North Little Rock e-Newsletter
Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

September 2023

City Offices will be ***closed Monday, September 4, 2023***
In observance of ***Labor Day***.
Sanitation routes will run one-day delayed all week.
(*i.e. Monday's pickup will be Tuesday and so on…*)

Why Do We Celebrate Labor Day? *Found at almanac.com/content/when-labor-day*

The funny thing about Labor Day is that it's the one day of the year no one (at least most folks) expects to work! We celebrate work by not doing any. But it replicates our week. We labor, and then we rest. On Labor Day, we honor the value of labor by putting it out of our thoughts for an extra-long weekend.

Work is an activity we esteem most when we're not doing it. In a period of unemployment, for example, work seems like the grandest and most longed-for opportunity of all. Work is therefore a blessed endeavor. Whether it's baking a casserole or doing laundry; serving customers or compiling a report; teaching a class or making a hospital bed: Our daily labors earn our daily bread and more.

Labor Day is to celebrate you, the American worker! It was envisioned by the founders to honor the American worker, the driving engine behind the most productive economy in the world, and the American work ethic that resulted in one of the highest standards of living in the world. All of this came out of a belief in economic and political democracy.

Of course, Labor Day not only celebrated the American workers but also protected their quality of life. Back in the late 1800s, the Labor movement was created to address some of the serious problems of the day including long working hours and lack of time off.

Who "Invented" Labor Day?

Labor Day was the idea of Peter J. Maguire (although recent research has shown that it might have been his brother Matthew's idea), a labor union leader who, in 1882, proposed a celebration honoring the American workers. Peter Maguire was the general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and co-founder of the American Federation of Labor. The date chosen was simply "convenient." Peter Maguire suggested that this date would nicely fall "nearly midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

Which President Started Labor Day?

In the U.S., the first Labor Day parade was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a legal national holiday every year.

The first Labor Day celebrations were parades to show the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by festivals designed for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. Speeches by prominent union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics, and government officials were among the day's highlights.

Traditions

BBQ, outdoor cooking, and picnics are traditional on Labor Day. This year, relax outside and don't spend too much time in the kitchen. Take a break from all of your daily labor!

What About Wearing White After Labor Day?

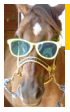
Why is there an old-time rule about not wearing white after Labor Day? And does it still apply?

One theory about wearing white is simply that it's cooler in an age before air conditioning; white reflects the sun instead of absorbing it. Another theory is that the end of summer meant a return to the city and work life, as many people used to take the month of August to visit the seashore. Returning to city life (often dirty) meant that dark clothes returned and the whites weren't practical.

Of course, this idea of "summering" was more for the wealthy who could leave the city in the days of no air conditioning to escape to the seashore or mountains.

Today, there really aren't such rules about wearing white. We have air conditioning, we have lighter fabrics, and clothing has generally become more casual and comfortable versus the more formal suits and work clothes of the past decades.

Still, some of us naturally change our color themes as autumn begins, just as the flowers and trees do. Consider the jewel colors of fall mums as well as the autumn foliage!



"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**

Fascinating ways animals prepare for winter

Found at kids.nationalgeographic.com/nature

When fall arrives, people start pulling out their sweaters and snuggling up inside. Many animals also start preparing for winter. The shorter days signal critters from deer to birds to bears that it's time to gather food and find mates.

Resting Birds. As birds fly south for the winter, many species make pit stops on their journey. For instance, eared grebes take a break after traveling from places such as Oregon and Colorado. They gather by the thousands at Mono Lake in California and the Great Salt Lake in Utah to eat and shed their feathers. Other birds that take rest stops before continuing south include gulls, ducks, and shorebirds. Many birds rest and fee at these places, returning to the same spots each year.

Fat Bears. In fall, North American bear species start a process called hyperphagia, eating and drinking as much as they can to gain weight for their long winter hibernation. Gaining so much weight would be unhealthy for people, but scientists have found that grizzly bears are specially adapted to hibernate.

Hungry Ladybugs. Many of the approximately 5,000 species of ladybugs—such as multicolored Asian lady beetles, which are invasive in North America—will fatten up on thousands of aphids and soft-bodied prey as fall arrives, says Mike Raupp, an entomologist at the University of Maryland (an entomologist is someone who studies bugs.) After this feast, the insects gather in a big group to wait out the long winter. Some prefer to hunker down in the cracks of rocks. Others will gather on the sides of houses. Predators usually don't notice this ladybug heap, but if they do—and ignore their bright warning colors—watch out! The insects might turn to reflex bleeding, in which smelly bug blood called hemolymph seeps out of their "knees" to give the predators a mouthful of yuck!

Hibernating Bird. While other birds fly south for the winter, many will have a "stay-cation." Here are some common animals we see around Arkansas that do not hibernate:

Rabbits-do not hibernate in the winter, they are active year-round. During winter, the colder temperatures and lack of vegetation force rabbits to spend more time searching and hunting for food.

