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

October 2023

Did you ever wonder how much money Americans spend on Halloween?

An article by FOX TV Digital Team published October 27, 2022 (found on the internet) provided some answers!

According to the National Retail Federation's (NRF) annual survey by Prosper Insights & Analytics, 69% of consumers planed to participate in Halloween (2022), up from 65% in 2021 and close to the 68% in 2019. In all, Americans are expected to spend a whopping $10.6 billion on Halloween candy, costumes and decorations.

One in five people plan to put their pet in a costume, and 28% of people said they would attend a Halloween party. Nearly 70% of people said they would hand out candy to trick-or-treaters, and more than half would decorate their homes.

What do people spend the most on for Halloween?

Costumes make up the bulk of the money spent on celebrating Halloween, according to NRF. Spending on kids' and adult costumes was expected to total $2.9 billion, the most since 2017. Pet spending was expensed to exceed the previous year's record high, reaching $710 million.

What are the most popular costumes?

Top kids costumes:
Princess
Witch
Ghost
Superhero
Batman
Zombie
Vampire
Pirate

Top adult costumes:
Witch
Vampire
Ghost
Pirate
Cat
Batman
Zombie
Dracula
Devil
Princess

Top pet costumes:
Pumpkin
Hot Dog
Bat
Bumble-bee
Witch
Lion
Spider
Ghost
Superdog
Supercat
Devil

Easy peasy DIY tin-can lights!
Supplies: clean empty tin can, hammer and large nail or awl, paint, paint brush or sponge, sharpie, candle.
Fill tin can with water and freeze. Remove frozen can and draw design on can (keep it simple). You could outline a cat, bat, witches hat, or words like *Boo* or *Halloween*. Place frozen can on a folded towel then use hammer and nail to puncture the design in the can. Thaw and drain frozen water. Once can is dry, paint. Cans make great luminaries as well! Found at *jollymom.com/diy-halloween-tin-can/*.

"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**

Halloween Pet Safety

Found at avma.org/resources-tools

How can we make Halloween safer for pets?

Costumes and masks, lights and decorations, and a constant parade of strangers coming to your door— Halloween can be a downright spooky experience for pets. You can protect your pets by taking these steps to reduce the risk of them being hurt, poisoned, or lost.

- Don't feed pets Halloween treats. Raisins can cause your pet's kidneys to fail, and candy may contain substances toxic to pets, such as chocolate or xylitol (a common sugar substitute found in sugar-free candies and gum). Often, you won't be able to tell what a treat or piece of candy contains just by looking at it.
- Make sure your pets have identification (microchip, collar, and ID tag) that will make it easy for someone to contact you and return them home in case they escape through an open door while you're distracted with trick-or-treaters.

- Keep lit candles, jack-o-lanterns, and other Halloween decorations out of reach of pets.
- Keep all human costume pieces away from pets, along with glow sticks, decorations, batteries, and other holiday items. When chewed, glow stick items can release liquid that tastes really bad and can make pets drool excessively or act strangely (though it isn't likely to be harmful). Other costume parts and decorations might cause choking, internal injury, or illness.

- If you plan to put a costume on your pet, make sure it follows these guidelines:
  - Fits properly and is comfortable
  - Doesn't have any pieces that easily can be chewed off or cause choking
  - Doesn't block your pet's sight, hearing, breathing, mouth, or movement
- Take time before Halloween to get your pet accustomed to the costume, and never leave a costumed pet unsupervised.
- If your pet is wary of strangers or has a tendency to bite, put them in a room away from the front door during trick-or-treating hours, or provide them with a safe hiding place.
- Keep your pet indoors.

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

Fun for the whole family! Firefest!!!

For more information, please call 501-340-5377.

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

Senior Center—in August 9,934 members visited with 498 being the highest one-day total. 115 new members. Several trips: Millennium Bowl, Hope Watermelon Festival, and Searcy for Bingo. 721 volunteer hours.

Sanitation—Garbage and yard waste crews collected 2,412.92 tons (4,825.40 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard Waste crews also collected 145 loads (3,983.20 cubic yards) of green waste. 436 waste tires picked up. Sanitation Code performed 25 inspections, 12 re-inspections and issued 12 notices for non-compliance. No citations were issued for the month of August 2023. $200 for collected for non-compliance (excessive debris, move-outs, illegal dumping). Curbside recycling tonnage was 129.50 cubic yards.

