

## Stay Safe While Supporting NRH Businesses

As Texas lifts restrictions from the coronavirus pandemic and local businesses begin to reopen, the City of North Richland Hills urges you to continue to be diligent with social distancing, handwashing and staying home whenever possible. Many local businesses have been heavily impacted from full or partial closures during this pandemic and they need our support; but we must do so safely so that we do not ruin the progress that has been made to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please follow these recommendations to protect yourself, store employees and other shoppers:

- Order ahead for pickup or delivery whenever possible.
- Wear a mask or other face covering in public.
- Carry your own wipes, or use one provided by the store, to wipe down handles of the shopping cart or basket.

- Practice social distancing while shopping – keeping at least 6 feet between you, other shoppers, and employees.
- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds when you return home and again after you put away purchased items.

Now, more than ever, is the time to support the businesses that have been supporting our community for so many years. Please spend your dollars at NRH businesses whenever possible, rather than in a nearby city. Share your favorite NRH businesses with friends on social media, and when you have a good experience leave the business a nice review. If you need help selecting a restaurant for your next takeout order, view the NRH Dining Guide at [www.nrhed.com/diningguide](http://www.nrhed.com/diningguide).

For the latest information on coronavirus in our community, visit [www.nrhtx.com/covid19](http://www.nrhtx.com/covid19).

## Save Water with Sprinkler System Checkup

Most homeowners catch indoor leaks quickly, but outdoor leaks and problems can be harder to find, especially with your irrigation system. Performing irrigation troubleshooting checks to determine if you have a leak or malfunctioning system can help you conserve water and save money. Irrigation systems should be checked and fixed on a regular basis. We recommend you visually inspect your sprinkler system once a month and have it checked by an irrigation specialist at least once a year. Here's what to look for:

**Irrigation Controller** - Look at the controller to make sure the programming is reasonable. Sometimes an irrigation controller loses its programming due to loss of power, and goes on default, which may be the totally wrong schedule for your lawn. Routinely checking your controller's programming and time clock can ensure you are watering at the appropriate time of day, times per week and for a reasonable amount of time. Remember to make seasonal adjustments. Less watering is needed when it's been raining and during cooler months.

**Sprinkler Valves** - Locate and check each of your valve boxes. Are they flooded or dry? They should be dry. If they're wet, and it hasn't been raining, check them carefully for worn parts, loose wiring, or water leaking out between fittings.

**Sprinkler Stations** - Turn the stations on one by one and look for water geysers, which indicate broken or missing spray heads, and spurts of water at the base of each sprinkler, which indicate a broken seal where the nozzle meets the supply line beneath. You should also check for water spurts or flooded areas between sprinklers, which indicates a broken supply line. Finally, make sure the sprinklers are only watering the lawn and landscaping. Look for and realign any spray heads that shoot water into a nearby obstruction or over the sidewalk or driveway instead of the grass.

Keep in mind, if there are any breaks or loose fittings underground, the water loss may not be visible. Because water naturally flows in a path of least resistance and gravity pulls it down, many underground leaks do not appear on the surface of the ground. If your water usage has been unusually high, and you suspect an underground irrigation leak, consult an irrigation specialist.

Visit [www.savetarrantwater.com](http://www.savetarrantwater.com) to find videos on how to make common sprinkler system repairs. The Tarrant Regional Water District also offers NRH residents a free check of their irrigation system and tips on how to operate it more efficiently. Limit one evaluation per address. To learn more and sign up, please visit [www.nrhtx.com/sprinkler](http://www.nrhtx.com/sprinkler) or call 817-427-6457.

## NRHPD Tips & Tools for Preventing Package Theft

As you continue to use online shopping and delivery services, remember to be mindful of some safety options when confirming your delivery. Consider having your packages delivered to where you are, rather than where you are not. For example, if you work during the day, look at having your items delivered to work, if allowable, or to a family member who is home to accept the delivery on your behalf. Use alternate pickup options such as a secure location, like an Amazon Locker, or curbside pickup. When mailing a package to a family or friend, explore the option of a signature for delivery, especially with valuable items. The small fee associated will help give you peace of mind that your package will arrive safely. You can also consider using home security options, such as home surveillance cameras. This allows you to know when a package has been delivered and keep an eye on it before you arrive home.

## Access eBooks & More with Digital Library Card

If you have a NRH Library Card, you might already know about all of the awesome digital materials that are available from the Library, but did you know digital library cards are also available? The digital cards are great for NRH residents who haven't received a physical library card and want to sign up to access eBooks. Visit [library.nrhtx.com/digital](http://library.nrhtx.com/digital) to learn more.

## Imagine Your Story with Mayor's Summer Reading Club

Reading is fun, but sometimes children need a little incentive and that's where the NRH Library comes in! The Mayor's Summer Reading Club (MSRC) is a self-paced reading program that encourages reading throughout the summer. Research shows that two months of reading and math skills are lost over a single summer, but reading just six books during the summer may keep a student from falling behind in the next school year.

MRSC is a free program for all ages. Just keep track of how much you read using the Library's online tracker, and earn virtual badges in the process! It's a great way to encourage yourself or start a friendly competition with family and friends. Plus, the Library will have free performances and activities for families all summer long – whether they are virtual or in-person. Mayor Trevino will recognize children who read more than 100 hours at the end of summer. Visit [library.nrhtx.com/SRC](http://library.nrhtx.com/SRC) to learn more.

## New Business Spotlight

### Garcia's Latin Cuisine

8407 Boulevard 26, 817-576-4333  
[www.garciaslatincuisine.com](http://www.garciaslatincuisine.com)

### Safe Armed Security and Investigation

8701 Bedford-Eules Rd. #500, 469-407-1000

### The Hangout (Craft Store)

6350 Glenview Dr. #116, 817-707-6748

*Support local businesses.  
Shop NRH first!*

## Good Neighbor Tip of Month: Maintain Your Swimming Pool

While owning a swimming pool or hot tub can be fun, it also comes with responsibility. Please be a good neighbor and properly maintain it. When a pool is neglected, it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus and other diseases. It can also create safety concerns that could lead to accidental drowning. City ordinance requires you to maintain swimming pools and hot tubs, and their related accessory structures in a safe, secured, clean and sanitary condition. For more information, visit [www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance](http://www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance) or call 817-427-6663.

## Remember to Leash Your Dog and Pick Up Pet Waste

Nothing is better than an enjoyable walk with your furry best friend, but there are things to remember. City ordinance requires that dogs be restrained at all times when outside of their home or enclosed yard. Simply put, when visiting a park or trail, in your neighborhood or any other public place, a dog must be restrained by a leash in the immediate and physical control of its owner at all times. Other important tips to remember are that dogs are required to be currently vaccinated for rabies and city licensed, with tags displayed on their collar and owners are required to clean up after their pets. Keeping parks, trails and neighborhoods safe, clean, and fun depends on everyone abiding by the rules to help ensure a good time for all!

Please visit [www.nrhtx.com/petlicense](http://www.nrhtx.com/petlicense) to obtain your annual pet license. For questions concerning responsible pet ownership or to report animal related violations, please contact North Richland Hills Animal Services at 817-427-6570.