Squirrels-there critters are homeotherms, which means that unlike some mammals, their body temperatures remain fairly constant throughout the year; they don't hibernate. In the winter, squirrels spend less time foraging outside their dens, and it's more common for several squirrels to share a den. To survive winter, they hoard food.

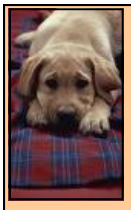
Robins-as long as there is food available, American Robins will stay around in cold weather.

Box Turtles-like other reptiles, box turtles must hibernate during cold winter months.

How to prepare your pets for winter.

If you can, keep your pets inside with you and the rest of the family. If your pet is outdoors for most of the day or all the time, be sure to provide a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to move comfortably, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches from the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make sure the water is fresh, clean, and unfrozen. Use plastic bowls for food and water; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.



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

Smoke Alarms...

With fall and cooler temperatures just around the corner, it's time to ask...

What makes smoke alarms in your home so important?

Residential fires far outnumber fires in all other types of occupancies combined. The type of materials in modern houses burn hotter, faster, and produce more toxic smoke than in the past. Home fires can be more dangerous than fires in many other types of occupancies because everyone in the house may be sleeping. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.

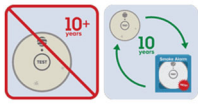
For these reasons, the fire code requires smoke alarms in every room where people sleep.

You also need to have one just outside of areas where people sleep. This can alert someone in a bedroom of a fire outside the room.

It is also important to sleep with bedroom doors closed. This will help prevent the spread of fire and smoke into a bedroom buying more time to escape out of a window.

There should be a smoke alarm on every floor of a home.

Smoke alarms are critical to alert people to a fire in the house. Carbon Monoxide alarms are also important if there is an attached garage, wood stove, or natural gas appliances in a house. Be sure to check detectors once a month and replace them when they are ten years old.



Firefighters Organize Community Understanding of Safety (F.O.C.U.S)

The North Little Rock Fire Department has a program called F.O.C.U.S. - Firefighters Organize Community Understanding on Safety. This program offers new installed smoke detectors or batteries for existing ones, at no charge to our citizens. This is for single-family dwellings. Residents of apartment buildings should contact the property management for their smoke detector needs. For legal reasons, we also request the resident to fill out a liability form whether we install a new detector or just replace a battery.

Please call the North Little Rock Fire Department at 501-340-5377 to schedule a free smoke detector installation.

Chief Warren Almon
Fire Marshal
North Little Rock
Fire Department

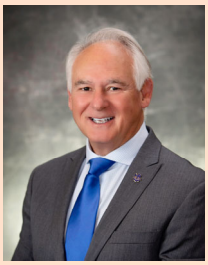
Easy Chili Cheese Dip for a crowd

1 block processed cheese like Velveeta
2 cans Rotel Tomatoes
2 cans Chili (with or without beans)
Turkey or beef, it doesn't matter!
Dump Rotel and Chili into a Dutch oven or even a crock pot
Dice up Velveeta and add to pot.
Season as desired.
Suggestions:
Diced pickled or fresh jalapeno (to taste)
Chili powder (1/2 tsp or more to taste)
Cumin (1/2 tsp or more to taste)
Lemon Pepper Seasoning (1/2 tsp or more to taste)
Garlic powder (1/2 tsp or more to taste)
Dutch oven, stir all ingredients together until cheese is melted.

Crock Pot, consider using a crock pot liner (makes clean up a breeze!) then add ingredients. Start out on high to melt the cheese, but monitor to make sure it doesn't scorch on the bottom, then turn down to low. Once all the cheese is melted, turn your temp down to warm.

Great with...Fritos, Doritos, wavy, whatever!

You can leave out the extra spices or add them in! Either way this is a great go-to for a party, or any time!



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

Senior Center—in May 9,170 members visited with 467 being the highest one-day total. 100 new members. Several trips: Searcy for Bingo, Alma to the A to Z Store. 695 volunteer hours.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,422.60 tons (4,845.20 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 291 loads (9,404.40 cubic yards) of green waste. 165 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 20 inspections, 12 re-inspections and issued 5 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued for the month of July 2023. $850 for collected for non-compliance (excessive debris, move-outs, illegal dumping).

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—82, AR One Call—56, Signs/Post replaced–119, City Vehicles marked with logo—4. Stealth (speed) box Locust and McCain.

Police—Decrease in violent crime. Aggravated assaults down, but robberies still an issue. Shoplifting incidents remain high. 2nd Joint Police Academy started in July with 10 recruits for NLR and 7 from other agencies. Participated in operation with US Marshals, FBI, AR State Police, LR Police, Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, and AR Department of Community Correction. Chief participated in Badge Bowl Sports Trivia Contest with The Buzz Radio Station and David Bazzell to show that law enforcement members can have fun and are regular folks.

