

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

January 2023

North Little Rock City Officials as of January 1, 2023

Mayor —Terry C. Hartwick	501-975-8601
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Ward 1—Debi Ross	501-753-0733
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Ward 3—Steve Baxter	501-804-0928
Ron Harris	501-758-2877
Ward 4—Charley Hight	501-944-0670
Vince Insalaco III	501-951-0786
Judge Randy Morley	501-791-8562
Judge Paula Juels Jones	501-791-8559

City Departments

Administration	501-975-8601
Advertising & Promotion	501-758-1424
Airport	501-835-5654
Animal Services	501-791-8577
AR Inland Maritime Museum	501-371-8320
Business License/Renewals	501-975-8617
Chamber of Commerce	501-372-5959
Chief of Staff	501-975-8601
City Clerk/Treasurer	501-975-8617
Code Enforcement	501-791-8581
Commerce (Purchasing)	501-975-8881
Communications (Public Relations)	501-975-8833
Community Center (Main)	501-791-8541
Community Development	501-340-5342
Community Planning	501-975-8835
Computer Services (IT)	501-771-7104
Court (Criminal)	501-791-8559
Court (Traffic)	501-791-8562
Economic Development	501-372-5959
Electric	501-372-0100
Electric Customer Service	501-975-8888
Electric Outage	888-728-4004
Emergency Services	501-340-5365
Engineer	501-371-8339
External Affairs	501-975-8605
Finance	501-975-8802
Fire	501-340-5377
Fit 2 Live	501-975-8628
Funland	501-753-7307
Health Dept (NLR)	501-791-8551
History Commission	501-371-0755
Housing Authority	501-758-8911
Human Resources	501-975-8855
IT (Computer Services)	501-771-7104
Laman Library	501-758-1720



Legal	501-975-3755
Litter Patrol (and Potholes)	501-340-5355
Mayor's Office	501-975-8601
Neighborhood Services	501-791-8500
NLRTV (NLR Ch 11)	501-771-8117
Parks & Recreation	501-791-8538
Police Non-emergency	501-758-1234
Police Athletic League	501-350-9727
Police Chief	501-771-7101
Public Defender	501-758-3320
Recreation Center Info	501-791-8541
Safety	501-371-8330
Sanitation	501-371-8340
Senior Center	501-975-4297
Special Projects/DEI	501-975-3737
Street	501-340-5356
Traffic	501-340-5352
Unsheltered (Homeless Help)	501-975-8780
Vehicle Maintenance	501-340-5371
Volunteer Services	501-975-4297
Waste Water	501-945-7186
Water (CAW)	501-372-5161

Other Numbers

Arkansas One Call	800-482-8998
Arkansas State Offices (Info)	501-682-3000
Jacksonville (City)	501-982-3146
Little Rock (City)	501-371-4510
Marriage Licenses	501-340-8500
Maumelle (City)	501-851-2500
Pulaski County (Info)	501-340-8305
Recycling	501-565-0191
Sherwood (City)	501-835-6620
Summit Energy (Natural Gas)	800-922-7552
US Border Patrol	501-324-5289
Voter Information	501-340-8500



"Where's Mel"? Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us where he's hiding and win a prize! (Only 1 win per year!)

North Little Rock Animal Services

For more information
call 501-791-8577

Cold Weather Safety Tips

Found at aspca.org

Last month, we experienced what they call a “flash freeze”. It may be too late for these tips for that event, but there are more cold days ahead! So it’s not too late to share and prepare!

Exposure to winter’s dry, cold air and chilly rain, sleet and snow can cause chapped paws and itchy, flaking skin, but these aren’t the only discomforts pets can suffer. Winter walks can become downright dangerous if chemicals from ice-melting agents are licked off of bare paws. To help prevent cold weather dangers from affecting your pet’s health, please heed the following advice from our experts:

- Repeatedly coming out of cold into the dry heat of your home can cause itchy, flaking skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in-between the toes. Remove any snow balls from between his foot pads.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. If your dog is long-haired, simply trim him to minimize the clinging ice balls, salt crystals and de-icing chemicals that can dry his skin, and don’t neglect the hair between his toes. If your dog is short-haired, consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
- Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet’s feet and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals—check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes.
- Bathe your pets as little as possible during cold spells. Washing too often can remove essential oils and increase the chance of developing dry, flaky skin. If your pooch must be bathed, ask your vet to recommend a

moisturizing shampoo and/or rinse.

- Massaging petroleum jelly or other paw protectants into paw pads before going outside can help protect from salt and chemical agents. Booties provide even more coverage and can also prevent sand and salt from getting lodged between bare toes and causing irritation. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.
- Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.
- Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime. Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather months can provide much-needed calories, and making sure she has plenty of water to drink will help keep her well-hydrated and her skin less dry.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.
- Remember, if it’s too cold for you, it’s probably too cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside. If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. In addition, don’t leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, as cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.



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 furever 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.



