

Help Neighbors in Need During Fall Fix it Blitz

Make a difference in your community by being part of the 2020 Neighborhood Initiative Program's Annual Fix It Blitz on Saturday, October 24. The North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program continues to serve eligible residents through a partnership between the City of North Richland Hills, local businesses, churches and volunteers.

Throughout the year, staff identify residents who are physically and financially unable to keep their houses in livable condition and mobilize volunteers to get the work done at no cost to the homeowner. This program is designed to bring about community support and involvement for improving and enhancing the livability of our neighborhoods.

Fix It Blitz volunteers make a difference by helping the elderly, disabled, single parents and veterans who are struggling to complete needed minor exterior property repairs and yard work. Projects may include mowing, tree trimming, fence repair, debris removal, light construction, painting, etc. There will be projects for all skill levels.

To help protect the health of our community, Fix

It Blitz volunteers and residents who are receiving assistance will be asked to follow current health protocols for wearing a face covering, social distancing and sanitizing.

Donations are very important to the work of the Neighborhood Initiative Program as we support those who are economically challenged. Donations are used to purchase building materials, tools, supplies and equipment needed to complete home maintenance projects. We have several sponsorship opportunities for those who wish to support this worthwhile cause while gaining exposure for a business or organization.

To volunteer, make a donation or see if you qualify for assistance from the Neighborhood Initiative Program, please visit www.nrhtx.com/NIP, call 817-427-6651 or e-mail NIP@nrhtx.com. Fix It Blitz volunteers are encouraged to pre-register online by October 1 to be assigned a project and receive your free t-shirt. If there is inclement weather on October 24, the Fix It Blitz will be rescheduled to Saturday, November 7.

Have Flooding Concerns? Contact NRH Public Works

Did you know the North Richland Hills Public Works Department provides determinations on whether a property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area? Information is also available on:

- Flood insurance data such as the FIRM Zone, Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and the location of Floodways;
- Little Bear Creek Corridor's natural floodplain protection regulations;
- Elevation Certificates that have been processed in North Richland Hills;
- Historical flooding or drainage problems throughout the city.

NRH Public Works staff will make site visits to review flooding and drainage problems for property located within the city limits. These services are offered free of charge. For more information, please contact the NRH Public Works Department at 817-427-6400.

Know Your Watering Schedule

The city of North Richland Hills reminds all water customers that you may use sprinklers or irrigation systems no more than twice per week based on the following schedule:

Monday - No watering

Tuesday & Friday - Non-residential sites (businesses, apartments, park, common areas)

Wednesday & Saturday - Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Thursday & Sunday - Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day. Please visit www.nrhtx.com/conservation for more information.

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Swat Down Mosquitoes and Diseases they Carry

While slowing the spread of coronavirus has received much of our attention this year, residents should also take steps to protect themselves from West Nile Virus and other diseases carried by mosquitoes. Mosquito season continues through October. It only takes one bite from one infected mosquito to make you or a family member sick.

Removing standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs is a key step in reducing the mosquito population. Remove stagnant water from flower pots, bird baths, trash containers, children's toys, clogged rain gutters and other places around your property. Place environmentally friendly Bti briquets in stagnant water that can't be drained. Thinning shrubs and cutting down tall grass and weeds where mosquitoes rest will also help reduce the number of mosquitoes in your yard. You should also use insect repellent every time you spend time outdoors, day or night.

The city proactively treats creeks and drainage channels to reduce the mosquito population and works with Tarrant County Public Health to monitor for West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. In areas where a mosquito-borne virus is detected, targeted ground level spraying is utilized to help reduce the mosquito population. For more information, visit www.nrhtx.com/mosquitocontrol or call Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6650.

Upcoming Events

Labor Day Closings, Collection Schedule

Non-emergency city offices will be closed on **Monday, September 7** in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Library, Municipal Court, Tennis Center and Senior Center will also be closed. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on Labor Day. Monday collections will shift to Tuesday and Tuesday collections will be made on Wednesday.

Trash Bash Litter Cleanup Event

Join other volunteers to beautify North Richland Hills during the annual Trash Bash Litter Cleanup event on **Saturday, September 26**. See how much can be accomplished when we work together. This is a great community service event for youth. Trash bags, gloves and safety vests will be supplied for all volunteers. To help protect the health of our community, volunteers will be asked to follow current health protocols for wearing a face covering, social distancing and sanitizing. Register by September 1 to receive a free t-shirt. Visit nrhtx.com/trashbash to sign up.

New Business Spotlight

Berry Best BBQ

7509 Boulevard 26, 817-849-2066
www.berrybestbbq.com

CBD American Shaman Rufe Snow

6412 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-800-4777

DFW Site Services, LLC

8208 Northeast Pkwy. #111, 817-475-4286

Feed Smart, Inc.

8208 Northeast Pkwy. #122, 817-576-4648
www.feed-smart.com

Home Renovations.Pro

6517 Smithfield Rd. Ste. B, 817-479-7888
www.homerenovations.pro

Interactive Marketing Group

5424 Rufe Snow Dr. #501, 817-281-0705
www.outdoorimg.com

Muddy Pup Grooming, LLC

5959 Ross Rd. Ste. B, 817-479-6222

Robert Chandler Insurance Agency

8415 Davis Blvd. #305, 682-325-5125
www.farmersagent.com/rchandler

Sleep Smart LLC

5101 Davis Blvd. Ste. C, 817-479-3211
www.isleepsmart.com

Takeoffprintz

5424 Rufe Snow Dr. #402, 817-501-1099
Etsy.com/shop/takeoffprintz

*Support local businesses.
Shop NRH first!*

Good Neighbor Tip of the Month: Parking

In order to keep neighborhoods safe for pedestrians and motorists, the City of North Richland Hills enforces parking ordinances.

It is unlawful to park any vehicle or trailer across any sidewalk for pedestrians. Also, a vehicle may not be parked in your yard unless it is parked on a hard paved surface of concrete or asphalt not less than 9 feet by 18 feet or screened from public view by a solid fence at least 6 feet in height (exception R-1-S zoning).

Please be a good neighbor and do not park your vehicle or recreational vehicle in your yard or block the sidewalks. Visit www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance or call 817-427-6663 for more information. To report abandoned vehicles parked on the street or vehicles blocking sidewalks, please contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 817-281-1000.