

RICHLAND HILLS



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Review

Mayor's letter:



On behalf of the Richland Hills City Council, we wish you a wonderful fall! Things are really moving along on the Link and plaza area that residents voted to approve last November. We still anticipate the building will open in Spring of 2017. Keep your eyes out for some special announcements for programs and membership opportunities coming soon. You can stay informed on the progress of construction at www.rhrecreation.com.

For those of you who have driven down Vance Road recently, you will notice that Kate Baker Park has a beautiful new playground for the children to enjoy. There is plenty of shade for parents and grandparents to utilize while keeping an eye on your little ones. We hope you enjoy the new equipment.

Finally, please volunteer for the October 21st and 22nd Community Powered Revitalization Blitz with 6Stones. We really need volunteers to help make repairs to homes in our City. To sign up, please visit <http://www.6stones.org/cpr/>.

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Bill Agan



UPCOMING EVENTS

A Quick Look at Happenings in the Area – Find out more online at richlandhills.com

9/05/16	City Hall Will Be Closed
10/17/16	Bulk Waste Collection
10/22/16	Take Back Meds Day
11/24/16	City Hall Will Be Closed
11/25/16	City Hall Will Be Closed
12/02/16	Christmas Tree Lighting
12/23/16	City Hall Will Be Closed
12/26/16	City Hall Will Be Closed



DON'T FORGET

When walking your pet, the pet owner is responsible for cleanup of any pet waste.

TAKE BACK MEDS DAY

The next Take Back Meds Event is Saturday, October 22, 2016, 10 am to 2 pm at the Richland Hills Fire Department, 3201 Diana Drive. This is a national program sponsored by the DEA for citizens to anonymously turn in their unwanted or expired medications (prescription and over-the counter) at any Take Back collection site on this one day for safe disposal. This program works to bring awareness and education about drug abuse problems, helps prevent accidental overdoses by getting meds out of homes, and protects the environment from getting contaminated by improper disposal. Last April, the Richland Hills Police Department and Public Works Department were extremely busy and took in almost 600 pounds of meds. This is the most they have collected in the 4 years they have been a part of this program, and we thank our public for participating.



TEXAS NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday, October 4th, neighborhoods throughout Richland Hills are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities for Texas Night Out (TNO) crime and drug prevention event. Texas Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 6 to 10 p.m. on October 4th, residents in Richland Hills are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Richland Hills will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from police, contests, and youth activities.

For more information on how to join Texas Night Out contact Officer Ashley Stringer at 817-616-3777 or astringer@richlandhills.com.



CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

KATE BAKER PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

If you have driven down Vance Road or Dover lately, you likely noticed that Kate Baker Park has a new look. The City Council moved forward this past year to implement portions of Phase A, as identified on the Kate Baker Park master plan. If you haven't driven by to see it, please take the children for a quick drive and check it out. There is equipment for the 2 to 5 year olds and larger equipment for the 5 to 12 year olds. The park includes standard belt swings, an infant swing and an ADA accessible swing. You will also enjoy the large shade structures when the heat cranks back up in the summer.



THE LINK UPDATE

You have all probably heard the saying, "when it rains it pours." We take this to mean a couple things here at City Hall: first, Richland Hills is *pouring* with a lot of exciting things considering the development of the new recreation activities center, the improvements to Kate Baker Park, and the Baker Blvd corridor improvements; second, it does seem to literally pour every time it rains, which is hard when you are trying to build a building. Nonetheless, the contractor is making up ground when they can to keep the project on schedule for an early spring 2017 opening. The foundation and all of the subsurface things are impacted the most by rain but now that the walls will begin to go up, we should be in pretty good shape moving forward. Here is a general schedule of what to expect over the next few months, below. If you want to keep up with more real-time updates, please visit the website www.rhrecreation.com.

October: complete foundation/slab work; exterior steel framing

November: exterior sheathing and façade (install brick / stone); begin roof system

December: interior wall layouts; install electrical and plumbing systems inside the building

City Manager’s Office 817.616.3806
 Economic Development Department 817.616.3745
 Public Works Department 817.616.3830

City Hall Office Hours: 817.616.3800
 Mon-Thur 7:30am to 5:30pm, Fri 7:30am to 11:30am

Visit us on the web: richlandhills.com

Important Numbers to Know:

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
 Fire Station Non-Emergency 817.616.3754
 Police Department Non-Emergency 817.616.3780
 Library 817.616.3760
 Recreation & Special Events 817.616.3745
 Animal Shelter 817.616.3769



GO PAPERLESS!
 Reasons to receive your bill online with eBill ...

- Save Trees** - Paper recycling is a good thing, but it's better to avoid it in the first place.
- Save Time** - Don't wait for your bill to arrive in the mail. Get it instantly.
- Save Money** - No postage or printing costs. No need to print and file.

PAY YOUR WATER BILL ON LINE!
 Sign up for E-BILL & get your utility bill emailed to you instantly!
 Call us at 817-616-3800

For more information on the Library’s Fall Programs visit the city’s website.

ARTS ON THE GO

Every 2nd Saturday there will be two sessions:
 10:30-11:30 & 12:00 -1:00
STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH

Arts on the Go, a mobile workshop will be teaching classes in painting, dance, sculpting, writing and more!

Registration Required

VAX SHACK LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER & SHOT CLINICS
 Clinics are held the 4th Thursday of each month.
APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR SPAY & NEUTER
CALL: 817-616-3769

SHOTS AVAILABLE FROM 10AM-1PM, NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

2nd Annual Haunted Stacks

Saturday, October 29, 2016
 2:30– 5:00 pm
 All Ages

2:30 Watch “Hotel Transylvania 2”

4:00 Enter into the library’s Haunted Stacks maze
 Play games, win treats