

What is May Day?

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To most people in the Northern Hemisphere, May Day conjures images of brightly colored twirling ribbons and promises of warm days ahead. That's not the whole story, though: May Day is also a day of protests and riots that traces its modern roots back to a world-changing explosion in Chicago.

When is May Day? May Day is May 1 every year.

What is May Day? Depending on where you are, it's either a seasonal celebration or a day to celebrate workers' rights, or maybe a little bit of both. Think of the latter use as a Labor Day, if you will, for the rest of the world.

How did it start? This is a more complicated question. Originally, May Day was an ancient pagan holiday celebrating the start of summer. In Gaelic traditions, it is known as Beltane (or the Anglicized "Beltane"). As time went on, different groups adapted the celebration to their specific cultures or beliefs. Europeans and Americans often celebrate in a more secular manner with diversions like maypole dancing and flower crowns. (That certainly lends a bit of cultural context to all the young women breezing around summer music festivals this time of year with giant daisies on their heads).

Also of note: In May, the Southern Hemisphere is getting ready for winter, so May Day as a seasonal celebration is, for the most part, a Northern Hemisphere thing.

How did it become a day for labor rights? May Day is also a labor holiday in many areas of the world, and that part of its history is a thornier story. May Day has

shared a date with International Workers' Day since the 1880s. At the time, labor movements around the world were fighting for fair work accommodations like eight-hour workdays and unions. The date was chosen because it aligned with the anniversary of the Haymarket affair in Chicago, where police killed four people at a protest after someone threw a bomb into the crowd. The event had a huge impact on labor movements across the world.

Because of its more recent history, International Workers' Day/May Day is often a day of protest for labor unions around the world.

Riots and protests have occurred in the United States and other countries.

Is this related to the "Mayday! Mayday!" distress call? It's actually not at all. "Mayday" the distress call comes from the French Term *m'aidez*, which means "help me."



The Joy of Community Service

By Missie Smith, AEDD Auxiliary Member

It never fails. No matter how much I give of my time, energy or financial support working with children and adults with disabilities, I get ten times the return in love and satisfaction by helping others. At AEDD, I've found an incredible network of staff, volunteers and friends who find incredible joy in helping create an accepting, loving environment that benefits us as much as those we help. Our mission is all about empowering others and that type of work brings a lot of joy to my heart.

Individuals we help — and it is certainly about helping each individual live their life to the fullest — are some of the kindest and happiest people I know. There is an immense joy in helping expand someone's horizons or create happier homes. Helping the developmentally disabled shows us all that there is a joy in life and work that can be found without the advantages we normally find on a resume.

As a former educator and counselor for children, I wanted

to continue that type of service following my retirement. Joe has served on the board of directors of other agencies that provide similar assistance; it's a cause that has always been close to our hearts. Joe and I find ourselves supported by the most joyful and fun group at AEDD. We love the programs, the people and the incredible smiles. For both of us, helping out at AEDD is just a continuation of work we've done for a long time and hopefully will be doing for many years to come.

North Little Rock Mayor Joe and Missie Smith
2019 AEDD Spirit of Giving Honorees
(Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled)



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

**North Little Rock
Animal Shelter**

For more information
call 501-791-8577

Top 10 Reasons to Spay or Neuter Your Pet

Found at <https://pets.webmd.com>

Whether you've recently adopted a pet or you're considering it, one of the most important health decisions you'll make is to spay or neuter your cat or dog. Spaying-removing the ovaries and uterus of a female pet is a veterinary procedure that requires minimal hospitalization and offers lifelong health benefits. Neutering-removing the testicles of your male dog or cat will vastly improve your pet's behavior and keep him close to home.

Many states and counties (cities too) have established low-cost spay/neuter programs that make surgery affordable and accessible. (For information about North Little Rock's Spay or Neuter program, contact them at the number above).



1. Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life. Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50% of dogs and 90% of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.
2. Neutering provides major health benefits for your male. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer.
3. Your spayed female won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently-sometimes all over the house
4. Your male dog won't want to roam away from home. An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate. That includes digging his way under a fence. Once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.
5. Your neutered male will be much better behaved. Neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their

human families. Unneutered dogs and cats may mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine. Many aggression problems can be avoided by early neutering.

6. Spaying or neutering will NOT make your pet fat. Don't use that old excuse. Lack of exercise and over-feeding will cause your pet to pack on the extra pounds-not neutering. Your pet will remain fit and trim as long as you continue to provide exercise and monitor food intake.
7. It is highly cost-effective. The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter. It also beats the cost of treatment when your unneutered tom escapes and gets into fights with

8. Spaying and neutering your pet is good for the community. Stray animals pose a real problem in many parts of the country. They can prey on wildlife, cause car accidents, damage to local fauna and frighten children. Spaying and neutering reduces the number of unwanted animals on the streets.
9. Your pet doesn't need to have a litter for your children to learn about the miracle of birth. Letting your pet produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is not a good lesson for your children-especially when so many unwanted animals end up in shelters. There are tons of books and videos available to teach your children about birth in a more responsible way.
10. Spaying and neutering helps fight pet overpopulation. Every year, MILLIONS of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. These high numbers are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering.



