

Understanding Your Tarrant Property Value Notice

In April, the Tarrant Appraisal District mailed annual property value notices to Tarrant County homeowners and we know it caused sticker shock for many of you. Home prices have gone way up in recent years and if you're not looking to buy or sell a home, you may not have realized just how high. It's important to know that the Taxable Value is the number used to calculate your tax bill, NOT the Market Value. Look instead at the Taxable Value. Here's a quick explanation of what the different terms on your property value notice mean.

- **Market Value:** The price the Tarrant Appraisal District believes your home would currently sell for.
- **Appraised Value:** The value of your home after state-mandated limitations on value increases for residential homesteads is factored in. The appraised value of a homestead may increase no more than 10% per year.
- **Exemptions:** Exemptions are offered by the city and other taxing entities to lower your homestead's appraised value and the amount you are taxed. (If you moved to a new home or turned 65 in the past year, be sure to submit your application to the Tarrant Appraisal District for your homestead and/or senior exemptions. You will only need to apply once. After your exemptions are in place, if you remain in the same home, they will carry forward each year.)
- **Taxable Value:** The Taxable Value is the Appraised Value minus your Exemptions. The tax rate is applied to this value to determine your tax bill.

Annual tax rates will be adopted by cities, counties, school districts and other taxing entities this summer. Public hearings for the city's budget and tax rate will be held in August. You can sign up for City Council Meeting notifications online at www.nrhtx.com/notify. Annual property tax bills are mailed each October.

It's important to know that in 2019, state legislators enacted Senate Bill 2, which requires cities and counties to get voter approval if they want to raise the annual property tax revenue they collect from existing properties by more than 3.5%.

Currently, 28.3% of homes in North Richland Hills benefit from the senior or disabled exemption and tax freeze. The freeze sets a cap, or ceiling, on the amount of property taxes paid annually to the city, school district, county and college district. The ceiling is set in the year that you turn 65. In future years, the property taxes on your home may go below, but not above the ceiling amount. The Tarrant County Hospital District does not offer a tax freeze; therefore that portion of a senior's tax bill may still increase.

If you have questions regarding your property value notice, please contact the Tarrant Appraisal District at 817-284-0024 or visit www.tad.org.

For more information about city's annual budget and property tax rate visit www.nrhtx.com/budget and www.nrhtx.com/taxes.

New Business Spotlight

Golden Crown Cookies and Mochi Donuts
8700 North Tarrant Pkwy. #103, 817-849-2370

Sevenfold, Inc. (Accounting Services)
5424 Rufe Snow Dr. #315, 817-480-4612
www.sevenfold-inc.com

Trending Kitchen (Restaurant in Golightly's Antiques)
5505 Davis Blvd. Unit A, 817-300-1859

*Support local businesses.
Shop NRH first!*

City of NRH is Hiring for Full & Part Time Positions

Whether you're looking for a new career or part-time work to supplement your income, consider a job with the City of North Richland Hills. The city has positions for a variety of skill sets and interests. Comprehensive benefits are provided for all full-time positions. We're looking for employees who share our core values of respect, service, productivity, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork. If serving your community and making a difference interests you, view our current openings and apply today at www.nrhtx.com/jobs.

NRH Dining Guide Available Online

Looking for a place to eat? There are over 150 restaurants and eateries in NRH to choose from! Check out the NRH Dining Guide that lists them all at www.nrhd.com/diningguide. You'll find a wide variety of cuisines such as Vietnamese, Italian, Sri Lankan, Seafood, Asian, Mexican, BBQ, Indian, Greek, Mediterranean, Desserts, Donuts, Ice Cream, Cuban, Hawaiian, Craft Breweries and of course, your favorite American standards like Chicken and Coffee. Thank you for supporting your NRH businesses!

Monthly Good Neighbor Tip: Swimming Pools

While owning a swimming pool or hot tub can be fun, it also comes with responsibility. Please be a good neighbor and properly maintain it. When a pool is neglected, it becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry West Nile virus and other diseases. It can also create safety concerns that could lead to accidental drowning. City ordinance requires you to maintain swimming pools and hot tubs, and their related accessory structures in a safe, secured, clean and sanitary condition. For more information, please go online to www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance or call 817-427-6663.

Know Your Watering Schedule

The city of North Richland Hills reminds all water customers that you may use sprinklers or irrigation systems no more than twice per week based on the following schedule:

Monday

No sprinkling or irrigation allowed

Tuesday & Friday

Non-residential sites (businesses, apartments, parks, common areas)

Wednesday & Saturday

Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

Thursday & Sunday

Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.

www.nrhtx.com/conservation

Upcoming Events

Mayor's Summer Reading Club

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club (MSRC) is back with all new events and exciting prizes. The MSRC is a free, self-paced reading challenge at the NRH Library for all ages that encourages reading throughout the summer. Did you know that reading just six books during the summer may keep a student from falling behind in the next school year?

How does it work? **Starting May 31** you'll keep track of how much you've read using the Beanstack app or online tracker. As you read, you'll earn virtual badges and maybe even win one of our grand prizes, like an iPad, AirPods, or gift cards to local businesses. Be sure to stop by the NRH Library to enjoy one of the many free events and DIY activities for all ages all summer long! To learn more, visit www.library.nrhtx.com/src or call 817-427-6818.

'Round the Town with Oscar Bicycle Ride

Join Mayor Oscar Trevino on his monthly bicycle ride through North Richland Hills! The June ride will take place on **Tuesday, June 7** at 6:30 p.m. starting and ending at Cross Timbers Park, 7680 Douglas Lane. This is a family-friendly ride and is open to all ages. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors and be active in NRH. Helmets are required. Riders should bring their own water bottles. 'Round the Town with Oscar is sponsored by the City of NRH and Bonzai Cycle Werx. Visit www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown for more details.

Amateur Radio Field Day

The North Richland Hills Office of Emergency Management invites you to the NRH Amateur Radio Club's annual Field Day exercise on **June 25 and 26**. Activities will be held at NRH Fire Station No. 5, located at 7202 Dick Fisher Dr., starting at Noon on Saturday and continuing through Noon on Sunday. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Amateur Radio, which is sometimes called "ham radio," allows people to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without the use of a cell phone or the internet. The Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. Find more information at K5NRH.com or by calling 817-689-6444.