

## 2017 is Year of the Book at NRH Library

We believe in books.

Real, physical printed books. No technology can replace the weight of a book, the smell of the paper or the sound of turning a page.

The books on our shelves tell thousands of stories, teach millions of different ideas and showcase hundreds of different viewpoints. Whether you are seeking a new career, a new perspective or an old favorite, you get to decide what you will discover.

Books help you to be brave and to step outside your comfort zone. Books are the garden where the seeds of inspiration and innovation are cultivated.

A book can be your sword - arming you with knowledge. A book can be your life raft - saving you

from ignorance. A book can also be your happy place - somewhere you can be whatever you want.

So we're welcoming book lovers of all types to the NRH Library for The Year of the Book in 2017.

Help us kick-off The Year of the Book on January 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. when you can join us for reading games and challenges, a local author showcase, prizes and so much more at your Library.

We want books to turn NRH into an imaginative and impassioned community of readers on a lifelong quest to know more. Join us, won't you?

Visit the Library at 9015 Grand Ave., online at [www.library.nrhtx.com](http://www.library.nrhtx.com) or call 817-427-6800 for more information.

### New Business Spotlight

#### Cocina Latina

5755 Davis Blvd. #100, 817-987-5533

#### El Tejas Mexican Bar and Grill

7630 NE Loop 820, 817-428-1900  
[www.eltejasrestaurant.com](http://www.eltejasrestaurant.com)

#### Grace Billiard Supply

5249 Davis Blvd., 817-393-3535

#### J Hester Properties

8617 Mid Cities Blvd. #300, 817-640-9095  
[www.jhester.com](http://www.jhester.com)

#### KM Medical Associates

5424 Rufe Snow Dr.#402, 929-352-3636  
[www.endoaccessories.com](http://www.endoaccessories.com)

#### Payix, Inc.

8701 Bedford-Eules Rd. #220, 817-438-2444  
[www.payix.net](http://www.payix.net)

#### Zoe Furniture

5435 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-609-1660  
[www.zoefurniture.com](http://www.zoefurniture.com)

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

## 2 Options Make it Easy to Recycle Christmas Trees

Don't throw away your Christmas tree; give it another life by recycling it! The City of North Richland Hills and Republic Waste are offering residents two convenient options for recycling their Christmas trees. In order for trees to be recycled they must be free of tinsel, ornaments, bags, plastic and stands.

- **Curbside Pickup:** Christmas trees can be placed curbside for recycling by 7 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28 or Wednesday, January 4. (Trees placed curbside on your normal garbage collection days will be put in the landfill and not recycled.) If the tree is taller than 5 feet, please cut it in half.
- **Drop Off:** Christmas trees can be dropped off December 26 through January 8 at Green Valley Park at 7701 Smithfield Road, or at the Dan Echols Center at 6801 Glenview Drive. Please place trees in the designated dumpsters.

Mulch from the recycled trees will be available for residents to pick up at the two drop-off locations January 9 through 22, while supplies last. Please bring your own container and shovel to load the mulch. Questions may be directed to Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6651.

## Holiday Safety Reminders from NRH Fire Department

The NRH Fire Department reminds residents to be careful with holiday decorations and to choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant. Nearly half of all decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. It is recommended to use flameless candles.

Some holiday lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Replace any string of lights worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

Choose a Christmas tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source. Add water to the tree stand daily.

Before heading out or to bed, blow out lit candles, and turn off all light strings and decorations.

The North Richland Hills Fire Department wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season. (Source: *National Fire Protection Agency* [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education))

## Energy Efficiency Program

The City of North Richland Hills is accepting applications for the Residential Energy Efficiency Program (REEP). This program, funded by Atmos Energy, is designed to help income eligible families and individuals who have Atmos gas reduce their energy costs through free weatherization of their home. Assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis. Energy efficiency measures performed through the program include air sealing (weather-stripping, caulking, duct sealing and wall outlet insulation covers), and attic insulation. A maximum of \$1,500 per home is allowed. The application is available online at [www.nrhtx.com/REEP](http://www.nrhtx.com/REEP). Please e-mail [dyork@nrhtx.com](mailto:dyork@nrhtx.com) or call 817-427-6650 for more information.

## Grease Recycling Program

The Public Works Department will collect used cooking oils for recycling January 3-6, 2017. Containers holding discarded oils and grease must be made of plastic and have a screw top lid. This program is for residential citizens and excludes restaurants or commercial users. Please call 817-427-6457 to arrange a pick up.

## Holiday Closings

**Christmas Holiday:** City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed on Monday, December 26. The Animal Adoption & Rescue Center and Library will be closed December 24 - 26. The NRH Centre will be closed December 24 and 25. Iron Horse Golf Course will be closed Christmas day. Garbage and recycling will be collected as normal.

**New Year's Holiday:** City Hall, the Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Library and other non-emergency city offices will be closed on Monday, January 2. The NRH Centre will open from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 31 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on January 1. Iron Horse Golf Course will be open for the holiday. Garbage and recycling will be collected as normal.

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** City Hall, the Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, Library and other non-emergency city offices will also be closed on Monday, January 16. The NRH Centre and Iron Horse Golf Course will be open. Garbage and recycling will be collected as normal.

## Polar Plunge at NRH<sub>2</sub>O

We're freezin' for a reason! NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park is hosting the Polar Plunge, benefiting Special Olympics Texas and local athletes, on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Find more information and sign up to plunge at [nrh2o.com/polarplunge](http://nrh2o.com/polarplunge).

## Tickets On Sale Now for 2017 Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads, grandpas and uncles are invited to bring their daughters, granddaughters and nieces to the 2017 NRH Daddy Daughter Valentines Dance on Saturday, February 4. This special evening will include dancing, refreshments, photographs and a drawing for a limo ride. Ages 3 to 7 are invited from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and ages 8 to 16 are invited from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The dance will be held at the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are on sale now at the NRH Centre Guest Services Desk. For more details, please call 817-427-6600. The dance does sell out, so get your tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door.