

# North Little Rock e-Newsletter

Provided by Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Treasurer

June 2019

## Arkansas River & Tributaries Flooding

Weather Forecast Office  
Little Rock, AR



Record and Near-Record Flooding is Occurring or Expected!

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River and Location	Flood Stage (ft)	Current Stage	Forecast Crest/ Date	Record Crest	Period of Record	
Arkansas River	Van Buren	22.0	40.1 @ 1 PM (All-time record)	40.5 on 05/30	38.10 ft 04/16/1945 (Before Navigation System) 36.10 05/05/1990 (After Navigation System)	10/03/1927 -Present
	Ozark	365.15	374.99 @ 1 PM	375.5 on 05/31 (Tie All-time Record)	375.5 ft 05/13/1943 (Before Navigation System) 370.00 ft 05/06/1990 (After Navigation System)	09/16/1927 -Present
	Dardanelle	32.0	45.4 @ 12 PM (All-time Record)	46.0 ft on 06/02	44.1 ft 05/25/1943 (Before Navigation System) 41.6 ft 05/04/1990 (After Navigation System)	05/05/1887 -Present
	Morrilton	30.0	42.2 @ 115 PM (All-time Record)	43.0 ft on 06/02	42.0 ft 04/19/1927 (Before Navigation System) 41.3 ft 05/06/1990 (After Navigation System)	04/19/1927 -Present
	Toad Suck	275.0	283.9 @ 12 PM (All-time Record)	285.5 ft on 06/03	282.9 ft 05/07/1990	11/01/1969 -Present
	Little Rock	23.0	26.2 @ 12 PM	29.0 ft on 06/05 (Highest since navigation system opened) (4 <sup>th</sup> highest over all)	34.60 ft 06/01/1933 (Before Navigation System) 27.70 ft 05/08/1990 (After Navigation System)	04/21/1873 -Present
	Pine Bluff	42.0	47.2 @ 1 PM	51.0 ft on 06/06 (Highest since navigation system opened) (2 <sup>nd</sup> highest over all)	52.1 ft 05/28/1943 (Before Navigation System) 47.7 ft 05/09/1990 (After Navigation System)	04/12/1906 -Present
	Pendleton	31.0	32.4 @ 115 PM	36.0 ft on 06/07 (All-time Record)	34.11 ft 04/27/1973 (After Navigation System) 31.9 ft 05/22/1961 (Before Navigation System)	01/05/1951 -Present
Fourche Lafave River	Houston 25.0	35.7 @ 1230 PM	38.0 ft on 06/02 (All-time Record)	37.55 ft 12/05/1982 (After Nimrod Dam) 44.40 ft 04/01/1927 (Before Nimrod Dam)	04/01/1927 -Present	

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[weather.gov/lzk](http://weather.gov/lzk)

Based on information from the North Little Rock City Engineer, in consultation with the AR Department of Emergency Management, NOAA, and the US Army Corps of Engineers, North Little Rock is expecting to see 40-50 homes effected by flooding. The river is rising daily and expected to crest next week at 29 feet. As you can see in the chart below provided this date by the National Weather Service at Little Rock, this crest will be the highest seen in our area since the Navigation System opened.

Please be mindful of road closures and barricades. They are there for your safety. If you put yourself in a situation that requires our emergency responders (Police and Fire, etc.), you are also putting them in danger.

Please keep in mind there are a lot of things in flood waters that can be hazardous to your health. These include raw sewage, gasoline and other fuels, deceased animals and debris. Flood waters also contain a large number of snakes and other wildlife that are seeking higher ground.

Currently, (for North Little Rock residents) there are sandbag locations where the public can pick up bags and fill them (bring your own shovel). Those locations are Dixie Addition at 3350 Sam Evans Drive (between F and G Streets); Gribble Neighborhood at 3200 Gribble (near Crockett); Crystal Hill Area at 6000 White Oak Drive (across from Summitt Church); and, Willow Beach at 15000 Willow Beach Road (east end of Willow Beach before Colonel Maynard). For more info about sandbags, contact the Street Department at 501-340-5355.

