

## Register for Citizens Police, Fire Academies

The North Richland Hills Police and Fire Departments are taking applications for the next Citizens Police Academy and Citizens Fire Academy. Both programs provide a great opportunity for NRH citizens to learn about local government and public safety.

The Citizens Police Academy will meet on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., starting February 2 and continuing through April 27. Participants will learn about patrol procedures, dispatch operations, SWAT operations, Crime Scene Search as well as many other subjects.

The Citizens Fire Academy will meet on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., begin February 16 through April 20. There may also be one Saturday morning training session. This program includes training in CPR and First Aid, which enable

residents to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their homes and neighborhoods. Participants also get hands on demonstrations in basic firefighting techniques, auto extrication, extinguisher use, technical rescue, hazardous materials, and a demonstration of the Bomb Squad's capabilities.

The Citizens Police Academy and Citizens Fire Academy are great ways for you to learn about and get involved in the community. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Find more information and online registration forms at [www.nrhtx.com/CPA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CPA) and [www.nrhtx.com/CFA](http://www.nrhtx.com/CFA). If you have questions about either academy, please contact the North Richland Hills Police Department at 817-427-7021 or the Fire Department at 817-427-6900.

### New Business Spotlight

#### As Seen on TV and More

8415 Davis Blvd. #315, 817-770-4648

#### El Pollo Loco

9009 North Tarrant Pkwy., 817-281-0889

[www.elpolloloco.com](http://www.elpolloloco.com)

#### Family Care Clinic

8415 Davis Blvd. #307, 817-893-9200

#### Mr. Gatti's Pizza

8849 North Tarrant Pkwy. #145, 682-214-2222

[www.gattispizza.com](http://www.gattispizza.com)

#### Total Shooting Sports

7901 Boulevard 26, 817-768-6802

[www.totalshootingports.com](http://www.totalshootingports.com)

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

### 2017 Collection Schedule

- **Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2017**  
Normal garbage and recycling collections.
- **Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2017**  
No collections. Tuesday collections will be made on Wednesday.
- **Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2017**  
No collections. Monday and Tuesday collections shift forward one day.
- **Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23, 2017**  
No collections. Thursday and Friday collections shift forward one day.
- **Christmas Day, Monday December 25, 2017**  
No collections. Monday and Tuesday collections shift forward one day.
- **New Year's Day, Monday January 1, 2018**  
No collections. Monday and Tuesday collections shift forward one day.

If you have questions regarding garbage or recycling collection, or would like to report a missed pick up, please contact Republic Waste Services at 817-317-2450. Billing questions may be directed to the Water Department at 817-427-6200.

# Practice Water Safety 365 Days a Year

Family fun around the swimming pool may be over for now, but water is still everywhere! The City of North Richland Hills and the NRH Water Safety 365 initiative are reminding residents to practice water safety 365 days a year to prevent drowning in our community. Here are some tips to help keep you and your family safe this winter:

- **Never Leave Children Unattended Around Water - Not Even for a Moment:** Drowning is completely silent and a child loses consciousness within seconds. Texts, doorbells, and other distractions can wait. An undistracted adult should always be within arm's reach of children around water. Never rely on another child or on a bath seat or ring to keep a child safe.
- **Identify Hazards Around Your House:** Children can drown in less than one inch of water. Bathtubs, buckets, kiddie pools, and toilets are all common hazards around the house. Drain containers and tubs and store them upside down after each use, and consider using a toilet lock or latch on the bathroom door to keep children out of the bathroom. Swimming pools are a known drowning hazard, but don't forget to watch children around creeks, koi ponds, and hot tubs - and if a child is missing, check these places first!

- **Turn Around, Don't Drown:** Make sure that all drivers in the house know never to drive across flooded roads, even if the water doesn't look very deep.
- **Put Layers of Protection Around Pools/Spas:** Layers of protection include fencing, alarms, covers, safety equipment, and other measures that can delay a child's access to water and help rescue anyone around a pool or spa who is in trouble. Visit [nrhws365.com](http://nrhws365.com) to see the 16 ways you can protect your family if you have a pool, spa, or hot tub.
- **Learn CPR:** Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do in case of emergency, and make sure all adults have been trained in CPR skills that can help save a life before paramedics arrive. NRH Fire Department offers monthly CPR/First Aid classes. Find more information at [www.nrhtx.com/cpr](http://www.nrhtx.com/cpr).
- **Learn to Swim:** Swim lessons are offered year round at the NRH Centre. Get more information at [www.nrhcetnre.com](http://www.nrhcetnre.com) or call 817-427-6600.

For more water safety information, please visit [www.nrhws365.com](http://www.nrhws365.com) and follow us at [facebook.com/nrhws365](https://www.facebook.com/nrhws365) or [twitter.com/CaptPaxton](https://twitter.com/CaptPaxton).

## Garbage Rate Adjustment Takes Effect in February

On February 1, 2017 Republic Services of Texas will increase its garbage and recycling collection rate for North Richland Hills residential customers by 2.75%, and commercial customers will see a 3% increase. For residential curbside collection this equals an increase of \$0.36 per month. This annual increase is in accordance with Republic's contract with the City of North Richland Hills.

The rate increase will appear on residential water bills in February. For commercial customers, the garbage rate increase will appear on the March bill (for February service).

Questions about your bill may be directed to the City of North Richland Hills Water Department at 817-427-6200.

## Help Prevent Auto Theft

The North Richland Hills Police Department reminds you to:

- NEVER allow your car to warm up in winter during your absence.
- NEVER lock your car and leave the engine running. Windows can be broken. Thieves know how to do it without making a sound, and with little effort.
- NEVER leave valuables in your car such as a wallet, purse, cell phone or other electronics, even when parked in front of your residence.
- NEVER leave the keys in the ignition, under the floor mat, under the seat, in a glove box, or over the sun visor.

For more crime safety tips, follow the North Richland Hills Police Department online at [www.facebook.com/NRHPD](https://www.facebook.com/NRHPD) or [www.twitter.com/NRHPD](https://www.twitter.com/NRHPD) or call 817-427-7000.