

## Daylight saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, March 13!

***Are you ready to Spring Forward!***

### Myth about daylight saving time

*Found at Washingtonpost.com/opinions*

*Written by Rachel Feltman—March 2015*

Daylight saving time strikes again Sunday at 2 a.m., at least for every state outside Hawaii and Arizona. Though DST has been part of life in the United States since World War I, its origin and effects remain misunderstood, even by some of the lawmakers responsible for it. Here are some common myths.

#### **Daylight saving time was meant to help farmers.**

Many of us heard, at some point in elementary school, that DST was developed because of farming. The idea that more daylight means more time in the field for farmers continues to get airtime on the occasional local news report and in state legislatures — “Farmers wanted it because it extends hours of working in the field,” Texas state Rep. Dan Flynn offered after filing a bill that would abolish DST. Even Michael Downing, who wrote a book about DST, has said that before researching the subject, “I always thought we did it for the farmers.”

In fact, the inverse is true. “The farmers were the reason we never had a peacetime daylight saving time until 1966,” Downing told National Geographic. “They had a powerful lobby and were against it vociferously.” The lost hour of morning light meant they had to rush to get their crops to market. Dairy farmers were particularly flummoxed: Cows adjust to schedule shifts rather poorly, apparently.

Daylight saving time, in this or any other country, was never adopted to benefit farmers; it was first proposed by William Willett to the British Parliament in 1907 as a way to take full advantage of the day’s light. Germany was the first country to implement it, and the United States took up the practice upon entering World War I, hypothetically to save energy. How did farmers end up being the mythical source of DST? Downing suggests that because they were such vocal opponents, “they became associated into the popular image of daylight-saving and it got inverted on them. It

was just bad luck.”

#### **The extra daylight makes us healthier and happier.**

That additional vitamin D is good for us, right? Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.) thinks so. “In addition to the benefits of energy savings, fewer traffic fatalities, more recreation time and increased economic activity, Daylight Saving Time helps clear away the winter blues a little earlier,” he said in a statement last year.

“Government analysis has proven that extra sunshine provides more than just smiles. . . . We all just feel sunnier after we set the clocks ahead.” Gwyneth Paltrow agrees, opining to British Cosmopolitan in 2013: “We’re human beings and the sun is the sun — how can it be bad for you? I think we should all get sun and fresh air.”

A little more vitamin D might be healthy, but the way DST provides it is not so beneficial to our well-being. Experts have warned about spikes in workplace accidents, suicide and headaches — just to name a few health risks — when DST starts and ends. One 2009 study of mine workers found a 5.7 percent increase in injuries the week after the start



of DST, which researchers thought was most likely due to disruption in the workers’ sleep cycles. An examination of Australian data found a slight uptick in male suicides in the weeks following time shifts, to the effect of half an excess death per day, which the researchers blamed on the destabilizing effect of sleep disruption on people with mental health problems. And some physicians warn that changes in circadian rhythm can trigger cluster headaches, leading to days or weeks of discomfort.

The literature on these health effects is far from conclusive, but spring sunshine does not outweigh the downsides of sleep disruption across the board.

#### **Standard time is standard.**

Guess what time we’re on for eight months of the year? Daylight saving time. In what universe is something that happens for only one-third of the time the “standard”? Even before the 2007 change, DST ran for seven months out of 12.

In fact, some opponents of DST aren’t against daylight saving time per se: They think it should be adopted as the year-round standard time. Because it basically already is.



**“Where’s Mel?”** Mel has been in hiding the past couple of months...but this month he’s back!  
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## North Little Rock Animal Services

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## Spring Has Sprung: How Seasonal Changes Affect Pets

Found at [parksidvet.ca/blog](http://parksidvet.ca/blog)

You know the feeling, when the rain comes and the temperatures start to warm up. It's Kleenex and allergy meds time, right? Some people even get headaches and other symptoms of the change in temperature and barometric pressure. Seasonal changes affect pets, too, from allergies to warmer temperatures that pose risks.

To better prepare you and your four-legged for the upcoming spring, here are some recommendations to alleviate some of the seasonal effects. Read on for more information.

### Seasonal Allergies in Pets

Like us, seasonal allergies pick up as the weather warms and plants, trees, and shrubs go into full bloom. These pollens and spores can create several symptoms in pets, depending upon how allergic they are. Reactions to allergies can produce:



- Nasal discharge
- Watering of the eyes
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Chronic scratching
- Rubbing face
- Chewing paws and legs



Allergens can also include mold and dust and occur more severely during the transition into spring (and sometimes fall). Untreated allergies can result in secondary infections, fur loss, skin problems, and so on.

### Warm Weather Awareness for Pets

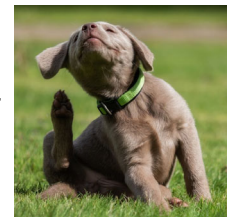
Another issue to be aware of is warm weather. If your pet is outdoors, warm, sunny days can put them at risk of sunburn or heat exhaustion, depending on your pet's tolerance. When it is warm, be mindful of how much time your dog spends exercising outside. Opt for mornings, before the noonday sun is high.