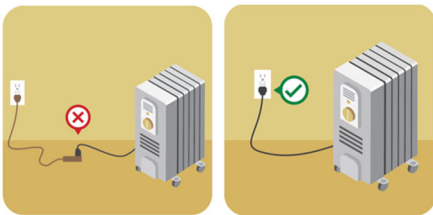
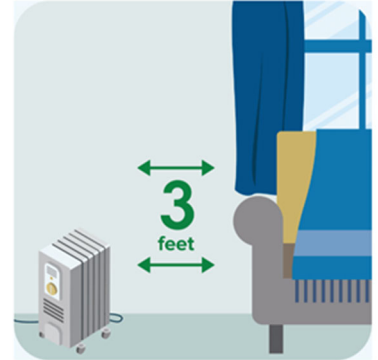
North Little Rock Fire Department



Happy New Year everyone!

Well, it is full on winter now and I'm sure many of you have a space heater in use somewhere in your house. They are handy if you have a room that always seems a little chilly. As with many tools that are very handy and useful they can also pose a hazard if used improperly. Space heaters are certainly this way.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 1,700 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, resulting in more than 80 deaths and 160 injuries nationally. Here are some tips to help ensure you are using your space heater safely.



Make sure to keep heaters 3 feet away from combustible material such as furniture, bedding and blankets when in use. The heat from a space heater blowing on easily combustible material such as fabric or paper for long enough time can ignite them.

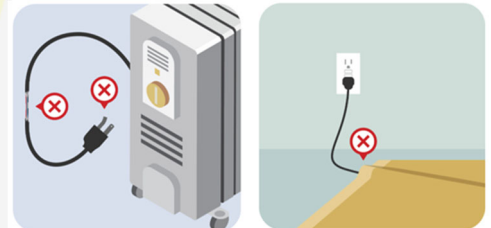
It is best to keep the heater in a stable position on the floor, not on a table.

Don't use them with an extension cord, especially a light duty one. Don't use them with a power strip. Space heaters use more electricity than many appliances and if used with an undersized cord it can cause the cord to overheat.

The electrical cord should not be placed under a rug. This can cause heat to build up. If the cord is walked on it can also damage the wiring. Check the cord for damage before using it.

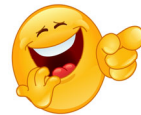
When purchasing a space heater ensure it has safety features such as a tip over switch that shuts the heater off if it is turned over. Also many heaters have a built in sensor that shuts the heater off if it gets too hot.

There are times when a little extra heat is needed in that cold corner and space heaters can be a convenient and economical way to keep it cozy. Just keep these rules in mind and be more fire safe.



Chief Warren Almon
Fire Marshal
North Little Rock
Fire Department

These are for the kiddos...



*What did they call Bob the firefighter?
Duh. BOB!*

*What sound do you hear when a
dragons sneeze?
A fire alarm!*



*What is on every fire department menu?
Five Alarm Chili!*



*A fire broke out at a cold-medicine
factory on the outskirts of town...
...thankfully, there was no congestion
on the way.*



***City Offices will be closed
the following dates:***

January 2, 2023—New Years Day

**January 16, 2023—
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s
Birthday**



Mayor Terry C. Hartwick holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments.

Below are highlights from November 2022 (You will see that some departments had to change operations due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Hays Center—fully open to members. 6,693 members visited, with an average 223 members per day. 74 new members. Volunteers contributed 636 hours.

Sanitation—crews continue to pickup garbage and yard waste during the pandemic. Garbage / Yard Waste crews collected 2,482.40 tons (4,964.80 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard waste crews collected 130 loads (3,611.80 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews collected 48 loads (1,558.08 cubic yards). 665 tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 10 re-inspections. Issued 10 notices for non-compliance. Collected \$200.00 from move-outs or excessive bulk waste. Curbside recycling tonnage for the month was 139.51.

Traffic—AR One Call requests—86, Signs/posts repaired or replaced—116, City vehicles marked with decals—1. Stealth Box at 4805 Lynn Lane.

Police—overall property crime down in November, with the exception of auto theft and shoplifting. Continued work with FBI, DEA, ATF and US Marshals on arrests of high profile wanted individuals. Captain Kim Francisco retired. Lt. Ron Messer was promoted to Captain/ Commander of the Patrol Division. Officer Jhailan Rathey was promoted to Sergeant. Theft of items and damage caused by vehicle break-ins continue.



Fire—Total incidents—1,115, Fires-54, False alarms -78, Rescue/Emergency Medical-631, Hazmat-41. Training hours: 3,009 Building surveys: 149.

Emergency/911—Total dispatch entries: 7,179.

Planning—Inspectors traveled 3,146 miles within the city performing the following inspections: 160 HVAC, 234 Plumbing, 338 Electrical, 121 Building. Issued the following permits: 4 sign, 0 banner, 10 demolition, 13 New Single Family (average cost \$155,054), 29 Residential Remodel (average cost \$20,040), 4 New Commercial (average cost \$17,244,527) 11 Commercial Remodel (cost \$121,191), 0 new Multi-family units.

Electric Customer Service—Payments—39,347.

Code Enforcement—Assigned calls—55, Citations—6, Violation Notices—311, Vehicles Tagged—69, Lots Posted—12, Signs Removed—2, Structures Inspected—15, Rental Inspections—0, Food Service Inspections—20, Houses Demolished by city—5, Houses Demolished by owner—3, Vacant Lots Cleaned—38, Lots with Structures Cleaned—4, Vacant Houses Secured—1, Vacant Lots Mowed—0, Tires removed—99.

