

## North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer December 2015

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If you have information you would like to share with other city employees, residents and businesses throughout North Little Rock, then let us know. The City Clerk's office provides a monthly *e-letter* to those who subscribe through the North Little Rock website. To sign up, email [Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov).



From all of us  
To all of you  
We wish you a very  
Merry Christmas  
And a Happy, Safe and  
Prosperous New Year!

*North Little Rock City Employees*



"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**

## Holiday Safety Tips

Found at [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)  
The holiday season is

upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

### Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

- **Oh, Christmas Tree:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- **Avoid Mistletoe & Holly:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- **Tinsel-less Town:** Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.
- **That Holiday Glow:** Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!
- **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

### Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

- **Skip the Sweets:** By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will

go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

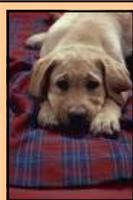
- **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.
- **Careful with Cocktails:** If your celebration include adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possible resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- **Selecting Special Treats:** Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible, Long stinky things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

### Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

- **House Rules:** If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.
- **Put the Meds Away:** Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.
- **A Room of Their Own:** Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.
- **New Year's Noise:** As you count down the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.



Photo right: if you need a good laugh, Google Fresh-pet Holiday Feast and watch the Youtube video. It will make you LOL.



*Need a new  
addition to your  
family?*  
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**501-791-8577**

...we've got the  
perfect companion for you!



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Arkansas Specialty *Please Spay or Neuter* License Plate  
at any State Revenue Office.



# North Little Rock Fire Department

## Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

Found at [www.BeReady.af.mil](http://www.BeReady.af.mil)

### What is a Winter Storm?

A severe winter storm is a storm that drops four or more inches of snow during a 12-hour period, or six or more inches during a 25-hour span.

### Winter Storm Facts

- All winter storms are accompanied by low temperatures and blowing snow which can severely reduce visibility.
- A winter storm can range from moderate snow over a few hours to blizzard conditions with blinding wind-driven snow that lasts for several days.
- Elderly people account for the largest percentage of hypothermia victims. Many older Americans literally “freeze to death” in their own homes after being exposed to dangerously cold indoor temperatures, or are asphyxiated because of improper use of fuels such as charcoal briquettes which produce carbon monoxide.

### Know the Terms

**Winter Storm Watch**—indicates that severe weather may affect your area.

**Winter Storm Warning**—indicates that a winter storm is occurring, or will occur in your area.

**Freezing Rain**—Rain that freezes when it hits the ground creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees, and power lines.

**Sleet**—Turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.

**Wind Chill**—Calculation of how cold it feels outside when the effects of temperature and wind speed are combined.

**Blizzard Warning**—Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per 4 hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow are expected for a period of three hours or longer.

**Frost/Freeze Warning**—Below freezing temperatures are expected.

**Heavy Snowfalls**—Snow accumulation of four inches in a 12-hour period or six inches in a 24-hour period.

**Ice Storms**—Occur when freezing rain falls from clouds and freezes immediately when it touches the ground.

**Frostbite**—A condition where localized, sometimes permanent, damage occurs to skin and other tissue due to extreme cold. Symptoms of frostbite include a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of the nose, and ear lobes.

**Hypothermia**—A condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Symptoms of hypothermia include uncontrollable shivering, slow speech, memory lapses, frequent stumbling, drowsiness, and exhaustion.

- If frostbite or hypothermia is suspected, begin warming the person slowly and seek immediate medical assistance. Warm the person’s trunk first and use your own body heat to help. Arms and legs should be warmed last, because stimulation of the limbs can drive cold blood toward the heart which can lead to heart failure.
- Never give a frostbite or hypothermia victim caffeine (like coffee or tea) or alcohol. Caffeine, a stimulant, can cause the heart to beat faster and hasten the effects the cold has on the body. Alcohol, a depressant, can slow the heart and also hasten the ill effects of cold body temperatures.

