

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

July 2021

It's time to remind all residents of North Little Rock (and visitors too) that Fireworks are ILLEGAL within the city limits of North Little Rock.

Ordinance 7327 was adopted December 11, 2000. In it is the following language:

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance 7167, amending Ordinance No. 6175, is hereby amended by the following:

(d) Page 195, §2002.2 shall be amended to read:

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



No parent or guardian of a minor shall furnish money or a thing of value to a minor for the purchase of fireworks or encourage, act in conjunction with or in any manner instigate or aid a minor in the commission of having, keeping, storing, selling, offering for sale, giving away, using, transporting or manufacturing fireworks within the corporate limits of the city. The violation of this section shall be an offense regardless of whether or not the minor shall be charged or found guilty of the offense. The commission of the offense by the minor on the property under the control or owned by the parent or guardian shall be prima facie proved that the parent or guardian aided the minor.

The fine or penalty for violating this provision, upon conviction in municipal court, shall be not less than twenty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00).

The 37th Annual Pops On the River event will be held July 4, 2021 in downtown Little Rock (from 3 to 9 p.m.).

However, the northern banks of the Arkansas River (yes, I mean North Little Rock) are a great place to set up a lawn chair and watch the fireworks!

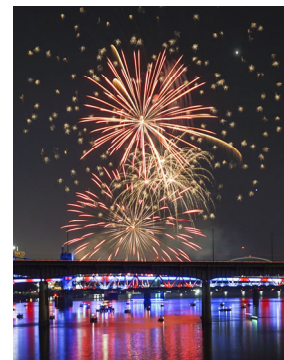
Pops on the River is a FREE patriotic event AND is THE largest Fourth of July event in the state as more than 30,000 are expected to attend various event.

The roots of this event are a focus on family-friendly environment complete with fantastic food, fireworks, and music by the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

The official beginning of the event will be at 3 p.m. in the River Market area of downtown Little Rock with a marketplace for shopping, food trucks and entertainment for all ages.

There will be special discounts for active and retired military.

Entertainment inside the First Security Amphitheater will include live music by local acts. Fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. and are shot off the Main Street Bridge.



"Where's Mel"? Mel has been in hiding the past couple of months...but this month he's back! Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us where he's hiding and win a prize! (Only 1 win per year!)

North Little Rock Animal Services

For more information call 501-791-8577

Tips to reduce fireworks anxiety in pets

Found at veterinarypracticenews.com

While the Fourth of July and its inevitable fireworks may be more than a week away, many pet owners are already dreading their pet's heightened anxiety.

What's more, preholiday fireworks have already been rattling the country, with Chicago seeing a 700 percent jump in noise complaints this year as compared to 2019, and Boston reporting a 2,300 percent increase, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) says.

"Even pets that are not usually sensitive to loud sounds and noise can become extremely stressed due to the sound of fireworks," says association president, John Howe, DVM. "It's hard not to feel helpless when you see them shaking and panting and so obviously distressed, but with a little advance planning and preparation, you can ease pets' anxiety and help get them through this time."

To that end, AVMA has published eight tips veterinarians can share with clients to help keep pets calm amidst the pyrotechnics.

Get some exercise

Besides being a healthy thing to do, taking dogs out for play and exercise earlier in the day can help burn off extra energy, which limits their anxiety later and helps them rest more soundly.

Make sure their ID tag is up to date

Be certain your pet has up-to-date identification tags and their microchip has your correct contact information.



Give them a safe space

Keep pets indoors. Cats often feel most secure in a covered spot that is elevated off



the ground, like a hut in an indoor cat tree, while dogs might need help finding a place to retreat. Try to find a spot in the quietest, most secure room possible to put your dog's crate or bed. Keep windows and curtains closed to further muffle sounds.

Dress for success

Some pets seem to feel more secure in snug-fitting shirts designed specifically to comfort them during loud events.

Lead by example

Pets might look to humans to see how we are reacting and, thus, could be influenced by our behavior, so remain calm during fireworks. Try not to react too strongly to your pets' distress.

Block out scary sounds

White noise, music, or television can be used to provide comfortable, familiar sounds that muffle the frightening, surprising noise of fireworks.

Bring out the toys

Introducing new toys and treats might be all the distraction a pet needs during fireworks. Likewise, food puzzles and long-lasting treats can keep them occupied.

