

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

January 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.



This month's e-Newsletter is filled with photos from the North Little Rock Sertoma Club Annual Christmas Parade and Northern Lights Festival held on December 7, 2014.

***City Offices will be closed
Thursday, January 1, 2015,
in observance of
New Year's Day and
Monday, January 19, 2015,
in observance of
Robert E. Lee and
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day***

Garbage pickup scheduled for Thursday, January 1, 2015,
will be Friday and Friday's pickup will be Saturday.

Garbage pickup scheduled for the week of January 19, 2015 will run one-day delayed all week.
(i.e. Monday's pickup will be Tuesday and so on...)



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

Make New Year's Eve Safe For Your Pet

Found at www.petag.com

New Year's Eve is a wonderful time to get together with friends and celebrate. Some cities have fire works displays. In New York Times Square people gather to watch the ball drop. These festivities are not always grand, safe or exciting for your pet, and you will want



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

to take certain measures to make sure he or she is safe on New Year's Eve. Here are some ways to make sure your pet is safe and happy this New Year's Eve.

- Use common sense. If you have pets that are used to a structured household, it may make more sense to take the party elsewhere.
- Parties and groups of people can create unneeded stress and anxiety for your pet. Ensure that if you bring your pet to the festivities that you have provided him or her with a "safe" place that they can go to if they start to become overwhelmed. This might be a carrier, or a favorite blanket laid in an unused room. Be sure to include some of their toys so that they have familiar items with them.
- Beware of having alcoholic beverages where your pet can get to them. They may smell appealing to your pet, which could result in a trip to the vet.



for humans and pets), resulting in choking and a trip to the vet after your pet has ingested them.

- An animal's sense of hearing is much more sensitive than a human. Keep the noise level to a minimum, or find a way to shield your pet from the rowdier crowd.
- Don't take your pet to New Year's Eve fireworks celebrations. The sights and sounds are typically too overwhelming for them.
- Make sure you stick with the usual routine as much as possible. If you must take your pet out traveling or away from home for an extended period of time, do try to recreate their schedule to the best of your ability. It is also important to ensure that you do not change their diet.
- Take your pet for extra long walks during the day as you will not want to let them out in the evening with festivities, noise and less than sober people on the road.
- Keep the remnants of dinner away from your pet. Turkey, pork and ham can make your pet very sick.
- Keep your pet separate from the party. Parties can cause excess stress, which could induce accidents, and less than positive behavior that can harm your pet and your belongings.



Whatever you do to celebrate New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, remember to include your furry family member in your plans. Keeping them safe and happy is a great way to start the new year!



Right: North Little Rock Assistant

City Attorney Paula Jones and her children visited the North Little Rock Mobile Adoption Unit last month. If you are looking for a life-long companion, please consider adopting!

Need a new addition to your family?

Call
501-791-8577

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



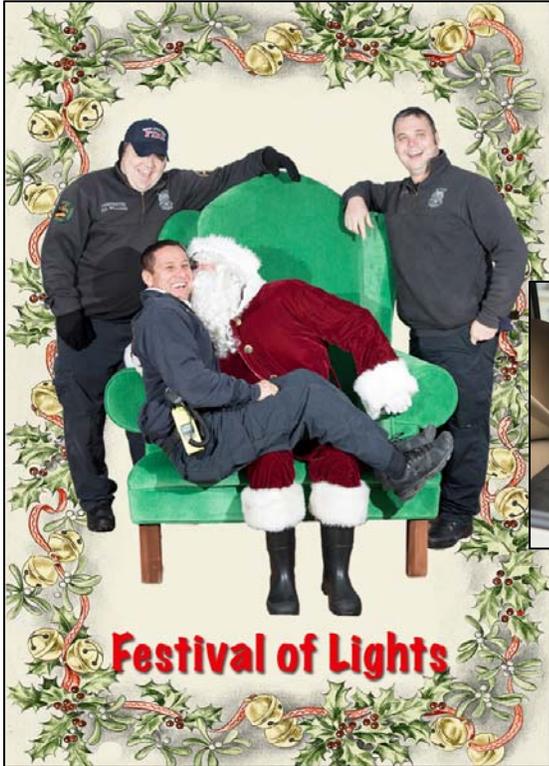
Support spaying and neutering in Arkansas by getting your own Arkansas Specialty *Please Spay or Neuter* License Plate at any State Revenue Office.