### Danger Zones

- While the worst snowstorms typically occur in the northern U.S. they can happen almost anywhere.
- Extreme cold temperatures are a concern nationwide, even in tropical climates such as Florida.

### Did You Know...

*70 percent of winter deaths related to snow and ice occur in automobiles.*

*Also a blanket or rug under the front of a tire will help “unstick” a vehicle by increasing traction. It can be used on walkways to prevent slipping and it provides traction under wheels of vehicles stuck in ice and snow.*

### Actions to Consider

#### Before

Ensure your walls/attic are properly insulated.

Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.

Keep pipes from freezing: wrap pipes in insulation or layers of old newspapers; cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture; let faucets drip a little to avoid freezing; know how to shut off water valves.

Acquire safe emergency heating equipment.

Install and check smoke and CO2 detectors.

#### Winter Driving

Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal.

Maintain a full tank of gas during the winter season.

Install winter tires with plenty of tread and install snow chains as necessary.

Listen to the radio or call the state highway patrol for the latest road conditions before traveling. Always travel during daylight and, if possible, take at least one other person with you and keep others informed of your schedule.

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When feasible, use public transportation if you must go out during a winter storm.

Above all, wear warm, layered clothing! Be sure to include gloves and the appropriate footwear and headwear protection.

### **During**

#### **If indoors**

Stay indoors and dress warmly.

Conserve fuel. Lower the thermostat to 65 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night. Close off unused rooms. If pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).

Listen to local radio or television for the latest updates.

#### **If Outdoors**

Dress warmly wearing loose-fitting, layered, light-weight clothing and try to stay dry. Wet clothing loses its insulating value rapidly.

If you go out to shovel snow, do a few stretching exercises to warm up your body.

Avoid overexertion; cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a vehicle can cause a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Remember to take frequent breaks when performing strenuous activities.

Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extremely cold air.

Be on the lookout for symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia.



### **If in a Vehicle**

Stay in your vehicle. Do not leave the vehicle to search for assistance unless you see a building close by where you know you can take shelter.

Display a trouble sign. Hang a brightly colored cloth on the radio antenna.

Occasionally run the engine (for about 10 minutes each hour) to keep warm. Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.

Turn on the dome light at night.

Do minor exercises to keep circulation flowing. Clap hands and move arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position too long.

Huddle together for warmth. Use newspapers, maps, and even removable vehicle mats for added protection.

#### **After**

Notify friends or family of your condition.

Use phone service sparingly.

Monitor local radio and television stations for the latest information.

Help a neighbor who may require special assistance—large families, children, elderly, and individuals with disabilities.



## **Peanut Butter-Pretzel Brownies**

Found at [www.bettycrocker.com/recipes](http://www.bettycrocker.com/recipes)

### **Brownies**

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ dark chocolate fudge brownie mix
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups mini pretzel twists

### **Peanut Butter Swirl**

- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

### **Chocolate Glaze**

- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 2 Tbsp butter

Heat oven to 350°. Line 8- or 9-inch square pan with cooking parchment paper.

In medium bowl, mix brownie mix, water and 1/2 cup melted butter. Add eggs one at a time, mixing after each.



Break half of the pretzel twists into pieces, stir into brownie batter. Spread half of the batter into pan; set aside.

In small bowl, mix Peanut Butter Swirl ingredients until smooth. Drop by spoonfuls on top of brownie batter in pan. Spoon remaining brownie batter between peanut

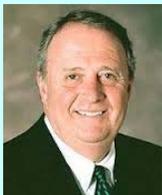
butter spoonfuls. Use a knife to swirl the two together. Top with remaining pretzel twists.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until brownies are set and appear dry around the edges. Cool 30 minutes.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave Chocolate Glaze ingredients uncovered on Medium (50%) in 1-minute intervals until melted and smooth, about 3 minutes. Heat just

until melted; do not overheat. Drizzle over cooled brownies. Let stand 20 minutes before cutting. Cut into 4 rows by 4 rows.

