

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

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North Little Rock School District Classes resume Monday August 17, 2015 Watch out for buses and kiddos!



School	Starting Time	Ending Time
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Elementary Schools

All Elementary Schools (K - 5th Grades)	7:50 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Crestwood Elementary - After School Program	2:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Early Childhood Programs	7:30 a.m.	2:30 p.m.

*Extended School Day

	Starting Time	Ending Time
Before School	7:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
After School	2:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

Secondary Schools

	Starting Time	Ending Time
North Little Rock Middle School	8:20 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
North Little Rock High School	8:20 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
North Little Rock Academy	8:20 a.m.	3:35 p.m.
NLR Academy Extended Day	3:30 p.m.	5:45 p.m.

Need a place to cool off this summer?

Stop by the North Little Rock Heritage Center (fka History Commission), 506 Main Street and view their current exhibit "Give Our Regards to Broadway" A farewell tribute and exhibit starring The Broadway Bridge. This wonderful exhibit features 92 years of history on display.

The exhibit is free and open to the public through late August 2015.

For more information call 501-371-0755 or email NLRhistory@comcast.net.

This exhibit is presented by the North Little Rock History Commission.



"Where's Mel"? Be the 1st person to call 975-8617 and tell us where you found him hiding and win a prize!

**North Little Rock
Animal Control**
For more information call
501-791-8577

You may not realize it, but you've been training your puppy from the first minute you got her! For instance, each time you say her name and she moves from where she is

to where you are, she is learning the command "Come." You just have to add the word "Come" routinely so she makes the association.

Here are nine great tips to help you successfully teach your puppy the basics:

Simply set aside about 10 to 20 minutes daily to work with your puppy.

1. Have one person in the family conduct the training. Even if everyone in the family is using the same verbal commands, their timing will be slightly different, which could confuse the dog. It should be someone who is patient. Have other family members work with the dog later, after her learning is well under way. Just be sure everyone in the family is using the same commands. If the puppy seems confused or backslides when more than one person works with her, return to having only one family member conduct the training.

2. Use positive reinforcement. Reward the dog as she learns, and *never* punish the dog or become unpleasant when she doesn't catch on right away. If the dog associates obedience with something pleasant, she is more likely to obey. If she associates obedience with scolding, she won't learn as well. Training is not the time to issue the word "No." "No" should be used only to correct inappropriate behavior. A puppy that doesn't catch on right away to training is not misbehaving. She just hasn't yet learned what you want her to do. Use treats to encourage your puppy. Don't use them every single time, however; otherwise you'll find yourself with a dog that only obeys when you have a treat in hand!

3. Teach one command at a time. Move on to an additional command only after the dog has caught on well to the first.

4. Keep your voice cheerful. Some dogs respond best to a very playful, coaxing voice, whereas others respond better to a slightly stern—but still pleasant—voice. Again, experiment to see which tone of voice gets you the best response.

5. Keep your sense of humor. Puppies are distracted easily and can try your patience. Focus on your puppy's accomplishments, no matter how



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small they are, and enjoy your time with her. She won't be a puppy for long, after all.

6. Train in various places. All the commands can be practiced in the house, in the yard, or with the dog on leash at a neighborhood park. If you vary the places you train your dog, more likely she'll learn to obey wherever you are. Training her in different places will also help socialize your puppy.

7. Train your puppy as you play. For instance, if you are playing fetch with a ball, ask your puppy to "Sit" before throwing the ball. Say "Come" as she returns with the ball. This reinforces your formal sessions, and since playtime is fun, it will help the dog learn to associate obedience with something pleasant.

8. Integrate training into daily life. As soon as your dog learns a command, begin using it routinely, not just during training sessions, and continue to reward the dog appropriately. Say "Heel" as you go from the kitchen to the living room, for example, and reward her when she obeys. Integrating commands into daily life as soon as possible will help ensure that your dog learns to listen in all types of situations, not just during your training sessions.

9. Do not expect a dog of any age to obey every command every single time. Dogs are living creatures, not robots. They have good days and not-so-good days, just as people do. Sometimes they concentrate better than others. This is why keeping your dog on a leash anytime she is not in a fenced-in yard or in the house is imperative. Most dogs can, however, learn to obey commands most of the time if you are persistent with training.

Adapted from *The Puppy Owner's Manual*, by Diana Delmar (Storey Books, 2001).

Read more: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/basic-training-for-dogs-nine-tips.html#ixzz3fn0ZKv5B>



North Little Rock Fire Department

Keep Fire Safety In Mind When Heading Back To School

Some Simple Steps Can Keep College Students Safer From On- and Off-Campus Fires

The beginning of a new term means classes, homework, friends, and parties. With such hectic lives, students often don't pay attention to one thing that could kill them: accidental fires. As a new semester begins, the South Fire District Fire Department, reminds students to take action to protect themselves and their friends from fire.

In the past six years, 89 people have died as a result of on- and off-campus fires and hundreds more have been injured, according to the Center for Campus Fire Safety, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing campus-related fire issues. August and September are two of the deadliest months for these fires and almost 80% of the deaths take place in off-campus apartments or homes, which is where three-fourths of college students live.

