

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

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By now, we all know about COVID-19...here are a few reminders of what we can do for one another to stay safe.

Strategy for preventing COVID-19 spread this winter

From Governor Asa Hutchinson
Found in City & Town,
a publication of the Arkansas Municipal League

There is a strong desire to return to normalcy as the weather cools. However, the threat of COVID-19 remains real and may even be heightened due to the recent holiday season and heightened as outdoor activities become less feasible. It's critical that Arkansans take steps that will protect the people around them in the coming months.

Masking. By now, we should all know that wearing a simple cloth face covering over your nose and mouth helps prevent spreading COVID-19 to people around you. Talking, singing, coughing and sneezing all create tiny droplets that can transmit the virus. Masks act as a barrier, decrease the spread of those tiny droplets and reduce the chances of infecting other people. Remember, you can have COVID-19 and not know it, so masks should be worn ANYTIME you are around others, even if you don't think you are sick.

Social distancing. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person. Maintaining a distance of 6 feet or

more between yourself and others goes a long way toward stopping the spread. If you are infectious and don't know it, you're less likely to infect others if you're careful about keeping your distance. Also, if you happen to encounter a person who is positive, you're less likely to catch COVID-19 if you stay at least six feet apart. This applies to situations where you are with family or friends who DO NOT LIVE in your household.

Testing. If you have any symptoms like fever, cough or shortness of breath, or you have been exposed to a person who has COVID-19, get tested. Testing is available statewide, including by appointment at local health units in every county at no cost to you. Remember, if you have symptoms or have been exposed, it's especially important to follow Arkansas Department of Health guidelines for staying at home and away from others until it's confirmed that it's safe to go back out.

Contact tracing. This is your chance to help solve the COVID-19 puzzle. If you test positive, you can help stop the chain of transmission by tracing your steps and identifying close contacts. If you have not tested position and get a call from a contact tracer, please answer them or call back. The contact tracer is calling to give you important information about a possible exposure. The numbers to watch for are 877-272-6819 and 833-283-2019.

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CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION

FOMITES



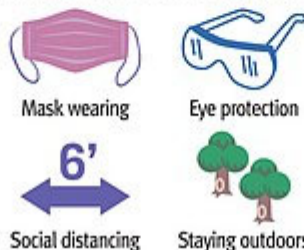
Fomites are contaminated objects and surfaces that transmit coronavirus from your hands to your eyes, nose or mouth. Fomite spread is more likely on hard, non-porous materials like metals and plastics. Regular use of hand sanitizer and vigorous hand-washing can prevent fomite spread.



DROPLETS



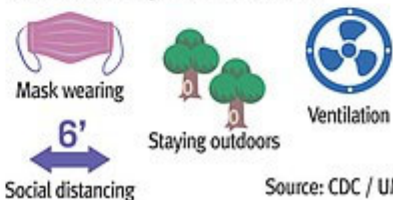
Droplets are moist particles expelled from speaking, breathing, coughing and sneezing. They are considered to be the primary vector of COVID-19 infection. Virus-bearing droplets can spread coronavirus through your eyes, nose or mouth. Droplets do not remain airborne long: 6 feet of distance limits exposure, but masks covering the mouth and nose are the best prevention.



AEROSOLS



Aerosols are tiny particulates that infected carriers exhale, especially when shouting, singing, or speaking. Aerosols are mostly inhaled as a means of transmitting the virus. Unlike droplets, aerosols can remain airborne for several hours, can travel further than 6 feet, and may accumulate, especially in poorly ventilated, closed spaces. Masks, worn snugly and properly, are extremely effective at containing aerosols. Remaining outdoors, where aerosols cannot accumulate, also prevents transmission.



Source: CDC / UMMC



"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

**New Year's
Resolutions For
You and Your Pet**

Found at mypet.com/pet-care-tips/new-years

New Year's Resolutions should include your pets too

A new year brings new goals, renewed hope and 365 days of opportunity for you and your pet to bond, develop healthier habits and discover new ways to live a full life. Your pet can live a better tomorrow with your help. Whether you know it or not, you are already on a really healthy path, just by having a pet in your home! Did you know that just having a pet in your home reduces your stress and greatly improves the quality of your mental and physical well-being? Show your gratitude and resolve to make some positive changes in your life, and your pets' lives. In order to execute these resolutions though, there needs to be detailed goals and an easy plan to follow every day.

WHAT ARE SOME NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS?

First, what are the resolutions that you want for yourself? What makes you happy? What are some healthy lifestyle changes you have wanted to make? Now, incorporate your pet into these ideas. Here are a few ideas:

- **Resolve** to take your pet for a longer walk at least 3 times a week.
- **Resolve** to eat healthier, and have your pet eat healthier too! Consult your veterinarian for dietary advice.
- **Resolve** to bond outside the home, whether during your walk, go to a dog park, or a dog and me 5k.
- **Resolve** to spend some one-on-one time with your dog or cat, even if just at home watching some TV and cuddling or playing catch.
- **Resolve** to get at least one new toy and play with your pet, even just 5 minutes a day.
- **Resolve** to do frequent wellness checks, one for you and one for your pet.
- **Resolve** to do some community service: take a shelter dog for a walk, donate one of your pet's beds, towels, or a new pack of food.
- **Resolve** to join a class with your pet: agility, swimming, Frisbee, obedience, Canine Good Citizens, Search and Rescue, canine therapy, socialization, etc.
- **Resolve** to start a saving's account for you and for your pet in case of emergency.



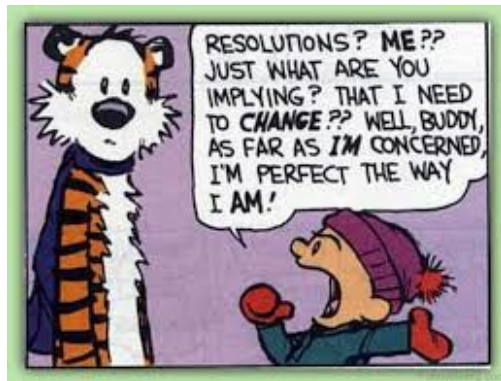
If none of this appeals to you, modify it to your liking. Do you already walk your dog every day? Then resolve to take a new route. Find a dog-friendly hike or

off-leash park. Do you feel that your cat already eats a premium diet? Then resolve to measure out the food and make sure they are eating a healthy amount. Do you already have wellness checks scheduled? Then resolve to make sure they are protected against heartworms, fleas and ticks every month of the year. Find a resolution that piques your interest, and gets you motivated.