## 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 (October events).

**Central Arkansas Water**—year to date water sales for 2015 are 8.0% below the 13 year historical average. CAW's Board of Commissioners approved issuance of Revenue Bonds for the merger with Maumelle Water Management.

**Neighborhood Services**—Mailed 805 Baring Cross residents notice of upcoming FOCUS event. Mailed 6,307 neighborhood association announcements/newsletters. Update the following Facebook pages: Neighborhood Services, Rose City Neighborhood Association, Neighbors United for Levy, and NALC.

### Utilities Accounting—

Electric bad debt expense October: \$13,446;  
2015 Projected Bad Debt \$255,000  
New accounts installed: 1,106  
Accounts finalized: 1,191

Customer related calls—10,908, direct contact with Customer Service—2,563, inside teller payments received 8,711—electric; 9,370—gas / water, drive-thru teller payments—5,300—electric; 5,689—gas / water, Web/IVR payments—4,854.

**Street**—continue to patch potholes citywide. Cut and cleaned alleys, cut trees and limbs. Clean drainage ditches citywide. Run down Greenlea Lake, check hot spots and drains along major routes. Flush pipes and basin. Repaired 4 sink holes.

**Sanitation**—Collected and disposed of 1,328.69 tons (2,657,380 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 234 loads; 4,633 cubic yards of mixed debris along with 2,033 cubic yards of green waste. Issued 141 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 3 citations for non-compliance.



**Traffic Services**—approved 93 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced signs and posts 94, marked 8 city vehicles with logo, 32 Arkansas One Call location requests.



**Police**—(September numbers) Theft from Motor Vehicles +12%, Burglaries +6%. 7 business robberies (5 food marts, 2 restaurants). Attended multiple National Night Out Events citywide (over 1,000 residents, employees, etc. participated).

**Fire**—Total Incidents: 994  
Residential Fires: 22

Vehicle Fires: 8  
Rescue/EMS: 547  
Other Responses: 331  
Total Responses: 1,818  
Other Structure Fires: 0  
False Alarms/Malfunions: 69  
Haz Mat Responses: 13  
Mutual Aid: 4  
Total Fire Losses: \$592,463  
Total Value: \$81,784,706  
Total Saved: \$81,192,243

Training: 3,990.73 hours  
Building Surveys: 132

**Electric Department**—38,532—customers, Peak Power—158,423 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,032 (103 repaired), Security lights—3,955 (16 repaired), Smart meters 38,119—Revenue \$7,422,734. Major outages—2 (Landers Road—45 minutes—496 customers; Downtown—75 minutes—627 customers).

**Planning**—started on-line inspection requests with a limited group to allow contractors to make inspection requests and view on-line comments by city inspectors. Inspectors continue using hand-held computers in the field. Issued 5 building permits for commercial remodels, 7 new single family residence permits, 467 inspections (118 electric, 116 building and 233 plumbing/HVAC).

**City Clerk/Treasurer**—funds processed \$6,355,361.50. Issued 54 new business licenses, 12 renewals, 37 accounts under review. Prepare council agenda, provide information on website, prepare e-Newsletter, provide research of records dating back to 1888.

### Code Enforcement—

104 assigned calls, 522 initiated calls, 27 citations, 420 violation notices, 96 vehicles tagged, 168 structures inspected, rental inspections 39, 15 food service inspections, 5 search warrants, 0 houses demolished by city, 3 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—65 assigned calls, 63 vacant lots cleared, 31 lots with structures cleared, secured 10 vacant houses, mowed 46 vacant lots, mowed 25 with structures, picked up 6 tires.



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**Animal Control—NLR**

Incoming  
Animals 175,  
Adopted 56,  
Reclaimed 26,  
Euthanized  
110  
Citations issued 72  
Vouchers (low cost  
spay/neuter) Dogs 36, Cats 14  
Calls for Service 830



**Pulaski County** Incoming Animals—77,  
Adopted 42,  
Reclaimed 2,  
Euthanized 49  
47 dogs went to out of state rescue. Picked up 27  
illegal pit bulls. 1 skunk and 1 bat tested positive for  
rabies.