If anyone has concerns about evacuation, please contact the North Little Rock Police Department at 501-758-1234 to coordinate transportation to a shelter if needed.



"Where's Mel"? Returns next month!

**North Little Rock  
Animal Shelter**  
For more information  
call 501-791-8577

## Hot Weather Safety Tips

Found at [www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being over-eager in hot weather can spell danger. To prevent your pet from overheating, take these simple precautions provided by ASPCA.

**Visit the vet for a spring or early-summer check-up.** Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventative medication.

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them **plenty of fresh, clean water** when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

**Know the symptoms of overheating in pets**, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart rate and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.

Animals with **flat faces**, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

**Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle.** Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in many cities and towns.

**Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool**—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his/her fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals.

Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. **Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed**, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.

Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, **but never shave your dog.** The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats

more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

When the temperature is very high, **don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt.** Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

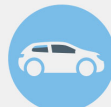
Commonly used rodenticides and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. Keep citronella candles, tiki torch products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.

**Remember that food and drink commonly found at barbecues can be poisonous to pets.** Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression and comas. Similarly, remember that snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol.

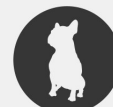
Leave pets at home when you head out to Fourth of July celebrations, and never use **fireworks around pets.** Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home. Be prepared in the event that your pet does escape.

## It's Hot Out!

Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!



A car can overheat **even** when the window has been left cracked an inch or two.



Young, overweight or elderly animals, or those with short muzzles or thick or dark-colored coats are **most at risk** for overheating.



Shady spots offer **little** protection on hot days, and move with the sun.

90°

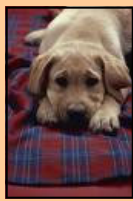
Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

102°

On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

120°

Within just 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to a scorching 120°.



Need a new  
addition to your  
family?

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501-791-8577

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perfect companion for you!

*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.*



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**Please Don't Litter  
Spay or Neuter  
Your Critter**





## **North Little Rock Fire Department**

### **Fire Safety Tips found on the Internet**

#### **Cooking Safety**

- Put a lid on a grease fire to smother it then turn off the heat. Baking soda will also work.
- Wear tightfitting sleeves when cooking. Loose sleeves easily catch fire.
- NEVER throw water on a grease fire. Water will only spread the fire around.
- Never move a burning pan. You can too easily ignite your clothes or spill the fire onto someone or something else.
- Stand by your pan! Never leave cooking unattended.

#### **Safe Smoking**

- Try to quit...again.
- For health and fire safety reasons, permit smoking outside only.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Use large ashtrays with center rests so cigarettes fall into the ashtray and not on the floor.
- Smokers should keep lighters on their person, not on a table or in a purse where children can find them.
- Never smoke in homes where oxygen is in use.

#### **Match and Lighter safety**

- Purchase child resistant lighters.
- Keep all matches and lighters out of reach and sight of children. A high, locked cabinet is recommended.
- Teach children that matches and lighters are not toys, they are tools for grownups.
- Teach young children to tell a grown-up when they see matches or lighters lying around.
- Never give a lighter to a child as a toy.

#### **Have a Home Escape Plan**

- Practice your home escape plan with the whole family twice a year.
- Plan 2 ways out of each room. The easy way out is probably the door and the second way out might be a window.
- If you plan for a child or a senior to exit a window, make sure they can open it easily.
- If you can't get out, close your door and go to the window and signal for help. Teach children never to hide under beds or in closets.
- If you must go through smoke, crawl low. The coolest, cleanest air will be about 18 inches off the ground.
- Have a meeting place outside where everyone will meet. Be able to tell the fire department if everyone is out safely.
- Stay out; don't go back into a burning building for anything.
- Telephone the fire department from a neighbor's house or use the fire alarm emergency box.







## Highlights from some City Departments

Mayor Joe A. Smith holds a monthly department head meeting. Department heads provide a report of activities, projects and accomplishments. Below are a few highlights from the last meeting (April events).

