

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

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North Little Rock Street Department Employees On The Job

Provided by Cheryl Brown, NLR Street Department
North Little Rock Street Department employees work hard for the residents of our city.



Paul Reeves (above), a truck driver volunteers his time to provide extensive training for any employees in the City who would like assistance and to prepare them for CDL testing with the Arkansas State Police. Testing can be strenuous and includes both a written and a three-part skills exam.

Our employees who earn CDLs are eligible for promotion. Several have been promoted recently! Pictured above right are: Corey Roark, Bryan Rougely,



and Unard Bush. Not pictured: Jerry Hawkins.

The North Little Rock Street Department has several positions open in the department with opportunity for advancement.

Pictured on this page are several of our great Street Department Employees filling pot holes around the city using both a cold mix and hot mix. When you see these guys working, give them a friendly wave to thank them for their efforts.



Above: Bryan Rougely, Trey Piggee, Travis Anderson, Jack Hackett and Terry Glenn fill pot holes on May Street.

Left: William Eason, Henry Moseby and Terry Glenn patch and compact pot holes.



"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

Our Shelter is FULL

North Little Rock Animal Control responds to over 850 calls per month. These include everything from testing bats for rabies, to removing road kill from city streets. However, a primary function is pickup up or receiving loose or unwanted animals in our city (and receiving animals from the county).

In the past, the Shelter has adopted an average of 900 animals each year.

The North Little Rock Animal Shelter is full. This is a critical time for the animals in their care. Unless they find homes immediately, animals will have to be euthanized.

If you or someone you know is thinking about adopting a cat or dog, please encourage them to visit our shelter located in Burns Park on Championship Drive (just off I-40).



Pictured above is Tora, a female Shepherd mix who made her television debut last week on KATV's morning news show.

Right is Charlie, a Beagle mix. These two along with countless others at the shelter are looking for a forever home.

Will it be yours?

If so, call or visit our shelter today.



*Need a new
addition to your
family?
Call
501-791-8577
...we've got the
perfect companion for you!*



Exciting news for North Little Rock Friends Of Animals members and all animal lovers!!!

A major renovation is planned for the North Little Rock Animal Shelter. Our shelter is quite old, dark, ...and uncomfortably warm in the summer months.

Happily, a number of improvements are planned to increase the comfort of the animals and to enhance their chances of adoption by having new cages, sky lights, and air conditioning in the kennel area. It is estimated that we will need \$50,000.00 to make the desired improvements.

Our shelter is the only one in Central AR without air conditioning...and this is Priority One. It will take right at \$12,000 to air condition this space. Once we reach the \$12,000, the air conditioning can be installed and the other improvements will follow as funds are raised. We have already received a generous contribution of \$5,000...so we need only \$7,000 more. Summer is fast approaching...can you help us reach this goal so we can make the animals more comfortable? This will also make them more likely to be adopted because potential adopters will have a comfortable environment when they are meeting the animals. We know many of you who have joined our page don't even live in our city, but you are interested in our work. We are appealing to all members...please help us. Remember, all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. No amount is too small, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 or more if you can afford it...PLEASE send a donation to North Little Rock Friends of Animals, P.O. Box 5757, North Little Rock, AR 72119. Thanks for reading this and for any help you can provide.

Message found on Marsha Mosenthin's Facebook page



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

Last month, North Little Rock's Fit 2 Live hosted several Employee Wellness Screening Events.

Below, Firefighters and students from UAMS College of Pharmacy provided screeners at locations around the city.



North Little Rock Fire Department 5th Annual

Kids Fire Academy

June 16th 9am-3pm

- Free Firefighter T-Shirt
- Lunch with the Firefighters
- Kids Firefighter Challenge
- Bike Safety Class
- Fire Extinguisher Class
- First Aid Training
- Puppet Show
- Special appearance by SPARKY
- And MORE....



Fire Chief Jim Murphy and Sparky the Fire Dog invite you to attend our Kids Fire Academy

The day will start at the Police and Fire Training Building— 2400 N Willow with a trip scheduled to our Central Fire Station at 723 N Maple

This is for girls and boys ages 7-12. We will consider other ages depending upon circumstances.

Call 501-812-5940 or 812-5942 for more information or email— fmo@nlr.ar.gov

Special thanks to the Arkansas Fire Prevention Commission for providing funds for this program



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 (April events).

Central Arkansas Water—year to date, water sales are 4.5% below the 13 year historical average. CAW Board adopted a resolution to refund the 2010B revenue bonds. The current estimated savings annually is \$30,000—\$40,000.

Laman Library—23,583 patrons visited in April. There were also 4,966 virtual visits. 352 passports were issued along with 97 expedited. The Main Library exhibits had 1,050 visitors. Argenta exhibits had 320 visitors. In May, “Harry Potter’s World Renaissance, Science, Magic and Medicine was on display at the Argenta branch.

Neighborhood Services—9 neighborhood association announcement / newsletters were mailed to 9,434 households. Information about the Ozark Mission Project and city-wide Clean Up was sent to all neighborhood group leaders.

Hays Center—Artis Boykin and Alderman Murry Witcher were inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame during a luncheon held April 2. Members participated in annual “plant swap”. Trips included Fayetteville Botanical Gardens and Butterfly House, Hot Springs, Lagniappe Show and Fashion Show, Dumas Pickens Plantation and General Store, Bryant Senior Center, Hardin’s in Scott, Perryville White House Tea Room and A to Z Factor in Alma. 304 participants were included in 27 trips. City volunteers logged 1,416 volunteer hours in various departments. 56 new members Hays Center Members. New program “Vendors Day” was big success and will be held monthly.