Consult with a veterinarian

If the problem persists or seems insurmountable, pet owners should consult with their veterinarian about a plan that may include further behavior modification and/or medical intervention.

Below are examples of Pet IDs both found at Amazon.com. The internet is full of ID cards that range from the one on the right, to a tag.



Stressed pets might look for any opportunity to escape the noise, and having updated identification can ensure they will get home safely if they run away.




Need a new addition to your family?
Call 501-791-8577
...we've got the perfect companion.

Our shelter is full of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in need of a forever home. Please consider adopting a shelter pet for your next pet.

Please Don't Litter
Spay or Neuter
Your Critter




Support spaying and neutering in Arkansas by getting your own Arkansas Specialty Please Spay or Neuter License Plate at any State Revenue Office.



North Little Rock Fire Department



The Fourth of July falls on a weekend this year, which means a lot of folks will be heading to their favorite lake, campsite or beach for a little R&R and family fun! Part of that fun may include sitting around a campfire. Below are some fire safety recommendations found at nfpa.org.

Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

FACT: Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.

Safety Around the Fire

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with the local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn (like your tent or camper).
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy days, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch on fire, **STOP, DROP, AND ROLL**. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Seek medical help if needed.



Roast With Care

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a fly-ing, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

Easy Campfire (or grill) Recipe

Low Country Shrimp Foil Packs

Found at southernkitchen.com/recipes/main-dish/foil-packet-low-country-boil

- 1 lb small red potatoes, scrubbed and quartered
- 1 pound large shell-on shrimp, deveined
- 12 ounces smoked sausage, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 4 ears yellow corn, shucked and halved (or use frozen on cob)
- 4 tsp Old Bay™ seasoning
- 1 lemon thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup white wine



Place potatoes in a medium saucepan and cover with cold water. Simmer over medium heat until potatoes are fork tender. Strain away water and cool potatoes.

Tear off eight large sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil, approximately 18 inches, and stack into four double-sided sheets. Evenly divide potatoes, corn, shrimp and sausage, and place in the center of each piece. Season the contents of each pile with 1 teaspoon of Old Bay and toss to coat. Add two slices of lemon and 2 tablespoons wine to each pile, then seal the edges tightly, forming a packet.

If cooking indoors, heat the oven to 450 degrees. If cooking over a campfire, light a fire.

Place packets on a baking sheet and cook until corn is soft and shrimp are pink and opaque, 12 to 15 minutes. Alternatively, if cooking over an open fire, place packets directly into the fire and cook until corn is soft and shrimp are pink, 10 to 15 minutes, flipping halfway through the cooking process. Serve.



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

Below are highlights from May 2021 (You will see that some departments had to change operations due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Hays Center—95% of members had the COVID 19 vaccine. 4,900 members visited in May, average 158 members per day. Both pools are open along with billiards, ping pong, exercise equipment area and pickleball, knitters, Tai Chi, quilting, Walking off the Pounds, Spanish class, Line Dancing, Computer Lab and Crafting. *New activities include: Bingo, Bible Study, Piano Class, Coffee Area and Step Aerobics.* Volunteers contributed 534 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 (**reminder—do not place ANYTHING in the storm drains—they are for water runoff only!**))

Sanitation—crews continue to pickup garbage and yard waste during the pandemic. Garbage / Yard Waste crews collected 2,864.18 tons (5,728.36 lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard waste crews collected 32 loads (820.00 cubic yards) of green waste. 525 tires picked up. 5 Sanitation Code inspections and 4 re-inspections. Issued 2 notices for non-compliance and 0 citations.

Traffic—AR One Call requests—60 (*reminder—calling 1 call will save time and money (time by locating underground utility lines—money by not having to pay to repair damaged underground utility lines!*), Signs/posts repaired or replaced—465, City vehicles marked with decals—5.

Fire—Total incidents— 1,136, Unit responses-2,042, Residential fires-8, False alarms-95, Vehicle Fire-6, Rescue/Emergency Medical-548, Mutual Aid-1, Hazmat-16. Training hours: 4,040. Building surveys: 198.

Emergency/911—Incoming calls-21,787, Non-911-7,100, Wired 911-718, Abandoned 911-35, Wireless 911-13,684, Abandoned Wireless-250. Total dispatch entries: 8,790.

Planning—Inspectors traveled 3,090 miles within the city performing the following inspections: 247 HVAC, 214 Plumbing, 261 Electrical, 151 Building. Issued the following permits: 4 sign, 8 demolition, 20 New Single Family (average cost \$214,051), 73 Residential Remodel (average cost \$17,764), 1 New Commercial (average cost \$3,500,000, 0 new Multi- family.