CREATE A PLAN

You are almost done. You have your pet. You have made the decision to make some positive changes in the new year. You even have some great ideas now for amazing resolutions. It is important to create a plan that you can stick to. Maybe even find a friend to check-in with and make sure you are reaching your goals with your pets. Perhaps you can start a calendar and write down the days to complete your goals. Most importantly, get excited! This is your year to get healthy and bond with your pet. Take what you want from it!

April Castaneda has worked in veterinary hospitals in New Jersey, Florida and New Zealand for 10 years and has a Master's degree in Animal Science. She is passionate about living a healthy lifestyle and is a certified group exercise instructor teaching yoga, Pilates, cardio, strength training and mommy and me classes. She cares for two rescued cats (Chuck Norris and Nunchucks) and a rescued mixed breed dog.



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North Little Rock Fire Department



Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

Found at nfsa.org/education

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

Heater Checklist

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.

Fact: Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.

- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Types of electric space heaters

Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

Severe Weather

Found at usfa.fema.gov/prevention

Severe weather can happen at any time, in any part of the country. That's why it's important for you to be ready for severe weather events—and to understand the fire risks that can come with them.

Watch out for these potential fire hazards

Lightning.

Portable generators not often used or maintained. Leaking gas lines, damaged gas propane containers, and leaking vehicle gas tanks.

Appliances and vehicles exposed to water.

Debris near severed electrical wires and transformers.

Damaged or downed utility lines.

Exposed electrical outlets and wiring.

Add fire safety to your severe weather checklist!

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Make sure your smoke alarm has a backup battery.
- Use surge protectors.
- Consider unplugging appliances.
- Disconnect motor vehicle batteries in flood-prone areas.
- Take steps to prevent pipes from freezing and heat escaping from your home.
- Review your home fire escape plan.



Emergency lighting during a power outage

Never use candles for emergency lighting. Many things in your home can catch fire if they come too close to a candle's flame. Accidents can happen. People and pets have accidentally knocked over a candle.

Use flashlights and stock up on extra batteries.

Basics to keep in your vehicle in winter

Flashlight, batteries, blanket, snacks, water, gloves, boots, first-aid kit. Load your car with winter travel gear: tire chains, ice scraper/snowbrush, jumper cables, and road flares.

Staying warm outside

Layering your clothes. Make sure the fabric closest to your skin is made of synthetic fabrics or merino wool (avoid cotton).

And even though it's winter, you should always wear sunblock. If there's snow on the ground be sure you get the underside of your nose...snow reflects!

When you go back in be sure to moisturize: heavy lotions, balms, and Vaseline.





Mayor Joe A. Smith holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments. Below are highlights from November 2020 (and his last report). You will see that some departments had to change operations due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

Hays Center—Members continue to be required to wear masks unless in the pools or actively exercising. Average 94 members per day. 17 new members and 32 renewals. Both pools are open along with billiards, ping pong, exercise equipment area and pickleball.

Sanitation—crews continue to pickup garbage and yard waste during the pandemic. Garbage / Yard Waste crews collected 5,368,66 tons (2,684.33lbs) of household garbage, rubbish and junk. Yard waste crews collected 40 loads (1,086.60 cubic yards) of green waste. Leaf crews collected and disposed of 97 loads (3,168.98 cubic yards) of leaves. 910 tires picked up. 19 Sanitation Code inspections and 4 re-inspections. Issued 6 notices for non-compliance and no citations.

Traffic—AR One Call requests—29, Signs/posts repaired or replaced—276, City vehicles marked with decals—9.

Police—beginning in January (2021) NLRPD will host a weekly radio talk show to provide interaction with the public. Public Information Officers and the Police Athletic League officer will host the show. 12 new officers are in training.

Fire—Total incidents-1,007, Unit responses-1,783, Residential fires-7, False alarms-59, Vehicle Fire-9, Rescue/Emergency Medical-547, Mutual Aid-3, Hazmat-16. Training hours: 3,286. Building surveys: 96.

Emergency/911—Incoming calls-11,656, Non-911-5,946, Wired 911-657, Abandoned 911-36, Wireless 911-4,777, Abandoned Wireless 911-240. Total dispatch entries: 7,312

Planning—Inspectors traveled 2,053 miles within the city performing the following inspections: 273 HVAC, 360 Plumbing, 351 Electrical, 97 Building. Issued the following permits: 5 sign, 2 demolition, 2 New Single Family (average cost \$467,500), 66 Residential Remodel (average cost \$13,357), 1 New Commercial (\$26,098,480), 0 new Multi-family.

Electric Customer Service—Payments—37,154, Collections—\$9,238,854. Bad debt—none listed.

Code Enforcement—Assigned calls—71, Citations—8, Violation Notices—224, Vehicles Tagged—82, Lots Posted—10, Signs Removed—23, Structures Inspected—36, Rental Inspections—27, Food Service Inspections—13, Houses Demolished by city—0, Houses Demolished by owner—2, Vacant Lots Cleaned—20, Lots with Structures Cleaned—1, Vacant Houses Secured—3, Vacant Lots Mowed—8, Lots with Structures Mowed—0.

Animal Control—Incoming:

Dog—71/1,223

Cat—78/898

Other—1/18

Adopted:

Dog—21/294

Cat—24/224

Reclaimed:

Dog—17/261

Cat—3/14

Euthanized:

Dog—40/661

Cat—52/659

Service Calls—509/5,351

Citations—27/390

Vouchers (Spay/Neuter)—16/232

Parks & Rec—November weather was great for golf at Burns Park. NLR has 2 courses which allows more players during the pandemic. After School programs continue at the Recreation Centers.