Utilities Accounting—

Electric bad debt expense April: \$19,744.00

New accounts installed: 994

Accounts finalized: 1,002

Customer related calls—8,550, direct contact with Customer Service—2,097, inside teller payments received 8,327—electric; 8,219—gas / water, drive-thru teller payments—4,846—electric; 5,105—gas / water.

Street Department—continue to patch and repatch potholes city-wide and repaired broken drain tops. (Rain has caused issues and inhibited work).

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,726.98 tons (3,453,960 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 288 loads; 2,404 cubic yards of mixed debris along with 5,862.5 cubic yards of green waste. Several move-outs picked up and 477 tires. Issued 77 Sanitation Code notices/ letters and 6 citations for non-compliance.

Traffic Services—approved 403 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced signs and posts 291, marked 10 city vehicles with logo, 35 Arkansas One Call location requests. Markings at Burns Park Softball Field parking lot and Victory Lake, also striped parking lot at Funland and Fishing Pier. Removed 73 poles and 65 signs in Burns Park. Cleaned inside multiple traffic control boxes. Reinstalled or upgraded modems in some locations.

Police—Burglary/Breaking and Entering Buildings – 1.7%. Theft from Motor Vehicles –15%. April 1, (911) Communications Center transferred operations to Department. Captain Leonard Montgomery will oversee operations. April 25 held child safety seat checkpoint on parking lot of McCain Mall. Technicians installed 34 new seats and checked 33 existing seats. To schedule an appointment to have your car seat inspected, contact the North Little Rock Patrol Division at 501-758-1234.



Fire—Total Incidents: 858
Residential Fires: 19
Vehicle Fires: 9
Rescue/EMS: 535
Other Responses: 229
Total Responses: 1,448
Other Structure Fires: 0
False Alarms/
Malfunctions: 46
Haz Mat Responses: 9
Total Fire Losses:
\$305,750
Total Value: \$16,211,400

Total Saved: \$15,950,650
Training: 8,226 hours
Building Surveys: 311

Electric Department—38,609—customers, Peak Power—133,280 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—544.8 miles, # Transformers—11,248, Street lights—11,002 (102 repaired), Security lights—3,907 (35 repaired), Smart meters 35,942—Revenue \$5,792,578.

4 major outages:

Downtown East of Main-906 customers—107 minutes, Bethany Road-storm damage-593 customers—62 minutes,

Park Hill-animal on Entergy-4,300 customers-81 minutes; and

Downtown West of Main-tree fell-1,167 customers-34 minutes.

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City Clerk/Treasurer—1% Hotel—\$26,931.60; 2% Hotel/Motel—\$54,327.66; Mixed Drink Tax—\$38,647.88; Restaurant Tax—\$492,224.88. Issued 36 new business licenses, processed 161 renewals (including Beer / Liquor), 9 accounts under review. Continue collection efforts with assistance from Code, Police, Fire and State Alcohol Beverage Control Board. Now accepting credit card payments. Staff participated in various training opportunities.

Code Enforcement—138 assigned calls, 856 initiated calls, 66 citations, 825 notices, 46 vehicles tagged, 165 structures inspected, rental inspections 18, 18 food service inspections, 0 search warrants, 0 houses demolished by city, 5 houses demolished by owner. Secured 0 vacant houses, mowed 40 vacant lots, mowed 20 with structures, picked up 160 tires.



Animal Control—NLR

Incoming Animals—220, Adopted 70, Reclaimed 36, Euthanized 131 (*note—over 1/2 incoming animals had to be euthanized in April due to lack of space*) Citations issued 98 Vouchers (low cost spay/

neuter) Dogs 44, Cats 16, Calls for Service 672

Pulaski County Incoming Animals—85, Adopted 16, Reclaimed 2, Euthanized 35

31 dogs were adopted through out of state rescue. Fundraiser underway for shelter renovation and air conditioning in adoption area.

Parks and Recreation—despite a wet month, golf revenues were up. 18-hole Footgolf Course has been set up on the back nine, holes and flags are in the ground and the course is waiting for you! 15 Goose nests were located and 53 eggs added. 13 goslings seen. Shep continues to do what he loves and chase the geese. Traps have been placed in trees in Burns Park, Emerald Park and Campbell Lake Park to determine if the Emerald Ash Borer is present. This insect migrates into the state in firewood brought in from infested areas outside Arkansas. It has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Arkansas. In June, Burns Park will be the site of the 2015 US Youth Soccer Regional III Championships. Approximately 200 teams (along with family members and friends) will be in our city and surrounding areas shopping and eating at our restaurants. Be sure and give them a friendly welcome! The Easter Bunny made an appearance during the annual Egg Hunt at Burns Park.

The North Little Rock Community Center hosted the Regional Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament. 57 bouts were held. All winners advanced to the National tournament to be held in Las Vegas.