Fire—634 EMS calls, 29 Hazmat, 74 False Alarm, 51 Fire calls, 2 Special Incident 3,954 Fire Training hours. 208 Building Surveys.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 5,186—non-911 calls, 7,331—911 calls, 702—abandoned 911 calls. Continue work on Tornado recovery/relief consolidation planning. Continue to work with Maumelle and Sherwood dispatch centers re: consolidation efforts. Estimated damage from June weather event—over $2 million.

Planning—653 inspections, covered over 4,808 miles within city. 108 HVAC, 168 Plumbing, 227 Electrical, 150 Building inspections. 8 sign permits, 0 banner permits, 19 demolition permits, 13 new single-family permits—average $253,231, 57 residential remodel permits—average $29,617, 1 residential addition permits—$3,000, 0 new commercial permits issued. 0 commercial remodel permits, 0 new multi-family permit.

Code Enforcement—7 citations, 876 violation notices, 204 vehicles tagged, 148 lots posted, 0 signs removed, rental inspections—24, 2 food service inspections, 7 search warrants, 0 structures condemned, 7 houses demolished, 15 houses demolished by owner, 195 vacant lots cleaned, 10 vacant house secured, 0 waste tire picked up.

Animal Services—

Incoming:
Dog 201
Cat 89
Other 2
Adopted:
Dog 46
Cat 87
Other 2
Reclaim:
Dog 30
Cat 2
Other 0
Euthanized:
Dog 108
Cat 27
Other 0
Service calls: 558
Citations: 73
Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 29

Parks and Recreation—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum—1,750 visitors. 7 tours: Holy Souls Summer Care (60 attendees), World Service Group (16), Arisa Health (10), Sonshine Academy (56), Henderson State University Institute (30), Inspire Summer Camp (20), Quality Childcare (20). 3 Overnight groups: Church of Jesus Christ-Conway (16), Alert Cadets-Fort Worth, Texas (33), Bethel Missionary Baptist-Jacksonville (30). 1 Special Event—Arkansas PBS filmed a tour to be broadcast at a later date.

NLR Electric—

Customers: 39,832
Revenue: $11,098,799
Peak Demand: 227,907 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 (over 1K): None!

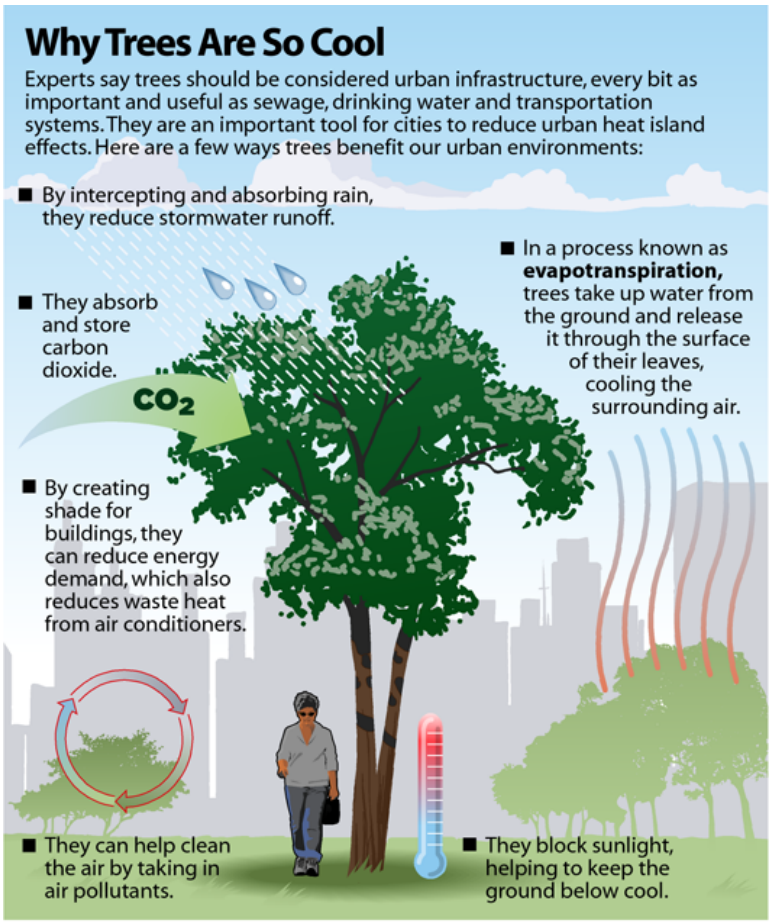
Protecting our urban tree canopy

Found in City & Town,
a publication of the Arkansas Municipal League
By Edwin Hankins IV, PLA

Those of us who are fortunate to live in the Natural State are seldom far from tree canopy cover. Thankfully, many of our neighborhoods and communities across the great state of Arkansas are covered with large and healthy trees.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, 46 communities across our state have been recognized as Tree City USA cities. The Tree City USA designation requires cities to follow four standard guidelines. From a tree board, implement a tree care ordinance, establish an annual budget for tree care and observe Arbor Day. The end goal of the designation is to promote interest in protecting our urban tree infrastructure.