**North Little Rock Visitors Center**—726 reserva-  
tions at Downtown Riverside RV Park (average stay  
2.6 days). VIC had 1,105 visitors (same as last  
month). USS Hoga delayed in transport.

**Parks and Recreation**—Maintenance—removing  
dead trees and debris, planting new trees, bulbs etc.  
Preparing for fall soccer, youth baseball, senior base-  
ball, softball games and practices requiring field prep.  
Afterschool programs include basketball, cheerlead-  
ing, adult education (GED) classes, educational pro-  
grams, teen labs, dodge ball, kickball, Healthy “Click”  
program, fire safety drills, snake education and Elite  
Starz Competition Cheer. Special Recreation  
Events—Halloween carnivals and contests, Pink Out  
Day—Breast Awareness, Elementary Student’s  
Achievement Awards, Lights On! Afterschool Nation-  
al Rally, National Night Out, Mister and Miss Home  
Run Derby. The following golf tournaments were  
held: AR Open Pro-Am, AR Open, High School Tour-  
nament and Central AR Pro-Am. The Tennis Center  
had 2 club tournaments, 3A Conference, Overall  
State High School Championship and Annual Player  
Appreciation event.

**Finance—  
Revenues (MTD—October)**

Taxes	\$ 836,963.61
Licenses/Permits	\$ 196,888.38
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 165,357.15
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,190,050.04
Intergovernmental-State	\$ 0.00
Franchises	\$ 201,574.77
Investment/Misc	\$ 3,842.13
User Fees	\$ 91,530.70
Utility Transfer	\$ 129,571.19
Grants & Other	\$ 63,092.93
Transfer from Electric	\$1,384,620.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$5,263,490.90</b>

**Expenditures**

Administration	\$ 136,320.05
Animal Shelter	\$ 68,743.71
Special Appropriations	\$ 451,707.36
City Clerk	\$ 21,188.89
Emergency Services	\$ 137,456.75
Finance	\$ 67,055.48
Fire	\$1,284,368.57
Health	\$ 24,689.56
Legal	\$ 47,735.71
1st Court	\$ 43,044.90
2nd Court	\$ 44,788.43
Public Defender	\$ 769.99
Human Resources	\$ 54,022.10
Commerce	\$ 21,593.07
Planning	\$ 59,802.56
Police	\$1,830,808.83
Code Enforcement	\$ 78,431.50
Public Works	\$ 62,809.88
Neighborhood Services	\$ 15,615.95
Sanitation	\$ 403,839.52
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 56,606.83
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 85,111.35
Communications	\$ 7,716.68
Fit 2 Live	\$ 13,887.12
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$5,018,114.00</b>



**Larry Charles Smith**

Last month, P. J. Smith, Parks and Recreation Department lost her husband Larry “LC.” Larry passed away peacefully at home. He was born July 8, 1951 in Memphis, TN. LC was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Mildred Smith, and a sister Barbara Perkins. LC is survived by his wife Paula Jo Smith (PJ) and children Jennifer Stone of Boise, Idaho, Erin Borrison of Cabot, Arkansas, Johathan Newton of Missouri, Jeremy Burns of Twin Falls, Idaho, Jessica Helper of Jacksonville, Arkansas and Christopher Smith of Little Rock, Arkansas, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sister, Ann Walker.

LC loved his family above all else and will be greatly missed.  
A memorial service was held November 21, 2015.

## Pharmaceutical contaminants threaten our water systems

Found in *City & Town*—October 2015

A statewide publication of the Arkansas Municipal League



Decades of improper disposal of pharmaceutical and personal care products has resulted in a growing list of emerging contaminants threatening our environment and human health. Research is now showing that many exist-

ing water treatment regulations and wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to remove some emerging contaminants from waterways.

