

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector

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What does fall mean to you?

So I went to my source of much information...the world wide web and found lots of answers.



Fall holds its own unique meaning for every individual. It could be the coming of cooler days to some. While others, think of tailgating and football. To the younger individuals, it means back to

school. Those who are passionate about nature, enjoy this time of year. Something as simple as a season change, holds so many meanings to so many different individuals.

Falling Leaves

As fall begins, temperatures are slightly cooler. It creates a mood of content. The falling leaves are vibrant in colors of red, yellow, and orange. Children playing in the leaves for hours on end. Laughing and jumping in and out of the mounds, they feel where made just for them. People enjoy long walks in the park, or hiking in the mountains. The falling leaves convey a feeling of tranquility.

Football

One of our favorite pastimes, football starts in fall. Everyone looking forward to the start of football season. Pee Wee, Middle School, High School, College and Professional. Each with its own unique group of followers. With football season, comes tailgating at the college and professional levels. A time to socially network with people, and have fun. They enjoy the food, the company, the rivalry, all while wearing their favorite team colors. Good times for all involved.



Back to School

Children head back to the classroom, just prior to the start of fall. However, everyone associates fall with back to school. Children have mixed emotions during this time of year. (Some) hate classes and learning, but enjoy interacting with their friends. It's a time for social networking. They enjoy extracurricular activities. (Some)

parents have mixed emotions, as well. Most parents are glad to see their children go back to school. Each have their own reasons, time to themselves, babysitting expenses, enjoyment of those extracurricular activities, and so much more! Fall brings fun, excitement, and peace to all involved.

Other Reflections of Fall

Families would gather to harvest crops. It's also known as apple-picking season. Halloween, a huge commercial event, occurs in October. One can find events such as Oktoberfest. An event, which is geared around the happenings of the season. Hay rides, pumpkin carving, corn mazes, food vendors, pumpkin or apple pie-eating contests, bobbing for apples, and many more events reflecting the time of year.

Fall Reflection

No matter what it means, it is a transitional time. It signifies the end of summer and the passage of winter. It's a reflection of all things relaxing, soothing, serene, vivid, flamboyant and vibrant.



"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

11 Fall Pet Dangers to Avoid

Found at
www.agway.com

The crisp chill of autumn (will soon be) upon us, that means changing leaves, cozy sweaters, and lots of holidays. But along with all that excitement comes some dangers for your adorable pooch or kitty.



Below are the top 11 fall pet dangers to avoid:

Antifreeze. Every year more than 10,000 dogs and cats are accidentally poisoned with automotive antifreeze. Pets are attracted to the sweet taste of ethylene glycol and a small amount is enough to poison your pet.

Allergies. Fall weather can bring about a whole new set of allergies for your pet. Ragweed and mold are two big aggravates, along with grass and dust. Look for signs of allergies like scratching, biting, chewing, sneezing, coughing, watery eyes, hives and rashes.

Arthritis. Cold weather can lead to arthritis caused by inflamed joints. If your dog or cat is limping, having trouble moving, jumping, or sitting, moving slower than usual, or whimpering when he moves, he may be suffering from seasonal arthritis.

Mushrooms. All mushrooms are toxic to dogs. Always watch for mushrooms in areas where you walk your dogs or where they run and play. Be especially cautious of parasol-shaped mushrooms and all small brown mushrooms. Symptoms of mushroom poisoning can range from mild vomiting and diarrhea to severe digestive problems to complete liver failure.

Compost pile. Your composts pile in your backyard is also dangerous to your pet. The decomposing organic material could contain mycotoxins that can cause hyperthermia, agitation, excessive panting or drooling, and even seizures.



Rodenticides. In fall and winter, mice and rats come flocking indoors to warmer surroundings. Putting out rodenticides will get rid of rodents but could also be fatal to your pet. There are four different types of poison and each has the potential to kill: anticoagulants, cholecalciferol, bromethalin, and phosphides.

Candy. Everyone knows chocolate is toxic to dogs, especially the baking variety, but so are raisins and the sugar-free sweetener xylitol. Be extra cautious on Halloween where pets can get into bags of candy. Wrappers and sticks from lollipops can also pose a threat causing intestinal blockages.

Thanksgiving. You may have the urge to share your yummy feast with your pet. Avoid feeding pets fat and fatty foods that can trigger pancreatitis in dogs and cats, and never feed your dog poultry bones. They easily splinter and break and can cause serious damage if swallowed.

Cold Weather. Chilly temps can also pose a threat to your pet. Indoor animals don't develop a thick double coat like outdoor pets and should not be left outside unattended for any period of time.

Consider buying a sweater for your dog for walks or booties to keep his paws safe from ice and rock salt. Also, be cautious around ice—your pet could easily slip and rip a ligament or break a bone.



Decorations. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations can all be dangerous to your pet. Ornaments, tinsel, plants, costumes, and other decorations should all be kept out of your pet's reach.

Plants. Although beautiful, some holiday plants are toxic. You should avoid holly, amaryllis, mistletoe, poinsettia, Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus, American and European bittersweet, chrysanthemum, Christmas rose, Jerusalem cherry, autumn crocus, and burning bush. These plants can cause vomiting, diarrhea, depression, lack of appetite, tremors, belly pain, difficulty breathing, shock, organ damage, slowed heart rate, collapse, and even death.