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

Our shelter is full of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of a forever home. Please consider adopting a shelter pet for your next pet.

**Please Don't Litter
Spay or Neuter
Your Critter** 



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

Now that spring has arrived, many homeowners will be performing spring-cleaning and yard work. Keep in mind that the North Little Rock Sanitation Department will pick up yard debris the day after the regular trash pick-up.



The North Little Rock Fire Department discourages open burning because of citizen complaints and unnecessary fire runs that it tends to create.

City Ordinance 8953 addresses open burning in the city. Some of the information is as follows:

No person shall burn any material outdoors that creates a danger to person or property, emits smoke or particles into the air that obscures visibility, constitutes a public nuisance, or otherwise violates the currently adopted Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

Any holder of a burn permit who violates any section of the burn permit shall, in addition to all other remedies, forfeit his or her burn permit without refund.

No person shall burn any material outdoors without a burn permit issued by the Fire Marshal's Office. This prohibition is inapplicable to:
The burning of material, other than trash or yard waste, in outdoor Fireplaces
The burning of material, other than trash or yard waste, in recreational fires

Any questions can be addressed to the NLR Fire Marshal's Office – 501-340-5377 or e-mail at fmo@nlr.ar.gov





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 (March events).

Hays Center— new members. 11,925 visits for the month. Activities included an Origami class, Mardi Gras themed luncheon, course on Memoir writing, therapy dog visits and Precious Metal Clay Jewelry Class. Trips included A-Z Store, Murry's Dinner Playhouse, Garvan Gardens and Old Washington State Park. Hays Center Quilters traveled to Heber Springs. Bean Bag Baseball team traveled to three away games. Public Senior Housing residents were transported to medical appointments and grocery stores. Volunteers contributed 1,253 hours.

Sanitation—collected 2,256.55 tons (4,513,100 lbs) household garbage, rubbish and junk. Collected 40 loads (1,176.8 cubic yards) green waste. Loose leaf crews collected 5 loads (151.66 cubic yards) mulched leaves. 285 waste tires were also picked up.

Police—February crime numbers showed decreases. Theft from Motor Vehicles dropped from 29 to 25, Robberies were up from 1 to 8, and Burglaries decreased from 40 to 20. Theft from motor vehicles increased—most thefts are occurring when a vehicle is left running and unattended or unlocked.

Fire—Total incidents—885
Total Unit Responses—1,687
Residential Fires—14
Vehicle Fires—5
False Alarms/Malfunctions—68
Rescue/Emergency Medical—505
Mutual Aid—5
Hazardous Material Response—7
Structure Fire fatalities—0
Vehicle fire fatalities—0
Training hours—3,573
Total Building Surveys—159

Office of Emergency Services/911—
Total incoming calls: 13,164
Non-911 calls: 5,854
Wired 911: 790 Abandoned Wired 911: 120
Wireless 911: 5,777 Abandoned Wireless: 509
Total dispatch computer entries: 9,198



Planning—reviewed 2 new commercial projects: Homes at Pine Crossing Clubhouse/1700 Locust and Holt District Homes Clubhouse/820 W 19th. Issued 15 new single family residence permits (permit average \$112,186). Issued 8 Sign permits and 0 Banner permits. Inspectors completed 581 inspections and covered 3,493 miles: 211 Electric; 121 Building; 178 Plumbing; 71 HVAC.

Electric Customer Service—Direct contact—lobby payments, 5,590, Drive-thru payments, 3,163. Total payments received: Electric—40,177, amount \$7,264,913.00. Bad debt: \$8880.00.

Code Enforcement—109 assigned calls, 355 initiated calls, 20 citations, 334 violation notices, 141 vehicles tagged, 46 structures inspected, 21 rental inspections, 17 food service inspections, 0 search warrants, 3 house demolished by city, 0 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—62 assigned calls, 51 vacant lots cleaned, 0 lot with structures cleaned, secured 7 vacant houses, 0 vacant lot mowed, 0 lot with structures mowed.

North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau—Visitors Information Center in Burns Park had 423 visitors in March. Downtown RV Park had 543 reservations with an average stay of 2.59 days and a total of 1,406 camping days. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,955 visitors and hosted the AR Department of Parks & Tourism Dinner.

Electric Department—38,766 customers, Peak Power—127,869 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,060 (170 repaired), Security lights—4,305 (28 repaired), Smart meters—39,401, Revenue—\$5,988,102. Major outages—Mar 9—car hit pole, crew needed circuit down to repair—2,370 customers without power 50 minutes. Mar 29—car hit pole, serviceman needed circuit dropped to fix—1,094 customers without power 3 minutes.