Electric Customer Service—Payments—34,650, Collections—\$6,768,134.

Code Enforcement—Assigned calls—135, Citations—93, Violation Notices—802, Vehicles Tagged—61, Lots Posted—175, Signs Removed—0, Structures Inspected—72, Rental Inspections—26, Food Service Inspections—13, Houses Demolished by city—0, Houses Demolished by owner—6, Vacant Lots Cleaned—15, Lots with Structures Cleaned—3, Vacant Houses Secured—1,

Vacant Lots Mowed—18, Lots with Structures Mowed—3. Tires removed—0.

Animal Control—Incoming:

Dog—107/530
Cat—106/325
Other—11/28

Adopted:

Dog—28/209
Cat—24/69

Reclaimed:

Dog—14/88
Cat—1/7

Euthanized:

Dog—44/219
Cat—75/232

Service Calls—675/2,503

Citations—38/160

Vouchers (Spay/Neuter)—14/109



Parks & Rec—Staff hosted Cowart Sports Events from Houston, Texas—2 day tournament for 12 years and under girls fast pitch softball. 20 teams played at the Burns Park Softball Complex.

North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau—Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 557 visitors. Downtown RV park—649 reservations, average stay 2.10 nights. RVs from 46 states (top 5: AR, TX, FL, CA, & OK).

Electric

39,433 customers
\$6,329,269 revenue
177,979 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: 5-15-21 Entergy transmission fire near

Avondale and E H Avenue—4,717 customers out 2.5

hours. 5-17-21—tree limb on primary behind Westview

Road—2,323 customers out 1.5 hours. 5-27-21 Circuit left

on one-shot—storms that night but no cause found—

1,479 customers out 59 minutes.

Finance

Year to Date Revenue & Expenditures

as of May, 2021

Revenue

Property Taxes	2,282,731
Licenses/Permits	205,154
Fines/Forfeitures	79,970
Taxes—sales	5,757,303
Intergovernmental	55,557
Franchise fees	148,144
Charges for Services	180,190
Miscellaneous	45,791
Interest Income	11,012
Net Transfers	(657,722)
Total Revenue	\$8,108,130

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Last month, City Clerk Diane Whitbey gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Mark Hall. Mr. Hall was recently appointed to Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

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Expenditures	
Administration	106,228
Animal Shelter	48,663
Special Appropriations	237,092
City Clerk	33,430
Emergency Services	136,614
Finance	73,231
Public Safety-Fire	1,241,803
Health	8,479
Legal	50,978
1st Court	45,962
2nd Court	40,522
Human Resources	62,379
Commerce	24,686
Planning	93,107
Public Safety-Police	1,845,206
Code Enforcement	69,980
Public Works	87,027
Neighborhood Services	19,504
Sanitation	425,817
Vehicle Maintenance	101,190
Senior Citizens Center	63,377
Communications	7,023
Fit 2 Live	12,546
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,834,844

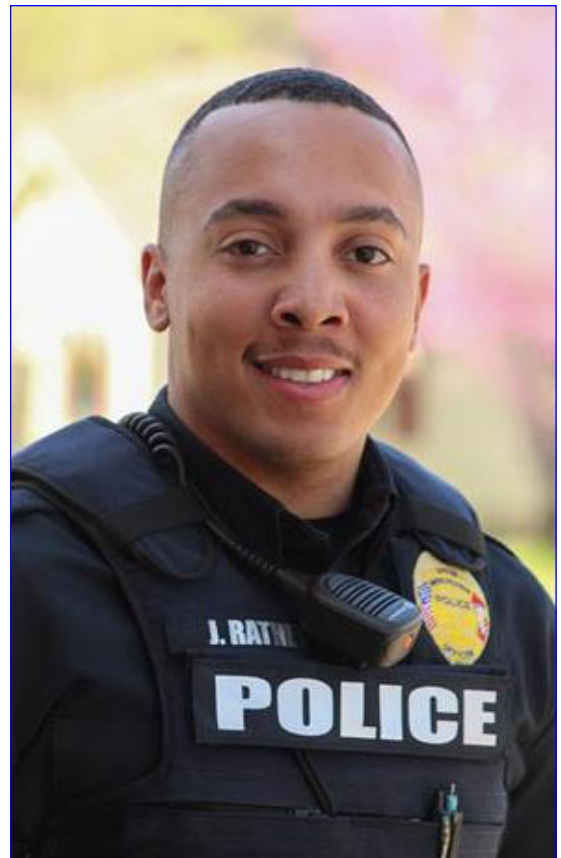
Mayor Names Liaison to the Unsheltered Community

Thursday (June 17, 2021, 3 pm)...North Little Rock Police Officer Jhailan Rathey was recently named as the Liaison to the Unsheltered Community for the City of North Little Rock by Mayor Terry Hartwick.