Finance—

Revenues (MTD—March)

Taxes	\$ 639,834.91
Licenses/Permits	\$ 137,675.04
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 209,241.23
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,071,907.63
Intergovernmental-State	\$ 30,354.05
Franchises	\$ 400,728.54
Investment/Misc	\$ 11,176.38
User Fees	\$ 95,290.18
Utility Transfer	\$ 45,452.24
Grants & Other	\$ 93,052.29
Transfer from Electric	\$ 1,384,620.00
Total Revenue:	\$5,119,332.49

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 126,769.85
Animal Shelter	\$ 62,752.61
Special Appropriations	\$ 761,152.17
City Clerk	\$ 22,227.81
Emergency Services	\$ 131,125.81
Finance	\$ 66,380.77
Fire	\$1,179,484.38
Health	\$ 8,335.03
Legal	\$ 46,081.36
1st Court	\$ 46,669.27
2nd Court	\$ 41,442.13
Public Defender	\$ 655.16
Human Resources	\$ 51,595.43
Commerce	\$ 18,820.68
Planning	\$ 59,929.51
Police	\$1,673,481.07
Code Enforcement	\$ 67,487.34
Public Works	\$ 90,452.64
Neighborhood Services	\$ 13,990.86
Sanitation	\$ 330,519.67
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 42,039.31
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 76,283.03
Communications	\$ 8,945.89
Fit 2 Live	\$ 13,568.68
Total Expenditures:	\$4,940,217.46

North Little Rock Visitor's Bureau—Commission voted to change name to North Little Rock *Convention* and Visitors Bureau (NLRCVB) to more accurately reflect their role in bringing meetings, conventions and tourists to the city. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum (AIMM) hosted 69 submarine veterans who provided a week of volunteer maintenance work on the USS Razorback. The visitors center in Burns Park had 1,473 visitors.

North Little Rock 23rd Annual Volunteer Recognition

Volunteer of the Year 2014

Ken Abel

Ken is the husband of Shirley Abel, Neighborhood Services and father of Katelyn (Abel) Thomas, City Clerk and Treasurer's Office.

Volunteers for 2014 include:

Ken Abel	Bruce Dart	Zell Lockhart	Randy Smith
Cozetta Agnew	Sherri Dodds	Rick Loftis	Sandra Smith
Mack Agnew	Virginia Driver	David MacDonald	Valerie Smith
Dorothy Akins	William Driver	Shirley Mahone	Liz Sniff
John Albers	Jo Dumas	Linda Martin	Deolore Sowerbrower
John Alexander	Jane Farmer	Aline Morris	Eldora Spencer
Annie Allen	Ann Filiatreau	Marsha Mosenthin	Robert Spencer
Karen Anders	Margaret Fiser	Martin Mosenthin	Althea Steelman
Ethel Baker	Jan Foutch	Milly Murphy	Joy Stevens
Emma Baker-Dye	James Franks	Randall Naylor	John Studdard
John Barber	Louise Furnell	Holly Nolan	Esther Swindell
James Barnes	Edwina Gleason	Bernadine Oliver	June Tarkington
Robert Barnes	Billy Grace	Shirley Ouzts	Bill Thompson
John Barr	Rochelle Greenwood	Ryan Overby	Freeda Thompson
Emma Bentley	Hal Haislip	Shirley Parker	Janice Thurow
David Bevans, Jr.	Marilyn Hall	Charles Peckat	Mary Traylor
Rita Billingsley	Kathy Harrill	Henry Peterson	Cecelia Turner
Dick Blankenkemper	Stacy Harris	Morris Pettey	Judith Wallis
Bob Bowen	Anthony Hasse	Liana Poirrier	Fred Weilminster
Artis Boykin	Dorothy Henderson	Gene Prohl	Raymond Wewers
Deana Bradshaw	Ruth Hendrix	Mary Ramm	Modenia White
Delbert Brewer	Lee Hess	Rebecca Ramsey	Lea Williams
Barbara Brown	Maggie Hinson	Whitney Ransom	Alene Wilson
June Brown	Billy Holloway	Robert Rawls	Bill Woods
Kathy Brown	Paul Honeck	Joan Reddick	Cheryl Wooten
Peggy Brown	Mike Hopper	John Rehrauer	Theresa Wooten
Sharon Brumfield	Judy Hughey	Pat Robinette	E. Jean Wright
Charles Burns	Grover Irving	LaJoy Robinson	Mildred Wright
Mary Caldwell	Patricia Jackson	Dorothy Romes	Samuel Wright, Jr.
Henry Callahan	Florence Johnson	Thomas Salisbury	Luellen Young
Michael Carden	Geneva Johnson	Alvin Schultz	Suzanne Yung
Jackie Carrington	William Johnson	Mel Scott	Bonnie Zonner
Robert Christians	David Jones	Larry Seiferth	<i>In 2014, 157 volunteers</i>
Dale Clancy	Phyllis Killeen	Patricia Shelton	<i>contributed 33,761 hours of</i>
Betty Clark	Alf Koros	Jenny Shumate	<i>service to the following de-</i>
Betty Clift	Barbara Koros	Joseph Skretkowicz	<i>partments: Administration,</i>
Wanda Cockrell	Dorris Kresse	Frankie Smith	<i>AIMM, Airport, Animal Shel-</i>
Denise Cole	Laurie Laing	Georgia Smith	<i>ter, Criminal Court, Fire De-</i>
Ann Cother	Bill Laman	LaVonne Smith	<i>partment, Laman Library,</i>
Julia Coulter	Alison Leitzza	Lisa Smith	<i>Parks & Rec, Police, Hays</i>
Carol Crow	Hiawatha Lewis	Pat Smith	<i>Center, Volunteer Service,</i>
			<i>Youth Services and</i>
			<i>Planning</i>

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2015, members of the North Little Rock Kiwanis Club sponsored a prayer breakfast to coincide with the National Day of Prayer (first Thursday in May). The program consists of a breakfast, Prayer for our Nation, music and speakers.

