifts.
- Remember to keep doors locked and garage doors closed when not in use.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home while you are gone for the holidays.
- Go to the North Richland Hills Police Department website ([www.nrhtx.com/police](http://www.nrhtx.com/police)) and complete a Vacation Watch form.
- Finally, winter is also around the corner. Leaving a vehicle running while unattended is against the law and increases your risk of having your vehicle stolen.
- Report any suspicious activity to the North Richland Hills Police Department at 817-427-7000.

## Don't Drink & Drive

In Texas, someone is hurt or killed in an alcohol related crash every 19 minutes and drunk driving claims five lives every day. Don't let it be you. Don't drink and drive. When attending a party, always designate a non-drinking driver. If you are the host of a holiday gathering, be sure there are non-alcoholic beverages available for guests who are driving. Throughout the holiday season the NRH Police Department will have extra officers on patrol to stop drunk drivers.

## Fireworks illegal in NRH

Setting off fireworks is unsafe and illegal in our community. For the safety of yourself and others, please refrain from using fireworks as a part of your New Year's Eve celebration. During the holidays, the NRH Police and Fire Departments will seize fireworks and issue citations to violators. The citation may carry a fine of up to \$2,000.

The Fire Department also reminds you to install a smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test the batteries every month and change them at least once a year. Develop and practice fire escape and evacuation plans with your family.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees can be dropped off for recycling December 26 through January 7 at Green Valley Park, 7701 Smithfield Road. Residents can also place Christmas trees curbside for recycling by 7 a.m. on Wednesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 7. (Trees that are placed curbside on your normal garbage collection days will be put in the landfill and not recycled.)

In order for trees to be recycled they should be free of tinsel, ornaments, bags, plastic and stands. Mulch from the recycled trees will be available for residents to pick up at Green Valley Park starting at 10 a.m. on January 10. Please bring your own container and shovel to load the mulch. For more details, call Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6650.

## New Businesses

- Allmand & Lee, PLLC** (Bankruptcy Law)  
8701 Bedford Eules Rd #510, 817-265-0123
- Bubble Chews** (Smoothie & Coffee Shop)  
9127 Boulevard 26 #130, 817-428-8012
- Circle J Contractors, Inc.** (Electrical)  
9025 Hawk Avenue Ste. B, 817-788-5656
- Doug Webster Homes**  
5213 Davis Boulevard Ste. N, 817-980-3772
- Envoy Mortgage** (Mortgage Broker)  
6613 Precinct Line Road, 817-329-1785
- HEB Ministries** (Church)  
8053 Boulevard 26, 817-446-1415
- His Holy Place** (Christian Store)  
5600 Rufe Snow Drive #108, 817-605-3340
- Joey's Balloons** (Balloon Shop)  
8214 Boulevard 26, 817-479-6308
- Metro Active Warehouse**  
6400 Wuliger Way Ste. A, 817-605-0651
- M.I.F. Services, Inc.** (Mortgage Broker)  
7952 Davis Boulevard #101, 817-268-2400
- Necessity** (Hair Salon)  
7109 Boulevard 26, 773-470-6388
- North Hills Rheumatology** (Medical Office)  
4351 Booth Calloway #403, 817-590-0880
- Pro Staff** (Staffing Office)  
8701 Bedford Eules Rd #425, 817-590-9760
- Sabaidee Mini Mini Mart** (Convenience Store)  
6622 Rufe Snow Drive,
- Washington Mutual Bank**  
7553 Boulevard 26, 817-503-0566

Support local businesses.  
Shop NRH first!

## Holiday Closings, Trash Schedule

Don't forget: City Hall and other non-emergency offices will be closed for the holidays on December 25 and January 1. Duncan Disposal will not provide garbage and recycling collections on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For each of these holidays, Thursday collections will be made on Friday and Friday's collections shift to Saturday.

## NRH<sub>2</sub>O Season Pass Sale

2009 Season Passes are now on sale! By purchasing your pass early, you'll receive discounts and a special entertainment package with a coupon for a refillable souvenir bottle and in-park coupons including free admission tickets for friends (available while supplies last).

You can purchase your pass by visiting the park office which is open Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or avoid the trip and purchase your season pass online 24/7! For more details, call 817-427-6500 or visit [www.nrh2o.com](http://www.nrh2o.com).

## New Deposit Schedule Effective Jan. 1

Effective January 1, 2009 a new deposit schedule will go into effect for North Richland Hills water and sewer service. **Existing customers will not be affected unless they are disconnected for non-payment 3 times within a 12-month period.**

The deposit for new residential customers will increase from \$55 to \$100. Deposit amounts for new commercial accounts will be based on the size of the meter and history of water use. Deposits for residential or commercial customers will double if a customer has not paid on a prior account and seeks to re-establish service.

The purpose of the deposit is to help cover the final bill when an account is terminated. The deposit amounts were set in 1988 and have not kept pace with the current utility rates. For more information, please contact the Utility Customer Service Office at 817-427-6200.

## Learn CPR & Save a Life

The NRH Fire Department is offering CPR Classes at the following times:

- January 10, from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- February 6, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
- March 6, from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Classes are American Heart Association approved. The cost is \$25 for Heartsaver CPR and \$35 for Healthcare Providers. To sign up or get more information, contact David Smith at [dsmith@nrhfd.com](mailto:dsmith@nrhfd.com) or call 817-427-6900.

## NRH RECREATION CENTER

*Visit the NRH Recreation Center for stress relief without the expense and commitment of long-term fitness contracts!*

**817-427-6600**  
**6720 NE LOOP 820**

**1-MONTH, 3-MONTH,  
12-MONTH FITNESS  
MEMBERSHIPS**

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**MASSAGE THERAPY**

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**PERSONAL TRAINING**

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**DROP-IN CLASSES  
INCLUDING YOGA,  
PILATES, ABS,  
KICKBOX AND MORE  
FOR ONLY \$5!**

Present this ad if you're new to the Center for a free day pass.

## Upcoming Events

### Free Film Festival

The NRH Public Library is holding a free film festival in January. Movies will be shown every Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Library's Community Room.

- January 3 - Iron Man
- January 10 - Chronicles of Narnia
- January 17 - How to Eat Fried Worms
- January 24 - Spiderwick Chronicles
- January 31 - The Water Horse

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and popcorn will be provided. Families are invited to bring snacks, drinks and floor cushions. The NRH Public Library is located at 9015 Grand Ave. For more details, please call the Reference Desk at 817-427-6814.

### Community Health Fair

The NRH Recreation Center and North Hills Chiropractic Health Center will present their 2nd annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, January 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Recreation Center, 6720 NE Loop 820. This free event will feature a variety of health screenings, chair massage, group exercise classes, a KidZone and more. For more details, please call 817-427-6600.

### Parenting Workshop

The NRH Parks & Recreation Department will partner with the Birdville Council of PTA's to present the 9th annual Parenting Solutions Workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 24, at the Recreation Center, 6720 NE Loop 820, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This FREE workshop provides a variety of parenting topics that participants can choose to attend. Childcare is provided for ages 1 - 10, with limited space available. Advance registration is required. For more information, please call 817-427-6600.



Make your favorite  
book even better.  
Free Cookie!

Stop by the Cup and Chaucer Coffee Shop during your next visit to the North Richland Hills Library. When you purchase any size Starbucks® beverage, receive a free Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie, our treat.



**Otis Spunkmeyer**  
Oh...so Good!

Good only at Cup and Chaucer in NRH. Offer expires February 2009. Only one coupon per visit. Not to be combined with any other offers.