Of course, never leave your pet inside the car. Heat exhaustion and hyperthermia can occur in a matter of minutes with temperatures over 30 C degrees. As a matter of fact, when it is 30 degrees outside your car's internal temperature to soar to well over 70. Always bring your pet with you or keep them at home, if you cannot.

### Parasites Among Us

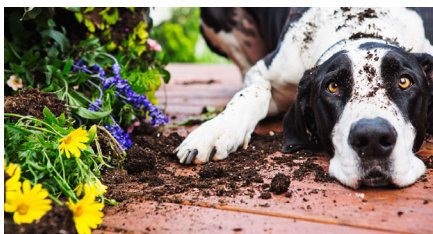
Parasites like fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes can survive (and thrive) year-round. But with the warming temperatures, they are out in droves. These pests that annoy us can put your pet at risk of diseases carried by parasites, including heartworm, Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, and leptospirosis.

Maintain your pet's parasite protection, including flea, tick, and heartworm control, throughout the year.



### Plants that Are Poisonous to Pets

This time of year is when you and your four-legged spend more time outdoors. This includes planting your favorite plants in the garden, along with shrubs and trees. There are a few toxic plants to be aware of, like azalea, oleander, lilies, crocus and daffodils, yew, and sago palm. Consult the ASPCA's list of toxic plants to avoid putting your pet at risk.



Several types of mulches, such as cocoa, as well as fertilizers containing Metaldehyde (Slug Bait) are also quite toxic. Opt for natural pet-friendly, fertilizers and amendents.

### Seasonal Changes Affect Pets

The spring season is on the way and that's exciting for outdoor lovers. But be better prepared to face these seasonal changes by keeping your pet protected during the transition into spring.



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# North Little Rock Fire Department



# SPRING

Along with spring cleaning, let's take the time to make sure our homes and family are safe from the threat of fire.

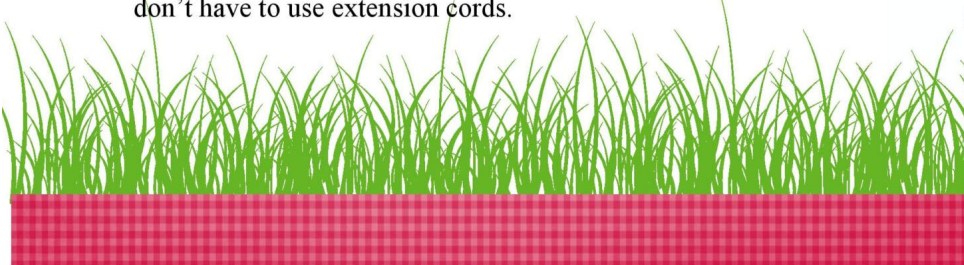
Here is a check list you should go over with your family:

- ⇒ **Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half**
  - ❑ Ensure smoke alarms are installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement
  - ❑ Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button
  - ❑ Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms. Best way to remember is when you change your clocks, change your batteries.
- ⇒ **The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.**
  - ❑ Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
  - ❑ Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.
- ⇒ **Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.**
  - ❑ Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains - away from your stovetop.
  - ❑ Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop.
- ⇒ **Extension cord fires outnumbered fires beginning with permanent or detachable power cords by two-to-one.**
  - ❑ Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
  - ❑ Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.

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

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

**Hays Center**—fully open to members. 5,655 members visited, with an average 182 members per day. 84 new members. The transportation coordinator has updated all vehicles and they are ready for travel! Volunteers contributed 376 hours.

**Street**—work in the street department is never ending...crews patch potholes, pick up litter, clean out storm drains (remove accumulated debris including leaves and grass clippings).

**Sanitation**—crews continue to pickup garbage and yard waste during the pandemic. Garbage / Yard Waste crews collected 2,074.08 tons (4,148,160 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard waste crews collected 64 loads (1,768.00 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews picked up 153 loads (5,000.86 cubic yards) of loose leaves. 482 tires picked up. 22 Sanitation Code inspections and 22 re-inspections. Issued 12 notices for non-compliance. Leaf vacuums continue their rounds.

**Traffic**—AR One Call requests—36, Signs/posts repaired or replaced—54, City vehicles marked with decals—3. Set up Speed Trailer at Pike Avenue and 10th. Stealth radar at 706 Mills Street.

**Police**—decrease in crime trends. Currently have 178 officers with 10 vacancies. Recent new hires were pre-certified officers from LRPD, Conway PD, Sherwood PD, Lonoke PD and South Carolina. Interested in becoming a NLR Police Officer? Call 501-975-8855 for info.

**Fire**—Total incidents—999, Fires—59, False alarms—77, Rescue/Emergency Medical—632, Hazmat—19. Training hours: 1,799. Building surveys: 65.

**Emergency/911**—Incoming calls—14,474, Non-911—4,135, Wired 911—944, Abandoned 911—35, Wireless 911— 5,147, Abandoned Wireless—213. Total dispatch entries: 7,353.