This year speakers included Rev. Randy Jumper, First Assembly of God NLR, Dr. Gordon Garlington, III Pastor, Park Hill Presbyterian Church, Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin, Rev. Ray Williams, Fellowship Bible Church,

Alderman Murry Witcher, Dr. Luke Conway, Pastor Lakewood United Methodist Church, Pulaski County Judge Barry Hyde, Rev. James Henrich, Chaplain, Arkansas Children's Hospital and Lamar Davis, Arkansas Public Service Commission

Civic leaders, elected officials, military personnel, police, fire and emergency service workers and many others participated.

Managing adult-onset allergies

By Joshua Kennedy, M.D., Assistant Professor,
Division of Allergy and Immunology,
UAMS College of Medicine

Found in City & Town—Arkansas Municipal League

For many, allergies can be a life-long battle. Others make it into adulthood before they see symptoms. That's right—just because you're an adult and haven't suffered from allergies doesn't mean you won't. Every year, many adults wonder why they've suddenly developed itchy, watery eyes, a runny nose, or a food allergy. While it may seem at the moment there is no relief in sight, there are treatment options available.

Allergies affect about 7.8 percent of adults in the United States, and about 10 to 30 percent of people worldwide. So, why did you make it all the way past adolescence before you noticed symptoms? There are a number of possible reasons. Childhood allergies can fade and come back. It could be your new-found allergy initially occurred when you were a baby or small child; it's just that you don't remember it. Other possible reasons include more exposure to the particular allergen or a person becoming more sensitive to the allergen, both causing symptoms.

Genetics can play a role. It's common, in genetically predisposed cases, for responses to occur early in life, fade, and then return in adulthood. This is the one and only time it's okay to blame your mom, as the allergies of the mother are the more likely indicator of the allergies the child will inherit.

There are several culprits that can lead adults to have allergy symptoms, but some of the most common are pet dander, pollen, mold, and dust mites.

Developing food allergies is far less common in adulthood. Developing allergies to milk, eggs, and wheat rarely happens after childhood. It's most common for adults to develop an allergy to shellfish. Some can enjoy shellfish their entire childhood and into adulthood, but then develop an allergy to it. Other food allergies include alpha-gal, an allergen in red

meat, and oral allergy syndrome, which typically presents as an allergy to birch or ragweed that can cause severe itching when consuming raw fruits.

The number-one way to treat allergies is avoidance. If it's animal dander that affects you most, it's best to keep the pets out of your bedroom. Letting your four-legged companions in the bedroom and on your bed leads to more exposure and more suffering. For pollen allergens, avoidance is much more difficult. Some strategies include wearing a mask, keeping your windows closed and regularly changing your home's air filters.

If avoidance does not work, medication is the next line of defense. This can include nasal steroids, some of which can now be purchased over-the-counter, or an antihistamine. Another option is allergy shots given at an allergist's office. These can be an effective option for people who do not

want to take allergy medications or for those who don't get effective relief from medications. If allergy shots are consistently maintained for three to five years, medications may not be required afterward.

Before testing for certain allergens, it's best to know your history and make sure symptoms correlate with the specific allergen. For instance, a perceived allergy to ragweed

would not be possible if you only show symptoms in the spring, as ragweed only pollinates in the fall.

Just like ragweed, the pollination or trouble season depends on the allergen. Seasonal-allergy sufferers are at risk in spring and fall, while those that suffer from allergies to animal dander, dust mites, or mold are at risk year-round.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) opened an allergy and immunology clinic in 2013 that specializes in serving adults with asthma, seasonal allergies, food allergies, chronic hives, drug allergies, stinging insect allergies, and immune system deficiencies. Call 501-686-8000 for an appointment. Patients do not need a referral.



Beware!
We have
returned to
dominate
your
species!

Explaining territorial jurisdiction

By Jim von Tungeln
Arkansas Municipal League

The issue of planning area boundaries has drawn much attention in legislative circles in recent years. This follows the decisions of many cities to extend these boundaries beyond their corporate limits. Those who have never participated in municipal planning may see this as an unwarranted intrusion into the lives of rural residents. It seems both worthwhile and timely to examine the reasons that cities use this sometimes-controversial approach.

First, it is important to understand that this is not a new practice. Frank Bachus Williams, an attorney, wrote of the wisdom of planning for up to three miles beyond a city's boundary in the book *The Law of City Planning and Zoning*, published by Macmillan back in 1922. This was four years before the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that zoning was constitutional in *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty*, 272 U.W. 365 (1926). Then, in 1958, our state adopted planning statutes giving cities the power to plan and enforce development regulations within a territorial jurisdiction that extended up to five miles beyond the city limits.

Where did our state get this idea? Oddly enough, from a man not remembered for his liberal tendencies; Herbert Hoover. As Secretary of Commerce, he supported and promoted city planning, observing, "The enormous losses in human happiness and in money, which have resulted from lack of city plans which take into account the conditions of modern life, need little proof."