North Little Rock Animal Control
Incoming animals—210/YTD-631
Adoptions—68/YTD-170
Reclaimed—36/YTD-94
Euthanized—104/YTD-344
Calls for service—560/YTD-1795
Citations issued—39/YTD-125
Spay/Neuter Vouchers—44/YTD-152
Pulaski County (accepted at NLR)-0
YTD=Year to date

****Non-adoptable animals are those that are sick, injured, unweaned (puppies and kittens), vicious, court ordered or by owner request.****

Finance—February Report—Revenues (MTD)

Taxes	\$ 523,356.96	Fire	\$2,402,299.13
Licenses/Permits	\$ 783,483.96	Health	\$ 6,413.96
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 234,063.26	Legal	\$ 80,896.19
Local Option Sales Tax	\$3,406,942.57	1st Court	\$ 37,832.56
Intergovernmental-State	\$ —	2nd Court	\$ 42,808.33
Franchises	\$ 256,895.96	Public Defender	\$ —
Investment/Misc	\$ 32,437.94	Human Resources	\$ 53,073.86
User Fees	\$ 89,162.42	Commerce	\$ 22,677.51
Utility Transfer	\$ 55,795.51	Planning	\$ 62,620.44
Grants & Other	\$ 170,209.61	Police	\$1,761,443.96
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00	Code Enforcement	\$ 61,732.53
Total Revenue:	\$6,321,970.69	Public Works	\$ 67,433.11
Expenditures		Neighborhood Services	\$ 12,544.52
Administration	\$ 132,894.96	Sanitation	\$ 302,832.94
Animal Shelter	\$ 61,856.16	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 110,989.29
Special Appropriations	\$1,046,607.71	Senior Citizens Center	\$ 76,218.85
City Clerk	\$ 30,276.96	Communications	\$ 13,504.52
Emergency Services	\$ 148,336.55	Fit 2 Live	\$ 14,874.44
Finance	\$ 60,214.05	Total Expenditures:	\$6,610,382.53



Left: Captain Brian Hill



Right: Lt. Clayton Zakrzewski

Below: Captain Ricky Cranford congratulates Lt. Charlie Hood

The North Little Rock Fire Department held a Promotion and Swearing In of new Firefighters last month.

Here are a few photos taken by Jim Billings, North Little Rock Director of Special Projects.



Family Trivia

New Firefighter Brandon Ussery makes three generations of Ussery's who have worked or continue to work for the city. Grandfather Ebbie Ussery—Waste Water (retired) Father—Kevin Ussery—Traffic Services (pictured below) Mother—Shelley Ussery—City Clerk/Treasurer (pictured below) Uncle—Ebbie Eugene Ussery—NLR Electric. This family has 80 years of service to the residents of North Little Rock!



Left: Firefighter Eric Ray



Right: Firefighter Brandon Ussery

William F. Laman Library

Both branches close Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Digital items are still available at lamanlibrary.org.

Summer Reading Challenge

Begins - All ages sign up starting May 13 for our Universe of Stories Summer Reading Challenge. See our website and download the Beanstack app for details.

Free Comic Book Day - Plan a day of fun to celebrate comics at the Main Branch 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 4. We'll have door prizes, movies, crafts, vendors, contests, and free comic books, while supplies last.

Cyber Saturday - Main Branch LINC's all-age gaming is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 4 and 18. Tournaments start at 1 p.m. with Star Wars Racer Revenge and Star Wars: The Ultimate Battle on May 4 and Mortal Kombat X and Rocket League on May 18.

Free Main Branch Job Skills Workshops - Master High-Tech, High-Touch Customer Service from 6 to 7:30 p.m. May 1, 2:30 to 4 p.m. May 8, 12:30 to 2 p.m. May 15, and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 22. **Occupational Knowledge/Technology Orientation** covers maintaining continuous improvement, staying abreast of trends and developments, and sharing technology with others from 2 to 3 p.m. May 9 and 14, 4 to 5 p.m. May 16, and 6 to 7 p.m. May 21. Register through the Events & Program/Calendar tab at lamanlibrary.org.

Lit @ Lunch - Unwind at the Main Branch with a mid-day break at 12:30 p.m. May 4, 11, and 28.

Essence of Books - This month's selection is Angie Thomas' *The Hate U Give*. Join the Main Branch conversation at 5:30 p.m. May 30.

Teen DIY Nacho Bar - Teens enjoy at the Main Branch Teen Center at 4 p.m. on May 2.

Free Movies - Catch an afternoon movie May 6 and 20 at the Argenta Branch at 1 p.m. and at the Main Branch at 3:30 p.m. Tweens see *Earth to Echo* at 10:30 a.m. May 25 in the Main Branch Children's Department. Teen Movie Mondays start at 4 p.m. in the Main Branch Teen Center on May 6, 13, and 20.

Free Main Branch DIY - All supplies provided for ages 18 and up. Krafty Seniors create **Button Seahorses** at 1 p.m. May 14. Register by May 8 at (501) 758-1720. Design your own **Garden Craft Flower Stepping Stone** at 1 p.m. May 22. Register by May 18.

Free Credit Repair Workshop - Call (501) 758-1720 to register for Main Branch workshops from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 9 and 23.

Free Bingo - Adults play at 1 p.m. May 10 at the Argenta Branch and May 21 at the Main Branch.