“Jhailan has a passion for working with our unsheltered community and I believe he will do a wonderful job coordinating and utilizing individuals and re-

sources in our community,” shared Mayor Hartwick. Chief Patrick Thessing of the North Little Rock Police Department shared, *“Over the years we have witnessed a steady increase in the number of unsheltered individuals and families in the City of North Little Rock. Due to this increase, we wanted to find a way to help build relationships and provide assistance to those who are unsheltered who call North Little Rock their home.”*

Rathey, a lifetime North Little Rock resident, has worked as both a Crisis Negotiator and Field Training Officer. During his five years of service, Officer Rathey has received two Life-Saving Awards and has been named Officer of the Month. Officer Rathey will engage the unsheltered community to help facilitate access to resources they may need, as well as build relationships with our local business leaders and other available resources. Always interacting with caution, Officer Rathey will also communicate and secure assistance for individuals with specific, unique needs. If you would like to be included as a resource, please email Officer Rathey, jhailan.rathey@nlrpolice.org, or contact him at (501) 975-8780. For more information, please contact Shara Brazear, Director of Communications for the City of North Little Rock at 501-351-2714 or sbrazear@nlr.ar.gov



The North Little Rock Planning Department recently provided a flyer as a reference for residential contractors and owners. To learn more, visit our website at nlr.ar.gov, or see below.

PERMITS

What work requires a permit at my house or rental property?

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|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| ◇ New construction | ◇ Roofs | ◇ Pools | ◇ Plumbing | ◇ Decks |
| ◇ Retaining walls | ◇ Remodels | ◇ Electrical | ◇ Fences | ◇ Solar Panels |
| ◇ Additions | ◇ Repairs | ◇ Accessory buildings | ◇ HVAC | ◇ Demolition |

Who can apply for a permit? The property owner or a licensed contractor.

A property owner is defined as the person or entity to whom property tax is assessed, as shown on the latest assessment roll of Pulaski County.

A contractor must have a current bond with the City of NLR, a current business license (issued within the state of Arkansas), and a state license. Only a licensed plumber can apply for a plumbing permit, only a licensed electrician can apply for an electrical permit and only a licensed mechanical contractor can apply for a HVAC permit.

What I need to apply for a permit to build a house? Before applying for a building permit, contact City Engineer's office at 501-371-8339 for driveway and storm water permits.

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| ◇ Site plan & building elevations | ◇ Driveway / curb cut permit |
| ◇ Permit fee | ◇ Storm water permit |

How long will it take for the Planning Department to issue the permit? Once all of the required information has been submitted correctly to planning, permits are issued in one business day.

Is there a cost for a building permit? There is a minimum building permit fee of \$30. Most building permit fees are based on the value of the work. You can call the permit desk at (501) 975-8835 in advance of applying, communicate the estimated value of the project or the square footage to determine the cost.

How long is my permit valid?

New construction: valid for one (1) year, you must begin within 180 days of issuance.

- ◇ Repair/remodel: valid for 180 days.
- ◇ Fire Rehab: valid for 90 days.
- ◇ Demo: valid for 30 days.
- ◇ Permit is invalid with six (6) months of inactivity. All permits begin the date of issuance.

What happens if I work without a permit?

If work is being done **without a permit, an inspector will put a "stop work" order** on the property until the appropriate permits are obtained.

If electrical, plumbing, and/or HVAC work that requires an inspection has been covered by drywall or is otherwise inaccessible, it will have to be made accessible for inspection. The permit fee would then be three times the normal fee associated with the work.

If the work continues without a permit, a citation with a court date will be issued.



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Approval

A site plan is required for new construction, additions, accessory buildings, fences, retaining walls, solar panels, pools, and decks. The site plan must show the project is in compliance with the City's Zoning Ordinance with regards to size and location.