Animal Control—Incoming:

Dog—172/1,560 ytd

Cat—57/678

Other—1/12

Adopted:

Dog—65/552

Cat—33/397

Other—0/3

Reclaimed:

Dog—15/222

Cat—0/8

Other—0/3

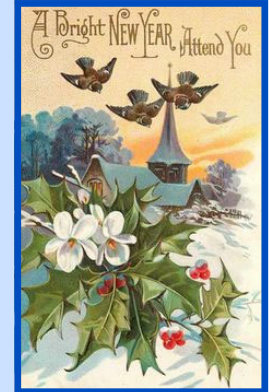
Euthanized:

Dog—80/770

Cat—18/228

Service Calls—574/5,922

Citations—21/349 Vouchers (Spay/Neuter)—63/221



Parks & Recreation—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,102 visitors, hosted 2 groups—Benton Home School (70). Special events: Rosehn Gipe Director USS KID, Baton Rouge, LA and KARK Style TV Show. ASPIRE staff hosted Education Fest at Sherman Park. Sherman Park also partnered with neighborhood association to host clothing drive.

Street—work in the street department is never ending...crews patch potholes, pick up litter, clean out storm drains (remove accumulated debris including leaves and grass clippings). Assist other departments with various projects as well.

Electric

39,788 customers

117,440 kw peak power

11,252 transformers

10,458 street lights

82 lighting repairs

Major outages: none.

\$7,092,292 revenue

60 sq miles—territory

555 miles of wire

5,032 security lights

39,401 smart meters

Leaf Vacs and new Trash Cans

Friends, there are a few things to remember when raking leaves to the curb...

- do not put them in the street...they could wash into the storm drain and back it up causing a flooding issue.
- do not cover the sidewalk...this creates a danger for walkers (someone could slip on wet leaves or be hit by a car if they are forced to walk in the street.
- for vacuum location call 501-371-9340.
- bagged leaves will be picked up weekly. If you don't want to wait for the vacs to make it around, bag 'em up for speedy removal!

By now you should be using your new blue trash container. Place it at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the day before your scheduled pick up and bring it back to its resting spot that evening. If you are missed on your pickup day, please call 501-371-8340.

City of NLR General Fund Oct 2022

Revenues

Interest Income	64,661.00
Miscellaneous	118,991.62
Licenses/Permits	355,081.45
Property Tax	3,180,474.96
Intergovernmental	377,321.22
Franchise Fees	222,574.71
Local Option Sales Tax	5,198,089.75
Charges for Services	190,332.76
Fines/Fees	112,522.18
Net Transfers	(1,376,589.00)
Total Revenues	\$8,443,460.65

Expenditures

Administration	119,790.95
Animal Shelter	63,663.85
Special Appropriations	1,251,480.82
City Clerk	34,843.49
Emergency Services	182,969.50
Finance	109,540.09
Fire	1,872,876.48
Health	7,475.28
Legal	64,012.40
1st Court	52,733.93
2nd Court	38,623.41
HR	73,605.87
Commerce	26,118.87
Planning	77,727.46
Police	2,729,463.97
Code Enforcement	109,764.11
Public Works	92,776.29
Neighborhood Services	38,791.40
Sanitation	500,403.46
Vehicle Maintenance	78,199.05
Senior Citizens Center	66,818.12
Communications	23,306.45
Fit2Live-Wellness	17,208.47
Total Expenditures	\$7,632,193.72

Happy New Year!!!

Last month, North Little Rock City employees joined members of the North Little Rock Rotary Club and others who presented "I Like Me!" books to North Little Rock School District kindergarten students. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the partnership.

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Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

This year, we only had two departments submit photos for the competition.

All sweaters were adorable, but the clear winner is.....

**Darlene
Cunningham** at
Laman Library.

Great job on your sweater and the added embellishments!

And thank you to our friends at NLR Wastewater for sharing your sweaters too!



NLR Parks & Recreation Adds Skills Features to Pump Track

North Little Rock, Arkansas (December 5, 2022)...North Little Rock Parks and Recreation is excited about the new addition at Big Rock Quarry Bike Park. Skills features have been installed at the bike park and are ready for use. These features will complement the current pump track, parking area, and surrounding biking and hiking trails.

"This is a great addition allowing for progressive skill development. Mayor Hartwick started the bike park project and is excited to see more elements being added for our biking community", said Steve Shields, Director of North Little Rock Parks and Recreation.

The features, installed by Progressive Bike Ramps, part of American Ramp Company, surround the current pump track and include a roll-in followed by a split decision maker with an upper option for basic skills and a lower option for more advanced skills. The upper option continues with a small drop-in, triple nessie, snake, and teeter totter. The lower, more difficult option, has two consecutive drops, dirt berm, three-foot kicker with eight-foot table top jump, and another three-foot kicker with a six-foot table top jump. Angry Dave, owner of Angry Dave's Bicycles, loves these new features and says, "This bike park is the only one in the state that has both types of features, pump track and skill progression elements in the same park area."

The Big Rock Quarry Bike Park is located at 4600 River Road in North Little Rock.

Contact Steve Shields, Director of North Little Rock Parks and Recreation, at sshields@nlr.ar.gov or 501-791-8538 for more information.