Article courtesy of the Hartz Mountain Corporation.

Need a new
addition to your
family?

Call

501-791-8577

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



With the end of the year in sight, now is a good time to think about donations to non-profits. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to North Little Rock Friends of Animals, please contact the shelter. However, donations to any charity will help their mission and give you a warm fuzzy feeling!



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

Fall Fire Safety Tips

Found at <http://safety/lovetoknow.com>

As summer turns to fall, it's a good idea to refresh your memory on fall fire safety tips. Some safety tips are the same regardless of the time of year, but many safety concerns are seasonal, particularly those that involve keeping your home warm.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes



Working SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

"Dedicated To Life Safety"

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every

fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks for the season.

Home Heating Tips

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Central Heating System Safety Tips

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.
- If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

Space Heater Safety Tips

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet (3') of empty space.



- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.
- Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

Fireplace Safety Tips

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- NEVER use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.
- Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, and observe all safety precautions when using them.



Outdoor Fall Fire Safety Tips



- Clear your roof and gutters of unnecessary build up of debris, such as pine needles and leaves.

- Learn the outdoor burning regulations in your area, and do not

engage in illegal burning of leaves and other outdoor debris. (Note: the City of North Little Rock does NOT allow outdoor burning)

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"Firefighters Organize Community Understanding on Safety Program" **FOCUS** is a program that educates the public on home fire safety through the voluntary home fire inspections and a home smoke detector installation and check. To have a free smoke detector installed or a home inspection performed call us at 340-5410. To make a donation to this program contact the North Little Rock Fire Department at (501) 340-5377.

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Fire Safety Tips for Holiday Decorations

- Do not use candles in Halloween Jack-o-lanterns. Flash lights are much safer (tea lights work great too!)
- Make sure children's costumes are made with fire retardant materials.
- Use fire retardant holiday decorations.
- Verify that all holiday lights and extension cords have been tested by an organization such as Factory Mutual or Underwriters Laboratory.

Family Fire Safety Tips

- Teach your kids how to respond in the event of a fire.
- Make sure young children know how to dial 9-1-1.
- Establish and practice a fire escape plan with your family that includes a designated meeting area outside the home.
- Practice "stop, drop and roll" with your children so they learn how to escape beneath (the smoke and) fire.
- Teach everyone in your family multiple ways to escape from every room in the event of fire.

- Make sure there is a sufficient quantity of smoke detectors in your home.
- Verify each month that smoke detectors are in working order.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows how to use a fire extinguisher.
- Do not place lit candles where they can be reached by children; never leave burning candles unattended; do not leave candles burning when you go to sleep.
- Do not leave cooking food unattended on the stove.
- Keep everything that might be flammable away from your stove.
- Make sure all flammable substances are properly stored in safe containers and out of reach of youngsters.

Safety Matters

There is nothing more important than the safety of your family. Everyone in your home needs to know how to behave responsibly to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a fire. However, because fires can start at any time without warning, it is also very important that the members of your household know how to react in the event of a fire. It's a good idea to review fire prevention and safety tips with your family every fall, and several other times throughout the year.



**Fire Fest
Tuesday
October 7
5-8 p.m.**

**Kroger, 2509 McCain
Parking lot**

Join local firefighters and see fire trucks and emergency vehicles, go through the Kids Obstacle Course, puppet show and more!
Plus enjoy a hot dog while you stroll around!

For more information, contact Captain John Pflasterer at 501-812-5942 or email fmo@nlr.ar.gov.



Members of the North Little Rock Elks Lodge #1004 recently donated 1,500 Fire Hats, coloring books and crayons to the North Little Rock Fire Department. These items will be used to educate children in our community about fire safety.

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 (August events).

Central Arkansas Water—Metered sales down 28% below 12 year historical average.

Neighborhood Services—Mailed 5 neighborhood group and Neighborhood News newsletters to 6,069. Received 3 event applications. Tracked down 2 non-sanctioned events. Provided equipment to 11 events.

Hays Senior Center—24 trips/transported 216 members and collected \$808 in trip fees. Trips included 4 Medical Van trips for Housing Authority residents, 4 to WalMart for Housing Authority residents, and 6 Hays Center trips (Abe's Feed House, Hardins, Newks, Olive Garden, Harrison Tea Room and Garvin Woodland Gardens. Enrolled 114 members. Voted to raise dues to \$35 and \$150.

IT—105 work orders, 33 web postings, multiple ongoing projects in majority of city departments.

Utilities Accounting—

Bad debt June: \$2,183
Adjusted projected bad debt write-offs 2014: \$275,000
New accounts installed: 1,265
Accounts finalized: 1,233
Customer related calls—9,191, direct contact with Customer Service—2,687, inside teller payments received—9,001, drive-thru teller payments—5,040.

Street Department—Asphalt crew worked in areas of Ridge Road, Tanglewood, JFK and Velvet Ridge, Skyline Drive, Burns Park, West Pershing, McNeil Road, Briley Road, Remount, Maryland, Batesville Pike, Main Street and Indian Hills. Right-of-way crew setup and took down tent 5 times, sweeper and spraying. Cut right of ways, Vestal Park and Dixie Addition. Cut 5 trees that fell into streets. Equipment crew had miscellaneous projects including removed debris behind Stonelinks, removed rail tracks on Hemlock, put in pad at Boathouse, tore down trailer at Young Road, removed debris from ditch on Hillard and trapped beavers. Hauled sand and dirt for Parks, stacked stumps to burn. Drainage crew ran down Greenlea Lake, cleaned Main Street basin and grates, Dark Hollow area, West of Pike from River Road to Pershing, West of MacArthur from 36th to Charles Boyer, Scenic Hill area, White Oak area and Meadow Park area. Removed graffiti from 5-mile creek trail. Masonry crew filled sink hole on Vine, Hansfield and Wilson, laid sod, new curb at 16th and Julian, various repairs.