Other information you will need to communicate to the permit desk includes the value of the work, description of the work, and address of the property.

If you are pulling a permit as the homeowner and if Pulaski County shows a different individual as the owner, or if the owner is listed as a corporation or a trust, then you must provide proof you own the property.

If the project is located in the Argenta Historic District, before applying for a permit from the Planning Department, you must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the North Little Rock Historic District Commission.

Phone number: (501) 371-0755

Contact NLR Planning staff at (501) 975-8835 for questions regarding rules in the Zoning Ordinance.

Inspections

When do I need an inspection? New construction, additions, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC work.

Workmanship standards: The permit holder shall perform all work in a professional manner and the work shall be performed in accordance with any applicable construction codes and professional industry standards.

How do I schedule an inspection? Contact the permit desk at (501) 975-8835.

Contractors may also use the online system found at www.bsasonline.com. Contact the permit desk for information on how to register for the online system. When you schedule an inspection, it will be for the next business day.

What happens if I fail an inspection? 1.) Contact the Permit Desk at (501) 975-8835 to have the inspection report emailed to you or to speak with the inspector for information on why the work did not pass; and 2) Schedule and pay for a re-inspection once the work is corrected.

Which codes apply in North Little Rock?

2012 AR Fire Prevention Code

2006 AR State Plumbing Code

2010 AR State Mechanical Code

American National Standards Institute - 117 Standard

2017 National Electrical Code

2006 AR State Fuel Gas Code

2010 American Disability Act

NLR Municipal Code - Chapter 4

Minimum permit fee: \$30

Re-inspection: \$40

Inspection: \$25

Swimming pools: \$50

Consultation: \$40

Fence: \$30

Accessory structures, remodels, decks: Value of project multiplied by \$.006; a minimum of \$30.

New Construction: \$.20 per square foot under roof; a minimum of \$250.

Additions to existing structure, causing an increase of area under roof - \$.20/SF under roof, minimum \$75.

Did you also know that all businesses doing business within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to get a Zoning Permit before applying for a Business/Privilege License. Zoning laws and ordinances regulate how communities and governments direct the development of real estate. The sole purpose of zoning laws is to protect the welfare of people in a community as it relates to land use.

Zoning laws contain specific requirements for building (or use of an existing structure) within a certain zone of the city. Some include things like setbacks, easements, lot coverage ratio and building coverage, floor area ratio and building height.

Another purpose for zoning laws is to separate residential properties from commercial properties. This can influence the prices of real estate. Rezoning often spurs population growth. The city council recently authorized the rezoning of property located along North Maple, North Magnolia and North Poplar Streets. This will allow for an area which contains mixed use for live-work and commercial uses.

If you have questions about zoning and/or use of a specific location, please contact the City Planning Department at 501-975-8835.



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: **4/2/2021**
Expires: **9/30/2021**



EXAMPLE

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

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

Deputy City Clerk / Treasurer, Revenue

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

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

Currently, we have NO permitted door to door solicitors.

All North Little Rock Business/Privilege License/Permit renewals were due March 31, 2021.

Beginning July 1, 2021, penalties on all unpaid accounts will be an additional 50% of the total due.

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



The Friends of NLR History continue to raise money for a project **KEEPING THE PAST PRESENT**. Funds will be used to create a new interactive, state-of-the-art, museum experience with permanent and temporary/changeable exhibits.

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

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

Operating a Business in North Little Rock

If you have decided to open a business in North Little Rock (NLR), we are glad you will be a partner in the development of our wonderful city. We also want to take the time to provide some basic information for all business operators.

1. The NLR City Council requires all persons conducting business of any kind in our city to have a current Business/Privilege License/Permit.
2. The NLR City Council requires all persons wishing to operate a business in our city to obtain a zoning certificate. This ensures that the type of business to be operated corresponds with the current zoning of the location. (This applies to home-based businesses as well).
3. NLR Business/Privilege License/Permits must be renewed annually. All License/Permits run from January 1 thru December 31. Some new accounts opened within the calendar year may be prorated (quarterly).
4. Hotels, Motels, Home Vacation Rentals, Restaurants and Food Trucks are also subject to an Advertising and Promotion (A&P) tax to be collected at the point of sale and remitted monthly to the A&P Commission.
5. The majority of businesses will be subject to the General Sales and Use Tax.
6. The business may also be subject to certain County taxes and should contact the Pulaski County Assessor's Office.
7. Businesses operating in the city are subject to inspection by the North Little Rock Fire Department to ensure they are in compliance with the Fire Code.
8. Businesses must have prior approval for signage (not allowed for home-based businesses).
9. Some businesses (restaurants, food trucks, day cares, etc.) may also require a State Health inspection prior to obtaining a business license.
10. All businesses selling alcoholic beverages must have a State Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC) License before selling any of these products.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk/Treasurer's Office at 501-975-8617 or email CityClerkOffice@nlr.ar.gov.