Argenta ArtWalk - UA Little Rock Assistant Professor Joli Livaudais is this month's featured artist. Our opening reception, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Argenta Branch May 17, is free and open to the public. Stop by to see her photography exhibit before June 15.

Free Legal Clinic - Need legal help? Get your questions answered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 18 at the Main Branch.

Free Main Branch Computer Class - Learn more about Pinterest from 2 to 3 p.m. and the Basics of Coding from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in May. Brush up on your PowerPoint skills from 2 to 3 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. On Fridays, Computer Basics are covered 11 a.m. to noon and Keyboarding 101 is 2 to 3 p.m.

Family Storytime - Kids of all ages love Storytime at the Main Branch at 5 p.m. on May 13.

Homeschoolers @ Laman - Explore STEM at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and the states at 1 p.m. Thursdays at the Main Branch.

Teen Forts & S'mores - Teens relax during finals with popup tents and delicious snacks at the Main Branch Teen Center at 4 p.m. on May 21.

Robot Creation Station - Kids create at 10:30 a.m. May 23 and 30 at the Argenta Branch.

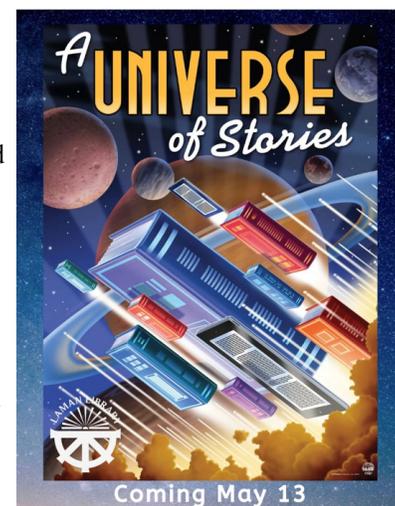
Birthdays:

Beverly Partin	1	Cheri Porier	10	Kory Sanders	14	Robert Rumpf	22
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Anniversaries:

Ashley Brown	9 years	Stephanie Williams	1 year
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Celebrate!!



Trees...

Invasive species: Beauty or beast?

*Found in AR Municipal League City & Town Magazine
Provided by Krista Quinn, Urban Forestry
Program Coordinator with the AR Forestry Commission*

We often discuss the many ways that trees benefit communities, such as cleaning the air we breathe and the water we drink, helping prevent street flooding, and promoting economic growth. However, several tree species have been identified as invasive and are wreaking havoc in cities, on farms, and in natural areas. It is best to avoid planting these trees and also remove any that are currently growing.

Some trees known to be particularly invasive in Arkansas include tree-of-heaven, chinaberry, mimosa, Bradford or other Callery pears, Chinese Tallow (also known as the popcorn tree), royal paulownia (also known as empress tree), and Siberian elm. These trees are not native to Arkansas, which is part of the reason they have become invasive. Since these trees were originally from other parts of the world, they have very few natural pests in Arkansas to control their populations. Many of these trees were also intentionally brought to the United States as ornamentals and are not accidental introductions.

"Many people don't realize that these early blooming pear trees are actually a menace to the community," says Regine Skelton, county forester in Clark and Garland counties with the Arkansas Forestry Commission. "The seeds are widely dispersed by birds in parks, fields, along right-of-ways, and in other natural areas where landowners have a really hard time controlling their spread."

One of the main concerns with these non-native, invasive trees is that they reproduce aggressively and thus compete heavily for important resources such as water, light and nutrients. This robs our native trees of these limited resources to the point that many natives struggle to survive or simply never get a chance to grow. Many invasive trees grow very densely in the wild, literally choking out native plants.

Most invasive plants also do little to support wildlife. Our native wildlife species depend on native plants for food and habitat, but non-native plants disrupt the balance in our ecosystems. As mentioned earlier, invasive species generally have few insect pests. Yet, our songbirds rely on insects for food. When there is an abundance of non-native plants that do not support insect populations, many birds then struggle to survive in areas once abundant in food.

Many bird populations have declined dramatically since the 1960s, researchers have reported. While



multiple factors have contributed to this decline, the use of non-native plants in urban and rural landscaping has been found to have a significant negative impact on the breeding success of many birds. Other wildlife that rely on acorns or other fruits and seeds of native trees are also negatively affected when invasive trees take over lands once covered by native plants.

Some places in Arkansas are so thoroughly dominated by invasive plants that it can be difficult to imagine ever eliminating the plants or even getting them under control. Certain communities also have such a large percentage of invasive trees on both public and private land that it would be devastating to lose such large amounts of canopy cover at one time.

"It's a daunting task in many areas, but we must start somewhere," Skelton says. "We need to ensure that residents can identify problem species so they can start recognizing the prevalence and resulting problems these invasives are creating. I'd like to see nurseries stop selling invasive plants and homeowners start planting more native species."

In addition to not planting invasive species, people can also remove those that are already growing on their property. However, many invasive trees can be difficult to kill. Landowners with large numbers of invasive trees can contact their local Arkansas Forestry

Commission office for advice on controlling the trees.