**Planning**—Inspectors traveled 3,214 miles within the city performing the following inspections: 137 HVAC, 205 Plumbing, 258 Electrical, 163 Building. Issued the following permits: 7 sign, 25 demolition, 23 New Single Family (average cost \$146,052), 37 Residential Remodel (average cost \$16,698), 0 New Commercial, 8 Commercial Remodel (average cost \$500,514), 0 new Multi-family.

**Electric Customer Service**—Payments—38,098, Collections—\$7,334,419.

**Code Enforcement**—Assigned calls—129, Citations—19, Violation Notices—374, Vehicles Tagged—184, Lots Posted—23, Signs Removed—15, Structures Inspected—15, Rental Inspections—25, Food Service Inspections—16, Houses Demolished by city—3, Houses Demolished by owner—9, Vacant Lots Cleaned—66, Lots

with Structures Cleaned—5, Vacant Houses Secured—1, Vacant Lots Mowed—11 Lots with Structures Mowed—0. Tires removed—13.

**Animal Control**—Incoming:

Dog—128/128 ytd  
Cat—28/28  
Other—0/0

Adopted:  
Dog—44/44  
Cat—18/18  
Reclaimed:  
Dog—26/26  
Cat—1/1

Euthanized:  
Dog—71/71  
Cat—13/13  
Service Calls—414/414

Citations—37/37 Vouchers (Spay/Neuter)—22/22



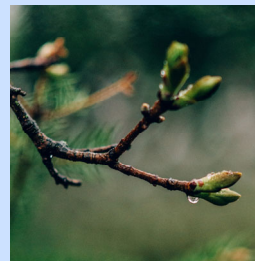
**Parks & Recreation**—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 481 visitors, which included 2 overnight sleepovers. They also hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance event.

**North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau**

Downtown RV park—278 reservations, average stay 3.38 nights. RVs from 41 states and 6 International travelers (top 5: TX, AR, TN, IL, & MO).

**Electric**

39,670 customers  
\$6,948,007 revenue  
109,266 kw peak power  
60 sq miles—territory  
11,252 transformers  
555 miles of wire  
10,458 street lights  
5,032 security lights  
82 lighting repairs  
39,401 smart meters  
Major outages: None.



**Finance**

**Year to Date Revenue & Expenditures**

*as of December 2021*

**Revenue**

Property Taxes	105,711
Licenses/Permits	223,998
Fines/Forfeitures	231,196
Taxes—sales	4,975,241
Intergovernmental	(601,214)
Franchise fees	269,763
Charges for Services	159,441
Miscellaneous	379,360
Interest Income	2,647
Net Transfers	(608,975)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,137,168</b>

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## Grilled Teriyaki Salmon

Found at [tasteofhome.com](http://tasteofhome.com)

3/4 cup reduced-sodium teriyaki sauce  
1/2 cup maple syrup  
4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)  
Mixed salad greens, optional

In a small bowl, whisk teriyaki sauce and syrup. Pour 1 cup marinade into a large re-sealable plastic bag. Add salmon; seal bag and turn to coat. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade.

Drain salmon, discarding marinade in bag. Moisten a paper towel with cooking oil; using long-handled tongs, rub on grill rack to coat lightly.

Place salmon on grill rack, skin side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from heat 8–12 minutes or until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork, basting frequently with reserved marinade.

If desired, serve over lettuce salad.  
(1 fillet—362 calories).



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## Expenditures

Administration	259,916
Animal Shelter	67,776
Special Appropriations	5,632,235
City Clerk	48,262
Emergency Services	231,249
Finance	134,644
Public Safety-Fire	2,704,045
Health	11,805
Legal	81,581
1st Court	68,387
2nd Court	59,428
Human Resources	96,279
Commerce	38,198
Planning	118,782
Public Safety-Police	3,332,272
Code Enforcement	129,960
Public Works	123,630
Neighborhood Services	19,268
Sanitation	572,683
Vehicle Maintenance	76,522
Senior Citizens Center	134,060
Communications	27,108
Fit 2 Live	43,361
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,011,451</b>

## Shoofly Chocolate Pie

Found at [tasteofhome.com](http://tasteofhome.com)

9 inch pastry for single-crust pie  
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
3 tablespoons butter-flavored shortening  
1 tsp baking soda

1 large egg, room temperature  
lightly beaten  
1 cup molasses  
1—1/2 cup water



Put pie crust (pastry) in a deep—dish pie plate or cast iron skillet. Trim to 1/2 inch beyond rim of plate; flute edges. Sprinkle chocolate chips into the crust; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine flour and brown sugar; cut in shortening until crumbly. Set aside 1 cup for topping. Add baking soda, water, egg and molasses to remaining crumb mixture and mix well. Pour over chips. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture.

Bake at 350° until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 45-55 minutes. Let stand on a wire rack for 15 minutes before cutting. Serve warm.