North Little Rock Fire Department

Christmas with Fire Fighters!

Top photos taken at Festival of Lights. Bottom photos with Fireman Santa aka Lt. Dustin Free.



North Little Rock Fire Fighters Local 35 annual bike drive resulted in 50 bikes and many more presents handed out Christmas Eve and Christmas Day by Firefighter 3 Santa.

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 (November events).

Central Arkansas Water—Year to date water sales are 10% below 12 year historical average. No rate increase for 2015. \$500,000.00 increase for infrastructure replacement.

Laman Library—new hours: Main Library Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Argenta Branch Monday—Friday 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Saturday—closed.

Neighborhood Services—Mailed 6 neighborhood group and Neighborhood News newsletters to 4,571. Dixie Addition CDC and Rose City Neighborhood Association have new presidents. The Neighborhood Leadership Council is looking at rental inspections—how the city and other cities do them.

Hays Senior Center—hosted a group of leaders from Jonesboro who viewed operations, budget, etc. 17 trips/transported 146 and collected \$1,939 in trip fees. Provided lunch 17 days in November through Care Link Program. Volunteers logged 3,148 hours in October.

IS—58 work orders, 38 web postings, multiple ongoing projects in majority of city departments.

Utilities Accounting—

Bad debt October: \$43,121
Adjusted projected bad debt write-offs 2014: \$275,000
New accounts installed: 880
Accounts finalized: 895
Customer related calls—7,364, direct contact with Customer Service—1,912, inside teller payments received 7,255, drive-thru teller payments—4,396.

Street Department—Patchwork city-wide, finished bush-hogging city-wide, worked on pad at Electric Department, removed beaver dams at airport, received 110 tons of rock salt. Ran and checked all pumps along river, checked, cleaned and repaired drainage ditches city-wide.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,646.56 tons (3,293,120 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 89 loads; 417 cubic yards of mixed debris along with 1,869 cubic yards of green waste. Leaf crews collected 52 loads (1,987.0 cubic yards) of loose leaves. Several move-outs picked up and 440 tires. Issued 81 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 4 citations for non-

compliance.

Police—Theft from motor vehicles –34%, all property crimes –27%, Robbery –33%. Teamed with North Little Rock Kiwanis to deliver 150 food baskets to North Little Rock families. Held 9th Annual Shop With A Cop events (lead by Officer Tommy Norman) at Walmart on McCain.

Fire—Total Incidents: 816
Residential Fires: 10
Vehicle Fires: 4
Rescue/EMS: 448
Other Responses: 288
Total Responses: 1,508
Other Structure Fires: 1
False Alarms/Malfunctions: 57
Haz Mat Responses: 7
Total Fire Losses: \$128,575
Total Value: \$986,375
Total Saved: \$857,800
Training: 3,498 hours
Building Surveys: 181



Office of Emergency Services/911—

Calls for service: 20,411
CAD incidents: 8,558

Electric Department—38,201—customers, Peak Power—126,632 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—544.8 miles, # Transformers—11,248, Street lights—11,000 (96 repaired), Smart meters 34,190—Revenue \$6,219,473.
1 outage: East of I-30 & downtown (contractor dropped limb on primary).



City Clerk/Collector—1% Hotel—\$28,759.71; 2% Hotel/Motel—\$57,908.78; Mixed Drink Tax—\$27,728.92; Restaurant Tax—\$431,754.62. Issued 31 new business licenses, processed 21 renewals (including Beer / Liquor), 10 accounts under review. Attended Code Court—resulted in 2 guilty pleas for operating a business without a license. Working with Legal on legislation to impose penalties for late payments mixed drink an alcohol permits. Began test postings to new website in preparation for January launch (Newsletter, Boards and Commissions, City Council meeting information).