"In general, invasive trees should be cut down and the stump immediately treated with herbicide," Skelton says. "Any root sprouts should be sprayed with herbicide until it finally gives up. Blocking all light to the root stump can be effective at stopping root sprouting for those who want to avoid herbi-

cides. Landscapers love these trees because they are hard to kill, so it often takes a year or two to completely kill the root system of these stubborn trees."

Skelton recommends replacing invasive plants with native trees such as serviceberries, red buds, yellowwoods, and red buckeyes for their spring flowers. While dogwoods are wonderful spring-blooming natives, she notes they can be difficult to grow. Other native trees to consider are American hornbeam, sassafras, Kentucky coffeetree, thornless honeylocust, and blackgum. Oaks are the most common native trees in Arkansas with thirty different species growing in the wild, and Skelton says she would like to see even more oaks planted in cities and towns.

"Many people avoid planting oaks because they think they're too big or grow too slow," she says. "However, oaks are among the best trees to plant because they're naturally common across the state, so birds and other wildlife evolved to rely on them heavily, and they tend to grow happily on our soils. *next page...*

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Some oak species are large, but there are others that stay around 50 feet. No matter the space you have available, there should be a native tree that is well suited. The Arkansas Forestry Commission's urban forestry representatives are happy to offer information or advice on selecting the best tree for your planting location."

While most trees are valuable in communities, non-native invasive trees can do a lot of harm and should not be planted. Property owners can also benefit from

learning to identify invasive trees and taking steps to remove any growing on their properties. Many conservation organizations and watershed protection groups also hold volunteer events to remove invasive plants in parks and other public green spaces. Landowners with large tracts infested with invasive species can reach out to their local Natural Resources Conservation Service office to inquire about cost-share opportunities through the Forest Stand Improvement Practice Program.

Pictured below are some of the invasive species of trees that ARE NOT native to Arkansas



Tree-of-Heaven



Chinaberry



Mimosa



Bradford or Callery Pear



Chinese tallow aka Popcorn tree



Royal Paulownia aka Empress tree



Siberian Elm

According to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas, in 2016, a total of 436 kinds of woody plants were known to occur in the wild in the state, comprising 419 species plus another 17 varieties and subspecies. Of these, 185 can be considered trees, 189 are best described as shrubs, and 62 are woody vines.

Pictured below are some tree species that ARE native to Arkansas



Serviceberry



Redbud



Yellowwoods



Dogwood



Sassafras



Kentucky Coffeetree



Thornless Honeylocust



Blackgum



Shumard Oak

2019 North Little Rock Public Safety Awards



Tuesday, April 9, 2019, the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce presented the Annual Public Safety Awards Luncheon at the Wyndham Hotel. This year's Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Bob Clausen, News Anchor, KARK (see photo below).

Sponsors included Centennial Bank, Ashley Group Commercial Real Estate, Smith Family Funeral Homes, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and Baptist Health Medical Center and CHI—St. Vincent North.



The following award winners were also presented Tag Heuer Watches provided by Centennial Bank:
North Little Rock Police Segeant Larry Dancy,
North Little Rock Fire Captain David Wilson and 911,
Public Safety Dispatcher Erica King.



2019 Awards Recipients

North Little Rock Police Department

Leadership Award
Merit Award
Life Saving Awards

Officer Justin Cross
Ms. Jackie Carrington
Officer Julia Redditt
Officer Jhailan Rathey
Officer Yancy Tollett
Officer Tyler Grant
Ms. Judy Prince
Officer Sam Montgomery
Lt Dana Bowers
Sgt Larry Behnke
Officer Vincent Thornton
Officer Greg Blankenship
Officer Robert Cupps
Captain Tracy Roulston
Sgt Larry Dancy

Achievement Award
Teen Court Volunteer of the Year
Team Achievement-Training Division

Leadership Award
Chief's Award
Recognition of Medical assist with Tourniquet or Naloxone:

Officer Michael Bowen
Officer Christopher Henderson
Officer Matthew Roebuck
Officer Justin Cross
Officer Michael Stanley
Officer Rick Beaston

Sgt Matt Anderson
Officer Blake Barnes
Officer Joseph Madison
Officer Code Stroud
Officer Bruce Moyster
Officer Jon Schwulst

North Little Rock Fire Department

Firefighter of the Year
Emergency Medical Firefighter of the Year
Fire Officer of the Year
Fire Service Educator of the Year
Apprenticeship Firefighter of the Year
Fire Service Support Staff Award
Life Saving Awards

Captain Edwin Faubion
Captain Jeff Combs
Lt Dustin Free
Lt Brian Poe
Firefighter Charlie Tull
Peggy Borel
Captain James Kolb
Lt Richard Hargrove
Firefighter Matthew Hunt

Unit Citation Award A-Crew (November 14, 2018)

Multiple Units: Bat 1, E1, E2, E7, R-1, T-1 and Safety 1
Individual Citation
Fire Chief's Award