A report by the International Joint Commission, a consortium of officials from the United States and Canada who study the Great Lakes, states that only about half of the prescription drugs and other newly emerging contaminants in sewage are removed by treatment plants. There conclusion is that better water treatment is needed across the country. The long history of improper disposal of pharmaceuticals in the U. S.—largely due to mistaken belief that wastewater treatment facilities are equipped to remove these chemicals—has continued to increase the likelihood of negative effects on the environment and on human health.

How do pharmaceutical chemicals get into our waterways? Pharmaceutical waste—which includes prescription medications, over the counter drugs, and other personal care products—are usually dumped into a sink or toilet, which then exposes them to our environment and waste streams. If these drugs are not biodegraded or eliminated during sewage treatment, they have the potential to eventually reach drinking water. Another way pharmaceuticals are introduced to our waste streams is through our bodies. Small amounts of some medications do not fully metabolize when ingested and enter the wastewater stream this way. Even disposing of pharmaceuticals in the trash can result in the chemicals “leaching” into groundwater through landfill leachate. In fact, most sewage and water treatment facilities do not take pharmaceutical contaminants into consideration, so these wastes are left untreated to enter our surface, ground and drinking water.

Although this issue is not new and attempts to regulate disposal of health care waste began over 40 years ago, regulating disposal and developments in contaminant removal in the water/wastewater treatment process have

been limited largely to industrial production. Minimal mitigation efforts have been made at the personal/patient level.

Not all chemicals found in wastewater effluent will be found in drinking water. But some studies have found some prescription drugs in drinking water at varying levels. A federal study of 74 waterways used for drinking water in 25 states found 53 had traces of one or more pharmaceuticals. Our research found no federal regulations of pharmaceutical in waste or drinking water; therefore, these chemicals and the impact they could have on humans and the environment remain unclear. Twelve pharmaceuticals, however, are currently on the EPA’s list of chemicals, however, are currently on the EPA’s list of chemicals under, consideration for drinking water standards.

Although wastewater plants are not currently designed to handle these types of chemicals, technologies exist that are effective at removing pharmaceuticals and other new chemicals—emerging contaminants—but these technologies can be expensive, especially for municipalities, which are under tight budgets and doing what they can just to meet current requirements. Treatment facilities will most likely be required to address emerging contaminants in the future as regulations are modified or added to mitigate health and environmental hazards as they are identified. Until that time when water and wastewater treatment facilities are upgraded to remove pharmaceutical chemicals, we can help reduce the amount entering our waterways right now.

In 2010, an Arkansas coalition launched an ongoing educational program to encourage everyone to “Monitor, Secure and Dispose” of their prescription medications. Numerous partners have made the success of this program possible. The coalition plans Arkansas’s participation in the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Take Back Initiative with collection events each spring and fall. Through a partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Arkansas, some collection sites are available year round. This alternative for disposing of prescription medications is offered currently by the Drug Enforcement Administration and many local law enforcement agencies. This program attempts to provide safe, convenient, and responsible options for prescription drug disposal, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medica-

tions, and prevents these medications from ending up in landfills or waterways. You can find out more about the Prescription Drug Take Back options in the state of Arkansas and read the common “myths” about drug disposal at [www.artakeback.org](http://www.artakeback.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.

This article was provided by Bryon Hicks, PE, Chairman/CEO, McClelland Engineers.



North Little Rock Sertoma Club  
City of North Little Rock and  
North Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau

## Annual Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

This Year's Theme is  
"All Shiny and Bright!"



The parade route will begin at the corner of  
Pershing and Main Street and proceed south on Main  
ending at North Little Rock City Services - 120 Main Street

Be sure and stay after the parade for the 2nd Annual  
Northern Lights Festival!  
See Santa and Mrs. Claus! Enjoy a cup of Hot Chocolate  
Choirs, Crafts and more!

For more information, contact Shannon Harris  
at 501-758-1424 or email [Sharris@northlittlerock.org](mailto:Sharris@northlittlerock.org).

# Christmas Open House

Sunday December 6, 2015

From 1 - 4 p.m.