**“If we had no winter,  
the spring would not  
be so pleasant:  
if we did not  
sometimes taste of  
adversity, prosperity  
would not be so  
welcome.”**

**- Anne Bradstreet**



## Obituary for Garry Butler,

Garry Butler, 55 of Sherwood, Arkansas passed January 22, 2022. Loving memories left to wife of 36 years, Tammie Butler, father: James (Carolyn) Butler, children: Garry Butler Jr., Alex Butler, and Kayla Butler, grandchildren: Micah Butler and Chloe Butler, siblings: Louis (Carla) Butler, Jackie (Pam) Straw, Carolyn (Steve) Briggs, Malven (Judy) McFee, John (Richela) McFee Jr., and Brenda Green.

Mr. Butler worked for the North Little Rock Street Department from 1988 to 2015.

Visitation was held January 28, 2022 6-7 pm at Superior. A homecoming celebration too place January 29, 2022 11:00 am at Greater New Hope Baptist Church 1723 W. 44th Street North Little Rock.

## Arkansas State Highway Department

unveils new anti-litter campaign

*Found in the Daily Record*

A few months ago, the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) added new material to the *Keep It Clean*, Arkansas anti-litter campaign page on its website.

Did you know that Arkansas has the 12th largest highway system in the nation? That means more than 16,000 miles of roadway to maintain and keep litter free—that's a lot! In 2020, Keep America Beautiful released findings of its largest study on litter in America since 2009. The results showed that more than 50 billion pieces of litter land on American roadways each year. Of those 50 billion pieces, 26 billion pieces ended up along the waterways while 24 billion pieces remained on the roadside. That's more than 2,000 pieces of litter per mile.

**For Arkansas, that's an average of 32 million pieces of litter annually.**

### Adopt-A-Highway

In 1987, the Arkansas Highway Commission signed into action the Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH). This program allows individuals, groups, businesses, etc., to volunteer and help keep Arkansas' roadways clean. Despite these efforts, we still have a litter problem. In 2021, even during a pandemic, more than 1,900 AAH volunteers spent 1,890 hours collecting more than 3,000 bags of trash. ARDOT spent an additional \$4.3 million collecting 46,854 cubic yards of trash. Picking up the trash is not the problem—LITTERING is!

For more information on Adopting a Highway, visit [idrivearkansas.com](http://idrivearkansas.com).

### Is It That Serious?

Bottom line: litter is trashy. It doesn't belong on our roadways. Even the smallest things take time to decompose. A plastic water bottle takes 450 years to break down. If you toss a soda can, stick around for 200 years and it will still



be there. Cigarette butts may be small, but they take 10 years to decompose because of the chemicals used to make them (and don't forget about their toxic substances that pollute the soil).

### What Can You Do?

It's simple: recycle when that's an option, but if not, throw trash away properly. Tell your friends and family to do the same thing. If we hold one another accountable, we can make a difference on Arkansas' Highways and our environment.

### Report Littering

# Call 866-811-1222

Whether it's on a major Interstate highway, a city street or a rural county road, you can help Keep Arkansas Beautiful by reporting people that throw trash from vehicles. A simple phone call to the Littering Hotline is all it takes to do your part. The line is open 24/7 and all reports are completely anonymous.

You will be asked to provide the date, time and location of the littering occurred. You will be asked for a description of the vehicle (make, model, color) and the license plate number. Please note the item littered (cigarette butt, soda bottle, meal box, etc.) and side of the vehicle it was discarded from.

The owner of the vehicle reported will receive a letter stating litter originating from their vehicle was observed by another motorist and had a law enforcement officer witnessed this action instead, significant fines would be imposed.

For more information from ARDOT, visit [ardot.gov/keepitclean/](http://ardot.gov/keepitclean/).



## Litter and Wildlife Don't Mix

The great outdoors are just that. Great! It's a place to enjoy the views and natural areas whether on land or water.

Another great aspect of being out doors is wildlife. Whether it's deer or bunnies, quail or raccoons, we all share this beautiful planet called earth. In doing so we do have obligations to the animals and other people.

When you are driving down the road, don't throw your litter out the window...you had to buy the product. Be respectful of nature and others by keeping your trash in your vehicle and disposing of it when you reach your destination.

Cigarette butts...well, don't be a butt and through them out the window!



Cigarette butts are litter and need to be disposed of properly (that's what ashtrays are for).

When you go on a picnic or hike, plan

ahead. You may have packed some snacks and beverages...be sure you pack a trash bag so you can properly dispose of your trash and waste. Follow this rule..."Pack it in, Pack it out".

What if you are hiking and find trash...do you leave it there? Of course not! You pick it up and take it back for disposal.

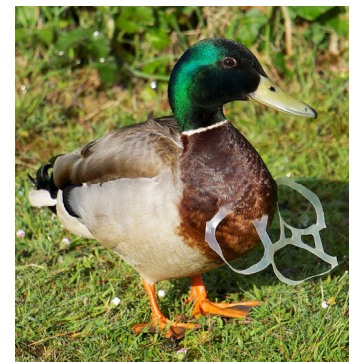
Respect all wildlife. It's important to not disturb plants or animals in nature. Observe them from a distance.