Why is this important? Here's a quick middle-school Earth Science lesson. A single large tree can provide enough oxygen for up to four people for a day. Forests have been shown to remove approximately one-third of fossil fuel emissions globally every year. Tree root systems prevent erosion and reduce stormwater runoff rates, which reduces flooding from major storm events. Trees provide shade for people and structures and can cool a city by 10 degrees. Trees also provide windbreaks that in the winter, can reduce heating costs. Studies have shown that urban tree canopy reduces crime and increases property values. It's truly amazing the benefits that come with planting trees.



SOURCES: EPA; North Carolina State University; U.S. Forest Service PAUL HORN / InsideClimate News

To determine the amount of urban tree canopy, you can use web maps and applications such as those available through the USDA National Agricultural Imagery Program (naip-usdaonline.hub.arcgis.com) to view the leaves, branches, and stems of the trees that cover the ground as seen from above. Vegetative spaces can consist of developed or undeveloped lands. Some new developments in areas that were not previously developed negatively impact the tree canopy. Of course, this depends on how well or how poorly planned the development is. There must be a balance of development and protection of existing natural resources to reduce the destruction of existing, native tree canopy. This is where a city's established tree board and ordinances per the Tree City USA standards can come in.

NLR—In 1990, the City of North Little Rock created a City Tree Board. Included are references from the ordinance creating the board. "Street Trees" are those trees lying between property lies on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the city (basically, the city right-of-way). Members of the board receive no compensation. Some of the duties include study, investigation, and council with regard to preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks and other public areas. Upon request of the city council, the board can consider, investigate, report and recommend upon any special matter of questions coming within the scot of its work.

Tree species to be planted will be determined with the guidance of the Arkansas Forestry Commission or other natural resource advisement body.

No tree should be planted within 10 feet of a fire plug.

No Street Trees other than those of less than 20' in height may be planted under or within 10 lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within 5 lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line, or other utility.

The last component of being a Tree City USA is to celebrate National Arbor Day.

NLR—Since we were unable to do that in April due to the March 31, 2023 tornado, the North Little Rock Tree Board is Planning an event in October at the Old Mill. Stay tuned for the date and time of the event.

Arkansas is truly blessed! Here in the Natural State, our cities and towns are full of natural greenways, lush public park spaces and tons of tree cover. As we continue to grow and develop land within our borders, we must ensure that we are watching over our natural resources and protecting what makes this state so great—the native trees and all the benefits they provide.

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Breaking down the stigma of mental illness

Found in City & Town,
a publication by the Arkansas Municipal League
By Laura B. Dunn, M.D.

By now, we've all heard about the growing mental health crisis, as the pandemic has exacerbated feelings of stress, anxiety, and loneliness. Our mental health affects every other aspect of our lives, including our physical health, our social interactions, and our spiritual life.

If mental health is so important, why is it so hard for so many of us to reach out when we need help?

Unfortunately, people are often reluctant to share their mental health struggles with others. Many fear judgement from others or even discrimination. A lack of awareness of the effectiveness of treatments may also get in the way of seeking help for yourself or encouraging loved ones to get help.

We are actually very fortunate that there are now many effective treatments for mental health conditions. Psychotherapy (talking confidentially with a trained counselor or therapist) is an effective treatment for many conditions. Medications are also helpful for many people. It's just as important to take medications for mental health conditions as it is for physical conditions such as diabetes or asthma.

Root of the problem

Where does stigma come from, and what form can stigma take? Our society has long considered mental illness to be a private struggle rather than an issue we should face openly and honestly. Mental illness is sometimes seen as a moral failure—a description that wrongly assumes that people can control their symptoms. Media and popular culture have furthered the problem by depicting people experiencing mental illness as being untrustworthy or violent.

Stigma may be external—for example, public perceptions of people with mental illness—but it can also be internal. Internal stigma, sometimes referred to as "self-stigma," is our own internalized sense of shame about our condition.

These misperceptions can discourage people from getting the help they need. Many choose to delay treatment or avoid it altogether, worried about being seen differently in the workplace or in social circles. Those feelings can lead to lower self-esteem and withdrawal from social interactions.

Overcoming stigma

Seeking help might feel difficult or scary, but taking that step isn't a sign of weakness, it's a show of strength. And, like "putting on one's mask before helping others," we must take care of ourselves in order to be there for others in our lives—our loved ones, neighbors, friends, or co-workers.

If you're struggling with mental illness, then I would also encourage you to talk to friends and family members about it. Staying silent can exacerbate feelings of isolation and shame. Sharing your experiences will give you a sense of empowerment, freedom and pride as you see the impact you are also having on others who are struggling.

It's important to educate others and the realities of mental illness, since misconceptions usually stem from a lack of understanding. Research shows that having contact with people who are experiencing mental illness can have a significant effect in reducing stigmas. We're much less likely to judge others when we can relate to them.