North Little Rock City Council Schedule

The North Little Rock City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at **6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers in City Hall (300 Main Street, North Little Rock).

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 501-975-8617 or email Diane Whitbey at Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov.

The City Council Agenda can be found at www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Government tab, followed by Council Agenda.

City Offices located at 120 Main

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.....	501-975-8777

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling
schedule for the month of July



June 28—July 2
July 6—10 recycle
July 12—16 no pickup
July 19—23 recycle
July 26—30 no pickup

Laman / Argenta Libraries

Our Tails and Tales Summer Reading Challenge offers prizes, programs, and virtual events for all ages through July 31.

Books, movies, and audiobooks you read, watch, or listen to all count! Registration is quick with the READSquared app, or we have personal reading logs available at both branches. Going with the app gives you access to special videos from Page Turner Adventures.

Kids are invited to complete 20 of the fun Treasure Box Activity Challenges for an extra surprise. Every week, we have new Take and Make STEM Craft Kits based on different types of animals, and be sure to ask for a free Activity Book that's perfect for a car trip or afternoon at home.

Mark your calendars now and tune in with the kids at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook or the LamanLibrary YouTube channel for children's virtual events, with Animal Yoga debuting July 6 and 29, and lots of special performers! Marty Boone's Virtual Balloon Magic debuts July 13, and new Mom & Pop Musical Shows post July 14, 21, and 28. We're really looking forward to the Puppy Comedy Show, debuting July 30. Stop by either branch between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays to Fridays or visit lamanlibrary.org for details.

Teens are invited to join our Discord server at <https://discord.gg/ypZuTGt> and be on the look out for pop-up Main Branch outdoor events. Call Chance or Colby at (501) 758-1720 for details.

We're happy to announce Argenta Branch's participation in July's Third-Friday ArtWalk. Join us from 5 to 8 p.m. on July 16 to meet the artists of Humankind, a free photography exhibit in tribute to the Museum of Modern Art's 1955 exhibition The Family of Man. Humankind includes 70 pieces from Blue-Eyed Knocker Photo Clubmembers: Adams Pryor, Adrienne Taylor, Brandon Markin, Casey Sanders, Cindy Adams, Darrell Adams, Gail Arnold, James Allen, Jon Hodges, Lily Ryall, Nancy Nolan, Rachel Worthen, Rita Henry, Susan Crisp, Vince Griffin, and the group's mentor, New York photographer Matt Weber, along with writings of three Arkansas-related creative writers John Gibson, Penny Colglazier, and Susan Munden Allen.

You can stop by Main Branch to pick up a Bingo card before our Facebook LIVE Bingo Games at 2 p.m. July 1.

Enjoy Marilyn's LIVE Facebook Storytimes at 11 on Thursday mornings, and Shannan's Facebook LIVE Real Talk Storytimes help kids understand real issues at 11 a.m. on July 14 and 28.

Indulge your love of culinary adventure! Our Spice of the Month Club Kits include recipes tempting you to try the spice for yourself. Then join the discussion through lamanlibrary.org/cooking to share your impressions with virtual Fellowship & Flavor at 5 p.m. on July 26.

Walter Mosley's novel John Woman recounts the transformation of an unassuming boy's evolution into an unconventional history professor - while the legacy of a hideous crime lurks in the shadows. The book is available through hoopla and Libby, OverDrive's one-tap app, and from either branch. Share your thoughts with the Essence of Books Zoom discussion at 6 p.m. July 27. You can join through a link on the calendar at lamanlibrary.org.

Tune in for our virtual programs through social media and the LamanLibrary YouTube channel:

Get all the details about Argenta's Summer Reading Challenge during this month's Book Chat with Julie, debuting July 8. Read or listen to books in specific categories and you'll be in the running for a Book Lover's gift basket! Plus, she'll recommend a few Summertime Thrillers.

Discover NLR, our digital series exploring some of your favorite places, focuses on the NLR Animal Shelter beginning on July 26.