North Little Rock Heritage Center  
506 Main

Stop in and see the beautiful Christmas decorations and celebrate days gone by!

Join us for a cup of hot cocoa or make a holiday craft!

Don't miss your opportunity to visit our very own "Buddy the Elf!"

This is also a great place to park and watch the Christmas Parade!

For more information

call 501-371-0755 or email [nlrhistory@comcast.net](mailto:nlrhistory@comcast.net).



2nd Annual  
City of North Little Rock  
Northern Lights Festival  
Sunday, December 6, 2015  
120 Main Street (City Services Plaza)

The Northern Lights Festival will be held at the plaza at the North Little Rock City Services Building—120 Main Street 4 p.m. til 6 p.m. December 6 following the Annual Christmas Parade. Join us for a wonderful evening full of festive activities to start the holidays!



*For more information, contact Mary Beth Bowman at 501-975-8881 or email [mbowman@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:mbowman@nlr.ar.gov)*

Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Face Painting

Make Christmas Ornaments

Choirs performing throughout the evening

Meet McGruff the Crime Dog, Sparky the Fire Dog, and NLRHS Wildecat Mascot

Food Trucks

Laman Library

Fit 2 Live

Hot Chocolate and Cookies



Terrell Milton



Shay Reagen



Carla Stewart

Trick

or Treat?



Nikkie Moragne



Michelle Harper



Brenda Hernandez



Dominique Ambrose and Linda Williams



Jenifer Holland and Kristin Schultz

North Little Rock City Services building employees got into the spirit of Halloween 2015! These ladies (and one gentleman) had a great time in celebrating on October 30th. Also, it was Ms. Brenda Hernandez (pictured above) last day on the job. Congratulations to her on her retirement and many years of happy times with family and friends!



### Competing Restaurants are:

- American Pie Pizza (Maumelle)
- American Pie Pizza (North Little Rock)
- Arkansas Ale House
- Benihana Restaurant
- Blue Coast Burrito
- Carino's
- Chicken Wangs III
- Good Food by Ferneau
- Hooters
- Ira's Park Hill Grill
- Las Palmas Mexican Restaurant
- Mugs Cafe
- Ristorante Capeo
- Riverfront Steakhouse
- Taziki's Mediterranean Cafe
- TCBY
- Whole Hog Cafe

The North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), in partnership with the Arkansas Foodbank and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Athletic Department, is hosting the annual North Little Rock Restaurant Month in January.

The newest promotion part of Restaurant Month is the inaugural "Dine Off", set for January 22 – February 4, 2016. Select restaurants throughout North Little Rock will be collecting monetary donations on behalf of the Arkansas Foodbank in a friendly competition for the North Little Rock Dine Off 2016 Golden Plate. Participating restaurants are listed left.

The North Little Rock CVB is repeating last year's popular UALR basketball promotion. For the whole month of January, people are encouraged to bring receipts from **any** North Little Rock restaurant to the Visitors Information Center in Burns Park or the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce to receive free tickets to the February, 6, 2016, Little Rock Trojans basketball game.

Throughout the month of January, the North Little Rock CVB will be giving away weekly prizes in its #EatNLR Foodie Contest for social media posts featuring photos from North Little Rock restaurants and using the hashtag #EatNLR. Contest guidelines are available at: [NLRRestaurantMonth.com/eatnlr-foodie-contest](http://NLRRestaurantMonth.com/eatnlr-foodie-contest).

For more information about North Little Rock Restaurant Month, visit [NLRRestaurantMonth.com](http://NLRRestaurantMonth.com) or call (501)758-1424.

### **Update—Leaf Vacuums are out**

Leaves need to be raked or blown to the curb to be vacuumed. Do NOT mix any debris or trash with leaves, do NOT block access to leaves with a vehicle and do NOT put leaves in the street or gutters.

Residents can continue to bag their leaves for weekly curbside pickup. You can also mow (mulch) them. Mulched leaves provide a great food source for lawns and make great composting material!