Changing attitudes

Decades of effort by patients, advocates, and health professionals have elevated some of the conversation surrounding mental illness, but we still have a long way to go. Americans have become more receptive to treatment, but negative perceptions about mental illness have lingered.

Mental health is important in every stage of our lives, and all of us will struggle at some point. The stigma surrounding mental illness places an unfair burden on people at a time when they're most in need of help and support. To break down these barriers, we must be more open about our mental health and more willing to show compassion for others.

If you're having a mental health crisis, don't let stigma prevent you from getting the help you need and deserve. Uamsheaalth.com/ar-connectnow can help connect you with a therapist or provider in your area. If you're experiencing suicidal thoughts, please contact the Arkansas Lifeline Call Center by dialing 988.

Laura B. Dunn, M.D., is chair of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Department of Psychiatry and director of the UAMS Psychiatric Research Institute.

Camp Robinson to host Be Your Best Day, Saturday, September 16, 2023

The Arkansas National Guard will host a fun, FREE, family-friendly event that showcases the Arkansas National Guard.

The event will be held Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, located at 378 Military Road, North Little Rock.

After a three-year hiatus (due to COVID-19 pandemic), Be Your Best Day is back to showcase the Arkansas National Guard's military equipment, military service, and the capabilities Soldiers and Airmen bring to the state of Arkansas. Additionally, the open house offers opportunities to inform and educate the public on career opportunities available through the Army and Air National Guard.

8:00 a.m.—Gates open. The day will begin with a barbeque competition for registered participants.

9:00 a.m.—Opening ceremonies will begin and include a military aircraft flyover followed by cannons firing wax rounds. Immediately after, an Army Combat Fitness competition begins for registered participants as does a high school cross-country race.

12:00—noon, a Junior ROTC drill competition will begin.

3:00 p.m.—Awards will be presented to competition, race, and drill teams.

5:00 p.m.—Community celebration begins. Features the 106th Army Band's Charlie Rock.

6:00 p.m.—Military aircraft flyover precedes a 5K open trail run for registered participants.

To register for the barbeque competition, Army Combat Fitness competition, JROT drill competition, or the 5 K open trail run, go to www.ngaa.org/be-your-best-day-2023/.
High school teams can register for the cross country race at ar.milesplit.com/meets/550048-arkansas-national-guard-be-your-best-cross-country-meet-2023.

Military equipment will be on display throughout the day and staffed by Guardsmen who can explain the capabilities. Additionally, health, wellness, and education information booths will be available.

Entrance will be the Main Gate located near the intersection of Military Road and Donovan Briley Boulevard (378 Military Road).

Food vendors will be available.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, sunscreen, and small coolers with snacks.

Handicap parking is available for vehicles with appropriate tags. Additionally, dogs are permitted as long as they remain on a leash and picked up after. Legitimate serve animals are authorized as well. Attendees should consider that much of the area is grassy and uneven, and may not be suitable for wheelchairs or those who are unsteady on their feet.

Prohibited items: to keep a safe environment for all attending, weapons of any type to include but not limited to privately owned firearms, knives, box cutters, razors or any other sharp items, blunt objects, brass knuckles, mace, pepper spray or any other objects considered a weapon; multi-purpose tool (i.e. Gerber/Leatherman), backpacks, briefcases, large bags, and packages (except for runners/schools/vendors participating in the competitions), drugs, and drug paraphernalia (to include medical marijuana), glass containers, bicycles, skateboards, hover boards and roller blades, drones, or handheld laser pointers.

The City of North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce Daniel Cornelison as the Director of the Burns Park Tennis Center. Cornelison, a USPTA Elite Professional and USTPR High Performance Coach, has more than 20 years of coaching experience. Most recently, he worked as the tennis director for the Hot Springs Country Club where he oversaw all operations as well as taught private and group lessons.

Need to unwind this weekend?

Put the phones away or silent
Leave your work at WORK
Treat yourself to a Spa Day!
Leave your jammies on all day and veg out in front of the TV with a good movie or TV series.

Go for a hike or read a good book (e-Book or old-school hardback!)
Play tourist in your own town!
(In NLR visit the Old Mill, the AR Inland Maritime Museum, or go for a walk along our numerous

Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock
Issued to: Mel Dun
Issued: 8/1/2023
Expires: 11/29/2023

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
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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**.

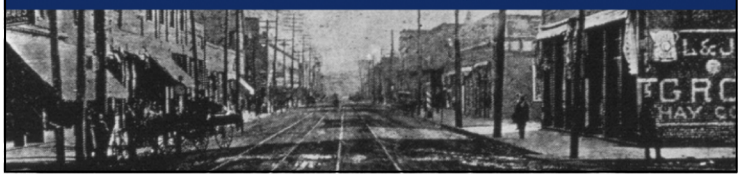
*****Currently, we have 3 permitted door to door solicitors. 2 with Edward Jones and 1 with the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette.***

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 nlrhistory@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 lodging 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, and 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 drivers 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 toUpcoming 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 September.