Fire Marshal Chief John Pflasterer
Captain David Wilson

North Little Rock Emergency Services

Merit Award

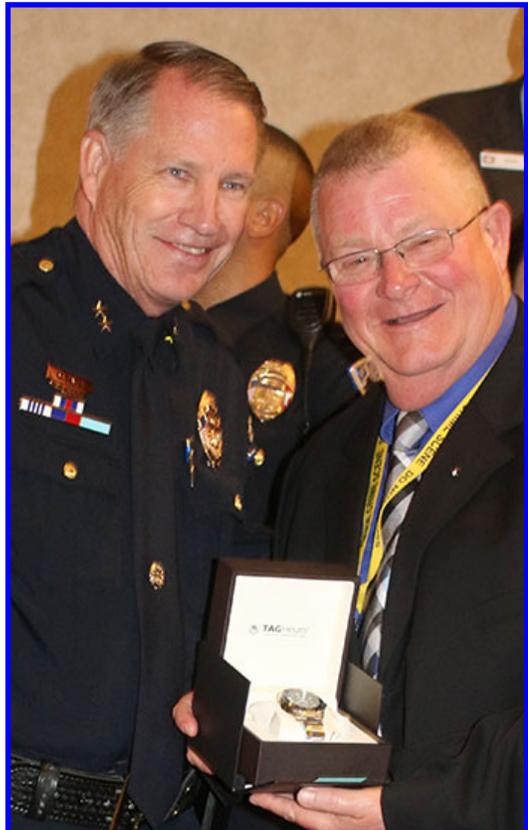
Public Safety Dispatcher Erica King





Special thanks to all North Little Rock Police Officers, Fire Fighters and 911 Operators for all you do!

You give the residents and visitors to our city a sense of security just in knowing that we are represented by some of the finest folks around!







Welcome! Uiwang City Sister City Delegates

Last month, a delegation which included the Mayor of North Little Rock's Sister City, Kim Sang-Don and other officials spent time in our city. During their visit, they met with North Little Rock School District Superintendent Bobby Acklin and Principal Scott Jennings. They toured the historic Edgemont House in Park Hill and visited the Hays Center. The delegation also toured City Hall, and learned about the history of the building from City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey. Following the tour, the delegation gathered in the council chambers for the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement regarding Affirmation of the Relationship and New Partnership. Mayor Kim Sang-Don and North Little Rock Mayor Joe A. Smith signed the agreement during a joint signing ceremony.





**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 4/1/19
Expires: **6/2919**



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

Question: *If someone comes to my home selling Newspaper subscriptions, are they required to have a door-to-door peddlers permit?*

Answer: Yes. **Anyone** going door to door in the North Little Rock City Limits is required to have a peddlers permit and ID issued by the City Clerk's Office. Other examples include newspapers, pest control, alarm systems, home improvements, etc.

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/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 History Commission



If you or someone you know has items of a historical interest (photos, newspaper clippings, keepsakes, etc.) to City of North Little Rock, please consider donating them to the NLR History Commission.

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

Effective April 1, the penalty for not renewing or doing business in the city since January 1, 2019 is 25% of the total amount due.

Reminder—ALL businesses doing business within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to have a current Business/Privilege License. Businesses that are not licensed are subject to a citation (and court appearance) for operating a business without a license.

Please contact 501-975-8617 with any questions regarding North Little Rock Business License requirements and fees.

The North Little Rock Convention & 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.

To see a list of issued permits, visit the city website at www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on City Clerk/Treasurer, followed by Licensed Peddlers.

To see an individual ID/Permit, click on the person's name. All licensed door to door peddlers are **required to have the ID issued by the City Clerk's Office with them at all times.**

All Business / Privilege Licenses expired December 31, 2018
Renewal notices were **mailed on or about Monday, December 31, 2018.**

Licenses **must be renewed** between **January 2, 2019 and April 1, 2019** to avoid penalties.

All persons doing business **of any kind** within the city limits are required to have a Business/Privilege License.

If a business **operates 1 day into the new year**, they **are required** to obtain a business license at the full fee.

If you have any questions, please contact the North Little Rock City Clerk's Office 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@nlr.ar.gov.

The City Council Agenda can be found at 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
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, Terrell Milton	975-8888

City Council Members

Ward 1	Debi Ross	753-0733
	Beth White	758-2738
Ward 2	Linda Robinson	945-8820
	Maurice Taylor	690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter	804-0928
	Ron Harris	758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight	758-8396
	Jane Ginn	749-5344

**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/Treasurer Diane Whitbey	975-8617
City Attorney Amy Fields	975-3755
District Court Judge Randy Morley	791-8562
District Court Judge Paula Juels Jones	791-8559

Telephone Numbers for City Hall

Mayor's Office.....	501-975-8601
Joe A. Smith	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Isaac Henry	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Jim Billings	

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling
schedule for the month of May

April 29—May 3 recycle
May 6—10 no pickup
 May 13—17 recycle
May 20—24 no pickup
 May 28—June 1 recycle



May Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs		
CLAY	ROGERS	AIRPORT	8	ERICA	KING	OES/911	2
DUSTY	FULLER	CODE	4	KAREEM	SMITH	OES/911	2
SAVANNAH	BOWERS	ELECTRIC	1	NICHOLAS	BECK	OES/911	3
PAJAI	VANG	ELECTRIC	1	KATHARINE	BUFORD	PARKS FUNLAND	3
HELEN	WILLIAMS	ELECTRIC	3	KRISTAN	STUART	PARKS GOLF	3
APRIL	MARKHAM	ELECTRIC	3	JOSEPH	RALSTON	PARKS GOLF	5
CODY	FUNDERBURG	ELECTRIC	4	JON	BURNETT	PARKS MAINT	3
CHRISTOPHER	COLLINS	ELECTRIC	5	GREGORY	CHEATHAM	PARKS MAINT	3
ANDREW	JOHNSON	ELECTRIC	7	JOSHUA	LEWIS	PARKS MAINT	3
WALTER	BARRINGTON	ELECTRIC	7	JASON	RHODES	PARKS MAINT	6
DAVID	MELTON	ELECTRIC	10	FLOYD	BEARD	PARKS REC	1
LINDA	WILLIAMS	ELECTRIC	12	DESHAWN	BRYANT	PARKS REC	4
KRASTAL	DUCKERY	ELECTRIC	12	TINA	WORRELL	PARKS REC	16
SANDRA	TARKINGTON	ELECTRIC	12	JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	PARKS REC	24
CHRISTOPHER	PLY	ELECTRIC	15	ELLISA	MCEUEN	POLICE	8
JEAN	HOBBY	ELECTRIC	19	JANICE	JENSEN	POLICE	9
EBBIE	USSERY	ELECTRIC	30	SCOTT	HARTON	POLICE	11
JEFFERY	ELLISON	ELECTRIC	37	JOSEPH	MADISON	POLICE	11
MARVIN	GULLETT	ELECTRIC	41	CHAUNCEY	SIMS	POLICE	11
KAREN	SCOTT	FINANCE	6	CHRISTOPHER	WEAVER	POLICE	11
ERIC	MONTGOMERY	FIRE	4	CRAIG	EDWARDS	POLICE	24
WARREN	ALMON	FIRE	25	CHARLES	HARRIS	STREET	8
WILLIAM	BROWN	LEGAL	17	JUSTIN	MCDUGAL	VEHICLE MAINT	12
CHRISTINA	YIELDING	LEGAL	19	KENNY	BROCK	VEHICLE MAINT	27
DARIAN	STRONG	OES/911	1				

Creamy Chicken & Broccoli-Pesto Bow Ties

Found in Country Living Farmhouse Kitchen Cookbook

2 cups broccoli florets

Salt and pepper

1/2 pound farfalle (bow tie) pasta

1 small bunch fresh basil (1 ounce), stems removed

2 garlic cloves

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tsp lemon zest, plus more for serving

1/4 tsp red pepper flakes

3 ounces grated Parmesan cheese (about 3/4 cup)

4 ounces mascarpone or cream cheese, at room temp

2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken, warmed

1/3 cup chopped toasted pecans (optional)

Cook broccoli in boiling salted water until tender, 5 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove to bowl. Add pasta to same cooking water and cook according to package directions; drain.

In food processor with knife blade attached, process basil, garlic, oil, lemon zest, red pepper, and Parmesan until finely chopped. Add broccoli and pulse until coarsely chopped, 4 to 6 times, season with salt and pepper.

Stir broccoli pesto and mascarpone into pasta until well coated; fold in chicken.



Serve sprinkled with pecans if desired.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Serves: 4

To make this Weight Watcher friendly, use low fat cream cheese and spaghetti squash instead of Farfalle!

May Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
MATTHEW	KOLB	FIRE	1	JAMES	BILLINGS	ADMIN	16
KAREN	ALLEN	ELECTRIC	2	BRYAN	SPEARS	PARKS MAINT	16
GREGORY	ZONNER	AIMM	3	VICTOR	RODRIGUEZ	1ST COURT	17
JASON	WOODWARD	POLICE	4	SHANE	DOUGAN	FIRE	17
WESLEY	HONEYCUTT	POLICE	5	STEVEN	LANKFORD	FIRE	18
CAROLINE	PRENTICE	PUBLIC WORKS	6	SAMANTHA	THOMPSON	POLICE	18
JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	PARKS REC	6	STEVEN	GRIMES	FIRE	19
BILLIE	BLACK	PLANNING	7	RUSTY	GARTRELL	POLICE	19
CHARLES	HARRIS	STREET	7	ANITA	KABAT	ANIMAL CONT	19
TONY	PATE	PARKS REC	8	JACOB	SCHMIDT	FIRE	19
KENNETH	SARTIN	FIRE	8	STEVEN	HUBBARD	STREET	20
SEAN	WALKER	FIRE	8	CHARLES	DAVIS JR	FIRE	20
DEMARIO	HAYDEN	FIRE	8	RICKY	SHOSHONE	FIRE	20
CHRISTINE	FERRY	ELECTRIC	8	JUSTIN	JAMES	ELECTRIC	20
JERRI	DAUGHERTY	POLICE	9	LONNELL	TIMS	POLICE	21
RYAN	DAVIDSON	POLICE	9	SUSAN	BURLESON	ELECTRIC	21
DOUGLAS	ELMS JR	FIRE	9	JEFFREY	GLOVER	POLICE	22
DANNY	DILLON	TRAFFIC	10	MICHAEL	HOLLEY	FIRE	22
JOHN	BARBER	ADMIN	11	ARNOLD	COLEMAN	PLANNING	25
JOHN	HARRIS	ELECTRIC	12	LARRY	MICKEL	POLICE	25
TIMOTHY	BLAND	POLICE	12	JEFFREY	ALTSTATT	OES/911	26
ALEXANDER	SANTUCCI	POLICE	12	KATHRYN	DILLON	VEHICLE MAINT	28
PATRICK	GARRETT	POLICE	13	KARL	SORRELLS	POLICE	29
BRYAN	KINKAID	POLICE	13	KRASTAL	DUCKERY	ELECTRIC	29
AMY	COOPER	POLICE	13	TOMMY	POWELL	PARKS GOLF	30
KRISTOPHER	ROARK	STREET	14	RICHARD	ROSS	CODE	30
JOSEPH	GREEN	POLICE	15	CHARLES	BARNES	POLICE	31
JENIFER	HOLLAND	PARKS REC	15	MATTHEW	BARBER	POLICE	31
BRIANNA	THOMPSON	PARKS REC	15				