For location information, call 501-371-8355, then select option 4.





**Peddlers Permit  
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**  
Issued: 10/15/15  
Expires: **12/31/15**



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](http://www.NorthLittleRock.org) or call Stephanie Slagle, Public Relations Representative at 501-758-1424.*

**The following have a Peddlers permit in North Little Rock:**

**PROTECTION 1**

*Expire on 12-26-15*

Karonly Nelson

**LEGAL SHIELD**

*Expire on 12-31-15*

Melvin Jackson

To view the above City of North Little Rock issued ID's go to [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov), then click on City Clerk and Treasurer, then select Licensed Peddlers and click on the persons name.



**Laman Library Welcomes New Director**

In October, Crystal Gates, MC, MLIS, was appointed Executive Director of the William F. Laman Library in North Little Rock. Crystal is looking forward to building upon the library's current success with innovative services and relevant curriculum.

An advocate of lifelong learning, Gates holds a Master of History from Louisiana Tech University and a Master of Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University. She and her husband, Derek, an information technology specialist, have two children, Lana and Adam.

**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](mailto:Dwhitbey@northlittlerock.ar.gov).

The City Council Agenda can be found at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov), then click on the Government tab, followed by Council Agenda.

**City Offices located at 120 Main**

IS/Data Processing, Kathy Stephens	975-8820
Finance, Karen Scott	975-8802
Fit 2 Live, Bernadette Rhodes	975-8777
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, David Melton	975-8888

**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

**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

**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

**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	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Jim Billings	

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

**Nov 30—Dec 4 recycle**  
*Dec 7—11 no pickup*  
**Dec 14—18 recycle**  
*Dec 21—25 no pickup*  
**Dec 28—Jan 1 recycle**



# December Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs		
JULIA	COULTER	Animal Shelter	19	AMY	COOPER	Police	12
JUDY	WILKINS	2nd Court	12	PHILLIP	LOWRY	Police	21
JONATHAN	STOWELL	Electric	28	MICHAEL	GIBBONS	Police	21
SHANE	PRATER	Electric	6	CHARLES	BARNES	Police	17
DANIEL	CUSHING	Electric	8	JOHN	NANNEN	Police	17
DONNA	BRYANT	Electric	33	MARK	TOZER	Police	16
TERRENCE	WILLIAMS	Electric	14	RICHARD	BEASTON	Police	16
ALFRED	CERRATO	Fire	35	JUDY	PRINCE	Police	35
BRENT	TREECE	Fire	8	ERIC	IMHOFF	Police	11
LINCOLN	MARTIN	Hays Center	11	KASEY	KNIGHT	Police	9
CHERIHAN	SBAIT	Hays Center	3	KENNY	STEPHENS	Public Works	8
ROBERT	MAULDIN	HR	8	JULIANNE	IVY	Sanitation	6
STACEY	LEONARD	HR	5	SYLVESTER	SMITH JR.	Sanitation	6
MARY	DENTON	OES	12	ANTHONY	ROBINSON	Sanitation	7
RALPHAEL	BENNETT	Parks Maint	2	JOSEPH	BAUMAN	Sanitation	19
NATHANIEL	LEE	Parks Maint	5	MICHAEL	MARBLEY	Sanitation	7
JERRI	DAUGHERTY	Police	34	NOEL	BROWN	Street	4
KENNETH	LIVINGSTON	Police	17	ROBERT	BROWN JR.	Street	8
LARRY	BEHNKE	Police	10	GARY	SHEFFIELD	Street	8
WILLIAM	JONES	Police	12	DEAN	GATLIN	Street	13
MICHAEL	BROOKS	Police	8	WALLACE	HATCHETT	Street	24
JEFFREY	GLOVER	Police	25	THURMAN	MCKEE JR.	Traffic	15
GARY	YIELDING	Police	25	SYLVIA	NORMAN	UAD	8
JAROD	MAYNARD	Police	8	WHITNEY	MOORE	UAD	3
CRAIG	UMHOLTZ	Police	8	SHAY	REAGAN	UAD	3



## Historic USS Hoga Home in North Little Rock

Monday, November 23, 2015, the USS Hoga tugboat pulled into the Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum. The Hoga assisted burning ships during the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

Now that the Hoga joins the USS Razorback, which was in Tokyo Bay when Japan surrendered, officials said that North Little Rock is the only place where people can see still-floating ships from the beginning and end of U.S. involvement in the war. (Jake Sandlin, Democrat-Gazette. Photo by Jim Billings, City of NLR.)