Traffic—Service request work order (Sign Shop) 115. Trouble reports—23, Posts replaced—38. Approved Barricade Applications—130. City vehicles marked with decals (logo) 5.



Police—Theft from motor vehicles —34%, all property crimes -30%, Robbery —26%. Pulaski County Jail closed August 28. Holding 400 State prisoners which attributed to closure. Schools back in session, parking issues at High School, officers work area before and after school reminding drivers of reduced speed limit and state law regarding no phone usage in school zone. Assigned School Resource Officers in addition to area patrol officers participating in new programs to help build relationships with students. Police officers toured new Meadow Park Elementary school to become familiar with the site prior to calls for assistance. Active shooter drill held at mall.



Fire—Total Incidents: 1,020
*Residential Fires: 20
Vehicle Fires: 14
Rescue/EMS: 558
Other Responses: 354
Total Responses: 1,710
Other Structure Fires: 2

False Alarms/Malfunctions: 62
Haz Mat Responses: 9
Total Fire Losses: \$1,495,010
Total Value: \$49,076,410
Total Saved: \$47,581,400
Training: 3,765 hours
Building Surveys: 256

Office of Emergency Services/911—

Calls for service: 25,097
CAD incidents: 10,070

Electric Department—38,350—customers, Peak

Power—224,297 KW, Territory—60 square miles, miles of wire—544.8 miles, # Transformers—11,248, Street lights—10,994, Smart meters 32,344—Revenue \$9,701,817. 2 major outages (Over 1K) East end Galloway area—off 70 minutes—storm related, tree on primary. East end Broadway—off 10 minutes to cut tree.



North Little Rock Visitors Bureau / A&P

Visitor Information Center (Burns Park) had 1,276 visitors. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,833 visitors including birthday parties, overnight stays, school groups, etc. RV Park had 345 RV's with an average stay of 2.89 days.

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City Clerk/Collector—1% Hotel—\$29,387.54; 2% Hotel/Motel—\$59,170.92; Mixed Drink Tax—\$29,854.06; Restaurant Tax—\$465,587.39. Issued 50 new business licenses, processed 92 renewals (including Beer / Liquor), 17 accounts under review. Less than 165 businesses have not renewed business licenses. Published names on City's website. Attended Code Court. City Clerk participated in two day Administrator Training class for new NLR Website. Miscellaneous ongoing projects.

Code Enforcement—176 assigned calls, 528 initiated calls, 39 citations, 433 notices, 72 vehicles tagged, 153 structures inspected, rental inspections 67, 15 food service inspections, 1 search warrant, 2 houses demolished by city, 7 houses demolished by owner. Secured 2 vacant houses, mowed 113 vacant lots, mowed, 44 with structures, picked up 51 tires.



Animal Control—NLR

Incoming Animals—280, Adopted 65, Reclaimed 40, Euthanized 186, Citations issued 65, Vouchers (low cost spay/neuter) Dogs 45, Cats 5, Calls for Service 787



Pulaski County Incoming Animals—80, Adopted 27, Reclaimed 12, Euthanized 61 Impounded 16 illegal Pitbull dogs and sent 42 does out of state rescue (for adoption in other states). Nuisance wildlife complaints continue to rise.

Parks and Recreation—new restroom near Rocket Slide in Burns Park, Summer programs at Recreation Centers have ended. After School programs underway. ASpire started August 18 at Glenview, North Heights and Sherman Park Community Centers (students in Kindergarten through 5th grade). Activities include daily homework assistance art activities, board games and group games. Hosted 2 Soccer tournaments, American Legion Mid South Regional Tournament (1 day only due to rain). Tennis Center hosted USTA National Championships and the Tri-Level State Championships. Burns Park pavilion rentals—45; Hospitality House—24 and Idlewild Park— 4. Golf—weather and economy have effected revenue for 2014. August revenue Burns Park—1984 paid rounds = \$24,804.00. Parks Ranger installed 911 emergency locator medallions.



Finance— Revenues (MTD—August)

Taxes	\$ 350,121.86
Licenses/Permits	\$ 111,163.31
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 223,497.56
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,104,865.47
Intergovernmental-State	\$ 38,061.63
Franchises	\$ 175,823.12
Investment/Misc	\$ 2,582.59
User Fees	\$ 84,993.01
Utility Transfer	\$ 61,345.55
Grants & Other	\$ 95,358.16
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00
Total Revenue:	\$4,171,003.26

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 98,317.87
Animal Shelter	\$ 52,427.40
Special Appropriations	\$ 92,447.58
City Clerk	\$ 18,492.04
Emergency Services	\$ 112,057.52
Finance	\$ 55,378.11
Fire	\$1,028,241.35
Health	\$ 29,203.32
Legal	\$ 47,232.78
1st Court	\$ 40,457.97
2nd Court	\$ 41,761.14
Public Defender	\$ 289.61
Human Resources	\$ 48,094.38
Commerce	\$ 17,617.17
Planning	\$ 55,497.04
Police	\$1,507,322.06
Code Enforcement	\$ 66,141.89
Public Works	\$ 55,968.63
Neighborhood Services	\$ 12,647.83
Sanitation	\$ 361,314.26
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 61,233.20
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 66,927.98
Communications	\$ 6,239.18
Fit 2 Live	\$ (8,825.17)
Total Expenditures:	\$3,866,485.00

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Thursday, November 13, 2014

We want to say...