Get creative with our Dirty Pour Painting Butterfly Chain Pull tutorial. Like and comment on the Facebook post and you'll be entered in a drawing for this month's painting. Share the love by sharing our post!

July's Card Shop with Sari is Maker's Choice. In a technique review, she'll show you how to design your own special cards. Reserve your kit at Argenta Branch. Supplies are limited, so one kit per person please. If you aren't able to pick one up, these classes are designed to use inexpensive and household items.

Argenta's Mystery Craft Box - Call Argenta Branch at (501) 687-1061 to reserve your child's kit, and then watch the show for a fun surprise!

Shelbie creates egg carton dinosaurs in our next Recycle Craft. For Garden Craft, she creates lovely birdhouses, and with Happy Crafternoon, she'll show how to make a paper snake craft and felted dog sleeve to protect your gadgets. Cooking Classy features a delicious Savory Waffle recipe, and Baking 101 highlights tips for creating a Dinosaur Cake. Cooking on a Shoestring features flavorful Southwest Cauliflower Rice.

2021 SUMMER READING Tails & TALES CHALLENGE at Laman Library

William F. Laman Public Library System

Main Branch
2801 Orange Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114
501-758-1720

Argenta Branch
420 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114
501-687-1061

Prizes and programs for all ages. Books, DVDs, and audiobooks can all be logged in this library program. All of our summer events are online only.

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July Birthdays

TONI SANDALL Laman Library 22

July Anniversaries

COLBY SANSOM Laman Library 3 years



CALEB DEDMAN

Laman Library 7 years 10

July Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
USSERY, SHELLEY K	City Clerk/Treas	5	VELIZ PONCE, ANTHONY	Police	1
SHINN, TALOR	City Clerk/Treas	4	VANASSCHE, JACOB R	Police	1
MORGAN, SHEILA C	OES/911	12	ELROD, RUSSELL B	Code	22
CLAYTON, ANTIGUDRA L	OES/911	4	MCHENRY, FELECIA L	Code	21
SIDERS, DAVID A	Electric	42	CATES, DIANA K	Code	3
MILTON, TERRELL	Electric	16	MCCULLAR, JOHN W	Public Works	11
MCNEIL, KYLE	Electric	9	PHILLIPS, ANTHONY D	Sanitation	5
KINCAID JR, WILLIAM M	Electric	5	JOHNSON, MARCUS J	Sanitation	4
SMITH, JENA P	Electric	3	SAUERWIN, JOSHUA	Sanitation	4
JONES, RAGAN A	Electric	2	RUMMEL, ERNEST S	Street	37
BARBEE, LATEISHA D	Finance	17	NEBLING, TODD C	Street	13
TILLER, PAMELA C	Fire	28	DUNCAN, ERIC K	Street	5
TREADAWAY, MICHAEL B	Fire	23	HEISER, DAVID K	Traffic	9
GARNER, ALAN E	Fire	22	GRAY, JOHNNY L	Vehicle Maint	13
FREY, CHAD A	Fire	20	WIRT, ANGELA G	Senior Center	17
HARRINGTON, TOBY L	Fire	19	MARTIN, LINCOLN N	Senior Center	2
POE, WILLIAM B	Fire	19	BREWER, THOMAS E	Park Maint	21
STEPHENS, WESLEY T	Fire	19	HOPE, IAN P	Park Maint	8
LANKFORD, STEVEN L	Fire	18	BROOKS, BLAKE	Park Maint	4
WALKER, SEAN M	Fire	18	OWENS, ANTHONY	Park Maint	4
HOBSON, CHARLES D	Fire	17	MUNNS, RANDALL D	Park Maint	2
EISENHOWER, COREY O	Fire	13	CABIBI WILKIN, MATTHEW R	Park Maint	1
BRADSHAW, JUSTIN T	Fire	13	JACKSON, JAYLON C	Parks Rec	2
GASTON, DALTON L	Fire	8	TAYLOR, KALEB M	Parks Rec	1
WARD, JEREMY A	Fire	7	MOORE, PAMELA D	Parks Rec	1
CARTER, JARROD E	Fire	7	HAMAKER, ERIC C	Parks Rec	1
HARLAN, TRENT L	Fire	6	POWELL, TOMMY	Burns Park Golf	4
MATCHETT, MATTHEW A	Fire	6	DUNBAR, ADDISON A	Parks Concession	6
WALKER, MELANIE E	Fire	3	BALL, TATANA T	Parks Concession	2
SCALES, CASSANDRA F	1st Court	6	ROBINSON, AMYIA R	Parks Concession	1
COBBS, RAY A	1st Court	1	ALLEN, RODNEISHA	Parks Concession	1
COBURN, JEFFREY S	Police	8	HOGANSON, JOHN J	AIMM	3
STROUD, CODY LYNN	Police	7	COLLINS, PATRICK T	Fit 2 Live	2
COLLINS, JERRY L	Police	1	WOODS, LATONIA D	IT	26
JACKSON, DILLON J	Police	1	TULLOS, JOSEPH B	IT	6