North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau—Downtown RV park—509 reservations—average stay 3 days for a total of 1,527 camping days. RVs from 40 states (top 5—TX, AR, FL, OK, LA).

Electric

39,186 customers

\$7,993,388 revenue

115,003 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 November, 2020

Revenue

Property Taxes	3,040,797
Licenses/Permits	178,556
Fines/Forfeitures	134,837
Taxes—sales	4,414,966
Intergovernmental	94,986
Franchise fees	163,238
Charges for Services	48,192
Miscellaneous	76,166
Interest Income	12,297
Net Transfers	(375,076)
Total Revenue	\$7,788,959

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North Little Rock welcomes new mayor, Terry C. Hartwick



Prior to being elected Mayor (for the second time) Terry C. Hartwick was appointed Director of North Little Rock Parks and Recreation by (former) Mayor Joe A. Smith in January 2016.

Under his leadership, the department expanded by adding three new rental facilities, upgraded the Burns Park Golf Course and equestrian parking, and brought special events to North Little Rock to raise funds for the One Heart Playground, an all-inclusive playground.

Hartwick is a lifelong resident of North Little Rock and a graduate of North Little Rock High School, and has spent a great deal of his life serving his home town.

After graduation from NLR high school, he attended the University of Central Arkansas and served in the United States Air Force. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Hartwick began his professional career as Sales Manager for Haverty Furniture Company in 1975 and was elected to the prestigious "Wall of Fame" for being one of the top 20 salespeople nationwide for Haverty Stores.

In 1984, Hartwick was elected Mayor of the City of North Little Rock and served as Mayor until 1989. After serving as Mayor, Hartwick returned to Haverty's as Manager of the North Little Rock division.

In 2001, Hartwick became President and CEO of the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce where he served 15 successful years. Under Hartwick's leadership, the North Little Rock Chamber grew to become the third-largest Chamber in the State of Arkansas. Hartwick's focus in the Chamber was helping small businesses grow and be successful.

In addition to the Chamber's growth, Hartwick has worked closely with the City to grow and improve North Little Rock. A few of the projects Hartwick has worked on include relocating the Arkansas Travelers to North Little Rock, which included the development of the Dickey-Stephens ballpark, the revitalization of downtown North Little Rock, and the expansion and bringing new businesses to the East McCain and Maumelle Boulevard areas.



One Heart Playground is one of many projects Mayor Terry C. Hartwick is proud of. In Burns Park, there are multiple playground areas, however none were designed for children or parents with impairments to play and interact on.

Thanks to the efforts of many, including

Mayor Hartwick who assisted with fundraising efforts and other city departments, this playground is a reality.



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Expenditures

Administration	92,817
Animal Shelter	47,278
Special Appropriations	238,485
City Clerk	28,230
Emergency Services	160,540
Finance	85,350
Public Safety-Fire	1,216,818
Health	10,781
Legal	53,893
1st Court	43,661
2nd Court	39,570
Human Resources	59,183
Commerce	24,183
Planning	74,698
Public Safety-Police	1,670,050
Code Enforcement	77,717
Public Works	85,760
Neighborhood Services	14,211
Sanitation	360,779
Vehicle Maintenance	97,829
Senior Citizens Center	54,004
Communications	6,639
Fit 2 Live	16,652
Total Expenditures	\$4,559,128

One Heart Playground was inspired by Emma Wasson who was born with a congenital heart defect and Turner Syndrome. Through her difficult journey of hospital stays, surgeries, treatments and medications, Emma always finds joy in the midst of her hardship. She smiles and sings almost daily.

You are born with "one heart". Emma's heart was born broken, and since we are blessed with a whole heart, we owe it to ourselves to keep it healthy and improve our quality of life. To find out more about Emma, you can find and follow her on Face Book at Totally Emma.

One Heart Playground opened to the public in September, 2017. Since then benches and shade structures have been added. In 2019, new features, including additional swings and other features were added.



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Compliance checks. The ADH has partnered with the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to conduct COVID-19 compliance checks among bars, food establishments and other facilities. These checks ensure the establishments are adhering to COVID-19 directives and following approved event plans that will help keep employees and consumers safe and healthy. These checks monitor the use of masks by employees and patrons and ensure social distancing is being practiced, required signs are posted, and soap and water or hand sanitizer are provided.

Get a flu shot. It's never been more important to get a flu shot. We need everyone to stay as healthy as

possible to free up critical resources in our hospitals, and we want to avoid the potential dangers associated with a patient getting flu and COVID-19 at the same time. The flu shot is safe, effective and available at no expense at all ADH local health units.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, or otherwise feeling unwell.

Stay vigilant. We all want the pandemic to end, and we will get there. But if we let our guard down, the virus can and will take advantage. It is important to continue taking precautions. This hasn't been easy, but if we all stay strong and each do our part, we can protect one another.

Visit www.healthy.arkansas.gov for more information.

Super easy recipe for New Year's Day

Slow-Cooker Hoppin' John

Found at bettycrocker.com/recipes

- 2 smoked pork hocks (about 1 1/4 lb)
 - 1 3/4 cups Progresso™ reduced-sodium chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
 - 1 tablespoon dried chopped onion
 - 2 cans (15.8 oz each) black-eyed peas, drained and rinsed
 - 1/2 lb smoked sausage, cut in half lengthwise, then cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces
 - 1/2 cup uncooked instant rice
- Spray your 3 1/2 to 4-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Place pork hocks in cooker. Add 1 cup of the broth (refrigerate remaining broth). Top pork with onion, peas and sausage.

Cover; cook on LOW setting 8 to 10 hours.

Remove pork from cooker; place on cutting board. Pull meat from bones, using 2 forks; discard bones, skin and fat. Return to cooker. Add remaining broth and the rice. Increase heat setting to HIGH. Cover; cook 10 minutes or until rice is tender.



So what goes well with Hoppin' John? **Combread!** This doesn't have to be hard either!

Start with a box (or 2) of **Jiffy Combread Mix**. Follow the instruction on the box. You have the option of making muffins (which provide individual servings) or



a pan of cornbread. Either way, you can dress it up in a variety of ways! Suggestions, add cream style corn, pickled jalapenos and cheese.

