

What You Need to Know About 2020 Census

Be on the lookout for the 2020 Census in your mailbox in March. The census will arrive before April 1 and has an important impact on our community. Filling out the census ensures North Richland Hills gets its fair share of federal funding for healthcare, public schools, job training, emergency services and more. It also helps Texas receive accurate representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Don't let our city or state be underrepresented.

The census takes just 10 minutes to complete. It will ask you how many people live with you and if you own or rent your house. It will also ask your name, sex, age, birthday, ethnicity and race. The information you provide will remain confidential. The Census Bureau is required by federal law to protect your information. They can only use your anonymous information for statistical purposes.

You will have the option of responding by mail, phone or online, which will make the process even easier. For residents who don't have internet access, the NRH Library at 9015 Grand Ave. has internet computers available for public use at no charge.

Everyone has the right to participate. Despite what you may have heard, the census will not ask about your or your family's citizenship or immigration status. You don't have to be a citizen to do the census. The census counts everyone living in the United States.

Starting in May 2020, census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the census to ensure everyone is counted. The best way to avoid a follow-up visit from a census taker is to fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire as soon as you receive an invitation to participate. You can learn more about the census at www.2020census.gov.

Avoiding Scams

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, you can check to make sure that they have a government issued ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. If you still have questions about their identity, contact the Dallas Regional Census Center at 972-510-1800 to speak with a Census Bureau representative. Census workers are not required to have a solicitors permit from the city.

During the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will never ask for:

- your Social Security number;
- money or donations;
- bank or credit card account numbers;
- your mother's maiden name;
- anything on behalf of a political party.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email, phone or in person and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate. For more information visit www.2020census.gov and click on "Privacy and Security" and then select "Avoiding Fraud and Scams."

Census Jobs

The Census Bureau is currently hiring temporary workers in North Texas to help conduct the 2020 Census. Positions include census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff and supervisory staff. To be eligible you must be at least 18 years old, have a social security number and be a U.S. citizen. Candidates must complete an online job application. Anyone who is interested can learn more and apply at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

Stay Notified About Severe Weather

Severe weather can occur at any time during the year. While outdoor warning sirens are designed to warn people who are outside to go indoors, you may not hear the sirens in your home or office due to the efficiency of modern buildings. We recommend residents sign up for severe weather alerts by phone or text message at www.nrhtx.com/alerts or have another form of severe weather notification in place,

such as an NOAA all hazards alert radio or weather alert app on your mobile phone. Citizens are encouraged to turn their television or radio to a local broadcast channel or station to determine what hazardous situation exists when they receive a warning from any of these methods. For more information, contact the NRH Emergency Management Office at 817-427-6935.

NRHPD Tip: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

As Spring nears, many of you will begin looking at doing some yardwork. Something to consider when working in the yard is customizing your landscape design to help deter criminals. Ensure you keep bushes and trees trimmed away from doors and windows. Keeping them trimmed will alleviate hiding spots for criminals. Use exterior lighting to provide an extra illumination of your home that lessens hiding spots. Consider planting thorny plants or cacti near windows or use gravel to discourage activity around windows. The sound from someone in the gravel will get your attention. Together we can help keep our community a safe and peaceful place to live!

New Business Spotlight

Blink Fitness

7901 Mid Cities Blvd. #156, 817-893-6890
www.blinkfitness.com

Huffaker Roofing Co., Inc.

4020 Flory St., 817-379-6533
www.huffakerroofing.com

LQ's 1 Stop Tax Shop

7808 College Circle Dr., 682-268-3908
www.1stoptaxshop.com

Marly's African Braiding and Weaving

6416 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-479-6389

Marys Poppin

6350 Glenview Dr. #115, 682-626-5275

Probity Tax

7109 Boulevard 26 #4, 817-665-6388
www.probitytaxservices.com

Schrader Plumbing

5520 Davis Blvd., 817-262-0989
www.schraderplumbing.com

Solarus Enterprises LLC

4109 City Point Dr., Ste. E, 817-354-1717
www.solarusmedical.com

Texas Home Doctor

3819 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-819-5414
www.texashomedoctor.com

Tiger H Kim's Taekwondo

8700 North Tarrant Pkwy. #105, 817-443-1815
www.tigerhkimstkd.com

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Upcoming Events

Spring Family Movie Night

The whole family will enjoy a free showing of the original *Shrek* in the outdoor NRH Dolce Park Plaza, located at 6100 Ashbury Street on **Friday, March 6**. Seating is on the lawn, so be sure and bring blankets and lawn chairs. Concessions will be available for purchase. Public parking is at the NRH Library located at 9015 Grand Ave. Seating will begin at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at 7 p.m. Please contact the NRH Centre at 817-427-6600 with any questions.

Mayor's 5K Run & Walk

Join Mayor Oscar Trevino on a path to better health. All fitness levels are encouraged to participate in the 2020 Mayor's 5K Run & Walk on **Saturday, March 14** starting at 9 a.m. The Mayor's 5K Run & Walk will begin and end at NRH₂O Family Water Park, 9001 Boulevard 26. Registration for the run/walk is \$10 for all participants and includes a t-shirt. Participants are encouraged to dress in green attire in honor of St. Patrick's Day. You can find more information and register online at www.nrhtx.com/mayors5k.

Read with Mollie and Friends

Mollie the therapy dog and her furry friends are ready to read with you. Mollie and friends are fun, cuddly, and non-judgmental listeners who can help strengthen reading skills and build confidence in young readers. Join us on **Saturday, March 21** in Polly's Room of the NRH Library for a "pawsitive" experience that builds excitement about reading! Please arrive by 10 a.m. to sign up for your 15-minute time slot. There are a limited number of slots available on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, please visit www.library.nrhtx.com/mollie.

'Round the Town with Oscar Bike Rides

Now in its 7th year, 'Round the Town with Oscar bike rides provide residents the opportunity to get outdoors, visit with Mayor Oscar Trevino and other city leaders, meet new people and be active in NRH. The first bike ride for 2020 will be on **Tuesday, March 24** at 6 p.m., starting and ending at NRH₂O Family Water Park, 9001 Boulevard 26. Ride locations and routes will vary each month. View the schedule and more information at www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown. 'Round the Town Bike Rides are sponsored by Bicycles Inc. and Bonzai Cycle Werx.