Code Enforcement—64 assigned calls, 393 initiated calls, 36 citations, 125 notices, 45 vehicles tagged, 147 structures inspected, rental inspections 20, 15 food service inspections, 1 search warrant, 4 houses demolished by city, 3 houses demolished by owner. Secured 3 vacant houses, mowed 10 vacant lots, mowed 5 with structures, picked up 111 tires.



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Animal Control—NLR

Incoming
Animals—191,
Adopted 62,
Reclaimed 24,
Euthanized 78,
Citations issued 92,
Vouchers (low cost spay/neuter) Dogs 43, Cats 15,
Calls for Service 536



Pulaski County Incoming Animals—56,
Adopted 22, Reclaimed 3,
Euthanized 37
47 dogs were sent to out-of-state rescue. Pulaski County increased amount paid to North Little Rock for housing animals.

North Little Rock Visitors Bureau / A&P

Visitor Information Center (Burns Park) had 1,299 visitors. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,595 visitors including birthday parties, overnight stays, school groups, etc. RV Park had 410 RV's with an average stay of 3.06 days.

Parks and Recreation—Parks Maintenance set up Holiday Lights Display in Burns Park, Hospitality House was rented an average of 6 time a week. Most outdoor sports have stopped for winter, with the exception of adult soccer which plays year-round. The Soccer complex hosted 33 teams on the 1st and 2nd in the Mighty Bluebirds tournament. On the 7th and 9th 18 teams played in the Arkansas State Soccer Cup tournament. 370 riders competed in the Riverside Classic Mountain Bike Race held on the trails in Burns Park. Youth and adult basketball began in December.

Finance—

Revenues (MTD—August)

Taxes \$2,899,979.59

Licenses/Permits	\$ 172,495.60
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 173,476.32
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,100,809.54
Intergovernmental-State	\$.00
Franchises	\$ 191,201.38
Investment/Misc	\$ 9,155.46
User Fees	\$ 70,606.37
Utility Transfer	\$ 59,532.28
Grants & Other	\$ 110,145.85
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00
Total Revenue:	\$6,710,482.39

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 81,351.08
Animal Shelter	\$ 53,752.79
Special Appropriations	\$ 500,235.01
City Clerk	\$ 17,650.13
Emergency Services	\$ 109,858.67
Finance	\$ 62,244.03
Fire	\$1,109,887.48
Health	\$ 18,276.86
Legal	\$ 38,248.60
1st Court	\$ 39,992.90
2nd Court	\$ 39,028.62
Public Defender	\$ 246.83
Human Resources	\$ 42,873.80
Commerce	\$ 19,015.37
Planning	\$ 59,858.16
Police	\$1,452,085.12
Code Enforcement	\$ 65,569.49
Public Works	\$ 46,179.37
Neighborhood Services	\$ 15,352.65
Sanitation	\$ 298,577.27
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 53,633.08
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 58,616.81
Communications	\$ 5,914.45
Fit 2 Live	\$ 10,733.48
Total Expenditures:	\$4,199,182.05

Loaded Potato and Buffalo Chicken Casserole

- 2 lbs boneless chicken breast, cubed (1")
- 8—10 medium potatoes, cut in 1/2" cubes
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp black pepper
- 1 Tbsp paprika
- 2 Tbsp garlic powder
- 6 Tbsp hot sauce
- Topping**
- 2 cups fiesta blend cheese
- 1 cup crumbled bacon
- 1 cup diced green onion

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Spray a 9 x 13" baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix together olive oil, salt, pepper, paprika, garlic powder and hot sauce.