What happens to canned drink packaging, bottles or cans that are tossed along the side of the road or a trail? What about balloons that were released or float off? If you



guessed they can end up in the intestines or stuck around the neck of an animal you would be correct. Litter has caused unbearable suffering before death of many animals.

Be kind and don't litter!





## Sandwiching in History program enters 25th year!

Article found in *Arkansas Municipal League City & Town Magazine*—February 2022

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has announced the 2022 Sandwiching in History Tour schedule. This is the 25th anniversary of the program, part of the education and outreach efforts of the AHPP. Tours will be virtual and run at noon, typically on the first Friday of each month, on the AHPP's social media channels. For a full list of where to watch visit [ArkansasPreservation.com](http://ArkansasPreservation.com).

The 2022 lineup includes:

**March 4**—Engelberger House, North Little Rock



**July 8**—Orval E. Faubus House, Huntsville

**August 5**—Fraternal Section, Oakland and Fraternal Historic Cemetery Park, Little Rock



**September 9**—Historic Downtown Conway



**April 1**—La Petite Rouche (The "Little Rock"), Little Rock



**October 7**—Petit Jean State Park Civilian Conservation Corps Structures—Morrilton

**May 6**—Camp Ouachita Girl Scout Camp Historic District of Lake Sylvia Recreation Area, Perryville

**June 3**—Huddleston Store and McKinzie Store (Lum and Abner Jot 'Em Down Store), Pine Ridge



**November 4**—Historic Climber Motor Car Factory, Unit A, Little Rock



**December 2**—Camp Robinson World War II German Prisoner of War Camp, North Little Rock

For more information about the Sandwiching in History Tour program, contact Ashley Sides, preservation outreach coordinator, at 501-324-9789 or [Ashley.sides@arkansas.gov](mailto:Ashley.sides@arkansas.gov).

**Laman and Argenta Branch Library Events:**

**New Library Hours** - Argenta Branch hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Beginning the week of March 14, Main Branch hours are: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays to Thursdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Laman Reads Challenge 2022** - Stretch yourself a little this year with our monthly reading challenge! We encourage everyone to read a book from the featured category, so by the end of the year, we'll have all broadened our reading horizons. This month, the challenge is to select something from any year of the Women's Prize for Fiction Longlist. Enter to win at either branch or online at [lamanlibrary.org](http://lamanlibrary.org). Watch for the April 6 Facebook LIVE drawing at noon, when we'll give away gift cards and other swag. Plus, we'll draw for a Grand Prize Kindle Fire tablet at the end of the year.

Visit our calendar at [lamanlibrary.org](http://lamanlibrary.org) for a complete list of our events.

**Argenta Branch's Superhero STEAM Team** - Incorporate literacy and science, technology, engineering, art, and math into fun and creative superhero-themed activities from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, March 1, 15, and 29.

**Zumba with Katie** - The ultimate dance-fitness party that beats a boring old workout any day! Main Branch hosts a free class every Monday afternoon in March from 4 to 5 p.m.

**Sweet & Savory Seuss Snacks** - Argenta Branch Library Youth Services celebrates Read Across America Day with cooking demonstrations between 3 and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2.

**Dr. Seuss's Super Seuss-Tastic Birthday Week** - Celebrate with the Main Branch Children's Department from 3 to 5 p.m. the entire first week of March.

**Six Bridges Watercolor Group's Water Works Exhibit** - The collective and individual explorations of Stephen Lanford, Laura Remmel Powers, Kaye Ridings, Kathy Kemp, Suzzette Patterson, Rita Friend, Sage Arnold, Cheryl Hughes, Beth Darr, Joyce Steen, Marsha Pratt, and Bonnie Moody continues with free admission at Argenta Branch through March 10.

**Storytimes** - Join us at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at Main Branch and 10:30 Thursday mornings at Argenta Branch for stories, songs, and lot of fun!

**Hump Day Movies at Argenta Branch** - Join us at 1 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of every month for a free movie and snack. Black Widow (PG-13) is March 2, and Apache Junction (R) is March 16.

**English Conversation Club** - Native speakers and language learners are invited to attend the first Thursday of every month (March 3) from 10 to 11 a.m. at Main Branch. This service is in partnership with Seis Puentes Hispanic Outreach and the Pulaski County Special School District.

**Laman Movie Club** - Enjoy and discuss a variety of films beginning at 10 a.m. on Fridays @ the Main Branch. This month, we turn our attention to action flicks with Hacksaw Ridge March 4, The Call of the Wild March 11, Harriet March 18, and Hidden Figures on March 25.

Join us for the **52nd Annual Mid-Southern Watercolorists Juried Exhibition Awards and Opening Reception** on March 4 at the Main Branch. The ceremony with 15 monetary honors, including for the first time an Abstract category, begins at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. The exhibit continues with free admission in the library's second-floor gallery through April 29.

**Paint and Sip** - Children and Teens get creative from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, and 30 in Argenta Branch Youth Services.