**Hays Center**— new members. 12,013 visits for the month. Activities included a member Vendor day, Community Concert Band performance, Social Security Administration Assistance classes, Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging meeting, (NLR) Friends of the Animals Fundraiser, Plant swap, and Senior Health Fair. Provided bus and driver for Sister City delegation, day trips to Heber Springs and Des Arc, Red Hat Society went to Cabot, and Bean Bag Baseball team traveled to eight away games. Public Senior Housing residents were transported to medical appointments and grocery stores. Volunteers contributed 1,403 hours.

**Sanitation**—collected 2,665.3 tons (5,330,600 lbs) household garbage, rubbish and junk. Collected 63 loads (1,684.2 cubic yards) green waste. 275 waste tires were also picked up. Continue pick up of items due to move-outs and illegal dumping.

**Traffic**—137—barricade permits, signs and posts repaired or replaced—78, city vehicles marked with logo—7, AR One Call requests—51.

**Police**—March crime numbers showed decreases. Theft from Motor Vehicles increased from 40 to 32, Burglaries decreased by 49% from 2018. Theft from motor—most thefts are occurring when a vehicle is left running and unattended or unlocked. **Lock those doors!**

**Fire**—Total incidents—923  
Total Unit Responses—1,638  
Residential Fires—12  
Vehicle Fires—1  
False Alarms/Malfunxions—67  
Rescue/Emergency Medical—534  
Mutual Aid—1  
Hazardous Material Response—7  
Structure Fire fatalities—0  
Vehicle fire fatalities—0  
Training hours—3,224  
Total Building Surveys—172

**Office of Emergency Services/911**—  
Total incoming calls: 13,550  
Non-911 calls: 5,764  
Wired 911: 752                      Abandoned Wired 911: 129  
Wireless 911: 6,304                Abandoned Wireless: 521  
Total dispatch computer entries: 9,199

**Planning**—reviewed 2 new commercial projects:  
Sales Office at 3200 Harris Road and Dollar General

at 2330 Hwy 161. Issued 16 new single family residence permits (permit average \$132,553). Issued 14 Sign permits and 0 Banner permits. Inspectors completed 656 inspections and covered 4,009 miles: 178 Electric; 134 Building; 198 Plumbing; 146 HVAC.

**Electric Customer Service**—Direct contact—lobby payments, 5,141, Drive-thru payments, 2,824. Total payments received: Electric—38,720, amount \$6,621,446.00. Bad debt: \$23,437.00.

**Code Enforcement**—278 assigned calls, 156 initiated calls, 14 citations, 846 violation notices, 32 vehicles tagged, 37 structures inspected, 26 rental inspections, 18 food service inspections, 0 search warrants, 3 house demolished by city, 8 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—274 assigned calls, 109 vacant lots cleaned, 18 lot with structures cleaned, secured 7 vacant houses, 85 vacant lot mowed, 36 lot with structures mowed.

**Parks & Rec**—85 students from surrounding states visited Big Rock Quarry under direction of AR Geological Survey.

### North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau

—Visitors Information Center in Burns Park had 499 visitors in March. Downtown RV Park had 610 reservations with an average stay of 2.5 days and a total of 1,525 camping days. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 2,465 visitors and held Association Reunion. Also held 75th Birthday celebration—200 attended. Had 3 overnight stays (2 groups from AR and 1 from Tennessee).

**Electric Department**—38,685 customers, Peak Power—130,630 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,060(125 repaired), Security lights—4,315 (30 repaired), Smart meters—39,401, Revenue—\$6,032,963. Major outages: Apr 8—Tree on primary 500 block of Lindenhurst, 2,088 customers out 1 hr 17 min; Apr 13—Tree on Primary Regal & Greenbank, 2,088 customers out 1 hr 50 min; Apr 18—Tree on primary Green Oak & Granby, 2,088 customers out 2 hr 29 min.