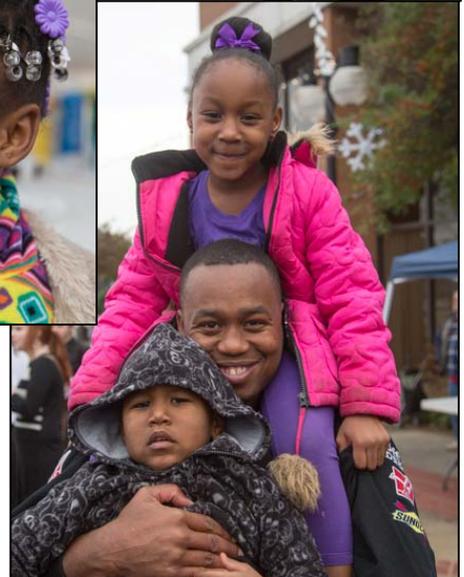


Add cubed potatoes and stir to coat. Carefully scoop the potatoes into the prepared baking dish, leaving behind as much of the olive oil/hot sauce mixture as possible. Bake the potatoes for 45-50 minutes, stirring every 10-15 minutes, until cooked through and crispy and browned on the outside. While the potatoes are cooking, add the cubed chicken to the bowl with the left over olive oil/hot sauce mixture and stir to coat. Once the potatoes are fully cooked, remove from the oven and lower the oven temperature to 400 degrees. Top the cooked potatoes with the raw marinated chicken. In a bowl, mix together the cheese, bacon, and green onion and top the raw chicken with the cheese mixture. Return the casserole to the oven and bake for 15 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the topping is bubbly delicious.





Special thanks to Jim Billings, Special Projects Director for the City of North Little Rock for all of the wonderful parade and Northern Lights celebration photos. If you see a photo you would like, contact Mr. Billings at 501-975-3737 or email him at Jbillings@nlr.ar.gov.





Leaf vacuums are out and about.



Do not block with vehicles

If you want your leaves vacuumed, rake them to the curb (within 6 feet) next to the street (*but not in the street*). Also, please do not block the sidewalk. Crews must have access to the leaves, so do not block them with vehicles, etc.



Do not rake leaves into the street

Bagged leaves will be picked up weekly on your regular trash pickup day.



More Christmas photos from parade and Festival of lights, and one illustrating that the Elves at the Hays Senior Citizens Center made sure the statue in front was ready for Christmas.





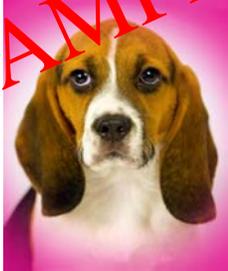
**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Jane Doe**

Issued: 8/1/14

Expires: 11/1/14

EXAMPLE



Sex: Female
Eyes: Brown
Hair: White and Tan
Height: 1'2"
Employer: **Doggie Jewelry for Pups**
Type of Goods Sold: **Jeweled Collars**

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

Deputy City Clerk and Collector

The following individuals are currently licensed to go door-to-door in the City of North Little Rock:

Edward Jones
Expires 1/1/2015
Scott Burton

Melvin H. Jackson
Expires 1/14/2015
Legal Shield

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 (similar to above example), 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.

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 No-Gym Workout

found at <http://www.everydayhealth.com>

Provided by Mark Rogers, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office

By Dennis Thompson, Jr.

Medically reviewed by Pat F. Bass III, MD, MPH

You would really like to get fit, but you can't afford an expensive membership at a gym. Maybe money's not the real issue—you're just afraid of all those tanned and toned people judging you as you go through your workout routine.

Don't use these as excuses not to exercise, says Julie Ann McCarthy, a physical therapist in San Francisco and a spokeswoman for the American Physical Therapy Association. There are a lot of exercises you can do around your house or in your neighborhood that don't require a gym for a good workout.

"Some people think they need to go to the gym or spend a lot of money on fancy equipment to get a good workout, and that's definitely not the case," McCarthy says.

Workout Guidelines for Fitness

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommends that adults include a certain amount of physical exercise in their weekly routine as one means of staying healthy.

Keep in mind that all of the regular walking, standing, and lifting you normally do in your daily life does not constitute a workout, according to HHS. Even including some short-burst exertions like climbing a few flights of stairs or lifting a heavy box or two won't improve your overall health.

Instead, you need to engage in what the HHS describes as health-enhancing activity—exercises and workouts that go beyond your normal daily activity. The specific recommendations for adults involve:

- At least 2 hours and 30 minutes a week of moderate-intensity aerobic workouts, such as brisk walking, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic workouts like running or jogging. For even better results, about 5 hours a week of moderate workouts or 2 hours and 30 minutes of vigorous workouts.
- Strength-training workouts at least twice a week that involve all major muscle groups.