That's one reason why September has been declared as Campus Fire Safety Month.

"Unfortunately, most college students do not realize how quickly a fire can occur," said Chief Robert J. Ross.

"Studies show you have on average three minutes from when the first smoke alarm sounds to escape. Students need to realize that they are not invincible, that fires do happen in campus-related settings, and that they can take steps to protect themselves, no matter where they live."

Common Factors in Student-Related Fires

Many fatal fires involving college students have four common elements: missing or disabled smoke alarms, careless disposal of smoking materials, alcohol consumption, and lack of automatic sprinkler systems.

Carelessly disposed of cigarettes are the leading causes of fatal fires in all residences, including rental properties where college students may live, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Students also can fall victim to fires started by open flames such as candles.

Drinking alcohol is common on college campuses. Studies show alcohol decreases inhibition and impairs judgment, which can increase a student's risk of not waking to the sound of a smoke alarm and perhaps not surviving a fire. The NFPA also found that more than 60% of adults killed or injured in smoking-material residential fires were either asleep or possibly impaired by alcohol. In addition, the NFPA says that while most homes and apartments - including rental properties - have smoke alarms, nearly 40 percent don't work, often due to dead or missing batteries.

How to Help Prevent Fires

The South Fire District Fire Dept. urges parents and college students to remember these fire safety tips when heading off to school:

- Install UL-listed smoke alarms in every room of an apartment or rental home. Battery-powered wireless smoke alarms, such as the Kidde Wireless System, use radio frequency technology to link together so that when one alarm sounds, all of the alarms sound. This immediate response helps provide early warning no matter where the fire starts, giving more time to escape.
- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries as needed.
- Look for housing that is equipped with automatic fire sprinkler systems. Not every residence hall or rental property has them.
- Know two ways out of every building. A fire escape ladder, such as one offered by Kidde, can provide an alternate exit from second or third floor rooms.
- Properly dispose of smoking materials in ashtrays. After parties, check the cushions on couches and chairs for smoldering cigarettes.
- Purchase a fire extinguisher and learn how to use it BEFORE a fire breaks out.
- Use UL-listed extension cords and electrical appliances properly. Don't overload electrical outlets.
- If the residence has fossil-fuel burning appliances, such as a gas stove or furnace, install UL-listed carbon monoxide alarms on every floor and near sleeping areas.
- Never leave candles unattended and keep them away from items that could easily catch fire. Be sure to put out candles before going to bed.

Found on the Internet.

Highlights from some City Departments



Mayor Joe A. Smith holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments. Below are a few highlights from the last meeting (June events).

Central Arkansas Water—year to date water sales for 2015 are 11.0% below the 13 year historical average.

Neighborhood Services—mailed 5,002 neighborhood association announcements/newsletters. Loaned equipment to 5 events. Processed 1 Ward Beautification Grant. Funded 2 beautification projects.

Hays Center—19 trips were provided to Des Arc, Eureka Springs, Murray's Dinner Theatre, Fairfield Bay Belle of the Bay, Browns Buffet, Audubon Center for Birds and Wildlife, Helena and Conway: included 173 participants. There were 82 new Hays Center members. City volunteers logged 1,027 volunteer hours in various departments.

Utilities Accounting—

Electric bad debt expense

May: \$47,490.00

New accounts installed: 1,234

Accounts finalized: 1,148

Customer related calls—9,328, direct contact with Customer Service—1,963, inside teller payments received 8,170—electric; 9,819—gas / water, drive-thru teller payments—4,771—electric; 5,275—gas / water.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,616.53 tons (3,233,060 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 312 loads; 3,925 cubic yards of mixed debris along with 5,157 cubic yards of green waste. Issued 49 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 3 citations for non-compliance.

Traffic Services—approved 439 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced signs and posts 158, marked 7 city vehicles with logo, 44 Arkansas One Call location requests. Road striping (white—13.5 miles, yellow 23 miles), raised pavement markers (red/white—1,400, yellow—2,050. Speed study at 4200 Locust.

Police—(May numbers) Burglary -5.9%. Theft from Motor Vehicles -5%. Robbery +2%.

Fire—Total Incidents: 950

Residential Fires: 15

Vehicle Fires: 8

Rescue/EMS: 561

Other Responses: 292

Total Responses: 1,751

Other Structure Fires: 1

False Alarms/Malfunctions: 59



Haz Mat Responses: 12
Total Fire Losses: \$2,359,640
Total Value: \$3,365,600
Total Saved: \$1,005,960
Training: 3,746 hours
Building Surveys: 170

Safety Department—reviewed and signed off on vehicle inspections. Inspected 12 new Storm Water Permit areas.

Electric Department—38,527—customers, Peak Power—221,516 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—544.8 miles, # Transformers—11,248, Street lights—11,001 (173 repaired), Security lights—3,928 (17 repaired), Smart meters 36,508—Revenue \$7,450,887. Major outages—36 circuits system-wide due to weather, effected 11,687 customers.

City Clerk/Treasurer—1% Hotel—\$25,872.09; 2%

Hotel/Motel—\$51,175.87;

Mixed Drink Tax—\$44,265.18;

Restaurant Tax—

\$518,306.41.