**North Little Rock Animal Control**

Incoming animals—183/YTD-814

Dogs—109

Cats—71

Other—3

Adoptions—67/YTD-237

Dogs—42

Cats—24

Other—1

Reclaimed—22/YTD-116

Dogs—21

Cats—1

Euthanized—82/YTD-426

Dogs—45

Cats—36

Calls for service—544/YTD-2339

*Pulaski County (accepted at NLR)-0*

YTD=Year to date

**\*\*Non-adoptable animals are those that are sick, injured, unweaned (puppies and kittens), vicious, court ordered or by owner request.\*\***



**Finance—March Report—Revenues (MTD)**

Taxes	\$ 352,101.66
Licenses/Permits	\$ 284,256.12
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 293,751.14
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,822,381.74
Intergovernmental-State	\$ —
Franchises	\$ 214,746.40
Investment/Misc	\$ 18,255.90
User Fees	\$ 89,482.45

Utility Transfer	\$ 53,699.26
Grants & Other	\$ 196,653.90
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$5,094,951.07</b>

**Expenditures**

Administration	\$ 145,143.60
Animal Shelter	\$ 80,013.86
Special Appropriations	\$ 529,366.32
City Clerk	\$ 39,800.32
Emergency Services	\$ 189,179.30
Finance	\$ 82,301.10
Fire	\$1,774,685.36
Health	\$ 9,131.51
Legal	\$ 63,807.20
1st Court	\$ 52,799.51
2nd Court	\$ 56,931.10
Public Defender	\$ —
Human Resources	\$ 85,087.52
Commerce	\$ 32,232.30
Planning	\$ 86,580.35
Police	\$2,388,562.34
Code Enforcement	\$ 82,997.42
Public Works	\$ 113,068.82
Neighborhood Services	\$ 17,243.62
Sanitation	\$ 378,915.93
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 129,791.11
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 140,834.73
Communications	\$ 31,576.50
Fit 2 Live	\$ 24,942.01
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$6,534,992.00</b>

**Apple Cobbler**

Found at [www.missinthekitchen.com](http://www.missinthekitchen.com)

8 c. apples—peeled, cored and sliced

1/3 c. brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

1/2 c. butter

1 1/2 c. sugar

2 c. all purpose flour

1 3/4 c. milk

2 tsp vanilla

3 tsp baking powder

Preheat oven to 325°.

Combine apples, brown sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

Melt butter and pour into 9" x 13" glass baking dish.

In a large mixing bowl, add flour and sugar and stir.

Add milk and vanilla and stir until smooth.

Add baking powder and stir until combined.

Pour batter over melted butter. DO NOT stir.

Pour apples over batter. DO NOT stir.

Bake 40—45 minutes until edges are browned and filling is bubbly.

Allow to cool slightly before serving. Perfect with a scoop of vanilla ice cream or fresh whipped cream!



## ***William F. Laman Library***

**Universe of Stories** - Prizes and programs for all ages, Laman Library's Summer Reading Program challenges everyone to enjoy books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Visit either branch, download the Beanstack Tracker app, or see the Summer Reading tab at [lamanlibrary.org](http://lamanlibrary.org) to participate.

**Equal Heart** - Free meals are provided for ages 1-18 at the Main Branch from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays all summer.

**All-ages Star Party & Storytime** - Learn more about the night sky in the Main Branch plaza on June 10 at 8 p.m. You're welcome to bring your own telescope, but Central Arkansas Astronomical Society and the library will provide several as well.

**Star Wars Night** - Celebrate with an out-of-this-world experience at the Main Branch on June 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. The library's Teen Center will be open to all ages during this library-wide event.

**"New Views of the Universe: Hubble Space Telescope"** - Main Branch's free NASA exhibit features the Science on a Sphere room-sized visualization platform during regular hours through Aug. 31.

**Cyber Saturday - Main Branch LINC's all-age gaming is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 1 and 15.** Tournaments start at 1 p.m. with Street Fighter V and Rocket League on June 1 and Mortal Kombat X and Rocket League on June 15.

**Creative Writing Workshop - Part 2 of 4: Let's talk about all that magic in the middle at the Main Branch at 2 p.m. on June 1.**

**Nitro Joe - Kids' won't want to miss Main Branch's super-cool science show at 10:30 a.m. June 6.**

**The Jungle Book** - All the way from New Hampshire to the Argenta Branch, Hampstead Stage Theatre presents *The Jungle Book* at 2 p.m. June 13.