You should spread these exercises throughout the week, mixing up your routine often to keep your body guessing and work out different muscle sets at different intensities.

Workout at Home

Get up and move! Moderate-intensity aerobic exercise can be as simple as marching in place while you

watch TV. You also can take a long, quick-paced walk through your neighborhood. "Walking is one of the best forms of exercise," McCarthy says. "It's low-impact, so it's easy for the joints to take. There are fewer compressive and shear forces going through your ankles, knees and legs."

Jumping Jacks. People ready to pursue a high-intensity aerobic workout can get more advances. "I would start off with something like jumping jacks, they jog, then run," McCarthy says. "With any type of aerobic activity, you want to build up the intensity so you'll enjoy it." Biking or swimming also are good activities, but involve getting a bike or having access to a pool. However, you'll see better benefits in you mix up your aerobic exercises, as different workouts target different muscle groups.

Sports. Competitive sports also can provide different levels of physical exertion, be it the long walk of a round of a round of golf or the heart-pumping scramble of basketball.

Strength-training exercises also can be accomplished without spending money on weights.

Do some squats. Lunges and squats can give your lower body a solid strength-training workout by using your own weight as the resistance. "The best exercise you can do is a squat," McCarthy says. "Put a chair behind you and act like you're going to sit down, but don't. It's an exercise that works so many lower-body muscles—quads, hamstrings, and glutes."

Makeshift weights. Use water bottles, cans of soup, or heavier items as resistance for bicep curls and straight-arm raises that work your shoulders.

The old basic-training standby. Push-ups will work your chest muscles, biceps, triceps, and back muscles. "You don't want to go too far down," McCarthy says. You only want to go so your elbow and forearm are at a 90-degree angle."

Work those abs. To work your abs, do the plank exercise. Get into the starting position of the typical push-up, but place your hands and elbows on the floor. Straighten your legs, lifting your knees off the floor and making a straight off the floor and making a straight line from your shoulders to hips to heels, holding yourself up with your abs. "You want to go to fatigue," McCarthy says. "When you lose form, the exercise is over." You can repeat three to four times. She tells people to stay away

from sit-ups, as it is hard to work the right muscles and people often will end up with a sore neck or back. The plank exercise also targets the deeper abdominal muscles that are essential to balance and posture, while sit-ups target more superficial ab muscles.

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Anne Bryant, 74, of Little Rock, passed away Saturday, December 6 at Baptist Hospital. Survivors include her husband Wayne, sons Allen (Brandi) of Lucketts, Virginia and Derek (Gaelee) of Little Rock, and grandchildren. Anne worked for the City of North Little Rock in the Personnel Department until retiring in 1997. Anne was affiliated with the Order of the Easter Star, serving as Worthy Matron of the Levy Chapter, and a member of the Prudence Hall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Arkansas Genealogical Society and as an avid and expert genealogist, published a book, "Dixon Family History." Her second book, about her mother's family was nearing publication. Anne also enjoyed quilting weekly with her quilting circle. Anne was a long-time member of Fellowship Bible Church and spent 12 years doing pre-marital counseling with couples.

North Little Rock History Commission

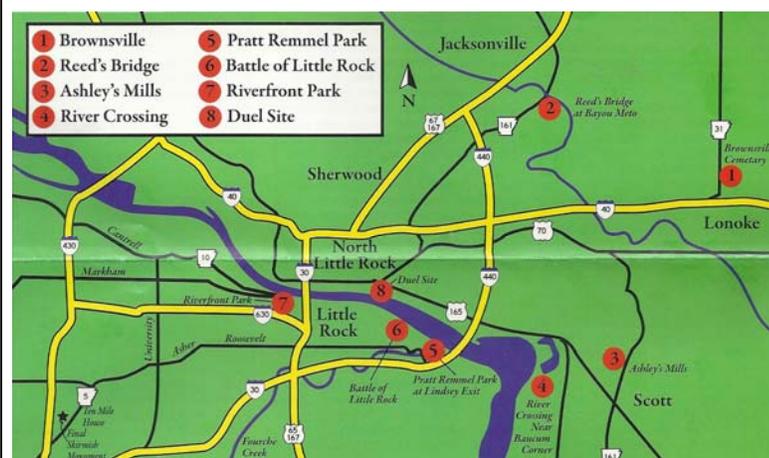


The North Little Rock History Commission will host *Fought in earnest: Civil War Arkansas*, a free traveling exhibit chronicling major historical events in Arkansas between 1861 and 1865 beginning January 5 through January 23, 2015.