Following up on this belief, Hoover's Commerce Department published both a Standard Zoning Act in 1924 and a Standard City Planning Enabling Act in 1928, both designed to guide states in these processes. It is the latter that contained the idea of extending a city's territorial jurisdiction for five miles beyond the corporate limits.

The committee that created these standard acts comprised some of the best experts on city planning at the time, including the immortal Frederick Law Olmstead, designer of New York's Central Park, and Alfred Bettman, who successfully argued *Euclid v. Ambler* for the cities. Many of the members later formed the American City Planning Institute in 1917.

Unfortunately, few files exist concerning the works of the committee that produced the standard acts, so we are forced to guess at the intent of some provisions. It is important to note, however, that the documents stress the relationship between regulations and the plans those regulations seek to implement. Thus our state's planning statutes grant zoning to cities "Following adoption and filing of the land use plan." In similar fashion, the statutes provide that "Following adoption and filing of a master street plan, the

planning commission may prepare and shall administer, after approval of the legislative body, regulations controlling the development of land."

It is this provision that might provide the best insight into what is commonly referred to as "extraterritorial jurisdiction," that is, the power to plan and enforce subdivision regulations outside the city limits. Transportation systems cannot stop at the city limits and the experts assembled by Commerce Secretary Hoover would have been well aware of that fact. As the name of the parent organization suggests, commerce was a major concern of the committee preparing the standard acts. It would be decades before counties ventured into the field of planning, so the burden of maintaining transportation systems to transport goods and services fell on the cities.

Imagine development occurring haphazardly between communities in a manner that neither reflected nor respected a logical transportation system. Requiring subdivision plat approval by a city for outlying areas begins to make more sense when we consider it from that viewpoint.

Another clue for this specific power of cities comes from lawyer Williams in the work cited earlier. He urges cities to "...plan for the community to come." This is consistent with the advice Mr. von Tungeln gives to cities with growing populations: Plan and implement as if your city was already the population it will be in 10 years or so. In this way, future utility and transportation systems can be planned and programmed more efficiently. It also allows the projection of needed staffing and support needs.

Modern times create more issues surrounding the control of land beyond a city's limits. The problem of providing adequate fire protection to areas served by rural water systems is fully documented. These systems surround large portions of many cities in the state. The level of water service provided cannot meet the requirements of the Arkansas Fire Code. Thus, they may be excluded forever from becoming a part of the city although they represent a logical extension of a growing community.

The jurisdiction of the cities in our state went through a reduction in the legislative session of 2013. Most cities now face a reduced territorial jurisdiction of one mile, with a maximum of three miles for the largest city in the state. It is important to note, also, that the territorial jurisdiction of a city is not the same as the planning area. The planning area boundary is formed within the territorial jurisdiction and may or may not include all of it. The planning commission must "...prepare and maintain a map showing the general location of streets, public ways, and public property and the boundaries of the area within the territorial jurisdiction for which it will prepare plans, ordinances, and regulations. The map shall be known as the planning area map." This is the area in which a qualifying city may operate.



Tips for 911 calling

Found at www.fcc.gov/guides/wireless-911-services

Consumers making a 911 call from a wireless phone should remember the following:

- ◇ Tell the emergency operator the location of the emergency right away.
- ◇ Provide the emergency operator with your wireless phone number, so if the call gets disconnected, the emergency operator can call you back.
- ◇ PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Point) currently lack the technical capability to receive texts, photos and videos.
- ◇ If your wireless phone is not “initialized” (meaning you do not have a contract for service with a wireless service provider), and your emergency call gets disconnected, you must call the emergency operator back because the operator does not have your telephone number and cannot contact you.
- ◇ To help public safety personnel allocate emergency resources, learn and use the designated number in your state for highway accidents or other non life-threatening incidents (States often reserve specific numbers for these types of incidents. For example Arkansas is 911 or cellphone-only: *55 (star 55).)
- ◇ Refrain from programming your phone to automatically dial 911 when one button, such as the “9” key, is pressed. Unintentional wireless 911 calls, which often occur when auto-dial keys are inadvertently pressed, cause problems for emergency call centers.
- ◇ If your wireless phone came pre-programmed with the auto-dial 911 feature already turned on, turn this feature off (consult your user manual for instructions)
- ◇ Lock your keypad when you’re not using your wireless phone to help prevent accidental calls to 911.
- ◇ Consider creating a contact in your wireless phone’s memory with the name “ICE” (*In Case of Emergency*), which lists the phone numbers of people you want to have notified in an emergency.

Ask about your handset’s E911 capabilities

When replacing your handset, ask about E911 capabilities. Some providers may offer incentives to encourage customers without location-capable phones to obtain new location-capable phones. Some providers choose to prevent reactivation of older handsets that do not have E911 capability, or they may adopt various other measures. If a provider declines to reactivate a handset that is not location-capable, the FCC requires the provider to deliver a 911 call from that handset to the appropriate PSAP.



Improving wireless 911 rules

The FCC has adopted rules aimed at improving the reliability of wireless 911 services and the accuracy of the location information transmitted with a wireless 911 call, as part of our efforts to improve public safety. The improvements help providing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) with meaningful, accurate location information from wireless 911 callers in order to dispatch local emergency responders to the correct location and to provide assistance to 911 callers more quickly.

The FCC’s wireless 911 rules apply to all wireless licenses, broadband Personal Communications Service (PCS) licenses and certain Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) licenses. Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) providers, however, are currently excluded.