**Argenta Branch's Free Bingo Games - Everyone's a winner at 1 p.m. June 14.**

**Free Yoga Classes** - Main Branch offers Kids' Yoga at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Teen Yoga at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and Adult Yoga at 6 p.m. Thursdays all summer. Argenta Branch hosts Yoga for kids to teens at 2 p.m. June 27.

**Healthy Families' Free Tastings and Cooking Demonstrations** - Interactive lessons and money-saving tips at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays all summer courtesy of the U of A Research and Extension Office.

**Kids' Kitchen** - Free cooking and kitchen safety classes for third-graders and up at 10:30 a.m. June 21 and 28, plus every Friday in July, at the Main Branch.

**Acrylic Pour Painting for Teens** - Teens paint from above in the Main Branch Teen Center at 2 p.m. on June 18.

**Free Movies** - Catch an Monday Movie at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Branch with *Incredibles 2* June 3, *Ralph Breaks the Internet* June 10, *Mary Poppins Returns* June 17, and *Sherlock Gnomes* June 24. Argenta Branch movies run at 1 p.m. with *Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire* June 3, *Christopher Robin* June 10, *Ant-Man & Wasp* June 17, and *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* June 24. Teen Movie Mondays start at noon in the Main Branch Teen Center. Teens also watch *First Man* at the Main Branch at 2 p.m. June 11.

**Main Branch Storytimes** - Preschool and Lapsit groups meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. The USS Blackstone Central Arkansas Star Trek Fan Club presents at 10:30 a.m. June 20, and Craig O'Neal entertains at 10:30 a.m. June 27.

**Main Branch's Discovery Library** - Kids explore something new each weekday at 3:30 p.m.

**Tail-Waggin' Tutors** - Children are invited to read to therapy dogs at 11 a.m. June 3 and 10 and July 8 and 15 at the Argenta Branch.

**Magic Shows** - Kids will love Magic Mr. Nick at 10:30 a.m. on June 12 at the Main Branch and 2 p.m. June 12 at the Argenta Branch, Marty Boone The Balloonman at 10:30 a.m. June 14 at the Main Branch, and Tommy Terrific at 2 p.m. June 26 at the Argenta Branch.

**Brian & Terri Kinder** - A free children's concert at the Argenta Branch at 2 p.m. June 19.

**Free Main Branch DIY** - All supplies provided for ages 18 and up. The Folded Book Panda Bear Workshop is 1 p.m. June 8. Krafty Seniors create Celebration Wreaths at 1 p.m. June 11. Register by June 5 at (501) 758-1720.

**Argenta ArtWalk** - Artists Cheryl McMickle and Dewana McIntosh are featured this month with an opening reception, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Argenta Branch on June 21.

**Essence of Books** - This month's selection is James Baldwin's *If Beale Street Could Talk*. Join the Main Branch conversation at 5:30 p.m. June 25.

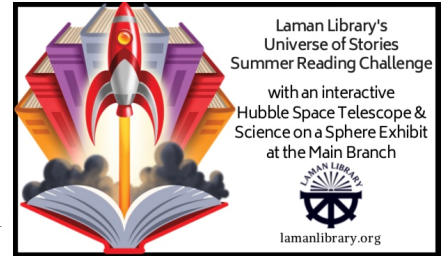
**Free Main Branch Computer Classes** - Learn more about Mugen Games from 2 to 3 p.m. and the Basics of Coding from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in June. Graphic Design 101 is 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Brush up on your Microsoft Publisher skills from 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. On Fridays, Computer Basics are covered 11 a.m. to noon and Keyboarding 101 is 2 to 3 p.m. no reservation needed.

### Birthdays:

Dominic Watada 3      Darlene Cunningham 12      A G Smith 13      Dale Bryant 26

### Anniversaries:

Craig Gerard 27 yrs      Janet Rodgers 16 yrs      Robert Rumph 9 yrs      Stacy Purdy 4 yrs  
Robin Campbell 4 yrs      Chance Griebel 3 yrs      Fredonna Walker 2 yrs      Jennie Promack 2 yrs



## Argenta Historic District

Found at [www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net](http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1993, the Argenta District in downtown North Little Rock has anchored the revival of the city's urban core. It is bounded by Broadway on the south, 9th Street on the north, Poplar Street on the east, and North Broadway on the west. The district includes residential and commercial properties representing a continuum of the city's development from the late 1880s to 1940s, when North Little Rock grew from a muddy outpost on the Arkansas River opposite Little Rock to a primary railroad and industrial center with the second-largest population in the state.