Information above provided by Shara Brazear, North Little Rock Communications Director.



Above: Mayor Terry C. Hartwick and Chief of Staff Mike Davis view the additions to the North Little Rock Pump Track located at 4600 River Road.

2023 State Holiday Schedule

Jan 1	<i>New Year's Day</i>
	<i>Observed Monday, Jan 2</i>
Jan 16	<i>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Bday</i>
Feb 20	<i>George Washington's Bday</i>
	<i>Daisy Gatson Bates Day</i>
May 29	<i>Memorial Day</i>
July 4	<i>Independence Day</i>

Sept 4	<i>Labor Day</i>
Nov 11	<i>Veterans Day</i>
	<i>Observed on Friday, November 10</i>
Nov 23	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
	<i>NLR Observes Friday November 24 too</i>
Dec 24 & 25	<i>Christmas Eve & Day</i>
	<i>Observed on Monday, Dec 25 and Tuesday Dec 26, 2023</i>



Officer Jhailan Rathey was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division. Sgt. Rathey most recently oversaw the City of North Little Rock's Unsheltered Program.

Last month, North Little Rock Police Lieutenant Ron Messer was promoted to Captain and will be the Commander of the Patrol Division. Upon his promotion to the rank of Captain, Lt. Messer has the distinction of being the first African American promoted to the rank of Captain in the history of the department.

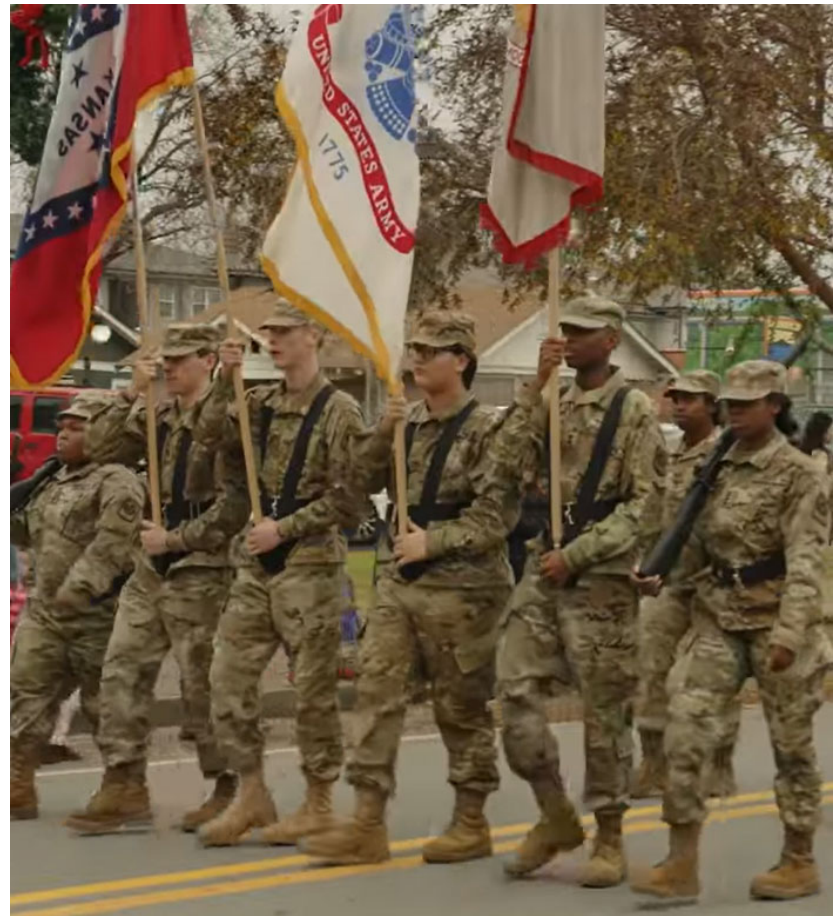


Congratulations are also in order for Little Rock's new Police Chief Heath Helton. Pictured with his wife, North Little Rock Police Sergeant Carmen Helton.





We want to thank everyone who came out to the 2022 North Little Rock Christmas Parade!



Thank you to the young and young at heart who came out to cheer on the 2022 Christmas Parade participants as they made their way down Main Street in North Little Rock. Thank you for the smiles and laughs... and of course... Christmas Cheer! See you all next year!



We wish you all a safe,
happy and prosperous New Year!
And hope you find the time to have
a little fun, too!





Peddlers Permit City of North Little Rock

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: **1/3/2023**
Expires: **3/3/2023**



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

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.**

Currently, we have NO permitted door to door solicitors.

All 2022 North Little Rock Business/Privilege License/Permits will expire January 1.

All persons doing business **of any kind** within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to have a Business/Privilege License. This includes home-based such as lawn care or internet sales.

****If a business operates 1 day into the new year, it is 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 History Commission



If you or a loved one have items you think might have a historic value to our city, please consider donating them to the North Little Rock History Commission. Accepted items will be maintained in their archives.

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

The North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau wants to help promote your upcoming events! Visit www.NorthLittleRock.org or call Stephanie Slagle (Director of Marketing) at stephanie@northlittlerock.org or 501.404.0378 to submit your events.