Salted Caramel Brownie Pie

Found at brombaker.com

- 1 brownie mix, prepared according to directions
- 1 store bought pie crust
- 1/2 cup caramel sauce (in a jar)

Preheat oven to 350° and prepare the pie crust in a 9 inch pie dish. Set aside.

Prepare the brownie mix according to the directions on the box, then pour into the prepared pie crust. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until the pie crust is golden and a knife inserted into the brownie pie comes out mostly clean. Set aside to cool.

While the pie cools, prepare the caramel sauce according to directions for heating. Drizzle over the brownie pie.

Serve warm with vanilla ice cream. YUM!!!

Better eat it up now! New Year diets start this month!



COVID-19 Vaccine Information

Found eDocAmerica.com

By Dr. Anita Bennett MD—Health Tip Content Editor

As I am sure most of you are aware, the first vaccine for COVID-19 has been authorized and recommended for use by the FDA, and healthcare workers have already started receiving the vaccine. A second vaccine has been authorized and will be available in the coming days, and there are clinical trials in progress or being planned for additional vaccines for COVID-19. This is fantastic news, which gives us hope that the end of this pandemic will soon be in sight. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of dark tunnel to get through before we reach the light at the end.

Just how does the immune system fight infections like COVID-19?

To understand how a vaccine works, it helps to understand how your body fights an infection. When a virus enters the body, it invades cells and takes them over to multiply itself. Your immune system then uses a few different tools to fight off the invading virus.

White blood cells (WBCs) are the primary defenders against infection. Some WBCs swallow up and digest the germs. This leaves behinds little parts of the virus that other WBCs can use to identify the virus and attack it in other ways, including making antibodies to fight it.

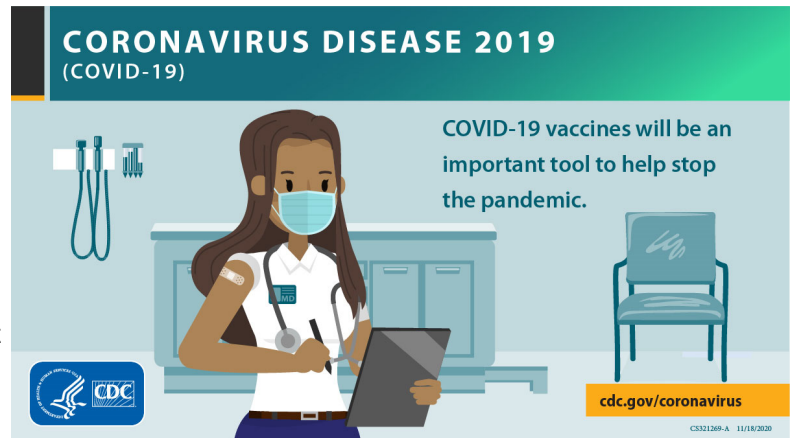
The very first time you get infected with a virus, it can take several days or even weeks for this system to work, but antibodies remain in your body to protect against the virus in the future. There are also special WBCs that remember the infection and will start making more antibodies if they see it again.

How do vaccines work?

Many vaccines put either a weakened or a killed germ into our bodies to trigger an immune response. Your body recognizes the germ as foreign and starts the process of making antibodies against it.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a new type called an mRNA vaccine.

These vaccines give instructions for our cells to make a harmless piece of the virus. This harmless piece of the virus triggers our immune system to start the immune response and make antibodies.



Was the COVID-19 vaccine development too fast to be safe?

It may seem like this was done fast but the technique of making mRNA vaccines has been developed over many years. The first scientist came up with the idea in 1990 and the technique has been developed and perfected by many different scientists over the 30 years since then. Once COVID-19 came into the picture, all they needed was to identify the harmless piece of the virus to trigger the immune response and the vaccine could be made quickly. The clinical trials were conducted as usual clinical trials are with more than 100,000 volunteers in these studies.

The government processes for vaccine approval were shortened, but they did not sacrifice safety. mRNA vaccines are being held to the same rigorous safety and effectiveness standards as all other types of vaccines in the US. By making this a priority, they got advisory committees and FDA scientists together quickly to review all the data



on both the effectiveness and the safety of the vaccine. This process was accelerated due to the dire need for vaccines as one of the many tools to help us stop this pandemic.

Vaccine misinformation is out there.

Many people are hesitant about getting vaccines in general and especially COVID-19 vaccines. There is a lot of misinformation being spread about vaccines over various forms of media, much of which is coming from Russia. When making your decision about whether you will take the COVID-19 vaccine, get information from reputable sources, and truly inform yourself with good quality information before making this important decision.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is in a family of viruses called Coronaviridae. Antibiotics do not work against viruses. Some people who become ill with COVID-19 can also develop a bacterial infection as a complication. In this case, antibiotics may be recommended by a healthcare provider. There is currently no licensed medication to cure COVID-19. If you have symptoms, call your health care provider or COVID-19 hotline for assistance.

FACT:
COVID-19 is caused by a virus, NOT by bacteria

World Health Organization #Coronavirus #COVID19 9 June 2020



Obituary—North Little Rock Police Sergeant Buck Dancy.

James Larry "Buck" Dancy, age 62, passed away early Wednesday December 2nd, 2020. He was born to James "Jim" and Virginia Dancy on April 10th, 1958. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Deborah Dancy. He is survived by his Daughter, Rebekah Dancy-Harper and son in law Mark Harper of North Little Rock, and the mother of his daughter, Robyn Reeves (Neal) of Little Rock, many cousins and the whole family in blue of the North Little Rock Police Department.

Buck was dedicated to his family and loved them fiercely. He was a dedicated member of Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock and loved Jesus with everything he had. It was his mission in life to let others know that Jesus loved them and that he loved them just as much. He was also a member of Gideons International. To know Buck was to love Buck. Buck was hired on to the North Little Rock Police Department on June 24th, 1985, and was promoted the rank of Sergeant in 1995. He dedicated his life to the service of others. He spent the majority of his career in the Crimes Against Persons unit, handling and solving violent crimes. He was a dedicated and influential member of the NLRPD Honor Guard.