True to its working-class roots as a city of railroad yards, cotton oil mills, factories, and cattle pens, Argenta's architecture reflects vernacular expressions of popular styles of the period. Notable architects include Charles L. Thompson, H. Ray Burks, Guy Swaim, and John Parks Almand. Thompson designed Argenta High School (later Fourth Street Junior High) at 4th and Willow; the building was razed in 1976 during the era of urban renewal. Almand designed the First Presbyterian Church at 4th and Maple.

Architectural historian (Director of the North Little Rock History Commission), Sandra Taylor Smith authored the district's National Register nomination. Initially, there was resistance among preservationists because so many structures had been significantly altered and neglected. Smith emphasized the Argenta neighborhood's history and connection to the founding of North Little Rock. In 1993, the district included 172 properties in separate areas, with barely half qualifying for National Register status. In 2007, following more than a decade of investment, the district was expanded and unified with eighty-one percent of 258 properties in compliance with National Register standards. "The buildings within Argenta strongly retain their integrity of location, design, workmanship and materials," Smith wrote in 2007. "A sense of time and place is conveyed in tree-lined streetscapes of the residential area as well as along the city's principal commercial corridor, Main Street."



Main Street features Classical Revival architecture at City Hall (1914-1915) and the former U. S. Post Office

(1932) (now the Argenta Branch of the William F. Laman Library). The Street building (1895) and the Faucette-Cook building (1895) are Italianate style. Two of the oldest structures, the Argenta Drug Company building (1887) and the Vogel building (1887), are late nineteenth-century Vernacular Commercial. The Owens Funeral Company building (1928) is the only example of Spanish Revival style. Also represented on Main and Maple streets are twentieth-century Commercial Moderne and International styles.

In Argenta's residential area, Craftsman, Dutch Colonial Revival, English Revival, Colonial Revival, Vernacular, Prairie, and Minimal Traditional styles predominate. Larger residences include the Classical Revival E. O. Manees House at 216 W. 4th Street (1895) and English Revival Owens House (1926). The Baker House at 5th and Main (1897) is the lone Queen Anne style. Constructed primarily for railroad workers, most Argenta houses are modest in size. Shotgun-style houses line the 500 block of Willow and 800 block of Orange. Development by Twin City Bank and the Justin Matthews Company in the 1920s, Melrose Circle features fifty-two Craftsman bungalows on the site of a former cotton oil mill.

Downtown North Little Rock's vitality declined measurably in the 1960s due to a combination of interstate construction and suburban flight. Tear-downs during urban renewal in the 1970s waged the final blow. By the early 1990s, crime and deterioration had reduced Argenta to a dangerous wasteland. Two murders in 1991 galvanized residents to form an organization that would be pivotal in the turn-around. Boosters for a Better Downtown spurred the creation of the historic district, along with the establishment of the Argenta Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Main Street Argenta.

The North Little Rock History Commission hired Smith in 1991 to prepare the National Register nomination. After its approval in 1993, the North Little Rock City Council established the Historic District Commission to enforce architectural guidelines. Argenta CDC, formed in 1992, was governed by a board of residents, with Dan Scott (Director of North Little Rock Neighborhood Services) and Rosemary Hamel as director. Working closely with the Historic District Commission and the city's Community Development Agency headed by Charley Baxter (now retired), the CDC purchased and rehabilitated 69 properties in Argenta. Between 1994 and 2008, residential property values rose more than 400 percent, and commercial values climbed 270 percent. Similarly, between 1996 and 2007, police calls declined by 90 percent.

The Argenta Downtown Council succeeded Main Street Argenta in 2007. Led by property owners, the council provides marketing and landscaping, as well as support for business development and safety downtown. John Gaudin and partners built Argenta Place at 301 Main Street in 2007, and City Grove town homes on Maple Street in 2008.