Aug 28 to Sept 1, recycle
Sept 4 to 8, no pickup
Sept 11 to 15, recycle
Sept 18 to Aug 22, no pickup
Sept 25 to 29, recycle

City Offices located at 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
Legal, Amy Fields, City Attorney	501-975-3755
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 Hutchcraft

External Relations……501-975-8605
Margaret Powell

Revenue Enforcement……. 501-975-8612
Officer Jim Scott

Special Projects/DEI……501-975-3737
Arnessa Bennett

September Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date
HARRIS, RON	COUNCIL MEMBER	1
HENDERSON, AARON	FIRE	1
OAKLEY, BRIAN	FIRE	1
FINCH, MARK	ELECTRIC	1
PATTON, CHRIS	FIRE	3
SCHRADER, DUDLEY	FIRE	3
MERZ, CARISSA	POLICE	4
NOLES, KEVIN	ELECTRIC	5
MCCOURT, KEITH	ELECTRIC	5
HOLMAN, AARON	IT	5
PETTIT, DAVID	POLICE	5
BRUNO, SHERRYL	POLICE	5
BARTLETT, JAMES	ELECTRIC	6
EVANS, REAGAN	POLICE	6
HODGE, LACY	ANIMAL CONTROL	6
MARTIN, TEMEKA	PARKS REC	6
PETTIT, JAMIE	PARKS MAINT	7
HEINRICHS, ERIC	ELECTRIC	7
INGRAM, TERRENCE	STREET	7
MELTON, DAVID	ELECTRIC	9
JONES, WILLIAM	POLICE	9
LOOPER, PAYTON	POLICE	10
COYOTE, DUSSTIN	FIRE	11
SEHIKA, JOHN	STREET	12
EISENHOWER, COREY	FIRE	12
THOMAS-BATRES, ISAIAS	FIRE	12
HUTCHISON, JARRETT	FIRE	12
REYNOLDS, DAVIN	FINANCE	13
MCCULLAR, JOHN	PUBLIC WORKS	13
DAVENPORT, JOSHUA	OES/911	14
THESSING, PATRICK	POLICE	14
CARR, STEVEN	SENIOR CENTER	14
BAILEY, COLLEEN	ECONOMIC DEV	15
FREEMAN, KIM	ELECTRIC	15
YOUNG, ANTWONE	SANITATION	15
MCKEE JR, THURMAN	TRAFFIC	15
PLAUDIS, THOMAS	OES/911	16
MILLER, MICHAEL	POLICE	16
HENDERSON, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE	16
INSALACO, III, VINCE	COUNCIL MEMBER	17
KNOERNSCHILD, JASON	FIRE	18
WIGGINS, MARK	POLICE	18
BREWER, THOMAS	PARKS MAINT	18
BRANCH, CAROLYN	POLICE	18
CREWS, CHRISTOPHER	VEHICLE MAINT	19
CHASTAIN, STACIA	ADMIN	19
ROBERTSON, BILLY	VEHICLE MAINT	20
USSERY, EBBIE	ELECTRIC	20
WEST, SANDRA	FIRE	20
TENNER, ANDREAUS	VEHICLE MAINT	20
BUTLER, CLINT	FIRE	21
ANDERSON, CYNTHIA	OES/911	21
BLANKENSHIP, GREGORY	POLICE	21
HAMILTON, NATHAN	COUNCIL MEMBER	23
MYERS, KYLE	FIRE	24
TREADAWAY, MICHAEL	FIRE	24
LIVINGSTON, KENNETH	POLICE	24
BARENTINE, RONALD	PARKS - GOLF	25
HALSEY, JACKIE	ELECTRIC	25
KING, JEN-CHUAN	POLICE	25
VANASSCHE, JACOB	POLICE	25
SCHULTZ, KRISTIN	ELECTRIC	25
STROUT, ANTHONY	POLICE	25
TOATLEY, DEDRICK	STREET	26
ADAMS, STEVE	STREET	26
BROWN, GREGORY	FIRE	27
DEAVER, JACOB	PARKS MAINT	27
SPILLMAN, DARREN	COMM DEV	27
HENDRIX, KUADRIKA	POLICE	28
HARTWICK, RYAN	ELECTRIC	28
BELL, JAMIE	ELECTRIC	28
EDWARDS, CHADWICK	POLICE	29
MILLER, MYNA	AIMM	30
GUAJARDO, BILLY	FIRE	30
DAVIS, CORDELL	POLICE	30
CHRISTOPHER, MARCUS	STREET	30
JACKSON, LINDA	POLICE	30
MAHAN, JACOB	TRAFFIC	30

September Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs
CHISM, GEROME	CODE ENF	1
JOHNSON, MYEKIA	COMM DEV	1
PRICE, MATTHEW	ELECTRIC	16
BROWN, ANTHONY	ELECTRIC	14
WEBB, MORRIS	ELECTRIC	3
ALLEN, BRANDON	ELECTRIC	4
DOUGLAS, SUSAN	ELECTRIC	13
DOWDY, JEREMY	ELECTRIC	7
SMITH, BRIAN	ELECTRIC	14
PETTIT, LEONARD	ELECTRIC	26
WOODWARD, GREGORY	ELECTRIC	33
OGINSKI, JOSHUA	ELECTRIC	5
SCHULTZ, KRISTIN	ELECTRIC	13
BELL, JAMIE	ELECTRIC	33
FREEMAN, KIM	ELECTRIC	45
STRIPLING, WILLIAM	ELECTRIC	7
ELROD, SAMANTHA	FINANCE	2
HALL, CHRIS	FIRE	30
THORN, MARK	FIRE	34
SANCHEZ, ROY	FIRE	36
MILLER, JON	FIRE	26
WALKER, NICHOLAS	FIRE	3
KOLB, MATTHEW	FIRE	5
SARTIN, KENNETH	FIRE	8
GOODMAN, JACOB	FIRE	1
DELLORTO, DANIEL	FIRE	30
GRAHAM, BRANDON	FIRE	3
COX, BRYEN	FIRE	5
SHOEMAKER, MARK	FIRE	26
EGLI, BRIAN	FIRE	3

Name	Dept	# Yrs
TETKOSKIE, ALAN	FIRE	34
ABEL, SHIRLEY	NEIGHBOR SRV	28
OSBORNE, STEVEN	OES/911	6
PERKINS, BETTY	PARKS CONCESSION	4
PARKER, GLENDA	PARKS REC	29
BARBER, TYLER	POLICE	6
HAMMONS, PHILLIP	POLICE	14
FISHER, JON	POLICE	21
CANTRELL, PAUL	POLICE	23
LYON, JOHN	POLICE	24
ANDERSON, MATTHEW	POLICE	14
HAWKINS, JASON	POLICE	8
NICHOLS, CARLA	POLICE	22
DEDRICK, BRIAN	POLICE	26
NOEL, ASHLEY	POLICE	14
FRANCISCO, KIMBERLY	OES/911	26
PETTIT, DAVID	POLICE	25
THESSING, PATRICK	POLICE	28
GRAVETT, JEFFREY	POLICE	23
EDISON JR, ROBERT	POLICE	28
TOLLETT, YANCY	POLICE	14
NEELEY, JAMES	POLICE	21
MOYSTER, BRUCE	POLICE	22
WILLIAMS, LYNN	SANITATION	11
HOPSON, BILLY	SANITATION	23
MARION, MARCUS	STREET	2
USSERY, KEVIN	TRAFFIC	34
EVERETT, THOMAS	TRAFFIC	24
NUTT, MATTHEW	TRAFFIC	5

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 23 years. My total service with the city is 33 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)*