Issued 36 new business licenses, processed 114 renewals (including Beer / Liquor), less than 250 accounts

under review. Mailed annual Beer/Liquor renewal notices, forms and ordinance regarding penalties for late payment. Continue accepting credit card payments which has provided a beneficial service to out of state customers wanting to renew or apply for licenses by phone.

Code Enforcement—306 assigned calls, 850 initiated calls, 51 citations, 781 notices, 51 vehicles tagged, 173 structures inspected, rental inspections 49, 17 food service inspections, 1 search warrant, 1 house demolished by city, 9 houses demolished by owner. Secured 0 vacant houses, mowed 125 vacant lots, mowed 75 with structures, picked up 22 tires.

Animal Control—NLR

Incoming Animals—259,

Adopted 84,

Reclaimed 28,

Euthanized 178

Citations issued 84

Vouchers (low cost spay/

neuter) Dogs 37, Cats 15,

Calls for Service 819

Pulaski County Incoming Animals—129,

Adopted 22,

Reclaimed 2,

Euthanized 86

23 dogs were adopted through out of state rescue. 24 illegal Pit bulls were seized. No specimens were sent to State Health Department for rabies testing.



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Parks and Recreation—2015 US Youth Soccer Southern Regional Championships were held in Burns Park. Coaches and visitors were very complimentary of the site and hope to return. Representatives were pleased with the condition of the fields and the efforts that went into cleaning up the area following flooding. Flood cleanup was massive, but thanks to the efforts and assistance from multiple city departments, volunteer and others tournament play went on as scheduled. 168 teams from 12 states played 286 games. A total of 197 teams participated. The Parks Department has two Facebook pages: Facebook.com/NorthLittleRockParksAndRecreation and Facebook.com/ExploreTheNorthTrails.

**Finance—
Revenues (MTD—June)**

Taxes	\$ 512,798.66
Licenses/Permits	\$ 109,385.10
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 261,359.59
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,097,634.54
Intergovernmental-State	\$ 0.00
Franchises	\$ 124,816.51
Investment/Misc	\$ 28,357.81
User Fees	\$ 111,267.34
Utility Transfer	\$ 93,346.60
Grants & Other	\$ 52,943.00
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00
Total Revenue:	\$4,314,989.15
Expenditures	
Administration	\$ 129,470.19
Animal Shelter	\$ 64,701.48

Special Appropriations	\$ 198,359.33
City Clerk	\$ 20,359.29
Emergency Services	\$ 125,465.04
Finance	\$ 62,377.31
Fire	\$1,356,825.14
Health	\$ 3,455.53
Legal	\$ 39,724.00
1st Court	\$ 42,538.95
2nd Court	\$ 40,050.91
Public Defender	\$ 937.73
Human Resources	\$ 46,135.05
Commerce	\$ 18,095.83
Planning	\$ 55,237.50
Police	\$1,800,421.04
Code Enforcement	\$ 76,896.14
Public Works	\$ 87,669.24
Neighborhood Services	\$ 12,530.79
Sanitation	\$ 354,299.77
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 80,940.41
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 71,760.65
Communications	\$ 7,727.37
Fit 2 Live	\$ 8,789.16
Total Expenditures:	\$4,704,767.85

North Little Rock Visitor's Bureau—The visitors center in Burns Park had 1,503 visitors. AIMM had 2,116 visitors which included school/youth groups, sleepovers, a family reunion, and Navy re-enlistment ceremony. Downtown RV Park had 585 reservations with an average stay of 2 days.

Last month, former North Little Rock Finance Director Bob Sisson and his wife Connie celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Pictured below left holding their wedding photo is their grand-daughter Kailey. Below right, Bob received a kiss from the love of his life. Congrats to a wonderful retired member of our city family and his family.



Benefits of Trees

Found at www.arborday.org

Trees can add value to your home, help cool your home and neighborhood, break the cold winds to lower your heating costs, and provide food for wildlife.

The Value of Trees to a Community

The following are statistics on how important trees are in a community setting.

The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. *U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years, your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%. *Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research.*

A mature tree can often have an appraised value of between \$1,000 and \$10,000. *Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers.*

In one study, 83% of realtors believe that mature trees have a 'strong or moderate impact' on the salability of homes listed for under \$150,000; on homes over \$250,000, this perception increases to 98%. *Arbor National Mortgage & American Forests.*

Landscaping, especially with trees, can increase property values as much as 20%. *Management Information Services/ICMA.*

One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people. *U. S. Department of Agriculture.*

There are about 60– to 200-million spaces along our city streets where trees could be planted. This translates to the potential to absorb 33 billion more tons of CO² every year, and saving \$4 billion in energy costs. *National Wildlife Federation.*

Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and can save 20

-50 percent in energy used for heating. *USDA Forest Service.*

Trees can be a stimulus to economic development, attracting new business and tourism. Commercial retail areas are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer, and space in a wooded setting is more valuable to sell or rent. *The Arbor Day Foundation.*

Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value. *USDA Forest Service.*



The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging to the ground water supply.

Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams. *USDA Forest Service.*

In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant

recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension. *Dr. Roger S. Ulrich Texas A&M University.*

Nationally, the 60 million street trees have an average value of \$525 per tree. *Management Information Services.*

To help locate New York City's heritage trees, the City Department of Parks and Recreation conducted a program called the "Great Tree Search." New Yorkers looked for trees of unusual size and age, those linked with historic landmarks, and trees of unusual species or location. On Arbor Day, they held a big party to celebrate New York City's Great Trees.

After a tornado destroyed more than 800 trees in Cardington, Ohio, citizens organized a tree restoration committee which solicited donations and memorials. Volunteers who learned of the tree planting through a local newspaper articles appeared on Arbor Day to wrap trunks, water, mulch, and stake 40 large trees which were planted along major streets.

North Little Rock Woman's Club Annual Membership Tea

Members of the North Little Rock Woman's Club will host their annual membership Tea Monday, August 3, 2015, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the club house at 401 West Military Drive in Burns Park.

NLRWC is a non-profit organization which raises money to put back into our community. Funds are used to provide scholarships to North Little Rock High School students, purchase dictionaries for all third grade students in the North Little Rock School District, the Baptist Health Foundation, Friendly Chapel F.L.A.M.E., River City Ministry, North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club, Police Athletic League, ARC of Arkansas, and many more. Funds are also provided to the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center to assist with program funding. For more information please contact Mrs. Helen Greenfield at 501-835-5019.

2015 ARKANSAS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday August 1, 2015, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday August 2, 2015, the State of Arkansas will hold its sales tax holiday allowing shoppers the opportunity to purchase certain School Supplies, School Art Supplies, School Instructional Materials, and clothing free of state and local sales or use tax. 2015 Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday details below:



All retailers are required to participate and may not charge tax on items that are legally tax-exempt during the Sales Tax Holiday.

2015 Arkansas Sales Tax Holiday is officially August 1st, 2015.

2015 ARKANSAS SALES TAX HOLIDAY. Arkansas Tax Free Weekend 2015.

Arkansas will hold its annual sales tax holiday, beginning Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 12:01 a.m. and ending Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

State and local sales tax will not be collected during this 48-hour period on the sale of:

- (1) Clothing and footwear if the sales price is less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per item;
- (2) Clothing accessories and equipment if the sales price is less than fifty dollars (\$50) per item;
- (3) School supplies;
- (4) School art supplies; and
- (5) School instructional materials.

For more information, contact a customer service representative by phone Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (501) 682-7104.

How much is sales tax in North Little Rock?

Sales Tax: City 1%
County 1%
State 6.5%

Restaurant Tax: 3% (in addition to the taxes above)

Mixed Drink: City 1%
County 1%
State 6.5%
State supplemental 10%
State additional supplemental 4%
City supplemental 10%

How does your garden grow?

Based on the photos below, it's safe to say the "bucket" garden at North Little Rock Traffic Services is growing very well! Produce includes tomatoes, jalapeno peppers, squash and cucumbers. Thanks to John Savary, Chief Signal Technician for sharing these photos!





FROM SHELTER TO "HAPPILY EVER AFTER."

In 2012, Southern Paws Transport was founded with just a dream from its director, Liana Poirrier. At the time, it was only Liana and another woman, Mary Traylor, making the dream come true. Southern Paws Transport takes dogs from the North Little Rock Animal Shelter and places them with out-of-state rescue partners that are foster based. Our rescue partners currently reside in Minnesota, Colorado and Massachusetts.

Southern Paws Transport is a unique operation. So let us tell you what happens!

1. One of our great volunteers goes to the animal shelter and photographs dogs for adoption.
2. They post those dogs on our Facebook page, "North Little Rock Animal Shelter Adoptable Dogs."
3. Our rescue partners look at these photos and decide what dogs they feel they can help with. Whether it be because they have a potential adopter looking or the dog just speaks to their heart.
4. They "tag" the dog for rescue and let the shelter know. The shelter then has one of their shelter vets spay/neuter the dog and vaccinate it.
5. We then post the dogs to our team of wonderful temporary foster families to see who might have room for the dog for a few weeks. We have over 30 foster families. Some prefer small, some old, some young, so they choose who is a good fit.
6. They stay with their foster family 2-3 weeks and then transport to their rescues.

Southern Paws Transport began working with the North Little Rock Shelter in August 2012. That year alone, 118 dogs were rescued and successfully adopted.

In 2013, the shelter took in 3,357 dogs. It is a small shelter with only 24 kennels available for

adoption. All Pit Bull breeds, heartworm positive, sick or injured are euthanized before even reaching the adoption line. In 2013, 902 dogs were adopted. 359 dogs were reclaimed by their owners. 956 were euthanized. 531 dogs were rescued by Southern Paws Transport.



In 2014, 438 dogs and 1 Rabbit were rescued by Southern Paws Transport making a whopping 1,116 dogs saved from this shelter since its inception in August of 2012.

This does not include the many dogs that Southern Paws Transport takes from other shelters or situations.

To follow them on Facebook go to: <https://>

Around town last month...



Unfortunately, due to heat related issues along with an unexpected number of employees calling in, a few areas of our city were not picked up on regular pick up day. The safety and well being of our employees are a priority. We appreciate your patience, and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Beat the heat at one of the city's pools. Here two kids take a dip at the Sherman Park Community Center Pool. There is another pool at North Heights Community Center and a splash pad at Glenview Community Center.



