

Fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of North Little Rock

Below is an excerpt from North Little Rock Ordinance 7327 pertaining to fireworks within the city limits.

"Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for **any person** to possess, store, offer for sale, sell at retail, set off, ignite or otherwise explode **any firecrackers or other fireworks** by whatever name called within the city limits; provided that the use of fireworks for public display shall be allowed upon the approval of the fire marshal after all of the provisions of NfiPa 1123 are met and all necessary permits have been issued. Every such use or display shall be of such character and so located, discharged or fired so as not to be hazardous to property or endanger any person.

No parent or guardian of a minor shall furnish money or a thing of value to a minor for the purchase of fireworks or encourage, act in conjunction with or in any manner instigate or aid a minor in the commission of having, keeping, storing, selling, offering for sale, giving away, using, transporting or manufacturing fireworks within the corporate limits of the city.

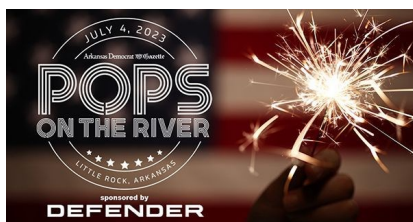
The violation of this section shall be an offense, regardless of whether or not the minor shall be charged or found guilty of the offense. The commission of the offense by the minor on the property under the control or owned by the parent or guardian shall be prima facie proved that the parent or guardian aided the minor.

The fine or penalty for violating this provision, upon conviction in municipal court, shall not be less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00."

If a person is found to be in possession of fireworks of any kind, they may be confiscated. If confiscated, they will be taken to the nearest North Little Rock Fire Station for disposal.



Watch a great **FREE** fireworks show by coming downtown!
Celebrate our nation's independence with the **Pops on the River**
Fireworks finale – shot over the **Main Street Bridge** and **visible all over downtown North Little Rock AND Little Rock.**



In North Little Rock
enjoy the evening at
Dickey Stephens Park,
where *admission is free!*

There will be a few
concessions available.

There will be on-field activities. The Splash Pad and Travelers Train in the Kids Korner will also be open.

Gates open at 7 p.m.
Fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.



NLR City Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of the Independence Day.



"Where's Mel"? Be the first person to call and tell us where you found Mel this month and win!



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

Found at

HumaneSociety.org

The Humane Society of the United States

Many people enjoy the booming sounds and flashing colors of fireworks, but they can be terrifying, overwhelming, and hazardous for both wild and domestic animals.

On the Fourth of July, many animals become so frightened by the noise and commotion of fireworks that they run from otherwise familiar environments and people, and sadly become lost. They may also suffer devastating or even fatal health effects from stress. The sudden bright flashes and sounds can cause wild animals to run into roadways, resulting in more car accidents than normal. Wildlife rehabilitation centers are often flooded with traumatized, injured, and orphaned wild animals after the holiday.

Predatory birds, like bald eagles, see the harsh sounds and lights from fireworks as a threat and may abandon their nests or habitats entirely. The explosions may cause other birds to take off en masse for prolonged periods of time and to use up vital energy reserves needed for survival. Fireworks have even frightened birds into flying so far out to sea that they did not have the energy to make the return flight. Wild birds frightened by the noise of fireworks will also fly higher and for longer, which exposes them to the harmful cocktail of ingredients in fireworks like ozone, sulfur dioxide, and nitric oxide that have caused cardiovascular and respiratory damage, and even death, in humans.

Casings and heavy metals that are littered by fireworks are often mistakenly consumed by wildlife or even fed to their young. Many of these materials are either indigestible and therefore choking hazards, or toxic to the animal, and pollutants from fireworks can be washed into waterways and contaminate drinking water for the animals that rely on it. And in regions of the country prone to wildfires, the slightest ember from a fireworks display can start a blaze that kills many wildlife species and destroys their habitats.

Here are a few simple ways to keep both pets and wildlife safe during festivities from the Fourth of July to New Year's Eve and everything in between:

— Keep your pet safely away from fireworks

Pets are more sensitive to loud noises, flashing lights, and strong smells. On the Fourth of July, and other days people are likely to set off fireworks, it's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises. If you're unable to leave your pet un-

Fireworks and your pets



attended at home, keep them leashed and under your direct control at all times.

—If your pet is scared by fireworks, ask a veterinarian for help

There are medications and techniques that might help alleviate your pet's fear and anxiety. You can also try our suggestions for helping your dog cope with loud noises. Keep your pets comfortable all year long by reading our holiday pet safety tips.

—Safeguard your pet with a collar and ID tag

All pets, even those kept indoors full-time, should always wear collars with ID tags. Indoor-only pets can become so frightened during fireworks displays that they may take desperate measures to escape the noise, including breaking through windows or door screens. You should also ensure that your pet is microchipped and that the chip is properly registered with your current contact information.

