

## Pet Adoption Specials

This holiday season the North Richland Hills Animal Adoption & Rescue Center wants to find “forever” homes for all of the wonderful pets in their care. The shelter is beyond capacity and full of amazing dogs and cats looking to warm your home and heart with love that only a shelter pet can provide. To help these pets find new homes, the following adoption specials are being offered through the end of the year:

- Dogs: \$30
- Kittens (under 1 year old): \$30
- Cats (over 1 year old): FREE with a donated item of food or litter

All adoptions, which are normally \$100, include spay/neuter, microchip, rabies vaccination, city registration and core vaccinations.

Visit the Animal Adoption & Rescue Center at 7301 Iron Horse Boulevard to find the “pur-fect” pet for your family. The center is open Monday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The shelter will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

## Holiday Crime Prevention Tip

Don’t let burglars see the gifts you received this holiday season. The North Richland Hills Police Department encourages you to break down and recycle those big ticket item boxes. Burglars often check curbsides before and after the holidays for electronic and large item boxes, so don’t give them a peek inside your house! Follow NRHPD on Facebook or Twitter for more crime prevention tips this holiday season.

## Reminders for Recycling Large Cardboard Boxes

Did you know that when recycling carts are over stuffed they may not empty completely? Republic Waste Services reminds residents to flatten and cut larger boxes into smaller pieces so they fit loosely inside the cart. Boxes left next to recycle carts cannot be picked up by the automated recycling trucks; therefore they are collected with trash and are not recycled. You can find more recycling information and tips at [www.recyclingsimplified.com](http://www.recyclingsimplified.com).

## 2 Options Make it Easy to Recycle Christmas Trees

Don’t throw away your Christmas tree when the holidays end. Give it another life by recycling it into mulch. The City of North Richland Hills and Republic Services are offering a Christmas tree recycling program for residents starting December 26, 2019.

In order for trees to be recycled, they should be free of tinsel, ornaments, bags, plastic and stands. This program is for live Christmas trees only. Flocked trees are not accepted for mulching but can be placed at your curb for regular trash collection. Artificial Christmas trees and wreaths are not recyclable.

To make recycling simple, two convenient options will be available:

- **Drop Off:** Christmas trees can be dropped off December 26, 2019 through January 5, 2020 at Green Valley Park at 7701 Smithfield Road or at the parking lot of the Dan Echols Center at 6801

Glenview Drive. Please place trees in the dumpsters.

- **Curbside Pickup:** Residents can place Christmas trees curbside for recycling by 7 a.m. on Saturday, January 4 or Saturday, January 11. (Trees placed curbside on other garbage collection days will be put in the landfill and not recycled.) If the tree is taller than 5 feet, please cut it in half.

Mulch from the recycled trees will be available for residents to pick up at the two drop-off locations January 6 through 19, while supplies last. Please bring your own container and shovel to load the mulch. Questions can be directed to the NRH Neighborhood Services Department at 817-427-6650.

## NRH Holiday Closings & Collection Schedules

### Christmas & New Year's Holidays:

Residential garbage and recycling collections will be made on your normally scheduled days during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

NRH City Hall, Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Library, Municipal Court, Senior Center and Richland Tennis Center will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The NRH Centre will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and open from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's Day.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Garbage and recycling will be collected as normally scheduled. NRH City Hall, Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Library, Municipal Court, Senior Center and Richland Tennis Center will be closed on Monday, January 20 for staff development. NRH Centre will be open.

## Monthly Good Neighbor Tip: Parking on Lawn Prohibited

The lawn around your home provides many benefits. It helps protect the soil from erosion, enhances the beauty of your property and provides a safe place for your family to play. It is not intended to be an extra parking space. Please be a good neighbor by parking in your driveway, not on the lawn. City ordinance requires vehicles to be parked on a hard paved surface of concrete or asphalt. For more information, visit [www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance](http://www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance) or call 817-427-6663.

### New Business Spotlight

#### EECU

9009 North Tarrant Pkwy., 800-333-9934  
[www.eecu.org/locations](http://www.eecu.org/locations)

#### Jendiz Furniture

6601 Boulevard 26 #100, 817-616-3606  
[www.jendiz.com](http://www.jendiz.com)

#### ProWash Window Cleaning

5750 Rufe Snow Dr. #147, 817-808-8129  
[www.prowash.biz](http://www.prowash.biz)

**Support local businesses.  
Shop NRH first!**

## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Grease Recycling Program

Don't forget, NRH Public Works will collect used cooking oils and grease for recycling **January 6 - 10**. Containers holding discarded oil and grease must be made of plastic and have a screw top lid. This program is for residents and excludes commercial users. Please call 817-427-6440 to arrange a pick up or get more details.

### Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us **Thursday, January 9** at the NRH Library to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

This free program will take place from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Library's Community Room. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today at [www.alznct.news/NRH-HEALTHY0109](http://www.alznct.news/NRH-HEALTHY0109).

### Behind the Book: Lisa Gardner

Join us in welcoming *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Gardner as she returns to the NRH Library on **Wednesday, January 29** to celebrate the release of her latest book. *When You See Me* unites three of her most beloved characters in a twisty new thriller as they investigate a mysterious murder from the past, which points to a dangerous and chilling present-day crime.

A ticketed pre-event reception with the author will take place at noon. Cost is \$35 to attend and includes a signed copy of *When You See Me*. A free speaking event will take place at 1 p.m. with a book signing to follow. The book will be available for purchase through Barnes & Noble. Visit [www.library.nrhtx.com/behindthebook](http://www.library.nrhtx.com/behindthebook) to learn more.

### Polar Plunge at NRH<sub>2</sub>O

We're freezin' for a reason! Recruit your friends, bring a costume and brave the cold water. NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park is hosting a Polar Plunge, benefiting Special Olympics Texas and local athletes on **Saturday, February 1**. For more information and to sign up to plunge, please visit [www.nrh2o.com/polarplunge](http://www.nrh2o.com/polarplunge).