**If we're starting to sound
like a broken record...
GOOD!**

**ALL PERSONS DOING
BUSINESS OF ANY KIND IN
THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE
ROCK ARE REQUIRED
TO HAVE A CITY BUSINESS LICENSE**



If someone does business **within our city limits**, they are required to have a city business license. If you operate **out of your home** you are required to have a business license. If you **operate a mobile business** you are required to have a business license.

Insured and Bonded. Make sure you do your homework on anyone you are thinking about doing business with. Check to see if the person working for you has a state license (if required) city license (required), insurance bond (to cover any damages that may occur on your property).

Q&A...if I board animals in my home, do I need a business license? Boarding animals in a residence is not allowed in the city. Second, animal boarding requires an inspection by the North Little Rock Animal Shelter.

Q&A...do I need a business license if I walk dogs for other people. YES. You would have to go to the persons home to walk their dogs. You would not be able to board them in your home.

Q&A...I want to make prepared meals in my home, do I need a business license? First, this is not allowed by the State Health Department. Without a Health Inspection, you cannot obtain a business license.

Q&A...I want to go door to door to sell products, do I need a business license. YES. All door to door solicitors/peddlers/transient merchants are required to have a business license.

What happens if I do business without a license? You will be issued a citation and have to appear in court. You are then subject to a fine and any court costs associated with the same.

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

Finance, Ember Strange	501-975-8802
Information	501-975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	501-975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	501-975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	501-975-8881
Utilities Accounting, Terrell Milton	501-975-8888

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	Jane Ginn	501-749-5344

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

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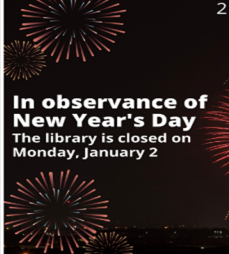
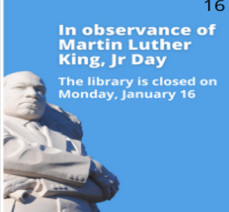




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Arnessa Bennett	
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LaKaisha Shelby	

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



Jan 2 to 6, recycle
Jan 8 to 13, no pickup
Jan 16 to 20, recycle
Jan 23 to 27, no pickup
Jan 30 to Feb 3, recycle

Laman / Argenta Branch Library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>JANUARY</h1> <p>AT YOUR NLR PUBLIC LIBRARIES</p>					
 <p>In observance of New Year's Day The library is closed on Monday, January 2</p>	<p>Storytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Homeschool STEAM Explorers 1 PM Laman</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>LEGOS 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>New Semester Meet & Greet 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Babytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Wednesday "Hump Day" Movie: Dog 1 PM Argenta</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Brush Strokes for Creative Folks 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>90's Nostalgia Movie Night 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Storytime 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Kids' Zone: Art 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Tween Scene 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Watcha' Readin'? 4 PM Laman</p> <p>Zumba 5:30 PM Laman</p>	<p>Fun Friday 10 AM Argenta</p>	<p>Crafturday All day Laman</p> <p>Snow Much Fun Crafts All day Laman</p> <p>Organizing Your Photos 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman</p>
<p>Maker Space Monday: Die Cutting 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Baby Story and Play Time 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Movie Monday: Howl's Moving Castle 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Monday Quilt Class 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Maker Space Monday 4 PM Laman</p> <p>Monday Mystery Club 5 PM Laman</p>	<p>Tech Tuesday: Web Basics 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Storytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Homeschool STEAM Explorers 1 PM Laman</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Escape Box 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>College Prep Night 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Babytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Brush Strokes for Creative Folks 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>Botany for Beginners 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Book Chat with Julie 10 AM Social Media</p> <p>Storytime 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Crochet Class 2:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Speaking Up, Speaking Out with Mosaic Templars: Button Craft 4:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Zumba 5:30 PM Laman</p>	<p>Fun Friday 10 AM Argenta</p>	<p>Snow Much Fun Crafts All day Laman</p> <p>ACT Boot Camp 9 AM Laman</p> <p>Banking 101 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Die-Cut Feather Bookmarks 10 AM Laman</p>
 <p>In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day The library is closed on Monday, January 16</p>	<p>Storytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Tech Tuesday: Word Basics 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Homeschool STEAM Explorers 1 PM Laman</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Jumbo Blocks 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>DIY Squirrel Feeders 4 PM Laman</p> <p>Tabletop Tuesday 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Babytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Wednesday "Hump Day" Movie: Top Gun 1 PM Argenta</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Brush Strokes for Creative Folks 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>Chess Club 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Tween Scene 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Blast from the Past Movies 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Storytime 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Bingo 2 PM Laman</p> <p>Stroke Awareness with Baptist Health 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Kids' Zone: Gaming 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Skincare for Teens 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Fun Friday 10 AM Argenta</p> <p>Third- Friday ArtWalk Reception & Opening with Marcus Vasquez 5 PM Argenta</p>	<p>Crafturday All day Laman</p> <p>Snow Much Fun Crafts All day Laman</p> <p>Creating Comics and Graphic Novels 9:30 AM Laman</p> <p>Photography for E-commerce 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman</p>
<p>Makerspace Monday: Circuit Basics 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Baby Story and Play Time 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Knitting Loom Hat 2:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Movie Monday: My Neighbor Totoro 3 PM Laman</p>	<p>Storytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Tech Tuesday: Excel Basics 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Homeschool STEAM Explorers 1 PM Laman</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Escape Box 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>Nerf it Out 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Babytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Quilt Block of the Month 2 PM Laman</p> <p>Brush Strokes for Creative Folks 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Botany for Beginners 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>Storytime 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Kids' Zone: Book Club 3:30 PM Laman</p> <p>Crab Volleyball 4 PM Laman</p> <p>Zumba 5:30 PM Laman</p>	<p>Fun Friday 10 AM Argenta</p>	<p>Crafturday All day Laman</p> <p>Snow Much Fun Crafts All day Laman</p> <p>Banking 101 10 AM Laman</p>
<p>Baby Story and Play Time 10:30 AM Argenta</p> <p>Movie Monday: Spirited Away 3 PM Laman</p> <p>Movies on the Big Screen: Black Adam 4:30 PM Laman</p>	<p>Storytime 10 AM Laman</p> <p>Game Day 3 PM Argenta</p> <p>Connor's Corner: Afterschool Fun 3 PM Laman</p> <p>BINGO 4 PM Laman</p>	<p>KIDS EAT FREE! Equal Hearts Food Program Ages 18 and under, no registration required!</p> <p>MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 3:30 - 4:30 PM</p> <p>Laman Public Library - Children's Library 2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock.</p>	<p>KEY:</p> <p>Adults</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Tweens</p> <p>Teens</p> <p>All Ages</p>	<p>Laman Library (501) 758-1720 2801 Orange Street North Little Rock, AR 72114</p> <p>Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 7 PM</p> <p>Friday - Saturday: 9 AM - 1 PM</p> <p>Find more at NLRLibrary.org</p>	<p>Argenta Library (501) 687-1061 420 Main Street North Little Rock, AR 72114</p> <p>Monday - Friday: 9 AM - 6 PM</p> <p>Let's be friends:</p> <p>   </p>