Future filmmakers Chandler Dean and Fiona Clemons debut their animated film at the Summer Fab Lab, part of the Young Makers Camp at the Arkansas Regional Innovation Hub here in North Little Rock.

County equalization boards to meet in August

County equalization boards will meet August 1 through October 1 to equalize the assessed value for all acreage lands, city and town lots, other real property and personal property. "Equalization" means to adjust the valuation of property in order to bring about a uniform tax rate (ACA §26-27-315; *Black's Law Dictionary*). The Boards will meet as often as necessary during this time to complete their work (ACA § 26-27-309). If a county's ratio of assessed-to-market value is out of compliance, the equalization board may meet after October 1, but no later than the third Monday in November (ACA § 26-27-311).

County equalization boards have two responsibilities: (1) to renew and equalize overall county assessments as assessed by the assessor, and (2) to hear assessment appeals from property owners. The board begins the review of assessments on August 1, when the county assessor delivers the completed assessment records to the county clerk, who serves as the secretary for the board. Assessment appeals from landowners begin no later than the second Monday in August (ACA § 26-27-317).

Cities and incorporated towns have a part to play in deciding who sits as a member of the county equalization board. Cities and incorporated towns select one member of a five-member board (counties with a population less

than 79,000) and two members of a nine-member board (counties with a population greater than 79,000) (ACA § 26-27-303 and 304).

To select county equalization board members, city and incorporated town representatives within the county shall hold a meeting during the month of May of each year in which the terms of any of the members of the county equalization board shall expire (ACA § 26-27-304(b)(2) (A)). The mayor of the city or town or his or her designee shall serve as the representative of his or her city or town (*Id.*). The mayor of the county seat shall be the chair of the meeting, and if there are dual county seats, the mayor of the larger of the two seats shall be the chair of the meeting (*Id.*). Those at the meeting shall select the member of the board via majority vote, and each city or town shall be entitled to one vote (*Id.*). No action shall be taken unless a quorum is present. A majority of all of the representatives of all cities and incorporated towns in the county shall constitute a quorum (*Id.*)

This information was found in the July 2015 City & Town magazine, the official publication of the Arkansas Municipal League.

Information for this article comes from "Arkansas Property Tax Equalization and Appeal System," a publication of the Assessment Coordination Department. For more information, contact the Department at 501-324-9240 or visit www.arkansas.gov/acd.

Now is the time to become an organ donor

By Suzanne G. Mallory, R.N.

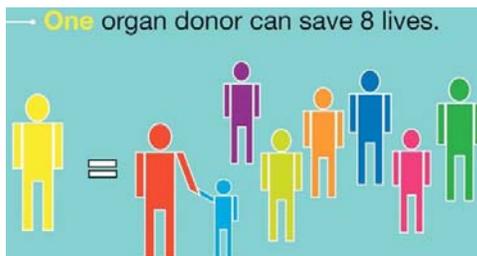
One organ donor can save eight lives. Still, there are more than 123,000 patients waiting for an organ transplant right now. Everyday, 21 people die waiting for a transplant, and the need continues to grow.

With many patients waiting, now is the time for our communities to get involved and become organ donors.

Registering as an organ, tissue, and eye donor is quite simple, but there are a few steps to remember. It's important to designate yourself as a donor on your driver's license, tell your family, friends and physician of your wishes, and include your decision in your living will or advance directive. In Arkansas, you can also sign up online at www.DonateLifeArkansas.org. These steps help cover all the bases and make sure your decision to be an organ donor will be carried out.

One of the benefits of donation is the impact one donor can have. Organs and tissues that can be donated include the heart, kidneys, lungs, pancreas, liver, intestines, corneas, skin, tendons, bones, and heart valves. In addition to giving someone a second chance at life, this selfless act can help the families who suffer loss find hope and meaning in knowing their loved one has impacted others in need.

Another advantage is almost anyone, regardless of age or condition, can be a donor. There is no cut-off age for donation, and there are few medical conditions that auto-



matically disqualify you from donating. It's best to sign up as a donor and allow medical professionals to decide whether or not your organs and tissues are transplantable. Organ donation in the United States is overseen by the United Network for Organ

Sharing (UNOS), which keeps a listing of all U.S. patients waiting for donation. Each organ that is donated is allocated according to specific medical criteria. In Arkansas, the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency (ARORA) notifies UNOS once organs are shown viable for transportation.

One of the biggest myths about organ donation is that if you are an organ donor, doctors and nurses won't work as hard to save your life. Regardless of whether or not a patient is an organ donor, the first priority of all health care professionals is the well-being of the patient.

Some fear organ donation will incur unexpected costs on the families after their death. However, no costs associated with recovering and processing organ and tissue donation are ever passed on to the families.

Other donors worry their organs will go to wealthy, privileged individuals instead of those most in need. No one is given priority. Every case is evaluated by the severity of illness, time spent waiting, blood type, and other important medical information.

Suzanne G. Mallory, R.N. is In-House Coordinator for Organ Donation, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.