EMPLOYEE LUNCH AND WELLNESS FAIR

November 13, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
NLR Community Center Gym, 2700 Willow

FREE Wellness Screenings
Earn up to \$30 for good results!
Get a \$10 Walmart Gift Card for meeting EACH healthy target range for cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar.
For full-time City employees on QualChoice only.



Cheap Halloween Decorations

Found at www.moneycrashers.com

Halloween brings out the kid in most of us. The air starts to cool, pumpkins appear on grocery store shelves, and before you know it, you've turned your front porch into a mad scientist's lab.

Just about every retailer offers some costumes, décor and party supplies. However, you don't have to spend your hard-earned money to decorate this Halloween.

Whether you throw a Halloween bash, or just want to impress the neighborhood trick-or-treaters, you can decorate on a budget. Many craft projects use reclaimed materials or items you already have in your home.

Backyard Cemetery

You can make grave stones for inside or outside your home.

1. Flatten several cardboard shipping boxes.
2. Use a Sharpie to draw tombstone shapes.



Make some rectangular, cross, and oval to give the graveyard some variety.

3. Cut the shapes out with scissors.
4. Paint the shapes a dark grey and allow paint to dry.
5. Once dry, add saying like "R.I.P" to the

front of each. Glue a wood or plastic yard stake to the back to put it in the yard.

(Note: Blend white paint onto the edges of the tombstones, or glue some artificial moss, found in craft store, to make them look more aged and authentic.)

By using wood, you can partially waterproof the tombstones so they can be used for more than one season.

This project works well if you use thin pieces of composite wood which you can buy at any home improvement store. The thin pieces are easier to cut and stand up better in the grass.



Giant Spiders

You can transform a few black trash bags into a giant spider that fits on your front porch, or up in a tree.

1. You need nine black trash bags and stuffing such as newspaper, left over packing materials or even leaves.

2. Fill one trash bag with stuffing and tie it closed to create the spider's body.
3. Hold the second bag on its side and fill the length with stuffing.



4. Wrap the empty bag around the stuffing several times, so that it looks like a spider's arm, and secure it with a tie. Repeat this for the other seven legs.

5. Use a glue gun to secure the legs to the body. (You can cut off the bottom of Styrofoam cups and glue them onto the body to make eyes.)

Ghost-Lit Walkway

If you have a collection of milk jugs in the recycling bin, you can create a ghost-lit walkway that your trick-or-treaters will love. Look online to get inspirations for designing the ghosts faces.

The *Scream Mask* makes an instantly recognizable, scary ghost face that you can easily replicate on your milk jugs.



1. For this project, you need several milk jugs, some black construction paper, and enough artificial candles to fill the jugs.
2. Wash and dry each jug.
3. Once dry, use a knife to cut a small hole in the bottom of each jug (this is where you will insert the tea light).
4. Make ghost faces for each jug by cutting out a pair of eyes and mouth from the black construction paper.
5. Turn the jug so the handle faces the back. Glue the faces onto the front of the jug and place your artificial candle inside.
6. Line the jugs along your walkway and turn the candles on. The jugs light up, illuminating the faces and the walkway.

(You can use white Christmas lights to light up the ghosts. Line the ghosts along the pathway, and insert a handful of the string of lights inside each jug. If wind is an issue, you may want to put some sand or gravel in the jug to weight it).



This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Arkansas State Fair.

Dates are October 10—19, 2014. Carnival, vendors and

concessions open daily at 11 a.m.

And this year, there will be an Arkansas State Fair Parade!



Arkansas State Fair Parade
Saturday, October 11, 2014

The parade will start at 10 a.m. at 2nd and Broadway and proceed south on Broadway to the State Capitol, then turn west on Capitol. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best Marching Band
- Best Decorated Float.

(For more information visit www.arkansasstatefair.com or call 501-372-8341).

Entertainment includes:

- Oct 10—George Thorogood & The Destroyers
 - Oct 11—Travis Tritt
 - Oct 12—Jagged Edge
 - Oct 14—Sonny Burgess
 - Oct 15—Color Me Badd
 - Oct 16—Dru Hill
 - Oct 17—REO Speedwagon
 - Oct 18—Pop Evil
 - Oct 19—Mike Posner
- Professional Bull Riders Touring Pro Division will participate in **Ridin' in the Rock** will be Oct 17 & 18 in Barton Coliseum. Reserved seats \$10, General Admission \$10 (group discounts available).