If your pet does become lost, contact your local animal control and surrounding shelters immediately and follow the rest of our advice for finding your pet. If you find a lost pet, either take them to the address on their tag or bring them to a local animal shelter so they can be reunited with their family.

—Encourage celebrations that use safer, more animal-friendly alternatives

Consider working with local officials to use colorful "silent" or "quiet" fireworks for public celebrations.

Laser shows can be evocative of fireworks while being far less damaging to wildlife and polluting to the environment. Drone displays like the one seen at the opening of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics can be a colorful replacement for fireworks.

If you live in North Little Rock and your pet somehow gets away from home, monitor neighborhood social media pages AND call the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at 501-791-8577 to see if your pet has been found.



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**



Don't shop! Please adopt!



North Little Rock Fire Department

July—Summer Safety



Well, it is summer time again. The Fourth of July is right around the corner. That means grilling out and watching fireworks. Have fun but be safe doing it. Here is a reminder of some tips to help keep you safe as you enjoy the summer.

Keep your BBQ grill clean. Grease fires often occur when grilling. These can grow quickly extending fire to everything nearby.



Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should never be used indoors or too close to combustible material. Keep your grill safely away from your house, vehicles, and fences.

Just the heat from a BBQ grill can damage vinyl siding or paint and molded plastic. Maintain a clearance of several feet around the grill.

Children and pets can easily run into a grill turning it over. Keep a watch out for this. Never leave your grill unattended.



Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.

The hot coals from a charcoal grill can start a fire if placed near combustible material. Never put hot coals in a combustible trash container.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room each year in the US. Because of the potential for causing injuries, fires, and property damage, the possession or use of fireworks are prohibited within the city limits of NLR. Fireworks displays are allowed by licensed and insured technicians with permits for the displays. Let the pros handle the fireworks, just enjoy the show.



Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.



Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.

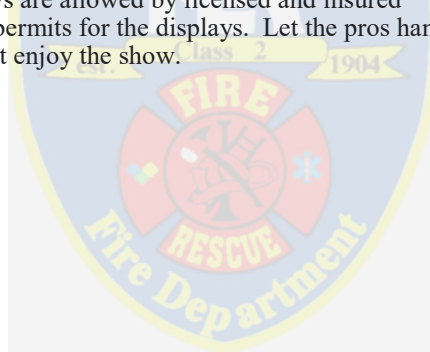


Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.

Please be safe and enjoy your summer.

Chief Warren Almon
Fire Marshal
North Little Rock Fire Department

Images from [usfa.fema.gov](https://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [NFPA](https://www.nfpa.org)



North Little Rock Firefighters were recently recognized during annual North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce Police and Fire Awards Ceremony. Pictured left (l to r):

Captain Sean Walker—Fire Chief's Award

Firefighter Hunter Madden—Apprenticeship Firefighter of the Year Award

Lieutenant Doug Welter—Firefighter of the Year

Thank you to all of the North Little Rock Firefighters for your service to the residents of our city!



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

Senior Center—in May, 8,826 members visited with 459 being the highest one-day total. 103 new members. Several trips: AR Crater of Diamonds,

Greer's Ferry National Fish Hatchery, and Thorncrown Church in Eureka Springs. Chair Volleyball and Bean Bag Tournaments. 763 volunteer hours.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,378.01 tons (4,756.02 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish, and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 160 loads (9,860.60 cubic yards) of green waste. 547 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 25 inspections, 20 re-inspections and issued 12 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued for the month of May 2023. Curbside tonnage for the city was 90.40.

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—92, AR One Call—86, Signs/Post replaced—208, City Vehicles marked with logo—1. Stealth (speed) box 216 Saunders and 300 S. A. Jones.

Police—Annual Police and Fire Awards Ceremony held. Officer James Edwards received the Chief's Award. Detective Ashley Noel received the Leadership Award. Sergeant Chauncey Sims received the Life Saving Award. Annual Police Memorial ceremony was held May 16. Following the ceremony retired and current officers gathers in the roll call room which was officially dedicated to Sergeant J. V. Williams as the longest-serving officer of the department with 50 years of service. Currently have 165 officers.



Fire—593 EMS calls, 19 Hazmat, 79 False Alarms, and 41 Fire calls. 4,126 Fire Training hours. 227 Building Surveys. 4 new hires.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 4,717—non-911 calls, 7,375—911 calls, 720—abandoned 911 calls. Working with ADEM (AR Department of Emergency Management) regarding planning for 2024 Eclipse.