Traffic Services—Barricade Permits—88, AR One Call—37, Signs/Post replaced–118, City Vehicles marked with logo—4. Stealth (speed) box—none.

Police—Decrease in violent crime. Shoplifting incidents remain high. Joint Police Academy in full swing. Lt. Steve Chamness attended FBI National Academy in Quantico. NLRPD was awarded a two-year grant from the Arkansas Opioid Recover Partnership to fund a criminal investigator and peer recovery specialist to investigate opioid overdoes cases in the city. Detective Gary Jones was promoted to Sergeant. Jones is a 20 year veteran of the department with 12 years experience working homicide and violent crime cases.

Fire—266 EMS calls, 11 Hazmat, 31 False Alarm, 27 Fire calls, 102 Special Incident 4,422 Fire Training hours. 159 Building Surveys.

Emergency Services/911—Incoming calls: 5,111—non-911 calls, 6,475—911 calls, 719—abandoned 911 calls. Continue work on Tornado recovery/relief consolidation planning. Continue to work with Maumelle and Sherwood dispatch centers re: consolidation efforts.

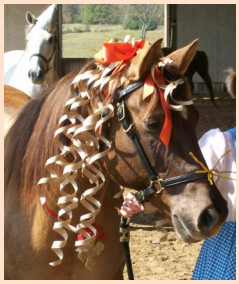
Planning—813 inspections, covered over 4,582 miles within city. 89 HVAC, 218 Plumbing, 356 Electrical, 150 Building inspections. 5 sign permits, 0 banner permits, 8 demolition permits, 6 new single-family permits—average $265,933, 66 residential remodel permits—average $23,843, 5 residential addition permits—average $29,000, 4 new commercial permits—average $2,481,154,14 commercial remodel permits—average $137,695, 1 new multi-family permit, 16 new multi-family units.

Code Enforcement—8 citations, 1,280 violation notices, 238 vehicles tagged, 281 lots posted, 0 signs removed, rental inspections—40, 10 food service inspections, 5 search warrants, 8 structures condemned, 13 houses demolished by city, 5 houses demolished by owner, 267 vacant lots cleaned, 10 vacant house secured, 15 waste tire picked up.

Animal Services—
Incoming:
Dog 249
Cat 112
Other 12
Adopted:
Dog 49
Cat 70
Other 12
(3 goats, 1 snake,7 chickens and 1 duck)
Reclaim:
Dog 35
Cat 0
Other 0
Euthanized:
Dog 161
Cat 21
Other 0
Service calls: 634
Citations: 73
Vouchers (spay/neuter) issued: 47

Parks and Recreation—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum—1,297 visitors. 1 tour: Bridge 2 Success (80), 1 Birthday party (20), 2 overnight stays—Grace Tabernacle Youth Church and Karen Harlson Family, Special Events—Quapaw Area Council Honor Awards (75) and Brunch Brothers Catering (120).

NLR Electric—
Customers: 39,893
Revenue: $12,574,233
Peak Demand: 238,344 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!



Where's Mel?

Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us what his Halloween costume was in this photo from 2007 and win a prize!

Hint, check out is buddy in the background...

Plan ahead to maximize Social Security benefits

Found in The Daily Record
Written by Liz Weston | NerdWallet

Social Security benefits were once tax-free. That changed in 1983, when Congress decided to tax a portion of benefits for the highest-income recipients.

Back then, fewer than 10% of beneficiaries were effected. Lawmakers failed to update the law to account for inflation, however, so today most Social Security beneficiaries have to pay federal income tax on at least some of their benefits, says Ted Sarenski, author of American Institute of CPA's "Guide to Social Security Planning."

There are a few ways to reduce that tax bite, however, especially if you can plan ahead.

How Social Security taxes work

Social Security taxes are based on your annual "combined income." Combined Income comprises:

- Your adjusted gross income, which includes your earnings, investment income, retirement plan withdrawals and other taxable income.
- Any nontaxable interest your receive, such as interest on municipal bonds.
- One half of your Social Security benefits.

