

## Continue Precautions Against Coronavirus

As COVID-19 cases continue to surge in North Texas and across the nation, we want to remind residents - especially those over 65 and anyone with medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, cancer or weakened immune system - to take precautions to stay healthy and safe. Here are steps that everyone should continue to take:

- Self-screen for symptoms of illness and stay home if you are sick;
- Avoid gathering with others. The fewer people you interact with, the better you control your exposure;
- Always wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when around anyone who is not a member of your household;
- Keep 6 feet of distance between yourself and others that you do not live with;
- Avoid sharing common objects and regularly sanitize frequently touched objects.

- Individuals who are 65 and older and those with medical conditions are at higher risk of COVID-19 and should stay at home as much as possible.

The COVID testing site located at 9001 Boulevard 26, in the parking lot of NRH2O Family Water Park, is now open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The free test is a self administered mouth swab with results given in 24 to 48 hours. There is no NRH residency requirement. To schedule an appointment, please go online to [www.curative.com](http://www.curative.com).

During these unusual times, some residents may have needs out of the ordinary. The 2-1-1 helpline is staffed 24/7 to assist Texans with needs that may arise such as food, housing, utilities, mental health, etc. You can also use their online system to search for resources at [www.211texas.org](http://www.211texas.org).

You can access the latest statistics and information about coronavirus in our community at [www.nrhtx.com/COVID19](http://www.nrhtx.com/COVID19) or by calling the Tarrant County Coronavirus Hotline at 817-248-6299.

### Text to 9-1-1 Now Available

Tarrant County 9-1-1 has launched the text to 9-1-1 feature. This feature allows those who may not be able to call into 9-1-1 the ability to text and summon help. While this is a considerable advancement in technology and an excellent step for the future of our dispatch center, the software can't currently receive pictures, audio, or voice recording messages. Dispatchers have received training and are ready to continue to serve NRH with this new advancement.

### NRHPD Holiday Safety Tip

Remember when throwing away Christmas gift boxes to break them down. By placing the large boxes from a new gift out by the curb, you are advertising what you just got. Thieves often scour the streets after the holidays to search for clues as to what's inside your home by the boxes left outside. You can help eliminate these crimes of opportunity by simply breaking down the boxes and placing them inside your recycle bin. Don't make it easy for criminals this holiday season!

## Voters Approve Proposition for Street Improvements

Thank you to the more than 32,000 voters who made your voices heard in the Nov. 3 bond election for street improvements. The \$49,875,000 bond proposition passed with nearly 80% voting in favor. The bond program will allow the city to reconstruct 27 streets including Glenview, Iron Horse, Bedford-Eules, Chapman, Lariat and others, and will not require an increase in the city's property tax rate. Thank you also to the 35 residents who served on the 2020 Capital Program Advisory Committee and provided valuable input in developing the bond proposition that was presented to the voters.

City staff has begun planning to carry out these much needed improvements with projects to be phased in over the next 5 years. Our commitment to voters is to deliver high quality improvements in a timely manner and within budget. We will be creating a webpage to keep the public informed of the timeline and progress for each of the 27 street improvement projects. In the meantime, you can find a map of all of the projects included in the bond program at [www.nrhtx.com/2020bond](http://www.nrhtx.com/2020bond).

## NRH Holiday Collection Schedules & Closings

- **Christmas Holiday:** There will be normal garbage and recycling collections on Christmas Eve and no collections on Christmas Day. Friday, Dec. 25 collections will be made on Saturday, Dec. 26 instead. NRH City Hall and other non-emergency city services will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25. Iron Horse Golf Course will be open on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day.
- **New Year's Day:** There will be no garbage and recycling collection on Jan. 1. Friday collections will be made on Saturday instead. NRH City Hall and most other non-emergency city services will be closed on Jan. 1. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Garbage and recycling will be collected as normally scheduled on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18. NRH City Hall and most other non-emergency city services will be closed. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of North Richland Hills and Republic Services are offering a Christmas tree recycling program for residents starting December 26. 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. Two convenient options will be available:

- **Drop Off:** Christmas trees can be dropped off December 26 through January 3 in the parking lot at Green Valley Park at 7701 Smithfield Road or 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 Wednesday, January 6 or Saturday, January 9. If the tree is taller than 5 feet, please cut it in half. Trees placed curbside on other garbage collection days will be put in the landfill and not recycled.

Mulch from the recycled trees will be available for residents to pick up at the two drop-off locations January 4 through 17, while supplies last. Please bring your own container and shovel to load the mulch. Questions can be directed to Neighborhood Services Department at 817-427-6650.

## New Business Spotlight

### AT&T Store

5121 Rufe Snow Drive, Ste. 130  
817-576-4850, [www.att.com](http://www.att.com)

### Living Pretty (Salon)

7000 NE Loop 820, 817-479-3497  
[www.vagaro.com/livingpretty](http://www.vagaro.com/livingpretty)

### The Garden Party (Tearoom)

5505 Davis Blvd., Ste. A, 214-702-8579  
[www.thegarden-party.com](http://www.thegarden-party.com)

*Support local businesses.  
Shop NRH first!*

## Holiday Lights in NRH

While holiday events in 2020 will look different, our holiday spirit will be no less bright! The array of holiday lighting along Hawk Avenue, Grand Avenue and City Point Drive is a wonderful sight for your family to drive through and enjoy. Holiday photo opportunities are also available in the outdoor plaza area of the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Avenue. The holiday lights and photo opportunities will be displayed through January 1, 2021.

## Enjoy At Home Holiday Activities with NRH Library

The NRH Library is offering a wide variety of at home holiday activities for your family to enjoy during December. Check out their Library Holiday Bingo, Books & Cooks with librarians cooking up holiday recipes, Pinterest party, Maker Spot at home activities, virtual story times and more. Visit the library's website at [www.library.nrhtx.com](http://www.library.nrhtx.com) or follow them at [www.facebook.com/NRHLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/NRHLibrary) for all of the details.

## Recycle Your Cooking Oil, Grease

The City of NRH reminds you to never pour cooking oil or grease down the drain. Grease clogs your pipes and can cause sewer backups. NRH Public Works will collect used cooking oils and grease for recycling Jan. 4 - 8. 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 information.