Planning—7,769 inspections, covered over 3,602 miles within city. 123 HVAC, 231 Plumbing, 246 Electrical, 176 Building inspections. 14 sign permits, 0 banner permits, 22 demolition permits, 8 new single family-permits—average

\$234,750. 120 residential remodel permits—average \$45,883, 7 residential addition permits—average \$15,179, 18 new commercial permits issued—average \$8,737,556. 12 commercial remodel permits—average \$379,295, 0 new multi-family permits.

Code Enforcement—4 citations, 738 violation notices, 177 vehicles tagged, 129 lots posted, 17 signs removed, rental inspections—2, 0 food service inspections, 1 search warrant, 0 structures condemned, 1 house demolished, 22 houses demolished by owner, 230 vacant lots cleaned, 1 vacant house secured, 230 vacant lots mowed, 3 waste tire picked up.

Animal Services—

Incoming:

Dog 160

Cat 147

Other 2

Adopted:

Dog 45

Cat 104

Other 3

Reclaim:

Dog 21

Cat 1

Other 0

Euthanized:

Dog 86

Cat 18

Other 0

Service calls: 676

Citations: 39

Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 41



Parks and Recreation—pools at Sherman Park and North Heights are open. Adult basketball league will continue through August 12. Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum—911. Staff hosted 7 events: Gardner-Strong Elementary, Strong, AR (21), Wonderview Elementary (37 & 32), Hattiesville, AR (37), St. Paul Lutheran School, Lamar, AR (15), Guy Perkins, Guy, AR (22), AR National Guard Youth Challenge, NLR (17), Cedar Ridge History Hounds, Cedar Ridge, AR (36), 3 Special events and 2 overnight stays. Parks Field reservations: Youth Baseball (124 practices and 32 games), Stone Links Cricket (3 practices and 2 games)

NLR Electric—

Customers: 39,805

Revenue: \$7,197,506

Peak Demand: 171,081 kW

Territory: 60 square miles

Substations: 13

Miles of wire: 555

Transformers: 11,252

Street lights: 10,458

RS (Residential Solar) Net Meter Customers:

252 completed, 61 pending

Average RS solar panel capacity: 7.7 kW

Residents with solar arrays larger than 10 kW: 68

Total capacity of customer-owned solar: 4.66 MW

Major outages: none.

Finance Report—April 2023

Revenue

Miscellaneous	225,716
License & Permits	258,458
Property Tax	1,567,192
Intergovernmental	352,999
Franchise Fees	146,389
Local Option Sales Tax	5,138,887
Charges for Services	201,605
Fines & Fees	156,505
Interest Income	60,748
Total Revenues	\$8,108,499

Expenditures

Administration	147,165
Animal Services	74,478
Special Appropriations	2,122,808
City Clerk	36,122
Emergency Services	174,185
Finance	127,591
Fire	\$1,434,174
Health	6,707
Legal	65,242
1st Court	55,887
2nd Court	34,329
Human Resources	79,683
Commerce	205
Planning	84,818
Police	2,347,881
Code Enforcement	113,137
Public Works	91,158
Neighborhood Services	31,325
Sanitation	473,865
Vehicle Maintenance	77,287
Senior Center	117,530
Communications	13,432
Fit 2 Live	8,241
Total Expenditures	\$5,200,947

North Little Rock Mayor Terry C. Hartwick recently names North Little Rock Police Officer Shay Cobbs as the new North Little Rock Unsheltered Liaison. Officer Cobbs has 23 years of experience in law enforcement, and 18 years in North Little Rock. Officer Cobbs has worked extensively in negotiations, communications, community relations, crime prevention, and training. She has worked with Neighborhood Watch Groups, the Citizens Police Academy, and individuals with personal and professional crisis, providing confidential outreach and support.



Officer Cobbs holds a Bachelor of Science in Organization Management from Central Baptist College and is a retired Mast Sergeant from the AR Air Force National Guard with 21 years of service.

To reach Officer Cobbs, email nlrusheltered@nlr.ar.gov or call 501-975



Last month, North Little Rock Mayor Terry C. Hartwick joined CEO's from around Central Arkansas to participate in the ALS Soak! Below: members of Team North Little Rock showed up on June 1 to show their support!

Above: CEO's stood under the waterfall at the Argenta Plaza while they were soaked! Mayor Hartwick was prepared with snorkel, goggles, and floaties.





You can't hide side hustles from the IRS anymore

Found in The Daily Record April 10-16, 2023

By Erica Neuman

Do you rent out your home a few weekends a year through Airbnb? Sell stuff on Etsy? Get paid for pet sitting? If you, like many Americans, make at least \$600 a year with a side hustle of any kind, the way you pay taxes may soon change.

New rules are going to make sure the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) gets more information about payments made to Venmo and other apps often used for informal work. And this new system will enhance the agency's ability to detect any underreported taxable income.

I am a tax researcher studying the IRS' use of technology and how that affects taxpayers. I think it is important that everyone understand why this may matter to them in the future.