For couples filing a join return, a combined income between $32,000 and $44,000 means up to 50% of benefits may be taxable. For higher combined incomes, up to 85% of benefits may be taxable. Single filers may pay tax on up to 50% of benefits when combined income between $25,000 and $34,000, and up to 85% of benefits beyond that.

People who live solely on Social Security don't have to pay income taxes on their benefits, Sarenski notes. But even a relatively small amount of other income can cause benefits to become taxable.

Defuse the tax torpedo

The unique way Social Security benefits are taxed leads to something known as "tax torpedo" - a sharp rise in marginal tax rates followed by a decline, says William Reichenstein, professor emeritus at Baylor University and co-author of "Social Security Strategies: How to Optimize Retirement Benefits." Marginal tax rates are what you pay on each additional dollar of taxable income you receive.

Many middle-income households can face marginal tax rates that are 50% to 85% higher than their regular tax bracket because of this tax torpedo, Reichenstein says.

"You take another dollar out of your tax deferred account and it causes another 85 cents of Social Security to be taxed, so your taxable income goes up by $1.85," he says.

Moderate-income households may be able to defuse the effects by delaying the start of Social Security benefits as long as possible, Reichenstein says. Someone who waits until age 70 to start benefits, withdrawing money from retirement funds in the meantime, not only gets a larger Social Security check but could save hundreds or even thousands of dollars a year in taxes. Reichenstein says. If you're in the 10% to 22% federal tax brackets, consider talking to a tax pro or financial planner about how to mitigate the potential tax burden.

Contribute to a Roth

Having at least some money in a Roth IRA or Roth 401 (k) can help reduce taxes on Social Security benefits. Withdrawals from these accounts are tax-free in retirement and aren't included in your combined income, Sarenski says.

You can't contribute to a retirement account if you don't have earned income, so people should diversify their retirement accounts long before they stop working, he says. Putting all your money in a pretax option could mean facing a whopping tax bill later.

"People should be trying to balance what they have in pretax income so they can balance their taxation in the future when they retire," Sarenki says.

Get charitable with your IRA

Once you're 70 1/2, you can make qualified charitable distributions, which are donations from your IRA to a charity. The withdrawal isn't taxable and won't count in your combined income as long as the money is transferred directly from the IRA custodian to the charity. You can transfer up to $100,000 this way.

If you reach an age at which required minimum distributions from retirement must begin—currently, that age is 73—qualified charitable distributions can count as your RMD, Sarenski says

Consider other ways to reduce distributions

If you've been a good saver, RMDs can push you into a higher tax bracket as well as trigger higher Social Security taxes, Sarenski says.

Tapping your retirement funds before you're forced to do so could make sense, as could a Roth conversion, Sarenski says. With a conversion, money is transferred to a Roth IRA from a pretax retirement account such as an IRA or 401(k). Conversions typically incur taxes but withdrawals in retirement are tax-free

Again, consider talking to a tax pro or financial planner first. Taking too much from retirement accounts can trigger unnecessary taxes, increase your Medicare or Affordable Care Act premiums and have other financial repercussions, such as running out of money prematurely. Avoiding these pitfalls takes careful planning, Sarenski says.

"The idea to me is to smooth out your tax rates," Sarenski says. "You don't want years where you're paying at 40% and years where you're paying zero."

Liz Weston is a columnist at NerdWallet, a certified financial planner and author of "Your Credit Score."

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
_____
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**.

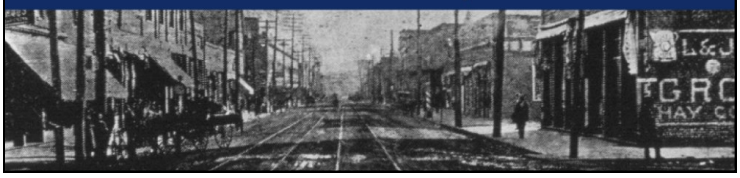
*****Currently, we have 3 permitted door to door solicitors. 2 with Edward Jones and 1 with the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette.***

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 October.