Fought in earnest contains 15 free-standing banners that showcase images from the Arkansas History Commission's holdings. Original documents, photographs, maps, drawings, paintings and artifacts illustrate the story of the Civil War in Arkansas. These primary source materials offer a first-hand look at the lives of Confederate and Union soldiers, government officials and civilians from 1861—1865.

"We wanted to develop several types of materials to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War in Arkansas," said Dr. Lisa Speer, state historian and the Arkansas History Commission's director. "I am very pleased that the North Little Rock History Commission is sharing this intimate glimpse into Arkansas's role in the Civil War with their visitors and community."

In addition to the Civil War exhibit, the North Little Rock History Commission will have information available about Civil War sites in North Little Rock. These include the Confederate fortifications on Park Hill, the duel between two Confederate generals in 1863 near Rose City, the railroad faculties of Huntersville opposite Little Rock and the Confederate battle ship known as the C.S.S. Pontchartrain that was dismantled and scuttled before Union forces captured Little Rock in September 1863.



This Civil War exhibit was produced in part by a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, funded by the Arkansas Real Estate Transfer Tax.

Established in 1975, the North Little Rock History Commission maintains the archives of the City of North Little Rock and collects materials related to the city's history for purposes of preservation and promotion of North Little Rock history.

For more information about the exhibit, call Sandra Taylor Smith at 501-371-0755 or email nlrhistory@comcast.net.

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 501-340-5317 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
City Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan	753-2028
District Court Judge Jim Hamilton	791-8559
District Court Judge Randy Morley	791-8562

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

December 29—Jan 2 recycle

Jan 5—9 no pickup

Jan 12—16 recycle

Jan 19—23 no pickup

Jan 26—30 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, Robert Voyles	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 / Matt Fleming	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Bernadette Rhodes	



Watch Out!

Hazards in the Home



- **Mothballs:** Contain toxic chemicals, which can be lethal to a young child. Don't use mothballs! Instead, use cedar chips. Cedar chips provide a safer, more natural alternative, and work just as well.
- **Button Batteries:** Can cause potential esophageal burns or death, if swallowed. Keep devices with button batteries out of reach of children. If you suspect your child has swallowed a button battery, go to the hospital immediately.
- **Kitchen Stoves:** Can fall forward and cause serious injury or death when leaned on. Make sure anti-tip brackets secure the rear legs of your stove to the floor and keep the oven door closed when not using it.
- **Carbon Monoxide:** One of the most deadly gasses caused by heating appliances. Install a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home and do not use fuel burning appliances such as a grill or generator inside your home.
- **The Bathroom:** Where one third of injuries happen due to slips and falls. Use non-slip rubber mats and install extra rails if necessary, and ensure the existing rails and other supports are in good condition.

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 **Smart911.com™**



Retirement Celebration!

Please join us in celebrating the career of

FRANKLIN W. GRIFFIN

January 7th 2015
1:00 PM



NORTH LITTLE ROCK'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
100 Main Street, North Little Rock, AR 72114

PLEASE RSVP TO KENNY BROCK KBROCK@NLR.AR.GOV



SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The following North Little Rock Elected City Officials will be formally given their Oath's of Office Thursday, **January 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** at City Hall, 300 Main Street.

City Attorney C. Jason Carter, Aldermen Debi Ross, Linda Robinson, Steve Baxter and Murry Witcher. The public is invited to attend.

North Little Rock's longtime City Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan was recognized at a reception and during the December 22, 2014, North Little Rock City Council meeting for her 40 years of service as City Treasurer.