SEPTEMBER

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North Little Rock, AR 72114
Monday - Friday: 9 AM -6 PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 **Vintage Bookmarks (Drop-in)** All Month | Laman **September Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **Slow Craft in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Die-Cut Friday** 4 PM | Argenta	2 **Under the Sea Crafts** All Day | Laman **Interview Like a Pro: A Podcasting Workshop - Part of Road to ARKAST** 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Laman **Slow Craft in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Filmmaking 101 Workshop** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman **Reading the Hugos Book Club: The Daughter of Doctor Moreau** 1 PM | Dark Side Coffee
4 **NLR LIBRARIES ARE CLOSED FOR** **Labor Day**	5 **Activities at Argenta: Marbled Bookmarks** 10 AM | Argenta **Storytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tabletop Tuesdays: Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Homeschool STEAM Explorers: Blue Whale Project** 1 PM | Laman **Podcasting for Business: Part of Road to ARKAST** 3:30 - 6:30 PM | Laman **LEGO Play** 4 PM | Argenta **Cosplay Corner** 4:30 PM | Laman **Pop Up Craft: Book Favor** 5 PM | Laman	6 **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Whale Wednesday: Feeding Time Game** 3:30 PM | Laman **Creative Wednesday** 4 PM | Argenta **Tweens Dungeons & Dragons** 4:30 PM | Laman **Beat Sabers** 4:30 PM | Laman	7 **Day Time Game Time: Homeschool Gaming Hour** 10 AM | Laman **Tunes & Tots: Music & Movement** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Little Dippers: Voyager Records** 3:30 PM | Laman **The Writers Loft: Teen Writers Workshop** 4 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	8 **Vintage Bookmarks (Drop-in)** All Month | Laman **September Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **Gaming in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Die-Cut Friday** 4 PM | Argenta	9 **Rock, Paper, Run 5k** 8:30 AM | Laman **Under the Sea Crafts** All Day | Laman **Filmmaking 101 Workshop** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Rock, Paper, Run Cool Down Party** 10 AM - 2 PM | CALS Main **Gaming in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
11 **Slow Craft Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10: 30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: Ticket to Paradise** 12 PM | Argenta **Monday Quilt Class** 3 PM | Laman **Game On** 3:30 PM | Laman **Mindfulness Mondays** 4:30 PM | Laman **Monday Mystery Club: The Beekeeper's Apprentice** 5:30 PM | Blackberry Market	12 **Storytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tabletop Tuesdays: Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Homeschool STEAM Explorers: Shrinky Dinks** 1 PM | Laman **Life-Size Board Games** 4 PM | Argenta **Perler Beads** 4:30 PM | Laman **Ready Player One Escape Room** 5 PM | Laman **Self-Defense for the Rest Of Us** 5:30 PM | Laman	13 **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Whale Wednesday: Ocean Bingo** 3:30 PM | Laman **Brush Strokes for Creative Folks** 4 PM | Argenta **College Prep with Talethe Collins** 4 PM | Laman **Cricut Kickoff Class** 5:30 PM | Laman	14 **Day Time Game Time: Homeschool Gaming Hour** 10 AM | Laman **Tunes & Tots: Music & Movement** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Art with Ms. Jennie** 4 PM | Laman **Lit Picks Book Club: Award Winners** 4:30 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	15 **Vintage Bookmarks (Drop-in)** All Month | Laman **September Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **Movies in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Die-Cut Friday** 4 PM | Argenta **Third- Friday Art Walk Reception & Opening with Sulac & SLUGKNIVES** 5 - 8 PM | Argenta	16 **Under the Sea Crafts** All Day | Laman **Movies in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
18 **Under the Sea Scavenger Hunt (Drop-in)** 9 AM - 6 PM | Laman **Slow Craft Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10: 30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** 12 PM | Argenta **Mindfulness Mondays** 4:30 PM | Laman	19 **1000 Cranes Marathon** 9 AM - 1 PM | Laman **Storytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tabletop Tuesdays: Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Homeschool STEAM Explorers: Chemical Reactions & Elephant Toothpaste** 1 PM | Laman **Bingo** 3 PM | Laman **Tabletop Tuesday** 4 PM | Laman **Argenta Escape Box** 4 PM | Argenta	20 **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Crochet Basics: Granny Square** 3 PM | Laman **Tennis, But Not** 3:30 PM | Laman **Whale Wednesday: Can You Hear Me Now?** 3:30 PM | Laman **Creative Wednesday** 4 PM | Argenta **Teens Dungeons and Dragons** 4:30 PM | Laman	21 **Day Time Game Time: Homeschool Gaming Hour** 10 AM | Laman **Tunes & Tots: Music & Movement** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Barbie Book Party** 3:30 PM | Laman **The Writer's Loft** 4 PM | Laman **Legend of 1000 Cranes Origami Workshop** 4 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	22 **Vintage Bookmarks (Drop-in)** All Month | Laman **September Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **Arts in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Die-Cut Friday** 4 PM | Argenta	23 **Under the Sea Crafts** All Day | Laman **Filmmaking 101 Workshop** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Arts in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Kids Dungeons & Dragons** 10 AM | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
25 **Slow Craft Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10: 30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: The Woman King** 12 PM | Argenta **Game On** 3:30 PM | Laman **Mindfulness Mondays** 4:30 PM | Laman	26 **Storytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tabletop Tuesdays: Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Homeschool STEAM Explorers: Sundae Science** 1 PM | Laman **Science Tuesday** 4 PM | Argenta **Oregon Trail Live!** 4:30 PM | Laman **Self-Defense for the Rest Of Us** 5:30 PM | Laman	27 **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **The Art of Journaling** 10 AM | Argenta **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Wednesday Quilt Class** 3 PM | Laman **Super Smash Brother Tournament** 3:30 PM | Laman **Whale Wednesday: Animal Postcards** 4 PM | Laman **Brush Strokes for Creative Folks** 4 PM | Argenta	28 **Day Time Game Time: Homeschool Gaming Hour** 10 AM | Laman **Tunes & Tots: Music & Movement** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Say Less: Graphic Novel Book Club** 4:30 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Family Night: Pinnacle Mountain State Park** 5 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	29 **Vintage Bookmarks (Drop-in)** All Month | Laman **September Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **Tabletop in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Die-Cut Friday** 4 PM | Argenta **Secret Library** 5 - 7 PM | Laman	30 **Under the Sea Crafts** All Day | Laman **Filmmaking 101 Workshop** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **The Yarn Storytelling Workshop: I Am Arkansas, I Am Home** 10:30 AM - Noon | Laman **Tabletop in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman

Employee Birthdays:
September 14 - Shelbie B. September 26 - Lauren B.
September 20 - Twyla T.

Work Anniversaries:
35 years - Susan S. 1 year - Connor B.
8 years - Beverly B. 1 year - Lauren B.

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