



NRH Parks Closed for Easter Weekend

In order to maintain social distancing requirements necessary in the battle against COVID-19, and to be consistent with the guidelines set forth by the CDC to minimize in person contact, the City of North Richland Hills is closing all parks to the public from 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 10 until 8:00 a.m. Monday, April 13. The weekend of Easter is typically a high use time for our parks with picnics, egg hunts, parties and other group activities that are contrary to our stay at home and social distancing efforts. The trails will remain open for use with individuals maintaining adequate social distance.

We understand that holidays are usually spent together with extended family, but this year we're asking you to please stay home. Right now, the only people you should be spending time with are the people who live with you in your home. Attend religious services online and set up a virtual family hangout so you can enjoy a meal together, but separately. Make family memories that you'll be talking about years from now when you're all together - because you stayed apart in 2020!



NRH Virtual Easter Egg Hunt

The NRH Parks & Recreation Department invites you to have fun searching for colorful eggs from the comfort of your own home while social distancing. Visit www.facebook.com/nrhparcs between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Friday, April 10, to participate in the virtual Easter egg hunt.

Tarrant County COVID-19 Statistics

As cases of coronavirus continue to rise, the Tarrant County Public Health Department is providing the public with local statistics related to the pandemic. To date, they report 637 confirmed cases in Tarrant County, with 61 recovered and 20 deaths. By location, there have been 8 positives in North Richland Hills, with 3 of those having recovered. 57% of positive cases are males and 43% female. 42% of cases are people under the age of 45. These and other statistics are updated daily on the county's [website](#).

Temporary Change to RV Ordinance

To assist our healthcare professionals, first responders and other essential workers, a section of the city's RV parking ordinance is being waived for the duration of our declaration of local health emergency, which is currently through April 30. This temporary change allows an essential worker who chooses to isolate from their family due to risk of COVID-19 exposure to occupy an RV in their driveway. The RV must be completely on the driveway, not on the grass or street, and cannot extend into or block a street, alley or sidewalk. Arrangements must be made to properly dispose of solid waste and sewage from the RV. Such disposal cannot be into our creeks, waterways or storm drains. A permit is not required to occupy an RV during this temporary period, however these rules may change if the city deems it necessary.

Message from NRH Police Department

There is no doubt; the NRH community is truly incredible. Many of you have reached out wanting to support us with food or supply donations to keep our staff encouraged and safe. However, out of an abundance of caution, to protect both our personnel and the public we serve, we are temporarily ceasing the acceptance of open container food and meals. We know that these gifts come from the heart, and we do not make this decision lightly. Many of you find positivity through giving and helping others, so we want to share what we can accept during this time. Any sealed, pre-packaged food and drinks will be accepted, as well as Personal Protective Equipment, hand sanitizer, thermometers, and cleaning/sanitizing supplies.

Also, consider supporting our local businesses and charity groups. We have many outlets directly in NRH that are working hard to help give back to those in the community who need it during these difficult times. We have already received some very generous donations of masks (yes, we will accept homemade masks), thermometers, sanitizers, and want to thank you again for your gifts and support. We appreciate your understanding and know that we will get through this together!

NRH Library Making Protective Gear

The NRH Library is putting its 3D printers to good use making protective face shields for our first responders and other city employees who continue to serve our community during this pandemic. Library staff spent the last week working on prototypes, and today the Fire Department selected one for the Library to produce. The selected prototype is made using already available materials. The Library is able to produce between 18-21 face shields per day.

Check in on Others

Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation. Take 10 minutes and check in with one person today, whether it's over the phone or video chat. Then, ask them to pay it forward by checking in on someone else.

If you are feeling especially overwhelmed, Texas now has a 24/7 support line to help anyone who's experiencing anxiety, stress, depression or other emotional challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any Texan can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week toll-free at 833-986-1919.

Stay home, be safe and we'll all get through this together. #NRHtogether



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