If you want to get your "food fix" on, visit some of the many **food vendors**: Beer, Coke, bottled drinks, American and Mexican Buffet,

Sirloin Burgers and Dogs, Elvis Dog, Cookie Dough Parfait, Sundaes, Teriyaki Chicken, Shrimp Fried Rice, Cajun Fried Ribs, Pork Chops, Caramel Apples, Taffy, Nut Rolls, Roasted Nuts, Root Beer Floats, Fried Lemonade and Fried Twinkies, Wings, Chicken on a Stick, Pineapple Whip, Fried Peaches and Cream, Homemade Mega Corn Dogs, Grater Taters, Blooming Onion, Skillet Fried Steak and Potatoes, Krispy Kreme Burger, Fired Jell-o, Fried Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Fried Pies, Frozen Fruit Drinks, Space Age Ice Cream, Beef and Chicken Kabobs, Turkey Legs, Funnel Cakes, Bacon Wrapped Fried Chili Dog, Burritos, Pizza, Roasted Corn, Cotton Candy, Candy Apples, Fried Bacon on a Stick, French Fried Baked Potato, Gyros and Pitas, Hoagies, Pizza Pops, Nachos, and more!

Creative Arts include photography, flower arranging, ice cream making, commercial wine making, open baked foods, cookie cooking contest, rick cooking contest, BBQ cooking contest and the "The Great American Spam Championship".



Advance tickets are available until October 10th. Advance Gate Admission \$2.99—\$5.99. Ride Arm Bands \$22.00.

Introducing a pictorial history book

THE ARKANSAS STATE FAIR

The Arkansas Livestock Show Association is pleased to announce a book to celebrate its heritage.



Books are only **\$39.95** each + **\$7.00** shipping and handling (per book). You can pay by check or credit card.

For more information or to order your copy, call the State Fairgrounds at 501-372-8341 or visit the website at www.arkansasstatefair.com.

Obituary

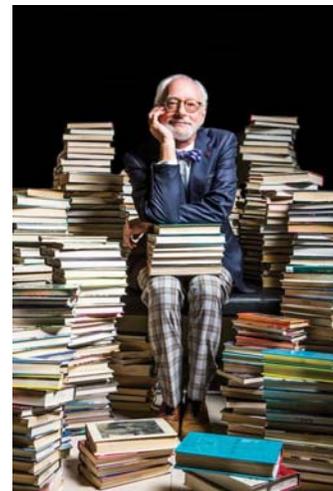
Jeffrey Lee Baskin—August 2, 1947—September 9, 2014

Longtime North Little Rock Laman Library Director Jeff Baskin died September 9, 2014. He was 67. He was born in New York City to Bernard and Muriel Baskin.

After returning to New York from the Vietnam War in 1969, he enrolled in C. W. Post College where he graduated with a masters degree in library sciences. In 1976, Jeff and his wife Susan Weinstein moved to Little Rock after he was recruited to help expand UAMS' library. He joined Laman Library as director in 1987.

Jeff was an active leader of his Synagogue Agudath Achim and often lead services. He was also a founding member of the Argenta Arts Council and dedicated substantial energy to developing the Argenta area of North Little Rock. Jeff also collected, bought and sold antiquarian books and paper. He enjoyed traveling around the world with his wife, reading and fishing and a good cigar. His visions, energy, enthusiasm, and sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

He leaves behind wife Susan and three children, Bernie, Meredith and Danny.



North Little Rock Police Athletic League

In 2014, PAL had 383 players sign up for baseball, 88 players for football, 20 for cheerleading, 30 for tennis and over 40 for Taekwondo. All youth participated free! PAL provided participants with uniforms and equipment and maintains 11 ball fields at 3 city parks (including mowing, field prep, etc.). In recent years, PAL has spent over \$30k in player equipment and programs and \$15k on insurance and other expenses. The program relies on donations. Throughout the

year these are received as donations and through concession stand sales. The main fundraiser is the Annual Halloween fundraiser. This event has evolved over the years with hauntings at various locations throughout the city. This year's Haunted High School may be one of the scariest and most fun yet!

Help spread the word! Dates are Oct 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 27-30 from 7 p.m.—11 p.m.

Admission is only \$10.

For more information, contact PAL Director Ryan Osborne at 501-295-1906.

POLICE P.A.L. ATHLETIC LEAGUE

THE PAL HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL

13th & Main St., NLR

Oct. 9th to 11th, 16th to 18th, 23rd to 25th, 27th to 30th; from 7 pm - 11 pm
Halloween Night: 7 pm - until the last victim leaves!

\$10 per person
All proceeds benefit PAL!!!

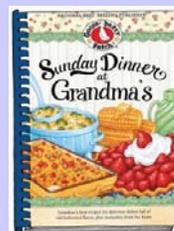
"Everyone is in DETENTION!"

Call the NLR Police Athletic League (PAL) at (501) 791-8504, or visit ArkansasPAL.com for more information.

Recipe from Sunday Dinner at Grandma's Cookbook

Sunday Chicken Casserole

3 to 4 chicken breasts
6-oz pkg herb-flavored stuffing mix
1/2 c. margarine, melted
10 3/4 oz can cream of chicken soup
16 oz container sour cream
1/4 c. dill pickle, chopped
1 white onion, chopped



In a large stockpot over medium heat, cover chicken with water. Cook until chicken juices run clear, 20 to 25 minutes. Drain chicken, reserving 1 3/4 cups broth. Let chicken cool. Cut into bite-size pieces, discard skin and bones; set aside. Toss stuffing mix with melted margarine until moistened. Spread half mixture in lightly greased 11"x8" baking pan; place chicken on top. Blend reserved broth, soup and sour cream until smooth; fold in pickle and onion. Pour over chicken; cover with remaining stuffing mix. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 20 to 30 minutes, until bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6.