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by Human Resources the prior year (i.e. 2021 was provided in 2020). 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 20 years. My total service with the city is 30 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)

July Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date
PAUL, ANITA	Admin	1	ELROD, RUSSELL	Code Enf	16
PIGHEE, JAIDEN	Parks Rec	1	MILLER, MURIEL	Parks Admin	16
JOHNSON, SHANNON	IT	1	DAVIS, WILLIAM	Fire	17
WHITLEY, JAYLA	Parks Rec	2	BREEN, JOSEPH	1st Court	17
MCEUEN, TIMOTHY	Animal Contr	3	THRELKELD, JOSHUA	Police	17
PEREZ, MARCUS	Police	3	WALKER, KENNETH	Traffic	18
DAVIDSON JR, JOHN	Street	3	MARKHAM, APRIL	Electric	19
SIMPSON, KYLE	Fire	4	TREVINO, KIMBERLY	Legal	19
MONTGOMERY, SAMUEL	Police	4	MILBY, WILLIAM	Police	19
HARRIS, ROCKY	Electric	5	TENSLEY, SHAMILLE	Police	19
ANDREWS, MICHAEL	Parks Maint	6	WALKER, TRENDIS	Parks Rec	19
SONTAG, GARY	Parks Maint	6	HICKS, CLIFFORD	Police	20
JORDAN, TAMAR	Parks Rec	7	FORTSON, STEPHEN	Fire	21
THOMAS, BRIAN	Fire	8	THOMAS, RODNEY	Police	21
GRAY, GARY	OES/911	9	MCDUGAL, JUSTIN	Vehcile Maint	21
MELTON, DAVID	Electric	9	DEDRICK, BRIAN	Police	22
ELENBAAS, JEFFREY	Police	9	DESIZLETS, JOHN	Police	22
HOOD, MARK	Police	11	WILLIAMS, CEDRIC	Code Enf	22
NICHOLS, CARLA	Police	11	ECKERT, JULIE	Police	23
ELLIOTT, ERIC	Street	13	RHODES-LAMB, BRYEN	Concessions	23
BENNETT, BRANDON	Police	14	STUART, KRISTAN	Golf	24
EDWARDS, CRAIG	Police	14	ROLLINS, KAREN	OES/911	25
MOORE III, FREDERICK	Street	14	ROSE III, JOHN	IT	26
LEE, NATHANIEL	Parks Maint	14	GENTRY, BRENDA	2nd Court	27
SMITH, KATHERINE	AIMM	14	STRONG, DARIAN	OES/911	29
CHAMNESS, STEVEN	Police	15	ADAMS, LAITH	Fire	29
KOVACH, WILLIAM	Police	15	STOUT, KEVIN	Fire	29
JERNIGAN, EDWARD	Street	15	HAWKINS, JASON	Police	29
LEWIS, JOSHUA	Parks Maint	15	NOLAND, BAILEY	Admin	29
JOHNSON, KEITH	Parks Rec	15	HOUSE, JERRICK	Parks Rec	30
MONROE, CHERI	OES/911	16	POWELL, MARGARET	Admin	31
OGINSKI, JOSHUA	Electric	16	BUSH, WILLIAM	Public Works	31
STEELE, DONALD	Police	16			

July 4th closings and collection schedules:

Monday—July 5, 2021

North Little Rock Sanitation routes will run one-day delayed all week (i.e. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday and so on...). This includes garbage, trash and green waste.

North Little Rock City Offices will be closed.

For emergencies, please call 911.

For non-emergencies, please call 501-758-1234.

For other government agencies (county, state, federal), please check their websites.

Most major **banking institutions and credit unions** will be closed, as well. To find out if your bank is open, either visit their website or call them.