Oops! Last month's report showed **Danny Dillon, Traffic Services** with 30 years of Service...it should have been 35! Sorry about that Danny! Thank you for your continued service to the residents of North Little Rock!

*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](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov) by the 15th of the month.**

# December Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
ROBERT	KUYKENDALL	Electric	1	CHRISTINA	YIELDING	Legal	17
FELECIA	HART	UAD	1	BELINDA	GARVIN	Public Works	17
MALLORIE	LEWIS	OES	2	RICHARD	POZZA	Electric	18
JONATHON	DICUS	UAD	2	ALLEN	BUIE	Street	18
LEEANN	SADLER	OES	5	RENALDO	BENNETT	Fire	19
LARRY	BEHNKE	Police	5	COREY	GOODMAN	Sanitation	19
DAVID	ARMSTRONG	Vehicle Maint	5	LINDA	ROBINSON	Admin	20
GREGORY	NASH	Fire	6	DAVID	MILES III	Animal Shelter	20
AMON	SHIRLEY	Police	6	ROBERT	BRYSON	Fire	20
RICHARD	MATTHEWS	Fire	7	ANGEL	ROSADO	Police	20
JOSEPH	SMITH	Police	8	MATTHEW	PETERSON	Parks Rec	20
WILLIAM	SCOTT	Police	8	JOHN	POUNDERS	Fire	21
JAMES	FRANKS	Police	9	VICKI	WEED	1st Court	21
TERRI	TODD	OES	10	HARVEY	SCOTT III	Police	21
JESSICA	STEPHENS	Electric	10	DARRELL	PIERCE	Police	22
DAVID	SCHALCHLIN	Code	10	ALAN	TETKOSKIE	Fire	23
CHARLES	REDDING	Fire	11	CARL	WILSON	Fire	24
ROBERT	CUPPS	Police	11	RICHARD	HARGROVE	Fire	24
BRENDA	DAVIDSON	Electric	12	ERIC	SMITH SR.	Sanitation	25
CHRISTOPHER	BROWN	Police	13	SOLOMON	KIMBLE	Hays Center	25
JOHN	ALSTON	Police	13	CODY	BROWN	Police	26
BRENDA	SATTERFIELD	Police	13	TIMOTHY	MAHAN	Fire	27
ZACHERY	KIMSEY	Electric	14	JEREMY	WARD	Fire	27
NORMAN	MILLER	Fire	14	GENE	WHITLEY	Police	27
KENT	STEWART	Police	14	KENNY	BROCK	Vehicle Maint	27
JUDY	PRINCE	Police	14	KENNETH	JOHNSON	Parks Maint	27
MARK	ROBERTS	Police	15	PERRY	TACKETT	Fire	28
JAY	BOODY	Police	16	DENA	KERR	Police	28
CHAD	FULLER	Vehicle Maint	16	LARRY	EPPERSON	Code	28
DONALD	FRIDAY JR	Electric	17	JOSEPH	FOLEN III	Finance	30
WALTER	GUNN III	Health	17	JOHN	ADAMS	Fire	31

## *City Offices will be closed*

December 24 and 25, 2015 in observance of the Christmas Holidays  
and January 1, 2016 in observance of New Year's Day.

Scheduled garbage, trash and recycling routes will be delayed one-day following the holiday (i.e. Christmas Day will be picked up on the Saturday, the 26th, New Year's Day will be picked up on Saturday, the 2nd.

*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.