Oct 2 to 6, no pickup
Oct 9 to 13, recycle
Oct 16 to 20, no pickup
Oct 24 to 27, recycle
Oct 30 to Nov 3, no pickup

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

October Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date
SHOEMAKER, MARK	FIRE	1
IMHOFF, ERIC	POLICE	1
FITZHUGH, JOHN	POLICE	2
JOHNSON, NADIA	SENIOR CENTER	2
NICHOLAS, CHRISTOPHER	ELECTRIC	2
SHINN, TALOR	CITY CLERK	2
STEPHENS, KENNY	TRAFFIC	2
FLINT, JERRY	POLICE	3
EDISON JR, ROBERT	POLICE	3
MITSUNAGA, MICHAEL	FIRE	4
JOHNSON, ANDREW	ELECTRIC	4
SINGLETON JR, STEVEN	POLICE	4
HENSON, ERICKA	POLICE	4
HIGHT, CHARLIE	COUNCIL MEMBER	6
SPAFFORD, TODD	POLICE	6
WILLIAMS, TOMA'Z	STREET	6
HERRING, LESTER	ELECTRIC	7
RAYMUNDO, UZIEL	FIRE	8
RABUN, STEVE	IT	8
WILLIAMS, KEITH	1ST COURT	9
ARMBRUST, KEITH	PARKS MAINT	10
YANCEY, SHANNON	POLICE	10
ABEL, KENDALL	STREET	10
BRYANT, JASON	FIRE	11
SMITH, AMY	COMMERCE	11
DAVIS, STACY	PARKS MAINT	11
BROOKS, CHARLES	PARKS MAINT	12
KOLB, JAMES	FIRE	12
SMITH JR, SYLVESTER	SANITATION	12
GRAY, JOHNNY	VEHICLE MAINT	14
STRANGE, EMBER	FINANCE	14
JONES, CHRISTOPHER	SANITATION	14
BECK, NICHOLAS	OES/911	14
ROUGELY, BRYAN	STREET	15
WHILLOCK, TOLIVER	FIRE	15
FREE, DUSTIN	FIRE	16
MCCLENDON, TAMARA	2ND COURT	16
SMITH, MAGGIE	ANIMAL CONTROL	16
LOGAN, ANTHONY	SANITATION	17
BLANCHARD, ANTHONY	OES/911	17
WORTHAM, CODY	FIRE	18
HALE, RASHARD	PARKS MAINT	18
HOBSON, CHARLES	FIRE	18
FREY, CHAD	FIRE	18
HUEY, RHONDA	POLICE	19
GRAVETT, JEFFREY	POLICE	19
WILSON, RICHARD	ELECTRIC	22
LEWIS, WILLIAM	ELECTRIC	22
GIUSTI, DANTE	SANITATION	23
STEPHENS, WESLEY	FIRE	23
WILLIAMS, GARY	FIRE	23
FAUBION, EDWIN	FIRE	25
BLANKENSHIP, JOHN	POLICE	25
LAWRENCE III, JAMES	PARKS MAINT	26
MCDONNELL, JULIA	HR	26
DUKES, DON	POLICE	26
CHANCE, JOSHUA	ELECTRIC	27
RAMSEY, TANNER	FIRE	27
MCCOY, BRADY	IT	27
STEPHENS, MADISON	OES/911	27
RICE, CYNTHIA	POLICE	27
HARTWICK, TERRY C.	MAYOR	28
HOYT, RICHARD	ELECTRIC	28
GREGORY, LANA	ELECTRIC	28
MILTON, TERRELL	ELECTRIC	28
JOHNSTON, JOHNNY	PARKS MAINT	29
THORNTON, VINCENT	POLICE	29
CAMP, CHEREON	2ND COURT	29
CROWDER, JON	POLICE	30
COLLINS, CHRISTOPHER	ELECTRIC	30
TERRY SR, CHRIS	STREET	30
DUNCAN, ERIC	STREET	31
COOK, DAVID	PUBLIC WORKS	31

October Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs
PAUL, ANITA	ADMIN	5
TINDALL, JAMES	ANIMAL CONTROL	1
WILLIAMS, CEDRIC	CODE ENF	20
COLEMAN, ARNOLD	COMM DEV	7
JAMES, DONNA	COMM DEV	5
SPILLMAN, DARREN	COMM DEV	1
MCCLENDON, TAMARA	2ND COURT	7
LEWIS, WILLIAM	ELECTRIC	23
KNOX, PHILICIA	ELECTRIC	22
HINSHAW II, MILTON	ELECTRIC	18
AMBROSE-LLOYD, DOMINIQUE	ELECTRIC	15
CARTER, RONALD	ELECTRIC	14
FERRY, CHRISTINE	ELECTRIC	7
REDMERSKI, SHANE	ELECTRIC	5
BENTON, BRIAN	ELECTRIC	1
IVEY, KEITH	FINANCE	7
MCCLENDON, SUSIE	FINANCE	1
TERRY, DUSTIN	FIRE	9
MOIX, HUNTER	FIRE	8
HUTCHISON, JARRETT	FIRE	7
HAYDEN, DEMARIO	FIRE	7
HAWKINS, JOHN	FIRE	4
ROSE III, JOHN	IT	5

Name	Dept	# Yrs
ARCHER, WALTER	IT	1
HOCKENBERRY, JEFFREY	IT	1
WILLIAMS, ALEXIS	OES/911	1
STEPHENS, MADISON	OES/911	1
HOLSTED, FRANK	PARKS MAINT	3
BRYANT, MICHAEL	PARKS MAINT	2
COTTON, DENISHA	PARKS REC	4
ARMSTRONG III, RONALD	PARKS REC	1
KEY, MONICA	PARKS REC	1
JACKSON, LINDA	POLICE	50
DESIZLETS, JOHN	POLICE	29
RICE, CYNTHIA	POLICE	29
HERNANDEZ, DANIEKA	POLICE	12
BUSH, WILLIAM	PUBLIC WORKS	36
ROWLAND, MATTHEW	SANITATION	13
HAWKINS, JERRY	SANITATION	9
CHRISTOPHER, MARCUS	STREET	6
NOID, DWATNEY	STREET	4
MURPHY, LARTHELL	STREET	4
CHAPMAN JR, ROBERT	STREET	4
JOHNSON, MICHAEL	TRAFFIC	25
FULLER, CHAD	VEHICLE MAINT	11

