

Understanding Your Tarrant Property Value Notice

In April, the Tarrant Appraisal District (TAD) mailed annual property value notices to Tarrant County homeowners. We know it caused sticker shock for many of you. As you are aware, home prices have gone up in recent years. However, if you're not looking to buy or sell a home, you may not have realized just how high. It's important to know that the Taxable Value is the number used to calculate your tax bill, NOT the Market Value. Look instead at the Taxable Value. Below is a quick explanation of what the different terms on your property value notice mean.

- **Market Value:** The amount the Tarrant Appraisal District believes your home would currently sell for.
- **Appraised Value:** The value of your home after the state-mandated limitations on value increases for residential homesteads is factored in. The appraised value of a homestead may increase no more than 10% per year.
- **Exemptions:** Exemptions are offered by the city and other taxing entities to lower your homestead's appraised value and the amount you are taxed. To help offset rising property values, last year the NRH City Council increased the city's homestead exemption to 20%, which is the maximum allowed by state law.
- **Taxable Value:** The Taxable Value is the Appraised Value minus your Exemptions. The tax rate is applied to this value to determine your tax bill.

This year, the deadline to protest property values has been extended. Protests must now be filed before

May 30. Visit www.tad.org for more information.

If you moved to a new home or turned 65 in the past year, be sure to submit an application to the Tarrant Appraisal District for your homestead and/or senior exemptions: www.tad.org/homestead-exemption. You will only need to apply once. If you remain in the same home, the exemptions will carry forward each year.

Currently, around 28% of homes in NRH benefit from the senior/disabled exemption and tax freeze. The freeze sets a cap, or ceiling, on the amount of property taxes paid annually to the city, school district, county and college district. The ceiling is set in the year that you turn 65. In future years, property taxes on your home will not go above the ceiling amount unless you move or make an addition to your home. The Hospital District does not offer a tax freeze, therefore that portion of a senior's tax bill may still increase.

Annual property tax bills are mailed each October after cities, counties, school districts and other taxing entities adopt their budgets and tax rates. Public hearings for the City's budget and tax rate will be held before the City Council in late August/early September. You can sign up for City Council Meeting notifications online at www.nrhtx.com/notify. It's important to know that in 2019, state legislators enacted Senate Bill 2, which requires cities and counties to get voter approval if they want to raise the annual property tax revenue they collect from existing properties by more than 3.5%.

For more information about property taxes, visit www.nrhtx.com/taxes. If you have questions about your property value notice, contact TAD at 817-284-8884.

Family 4th Fireworks Show Planned for July 3

This year's Northeast Tarrant Family 4th will feature a fantastic display of fireworks from 9:30-10 p.m. on Monday, July 3. Families can also enjoy bounce houses and food trucks starting at 5 p.m. and a concert by the Texas All-Star Jazz Orchestra from 7:30-9 p.m.

The fireworks can be viewed from the parking lots of the Wiley G. Thomas Coliseum, 6108 Broadway Avenue in Haltom City, and BISD Plaza, 6351 Boulevard 26 in NRH. Parking will be available on a first come first served basis, so plan to come early. Vehicles will not be allowed to park along the street.

Feel free to bring chairs, blankets, and games for

the family to play while waiting for the fireworks. However, no outdoor cooking or grilling devices and no alcohol or personal fireworks will be permitted. In the event of inclement weather, all festivities and the fireworks show will be rescheduled to Wednesday, July 5.

This free patriotic event is made possible thanks to the support of the cities of Haltom City, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Saginaw, and Watauga as well as the event title sponsors: Five Star Ford and Medical City North Hills. For more information, please contact the Northeast Tarrant Chamber at 817-281-9376 or visit www.netarrant.org.

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 full-time positions. We're looking for employees who share our core values of respect, service, productivity, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork. If serving your community and making a difference interests you, view our current openings and apply today at www.nrhtx.com/jobs.

Good Neighbor Tip: Swimming Pools

While owning a swimming pool or hot tub can be fun, it also comes with responsibility. Please be a good neighbor and properly maintain your pool. 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. Please visit www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance or call 817-427-6663 for more information.

New Business Spotlight

All Pro Commercial Services

9003 Airport Fwy., Suite 260
817-776-9152, allprocx.com

Canales Furniture

5555 Rufe Snow Dr., Suite 390
817-576-4083, canalesfurniture.com

Eagle Painting

6513 Smithfield Rd., Suite G
817-333-8866, eaglepaintingcompany.com

Eclipse Cards and Hobby LLC.

9155 Boulevard 26, Studio 280
817-576-4030, eclipsecardsandhobby.com

Neighborhood Barre Fort Worth

6020 Parker Blvd., Suite 110
682-325-8233, neighborhoodbarre.com

Perigee Direct

5102 Commercial Dr.
817-381-9398, perigeedirect.com

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Upcoming Events

Summer Reading Club Kick Off Party

Join us at the NRH Library on **Saturday, June 3**, for a bubble bonanza to celebrate the start of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club! You can take a break from the bubble fun with face painting, music, snow cones, hula hoops, and more! This free event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is located at 9015 Grand Ave. For more information, visit www.library.nrhtx.com.

Library in the Park

Your NRH Library is going on the move! Join us at one of our beautiful NRH parks **each Tuesday from May 30 through June 20** to enjoy stories and crafts, check out books, and learn about the Mayor's Summer Reading Club! Library in the Park will take place from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the following parks:

- May 30 - Linda Spurlock Park
- June 6 - Adventure World Playground
- June 13 - Faram Park
- June 20 - Linda Spurlock Park

Please contact the library at 817-427-6800 with any questions.

'Round the Town with Oscar Bicycle Ride

Join Mayor Oscar Trevino on his monthly bicycle ride through North Richland Hills! The June ride will take place on **Tuesday, June 6**. This is a family-friendly ride and is open to all ages. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors and be active in NRH. Helmets are required. Riders should bring their own water bottles. Visit www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown for the ride schedule and locations.

World's Largest Swimming Lesson

Join NRH₂O Family Water Park for its 14th Annual World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL) on **Thursday, June 22!** WLSL is an event designed to build awareness about the vital importance of teaching kids to swim to help prevent drowning. What's exciting about the WLSL event is that so many organizations and aquatic facilities are coming together to make it happen. The WLSL event helps capture the passion we have for this critical issue as individuals and focuses all that energy on one message for one day. You can be a part of a worldwide team by taking part in this fun, 30-minute lesson provided by NRH₂O staff! Watch for event details at www.facebook.com/nrh2ofun or contact NRH₂O at 817-427-6500 for more information.