Why you should care

For people who earn most of their income through steady jobs, these changes probably don't make much of a difference. The IRS has received the same information from employers about the income that goes on W-2 and 1099 forms since the 1940s.

However, that's not true of income from other sources. If you make money cleaning houses, catering out of your own kitchen (*NOT allowed in North Little Rock*), or through another informal side hustle in exchange for cash, chances are this work has been "under the table."

It has been up to you, not your customers, to report any income earned this way to the IRS for tax purposes. And there is a good chance, that you didn't, given that the underground economy makes up at least one-tenth of the overall economy.

That's changing, in part because of how informal transactions happen. It's far more common these days for customers to make these payments through apps like Venmo, Stripe, and Square or online platforms such as Etsy, Poshmark, Rover, and Upwork than to use cash or checks.

This can even include illicit activities like drug dealing. And believe it or not, even when you make money through illegal transactions, the IRS will require these payments to be reported for tax purposes.

The IRS has long identified informal payments as a significant source of the "tax gap" - the difference between what taxpayers owe and what they pay.

Modern technology makes it easier to get paid for side hustles and odd jobs without having to keep track of stacks of bills and piles of coins. It also better equips the

agency to collect taxes on those underreported sources of income.

What's changing

The amount of information that the IRS will receive about traditionally "under the table" work is growing.

That's because the \$1.9t trillion COVID-19 relief package President Joe Biden signed in March 2021 lowered the threshold for what third-party payment companies like Venmo will report to taxpayers and the IRS.

Individuals, businesses, and non-profits that earn more than \$600 through various online merchants will receive a summary of that income data on a Form 1099-K—as of the 2023 tax year—and importantly, the IRS will too.

That means companies like Venmo, Etsy, and Airbnb will be required to issue these tax documents to anyone earning more than \$600.00 on their sites.

Through 2022, the threshold for these companies to report to the IRS was \$22,000.00. The much lower cutoff, starting in 2023, means that many Americans who don't make much money on these sites—and probably didn't feel the need to report it on their tax returns—will be forced to change their ways. Taxpayers were, in fact, always required to report this income, and not the IRS will also receive a summary of these earnings that should show up as well on tax returns.

The change to a \$600 threshold was supposed to occur for taxes owed on 2022 income but was delayed at the federal level by one year because of taxpayer confusion and a lack of clear guidance.

Companies like Venmo are getting ready to make the change by withholding taxes from business payments as soon as June 2023.

What taxpayers need to do

If you use an app like Venmo for both personal and business use, creating a separate business account may ease record-keeping. That way, you can separate the non-taxable money you received from relatives who were chipping in for that group gift you bought your grandma for her birthday from the taxable payments you got for mowing your neighbor's lawn.

Anyone earning more than \$600 from a side hustle through an online platform in 2023 should be on the lookout for a 1099-K in early 2024. That form may make record-keeping easier, just like getting a W-2 from an employer does.

If you are a taxpayer with earnings not currently reported to you on a tax form like a W-2 or a 1099, one of the most helpful things that you can do to ensure compliance with tax law is to keep good records of all your income. The IRS and other sources publish excellent resources to help you understand what income is and is not taxable.

From now on, as before, you should record all your earnings from every source—and keep in mind that the IRS is getting more access to data regarding transactions than it used to have.

- Erica Newman is an assistant professor of accounting at the University of Dayton.



Hot Tips for a Cool Summer

Found in Arkansas Wildlife May/June 2023

By Jeff Williams

Got It, Close It, Click It

There is a ubiquitous product that we need to talk about because many of us don't know how to use it.

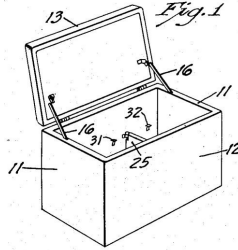
We could go back thousands of years—when barrels and clay vessels were used to hold wine, honey, oils, spices, grains and other goods in cool places—to the beginnings of ice chests, or coolers. But let's start with two inventions in the mid-20th century that changed the game.

Richard Laramy of Joliet, Illinois, received a patent for "Portable Ice Chest and the Like" in 1953 (see *image*). Chicago's Marten Gottsegen refined that model with his "Portable Ice Chest" of 1962.

Laramy's patent created the first modern cooler, which The Coleman



Company began marketing. Metal was the material of choice for a few years (made popular by beer and soda advertising logos on the sides) until Gottsegen's plastic approach began to take over.



Today's insulated plastic coolers are available in a crazy range of quality, cost and colors, with myriad designs and features like wheels, Bluetooth speakers, bottle openers and more. But even the best models can be useless in the wrong hands on a hot day. That's why the following tips will help any cooler stay cooler longer in summer's heat.