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)*

OCTOBER

AT YOUR NLR PUBLIC LIBRARIES! FIND MORE AT NLRLIBRARY.ORG

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 **Make-a-Craft Monday** All Day | Laman **Scavenger Hunt Days: Banned Books Week** All Day | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: Harry Potter and Goblet of Fire** 12 PM | Argenta **Mindful Mondays** 4 PM | Laman **Banned Book Jeopardy** 5 PM | Laman	**3** **Story Time** 10 AM | Laman **Hora de Cuentos** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Tech Tuesday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 11 AM | Argenta **STEAM Explorers** 1 PM | Laman **LEGO Play** 4 PM | Argenta **Smells Like Fall: DIY Essential Oil Catcher** 4 PM | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Addams Family Trivia** 5 PM | Laman	**4** **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tumble Tots Storytime** 10 AM | Argenta **Ranger Talk: AR State Parks** 10 AM | Laman **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Tween Read-A-Like-Books** 4 PM | Argenta **Pool Noodle Hockey** 4 PM | Laman	**5** **Tunes & Tots** 10 AM | Laman **Writers Loft - Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Tech Thursday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 11 AM | Argenta **Little Dippers: Europa Clipper** 4 PM | Laman **Writers Loft** 4 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Author Talk with Romina Garber** 5 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	**6** **October Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **October Fun Packs (Grab and Go)** 9 AM - 2 PM | Argenta **Gaming in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Filmmaking 101 Workshop** 3:30 - 5:30 PM | Argenta **Creation Station** 4 PM | Argenta	**7** **Space Crafts** All Day | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Gaming in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman **Reading the Hugos Book Club: The Spare Man** 1 PM | Dark Side Coffee
9 **CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING** 	**10** **Story Time** 10 AM | Laman **Tech Tuesday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 10 AM | Laman & 11 AM | Argenta **STEAM Explorers** 1 PM | Laman **Life-Size Board Games** 4 PM | Argenta **Bad Art Night** 4 PM | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 4:30 PM | Argenta	**11** **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tumble Tots Storytime** 10 AM | Argenta **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Spiders Craft!** 3 PM | Laman **Craft + Care** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Tweens Dungeons & Dragons** 5 PM | Laman **Super Smash Bro's Tournament** 5 PM | Laman	**12** **Tunes & Tots** 10 AM | Laman **Tech Thursday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 10 AM | Laman & 11 AM | Argenta **Lit Picks Book Club** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Knitting Basics: Checkerboard Pattern** 3 PM | Laman **Spooky Stories** 4 PM | Laman **Self-Defense for the Rest Of Us** 4:30 PM | Argenta **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Astronomy Family Night** 5 PM | Laman **DIY Jeweled Pumpkins** 5 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	**13** **October Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **October Fun Packs (Grab and Go)** 9 AM - 2 PM | Argenta **Movies in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Google 101: An introduction to Google Suite (Registration Required)** 2 PM | Argenta **Creation Station** 4 PM | Argenta	**14** **Space Crafts** All Day | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Movies in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
16 **Make-a-Craft Monday** All Day | Laman **Scavenger Hunt Days** All Day | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: HP and the Order of the Phoenix** 12 PM | Argenta **Meditation Monday** 3 PM | Argenta **Mindful Mondays** 4 PM | Laman **Yoga with Ruby** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Sew it Yourself - DIY Bucket Hat** 4:30 PM | Laman **Monday Mystery Club: Eight Perfect Murders** 5:30 PM | Blackberry Market	**17** **Story Time** 10 AM | Laman **Tech Tuesday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 11 AM | Argenta **STEAM Explorers** 1 PM | Laman **Adult Bingo** 3 PM | Laman **Board Games @ Laman** 4-6 PM | Laman **Retro Halloween Films & Snacks** 4 PM | Laman **Argenta Scavenger Hunt** 4 PM | Argenta **Ghosted Art Night** 4 PM | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 4:30 PM | Argenta	**18** **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tumble Tots Storytime** 10 AM | Argenta **Teen STEAM: Solar Eclipse** 10 AM | Laman **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **College Prep with Talethe Collins** 4 PM | Laman	**19** **Tunes & Tots** 10 AM | Laman **Writers Loft - Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Tech Thursday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 11 AM | Argenta **Booooook Party!** 3:30 PM | Laman **Writers Loft** 4 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman	**20** **October Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **October Fun Packs (Grab and Go)** 9 AM - 2 PM | Argenta **Art in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Makey Makey Arcade Night** 5 - 7 PM | Argenta **Third- Friday Art Walk Reception & Opening of Come Sit a Spell** 5 - 8 PM | Argenta	**21** **Space Crafts** All Day | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Kids Dungeons & Dragons (Registration Required)** 10 AM | Laman **Art in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **So You Want to Write a Novel?: NaNoWriMo Info Session** 11 AM | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
23 **Make-a-Craft Monday** All Day | Laman **Scavenger Hunt Days** All Day | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: Ant-Man Wasp Quantumania** 12 PM | Argenta **Meditation Monday** 3 PM | Argenta **Game On!** 3:30 PM | Laman **Mindful Mondays** 4 PM | Laman **Yoga with Ruby** 4:30 PM | Argenta	**24** **Story Time** 10 AM | Laman **Tech Tuesday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 10 AM | Laman & 11 AM | Argenta **STEAM Explorers** 1 PM | Laman **STEAM Tuesday** 4 PM | Argenta **Cosplay Corner** 4 PM | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Hocus Pocus Escape Room** 5 PM | Laman	**25** **Babytime** 10 AM | Laman **Tumble Tots Storytime** 10 AM | Argenta **Yoga Break!** 12 PM | Laman **Meditation for Beginners** 2 PM | Laman **Wednesday Quilt Class** 3 PM | Laman **World Pasta Day Craft** 3:30 PM | Laman **Haunted Mini Golf** 4 PM | Laman **Self-Defense for the Rest Of Us** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Teens Dungeons and Dragons** 5 PM | Laman	**26** **Tunes & Tots** 10 AM | Laman **Tech Thursday: Affordable Connectivity Program** 10 AM | Laman & 11 AM | Argenta **Writers Loft - Homeschool Edition** 10 AM | Laman **Storytime** 10:30 AM | Argenta **eCommerce Photography Workshop** 4 PM | Argenta **Writers Loft** 4 PM | Laman **ASL 1 & 2 (Registration required)** 4:30 & 5:30 PM | Laman **Hora de Cuentos (Spanish Story Hour)** 4:30 PM | Laman **Zumba** 5:30 PM | Laman **Spooky Concert with The Kinders** 6 PM | Argenta	**27** **October Activity Packs (Grab and Go)** All Day | Laman **October Fun Packs (Grab and Go)** 9 AM - 2 PM | Argenta **Tabletop in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Creation Station** 4 PM | Argenta **Waterfalls of Arkansas Autumn Tour** 4 PM | Argenta	**28** **Space Crafts** All Day | Laman **Stories that Haunt Us: Horror Writing Circle** 10 AM | Laman **Tabletop in the Loft** 10 AM - Noon | Laman **Line Dancing** 11:30 AM | Laman
30 **Make-a-Craft Monday** All Day | Laman **Scavenger Hunt Days** All Day | Laman **Babytime Play & Stay** 10:30 AM | Argenta **Monday Matinee: Firestarter** 12 PM | Argenta **Meditation Monday** 3 PM | Argenta **Fall Fun Bingo** 3:30 PM| Laman **Mindful Mondays** 4 PM | Laman **Yoga with Ruby** 4:30 PM | Argenta **Origami Bat Workshop** 5:30 PM | Laman	**31** **A Very Loft Halloween** All day | Laman **Story Time** 10 AM | Laman **STEAM Explorers** 1 PM | Laman **Halloween Party with MomandPop** 4 PM | Laman **Haunted Argenta & Trick or Treat** 4 PM | Argenta **Origami Bat Workshop** 4:30 PM | Argenta	**KIDS & TEENS EAT FREE!** **Ages 2 to 18, no registration required!** **Bridge 2 Success Food Program** **MONDAY THRU THURSDAY** **3:30 - 4:30 PM** **AT LAMAN CHILDREN'S LIBRARY** bridge 2 SUCCESS	**KEY:** Adults Children Tweens Teens All Ages	**SCAN FOR THE FULL CALENDAR**

