

New Web Site for NRH Business & Development

There are numerous economic development efforts taking place within the City of North Richland Hills to establish a competitive edge, one of which is the re-launch of the City's Economic Development website www.nrhed.com. The following are some of the new features available to visitors:

- Find information on how to start your business, along with business counseling resources and business tips and advice;
- Get the latest economic news for the area and check the calendar for local business news and events;
- Market your business through the use of our business database, business highlights, and new business lists;
- Find information on business incentives, such as the Business Improvement & Growth Program;
- Take advantage of the interactive maps that show information on major properties located in the City, as

well as zoning and strategic planning areas;

- Sign-up for a direct visit from the Economic Development Department to discuss your business needs;
- Read about the City's strategic planning areas, including the Loop 820 Corridor, Boulevard 26, Home Town, Smithfield, and Regional Rail;
- Subscribe to get notices when important information is updated on the site.

We welcome you to explore www.nrhed.com, the City of North Richland Hills' business and development portal. We invite you to explore the many opportunities that abound in our city, and look forward to working with you in order to facilitate quality development within the community.

For more information about Economic Development in the City of North Richland Hills, please visit www.nrhed.com or call 817-427-6090.

Yard of Month Program Gets Underway in April

The goal of the Keep NRH Beautiful Yard of the Month Award is to recognize the efforts of North Richland Hills residents who take pride in their home and landscape and inspire others to do the same.

The Yard of the Month Award will be presented for the months of April through August. Nine homes will be selected each month by volunteer judges. Only the portion of the yard viewed from the street will be judged.

A special SmartScape Award will also be presented each month to the owner of a landscape taking advantage of the water saving SmartScape landscape design and maintenance principles. Visit www.txsmartscape.com for more information on the Texas SmartScape program.

Yard of the Month and SmartScape signs will be placed in the winning yards and the homeowners will be invited to a City Council meeting to receive a certificate of recognition along with a gift card from a local sponsoring nursery. You may nominate your own or another's landscape by calling 817-427-6651 or emailing dyork@nrhtx.com. All entries must be in by the 1st of the month and will be considered for the following month.

Welcome New Businesses

Accountable Financial Services (Tax Prep Office)

8224 Bedford Eules Road, 817-281-0300

Allstate Industries (Product Sales)

6515 Smithfield Ste. C, 817-581-3749

Aramark Café/HealthMarkets (Food Service)

9151 Boulevard 26, 817-255-3887

Daddy Day Care (Child Care)

7701 North Richland Boulevard, 817-788-5500

Ferrari's (Restaurant)

7901 Mid Cities Boulevard #242, 817-281-1005

IlluminArt Inc. (Landscape Lighting)

5217 Davis Boulevard Ste. B, 817-605-6101

Koda RatHole, LLC (Drilling Company Office)

5616 Davis Boulevard, 817-424-5632

Legacy Tax (Tax Prep Office)

6420 Rufe Snow Drive, 817-605-7606

North Texas Kidney Association (Medical Office)

66331 Boulevard 26 #220, 817-628-0284

Workplace Staffing Solutions (Staffing Office)

5198 Rufe Snow Drive #211, 817-520-2100

ZuRoma Bar & Grill (Restaurant)

8851 Ice House Drive, 817-520-3344

The City of North Richland Hills encourages you to support local businesses and shop NRH first!

Sign Up for CodeRED

Did you know the City's CodeRED system can alert you of emergencies by telephone? Examples of when the CodeRED telephone notification system may be utilized include severe weather, HAZMAT emergencies, extended utility outages, or other emergency situations where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

While the CodeRED system already includes a large database of local phone numbers, no one should assume his or her phone number is included. Businesses should register, as well as residents who have unlisted phone numbers, have changed their phone number or address within the last year, or use a cellular phone as their primary phone.

To register with the CodeRED system, please visit www.nrhtx.com and click on the CodeRED link. If you do not have internet access, you may register by calling 817-427-6015 during normal business hours. If you registered with CodeRED in the past there is no need to sign up again.

NRH₂O Hiring For Summer

NRH₂O is now hiring enthusiastic team members for the 2009 summer! You must be at least 15 years old to apply, and some positions have a minimum age requirement of 16. Visit www.nrhtx.com/jobs for details and job fair dates.

Important Information for Residential VoIP Users

Do you get your telephone service through a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) provider such as Vonage? If so, please pay attention to the following information from Tarrant County 9-1-1:

Since many VoIP phone services are easily moved from one place to another, it is up to the customer to change their address with their service provider any time the customer takes their VoIP service to another location. This could be a move to another residence, or simply on vacation. If you make a 9-1-1 call, you really want it to be answered in the jurisdiction you are actually in at the time. An emergency situation is not the time you want to talk to the North Richland Hills Police Department when you are really at Disney World in Florida!

If you have traditional phone service through AT&T or another provider, this information does not apply to you. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Tarrant County 9-1-1 at 817-334-0911.

Think Green

If you have purchased a new television recently, the City of North Richland Hills encourages you to recycle your old one. Old televisions can be dropped off at any Goodwill store to be resold or recycled. The local Goodwill drop off is located at 7201 Rufe Snow Drive. Also residents may schedule a pickup of TV's (working or non-working) by calling the Salvation Army at 817-834-6271.

Upcoming Events

Easter in the Park

Hop on out and join us on **Saturday, April 4** for North Richland Hills' 20th Annual Easter in the Park celebration. This event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at Green Valley Park, 7701 Smithfield Road. Activities will include an Easter egg hunt with over 20,000 eggs and prizes, a visit by the Easter bunny, bounce houses, train rides, a petting zoo, live entertainment featuring Kids Who Care and performances by local NRH dance groups. The Easter egg hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m., so don't be late. There will be a photo opportunity with a beautiful Easter scene that makes the perfect backdrop for your family portraits, so don't forget to bring your camera! For more information, call 817-427-6600 or go to www.nrhtx.com.

CPR Classes

The NRH Fire Department is offering CPR classes on **April 10, May 8 and June 4**. 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.

Companies in Action

The City of North Richland Hills is proud to host the 2009 Companies in Action. This fun-filled program offers local businesses and organizations the opportunity to compete against one another for awards and bragging rights. Sign up now for bowling on **April 18**. No company is too large or too small to participate! For more information, please call the NRH Recreation Center at 817-427-6600.

Spring Community Cleanup

On **Saturday, April 18** residents can get rid of unwanted bulky items during the annual Spring Community Cleanup. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tarrant County College Northeast Campus, 828 Harwood Road, Parking Lot E, by the Tennis Courts. One load per address is allowed. Proof of residency (driver's license or water bill) must be presented. Residents may get rid of brush, furniture, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, containerized bricks, rocks or concrete and other bulky items. Goodwill Industries will be on site to collect donations. Used cooking oil, paper, televisions, computers, printers, small electronics and aluminum cans may also be dropped off for recycling. Hazardous waste will not be accepted. For more details, please call 817-427-6663.

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.