

Bond Election for Streets to be Held on May 2

On May 2, 2020, North Richland Hills voters will decide if the city should issue \$49.875 million in bonds for street construction projects including Glenview Drive, Iron Horse Boulevard, Chapman Road, Bedford-Eules Road, Lariat Trail and others. If voters approve the proposition, it's projected that property owners won't see a tax rate increase to pay for the bonds as the city continues to pay down its debt.

A group of 35 North Richland Hills citizens serving on the 2020 Capital Program Advisory Committee evaluated the city's infrastructure needs and recommended the City Council call the bond election for street improvements. The last time North Richland Hills held a bond election for street improvements was in 2003.

If approved by voters, plans are for 27 streets to be reconstructed including all or parts of Bedford-Eules Rd., Glenview Dr., Iron Horse Blvd., Lariat Trl., Main St., Windhaven Rd., Harmonson Rd., North Richland Blvd., Chapman Rd., Noreast Dr., Ruth Rd., North Hills Dr., Meadow Oak Dr., Diamond Loch W., Pearl St., Southampton Dr., Stonybrooke Dr., Dawn Dr., Nob Hill Dr., Kirk Ln., Wood View Dr., South Crest Dr., Sierra Dr., Crystal Ln., Daniel Dr., Lake Side Cir., and Post Oak Dr. Combined these streets total 24.7 lane miles, carrying more than 73,000 cars per day.

The 2020 Capital Program Advisory Committee considered several factors when prioritizing and recommending street projects including existing pavement conditions, traffic volumes, maintenance records, input from citizens surveys and estimated costs. While there are additional streets in need of reconstruction, the committee limited its recommendation to what the city can afford without increasing the property tax rate.

For more information about the May 2 bond election including a sample ballot, map of proposed projects and FAQs, please visit www.nrhtx.com/2020bond.

Other Streets Included in Preventive Street Maintenance Program

While 27 streets are proposed for reconstruction in the May 2 bond election, numerous other NRH streets will receive attention this year as part of the ongoing Preventive Street Maintenance Program. This program includes minor sealing, patching and overlaying of streets to preserve and extend the life of the pavement. A street is recommended for reconstruction only after it has exceeded its pavement life expectancy and can no longer be effectively maintained through the Preventive Street Maintenance Program.

This year's Preventive Street Maintenance Program includes work on 163 streets across the city, most of

City Council Election

The following candidates filed for the May City Council Election and will appear on the ballot as unopposed candidates declared elected: Oscar Trevino for Mayor, Rita Wright Oujesky for Council Place 2, Mason Orr for Council Place 4, and Scott Turnage for Council Place 6.

Voting Information

If you are not already registered to vote in North Richland Hills, the deadline to register for this election is April 2.

Early Voting

- Monday-Friday, April 20-24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday-Tuesday, April 27-28, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day

- Saturday, May 2, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling Locations

Residents can vote at any Tarrant County polling location during early voting or on Election Day. For a complete list, please visit www.nrhtx.com/election.

- NRH Library Community Room, 9015 Grand Ave., open for early voting and on Election Day.
- Dan Echols Center, 6801 Glenview Dr., open for early voting and on Election Day.
- Former Bursey Senior Center, 7301 Bursey Rd., open on Election Day only.
- Other Tarrant County polls open for early voting and Election Day.

which are residential. Work has already begun in some areas and will continue throughout the year.

Notable projects include concrete panel replacement on portions of Starnes Road and Hightower Drive. Meadow Road will also be improved in a joint project with Tarrant County Precinct 3, which reduces costs and allows the City of North Richland Hills to stretch street maintenance dollars further. The work on Meadow Road is expected to begin in March.

A list of Preventive Street Maintenance Program projects is available at www.nrhtx.com/streets. Questions may be directed to Public Works at 817-427-6460.

NRH is Counting on You to Complete the 2020 Census

The City of North Richland Hills is counting on you to make sure everyone in our community is counted in the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census form will arrive in your mailbox in March and it's important that every person in your household be counted. Filling out the census ensures North Richland Hills gets its fair share of federal funding for healthcare, public schools, job training, emergency services and more during the next 10 years. It also helps Texas receive accurate representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Don't let our city or state be underrepresented!

Starting in May, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the census to ensure everyone is counted. The best way to avoid a follow-up visit from a census taker is to fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire as soon as you receive it. For more information about the census, please go online to www.2020census.gov.

Reminder About Sewer, Budget Billing Averages

Residential Sewer Average: As a reminder, a new sewer rate average will appear on your monthly NRH utility bill starting in April. The sewer portion of your bill is recalculated each year based upon your household's average water usage during the winter months (December - February). New customers with less than three months of averaging are set at the minimum average of 3,740 gallons. The sewer average is capped at 18,700 gallons.

Residential Budget Billing Average: For customers who utilize budget billing, your water bill will change in April based upon your average bill from April 2019 – March 2020. The budget bill amount remains the same each month, unless the budget deferred exceeds \$250 +/-, at which point a percentage of the deferral applies towards the next bill.

If you have any questions, please call the NRH Water Office at 817-427-6200.

NRH₂O Hiring for Summer

Apply today to be part of the NRH₂O team! If you are looking for a position with a flexible schedule, FREE season pass and making lasting memories with new friends, then this is meant for you. This is the easiest decision you will make this summer. Check out the many positions available at www.nrh2o.com/jobs.

Upcoming Events

BISD Pre-K Registration

Birdville ISD will be conducting pre-kindergarten registration **April 1 through May 15** for children who will be 4 years old by September 1. Registration will be at the elementary school campus that your address is zoned for. You will need to show proof of residence, birth certificate, immunization records, parent identification and proof of income. For more information, visit BISD online at www.birdvilleschools.net.

Mosaic Day Cultural Celebration

Join the NRH Youth Advisory Committee and NRH Library for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating cultural diversity in our community on **Saturday, April 4** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This free event will take place at the NRH Library and will feature interactive storyteller Oba William King. William King, known as *The Poetic Storyteller*, tours nationally presenting programs of story, song, and drum for all ages and cultures. Please visit www.library.nrh.tx.com for more information.

NRH Pop Up Egg Hunts

For 2020, the Easter Bunny is going on an egg-cellent adventure throughout several NRH parks. Pop up egg hunts are coming to four NRH parks on **Wednesday, April 8** at 6 p.m. and **Friday, April 10** at 1 p.m. with exact locations announced the day of the event. Kids, have your baskets ready and keep a watch on social media and the www.nrh.tx.com website for locations. Park names will be announced one hour before each pop up hunt. Contact the Parks Department at 817-427-6620 with any questions.

Spring Community Cleanup

On **Saturday, April 25** NRH 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 NE Campus at 828 Harwood Rd. in Parking Lot E1 by the tennis courts. Please enter the campus from Boulevard 26. Proof of residency (driver's license or water bill) must be presented. Drop-off will cease when trucks are full so please arrive early. Visit www.nrh.tx.com/cleanup for more information and a list of what is and is not accepted.

Home Buying & Selling Workshops

The NRH Library is partnering with a local real estate professional to bring you two free workshops covering the home buying and selling processes. Information covered in these sessions includes how to determine which renovations will yield the highest return on your investment, timing the sale of your home, financing and mortgage information, costs associated with home ownership, and current home sales data in North Richland Hills.

- Preparing to Sell Your Home: **Monday, April 27**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Buying A Home: **Thursday, May 7**, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Visit library.nrh.tx.com for more information or to register.