Memorials can be made in Buck's honor to the NLRPD K-9 foundation or Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center, or Levy Baptist Church.

Obituary—wife of retired North Little Rock Council Member Murry Witcher.

Rebecca (Becky) Ball Witcher, 74, a life-time resident of North Little Rock passed from this life to eternal life on December 3, 2020 with her family by her side after a brave battle with cancer. She was born to the late James Herbert "Curly" and the late Atheta Shuffield (Fefa) Ball. She married the love of her life, Murry Witcher, on June 8, 1968. They have three sons: Andy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Allen of North Little Rock, Arkansas; and Daniel Prior of Sao Paulo, Brazil and have been blessed with two grandsons, Caleb and Whit Witcher.

She was a member of Park Hill Baptist Church, Board Member NLR Wildcat Foundation, Member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and a Member of the NLRSD Retired Employees Association.

Becky was a UCA Bear, graduating with a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1968. She was a special education teacher for 40 years in the NLRSD, during her career she was named NLRSD Teacher of the Year.

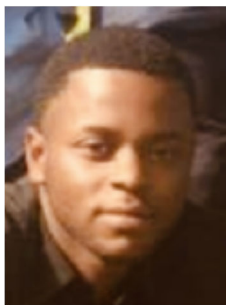
She was a NLRHS Band Booster parent and made her fair share of popcorn at the concession stands at NLRHS stadium and the designated Razorback games at War Memorial so the band would have money for new instruments and uniforms. Andy proudly graduated from NLRHS and went to the University of Alabama where he was a member of the Million Dollar marching band majoring in Marine Science and Biology. The trips to Tuscaloosa to see him perform were so rewarding to her and the family. Allen was prone to accidents as a child so Becky knew every emergency room in the south. Members of trips to soccer tournaments were priceless.

Becky was Murry's right hand "man" when it came to elections for the NLR School Board and the NLR City Council. She walked door to door, put signs in yards, and made phone calls. Even though Murry was the candidate, she had the same drive to make NLR a better community and place to live.

Becky and Murry were both single children so they did not have all the aunts and uncles and cousins around that some families do. One Christmas, in 1975, they invited some friends and neighbors to join them on Christmas Eve. Becky, Murry, Andy, and Allen would prepare all the food and polish the silver. The next year all the friends and neighbors wanted to be with them on Christmas Eve again. Thus, it only took about 2 years for it to become a family tradition that friends and neighbors would celebrate with them on Christmas Eve. Each year the Witchers invited additional friends and neighbors and before they knew it, they had a complete house full of people that were loved and considered family every year!

Becky enjoyed life, loved her family and loved her many friends. She brightened the lives of all who knew her. She always had a smile on her face. The family would like to thank the staff at UAMS, her doctors, and her good friend Jayne White for all their help and support.

Memorial donations can be to the North Little Rock Friends of Animals, #1 Championship Dr., North Little Rock, AR 72118 or the North Little Rock Wildcat Foundation, PO Box 94926, North Little Rock, AR 72190.



Obit—Jared "Jerry" Lamar Thompson, North Little Rock Sanitation.

Jerry Thompson, 21 of North Little Rock transitioned this life November 28, 2020. He was born in Little Rock to Mark and Dianne Thompson and was the youngest of five brothers. Jared became an uncle at the early age of five years. He loved and adored all nine of his nieces and nephews and proudly wore the title "Uncle Jared".

In May of this year he became the proud father to son Zenobion Lamare Harris. He loved and cherished his son more than anything.

Jared enjoyed watching anime, playing video games, spending time with close friends and family and watching and rooting for his favorite football team, the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, Mae Francis Thompson and McArthur and Linda Hunt.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT CONTINUES DESPITE PANDEMIC



The National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count (CBC) enters its 121st year this December, continuing its successful annual citizen science bird count. Although the count may look different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CBC carries on.

The nation's longest running bird survey, the CBC is an early winter bird survey and runs from December 14 to January 5 each year. CBC founder and ornithologist, Dr. Frank Chapman, suggested the CBC as an alternative to the holiday "side hunts" that were popular at the time. Side hunt participants competed to see who could shoot the most birds in one day, with massive numbers of birds killed in each hunt. Chapman proposed that instead of hunting birds, people count them. The idea of conservation was in its early stages and Chapman and other scientists were con-

cerned about declining bird populations. Thus, the CBC was born in December 1900.

Today, the CBC includes thousands of volunteers across the U.S., Canada, and many other countries in the Western Hemisphere. Local compilers, or trained leaders, coordinate with a state compiler to organize bird counts within a specific local area. On the assigned count day, participants count all birds they encounter within their assigned section of a 15-mile diameter circle. Some watch a bird feeder in their own yard for an hour, while others choose to spend more than 15 hours in the field. Some participants join one bird count; others join many. Birders of all ages and skill levels participate in the CBC, with beginning birders placed within a group of at least one experienced birder.

This year, the Audubon gave compilers the option of canceling their counts or holding their counts with COVID safety protocols (if local laws allow). This year's CBCs will include wearing masks, social distancing while in the field, carpooling only among family members or social "pod" groups, no in-person compilation gatherings such as potlucks, and all activities must comply with current state and municipal COVID-19 guidelines. Audubon fully supports any compilers decision to cancel a CBC. Those unable to participate in the CBC may be interested in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), organized by The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society on President's Day weekend each February. During this event, participants can count birds each day from their backyard and report results online.

The data collected by CBC volunteers, from the first bird count to the current count, allow Audubon researchers, conservation biologists, wildlife agencies, and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. The long-term perspective is vital for conservations, informing strategies to protect birds and their habitat, and helping identify environmental issues with implications for people as well.

To find a CBC near you, visit <https://audubon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=ac275eeb01434cedb1c5dcd0fd3fc7b4>.

Photo, top left — ANHC staff and Connecticut Audubon Society members birding at Warren Prairie Natural Area in 2019.

In November, two exceptionally rare birds in Arkansas — evening grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) and fork-tailed flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) — were observed in The Natural State for the first time in decades, prompting two ANHC staff members to hit the road and try their luck at spying these special species.