Employee Birthdays:

October 2 - Casey C. October 29 - Janet R.

October 4 - Julie D.

Work Anniversaries:

36 years - Kathy S.

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YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

Registration now open for Boys and Girls (3rd-8th Grades)

Must have a NLR Community Center Membership - $15/year (NLR Residents) $20/year (Non-Residents)

Program Location: Glenview Community Center Beginning October 2023

ONE DRIBBLE mentoring program is designed to inspire youth on all aspects of being an athlete and being involved in sports. Youth will have the opportunity through sports training and mentoring sessions to build character, decision making and leadership skills to help them experience success and in all areas of their lives.

ONE DRIBBLE AT A TIME!

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For more information and volunteer mentor opportunities contact " Coach Butter" at NLR Athletic Programs (501) 791-8545

North Little Rock Participates in National Night Out

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 is **National Night Out!**

This annual event is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make our neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life.

Cookouts, block parties, children's events and ice cream socials will occur simultaneously throughout North Little Rock. Included in this release are neighborhood associations in North Little Rock that have organized and will be hosting events.

The community is welcome to join a National Night Out event in their neighborhood.

The following neighborhood organizations have committed to participating in North Little Rock's National Night Out.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

WARD 2:

Young Community Advocates of Baring Cross, 3-5:30 pm, 1701 Pike Avenue (Dollar General parking lot).
Activities include: A meet & greet beginning at 3pm. Refreshments will be served prior to cleanup, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Dixie Addition CDC, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 914 North "H" Street.
Activities include: food, fun & fellowship. Contact: Earnest Franklin, 501-563-5400 or Margie Evans, 501-258-8167.

Rose City Neighborhood Association & NLR Police Athletic League, 5-7pm, Rose City Ball Park, 400 Rose Lane.
Activities include: live DJ, free food and events for children and residents. Contact: Martha Capps, 501-580-1079.

Stone Links Neighborhood Association, 5:30-7:30pm, Stone Links Club House, 110 AR 391.
Activities include: health screenings, food, bounce house, games, face painting and fun. Contact: Marie Hollowell, 404-259-2957.

WARD 3:

Amboy Neighborhood Association, 5:30–7:30 pm at Amboy United Methodist Church Parking lot, 311 E. Military Dr.
Activities food, fun and fellowship. Contact: Angelica Barnard, 501-297-8720 or Paula Lively, 501-350-7649.