Mrs. Morgan (Mary Ruth) was 46 when she took office in January 1975. At the time she said she hoped her tenure as North Little Rock city treasurer would be educational not only for herself but for her government students. Mary Ruth taught civics at Lakewood Junior High at the time. She had entered politics 18 years earlier as a justice of the peace in Hill Township to teach her students government from the practical point of view: how candidates file, how the county budget operates, etc.



As treasurer, Mary Ruth signed checks for the water and sewer departments, picked up the city's share of county funds every month and deposited them. She served as treasurer for the Municipal Judges Retirement Fund board, as a member of the Police Pension and Relief Fund board, and as an ex-officio member of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Board.

Mary Ruth first became interested in politics at Texas Women's University where a male professor urged the women students to be interested in politics, sports, and other traditionally "male" activities.

Many of Mary Ruth's former students have gone on to be very successful business men and women. Some even entered politics!

Mary Ruth may have retired, but keep an eye out for the flash of purple...she may have retired from elected service, but will continue to serve the city she was born and raised in and loves dearly.

Mary Ruth is married to retired North Little Rock Police Officer F. L. "Buddy" Morgan.

January Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
JOE SMITH	Mayor	2	EUGENE TYREE JR	Police	34
STEVE BAXTER	Alderman	4	TAYLOR HUDSON	Police	3
BRUCE FOUTCH	Alderman	4	SHELBY HUNTER	Police	6
CHARLIE HIGHT	Alderman	14	JOSEPH GREEN	Police	6
LINDA ROBINSON	Alderman	12	MATTHEW ROEBUCK	Police	10
DEBI ROSS	Alderman	8	VINCENT THORNTON	Police	5
MAURICE TAYLOR	Alderman	6	VINCENT RAY	Police	10
BETH WHITE	Alderman	6	MARCUS PEREZ	Police	3
MURRY WITCHER JR	Alderman	24	JAMES CAVIN	Police	2
DANNY BRADLEY	Admin	14	MARK ROBERTS	Police	5
MARGARET POWELL	Admin	18	JUSTIN MOSS	Police	5
BILLY GRACE	Animal Shelter	19	JOHN SCOTT	Police	5
JAMES TINDALL	Animal Shelter	3	JONATHAN THOMPSON	Police	3
DIANE WHITBEY	City Clerk	14	RAUL DALLAS	Police	4
GARY GRAY	OES/911	25	PHILIP GRAY	Police	2
DEBRA LUSK	OES/911	25	MICHAEL THOMAS	Police	2
ZACHERY KIMSEY	Electric	3	RHONDA HUEY	Police	8
BRENDA DAVIDSON	Electric	35	DENA KERR	Police	13
RENITA NOBLE	Electric	24	KANDACE SANDERS	Police	6
HARRY ALLEN IV	Electric	3	BRENDA SATTERFIELD	Police	7
MARK COLEMAN	Fire	27	GARY THORNTON	Code	2
STEVE ALLEN	Fire	27	MICHAEL KLAMM	Public Works	1
NORMAN MILLER	Fire	27	CHARLES BINYON	Street	37
STEVEN SMITH	Fire	27	ROBERT BROWN	Street	1
MARK TACKETT	Fire	27	EDWARD RHODES	Street	18
MICHAEL KEENER	Fire	36	JOHN SEHIKA	Street	1
PERRY TACKETT	Fire	27	WILLIAM EASON	Street	31
GORDON WITTENBURG	Fire	27	CHARLEY BAXTER	Hays Center	40
MIKE SCHULLER	Fire	27	SUSAN RUSSELL	Hays Center	12
VICKI WEED	1st Court	20	CONSTANCE FOWLER	Hays Center	8
MARGIE MAY	2nd Court	12	RONNIE MITCHELL	Parks Maint	15
KATHY DAVIS	2nd Court	12	JENNIFER FAULKNER	Parks Maint	5
GABRIEL KING	UAD	1	WARREN DEBUSK	Parks Maint	6
FELECIA HART	UAD	33	MARK JOSEPH	Parks Golf	7
			NATHAN HAMILTON	Communications	4

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.