The following neighborhood organizations have committed to participating in North Little Rock's National Night Out by hosting events:

Ward 1

Military Heights Outreach Association

4—6 p.m. at Military Heights Neighborhood Park off Willow Street between 23rd and 24th.

Girl Scouts, Fire and Police, Health Center, Library Children's Department and refreshments. For info contact Juanita Henderson at 501-352-0499.

Holt Neighborhood Association

4:30—6:30 p.m. at 1700 block of Schaer Street in the parking lot.

Hot Dogs, drinks and desserts, DJ with music, children's games (musical squares, chalk art, ring toss, fishing pond and face painting). For info contact Joy Cameron at 501-374-9520.

NLR Police Investigation Division

5:30—7:30 p.m. at Six Bridges, 4202 A Camp Robinson Road.

Focus on Hispanic community attendance, area crime victim services providers, food, face painting, handouts and brochures. For info contact Charlene James at 501-812-2560 or 771-7147 or email Charlene.James@nlrpolice.org

Park Hill Neighborhood Association

6—8 p.m. at Idlewild Park, 3411 Idlewild.

Pot luck (Hot Dogs and sides), music, dancing, bonfire, drawing for prizes, sponsor giveaways and activities for kids. For info contact DeAnn Hubberd at 501-425-5145.

Ward 2

Baring Cross Neighborhood Association

5—7 p.m. at Vestal Park.

DJ Ras Levi, Fire & Brimstone, food, tribute to Tim Nichols, police, outstanding youth and community leaders. For info contact Ruby M. Steward-Brown at 501-744-8842.

Meadow Park Neighborhood Association

5—7 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church, 318 Eureka Garden Road.

Children's games, voter registration, non-perishable food drive, inflatables, and food. For info contact Evelyn Creal at 501-945-2870.



Dixie Community Development Corporation

6—8 p.m. 914 North "H" Street.

Community issues, voter registration, community talent show, face painting and food. For info contact Margie Evans at 501-945-1091.

Glenview Neighborhood Association

6—9 p.m.

Glenview Boulevard.

Guest speakers, music, food, bouncy houses, Fit 2 Live, Child ID table, door prizes and bicycle safety.

For info contact Shiela Couch at 501-733-4250.

Faulkner Crossing Property Owners Association

6—9 p.m. at Faulkner Crossing.

DJ with Street Dancing, popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, children's games and meet and greet. For info contact Theressia Mitchell at 501-580-0662 or Debbie Smith at 501-650-3112.

Ward 3

West 47th Street Neighborhood

5—7:00 p.m. at 1224 West 47th Street.

Meet and greet. For info contact Jennifer Johansen at 501-975-8858.

Neighbors United for Levy

5—8:00 p.m. at Levy Baptist Church parking lot.

Theme "Family Picnic", live music, free food, face painting, mobile pet adoption, bouncy house and vendors. For info contact Robert Fureigh at 501-240-7800.

Amboy Neighborhood Association

6—7:30 p.m. at Amboy Methodist Church, 311 Military Road.

Hot dogs, music, bounce house. For info contact Paula Lively at 501-791-2691.

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association

6—8:30 p.m. at Sunset Circle.

Potluck social. For more info contact Alice Kunce at 573-353-2270.

October 11—Saturday—Melrose Community Outreach

3—7 p.m. Melrose Park.

Activities include entertainment, food, children's games and music. For info contact Margo or James Tenner at 501-352-0550.

**National Night Out
Tuesday, October 7, 2014**



Hearts & Hooves

A Therapeutic Riding Center

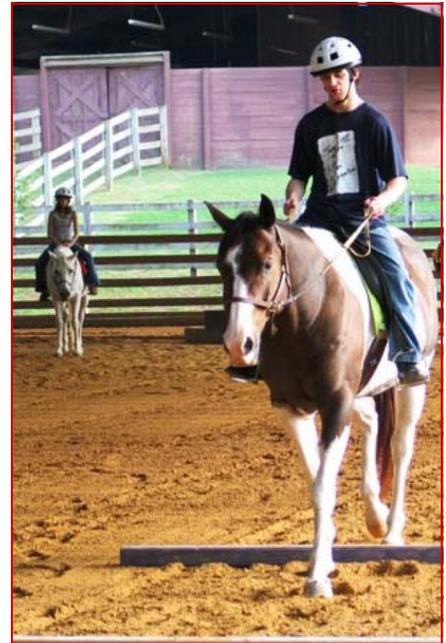


14th Annual Hoedown

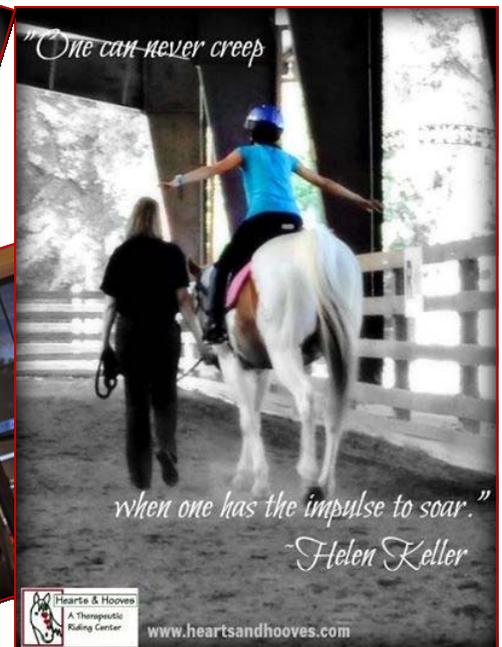
October 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.