- ⇒ Make sure the cooler isn't hot before filling it. Take it inside to air conditioning and open the lid so it can be cool as possible before anything goes inside.
- ⇒ If possible, add only cold items; ice will disappear quickly if room-temperature drinks, or warm food are introduced.
- ⇒ If you buy bagged ice, don't break it up. You can spot rookies making this mistake in hot parking lots all over America. Leave the ice intact. Put the bag in the middle of the cooler (standing up if there's room) and surround it with whatever you want to keep cold. Better yet, freeze plastic bottles of water to use as blocks of ice (any size bottle works). They last longer than cubed ice, don't swamp the cooler as the melt and provide cold water for drinking.
- ⇒ If water from melting ice is in the cooler, that's OK. Don't drain it unless you're adding ice.
- ⇒ Make sure the cooler's always in the shade. If it has to be in the open, cover it with a beach towel, life jacket or whatever's available. Avoid leaving it in a hot vehicle or sitting on a warm surface such as a sidewalk.
- ⇒ Keep the lid latched—not just closed. Open it, get what you want, close it, click it.
- ⇒ Don't take an item out of the cooler, set it on the ground and return it. If you do, dirt, sand and other crud will stick to the item and wind up in the cooler.
- ⇒ Everything in the cooler is going to get damp. Have zipper bags handy for things you want to keep cold and dry.

- ⇒ Line the cooler with a trash bag if it's used to hold anything that might leave an odor (crawfish and shrimp boils come to mind).
 - ⇒ Clean and dry the cooler after use, and leave the lid and/or the drain plug open when it's stored.
- Do these simple things and your cooler will help you chill out all summer.



- 1 Place block ice, 6-8" worth of ice cubes, or frozen water bottles on the bottom of the cooler.
- 2 Place pre-chilled or frozen, well-sealed meat directly on the ice or on a wire rack above the ice to keep it dry.
- 3 Place eggs, snacks, condiments, and produce on top. Put produce in baskets to protect it from being crushed. Fill any remaining empty spaces with ice.

COOLER TIPS:

- Clean cooler and close drain before packing.
- In hot weather, bring your cooler inside to let it acclimate for 24 hours before packing it.
- Consider using a separate cooler for drinks.
- Pack cooler tightly to avoid empty space.
- Pre-chill cooler, food, and drinks before packing for maximum cold retention.

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North Little Rock Police Department Welcomes First Members of a North Little Rock Specialized Park Police Officer team

As of June 2, 2023, Officers Ian Hope and Jeff Scott (formerly known as North Little Rock Park Rangers) now fall under NLRPD.

This team is the first of its kind in the state of Arkansas. They will continue to provide services to our residents and visitors to our many wonderful city parks.

Pictured left are: North Little Rock Police Chief Patrick Thessing, Park Police Officer Ian Hope, Captain Ron Messer, Park Police Officer Jeff Scott (not pictured—canine officer Ryder), and Lieutenant Todd Gravett.



Mayor Terry C. Hartwick appointed Randy Sandefur as NLR Parks and Recreation Director.

Sandefur is a lifelong resident of the city. He was the head football coach at North Little Rock High Scholl for the past 2 years and spend 40 years of his educational career at the NLR School District.

City Officials from across the state

recently attended the 89th Annual Arkansas Municipal League Convention held at the Statehouse Convention Center. Arkansas City Clerks, Records, and Treasurers held their annual business meeting as well, at which time 2023-2024 ACCRTA Officers are selected. Pictured right (l to r) are: ACCRTA Treasurer Diane Whitbey, North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer; Vice President Heather McVay, El Dorado City Clerk; President Tina Timmons, Maumelle City Clerk/Treasurer and Secretary Stacey Bennett, Cherry Valley Recorder/Treasurer.



North Little Rock Mayor's Summer Youth Employee Troi McKinney gives back to the community

Earlier this month Troi (pictured left with some of our wonderful North Little Rock Animal Services staff) spent the day with Mayor's Youth Council Director Jan Scholl. They stopped by "The Little Free Food Pantry" on Ridge Road to drop off nonperishable items and went on to visit North Little Rock Animal Control in Burns Park where they dropped off donations which included blankets, pet toys, kibble, and newspapers.



Peddlers Permit City of North Little Rock

Issued to: **Mel Dun**

Issued: **3/3/2023**

Expires: **6/3/2023**



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 nlr.ar.gov, then click City Departments and scroll down to City Clerk and Treasurer. Look for the dark box and click on Current Door to Door 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 ONE permitted door-to-door solicitor which will expire August 25, 2023.**

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.

North Little Rock Tourism 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 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), and insurance bond (to cover any damages that may occur on your property).