Left — Evening grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) on the ground during a recent visit to Arkansas.

Right — A fork-tailed flycatcher (*Tyrannus savana*) in flight while visiting Arkansas. Both photos courtesy of Michael Linz.



Laman and Argenta Library Info:

Get Your Mittens on a Great Winter Read

Contact Argenta Branch for the 2021 **Winter Reading Challenge**.

Return your completed form to julie.delashaw@lamanlibrary.org by March 31 to be entered into a drawing for a fun gift card.

Transfer Me Happy Workshop with Sari

Tune in for Sari's latest workshop on Facebook, Instagram, or the Lamanlibrary YouTube channel. In January, Sari shares transfer techniques using common household items in the Transfer Me Happy class. Call Argenta Branch at (501) 687-1061 to reserve your kit for curbside pickup. Supplies are limited. One kit per person please.

Curbside Services

Now offering books, movies, audiobooks, loom knitting kits, and WiFi hotspots curbside. Log in to our lamanlibrary.org account to place items on hold, and we'll call to arrange a convenient pickup time.

Or call Main Branch at (501) 758-1720 or Argenta Branch at (501) 687-1061 for assistance.

Digital Branch

Check out the selection of free books, music, and movies at <http://lamanlibrary.org/digital.html>.

Printing & Notary Services

We provide remote assisted printing at both our Main Branch, 2801 Orange St., and Argenta Branch, 420 Main St. You'll find more information and a how to video to help you take advantage of this free service at lamanlibrary.org. For a free and contactless Notary Public Service appointment, call our Argenta Branch at (501) 687-1061.

Book Bundles

Call us to request Story or Chapter Book Bundles for the kids! Let us know how many children you have, and we'll include a craft or other surprise for each. You can choose from one of the topics we have available or get one on demand.

Take & Make Creative Kits

Call either branch to reserve free children's Craft/STEM Kits for curbside pickup! Check our Little Free Libraries (LFL) for special Take & Make kits too. They're coordinated with book suggestions and are designed for different ages, from children to adults.

We have these January Birthdays:

ANITA DOLLAR	Laman 16 years	PEGGY MORRIS	Laman 26 years
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And these January Anniversaries:

ANITA DOLLAR	Laman 24 years	DARLENE CUNNINGHAM	Laman 12 years
MICHAEL CHURCH	Laman 5 years	SHANNAN HICKS	Laman 1 year



Good Luck (Slow Cooker) Greens Soup

Found at blog.memeinge.com

12 oz (smoked) sausage, chopped
2 large onions, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
16 oz greens (frozen or fresh)
2 15 oz cans black eyed peas, drained and rinsed
15 oz can navy (or great northern) beans, drained and rinsed
10 oz can diced tomatoes with green chiles (aka Rotel)
1/2 tsp onion flakes
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp paprika
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1 bay leaf
4 cups unsalted chicken broth

Add all ingredients to the slow cooker and stir. Cover, and cook on high 4—5 hours or low 6—8 hours.

Note: you can use turnip greens, collard greens, mustard greens, kale, spinach, or a combination!





**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: **1/4/2021**
Expires: **4/2/2021**

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

Question: *AT&T is going door to door. Is that soliciting?*

Answer: **Yes...**if someone knocks on your door and is promoting a service that requires a fee they are conducting business and are required to have a door to door Peddlers Permit.

Reminder to residents:

If someone comes to your door, you do not have to answer or let them in. **If someone comes to your door and makes you uncomfortable please call the police.** If someone comes to your door and is unable to produce an ID issued by the City of North Little Rock City Clerk and Treasurer's Office (similar to the example on this page), please call **501-758-1234**.

In all cases, if you call **please provide a description of the person, location and vehicle description and license number if possible.** You can also call the North Little Rock City Clerk/Treasurer's Office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. to verify any business license or peddlers permit in our city at 501-975-8617.

North Little Rock History Commission



If you or someone you know has items of a historical interest (photos, newspaper clippings, keepsakes, etc.) to City of North Little Rock, please consider donating them to the NLR History Commission.

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.

The following businesses are **not permitted** to go door to door in our city at this time:

- Security Alarm Companies**
- Pest Control Companies**
- Telephone Service Providers**
- Yard Service**
- Tree Trimming**
- House Painting**
- Meat sales (from a vehicle)**

The above types are just a few businesses that commonly go door to door.

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

2021 Business License Renewal Letters/Invoices were mailed December 31, 2020.

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 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	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Isaac Henry	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling
schedule for the month of January



Dec 28—Jan 1 no pickup
Jan 4—8 recycle
Jan 11—15 no pickup
Jan 18—23 recycle
Jan 25—29 no pickup

