



## Recent Awards & Honors

The City of North Richland Hills is proud to be one of the **100 Best Places to Live in the United States**. *Money Magazine* selected North Richland Hills as one of the Best Places to Live in 2006. Cities making the list had the best possible blend of good jobs, low crime, quality schools, plenty of open space, reasonable home prices and an abundance of recreational and leisure activities. The list of Best Places to Live with populations between 50,000 and 300,000 was published in the magazine's July 2006 edition. Following are additional awards and honors the City of North Richland Hills has received in recent months:

In the Fall of 2007, North Richland Hills was recognized by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office, and Texas Energy Partnership for reducing electricity consumption by 5% per year for the last five years.

Citicable NRH was selected by Keep America Beautiful as a **2007 Rogers Award Winner** in October 2007. The department was recognized for its public service announcement on the 2007 Trash Bash.

NRH Police Department motorcycle officers won numerous awards at the **2007 Lone Star Police Motorcycle Competition** in October 2007.

Richland Tennis Center Manager Charlotte Wylie was named **Texas Facility Manager of the Year** by the US Professional Tennis Association.

The Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications honored North Richland Hills Dispatcher Laura Hines as a **2007 Telecommunicator of the Year** and Dispatcher Karen Millen as a **2007 Silent Hero**. The awards were presented in August 2007.

The City was presented the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada in August 2007. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row the city has received the award.

North Richland Hills received several recognitions during the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in July 2007. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place **Government Award** was presented to the NRH Neighborhood Services Department. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Sadie Ray Graff Education Leadership Award** was presented to Keep NRH Beautiful Chair Kathy Luppy. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Governor's Community Achievement Award** was presented to Keep NRH Beautiful.

The North Richland Hills Fire Department's Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program (JFIP) was selected in July 2007 as one of 7 finalists for the **International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire Service Award for Excellence**. This innovative program was implemented in 2004 as a method to educate and modify the behavior of juveniles who are involved in fire setting or with fire play.

Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Gray was recognized in July 2007 as a **Great First Responder** by the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Committee and Careflite. Scott received the award for "going above and beyond the call of duty. Demonstrating professionalism and setting the standard for your peers in life threatening situations. For putting service above self and making our communities better places to live."

The Greater Fort Worth Builders Association presented the City of North Richland Hills with its **Community "Spotlight" Award**. The City was recognized for creating innovative housing opportunities through the Residential Infill Planned Development Ordinance. The award was presented in March 2007.

The North Richland Hills Fire Department was presented the **Lone Star Achievement Award** by the Texas Fire Chief's Association. This award recognizes departments for implementing innovative and progressive programs that enhance their community's fire and life safety service delivery. NRH was recognized for the success of its Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program. The award was presented in March 2007.

The City was presented a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** from the Governmental Finance Officers Association for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year. The award was presented during the February 26, 2007 City Council Meeting.

For the second year in a row, The North Richland Hills Public Library is the **highest ranked library in the state** for communities with a population between 50,000 and 100,000, according to the 2006 Hennen's American Public Library Rankings. The annual ranking was published in the American Library Association's magazine in October 2006.

Keep NRH Beautiful was recognized in 2005 and 2006 as a **Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate**. Keep NRH Beautiful was also presented the **2005 Governor's Community Achievement Award** in recognition of the ongoing efforts of City staff and volunteers to beautify and improve our community.

The City received a **Certificate of Recognition** from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office and Texas Energy Partnership for energy efficiency and air quality improvement efforts. The certificate was received in Summer 2006.

The City of North Richland Hills received the **Clean Air Partners Award** for supporting clean air efforts in North Texas by implementing employee programs to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion. The award is presented by the North Texas Clean Air Coalition in 2005 and 2006.

**Dispatcher Jennifer Veber** was the recipient of **The Silent Hero Award** in July 2006. This is a certificate of achievement presented by the Commission on State Emergency Communications. The Commission recognizes exemplary conduct and dedication in serving the public in the field of emergency telecommunications

Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County presented the City of North Richland Hills with an **Award of Recognition** in appreciation of the City's 10 years of dedicated volunteer service. The award was presented in Spring 2006.

North Richland Hills Fire Chief Andy Jones was honored by the Texas Fire Chief's Association as the **Texas Fire Chief of the Year**. The award was presented at a Texas Fire Chief's Association luncheon in March 2006.

The Texas Association of Fire Educators presented the **George Hughes Award for Texas Instructor of the Year** to NRH Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinator Sean Hughes in March 2006.

Iron Horse Golf Course was named the **Best Public Golf Course** for 2006 by the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

The North Richland Hills Parks Department was presented the **2006 Arts and Humanities Award** from the Southwest Regional Council for the National Recreation and Park Association.

The Neighborhood Initiative Program received a **Daily Point of Light Award** from the Points of Light Foundation for making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others. The award was presented in July 2005. The North Richland Hills Neighborhood Initiative Program was also honored in June 2005 with the **U.S. Conference of Mayors City Livability Award**.

In March 2005, North Richland Hills was designated by the National Weather Service as a **"StormReady"** community. The StormReady designation recognizes communities that have taken extra steps to prepare for severe weather. Less than 1 percent of all cities and towns in the country have achieved this designation.

The City Secretary's Office was honored in 2005 with the Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics' **Five-Star Local Registrar Award** for the fourth year in a row.

The Fire Department was presented a **2005 Life Safety Achievement Award** from the Residential Fire Safety Institute. The department also received the award in 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

The Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada presented the City a **Certificate of Excellence Award** in 2005 in recognition of the City's Investment Policy.

The Government Treasurers Organization of Texas awarded the City an **Investment Policy Certificate of Distinction** in 2005.

The North Richland Hills Parks Department was presented the **2005 Arts & Humanities Award, 2005 Administration and Management Award** and the **2005 Promotional Award** from the Texas Recreation and Park Society.

NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park was named the **Best Public Sector Water Park** for our population category by *Best of Aquatics* in 2005 and 2004.

NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park was presented the **Platinum National Safety Award** from Ellis and Associates in 2005.