June 25, 2012

Dear NRH Homeowner,

The City of North Richland Hills is proud to offer you the *"Neighborhood Initiative Program (**NIP**)".* ***NIP*** consists of 2 different programs that are designed to assist homeowners in making improvements/repairs to the exterior of their homes. These programs are being offered on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis. More information on each program can be found on the back of this sheet.

1. **R-NIP** - The Residential **Rebate** program which is available to all homeowners, regardless of income, provides an economic incentive to reinvest in their properties with a rebate of 10% up to $3,000 for approved exterior repairs/improvements.

2. **V-NIP** – This Volunteer based program provides free assistance to qualified, low-income seniors, single parents and disabled residents with needed home repairs. On the reverse side are the guidelines to be declared low-income. The total income of all persons residing in the household is to be used to determine eligibility to benefit from this program.

These programs are designed to not only assist homeowners, but to encourage the use of NRH businesses and contractors and to promote volunteerism by:

- Requiring the utilization of **NRH contractors** (when needed) to do the work;
- Requiring that materials be purchased from NRH businesses, if available;
- Encouraging businesses to give back through donations of materials and labor to the V-NIP.

The City has planned a "Fix-it Blitz" in order to provide volunteer assistance to eligible applicants. V-NIP **applications** for assistance are **due** no later than **September 14, 2012** to be considered for the October Fix-it Blitz which is scheduled for **October 20-21, 2012** (rain dates are October 27-28, 2012). Any V-NIP applications received after this date will be considered for the next scheduled event in the spring. Funds for this program are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis. **Applications and further information may be found at the City's website: www.nrhtx.com/NIP in the Neighborhood Services Dept. under the Neighborhood Initiative Program.**

The City is also offering the Residential Energy Efficiency Program (**REEP**) which is designed to help low-income North Richland Hills residents control their energy costs through **weatherization** of their homes at no cost. Please see the enclosed REEP brochure for more information and income guidelines.

These programs are being offered to provide assistance to you to repair and maintain your home and have a positive impact on the neighborhood. If you would like to take advantage of any of these programs or have questions, please contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 817-427-6650.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Stout
Director of Neighborhood Services

NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROGRAM SUMMARY
Complete list of details available upon request

Both **R-NIP** and **V-NIP** require that the owner must have resided in their home at least one year and there are no unpaid property taxes.

R-NIP – The cash rebates under this program apply only to **exterior remodeling improvements**. The City will refund 10% of the costs of the approved improvements/repairs. The owner is required to use a business or contractor in the City of North Richland Hills. The contractor must also use materials purchased in the City if possible. A list of all contractors in the City with the businesses that are participating in the **NIP** program will be provided with the application. Any business or contractor in the City may be used. A homeowner must submit an application to the Neighborhood Services Department prior to beginning construction. Only one cash rebate check will be awarded per household and is subject to availability of funding. Eligible Projects for **R-NIP** include but are not limited to:

- Replacement of soffits and fascia
- Re-shingle roof
- Replace siding and/or windows
- Replace driveway
- Replace or repair fence
- Replace exterior doors, including garage doors
- Re-paint house
- Add or repair carport and/or garage
- Install or replace front gutters
- Add or repair front porch
- Create landscape beds in front yard

V-NIP – Homeowners who are elderly, disabled or a single parent and meet the requirements for low income may receive assistance for repairs made to the exterior of their homes. The labor is provided by volunteer groups**.** If there are able persons in the home who can assist in the repairs, they will be asked to participate. Materials may be donated by local community groups and businesses. The City may also contribute 50% of the material cost up to a total contribution of $3,000. Materials must be purchased from local NRH businesses. **Because this is a volunteer based program, there may be a waiting list.** Repairs will be made when both volunteers and funding are available. Eligible repairs for **V-NIP** include the following but are not limited to:

- Exterior paint
- Siding
- Front Gutters
- Roofs
- Fence
- Yard Maintenance
- Plumbing & Electrical Systems
- Caulk and weather stripping
- Exterior doors, including garage doors

- **FY2012 Low-Income Guidelines**

Income Limit Information	**1 Person**	**2 Person**	**3 Person**	**4 Person**	**5 Person**	**6 Person**	**7 Person**	**8 Person**
	$38,750	$44,300	$49,850	***$55,350***	$59,800	$64,250	$68,650	$73,100