

## Take Steps to Avoid Contractor Scams

Severe weather is possible during any time of year in Texas. Unfortunately, whenever there is storm damage, there are scam artists looking to take advantage. Even though you want repairs completed quickly, you should always take time to screen your contractor. The following steps can help protect what you invest in repairs:

- Get contractor recommendations from people you know and trust.
- Get at least three bids. Bids should be on the company's letterhead with a phone number and address.
- Consider only contractors who are licensed and insured.
- Be wary if a contractor asks for a large or full down payment.

## Garbage & Recycling Fee Adjustment Effective Feb. 1

Effective Feb. 1, 2023, Republic Services will increase its monthly fee for garbage and recycling collection services in North Richland Hills by 4.90%. The new monthly rate for residents will be \$18.47, with senior citizens paying a discounted rate of \$17.68. Commercial garbage rates can be found online at [www.nrhtx.com/rates](http://www.nrhtx.com/rates).

Republic Services provides twice a week take-all service and once a week recycling.

In addition, North Richland Hills utility customers are allowed free access to the Arlington Landfill once per month. To gain free access, residents must present a valid driver's license or photo ID and a voucher, which is available on the city's website. Residents presenting loads are restricted to a standard pick-up bed with no side-boards or a standard trailer of 8 feet in length or less. Landfill rules, hours and rates may be found at [www.nrhtx.com/landfill](http://www.nrhtx.com/landfill).

Questions about your monthly bill may be directed to the NRH Water Office at 817-427-6200 or by emailing [customerservice@nrhtx.com](mailto:customerservice@nrhtx.com). To report missed pickups or for questions about garbage and recycling service, please call Republic Services at 817-317-2085 Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- Ask for a written contract and review it carefully. Keep a copy of all agreements and warranty terms.
- Visit [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov) for more tips.

In NRH, emergency repairs may be started without a permit, but permits and inspections should be requested as soon as possible. Homeowners' insurance often requires work to be done by a licensed professional with the required permits and inspections in order to process an insurance claim. A roofing permit is needed anytime decking is being replaced. A fence permit is required when four or more fence panels are being replaced. If you have questions or need more information, please give the Building Inspections & Permits Office a call at 817-427-6300 or visit [www.nrhtx.com/inspections](http://www.nrhtx.com/inspections).

## New Business Spotlight

### Boulevard Café

5121 Davis Blvd., 817-849-2231

### Edward Jones Investments

8205 Mid Cities Blvd. #200, 817-282-8908  
[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)

### Flower of Life Chiropractic

8701 North Tarrant Pkwy. #100, 817-405-4415  
[www.floweroflifechiropractic.com](http://www.floweroflifechiropractic.com)

### Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken

5226 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-479-3674  
[www.hangryjoes.com](http://www.hangryjoes.com)

### Mariscos El Malecon Seafood Bar and Grill

7630 NE Loop 820, 817-781-8713

### Metro Massage Therapy, LLC

6624 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-393-7728  
[www.mmtdfw.com](http://www.mmtdfw.com)

### Shooter's Coffee Co.

5205 Davis Blvd., Suite C, 817-393-3591  
[www.shooterscoffeeco.com](http://www.shooterscoffeeco.com)

### Sure Staff

9155 Boulevard 26 #240, 817-961-1700  
[www.sure-staff.com](http://www.sure-staff.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### Resident Discounts at NRH Centre

If you are planning to make 2023 both a happy and healthy new year, the NRH Centre is here to help! Enjoy a state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor track, aquatics facility, gymnasium, personal training, massage therapy, exercise classes and more. Everything within the NRH Centre is designed to make a big impact on your wellness journey. NRH residents get discounted rates on NRH Centre memberships and day passes. For more information, stop by the NRH Centre at 6000 Hawk Ave. or visit [www.nrhcentre.com](http://www.nrhcentre.com).

### Long-Term Parking Now Available at TEXRail Stations

Did you know long-term parking is now available for only \$5 a night at TEXRail's Smithfield and Iron Horse Stations? There are 20 designated long-term spots, marked with corresponding signage at each station. Customers must make reservations and payments within the Ace Parking app, which is available in Apple and Google Play app stores. For commuters and day trippers, free parking continues to be available for up to 20 hours per trip. For more information, visit [ridetrinitymetro.org/about-textrail/](http://ridetrinitymetro.org/about-textrail/) or call Trinity Metro at 817-215-8600.

### Good Neighbor Tip: Turn Sprinklers Off During Freezing Weather

Please be a good neighbor and turn your sprinkler system off when freezing weather is expected. This will prevent water from freezing on streets and sidewalks, which creates a dangerous situation for walkers, drivers and cyclists. Newer irrigation systems come equipped with rain and freeze sensors. Those sensors should be checked periodically to verify they are still operating. If you have any questions, please contact the Code Compliance Office at 817-427-6663.

### City of NRH is Hiring

Whether you're looking for a new career or part-time work to supplement your income, consider a job with the City of North Richland Hills. The city has positions for a variety of skill sets and interests. Comprehensive benefits are provided for all fulltime positions. We're looking for employees who share our core values of respect, service, productivity, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork. View our current openings and apply today at [www.nrhtx.com/jobs](http://www.nrhtx.com/jobs).

### Daddy Daughter Valentine Dance

Dads, grandpas and uncles are invited to bring their daughters, granddaughters and nieces to the 2023 NRH Daddy Daughter Valentines Dance on Saturday, Feb. 18. This special evening will include dancing, refreshments and photographs. Ages 3 to 6 are invited from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., ages 7 to 10 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and ages 11 to 14 from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The dance will be held at the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. The cost is \$20 per person. A discount is available when purchasing 3 or more tickets. Tickets are on sale now at the NRH Centre Guest Services Desk. The dance does sell out, so get your tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more details, please call the NRH Centre at 817-427-6600.

### Citizens Police Academy

The North Richland Hills Police Department invites you to join the Citizens Police Academy (CPA). Participants will learn about patrol procedures, dispatch operations, SWAT operations and crime scene search, as well as many other law enforcement subjects. The next academy will take place on Thursday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., starting Feb. 2 and continuing through April 27.

CPA is open to NRH residents and those who work in North Richland Hills. There is no cost to participate. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. An online application is available at [www.nrhtx.com/CPA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CPA). Please call 817-427-7021 with any questions.

### Citizens Fire Academy

Join the Citizens Fire Academy (CFA) and learn how NRH Fire-Rescue prepares for life threatening emergencies. This program is designed for people who have a genuine desire to learn about the daily life of firefighters, want to increase their fire and life safety awareness, and wish to widen their knowledge of the services provided by the Fire Department.

The next CFA will take place on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting March 2 and continuing through April 27. There will also be one Saturday session on April 22. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. CFA is open to NRH residents and those who work in North Richland Hills. To register or get more information, visit [www.nrhtx.com/CFA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CFA) or call 817-427-6900.