January Anniversaries

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
BAXTER, CHARLEY	Admin	46	GENTRY, BRENDA	2nd Court	6
POWELL, MARGARET	Admin	24	SMITH, SANDRA TAYLOR	History Comm	10
HIGHT, CHARLIE	Council	20	HART, FELECIA	Commerce	39
BRADLEY, DANNY	Admin	20	SMITH, STEVEN	Police	33
ROBINSON, LINDA	Council	18	KERR, DENA	Police	19
ROSS, DEBI	Council	14	RAY, VINCENT	Police	16
TAYLOR, MAURICE	Council	12	HUEY, RHONDA	Police	14
			SATTERFIELD, BRENDA	Police	13
HARTWICK, TERRY C	Mayor	10	HUNTER, SHELBY	Police	12
BAXTER, STEVE	Council	10	GREEN, JOSEPH	Police	12
SCHOLL, JAN G	Admin	10	ROBERTS, MARK	Police	11
HARRIS, RON	Council	4	THORNTON, VINCENT	Police	11
BIRCH, ROBERT	Admin	3	DALLAS, RAUL	Police	10
GINN, JANE	Admin	2	PEREZ, MARCUS	Police	9
TINDALL, JAMES	Animal Contr	9	THOMAS, MICHAEL	Police	8
WHITBEY, DIANE	City Clerk/Treas	30	GRAY, PHILIP	Police	8
GRAY, BUD	OES/911	31	LEWIS, ALLIE	Police	5
BURKS, CINDY	OES/911	2	MCGOWAN, SEAN	Police	5
PLAUDIS, THOMAS	OES/911	2	RODRIGUEZ, NICHOLAS	Police	5
DAVIDSON, BRENDA	Electric	41	RATHEY, JHAILAN	Police	5
KIMSEY, ZACHERY	Electric	9	DOLAN, CAROL	Police	5
ALLEN IV, HARRY	Electric	9	HENDRIX, KUADRIKA	Police	5
KING, GABRIEL	Electric	7	CRAVEN, ROBYN	Police	2
DAVIS, TERRY	Electric	5	LOUDEN, TYLER	Police	1
MIDDLETON, JEREMY	Electric	4	JURISIC, DAMIAN	Police	1
BECK, ROBERT	Electric	4	FLINT, JERRY	Police	1
CHANCE, JOSHUA	Electric	3	WEBB, JOHN	Police	1
HODGES, WILLIAM	Electric	2	THORNTON, GARY	Code	8
TACKETT, PERRY	Fire	33	KLAMM, MICHAEL	Public Works	7
TACKETT, MARK	Fire	33	EASON, WILLIAM	Street	37
MILLER, NORMAN	Fire	33	SEHIKA, JOHN S	Street	7
COLEMAN, MARK	Fire	33	BROWN, ROBERT	Street	7
WITTENBURG, GORDON	Fire	33	BARNES JR, NAPOLEON	Street	5
ELMS JR, DOUGLAS	Fire	5	CREWS, CHRISTOPHER	Vehicle Maint	3
FREE, ERICK	Fire	5	RUSSELL, SUSAN	Senior Center	18
GARRINGER, DONALD	Fire	5	FOWLER, CONNIE	Senior Center	14
HOLLEY, CHRISTOPHER BRENT	Fire	5	ROSS, DALE	Senior Center	4
DAVIS JR, CHARLES	Fire	5	GILMORE, VANESSA	Parks	4
BRYAN, ROBERT	Fire	5	MILLER, MURIEL	Parks Admin	2

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January Birthdays

Name	Dept		Name	Dept		Name	Dept	
HALL, CHRIS	Fire	1	WOLFE, NATHAN	Fire	11	ERVIN, MARY	Comm Dev	20
BOWMAN, MARY BETH	Purchasing	1	NELSON, MICHAEL	Police	11	TUBBS, TANNER	Fire	20
NANNEN, JOHN	Police	1	BAGGETT, HANNAH	Parks Rec	11	COOPER, SAM	Police	20
HOGANSON, JOHN	AIMM	1	CULLUM, AARON	OES/911	12	CRAVEN, ROBYN	Police	20
DIMATTEO, KAREN	Police	2	DEREUISSEAU, WALLACE	Fire	12	THOMAS, MATTHEW	Police	20
SMITH, PAMELA	Parks Rec	2	MOIX, HUNTER	Fire	12	FIELDS, HUNTER	IT	20
BRADLEY, DANNY	Admin	3	HILL, JANET	1st Court	12	KELLEY IV, ANDREW	Fire	21
NEWTON, TAMMY	OES/911	3	DILLON JR, OKEY	Electric	13	COOPER, BEAU	Hays Center	21
RAGLAND, MATTHEW	Electric	3	GOSSAGE, JESSE	Police	13	CLAYTON, ANTIGUDRA	OES/911	22
HUNT, MATTHEW	Fire	3	ROWLAND, MATTHEW	Street	13	BLANTON, ANGELA	Street	22
GIBBONS, MICHAEL	Police	3	LARRY, WILLIAM	Parks Maint	13	LOR, CHONG	Traffic	22
THOMAS, MICHAEL	Police	3	PRICE, MATTHEW	Electric	14	ARMSTRONG, HANNAH	Concessions	22
ERWIN, GARY	Airport	4	EASON, WILLIAM	Street	15	MORGAN, SHEILA	OES/911	24
HUNTER, JUDY	Electric	4	PERRY, JACQUELINE	Parks Rec	15	HOUSTON, JAMES	Electric	24
USSERY, KEVIN	Traffic	4	FREY, NICHOLAS	Fire	16	OWEN, DARREN	Electric	24
O'DELL, CHARLES	Parks Maint	4	GANN, CHRIS	Police	16	JACKSON, DILLON	Police	24
GUFFIN, JACKIE	Parks Rec	4	JOHNSON, LOGAN	Electric	17	SMITH, STEVEN	Police	24
HENSON, REGINA	Parks Rec	4	CERRATO, ALFRED	Fire	17	SWAFFORD, MICHAEL	Public Works	24
PEOPLES, ERNEST	Parks Rec	4	THORN, MARK	Fire	17	BUTLER, ROBERT	Sanitation	24
HOWARD, RANDALL	Fire	5	MAY, MOLLY	Police	17	RAEBURN, DANA	Electric	25
TULL, CHARLES	Fire	5	SODERLUND, MATTHEW	Police	17	BARBER, TYLER	Police	25
MEADOWS, DONELL	1st Court	5	UMHOLTZ, CRAIG	Police	17	CRAIG, REBA	Police	25
EDWARDS, JAMES	Police	5	MCCALL, KAREN	Parks Rec	17	SIMS, CHAUNCEY	Police	25
ISELL, PATRICK	Parks Maint	5	MURPHY, CLIFFORD	Golf	17	WILKINS, JUDY	2nd Court	26
SIMS, BRADLEY	Police	6	MCCURLEY, WILLIAM	IT	17	WHITLEY, CHERYL	Electric	27
GREENWOOD, MICHAEL	Parks Rec	6	MAYFIELD, MATTHEW	Fire	18	YOUNG, COLLEEN	Finance	28
JONES, PATRICIA	Animal Contr	7	SANCHEZ, ROY	Fire	18	BENNETT, JEFFREY	Fire	28
EDWARDS, LUCAS	Police	7	PETTY, LAURA	Code Enf	18	GATES, JAMES	Public Works	28
CHASSELLS, AARON	Fire	8	BRIDGES, ERNEST	Admin	19	HINSHAW II, MILTON	Electric	30
MURPHY, KAREN (Kit)	Legal	9	SMITH, SANDRA	History Comm	19	TILLMAN, KEANDRA	Parks Rec	30
BAXTER, STEVE	Council	10	COLEMAN, JERMAINE	HR	19	BETTIS, RICKY	Electric	31
GARRETT, MICHAEL	Fire	10	COOKE, CARY	Police	19	LOR, KIMBERLY	Electric	31
RHOADS, LORETTA	1st Court	10	MAYNARD, JAROD	Police	19	WILBON, KATRINA	Parks Rec	31
MESSER, RONALD	Police	10	ABEL, SHIRLEY	Neighbor Srv	19	WOODS, LATONIA	IT	31
SUMMONS, KENNY	Sanitation	10	ABBOTT, RICHARD	Sanitation	19			
BROWN, TELLISHA	Parks Rec	10	JACKSON-SHELTON, GLADYS	Sanitation	19			