Ballpark becomes testing ground for search and rescue squad

Central Arkansas's Task Force 1 Urban Search and Rescue, or USAR, utilized the scoreboard, light poles, and other structures at Dickey-Stephens ballpark June 4 to practice rescue maneuvers. The team specializes in search and rescue operations in urban environments and is based out of the Pulaski County Office of Emergency Management. Task Force 1 team members come from fire departments in Little Rock, North Little Rock, Benton, Bryant, Conway, Jacksonville, Sherwood, Cabot and Gravel Ridge.



Freedom Salute Celebrated Deployed Service of Guard Engineers

Last month Soldiers from the 1038th Engineer Company were honored at a Freedom Salute Ceremony at the National Guard Professional Education Center at Camp Joseph T. Robinson. The ceremony gave a public honor to the service and sacrifice of the 150 Soldiers who served a nine-month deployment providing construction support of installations in Kuwait. The Freedom Salute is a nationwide campaign recognizing National Guard members who served in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



“I am proud of our accomplishments and proud to say that I am the commander of these outstanding officers, NCO’s (Non-commissioned officer) and junior enlisted,” Capt. Clayton Shelley, commander of the 1038th said. “However, we could not have accomplished any of this without the great sacrifice and support of our family members here at home. To you the most thanks is due.”

During the ceremony, members were presented with a Defender of Freedom Certificate signed by Maj. Gen. Mark Berry, adjutant general of Arkansas and Brig. Gen. Patricia Anslow, commander of the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Hearts & Hooves Upcoming Events you won't want to miss!

Believe it or not, Fall will be here before we know it and events are already starting to fill the calendar!



October 17, 2015

For more information, call 834-8509 or visit www.heartsandhooves.com or facebook.com/heartsandhoovesar



November 7, 2015



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 6/1/15
Expires: **9/2/15**

EXAMPLE



Sex: Male
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Dun
Height: 15 hands
Employer: **Equine sunglasses**
Type of Goods Sold: **Sunglasses for horses**

City Clerk and Treasurer Diane Whitbey
By: **_SAMPLE ONLY—
only valid with signature**

Deputy City Clerk, Treasurer, Revenue

North Little Rock History Commission



The North Little Rock History Commission is on Facebook! Search for North Little Rock History Commission and join their page today!

Also, the Friends of North Little Rock History have formed a Non-Profit Organization whose purpose is to protect and promote our city's rich history.

If your family has been in North Little Rock for 50 years or longer, the History Commission wants to know.

If you have items that represent our city's past and would like to donate them for future generations to enjoy, contact the History Commission staff.

For more information, contact the History Commission at 501-371-0755.

The North Little Rock Visitor's Center wants to know about your upcoming events!

To submit events, visit www.NorthLittleRock.org or call Stephanie Slagle, Public Relations Representative at 501-758-1424.

The following have a Peddlers permit in North Little Rock:

Southwestern Advantage

Educational books, software

- Danielle Gorham - expires 8-24-15
- Lesley Hahn - expires 9-3-15
- Savanna Barrow - expires 9-6-15

ARM Security

Security Systems and Service expire 9-14-15

- Holden Bailey
- Nicholas Brezina
- Derek Christensn
- Ethan Desmarais
- Yasir Finkenthal
- Daniel Gardner
- Andrews Givens
- Tyler Goudy
- Spencer Hale
- Tanner Hale
- Dylan Hammond
- Christopher Lumpkin
- Nathaniel Moore
- Mitchell Morse
- Andrew Mummert
- Mark Oman
- Preston Paynter
- Taylor Petersen
- Steven Price

- Dallin Stevens
- Kenneth Vinyard
- Brock Waters
- Following expire 10-27-15
- Spencer Christensen
- Taylor Cook
- Blake Densley
- Cody Gally
- Danny Garcia
- Casey Gorham
- Cody Hunt
- Eric Johnson
- Trent Kohler
- Camron Hanna

- Jeremy Mori
 - Jason Morris
 - Chase Russell
 - Brycen Sharp
 - Jarin Sillitoe
 - Isaac Terry
 - Josh Terry
 - Michael Terry
 - Jordan Wilson
- To view NLR issued ID's go to www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on City Clerk and Treasurer, then select Licensed Peddlers and click on the persons name.

Reminder to residents:

If someone comes to your door, you do not have to answer or let them in. If someone comes to your door and makes you uncomfortable please call the police. If someone comes to your door and is unable to produce an ID issued by the City of North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office (similar to the example on this page), please call 501-758-1234.

In all cases, if you call please provide a description of the person, location and vehicle description and license number if possible. You can also call the North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. to verify any business license or peddlers permit in our city at 501-975-8617.

North Little Rock City Council Schedule

The North Little Rock City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at **6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers in City Hall (300 Main Street, North Little Rock).

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617 or email Diane Whitbey at Dwhitbey@northlittlerock.ar.gov.

The City Council Agenda can be found at www.northlittlerock.ar.gov, then click on the Government tab, followed by Council Agenda.