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by HR the prior year (i.e. 2019 was provided in 2018). So if an employee name is on the list that has retired or resigned, please disregard. Also, typos happen! Please let me know if a name is spelled wrong and a correction will be included next month! For employees who leave the city and come back in a different capacity or department, your length of service may change as well. Example, I worked in the Mayor's Office 10 years, then was elected City Clerk. I have been in the City Clerk's Office 19 years. My total service with the city is 29 years. If this scenario applies to you, please email me at least one month before the month of your anniversary month so I can include your total service to the City of NLR! Diane (Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov)

North Little Rock City Offices will be closed

Monday, May 27, 2019,

In observance of Memorial Day

Garbage, trash AND recycling routes will run one-day delayed all week.

The **City Council meeting** scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2019 has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.



North Little Rock's first Volunteer Services Coordinator, Richard Taylor "Fritz" Friedl passed away last month. Fritz is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carolyn Kelley Friedl; daughter, Cynthia Friedl Ford (Ronnie) of Crosstt; son, Craig K. Friedl (Cathy) of Sherwood, daughter, Celeste Friedl Novak (Paul) of Cape Town, South Africa; grandchildren, Cristin DuBose (Jason), James Kelley Ivers, Megan Scheeler (Shawn), Erin Musgrave (Michael), Caitlin Leonard, Colton Leonard, Hannah Friedl, Arra Novak, Grayson Novak, Zachary Novak; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Silas, and Arwen DuBose; three sisters, Jane Lingo (Doug), Julia Bratcher (Joe), and Jeanette James; one brother, Robert "Bob" Friedl; and a host of extended family and friends who will treasure memories of the love he so generously showed with his actions.

During his 20-year service in the US Marine Corps, Fritz worked his way from Private to Captain; as a soldier within the Marine Corps Intelligence Services, he served with his loyal Marine brethren throughout the world. Upon retirement, he worked as vocational director and consultant for the Pulaski County Special School District.

Fritz then began the volunteer program for the city of North Little Rock and enjoyed diligently serving the city for over 20 years as a volunteer.

As a member of Baring Cross Baptist Church since 1973, he has served as Sunday School teacher, deacon, trustee, and chairman of the 100 Years Celebration Committee.

A loyal husband, soldier, father, brother and friend, Fritz leaves behind a lifetime of service to others, a legacy of faithful love, and the enduring hope that we will be reunited again.

Don Randoll Carroll, 76, of North Little Rock passed away Monday, April 1, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Norma Gore Carroll of North Little Rock; sons, Shawn Dale Carroll (Susan) of Vilonia, and Shannon Carroll (Rebecca) of North Little Rock; daughter, Lesli Thomas (Kelly) of Sherwood; grandson, Ian Redmond, of Sherwood; and his brother, Randy (Susan) Carroll of North Little Rock. He was preceded in death by his parents, W.O. and Grace Carroll and his sister, Phyllis Reinier.

Don served honorably in the Army National Guard for 42 years. Thirty-eight of those years he worked at Camp Robinson. He loved camping with his wife and family. His grandson had a special place in his heart, he was his "Little Buddy".

Don loved football and he also coached baseball. He always made everyone around him happy and was loved by those who knew him.

Don was the father of Shannon Carroll, North Little Rock Community Development and City Clerk/Treasurer's Office.



North Little Rock Fire Department retirees:

Below left: Fire Marshal's Lt. Dustin Free, retiree Captain David Wilson, Chief John Pflasterer and Captain Jerry Robinson.

Below right: Retiree Lt. Terrance Metcalf with Captain Lynn Dereuisseaux.

Not pictured but also retired, Lt. John Adams.

Congratulations!