Employee Birthdays: Kathy Sarna and Emily Rozario—Dec 4
Craig Gerald—Dec 20
Kirk Owens—Dec 29

Jennie Promack—Dec 13
Kevin Newsom—Dec 28

Employee Anniversaries: Jeff Atkins—10 years
Peggy Morris—5 years

John English—7 years

January Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
KEY, MONICA	PARKS REC	1	MAY, MOLLY	POLICE	17
BOWMAN, MARY BETH	COMMERCE	1	MURPHY, CLIFFORD	PARKS - GOLF	17
NANNEN, JOHN	POLICE	1	MCCURLEY, WILLIAM	IT	17
HALL, CHRIS	FIRE	1	UMHOLTZ, CRAIG	POLICE	17
ALANIZ, KAREN	POLICE	2	THORN, MARK	FIRE	17
SMITH, PAMELA	PARKS REC	2	CERRATO, ALFRED	FIRE	17
RAGLAND, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	3	PETTY, LAURA	CODE ENF	18
THOMAS, MICHAEL	POLICE	3	MAYFIELD, MATTHEW	FIRE	18
HUNT, MATTHEW	FIRE	3	SANCHEZ, ROY	FIRE	18
NEWTON, TAMMY	OES/911	3	COLEMAN, JERMAINE	HR	19
GIBBONS, MICHAEL	POLICE	3	SMITH, SANDRA	HISTORY COMM	19
O'DELL, CHARLES	PARKS MAINT	4	MAYNARD, JAROD	POLICE	19
ERWIN, GARY	AIRPORT	4	ABBOTT, RICHARD	SANITATION	19
HUNTER, JUDY	ELECTRIC	4	JACKSON-SHELTON, GLADYS	SANITATION	19
PEOPLES, ERNEST	PARKS REC	4	ABEL, SHIRLEY	NEIGHBOR SRV	19
USSERY, KEVIN	TRAFFIC	4	PERESKO, LYLE	POLICE	20
HENSON, REGINA	PARKS REC	4	FIELDS, HUNTER	IT	20
HOWARD, RANDALL	FIRE	5	CRAVEN, ROBYN	POLICE	20
MEADOWS, DONELL	1ST COURT	5	COOPER, SAM	POLICE	20
EDWARDS, JAMES	POLICE	5	TUBBS, TANNER	FIRE	20
TULL, CHARLES	FIRE	5	THOMAS, MATTHEW	POLICE	20
ISBELL, PATRICK	PARKS MAINT	5	COOPER, BEAU	NEIGHBOR SRV	21
SIMS, BRADLEY	POLICE	6	KELLEY IV, ANDREW	FIRE	21
SHELBY, LAKAISHA	FIT 2 LIVE	7	CLAYTON, ANTIGUDRA	OES/911	22
EDWARDS, LUCAS	POLICE	7	JACKSON, DILLON	POLICE	24
JONES, PATRICIA	ANIMAL CONTROL	7	SWAFFORD, MICHAEL	PUBLIC WORKS	24
JACOBY, JESSICA	CODE ENF	10	BUTLER, ROBERT	SANITATION	24
RHOADS, LORETTA	1ST COURT	10	OWEN, DARREN	ELECTRIC	24
BAXTER, STEVE	COUNCIL MEMBER	10	HOUSTON, JAMES	ELECTRIC	24
GARRETT, MICHAEL	FIRE	10	SMITH, STEVEN	POLICE	24
SUMMONS, KENNY	SANITATION	10	SHEPPEARD, RICHARD	IT	25
MESSER, RONALD	POLICE	10	BARBER, TYLER	POLICE	25
WOLFE, NATHAN	FIRE	11	RAEBURN, DANA	ELECTRIC	25
NELSON, MICHAEL	POLICE	11	SIMS, CHAUNCEY	POLICE	25
MOIX, HUNTER	FIRE	12	CRAIG, REBA	POLICE	25
HILL, JANET	1ST COURT	12	THOMAS, CHERYL	ELECTRIC	27
GOSSAGE, JESSE	POLICE	13	WAYMIRE, KEITH	PARKS MAINT	28
LARRY, WILLIAM	PARKS MAINT	13	YOUNG, COLLEEN	FINANCE	28
ROWLAND, MATTHEW	SANITATION	13	BENNETT, JEFFREY	FIRE	28
WHITMORE, CALEB	OES/911	14	CANADY, CASEY	PARKS MAINT	30
PRICE, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	14	HINSHAW II, MILTON	ELECTRIC	30
GOODSON, BLAINE	ELECTRIC	16	BELL JR, ODELL	PARKS MAINT	31
FREY, NICHOLAS	FIRE	16	LOR, KIMBERLY	ELECTRIC	31
GANN, CHRIS	POLICE	16	WOODS, LATONIA	IT	31
JOHNSON, LOGAN	ELECTRIC	17	WILBON, KATRINA	PARKS REC	31

January Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
WEED, VICTORIA	1ST COURT	28	DAVIS JR, CHARLES	FIRE	7
DAVIS, KATHY	2ND COURT	20	ELMS JR, DOUGLAS	FIRE	7
GENTRY, BRENDA	2ND COURT	8	FREE, ERICK	FIRE	7
HARTWICK, TERRY C.	MAYOR	2	GARRINGER, DONALD	FIRE	7
BIRCH, ROBERT	ADMIN	5	GUAJARDO, BILLY	FIRE	8
POWELL, MARGARET	ADMIN	26	HOLLEY, CHRISTOPHER	FIRE	7
STATEN-BENNETT, ARNESSA	ADMIN	2	HOUSE, JON	FIRE	3
BAXTER, STEVE	COUNCIL MEMBER	12	JONES, DAVID	FIRE	7
HAMILTON, NATHAN	COUNCIL MEMBER	2	KELLEY IV, ANDREW	FIRE	7
HARRIS, RON	COUNCIL MEMBER	6	MILLER, NORMAN	FIRE	35
HIGHT, CHARLIE	COUNCIL MEMBER	22	RAMSEY, TANNER	FIRE	7
ROBINSON, LINDA	COUNCIL MEMBER	20	REID, JAMES	FIRE	7
ROSS, DEBI	COUNCIL MEMBER	16	ROBINSON, DAVID	FIRE	7
TAYLOR, MAURICE	COUNCIL MEMBER	14	TACKETT, MARK	FIRE	35
MILLER, MYNA	AIMM	6	TACKETT, PERRY	FIRE	35
SMITH, KATHERINE	AIMM	5	TULL, CHARLES	FIRE	7
ZONNER, GREGORY	AIMM	6	WELTER, DOUGLAS	FIRE	7
ELLISON, DARRIN	ANIMAL CONTROL	1	WITTENBURG, GORDON	FIRE	35
WHITBEY, DIANE	CITY CLERK	32	SMITH, SANDRA	HISTORY COMM	12
HART, FELICIA	COMMERCE	41	JOHNSON, MYEEKEDRA	HR	1
ALLEN IV, HARRY	ELECTRIC	11	HARTWICK, TERRY C.	MAYOR	2
BECK, ROBERT	ELECTRIC	6	SAWYER, ANNA	NEIGHBOR SRV	1
CHANCE, JOSHUA	ELECTRIC	5	GRAY, GARY (BUD)	OES/911	33
DAVIS, TERRY	ELECTRIC	7	PLAUDIS, THOMAS	OES/911	4
HODGES, WILLIAM	ELECTRIC	4	JOSEPH, MARK	PARKS - GOLF	15
KIMSEY, ZACHERY	ELECTRIC	11	SHIELDS, STEVE	PARKS ADMIN	2
KING, GABRIEL	ELECTRIC	9	JOHNSTON, JOHNNY	PARKS MAINT	8
MIDDLETON, JEREMY	ELECTRIC	6	ONEAL, STEPHEN	PARKS MAINT	1
BRYAN, ROBERT	FIRE	7	POST, HEATH	PARKS MAINT	1
COLEMAN, MARK	FIRE	35	AVIGLIANO, BRETT	POLICE	1
COYOTE, DUSSTIN	FIRE	3	COBBS, SHANA	POLICE	1

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Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by Human Resources the prior year (i.e. 2023 was provided in 2022). 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 22 years. My total service with the city is 32 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)