**E-Reader Workshop** - From library apps to individualized issues, we can help you get the most from your device at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, in the Main Branch Lecture Hall.

**Free ACT Prep Session** - Teens can get more comfortable with the test or pick up skills that might increase their scores at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, in the Main Branch Teen Center.

**Facebook Fridays** - We interview community members and local authors at 4 p.m. every week. The segments stay up on our page for you to enjoy any time. On March 11, author Amelia Loken weaves stories and embroiders the truth with *Unravel*, her new YA novel. Then on March 25, Rhona Weaver tells us more about her debut novel, *A Noble Calling*. Set amid the stunning landscape of Yellowstone National Park, this first book of the FBI Yellowstone Adventure series, is a story of suspense and intrigue centered on a young man seeking redemption and his true identity.

**Dormant Realms at Argenta Branch Library** - Meet artist Brian Wolf and discuss his work during the Opening Reception and Third-Friday ArtWalk from 5 to 8 p.m. on March 18. The exhibit continues with free admission through April 7.

**Monday Mystery Book Club** - Join the Main Branch discussion of Tasha Alexander's *And Only to Deceive* from 11 a.m. to noon on March 14.

**Free 8-week American Sign Language Class** - Learn the basics at Main Branch from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays beginning March 17.

**Magic for Muggles** - Main Branch hosts a special hour of Harry Potter fun every day during Spring Break. We'll make Wizarding Bags and Magical Potion Cups, play Wizarding Games, and enjoy Butter Beer and a Magical Feast at 11 a.m. on March 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.

**Free Marbled Egg Workshop** - Attend the Crafty Creations class at 1 p.m. on March 24 or request a take-home craft packet from the Main Branch.

**Quilt Block of the Month** - We'll share quilting tips and tricks with free monthly lessons in the Main Branch Makerspace. Quilters of all skill levels are welcome! This is great way to develop or polish your sewing skills and have something beautiful in the end. All the necessary supplies are provided. The next session is 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30.

**March Birthdays**

Stacy Purdy	Laman	2	Jasmine Roberts	Laman	5
Susan Shirley	Laman	17			

**March Anniversaries**

Shelbie Reed	Laman	6 Years
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**Peddlers Permit  
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**  
Issued: **1/3/2022**  
Expires: **4/4/2022**



Sex: Male  
Eyes: Brown  
Hair: Dun  
Height: 15 hands  
Employer: **Equine sunglasses**  
Type of Goods Sold: **Sunglasses for horses**

City Clerk and Treasurer Diane Whitbey  
By: **SAMPLE ONLY—  
only valid with signature**

Deputy City Clerk / Treasurer, Revenue

To see a list of issued permits, visit the city website at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov), then click on City Clerk/Treasurer, followed by Licensed Peddlers.

To see an individual ID/Permit, click on the person's name. All licensed door to door peddlers are **required to have the ID issued by the City Clerk's Office with them at all times.**

**Currently, we have NO permitted door to door solicitors.**

***All 2021 North Little Rock Business/Privilege License/Permits expire December 31, 2021. License holders have until March 31, 2022 to renew. Renewals after April 1, 2022 will be subject to a 25% penalty.***

***Renewal invoices/letters were mailed December 30, 2021. If you did not receive a renewal by mid-January, please contact the City Clerk's Office at [CityClerkOffice@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:CityClerkOffice@nlr.ar.gov)***

***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.

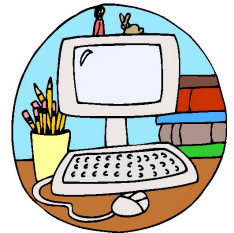
**For more information, call 501-371-0755 or email [nlrhistory@comcast.net](mailto:nlrhistory@comcast.net).**

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

### Information on the Internet

*Found in NLR Neighborhood News Volume 6, Number 26*

John Landgraf said. "Information technology and the internet are rapidly transforming almost every aspect of our lives—some for the better; some for the worse."



**Pagis.org** is the Pulaski Area

Geographical Information System. This site can show the ownership records of properties in the county. Go to [pagis.org](http://pagis.org) and click on "Outline Mapping". Then click on "Land Ownership Application". This should bring up a map of the county. In the left hand corner under Land Ownership is a box saying "Find address, street, or intersection". In that box put the address you are interested in. Click the magnifying glass to start your search and it will list addresses for what you specified. Look at the list and click on the address you are looking for with a North Little Rock zip code.

At this stage you would see a map with streets and house numbers and building outlines and the house you are searching for should have a box over it that is labeled "search result". If you click on the building, it will bring up a new box that is titled "Parcels". Sometimes this box will have the ownership information you are interested in. Sometimes there will be a triangle pointing to the right at the top of the box. If there is a triangle, you may click on that and it will take you to the ownership information. You will be able to see the Owner's Name and address. In some cases, there will be a box for "More info" in the URL line. If you click on that, you may find information on the original platting of the property. Sometimes you will find information listed at the [ARCounty/Data.com](http://ARCounty/Data.com) site that will list the owner, mailing address, parcel number, estimated values, and a history of past sales. There may also be a picture of the property and a general blueprint of the house's layout.