The FCC’s basic 911 rules require wireless service providers to transmit all 911 calls to a PSAP, regardless of whether the caller subscribes to the provider’s service or not.

Phase I Enhanced 911 (E911) rules require wireless service providers to provide the PSAP with the telephone number of the originator of a wireless 911 call and the location of the cell site or base station transmitting the call.

Phase II E911 rules require wireless service providers to provide more precise location information to PSAPs; specifically, the latitude and longitude of the caller. This information must be accurate to within 50 to 300 meters depending upon the type of location technology used.

The FCC recently required wireless carriers to provide more precise location information to PSAPs. As a result, wireless carriers will be required to comply with the FCC’s location accuracy rules at either a county-based or PSAP-based geographic level. The new standards apply to outdoor measurements only, as indoor use poses unique obstacles.

Filing a complaint

You have multiple options for filing a complaint with the FCC:

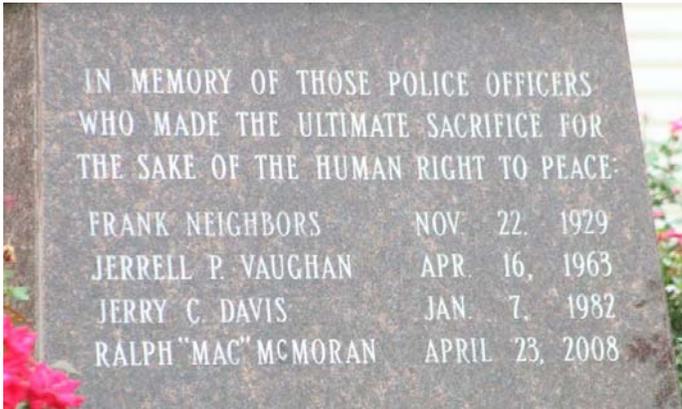
File a complaint online

By phone: 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322)

By mail (include name, address, contact information and as much detail about your complaint as possible):

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

North Little Rock Police Memorial Service



The pictures and names on this page were found on the North Little Rock Police Department's Facebook page. Above left: Police Memorial at 200 Pershing Boulevard. Above right: North Little Rock Color Guard members: J. L. Buck Dancy, Raul Dallas, and Marcus Perez.



Above left: Officer Sarah Bornhauser and North Little Rock Firefighter Alan Tetkoski.
Above right: Officers Jeff Coburn, Chriss Gann, Brandt Carmichael and Craig Edwards.

Below left: Officers Craig Umholtz and Sarah Bornhuaser.
Below right City Officials: Alderman Debi Ross, Police Chief Mike Davis, Aldermen Steve Baxter and Beth White, and City Attorney C. Jason Carter.



ways to unwind

By Shamash Alidina, Everyday Health Guest Contributor

Mindfulness meditation is a simple and powerful way of easing your stress. There's no harm in a bit of stress. And if you can handle it, there's no harm in a lot of stress, as long as you know how to take a break from the pressure regularly. But everyone's different. And no matter who you are, you'll be faced with challenges in life's journey. When that next challenge comes along, what resources do you have to bounce back? Mindfulness is a great too, not just for bouncing back from your latest setback, but for living in a more conscious, awake, and fulfilling way.

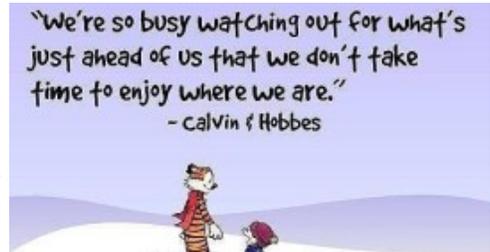


If you've joined a mindfulness program, or are reading about mindfulness but struggling to engage in the meditation practice, here are a few tips for you:

- ◇ Be clear at the start of your mindfulness practice that you're interested in the present moment, not the past or future. If your thoughts about the past, which is dead and gone, or the future, which is ultimately uncertain, then your mind is bound to wander around a lot. Be clear about your intentions within yourself to get yourself off to a flying start! Yes, your mind can wander, but you'll begin

to dip into that peaceful silence between the mental chatter.

- ◇ Be accountable. Make a commitment to practice mindfulness daily, and share that commitment with someone else. That way, you're accountable to them and your chance of sticking to your discipline increases greatly.
- ◇ Enjoy your mindfulness practice! This is a time for rest, renewal, and rejuvenation. Discover how you can make mindfulness a joy for yourself. If you're doing a sitting meditation, get nice and cozy. Wrap yourself in your favorite blanket. Cuddle your favorite teddy. Do whatever you need to feel happy in your space.
- ◇ Turn mindfulness into "kindfulness." Be as kind as you can to yourself. If you're doing mindfulness of breath, be aware



of your breathing with a sense of compassion, warmth, and friendliness. As if each breath matters — because it does.

Lemon Cream Cheese Bundt Cake with Lemon Glaze

- 1 box Betty Crocker SuperMoist yellow cake mix
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 package (3 oz) cream cheese (softened)
 - 2 Tbsp. grated lemon peed (from 2 large lemons)
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice (from 1 large lemon)
 - 3 eggs
- Glaze
- 2 cups powdered sugar
 - 2 Tbsp. lemon juice (from 1 large lemon)

Heat oven to 325°F. Generously spray 10- or 12-cup fluted tube cake pan.