Hearts & Hooves
2308 Kellogg Acres Road
Sherwood, AR
The photos on this page include some of our riders, staff and volunteers.



Tickets: \$65 per person or table (8) \$500 and be listed as a "Supporting Heart" Sponsor in the program!
Dinner, dancin', silent and live auctions and much more!
All proceeds go to benefit the program.



www.heartsandhooves.com

For more information call 501-834-8509 or visit www.heartsandhooves.com.

**21st Annual Food Showcase
"Taste of the Town"**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014, 5 — 7 p.m.
Verizon Arena**

Tickets \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door

For more information visit www.nlr tasteofthetown.com



**Market Arkansas
Business Expo**

"Back to Business"

**Thursday, October 2, 2014, 9 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Verizon Arena**

Over 100 Exhibitors, training sessions and product demonstrations throughout the day;
A chance to win a 50" Sony HDTV and Blue Ray from Bedford Camera and Video
Door prizes throughout the day

For more information visit www.nlrchamber.org or call 501-37-2-5959

*The 2014
General Election will be
held on
November 4, 2014*

Candidates and their supporters and volunteers are reminded not to put signs on any right-of-way (city, county, state). Signs found in the right-of-way will be removed by the city.

Below is a list North Little Rock Municipal Candidates:

City Attorney:

C. Jason Carter, incumbent
(unopposed)

Alderman

Ward 1:

Debi Ross, incumbent
(unopposed)

Ward 2:

Linda Robinson, incumbent
Ida Emerson

Ward 3:

Steve Baxter, incumbent
John Parker

Ward 4:

Murry Witcher, incumbent
Jane Ginn



The North Little Rock History Commission

is looking for families who settled in the City before 1930.

If you or someone you know is an early settler,
please have them contact the History Commission at
501-371-0755 or email nlrhistory@comcast.net

North Little Rock History Commission

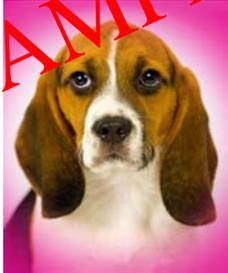




**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

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

**move.
be moved.**

**Susan G. Komen Arkansas
Race for the Cure
October 4, 2014
Downtown Little Rock**

If you would like to join Team NLR
Contact Team Captain Jennifer Johansen at
501-975-8848



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

ARM Security (door-to-door for Vivint)
Selling Alarm Systems and Contracts

Expire 11/3/2014

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Camron Hanna | Daniel Hanna |
| Chase Russell | Damon Mele |
| Christian Holdaway | Eric Campbell |
| Christopher Bowen | Isaac Terry |
| Cody Gally | Jordan Wilson |
| Cody Hunt | Landon Hart |
| Dallin Hart | Michael Terry |
| Taylor Cook | Will Christensen |

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.

**North Little Rock Christmas Parade
will be Sunday, December 7, 2014
beginning at 2 p.m.**

This year's theme is "I Love Christmas"

All clubs, organizations, schools, churches and businesses are encouraged to participate in the parade.

All entries must have entertainment appeal. Vehicles must be decorated and participants must be costumed. Drivers of 3 and 4-wheelers must be 18 years of age or older.



All children and children groups will be required to in in a vehicle. This is for the safety of participants and spectators and to keep the parade moving in a timely manner.

There will be only one Santa in the parade (well, duh, there's only one Santa anyway! Right?!)

Sponsored by the North Little Rock Sertoma Club, City of North Little Rock, North Little Rock Visitors Bureau
Sherry Bruno, Project Chair

For more information, contact Shannon Harris at 501-758-1424 or email SHarris@northlittlerock.org

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 Collector 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 October:

September 29—Oct 3 no pickup

October—6—10 recycle

October 13—17 no pickup

October 20—24 recycle

October 27—31 no pickup



City Offices located at 120 Main

IT/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 & Collector.....	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	

October Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs		
ROBERTA	MUELLING	OES/911	24	DANA	BOWERS	Police	22
JENNIFER	BUCKNER	OES/911	11	LARRY	MICKEL	Police	34
MILTON	HINSHAW II	Electric	9	DANE	PEDERSEN	Police	23
CALVIN	REVES	Electric	26	MATT	SODERLUND	Police	23
WILLIAM	LEWIS	Electric	14	JOHN	DESIZLETS	Police	20
JACKIE	PEACH	Electric	9	DONALD	SHOEMAKER	Police	20
RONALD	CARTER	Electric	5	LADONNA	BLAYLOCK	Police	4
PHILICIA	KNOX	Electric	13	LINDA	JACKSON	Police	41
DEBORAH	SCHERZ	Electric	15	DANIEKA	HERNANDEZ	Police	3
DIANNE	WETZLER	Electric	20	CYNTHIA	MARSHALL	Police	20
SUZANNE	FLETCHER	Finance	42	CEDRIC	WILLIAMS	Code	11
ROBERT	SHAW	Fire	19	MICHAEL	JOHNSON	Code	16
GABRIEL	TROBIS	Fire	9	WILLIAM	BUSH	Public Works	27
REBECCA	HENDERSON	Legal	2	GARY	STEWART	Sanitation	7
ROBIN	SISSON	1st Court	12	FREDDIE	HASKINS	Sanitation	13
DOMINIQUE	AMBROSE	UAD	6	SAM	BROOKS JR	Street	19
TAMEKA	DAY	UAD	2	ROMMIE	ANDREWS	Street	2
LISA	RAY	UAD	2	ANTHONY	CHUKES	Street	19
DONALD	DAILEY	Planning	2	MATTHEW	ROWLAND	Street	4
WESLEY	HONEYCUTT	Police	20	CHAD	FULLER	Vehicle Maint	2