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

Q&A...if I own a **short-term rental (STR)**, do I have to have a business license. **YES.** There are two types of STR's in our city. Type 1—owner occupied, requires proof of homestead tax. Fee \$50. Type 2—requires Special Use, allows up to 8 occupants, Fee \$50.00 per occupant—up to \$300.00. Also requires collection of Hotel Motel tax.

Q&A...do I need a business license if I **sell meat** from a cooler out of my vehicle. **YES.** You must have USDA approval, Arkansas Health Certificate, and a business license. If you go door to door you also have to have a solicitors/peddlers license (see below).

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.

Q&A...can I buy large quantities of chips, candy, and soda and sell it from my home to neighborhood residents? **NO.** This constitutes operating a business out of your home and is **not allowed under a home-based 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. **Failure to appear could result in a warrant and revocation of your driver's license.**

If you want to check to see if a business is licensed with us, please call 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 nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Elected Officials tab, followed by City Council then scroll to Upcoming City Council Agenda.

City Council Members

Ward 1	Debi Ross	501-753-0733
	Nathan Hamilton	501-952-7679
Ward 2	Linda Robinson	501-945-8820
	Maurice Taylor	501-690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter	501-804-0928
	Ron Harris	501-758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight	501-758-8396
	Vince Insalaco III	501-951-0786

Other Elected Officials

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick	501-975-8601
City Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey	501-975-8617
City Attorney Amy Fields	501-975-3755
Dist Court Judge Randy Morley	501-791-8562
Dist Court Judge Paula Juels Jones	501-791-8559

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



July 3 to 8, recycle
July 10 to 14, no pickup
July 17 to 21, recycle
Jun 24 to Jun 28, no pickup
July 31 to Aug 4, recycle

City Offices formerly located at 120 Main

Moved to 700 West 29th

Construction and Building Services	
Mary Beth Bowman	501-975-8881
Finance, Ember Strange	501-975-8802
Fit 2 Live, LaKaisha Shelby	501-442-7406
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	501-975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	501-975-8835

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
Terry C. Hartwick	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Shara Brazear	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Revenue Enforcement.....	501-975-8612
Officer Jim Scott	
Special Projects/DEI.....	501-975-3737
Arnessa Bennett	

July Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
JOHNSON, SHANNON	IT	1	BREEN, JOSEPH	1ST COURT	17
PAUL, ANITA	ADMIN	1	DAVIS, WILLIAM	FIRE	17
ZIMMERMAN, MITCHELL	POLICE	2	BELCHER, DUSTYN	FIRE	17
MCEUEN, TIMOTHY	CODE ENF	3	THRELKELD, JOSHUA	POLICE	17
DAVIDSON JR, JOHN	STREET	3	WALKER, KENNETH	TRAFFIC	18
SIMPSON, KYLE	FIRE	4	BUSH, UNARD	SANITATION	18
MONTGOMERY, SAMUEL	POLICE	4	MILBY, WILLIAM	POLICE	19
ELROD, SAMANTHA	FINANCE	4	MARKHAM, APRIL	ELECTRIC	19
BOWMAN, JACLYN	PUBLIC WORKS	5	TREVINO, KIMBERLY	LEGAL	19
SONTAG, GARY	PARKS MAINT	6	TENSLEY, SHAMILLE	POLICE	19
ANDREWS, MICHAEL	PARKS MAINT	6	FORTSON, STEPHEN	FIRE	21
HOOPER, DOMINIC	POLICE	7	THOMAS, RODNEY	POLICE	21
THOMAS, BRIAN	FIRE	8	DEDRICK, BRIAN	POLICE	22
GARDNER, ANTHONY	SANITATION	8	WILLIAMS, CEDRIC	CODE ENF	22
GRAY, GARY	OES/911	9	DESIZLETS, JOHN	POLICE	22
ELENBAAS, JEFFREY	POLICE	9	STUART, KRISTAN	PARKS - GOLF	24
HOOD, MARK	POLICE	11	HERNANDEZ, KARLA	CODE ENF	24
NICHOLS, CARLA	POLICE	11	ROLLINS, KAREN	OES/911	25
ELLIOTT, ERIC	STREET	13	ROSE III, JOHN	IT	26
SMITH, KATHERINE	AIMM	14	GENTRY, BRENDA	2ND COURT	27
MOORE III, FREDERICK	STREET	14	SCHWEIGER, CASEY	ANIMAL CONTROL	27
EDWARDS, CRAIG	POLICE	14	CONKLIN, KEVIN	PARKS MAINT	28
BENNETT, BRANDON	POLICE	14	BURGER, FRANK	ELECTRIC	28
LEE, NATHANIEL	PARKS MAINT	14	STOUT, KEVIN	FIRE	29
JERNIGAN, EDWARD	STREET	15	NOLAND, BAILEY	COMM DEVELOPMENT	29
LEWIS, JOSHUA	PARKS MAINT	15	ADAMS, LAITH	FIRE	29
JOHNSON, KEITH	PARKS REC	15	RATTAY, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	29
CHAMNESS, STEVEN	POLICE	15	STRONG, DARIAN	OES/911	29
ELROD, RUSSELL	CODE ENF	16	HAWKINS, JASON	POLICE	29
MONROE, CHERI	OES/911	16	TURNER, JASON	PARKS MAINT	29
CHISM, GEROME	CODE ENF	16	POWELL, MARGARET	ADMIN	31
OGINSKI, JOSHUA	ELECTRIC	16	BUSH, WILLIAM	PUBLIC WORKS	31



Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Reminder—North Little Rock City Offices will be **closed**.

Garbage, trash, and recycling routes
will run *as scheduled Monday, July 3*.

Routes will be **delayed one day, the remainder of the week**.





Tuesday's pick up will be Wednesday and so on...



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>JULY</h1> <h2>SUMMER READING 2023 AT NLR PUBLIC LIBRARIES</h2> <p>FIND MORE AT NRLRLIBRARY.ORG</p>					
Summer STEAM: Sundae Science 10 AM Laman Story Station 2 PM Laman Tween Steam: Bacteria Pt. 2 2 PM Laman Teen Steam: Bacteria Pt. 2 3 PM Laman	In observance of Independence Day the libraries are closed. 	Play Station (Exercise Fun!) 10 AM Laman Kids' BINGO 10:30 AM Argenta Kids in the Kitchen 11 AM Laman Yoga Break! 12 PM Laman Exploring the World with 4-H 2 PM Laman Meditation for Beginners 2 PM Laman	Use Drums Not Drugs with Stephin Booth 10 AM Laman Wiggle & Jiggle 10:30 AM Argenta Teens in the Kitchen 1 PM Laman Super Smash Bros. Tournament 2 PM Laman Crochet Basics: Increases & In the Round 3 PM Laman Art with Ms. Jennie 4 PM Laman Zumba 5:30 PM Laman	Frozen Flix & Cool Puzzles All day Laman Imagination Station: Camping (Drop in) 10 AM - 12 PM Laman	Summer Flix and Coloring Pics All day Laman Summer Matinee: <u>Trolls World Tour</u> 10 AM Laman Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman Reading The Hugos Book Club 1 PM Dark Side Coffee Lounge
Summer STEAM: Where Does Honey Come From with Calm + Confidence 10 AM Laman Makerspace Monday: Gemini and Die Cuts 10 AM Laman Story Station 2 PM Laman Tween Scene: Hunger Games-The Main Event 2 PM Laman Hunger Games-The Main Event 3 PM Laman Monday Quilt Class 3 PM Laman Monday Mystery Club: A Madness of Sunshine 5:30 PM Laman	All Together Storytime with Ms. Shannan 10 AM Laman Tech Tuesday: Word Basics 10 AM Laman Dance Party 10:30 AM Argenta Where the Wild Books Are: Teen Book Club 1 PM Laman Central Arkansas Urban Wildlife Project 2 PM Laman Self Defense for the Rest of Us 5:30 PM Laman	Play Station (Exercise Fun!) 10 AM Laman Brush Strokes for Creative Folks * 10:30 AM Argenta Kids in the Kitchen 11 AM Laman Yoga Break! 12 PM Laman Trail Mix & the Oregon Trail 2 PM Laman Meditation for Beginners 2 PM Laman	Karaoke Kids 10 AM Laman Marty Boone: The Balloonman 10:30 AM Argenta Teens in the Kitchen 1 PM Laman Kinder Songs 2 PM Laman Watchable Wildlife & Outdoor Safety 2 PM Laman Zumba 5:30 PM Laman	Frozen Flix & Cool Puzzles All day Laman Imagination Station: Prince & Princess (Drop in) 10 AM - 12 PM Laman	Summer Flix and Coloring Pics All day Laman Summer Matinee: <u>Rio</u> 10 AM Laman Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman
Summer STEAM: SkyDome 10 AM Laman Makerspace Monday: Cricut (Stickers & Shirts) 10 AM Laman Arkansas SkyDome Planetarium 12 PM - 5 PM Laman Teen Steam: SkyDome 2 PM Laman Story Station 2 PM Laman	Pinnacle Mountain State Park 10 AM Laman Tech Tuesday: Excel Basics 10 AM Laman Minute to Win It 10:30 AM Argenta DIY Siege Engines 12 PM Laman Bingo 3 PM Laman Tabletop Tuesday: Party Game Time!! 3 PM Laman	Play Station (Exercise Fun!) 10 AM Laman Cupcake Decorating * 10:30 AM Argenta Kids in the Kitchen 11 AM Laman Yoga Break! 12 PM Laman Supernatural Movies & Trivia 2 PM Laman Meditation for Beginners 2 PM Laman So You Think You Can Bake: Decorating Edition 4 PM Laman	Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic 9 AM Laman Wiggle & Jiggle 10:30 AM Argenta Teens in the Kitchen 1 PM Laman Search for the Supernatural 2 PM Laman Book Party: Babysitter's Club! 5:30 PM Laman Zumba 5:30 PM Laman	Frozen Flix & Cool Puzzles All day Laman Imagination Station: Airplanes (Drop in) 10 AM - 12 PM Laman Third- Friday ArtWalk Reception & Opening with Ike Garlington 5 PM Argenta	Summer Flix and Coloring Pics All day Laman Summer Matinee: <u>Little Mermaid</u> 10 AM Laman Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman
Summer STEAM: Raptor Rehab 10 AM Laman Story Station 2 PM Laman Reading Camp * 2 PM Laman College Prep Time! 3 PM Laman Acrylic Pour Painting 101 4 PM Laman	Fun with Craig O'Neill! 10 AM Laman Tech Tuesday: Tablets & Phones 10 AM Laman Nail Art 1 PM Laman Reading Camp * 2 PM Laman Walking Tacos 2 PM Argenta Pet Partners: Therapy Dogs 2 PM Laman Self Defense for the Rest of Us 5:30 PM Laman	Play Station (Exercise Fun!) 10 AM Laman Brush Strokes for Creative Folks * 10:30 AM Argenta Kids in the Kitchen 11 AM Laman Yoga Break! 12 PM Laman Super Smash Bros. Tournament 2 PM Laman Meditation for Beginners 2 PM Laman Reading Camp * 2 PM Laman Wednesday Quilt Class 3 PM Laman	Mr. Mac's Learning and Arts Center 10 AM Laman Wiggle & Jiggle 10:30 AM Argenta Teens in the Kitchen 1 PM Laman Crafty Creations: Tie Dye Mason Jars 1 PM Laman DIY Bullet Journaling 2 PM Laman Reading Camp * 2 PM Laman Art with Ms. Jennie 4 PM Laman Zumba 5:30 PM Laman	Frozen Flix & Cool Puzzles All day Laman Imagination Station: Sea Monsters (Drop in) 10 AM - 12 PM Laman	Summer Flix and Coloring Pics All day Laman Summer Matinee: <u>Moana</u> 10 AM Laman Line Dancing 11:30 AM Laman
All Together Now Trivia 2 PM Laman Reading Camp * 2 PM Laman	 Register for Summer Reading at lamanlibrary.readsquared.com	<h3>KIDS EAT FREE!</h3> <h4>Equal Hearts Food Program</h4> <p>Ages 2 to 18, no registration required!</p> <h4>MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 11 AM TO NOON</h4> <p>Laman Public Library - Children's Department 2801 Orange Street, North Little Rock</p> 			KEY: Adults Children Tweens Teens All Ages *registration required