In large bowl, beat cake ingredients with electric mixer on low speed 1 minute, scraping bowl constantly. Increase speed to medium; beat 2 minutes. Pour into pan.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes; turn upside down onto cooling rack or heatproof serving plate, and remove pan. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

Place cake on serving plate. In medium bowl, beat powdered sugar and lemon juice, a little at a time, using whisk until thick glaze forms. (You may not need all the juice). Pour evenly over cake. Store cake loosely covered.



Chicken Tortilla Soup

2 whole Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breasts

1 Tablespoon Olive Oil

1-1/2 teaspoon Cumin

1 teaspoon Chili Powder

1/2 teaspoon Garlic Powder

1/2 teaspoon Salt

1 Tablespoon Olive Oil

1 cup Diced Onion

1/4 cup Diced Green Bell Pepper

1/4 cup Red Bell Pepper

3 cloves Garlic, minced

1 can (10 Oz. Can) Rotel

32 ounces, fluid Low Sodium Chicken Stock

3 Tablespoons Tomato Paste

4 cups hot water

2 cans (15 Oz. Can) Black Beans, drained

3 Tablespoons Cornmeal or Masa

5 whole Corn Tortillas, Cut into uniform Strips around 2 to 3 inches

FOR THE GARNISHES:

Sour Cream

Diced Avocado

Diced Red Onion

Salsa Or Pico De Gallo

Grated Monterey Jack Cheese

Cilantro



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix cumin, chili pepper, garlic powder, and salt. Drizzle 1 tablespoon olive oil on chicken breasts, then sprinkle a small amount of spice mix on both sides. Set aside the rest of the spice mix.

Place chicken breasts on a baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until chicken is done. Use two forks to shred chicken. Set aside.

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a pot over medium high heat. Add onions, red pepper, green pepper, and minced garlic. Stir and begin cooking, then add the rest of the spice mix. Stir to combine, then add shredded chicken and stir.

Pour in Rotel, chicken stock, tomato paste, water, and black beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 45 minutes, uncovered.

Mix cornmeal with a small amount of water. Pour into the soup, then simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Check seasonings, adding more if needed---add more chili powder if it needs more spice, and be sure not to under salt. Turn off heat and allow to sit for 15 to 20 minutes before serving. Five minutes before serving, gently stir in tortilla strips.

Ladle into bowls, then top with sour cream, diced red onion, diced avocado, pico de gallo, and grated cheese, if you have it! (The garnishes really make the soup delicious.)



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **John Doe**
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**

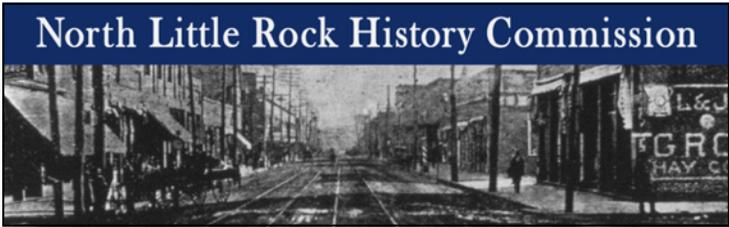
City Clerk and Treasurer Diane Whitbey
By: **SAMPLE ONLY—**
only valid with signature

Deputy City Clerk, Treasurer, Revenue

**The following has a Peddlers permit
in NLR:**
Danielle Gorham
Southwestern Advantage
Educational books, software
Expires: 8-24-15

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 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.

2015 Dragon Boat Festival



Last month, Team **NL-RRR**, sponsored by **NLR Fit 2 Live**, joined 36 other teams at Lake Willastein in Maumelle to participate in a Dragon Boat Festival fundraiser benefiting the Children's Protection Center, child abuse resource center.
Team **NL-RRR** came in 14th beating Little Rock's team! Congrats to all who participated in this fun and worthwhile event!
Fit 2 Live also hosted NLR Employee Wellness Screenings. 199 employees were seen between May 12—21 at 6 locations. Special thanks to the North Little Rock Fire Department and UAMS College of Pharmacy for providing screeners.

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 June:

June 1—5 recycle

June 8—12 no pickup

June 15 —19 recycle

June 22—26 no pickup

June 29—Aug 3 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	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Bernadette Rhodes	

June Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs		
KAREN	ROLLINS	OES	12	LONNELL	TIMS	Police	12
TERRI	TODD	OES	11	CODY	BROWN	Police	8
THOMAS	HANKINS	Electric	5	KARL	SORRELLS	Police	19
CHAD	ALLEN	Electric	21	SAMUEL	MONTGOMERY	Police	8
RONALD	RIGGIN	Electric	24	MICHAEL	MILLER	Police	19
DANA	WALLIS	Electric	5	DON	DUKES	Police	19
ROBERT	KUYKENDALL	Electric	7	CARY	COOKE	Police	18
JESSICA	STEPHENS	Electric	5	WILLIAM	MILLER	Police	18
OKEY	DILLON JR	Electric	30	KEITH	PHIFER	Police	18
EDWIN	FAUBION	Fire	18	PAUL	RILEY	Police	18
MICHAEL	JOY	Fire	8	DAVID	SCHMIDT	Police	18
MATTHEW	MAYFIELD	Fire	4	MARK	WIGGINS	Police	18
BENJAMIN	EVANS	Fire	15	WILLIAM	ELIZANDRO	Police	17
DANIEL	ASHLEY	Fire	4	JAY	BOODY	Police	17
MELINDA	JOHNSON	2nd Court	6	GREGORY	BLANKENSHIP	Police	17
STEVE	RABUN	UAD	20	THOMAS	NORMAN	Police	17
KIMBERLY	LOR	UAD	3	DENNIS	DORRELL II	Police	17
LAVERNE	WITHERSPO	UAD	1	CARMEN	HELTON	Police	16
JULIA	HODGE	HR	13	PHYLLIS	DRONE	Police	3
JOHN	HALE	Planning	1	ANGEL	ROSADO	Police	13
JENIFER	HOLLAND	Planning	2	JULIE	ECKERT	Police	13
JAMES	BRILEY	Planning	14	MARK	HOOD	Police	13
RODGER	GREENE	Planning	17	GLEN	REESE	Code	15
JAMES	DANCY	Police	30	DONALD	WOOD	Code	18
STEVEN	CHAMNESS	Police	13	TOMMY	FELLS	Sanitation	12
DON	MAGGARD JR	Police	12	ANTHONY	LOGAN	Sanitation	15
BRANDON	BENNETT	Police	8	SHANE	WILLIAMS	Sanitation	3
ROBERT	BRANCH	Police	11	TERRY	LEONARD	Sanitation	13
SHANA	COBBS	Police	15	RAYMOND	JONES	Sanitation	7
MARK	WRIGHT	Police	14	ROY	ROBINSON	Street	5
CLINTON	O'KELLEY	Police	12	TRAVIS	ANDERSON	Street	3
RONALD	MESSER	Police	18	WILLIAM	ROBERTSON	Vehicle Maint	25
BRADLEY	SIMS	Police	11	DAVID	ARMSTRONG	Vehicle Maint	18
GEORGE	GOREE II	Police	21	PAMELA	SMITH	Parks Rec	23
KENT	STEWART	Police	21	DUSTIN	MCNAUGHTON	Parks Golf	1

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!

June Birthdays

Name	Dept		Date	Name	Dept		Date
BRIAN	SMITH	Electric	1	SUSAN	RUSSELL	Hays Center	15
RAYMOND	JONES	Sanitation	1	WILLIAM	MANN	Electric	16
ROBERT	WARD	Police	2	MARK	STEPHEN	Police	16
TINA	WORRELL	Parks Rec	3	DANIEL	SCOTT	Neighborhood Srv	16
GREGORY	WOODWARD	Electric	4	CYNTHIA	BOONE	UAD	17
LEWIS	HARPER	Electric	4	MATTHEW	PEACH	Police	17
DANIEL	DELLORTO	Fire	4	MICHAEL	STANLEY	Police	18
DANIEL	ASHLEY	Fire	5	BERNADETTE	RHODES	Fit 2 Live	18
MICHAEL	BLEVINS	Police	5	SHAWN	SPENCER	Planning	19
JENNIFER	BUCKNER	OES	6	KENNY	HIGHFILL	Electric	20
JENNIFER	VESS	1st Court	6	CHRISTOPHER	MATLOCK	Fire	20
JON	SCHWULST	Police	6	MARVIN	GULLETT	Electric	21
LYNN	WILLIAMS	Sanitation	6	AMANDA	BONNER	Finance	21
MICHAEL	COOK	Fire	7	JEFFREY	COMBS	Fire	21
WILLY	TIDWELL	Parks Maint	7	DONNA	MATHEWS	Sanitation	21
TODD	IRBY	Fire	8	JAHRAILL	RAYE	Parks Maint	21
NAKISHA	MORAGNE	UAD	8	ROBERT	DANIELS	Electric	22
MATTHEW	ANDERSON	Police	8	CEDRIC	PAYNE	Fire	22
JAMES	BONA	Police	8	DEBI	ROSS	Alderman	23
DEWEY	GOSHIEN	Planning	9	MARK	COLEMAN	Fire	23
GARY	SONTAG	Parks Maint	9	VEDA	STEWART	UAD	23
OWEN	HONEYSUCKLE	Parks Golf	9	RICHARD	BIBB	Police	23
DAVID	SIDERS	Electric	10	MICHAEL	MERLO	Police	23
JEFFREY	COBURN	Police	10	GLEN	REESE	Code	23
DEBORAH	MURPHY	Finance	11	JOSEPH	BAUMAN	Sanitation	23
BRYAN	HILL	Fire	11	DONALD	EOFF	Parks Maint	23
CHARLES	BOLDEN	Electric	12	LINDSEY	HOWARD	OES	24
JASON	CHRISMAN	Police	12	MICHAEL	MATHIS	Fire	24
GAYLE	LEWIS-MULLINS	Police	12	LEONARD	PETTIT	Electric	25
RUTH	RATCLIFF	Public Works	12	BILLY	HOPSON	Sanitation	25
ERIC	STOCKMAN	Police	14	TRACY	ROULSTON	Police	27
LAURIE	ROBINSON	Police	14	DENISE	CANTERBURY	Police	28
MARK	TACKETT	Fire	15	ROBERT	GRIFFIN	Police	28
COREY	PLATT	Fire	15	TANYA	WARD	Police	29
MICHAEL	LITTEN	Police	15	ROBERT	BRANCH	Police	30
WILLIAM	ELIZANDRO	Police	15	WILLIAM	WILLIAMS	Police	30
JERRY	HAWKINS	Street	15				

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.