Scenic Hill Neighborhood Association, 5:00- 7:30 p.m., at corner of East Scenic and Valley View.
Activities include: snacks, drinks and meet and greet. Contact: Randy Naylor, 501-350-8775.

WARD 4:

Cobblestone Crime Watch Group, 4-7pm, 913 Cobblestone Circle.
Activities include: Burgers, hot dogs, meet and greet first responders and members of crime watch group. Contact: Suni McClelland, 501-920-5330.

Windsor Valley Neighborhood, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at south end of Coleridge at Covington.
Activities include: two food trucks, police & fire officials and kids craft table. Contact: Brandi Legate, 501-951-0778.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 (WARD 2):

Melrose Community Outreach, 3-5pm, 807 Willow St. Activities: ***drive through block party***. Contact: Tammy Small, 501-541-3703.

The City of North Little Rock is hosting an Unsheltered Outreach Fair for individuals in the unsheltered community. The purpose of the Outreach Fair is to share resources and improve the quality of life for citizens needing assistance.

North Little Rock Laman Library System Expands Passport Application Processing to Argenta Branch

The Passport Services office at the Argenta Branch of the Laman Library will be open to the public from Monday through Friday. Hours will be Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (Note: the Passport office closes one-hour before the Library to allow staff time to assist any customers still in the office and to prepare the applications received (that day) for mailing the following morning.

This service is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visitors are encouraged to plan their visit accordingly. All applicants must appear in person to have their passport application processed.

For those applying for applicants under the age of 16 please note that both parents or guardians must be present during the application process.

To streamline the process and expedite the visit, it is recommended that application forms be competed in advance. Forms are available at www.travel.state.gov.

The Argenta Library will offer complimentary photo services to passport applicants applying through them. If you require passport photos but not processing, photos can be purchased for $5.00.

For more information, please call 501-687-1062 or visit the library's dedicated Passport services website at www.nlrlibrary.org/communityresources/passports/.

Be Prepared!
Flu Season is Coming
Get the Flu Shot Here
Friday, October 6, 2023
North Little Rock Health Unit
2800 Willow St. NLR. AR 72114
Cost is FREE
Clinic Open from: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 pm
Call 501-791-8551 for more information
The flu shot is available at no cost.
Please bring your insurance card if you have one.
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Join NLR Parks & Recreation as we support
and honor our community
WARRIORS and SURVIVORS

PINK OUT

Breast Cancer Awareness 2023

SATURDAY
OCT 21
9:00am-2:00pm

SHERMAN PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER
624 N. Beech St., NLR

- **Awareness Spirit Walk**
- **Old School Basketball Game**
- **PINKED OUT! Fashion Walk**
- **Healthy Info Booths**

Entertainment
Give Aways
Refreshments and more!

Special Guest Speaker:
Verlancia Tucker
Founder & Executive Director
BOHEMIA Cares
Topic: Healing Breast Cancer, Healing Trauma

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For more information contact NLRPR Athletic Programs at 501-791-8545

THUNDERBIRDS SET TO HEADLINE 2023 THUNDER OVER THE ROCK AIR SHOW

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-- Save the date! Little Rock AFB welcomes back the U.S. Air Force's premier aerial demonstration, the Thunderbirds, for the Thunder Over The Rock Air Show, Oct. 21-22, 2023.

This will be the first time since 2018 that Little Rock AFB has opened its gates to the public for an air show. COVID-19 restrictions led to the cancellation of the previously planned Thunder Over the Rock Air Show, which was scheduled for October 2020.

"We are thrilled to announce that Thunder Over The Rock will return to Little Rock Air Force Base next year featuring the Thunderbirds," said Col. Angela Ochoa, 19th Airlift Wing and installation commander (2022). "While the air show serves to showcase how the Home of Herk Nation supports our nation's defense, it also serves as a 'thank you' to our outstanding communities for their continued support. Mark your calendars and come join us for the air show we have longed to bring you these last few years!"

The current Commander of the 19th Airlift Wing is Colonel Denny Davies.

The air show will be free and open to the public. The air show will also offer a variety of civilian and military performers, which will be announced at a later date. This event will be fun for all ages!

For more information call 501-987-6744.

The leaves are falling!
If you don't want to wait for the leaf vacs to start rolling, bag your leaves and they will be picked up weekly!