**Arcountydata.com** is also another helpful resource.

From the page, you select the county you want to search. You can then search by property owner (last name), street number, street name, number and address or parcel numbers.

## ***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](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov).

The City Council Agenda can be found at [www.nlr.ar.gov](http://www.nlr.ar.gov), then click on the Government tab, followed by Council Agenda.

## **City Offices located at 120 Main**

IS/Data Processing, Kathy Stephens	975-8820
Finance, Ember Strange	975-8802
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, Terrell Milton	975-8888

### **City Council Members**

Ward 1	Debi Ross Nathan Hamilton	753-0733 952-7679
Ward 2	Linda Robinson Maurice Taylor	945-8820 690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter Ron Harris	804-0928 758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight Jane Ginn	758-8396 749-5344

### **Utility Payment Assistance and Other Numbers**

Central AR Development Council.....	501-603-0909
Little Rock Catholic Charities...	501-664-0640 ext 459
Saint Francis House.....	501-664-5036
Watershed.....	501-378-0176
Helping Hand of Arkansas.....	501-372-4388
River City Ministries.....	501-376-6694
Arkansas Metro.....	501-420-3824
Arkansas Food Bank.....	501-565-8121
American Red Cross.....	501-748-1021
Salvation Army.....	501-374-9296

### **Other Elected Officials**

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

### **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	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Arnessa Bennett	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-442-7406
LaKaisha Shelby	

### **North Little Rock Curbside Recycling schedule for the month of February**



Feb 28 to Mar 4, recycle  
***Mar 7 to 11, no pickup***  
 Mar 14 to 18, recycle  
***Mar 21 to 25, no pickup***  
 Mar 28 to Apr 1, recycle



## *March Anniversaries*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
ERWIN, GARY W	AIRPORT	6	O'DELL, CHARLES	PARKS MAINT	5
JONES, PATRICIA S	ANIMAL CONTROL	27	MARTIN, DELVIN DESHAWN	PARKS MAINT	4
KABAT, ANITA D	ANIMAL CONTROL	9	SHUMPERT, JAMES D	PARKS MAINT	3
BREEN, JOSEPH B	COURT I	10	HENSON, REGINA R	PARKS REC	35
MEADOWS, DONELL	COURT I	5	WILBON, KATRINA R	PARKS REC	34
PRICE, RUTH L	COURT II	17	CARTER, TALON	PARKS REC	5
POZZA, RICHARD J	ELECTRIC	24	BANKS, VERTINA	PHHSCC	4
GREGORY, LANA L	ELECTRIC	24	VANG, BRUCE	PHHSCC	3
HALSEY, JACKIE L	ELECTRIC	24	SPENCER, SHAWN A	PLANNING	20
HOUSTON, JAMES C	ELECTRIC	20	BOWERS, JOSHUA A	PLANNING	3
NICHOLAS, CHRISTOPHER L	ELECTRIC	17	KELLEY, SCOTTIE L	PLANNING	3
HARRIS RAY, CHRISTOPHER A	ELECTRIC	17	MERLO, MICHAEL L	POLICE	25
WILSON, JAMES B	ELECTRIC	15	KING, JEN-CHUAN	POLICE	25
DUNLAP, MARTIN W	ELECTRIC	6	GARRETT, PATRICK D	POLICE	25
SADLER, LEEANN	EMERGENCY SERVICES	13	GANN, CHRIS A	POLICE	25
ANDERSON, KYRA N	EMERGENCY SERVICES	4	ALSTON, JOHN M	POLICE	25
CALVIN, LATOYA J	EMERGENCY SERVICES	2	BLEVINS, MICHAEL W	POLICE	22
BONNER, AMANDA M	FINANCE	22	LACY, DENISE G	POLICE	22
HARPER, SHELIA R	FINANCE	3	FORNEY, JOSHUA D	POLICE	22
POUNDERS, JOHN P	FIRE	37	THOMAS, MATTHEW C	POLICE	21
TUCKER, GERALD F	FIRE	32	CRAIG, REBA D	POLICE	20
EVANS, STEPHEN D	FIRE	32	CROWDER, JON M	POLICE	20
ALBERS, RICKY D	FIRE	32	HALEY, DANIEL S	POLICE	19
MUNDY, BENJAMIN G	FIRE	31	CUPPS, ROBERT O	POLICE	19
DIXON, MATTHEW R	FIRE	31	KINKAID, BRYAN D	POLICE	18
JONES, BILLY E	FIRE	28	EDWARDS, LUCAS A	POLICE	4
HENDERSON, AARON M	FIRE	11	STEWART, NICHOLAS T	POLICE	4
DURAN, DANTANIEL L	FIRE	11	BLAND, TIMOTHY B	POLICE	4
WORTHAM, CODY J	FIRE	11	HAMBY, WILLIAM	POLICE	2
RAYMUNDO, UZIEL	FIRE	2	JOHNSON, MICHAEL V.	POLICE	2
STOUT, KEVIN COLBY	FIRE	2	LAWRENCE, TYLER	POLICE	2
HOWARD, RANDALL L.	FIRE	2	LOOPER, CODY	POLICE	2
GAUSS, TYREE	FIRE	2	WILBOURN, DAVID C	PUBLIC WORKS	11
ANDERSON, BETTY L	HR	21	GUNN III, WALTER G	PUBLIC WORKS	10
MAXEY, BRECK R	IT	28	PRIDMORE, RICKY L	SANITATION	11
BARBER, JOHN R	IT	19	RODGERS, DAVID V	SANITATION	8
MILLER, MARIE-BERNARDE	LEGAL	6	LEE, CLIFFORD E	STREET	8
FIELDS, AMY	LEGAL	5	ELLIOTT, ERIC D	STREET	2
MORGAN, YESENIA	PARKS ADMIN	3	BLANTON, ANGELA R	STREET	2
BRYANT, JAMIE	PARKS CONCESSIONS	5	JERNIGAN, EDWARD E	STRET	15
BARENTINE, RONALD E	PARKS GOLF	8			

