

Special City Council Election to be Held Nov. 5

North Richland Hills will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 5 in conjunction with the general election to amend the Texas Constitution. The special election is to fill the remainder of an unexpired term for City Council Place 4. Candidates who will be on the ballot are:

- Amy Hedgecock
- Mason Orr
- Hillory White

The person duly elected shall serve the remainder of the term for Place 4, which expires in May 2020. To learn more about each candidate, you can view their candidate application form and contact information on the city's website at www.nrhtx.com/election. Click on Candidate Filings / Finance Reports.

Also on November 5, voters statewide will decide 10 amendments to the Texas Constitution. The amendments and explanatory statements can be found at www.votetexas.gov.

Early Voting

Early voting will take place October 21 through November 1. In North Richland Hills, early voting locations include the NRH Library, 9015 Grand Ave., and the Dan Echols Center, 6801 Glenview Dr. NRH voters may cast a ballot at any early

voting location in Tarrant County. Early voting hours and a complete list of early voting locations can be found on our website.

Election Day Voting

New this year, the Tarrant County Elections Office has announced plans to utilize countywide "vote centers" for the election. The "vote centers" give residents the option of voting at any polling location countywide on Election Day, rather than being limited to a preassigned location based on their precinct. A list of all vote center locations will be available on our website at www.nrhtx.com/elections prior to election day. On election day, voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

New Voting Machines

Voters in Tarrant County can expect to use new voting machines in this election. The Tarrant County Elections Office has upgraded its voting machines with the Hart InterCivic Verity Voting System. This is a hybrid system that provides a paper trail for every voter, combined with the latest advancement in digital security. For more information, please visit www.tarrantcounty.com/elections.

If you have any questions about the election, please contact the NRH City Secretary's Office at 817-427-6060.

NRH Utility Rate Changes Effective this Fall

A change in the monthly fee for the Municipal Drainage Utility System is reflected on your October utility bill. The average increase for residential properties is about \$2.50. This fee is calculated based on your property's zoning, lot size and impervious area. This is the first time the drainage fee has increased since the Municipal Drainage Utility System was established in 1991.

The purpose of the Municipal Drainage Utility System is to protect citizens from loss of life and property caused by flooding. The drainage fee is dedicated to the maintenance of the city's existing storm water drainage system, as well as the design and installation of new drainage infrastructure where needed. This fee change was necessary because drainage project needs have outpaced available drainage system funding. Questions about the Municipal Drainage Utility System can be directed to Public Works at 817-427-6400.

Beginning November 1, 2019, the City of North

Richland Hills will implement changes to water and sewer utility rates. The rate adjustments include changes to the water and sewer base rates, which are set by the city, as well as a pass through rate increase from the city's wholesale sewer treatment providers – the City of Fort Worth and the Trinity River Authority. The impact of the rate adjustment on an average residential customer who uses 10,000 gallons of water per month will be approximately \$8.78 per month.

Increasing costs coupled with lower water consumption have required the use of reserves to balance the water and sewer Utility Fund in two of the last three years. The City of North Richland Hills strives to provide quality, safe and reliable water and wastewater service in a cost effective manner. Even with the rate increases, the average customer will continue to pay only about 1-penny per gallon used. Questions about your statement may be directed to the Water Office at 817-427-6200.

NRHPD Crime Prevention Tip: Package Deliveries

With Christmas fast approaching, everyone is starting to get a jump start on their holiday shopping. Unfortunately, thieves are aware of this also. To avoid thieves shopping at your porch, have packages delivered to work or to someone who will be home during the day. Let's make sure thieves only get coal in their stockings this season!

Good Neighbor Tip of the Month: Parking

In order to keep neighborhoods safe for pedestrians and motorists, the City of North Richland Hills enforces parking ordinances.

It is unlawful to park any vehicle or trailer across or upon any sidewalk for pedestrians.

A vehicle may be parked or stored in the front yard, rear yard, side yard and side yard adjacent to a street, provided it is parked on a hard paved surface of concrete or asphalt not less than 9 feet by 18 feet or screened from public view by a solid fence at least 6 feet in height (exception R-1-S zoning).

Please be a good neighbor and do not park your vehicle or recreational vehicle in your yard or block the sidewalks. Please visit www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance or call 817-427-6663 for more information. To report abandoned vehicles parked on the street, please contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 817-281-1000.

New Business Spotlight

A-1 Spas & Pools of Texas

8200 Northeast Pkwy. #101, 817-498-1628
www.aquabobs.com

BB Nail Spa

8245 Precinct Line Rd. #140, 817-849-9988
www.bbnailspanorthrichlandhills.com

Center for Autism and Related Disorders, LLC

6513 Precinct Line Rd. #200, 682-257-3531
www.centerforautism.com

Elliot White Gun Co.

6242 Rufe Snow Dr. #216, 817-479-7916
www.elliottwhitegunco.com

Rare Bird Counseling, LLC

8609 Mid Cities Blvd. #100, 682-243-1942
www.rarebirdcounseling.com

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Upcoming Events

NRH Citizen Survey

The City of North Richland Hills invites you to participate in our 2019 Citizen's Survey. The survey was recently mailed to 8,000 randomly selected households with options to respond by mail or online. Additionally, any NRH resident may take the survey online at www.nrhtx.com/survey through **November 5**. NRH conducts a citizen survey every other year. The purpose is to objectively assess the public's satisfaction with city services and identify areas where improvements can be made. Some of the topics assessed on the survey are public safety, parks and recreation, streets and traffic, and customer service.

Behind the Book: S.C. Gwynne

Join us in welcoming S.C. Gwynne, Pulitzer Prize finalist author of *Empire of the Summer Moon*, to the NRH Library on **Thursday, November 7**. In his latest book, *Hymns of the Republic*, Gwynne offers angles and insights on the Civil War that will surprise many readers and breathe new life into the epic battle between Lee and Grant. This spellbinding, epic account of the dramatic conclusion of the Civil War is popular history at its best. This is a Behind the Book event you don't want to miss!

A ticketed pre-event reception with the author will take place at noon. Cost is \$35 to attend and includes a signed copy of *Hymns of the Republic*. A free speaking event will take place at 1 p.m., with a book signing to follow. Copies of *Hymns of the Republic* will be available for purchase through Barnes & Noble. Visit library.nrhtx.com/behindthebook to learn more.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

In the United States alone, more than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association® will be at the NRH Library on **Thursday, November 7** offering a free program that will explore the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, provide insight to the disease, and offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Library Community Room. Contact the Library at 817-427-6800 with any questions.

Veterans Day Celebration

The City of NRH will host the annual Veterans Day Celebration to honor those who have served in the armed forces on **Monday, November 11** at 11 a.m. at NRH City Hall, 4301 City Point Drive. The event will include musical entertainment, NRH Police and NRH Fire Honor Guard presenting the colors and a special guest speaker. Please contact Parks & Recreation at 817-427-6620 with any questions.