City Council Members

Ward 1	Debi Ross Beth White	753-0733 758-2738
Ward 2	Linda Robinson Maurice Taylor	945-8820 690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter Bruce Foutch	804-0928 658-9714
Ward 4	Murry Witcher Charlie Hight	835-0009 758-8396

Other Elected Officials

Mayor Joe A. Smith	975-8601
City Clerk and Treasurer Diane Whitbey	975-8617
City Attorney C. Jason Carter	975-3755
District Court Judge Jim Hamilton	791-8559
District Court Judge Randy Morley	791-8562

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling schedule for the month of August:

Aug 3—7 recycle

Aug 10—14 no pickup

Aug 17—21 recycle

Aug 24—28 no pickup

Aug 30—Sept 4 recycle



City Offices located at 120 Main

IS/Data Processing, Kathy Stephens	975-8820
Finance, Karen Scott	975-8802
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning,	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, David Melton	975-8888

Utility Payment Assistance and Other Numbers

Central AR Development Council.....	501-603-0909
Little Rock Catholic Charities...	501-664-0640 ext 459
Saint Francis House.....	501-664-5036
Watershed.....	501-378-0176
Helping Hand of Arkansas.....	501-372-4388
River City Ministries.....	501-376-6694
Arkansas Metro.....	501-420-3824
Arkansas Food Bank.....	501-565-8121
American Red Cross.....	501-748-1021
Salvation Army.....	501-374-9296

Telephone Numbers for City Hall

Mayor's Office.....	501-975-8601
Joe A. Smith	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Legal.....	501-975-3755
C. Jason Carter	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Bernadette Rhodes	

August Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
KATELYN THOMAS	City Clerk	3	MICHAEL OSBORNE	Police	9
HEIDI WEBB	OES	2	JEREMIAH COVINGTON	Police	9
CHERI MONROE	OES	11	CHRISTOPHER BROWN	Police	5
KAREN ALLEN	Electric	17	CORDELL DAVIS	Police	3
ROBERT DANIELS	Electric	34	JOHN BLANKENSHIP	Police	2
MARK FINCH	Electric	13	GENE WHITLEY	Police	14
ROCKY HARRIS	Electric	23	SARAH BORNHAUSER	Police	2
DARREN OWEN	Electric	11	PHILIP EVANS	Police	3
KENNY HIGHFILL	Electric	10	ZACHRY LEASE	Police	9
JOHN HARRIS	Electric	8	IRA WHITNEY	Police	10
EDDIE REED	Electric	25	JOSEPH MADISON	Police	7
JOSEPH MARTIN	Electric	42	SCOTT HARTON	Police	7
GREGORY HEINTZ	Electric	3	MATTHEW BARBER	Police	3
ROBERT HUGHES	Electric	5	BLAKE BARNES	Police	7
GLENN KRAUSS II	Electric	3	CHADWICK EDWARDS	Police	9
MATTHEW RAGLAND	Electric	3	MICHAEL LITTEN	Police	7
RYAN HARTWICK	Electric	6	ERIC STOCKMAN	Police	5
WILLIAM MANN	Electric	9	ERIC CHEATHAM	Police	3
DAGNY PRITCHARD	Finance	3	RODNEY THOMAS	Police	5
DEBORAH MURPHY	Finance	36	RYAN DAVIDSON	Police	5
GLADYS JACKSON	Finance	18	JASON CHRISMAN	Police	4
BEONICA WILLIAMS	Finance	3	JEFFREY ELENBAAS	Police	5
JAMES MURPHY	Fire	1	RANDY FLIPPIN	Police	5
JERRY ROBINSON	Fire	20	WILLIAM SCOTT	Police	5
JAMES HOOKS	Fire	25	MICHAEL REYES	Police	4
JEFFREY BENNETT	Fire	18	ROBERT EMARY	Police	3
JOHN PFLASTERER	Fire	20	JOSHUA THRELKELD	Police	3
KEVIN BEMRICH	Fire	20	DAVID MOORE	Police	2
GARY WILLIAMS	Fire	15	AMON SHIRLEY	Police	2
MICHAEL JORDAN	Fire	18	MICHAEL STANLEY	Police	2
RICHARD MATTHEWS	Fire	14	WILLIAM WILLIAMS	Police	2
JONATHON STATON	Fire	2	CAROLYN BRANCH	Police	15
MATTHEW HUNT	Fire	9	CHEREON CAMP	Police	3
JASON BRYANT	Fire	9	DIANA LUNA	Police	10
JOSHUA COMBS	Fire	9	DAVID WILKINS	Police	9
JEREMY REED	Fire	9	RUSTY GARTRELL	Police	10
TOLIVER WHILLOCK	Fire	9	LAURA PETTY	Code	1
HEATH WILLIAMS	Fire	10	BELINDA GARVIN	Public Works	4
NICHOLAS FREY	Fire	8	DANIEL SCOTT	Neighborhood Srv	20
NATHAN WOLFE	Fire	9	DANTE GIUSTI	Sanitation	5
MICHAEL SANCHEZ	Fire	8	RICHARD ABBOTT	Sanitation	17
DANIEL MCFADDEN	Legal	5	TINA OFFORD	Sanitation	11
YVONNE HARRIS	1st Court	27	ELREE ASHFORD	Sanitation	1
JUDY WEST	2nd Court	31	JAMES BENSON	Sanitation	1
VEDA STEWART	UAD	15	JOHN SMITH	Sanitation	1
SHANNON JOHNSON	UAD	2	CURTLAND WATSON	Sanitation	5
KATHERYN STEPHENS	UAD	25	DONNA MATHEWS	Sanitation	1
JAMIE WALLACE	HR	21	JAMES BAILEY	Sanitation	1
AMY SMITH	Commerce	16	JEFFREY WHITE	Street	14
BILLIE BLACK	Planning	5	CODY REESE	Traffic	3
DIRK BARRIERE	Police	23	CHONG LOR	Traffic	2
ROBERT GRIFFIN	Police	25	DONNIE ADAMS JR	Traffic	3
BRANDON DAVIDSON	Police	10	DEIDRA DEVINE	Traffic	17
CHRISTOPHER WEAVER	Police	7	JANET EBERLE-WILKINS	Parks Admin	45
JUSTIN CROSS	Police	4	DONALD JOHNSON	Parks Maint	15
DAVID DALLAS	Police	29	ALAN GOURLEY	Parks Maint	9
CHAUNCEY SIMS	Police	7	TEMEKA MARTIN	Parks Rec	12
MATTHEW PEACH	Police	4	BRIAN FISCHER	Fort Roots Golf	4
LANDON RAPPOLD	Police	4	JEFFREY CAPLINGER	Parks Special	11

August Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
WILLIAM	POE	Fire	2	ROBERT	SHAW	Fire	16
DAVID	WILKINS	Police	2	MURRY	WITCHER JR	Admin	18
MICHAEL	KLAMM	Public Works	4	MAURICE	TAYLOR	Admin	19
RICKY	ALBERS	Fire	4	CHARLES	BASS	Fire	19
CLIFFORD	LEE	Street	4	CHAD	ALLEN	Electric	19
MICHAEL	CARR	Parks Golf	4	WILLIE	ROMES	Parks Maint	19
JAMIE	WALLACE	HR	5	JOHN	PFLASTERER	Fire	20
MIKE	SCHULLER	Fire	6	JEREMY	REED	Fire	21
LAVERNE	WITHERSPO	UAD	6	BAILEY	GOREE	OES	21
MATTHEW	FLEMING	Legal	7	CHARLES	CARTER	Electric	22
LANDON	RAPPOLD	Police	7	WILLIAM	BURNHAM	Parks Maint	22
MATTHEW	DIXON	Fire	8	THOMAS	NORMAN	Police	22
MICHAEL	MARBLEY	Sanitation	8	MICHAEL	SHAHAN	Police	22
JUSTIN	MOSS	Police	9	ANTHONY	ROBINSON	Sanitation	22
CAMILLE	FLEMING	HR	9	JENNIFER	JOHANSEN	HR	23
RONALD	CARTER	Electric	9	CHARLES	PLATT	Fire	23
ROBERT	EMARY	Police	10	WILLIAM	ROBERTSON	Vehicle Maint	23
MARCUS	LEE	Sanitation	11	JOSHUA	COMBS	Fire	23
RONALD	RIGGIN	Electric	11	WILLIAM	FERRY	OES	24
SCOTT	HARTON	Police	11	SHANE	WILLIAMS	Sanitation	24
KIMBERLY	FRANCISCO	Police	11	JAMES	CAVIN	Police	25
KASEY	KNIGHT	Police	11	MICHAEL	JOY	Fire	25
DAVID	WILBOURN	Traffic	12	CURLAND	WATSON	Sanitation	25
RICKY	CRANFORD	Fire	12	CHARLOTTE	THOMAS	Admin	26
FREDERICK	GUNTHER	Fire	13	JAMES	WILSON	Electric	26
DUSTIN	TERRY	Fire	13	CLAYTON	ROGERS	Airport	26
SHAY	REAGAN	UAD	13	JANET	EBERLE-WILKINS	Parks Admin	26
PAUL	RILEY	Police	14	BRAD	BOOTH	Electric	26
ASHLEY	NOEL	Police	14	KATHRYN	SNIDER	Electric	27
STACEY	LEONARD	HR	14	MARK	WRIGHT	Police	29
JAMES	BAILEY	Police	15	DANIEL	MCFADDEN	Legal	29
JOHN	ALEXANDER	Animal Shelter	15	NORITH	ELLISON	Electric	29
WILLIAM	BROWN	Legal	15	JAMES	TINDALL	Animal Shelter	30
SANDRA	TARKINGTON	UAD	15	ROBERT	SCOTT	Police	30
ANGELA	WIRT	Hays Center	15	SCOTT	SPRINGER	Electric	31
KAREN	FLETCHER	UAD	16				

A spreadsheet including all North Little Rock employees is provided at the end of the previous year for Birthday and Anniversary information (to be used the following year). If you see an employee's name who is no longer with the city, keep in mind that the current information was provided during the previous year when those individuals were employees of the City of North Little Rock. If someone is omitted, please let me know!

If you have news, an upcoming event, recipe, photos, etc. you would like to share with others in North Little Rock, please email Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov by the 15th of the month.

Notice: to be eligible to offer a discount to North Little Rock City Employees, a business must be properly Licensed to do business in the city and current on all monies due to the City of North Little Rock.