## *March Birthdays*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Date</b>
KEATHLEY, ROBERT	CODE	1	JORDAN, MICHAEL	FIRE	17
THOMPSON, MICHAEL	FIRE	1	WELCH, CHANDLER	PARKS GOLF	17
EVANS, BENJAMIN	FIRE	1	GARDNER, OMAR	PARKS MAINT	17
HOPE, IAN	PARKS MAINT	1	HUMPHRIES, TODD	POLICE	17
BUTLER BEAN, FELECIA	PARKS REC	2	USSERY, SHELLEY	CITY CLERK	18
MITCHEM, MORRELL	PARKS REC	3	POOLE, DENNIS	FIRE	18
HEISER, DAVID	TRAFFIC	3	GARRINGER, DONALD	FIRE	18
HORSLEY, FARRAH	ELECTRIC	4	USSERY, BRANDON	FIRE	18
BRADLEY, CHRISTOPHER	FIRE	4	FISHER, JON	POLICE	18
SMIATEK, SHANNON	AIRPORT	5	GIPSON, COEDY	FIRE	19
PHILLIPS JR, JERRY	PARKS MAINT	5	BRYANT, JAMIE	PARKS CONCESSIONS	19
CROSS, JUSTIN	POLICE	5	JONES, ALYSON	PLANNING	19
GATES, COLLIN	POLICE	5	TUBBS, MARK	POLICE	19
BRUCKS, SAMUEL	POLICE	6	TAYLOR, BECKY	CITY CLERK	21
ALLEN, AMANDA	ANIMAL CONTROL	8	FORD, LAJAVION	PARKS CONCESSIONS	22
SMITH, BRODY	FIRE	8	WARD, JUSTIN	ELECTRIC	23
BARNES JR, HERMAN	PHHSCC	8	EVANS, STEPHEN	FIRE	24
CARTER, JARROD	FIRE	9	DENISON, JOHN	PARKS MAINT	24
SHIELDS, STEPHEN	PARKS GOLF	9	COMMONS, LILLIE	POLICE	24
ALMON, WARREN	FIRE	10	MIDDLETON, WILLIAM	STREET	24
MAULDIN, ROBERT	HR	10	MIDDLETON, DEBORAH	COURTS I	25
WEBB, HEIDI	POLICE	10	JAMESON, JAY	PARKS GOLF	25
SPARKMAN, EMILY	POLICE	10	BURKS, CINDY	EMERGENCY SERVICES	26
MARION, MARCUS	STREET	10	WARD, PATRICK	POLICE	26
SPENCER, LESLIE	SANITATION	11	KIMES JR, NATHAN	POLICE	27
SMITH, JOHN	STREET	11	WILLIS, CRYSTAL	COMMERCE	28
ROBINSON, DAVID	FIRE	12	AMBROSE-LLOYD, DOMINIQUE	ELECTRIC	28
HARLAN, TRENT	FIRE	12	MCEUEN, ELLISA	POLICE	28
BEASTON, RICHARD	POLICE	12	CAPLINGER, JEFFREY	PARKS SPEC PROJECTS	29
TEMPLE, JOHN	POLICE	12	EVERETT, THOMAS	TRAFFIC	29
HADDOCK, TYSON	FIRE	13	KINCAID JR, WILLIAM	ELECTRIC	30
ROE, JASON	FIRE	15	RAY, VINCENT	POLICE	30
JOSEPH, MARK	PARKS GOLF	15	HELTON, CARMEN	POLICE	30
SEEWALD, JESSICA	POLICE	15	BOWIE, TYLER	AIMM	31
WOOLF, JACK	ELECTRIC	16	PERALTA, MAGDALENA	HR	31
KNIFE, JASON	FIRE	16	MCGOWAN, SEAN	POLICE	31

*Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by Human Resources the prior year (i.e. 2022 was provided in 2021). 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 21 years. My total service with the city is 31 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)*