Staff Birthdays:

July 13 - Susie Kirk
July 20 - Lacy Wolfe
July 21 - Stacie McEldowney

July 22 - Toni Sandall

Work Anniversaries:

Richard Theilig - 24 years
Julie Delashaw - 14 years
Caleb Dedman - 9 years
Colby Sansom - 5 years
Donovan Mays - 2 years
Casey Crocker - 1 year

Let's be friends:





SCHOOL OBSERVANCES*

Labor Day.....September 4
 Parent-Teacher Conference October 19
Times: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Student-Teacher Holiday.....October 20
 AEA Days.....November 2 - 3
 Thanksgiving Break.....November 20 - 24
 Winter BreakDecember 25 - January 8
 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday..... January 15
 Parent-Teacher Conference February 8
Times: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 Student-Teacher Holiday February 9
 Spring Break.....March 18 - 22

* STUDENTS DO NOT REPORT TO SCHOOL ON THESE DAYS.

First Quarter.....August 14 - October 13
 Second Quarter.....October 16 - December 22
 Third QuarterJanuary 9 - March 15
 Fourth Quarter March 25 - May 29
 Disclaimer: The last day of school is dependent upon AMI plan and snow days. May 30 - June 5 includes five (5) snow days. If no days are taken, May 29 is the last day for students. If more than five days are missed, days will be added to the end of the school year, pushing the last day later into May or June.

IMPORTANT DATES

New Teacher Orientation.....August 4, 7
 Teachers Report to Work.....August 8 - 11
 First Day of School.....August 14
 Return from Winter Break.....January 9
 Last Day of School.....May 29

CALENDAR LEGEND

No School
 Student Grading Periods
 Staff Development/Workday
 First and Last Day of School
 Early Release
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