

Residents Encouraged to Keep Your Money in NRH

The City of North Richland Hills is starting a new initiative that encourages citizens to keep their money in North Richland Hills by shopping at businesses located in the City.

When you shop locally you support local jobs and help to keep your friends, neighbors and family members employed. Even something as simple as dining at local restaurants such as Chili's and Applebee's helps our local economy. If every family in North Richland Hills dined at a restaurant in our City once a week it would have a big impact on the local economy.

Shopping locally also helps the City provide public services. Out of the 8.25% sales tax paid on products at local stores the City of North Richland Hills receives 2%. By keeping sales tax revenue in the city, we are better able to keep property taxes and city fees low. With your support, city services such as fire, police, parks and roads will be maintained at the highest quality.

Another reason to shop locally is it saves you time and money. You spend less on gas and have a shorter drive home, which means more time for family and friends.

Please make an effort to keep your money in North Richland Hills. When you choose to shop first in North Richland Hills, you are supporting your local businesses and the local economy.

Welcome New Businesses

Farmers Insurance

7952 Davis Boulevard #100, 817-284-9928, Insurance

GRS Automotive LLC

3816 Flory Street #1, 817-455-8024, Vehicle Parts

Metroplex Tree Service

4005 Rufe Snow Drive, 817-690-8968, Tree Trimming

Planet Tan

8849 North Tarrant Parkway #140, 817-605-8383,
Tanning Salon

Salon 26

8401 Boulevard 26 #4, 817-656-4515, Hair Salon

Voltech Development Group

5596 Davis Boulevard #100, 817-510-0096, Business
Development

The City of North Richland Hills encourages you to support local businesses. Shop NRH first!

2009 Holiday Collection Schedule

Duncan Disposal strives to provide the City of North Richland Hills with outstanding garbage and recycling collection services. Following is Duncan Disposal's holiday collection schedule for 2009:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2009

No changes. Normal collection schedule

Independence Day - Saturday, July 4, 2009

No changes. Normal collection schedule

Labor Day - Monday, September 7, 2009

Monday collection will be picked up on Tuesday;

Tuesday collection will be picked up on Wednesday.

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26, 2009

Thursday collection will be picked up on Friday;

Friday collection will be picked up on Saturday.

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2009

Friday collection will be picked up on Saturday.

New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2010

Friday collection will be picked up on Saturday.

NRH Reminds Residents to Recycle

Despite the effect that the economic downturn is having on the recycling industry, the City of North Richland Hills encourages you to continue to recycle. The recycling industry has been growing for more than 30 years and has always been cyclical. The City of North Richland Hills remains committed to recycling because it:

- saves energy, landfill space, and natural resources
- reduces air pollutants
- creates jobs

Items that may be placed in your recycling bin include aluminum and metal cans, glass bottles and jars, plastics #1 through #7, cardboard, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, household paper, envelopes, cereal boxes, telephone books, catalogs and other household paper products. Please no tissues, wet paper, pizza boxes or containers contaminated with food products.

Recyclables can be placed loose in your recycling bin and do not need to be sorted by material type. Please rinse bottles, jars and cans before placing them in the bin.

For more information on recycling, please visit http://www.nrhtx.com/dept_env_recycling.aspx or call 817-427-6650.

Don't Make Your Car an Easy Target for Auto Theft

It's early one winter morning when you venture out to your car. You turn off the state of the art alarm system and remotely unlock your doors. The car's interior feels like a refrigerator as you start the engine and turn the heat on. You go back inside just for a few minutes until the car warms up. As you walk out the front door you are struck by another chill. This one is not weather related. It's the shock that your car is gone!

The North Richland Hills Police Department reminds you to:

- NEVER allow your car to warm up in winter during your absence.
- NEVER rely on just locking your car and leaving the engine running. Windows can be broken. Thieves know how to do it without making a sound, and with little effort.
- NEVER leave valuables in your car such as a wallet, purse, or other valuables, even when parked in front of your residence.
- NEVER leave your children in your car with the engine running. A thief or carbon monoxide may harm them.
- NEVER leave the keys in the ignition or in the vehicle (i.e., under the floor mat, under the seat, in a glove box, or over the sun visor.)

For more crime safety tips, visit the North Richland Hills Police Department online at www.nrhtx.com/police or call 817-427-7000.

AARP Tax-Aide Offered at NRH Public Library

AARP Tax-Aide helps all taxpayers (of any age) file their personal income tax returns. Volunteers are trained to assist in filing the 1040 tax form and basic schedules. Electronic filing (e-filing) is offered. E-filing ensures a more accurate tax return and faster processing of tax refunds.

The AARP Tax-Aide Service is available at the North Richland Hills Public Library on Mondays, beginning February 2, 2009 through April 13, 2009. Sign up for the service at the Library Reference Desk. You must have an appointment to get the free service. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Monday.

Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.

The North Richland Hills Public Library is located at 9015 Grand Ave. For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 817-427-6814.

Upcoming Events

Daddy/Daughter Valentine Dance

Join us on **February 7** for an evening of dancing, refreshments, photographs, limo rides and more. Ages 3-7 are invited from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ages 8-16 are invited from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The dance will be held at the BISD Fine Arts Complex, 9200 Mid-Cities Blvd, with a live DJ and photographs will be available for purchase. The cost is \$8 per person. Tickets are on sale now at the NRH Recreation Center. For more details, call 817-427-6600. Sign up before February 1 for a chance to win door prizes and limo rides!

Companies in Action

Companies in Action is a fun-filled program offering local companies and businesses the opportunity to compete against one another for awards and bragging rights. Participants will enjoy fun-spirited competition and the camaraderie of teamwork. Each event will open new levels of communication between employees and increase employee morale and fitness. No company is too large or too small to participate. Events are scheduled to begin with dodgeball on **February 21**. For more information, please contact Bob Hagin at 817-427-6600 or bhagin@nrhtx.com.

Citizens Police Academy

The North Richland Hills Police Department is accepting applications for the next session of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA). The CPA meets on Thursdays for 12 consecutive weeks from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The next class begins on **February 26**. Participants learn about patrol procedures, dispatch operations, SWAT operations, crime scene search as well as many other subjects. If you find police shows fascinating, this is your chance to see what police work is really like. For an application, schedule, or other information, call Officer Kasterke at 817-427-7040 or e-mail gkasterke@nrhtx.com. Applications are also available online at www.nrhtx.com/police.

Citizens Fire Academy

The NRH Fire Department is taking applications for the next Citizens Fire Academy (CFA). The CFA will begin **March 26** and continue each Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. through May 21. This program includes training in CPR and First Aid, which enables residents to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their homes and neighborhoods. Participants will also get hands on experience in basic firefighting techniques, auto extrication, extinguisher use, technical rescue, hazardous materials, and a demonstration of the Bomb Squad's capabilities. To register or get additional information, please call 817-427-6900 or visit www.nrhtx.com and click on the Fire Department link.