City Offices will be **closed Friday, January 1, 2021** in observance of *New Year's Day*. Garbage and trash routes for Friday will be picked up on Saturday, January 2, 2021. City Offices will also be **closed Monday, January 18, 2021** in observance of *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Birthday*. Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run one-day delayed all week (i.e. Monday's pickup will be Tuesday and so on).

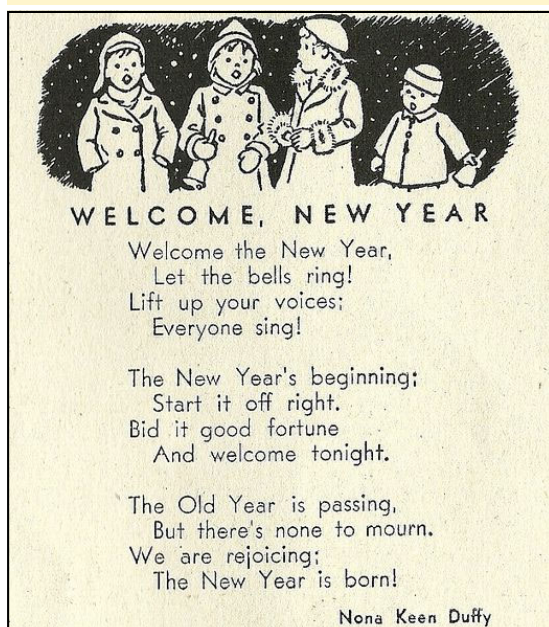


January Anniversaries *continued...*

REID, JAMES A	Fire	5	MITCHELL, RONNIE D	Park Maint	21
RAMSEY, TANNER S	Fire	5	DEBUSK, WARREN M	Park Maint	12
ROBINSON, DAVID M	Fire	5	JOHNSTON, JOHNNY J	Park Maint	6
TULL, CHARLES K	Fire	5	GUFFIN, JACKIE S	Parks Rec	2
KELLEY IV, ANDREW J	Fire	5	JOSEPH, MARK S	Burns Park Golf	13
JONES, DAVID M	Fire	5	EDEN, RICHARD C	Burns Park Golf	3
WELTER, DOUGLAS E	Fire	5	CARSON, JONATHAN W	Parks Concession	4
GUAJARDO, BILLY	Fire	4	MILLER, MYNA K	AIMM	4
COYOTE, DUSSTIN M	Fire	1	ZONNER, GREGORY A	AIMM	4
HOUSE, JON B	Fire	1	BOWIE, TYLER J	AIMM	4
WEED, VICTORIA A	1st Court	26	GRISHAM, LYLE C	AIMM	4
MAY, MARGIE L	2nd Court	18	MATHIS, JOSEPH	AIMM	4
DAVIS, KATHY L	2nd Court	18	SMITH, KATHERINE C	AIMM	3

Oops! We need to give credit where it is due...Connie Fowler—Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center retired from the city with 24 years, THEN returned which gives her a total of 38 years of services to the City of North Little Rock! Congrats Connie!

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)



From the team at
North Little Rock City Hall
We wish you all a very
Happy and Safe New Year!



Mayor Joe Smith, Mayor-elect Terry Hartwick,
Danny Bradley, Charley Baxter, Julie Fisher, Anita Paul,
Charlotte Thomas, Margaret Powell, Jim Billings,
Shara Brazeal, Todd Larson, Isaac Henry
Clerk/Treasurer Diane Whitbey, Katelyn Thomas,
Shelley ussery, Talor Shinn, Becky Taylor & Teresa Hill

The Leaf Trucks and Vacs continue to roll through North Little Rock!

If you haven't started raking your leaves, now is the time to dust off the ole leaf rakes!

Our city is divided into five (5) areas. Maps of the areas can be found on the city's website at nlr.ar.gov/sanitation.

Just scroll down to *Leaf Vacuum*

Trucks Status and click on the high-

lighted *Leaf Pick Up*. This will take you to an additional page where you will find everything you need to know about the city's leaf removal. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you will find maps which illustrate the areas of pickup.

If you are on Facebook, like the City of North Little Rock—Government page where you will find location updates.

There is also a "hotline" you can call at 501-371-8340 where you can talk to one of our wonderful employees who will be happy to answer and assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

A few things to remember...

- Do NOT add sticks, limbs or other debris or trash to your leaf pile. This can cause the mulcher to break which will result in delays.
- Do NOT rake leaves into the street or gutter. Leaves are the number one cause of clogged pipes in the storm water drainage system. Clogged pipes can cause flooding and contribute to potholes. Keep your mind and your leaves out of the gutter!
- Do NOT block the sidewalk. Your neighbors who enjoy walking in the neighborhood have to walk in the street or your yard if you do.

Don't want to wait on the vacuum to make it to your neighborhood? No problem! Just bag your leaves and leave them at the curb for your weekly scheduled bulky item/green waste pickup day.

Green waste include: leaves, branches, garden waste, and unpainted lumber.

Bulky items include: household items (washers, dryers, couches, mattresses, other furniture and items that won't fit into a standard trashcan. We CANNOT pick up mixed piles.



Thank you from the team at NLR Sanitation!