North Little Rock Fire Hydrant Testing and Inspections October 1 through October 28, 2014

Oct 1—7, the area bounded by Interstate 40 on the north, the city limits on the east and south, and Interstate 30 on the west.



October 15—21, the area bounded by Interstate 40 on the north, Interstate 30 on the east, and the city limits on the south and west.

October 8—14, the area bounded by the city limits on the north and east, Arkansas 107 on the west, and Interstate 40 on the south.

October 22-28, the area of the city bounded by the city limits on the north and south, Arkansas 107 on the east, and Interstate 40 on the south.

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.

October Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
LYNWOOD	ANDERSON	Electric	1	KEITH	PHIFER	Police	15
MARK	SHOEMAKER	Fire	1	BRYAN	ROUGELY	Street	15
KATHY	DAVIS	2nd Court	1	CHARLIE	HIGHT	Alderman	16
ERIC	IMHOFF	Police	1	DUSTIN	FREE	Fire	16
CHRISTOPHER	NICHOLAS	Electric	2	GARY	STEWART	Sanitation	17
KENNY	STEPHENS	Public Works	2	ANTHONY	LOGAN	Sanitation	17
NADIA	JOHNSON	Hays Center	2	CHARLES	HOBSON	Fire	18
RANDY	PRESLEY JR	Electric	3	CHAD	FREY	Fire	18
ROBERT	EDISON JR.	Police	3	CODY	WORTHAM	Fire	18
ANDREW	JOHNSON	Electric	4	JEFFREY	GRAVETT	Police	19
LISA	RAY	UAD	6	RHONDA	HUEY	Police	19
TODD	SPAFFORD	Police	6	KEVIN	TACKETT	Fire	20
JOHN	ANDERSON	Street	6	WILLIAM	LEWIS	Electric	22
MARVIN	TABB	Street	6	PAMELA	TILLER	Fire	22
ROGER	TINDALL	Electric	7	JERRY	HINSON	Parks Maint	22
RUTH	PRICE	2nd Court	7	RONNIE	MITCHELL	Parks Maint	22
STEVE	RABUN	UAD	8	WESLEY	STEPHENS	Fire	23
CARRIE	BROWN	Police	8	GARY	WILLIAMS	Fire	23
MICHAEL	OSBORNE	Police	9	DANTE	GIUSTI	Sanitation	23
PAULA	SMITH	Parks Admin	9	KEVIN	BEMRICH	Fire	24
WARREN	DEBUSK	Parks Maint	9	WALLACE	HATCHETT	Street	24
CLINT	REEKIE	Fire	10	DONNA	BRYANT	Electric	25
DONALD	SHOEMAKER	Police	10	EDWIN	FAUBION	Fire	25
SHARON	HENLEY	Finance	11	JOHN	BLANKENSHIP	Police	25
JASON	BRYANT	Fire	11	PAUL	HAMPTON	Police	25
AMY	SMITH	Commerce	11	JEFF	JEFFERIES	Fire	26
JAMES	KOLB	Fire	12	JULIA	HODGE	HR	26
MICHAEL	BROOKS	Police	12	DON	DUKES	Police	26
WILLIAM	SMITH	Public Works	12	CYNTHIA	MARSHALL	Police	27
SYLVESTER	SMITH JR.	Sanitation	12	LANA	GREGORY	Electric	28
CHARLES	BROOKS	Parks Maint	12	JILL	PONDER	Electric	28
DONALD	WOOD	Code	14	TERRELL	MILTON	UAD	28
GARRY	BUTLER	Street	14	FREDERICK	SCOTT	Sanitation	28
JOHNNY	GRAY	Vehicle Maint	14	VINCENT	THORNTON	Police	29
TOLIVER	WHILLOCK	Fire	15	JON	CROWDER	Police	30
				CHRIS	TERRY	Street	30

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.



North Little Rock Friendly Chapel 28th Annual Fish Fry

Verizon Arena, October 24, 2014

5 to 8 p.m.

Volunteers cook and serve a delicious fried fish and chicken dinner.

Your support helps provide thousands of meals for local adults and children throughout the coming year for Brother Paul's Soup Kitchen and Shelter in North Little Rock.

A special line for take-out dinners will also be available.

Books of 10 tickets available for \$80 in advance.

For tickets or more information call 371-0912 X 101

North Little Rock Woman's Club *Annual Fall Follies*

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center
401 West Pershing, North Little Rock

*Put on your blue jeans and
dust off your boots for a lot of Fall Fun!*



Corky's BBQ and homemade desserts

Country Store

Music and Dancing

Tickets only \$25

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

*For more information call
President Helen Greenfield at 501-835-5019*