January Anniversaries *continued...*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
CRAVEN, ROBYN	POLICE	4
DALLAS, RAUL	POLICE	12
FITZHUGH, JOHN	POLICE	1
FLINT, JERRY	POLICE	3
GRAY, PHILIP	POLICE	10
GREEN, JOSEPH	POLICE	14
HENDRIX, KUADRIKA	POLICE	7
HUEY, RHONDA	POLICE	16
HUNTER, SHELBY	POLICE	14
JURISIC, DAMIAN	POLICE	3
KERR, DENA	POLICE	21
LEWIS, ALLIE	POLICE	7
LOFTIS, LOGAN	POLICE	1
LOUDEN, TYLER	POLICE	3
MCGOWAN, SEAN	POLICE	7
RATHEY, JHAILAN	POLICE	7
RAY, VINCENT	POLICE	18
ROBERTS, MARK	POLICE	13
RODRIGUEZ, NICHOLAS	POLICE	7
SMITH, STEVEN	POLICE	35
THORNTON, VINCENT	POLICE	13
ZIMMERMAN, MITCHELL	POLICE	1
KLAMM, MICHAEL	PUBLIC WORKS	9
FOWLER, CONSTANCE	SENIOR CENTER	16
ROSS, DALE	SENIOR CENTER	6
RUSSELL, SUSAN	SENIOR CENTER	20
BARNES JR, NAPOLEON	STREET	7
BROWN, ROBERT	STREET	9
SEHIKA, JOHN	STREET	9
CREWS, CHRISTOPHER	VEHICLE MAINT	5

Winter Gardening in Arkansas

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While many gardeners take a bit of a break from gardening chores, it is a great time to reflect on what worked and what didn't over the past year. Many gardeners stop watering when temperatures cool off, but water is not only needed when it is warm. The thing to monitor is the amount of rainfall. If it is dry and lower than normal humidity, coupled with wind, water is needed even in the winter months. It just isn't a daily need like it can be in the summer. Newly planted or transplanted trees and shrubs will need water when dry, and container plants also dry out quickly. Shallow rooted vegetables and winter annuals would benefit from supplemental water if it is dry, particularly

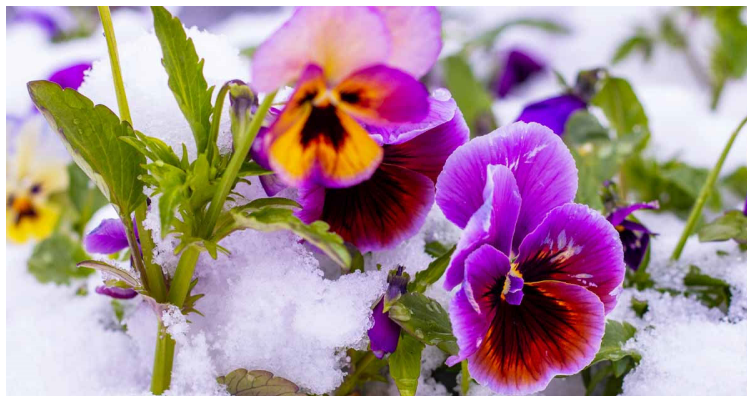
along with a little water, winter annuals including pansies and violas would benefit from some fertilizer periodically on a warm day. This will keep them blooming better.

Winter vegetables can grow all winter, provided the temperatures don't drop too low. Keep some covering on hand, and if temperatures are predicted much below 28, you should protect them with an overturned box, pot or row cover. Harvest as needed throughout the winter, but avoid contact when leaves are still frozen since they will be brittle.

All landscape plants, including lawns, can be brittle when temperatures are below freezing. If you do get winter precipitation in the form of ice, stay away from your plants until they thaw. Branches can snap quickly when ice is on them. If you get heavy snow, lightly brushing it away with gentle sweeps from below the branches can prevent limbs from breaking with the weight, but use caution. If you do experience weather damaged plants, assess the damage once the snow and/or ice is gone. If there are broken branches, prune to remove any dangling limbs. If leaves are burned, ignore it until spring. Pruning off cosmetic damage too early could expose more of the plant to further damage.

As one season ends, begin planning for the season ahead. Catalogs are arriving and there are so many new and interesting things to try. Start planning and be sure to try something new each year!

Watch for greening in your lawn as January continues. This greening in a dormant, warm season grass will not be lawn grass but winter weeds. If you can catch them early, you can stop their growth.



Plant of the Month—Pansies

Pansies are the most popular winter annual flower grown in Arkansas gardens. Pansies come in a variety of colors and types, from blues to reds, yellows, whites, oranges, pinks and purples, with even a few black ones thrown in. There are solid colors without faces (called "clears"), bi-colors with contrasting faces, and blended colors, giving you a mix in each bloom. Intense breeding has developed flowers that can get as large as 4 1/2 inches across on lovely green foliage. It's hard to believe that these large, brightly-colored flowers are descendants of the quiet diminutive woodland violets.

The flowers have a velvety texture and bloom over a long period of time. Pansies thrive in cool weather and will bloom until hot weather causes them to decline next summer. They can be planted from October through early January and again in late March through April, although spring planted plants are relatively short-lived in the garden.

Plant them in a well-drained location with moderately rich soil or in containers. They will grow in full sun to partial shade. Those in full sun will fade away sooner in the summer, but by then, you will have plenty of other plants to replace them with. Fertilize at planting and during any warm spell throughout the winter.