

Be Cautious About Door-to-Door Solicitors

Every year the North Richland Hills Police Department responds to numerous calls regarding door-to-door solicitors. There are many legitimate organizations that solicit door-to-door; unfortunately there are also many illegal solicitors with the intent of committing fraud. The most important thing to remember: if you feel uncomfortable opening your door to a solicitor for any reason, DON'T.

If someone knocks at your door, ask them to produce their certificate of registration (permit) before they even start their "pitch." Be aware the average con-artist will have many reasons why he/she does not have a certificate of registration to show you. The city has an ordinance regarding soliciting, with rules solicitors are to follow to be in compliance with the City of North Richland Hills. The following are just a few of the regulations:

- A solicitor must have a permit on hand stating their name, company name, and expiration of the permit. The permit should be signed by a representative for the city.
- A solicitor should not knock or ring your doorbell for

the purpose of selling a product or service if the property is posted with a "No Solicitors" sign.

■ A solicitor must leave when asked by the homeowner or apartment dweller.

■ A solicitor cannot make any statements that misrepresent the activity for which they have been authorized by their certificate of registration to solicit.

■ Soliciting is prohibited between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

■ Soliciting is prohibited on Sunday, federally designated holidays, or any day where the Department of Homeland Security has declared an orange or red state of alert.

Permits are issued through the City Secretary's Office at City Hall, with certain criteria required to qualify for the permit. A detailed list of requirements is available at the City Secretary's Office. Please report any illegal solicitors or suspicious behavior to the Police Department at 817-427-7000.

You should also be aware the NRH Police Department does not solicit door-to-door or by telephone for funds.

Reminder for NRH Pet Owners

The City of North Richland Hills reminds pet owners to keep their pets on leashes while at parks and on walking trails. While most pets are very friendly and nice, some residents are likely to be scared if they are approached by a dog they do not know. With your pets on a leash, you will have better control over where they go and who they approach so that others will not be fearful or possibly get hurt.

Also, please pick up after your animals in public areas. Not only does this keep the odor down and the areas clean, but it also helps keep disease from being spread and reduces the number of rodents attracted to the area.

The City does have ordinances pertaining to leashes and picking up after your pets. We ask every pet owner to set an example and be a responsible pet owner and good neighbor so all residents may enjoy our wonderful parks and trails throughout the year. If you want to play with your dog off leash, you are welcome to visit Tipps Canine Hollow at 7804 Davis Blvd. For more information on City ordinances pertaining to pets call the Humane Division at 817-427-6570. For more information on Tipps Canine Hollow please call Parks & Recreation at 817-427-6620.

City Seeks Input on New Recreation Center

North Richland Hills residents are invited to be part of the planning process for the city's new recreation center. Design of the new facility has begun and one of the initial steps in the process is gathering input from the community. Residents can submit written comments to the Parks & Recreation Department at 6720 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180 or e-mail comments to nrhpard@nrhtx.com. All comments must be received by June 19, 2009. For more details, log onto www.nrhtx.com or call 817-427-6620.

Welcome New Businesses

A to Z Therapy Management (Speech Therapy)

5612 Davis Boulevard, 817-581-0111

Home Instead Senior Care (Home Senior Care)

8209 Mid Cities Boulevard, 817-483-5599

My Bilingual Place (Bilingual Classes)

6633 Boulevard 26 #107, 817-841-2829

NRH Montessori (Day Care Center)

8725 North Tarrant Parkway, 817-281-9992

Right of Way (Driving School)

8214 Boulevard 26, 817-605-5900

Roots Coffeehouse (Coffee Shop)

9101 Boulevard 26 #101, 817-503-7344

Texas Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative

Services (Agency Assisting the Disabled)

7921 Boulevard 26, 817-759-3700

Workforce Solutions (Job Search Office)

7001 Boulevard 26 #501, 817-548-5200

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

Attention HOAs - Please Update Contact Information With City

The City of North Richland Hills is updating its Homeowner Association (HOA) contact list. If you are the president or board member of a homeowners' association, please call 817-427-6015. We like to contact HOAs about upcoming community events and activities and we need to update our list.

NRH₂O Opens For Summer

NRH₂O opens the weekend of **May 16** and opens daily beginning **May 23**. Purchase your resident tickets and season passes today! Don't forget to book your summer birthday parties at NRH₂O Family Waterpark. Swim Lesson and Jr. Guard programs are filling up quickly, so sign up today to reserve your spot. Please visit www.nrh2o.com for our operating schedule, to buy tickets and season passes, and for information regarding our programs and special events. NRH₂O offices are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Safety Belts Save Lives

According to Texas state law, every person in the front seat of a vehicle must wear a safety belt. Children under 17 years old in the front or back seat must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat. A child younger than five years old and less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. Local law enforcement and state troopers are enforcing the state's safety belt laws for adults and children. Fines range from \$25 to \$200. Please remember that safety belts save lives.

Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play

Did you know you are required to obtain a permit from the City for the following projects: water heater replacements, fence repairs or replacement, storage buildings, electrical repairs, and garage sales - just to name a few. Please call the Building Inspections Department at 817-427-6300 with any questions you have on home or business repairs. We also have printed materials in our office with additional information about the permit process. Watch for upcoming information on Building Safety Week! We are here to help you protect your most valuable investment - your home and business!

Think Green Tip

Did you know there is an easy, green way to pay your water bill? Sign up today to receive an e-bill notification (with summary account information) and start paperless billing. See your statement online 24/7 and pay your bill from any internet connection. Sign up today at www.nrhtx.com/ebill.aspx.

Upcoming Events

Summer Reading Club

This summer go on a tour of Texas with the North Richland Hills Public Library and the summer reading club. The theme for this year's club is *Libraries: Deep in the Heart of Texas!* Registration begins **Monday, June 1** and ends **Saturday, July 18**. Everyone - readers, listeners, infants, children, teenagers, and adults - may join. The Texas Reading Club is self-paced and fosters reading success by having participants record the length of time they spend reading each day during the summer months. For more information and a schedule of summer events at the Library, call the Children's Department at 817-427-6818 or visit the Library's web site at www.library.nrhtx.com.

CPR Classes

The North Richland Hills Fire Department is offering CPR classes on **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.

"My Part of Town" Movie Nights

Join us for "My Part of Town" Family Movie Nights on **June 12 and July 10**. These family friendly evenings include free games and crafts beginning at 7:30 p.m., with the movie starting at dark. The Friday, June 12 movie night will be held at Kay Granger Park featuring *Kung Fu Panda*. The Friday, July 10 movie night will be held at Dick Faram Park and will feature *Hotel For Dogs*. Join us for a free night of relaxing family fun! For more information call the Recreation Center at 817-427-6600 or visit www.nrhtx.com.

Annual People & Pet Walk-A-Thon

The NRH Animal Adoption & Rescue Center (AARC) will hold its annual People & Pet Walk-A-Thon from 8 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, June 13**. This event will begin and end at the AARC located at 7200 B. Dick Fisher Dr. S. Registration will be an \$18 donation per human participant. Participants are encouraged to ask family, friends and neighbors to support their walk with a donation. All the money collected goes to the Shelter Fund. The walk is approximately two miles through NRH neighborhoods. A Doggie Mall will also be open with various vendors and a kid's tent. Pets do need to be wearing a current rabies tag and their city registration tag. For more information, please call 817-427-6570.

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.