January Birthdays

<i>Name</i>		<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
CHRIS	HALL	Fire	1	MATT	SODERLUND	Police	17
MARY BETH	BOWMAN	Commerce	1	CRAIG	UMHOLTZ	Police	17
JOHN	NANNEN	Police	1	DONALD	JOHNSON	Parks Maint	17
REBECCA	HENDERSON	Legal	2	ROY	SANCHEZ	Fire	18
KAREN	DIMATTEO	Police	2	MATTHEW	MAYFIELD	Fire	18
PAMELA	SMITH	Parks Rec	2	LAURA	PETTY	Code	18
DANNY	BRADLEY	Admin	3	GLADYS	JACKSON	Finance	19
TAMMY	NEWTON	OES/911	3	JAMES	CRAIG	Fire	19
MATTHEW	RAGLAND	Electric	3	KEITH	MELTON	Fire	19
MATTHEW	HUNT	Fire	3	JAROD	MAYNARD	Police	19
MICHAEL	GIBBONS	Police	3	CARY	COOKE	Police	19
MICHAEL	THOMAS	Police	3	SHIRLEY	ABEL	Neighborhood Srv	19
JUDY	HUNTER	UAD	4	RICHARD	ABBOTT	Sanitation	19
KEVIN	USSERY	Traffic	4	PAUL	REEVES JR	Street	19
REGINA	HENSON	Parks Rec	4	RUSSELL	MEEKS	Parks Maint	19
ERNEST	PEOPLES	Parks Rec	4	MARY	ERVIN	Comm Dev	20
BRADLEY	SIMS	Police	6	MATTHEW	THOMAS	Police	20
ERIC	CHEATHAM	Police	6	CRISS	GARDNER	Police	20
PATRICIA	JONES	Animal Shelter	7	BRENT	TREECE	Fire	21
ROBERT	VOYLES	Planning	7	BETH	WHITE	Alderman	22
AARON	CHASSELLS	Fire	8	CHONG	LOR	Traffic	22
STEVEN	BAXTER	Alderman	10	JEAN	HOBBY	UAD	23
MICHAEL	GARRETT	Fire	10	SHEILA	HICKS	OES/911	24
DAVID	DALLAS	Police	10	DARREN	OWEN	Electric	24
RONALD	MESSER	Police	10	JAMES	HOUSTON	Electric	24
RASHUNDA	WILLIAMS	Police	10	STEVEN	SMITH	Fire	24
KENNY	SUMMONS	Sanitation	10	MICHAEL	KEENER	Fire	24
NATHAN	WOLFE	Fire	11	DANA	RAEBURN	UAD	25
MICHAEL	NELSON	Police	11	CHAUNCEY	SIMS	Police	25
MATTHEW	BRUSH	Police	11	REBA	CRAIG	Police	25
WALLACE	DEREUISSEAU	Fire	12	SHANNON	CARROLL	Comm Dev	26
JANET	HILL	1st Court	12	ROBERT	BRYSON	Electric	26
STEACY	KENNEDY	Parks Maint	12	JUDY	WILKINS	2nd Court	26
BILLY	GRACE	Animal Shelter	13	CHERYL	THOMAS	UAD	27
OKEY	DILLON JR	Electric	13	AUDRIANNA	BARNES	UAD	27
STEPHANIE	THOMAS	Finance	13	GREGORY	GAINES	Parks Rec	27
MATTHEW	ROWLAND	Street	13	JEFFREY	BENNETT	Fire	28
MATTHEW	PRICE	Electric	14	MILTON	HINSHAW II	Electric	30
WILLIAM	EASON	Street	15	TERRY	GLENN	Street	30
NICHOLAS	FREY	Fire	16	RICKY	BETTIS	Electric	31
CHRIS	GANN	Police	16	KIMBERLY	LOR	UAD	31
ROY	MCPHAIL	Electric	17	LATONIA	WOODS	UAD	31
ALFRED	CERRATO	Fire	17	KATRINA	WILBON	Parks Rec	31
MARK	THORN	Fire	17				