

## 2 Citizen Academies Offered this Fall

Residents have the opportunity to learn more about city services and operations at two citizen academies this fall.

### Citizens Police Academy

The Police Department is holding a Citizens Police Academy from August 25 through November 17. Classes will be held on Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn about patrol procedures, dispatch operations, SWAT operations and crime scene search, as well as many other law enforcement subjects.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to NRH residents and those who work in North Richland Hills. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited and advanced registration is required. More information and an application is available at [www.nrhtx.com/CPA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CPA) or by calling 817-427-7021.

### Citizens Civic Academy

The Citizens Civic Academy familiarizes residents with the structure, functions and activities of North Richland Hills local government, encourages citizens to become involved in their community, and enhances their ability to communicate effectively with city officials. Class sessions cover a broad range of city departments and operations from Animal Services to Zoning and everything in between. Participants also learn about volunteer opportunities with the city.

The 2016 Citizens Civic Academy will be held September 13 through October 25 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class size is limited to 20 people. More information and an application is available at [www.nrhtx.com/CCA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CCA) or by contacting Kristin James at 817-427-6015.

## New Campaign Focuses on Drowning Prevention

The City of North Richland Hills has teamed up with community partners to introduce NRH Water Safety 365, an initiative to educate residents on simple steps they can take to prevent drowning. The campaign focuses on putting layers of protection in place and following the ABCs of water safety, whether you are at the pool, the lake or at home, 365 days a year. For more information, please visit [www.nrhws365.com](http://www.nrhws365.com).

A golf tournament supporting the NRH Water Safety 365 campaign will be held on September 2 at Iron Horse Golf Course. Fees are \$125 per player, or \$400 per foursome, and include breakfast, green fees, cart fees, lunch, awards ceremony, and two drink tickets. To register and find more information about the golf tournament, please visit [www.nrhws365.com](http://www.nrhws365.com) or contact Antonio Evangelista at 817-427-6642 or [aevangelista@nrhtx.com](mailto:aevangelista@nrhtx.com).

### New Business Spotlight

#### Let's Get Fit

7919 Boulevard 26, 817-845-3140

#### Los Juanito's Mexican Food

5752 Davis Blvd, 817-323-5472

#### Metro PCS

5306 Davis Blvd., 817-247-1315

#### North Ridge Construction

6851 NE Loop 820 #225, 817-995-0828

#### Wendy's

9140 North Tarrant Pkwy., 817-788-4902

**Support local businesses. Shop NRH first!**

### Safely Dispose of Sharp Objects

Nobody likes to get cut with broken glass or stuck with needles, including our garbage collectors and landfill employees. In order to prevent unpleasant accidents, please follow these steps:

- Place any needles in an empty laundry detergent jug or other hard plastic container with a tight fitting lid. Don't use thin plastics, such as soda bottles, as they are easily pierced. Place the container in the trash, not in your recycling bin.
- Wrap any broken mirror glass in newspaper and tape or place in a box marked "broken mirror"
- Place any broken bottles or jars in a cardboard box clearly marked "broken glass."

Questions may be directed to Republic Waste at 817-317-2450.

## Food Handler Training Online

The North Richland Hills Consumer Health Division is offering an online Food Handler Class for employees of restaurants and food service establishments. Food service employees are required to take an accredited food handler course within 30 days of employment. NRH Food Handler Class is valid for 3 years throughout the state of Texas. The online class can be accessed at [www.nrhtx.com/class](http://www.nrhtx.com/class). For more information contact the Consumer Health Division at 817-427-6650.

## Reminders about Wildlife

Residents may notice wildlife in area parks, neighborhoods and open spaces during certain times of the year as the animals seek out new sources of water, food and ground cover. Wildlife that is common to our region includes rabbits, possums, armadillos, hawks, coyotes, skunks, snakes and other small animals. If these animals find food, water and protection from the elements, they may not leave the area.

To discourage wildlife from relocating to your property remove all food and water sources. Make yards less inviting by cutting back shrubs, removing brush piles, and sealing off crawl spaces under homes, decks and storage buildings.

For your safety and respect of the wildlife, you should never approach, chase, capture, feed or harm any of the animals you see in local parks and neighborhoods. Although normally not aggressive, wild animals can bite if threatened or handled.

Also, never allow your pets to run free. Small pets are easy prey for coyotes. Dogs should always be on a leash or in a fenced yard and cats should never go outdoors.

The City of North Richland Hills encourages residents to educate themselves about wildlife and to take the above steps to minimize encounters with wildlife. More information can be found online at [www.nrhtx.com/wildlife](http://www.nrhtx.com/wildlife). Questions about wildlife may be directed to the North Richland Hills Animal Adoption & Rescue Center at 817-427-6570.

## Pre-K Registration

Birdville ISD will register all eligible Pre-K students on August 2, 3 and 4 at the W.G. Thomas Coliseum, 6108 Broadway Avenue in Haltom City, from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please visit [www.birdvilleschools.net](http://www.birdvilleschools.net) for complete details regarding eligibility and required documents needed to register your child. The specific date a child may register is determined by campus. Please call 817-547-5700 with any questions.

## Upcoming Events

### 'Round the Town with Oscar

Grab your bike and join Mayor Trevino and other city officials for his next monthly bike ride on Tuesday, August 2. The casual and easy bike rides begin and end at Cross Timbers Park, 7680 Douglas Lane at 5:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an avid cyclist or the casual weekend rider. View the 2016 'Round the Town schedule and get more info at [www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown](http://www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown).

### Behind the Book with Author Susan Wiggs

Join us as we welcome #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Wiggs to the North Richland Hills Library on Friday, August 12. Ms. Wiggs will visit to release her newest book *Family Tree*, a powerful, emotionally complex story of love and loss, heartbreak and healing, the pain of the past and the promise of the future. Her visit will include a Friends of the Library reception, book talk and book signing. Visit [library.nrhtx.com/behindthebook](http://library.nrhtx.com/behindthebook) or call 817-427-6814 for more information.

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## 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 sprinkling, irrigation allowed

### 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.**

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