North Little Rock Police Department  
 Memorial Ceremony held May 16, 2019  
*Photos taken by Jeff Caplinger*



Pictured above, Ms. Lillian Williams receives the Oath of Office from City Clerk Diane Whitbey during the May 13, 2019, City Council Meeting. Ms. Williams continues to serve our city as a member of the Civil Service Commission. *Thank you for your service!*





*Below is information contained in a Media Advisory from the Arkansas National Guard, Thursday, May 30, 2019. As you can see they have been busy protecting and helping the residents of Arkansas.*

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

May 30, 2019  
Maj. W. B. Phillips, II  
State Public Affairs Officer  
Arkansas National Guard



### **Arkansas National Guard flood response recap**

*Daily recap of forces, equipment mobilized to support Arkansas' flood response*

**WHO: The Arkansas National Guard**

**WHAT: Has provided the following support to requesting county officials via the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or as directed by the Governor of the State of Arkansas.**

May 29, One, 9-person state active duty security team for traffic control on Chaffee Maneuver Training Center after the Arkansas National Guard opened Fort Smith Boulevard to the public to assist **Lavaca** and **Greenwood** residents affected by flooding on Highways 255 and 22.

May 28, 2 personnel on state active duty to operate a sandbagging machine in **Franklin County**.

May 28, 10 personnel and 2 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters to provide aviation support in order to hoist 3,000-pound sandbags in **Crawford County**.

May 28, 10 personnel and 2 UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters to provide aviation support in order to assist with sling load operations moving up to 50 4,000-pound sandbags to close off a failed valve on a 36-inch culvert to prevent flooding on Highway 9 in **Conway County**.

May 28, 45 personnel to staff the Joint Operations Center on state active duty and Title 32 statuses to conduct staffing in support of Arkansas National Guard's response in support of civil authorities responding to flooding across the state **along the Arkansas River, Mississippi River, and all tributaries in Arkansas**.

May 27, Six, 2-person teams on state active duty at **three separate locations** to operate and maintain proper accountability of the team's assigned sandbagging machine or skid steer with attachments to support local counties sandbagging operations.

May 27, 5 personnel and 2 Palletized Loading System trucks on state active duty to transport sandbagging equipment from Festus, Mo., to Robinson Maneuver Training Center in **North Little Rock, Ark**.

May 27, 1 personnel on state active duty to perform liaison duties at the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management in **Pulaski County**.

May 27, 2-personnel on state active duty and 1 truck and trailer to move sandbag equipment from Lavinia, Tenn., to Arkansas.

May 26, 3-personnel aircrew with Title 32 full-time Guardsmen and one UH-72 Lakota helicopter to rescue Army Corps of Engineer personnel trapped **Lock and Dam 13** on the Arkansas River near Fort Smith, Ark.

May 25, One, 13-person state active duty high water support team in order to provide flood support from **Sebastian County through Franklin County** along the Arkansas River.

May 25, One, 13-person state active duty high water support team in order to provide flood support from **Johnson County to Jefferson County** along the Arkansas River.

May 24, One, 3-person state active duty team from 188th Wing and equipment, as needed, to provide personnel for Incident Awareness and Assessment operations for flood response along the **Arkansas River, Mississippi River, and all tributaries in Arkansas**.

*The Arkansas National Guard is assisting in limiting flood damage to Arkansans, as requested by county emergency management officials, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management or as directed by the Governor of the State of Arkansas.*

## Ranch Turkey Burgers

*Found in Country Living Farmhouse Kitchen Cookbook*

- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 3 Tbsp Ranch dressing
- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 slices Swiss cheese
- 4 hamburger buns

In a medium bowl, gently combine ground turkey, onion, garlic, salt, pepper, and ranch dressing. Form into four 3/4-inch thick patties. Transfer to plate, cover with plastic wrap, and chill for 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 400°F.



Fit a wire rack over baking pan; set aside. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add burgers and cook until browned (about 4 minutes per side).

Transfer patties to baking pan, place in oven, and cook until burgers are firm and

reach an internal temperature of 165°F (about 10 minutes). During the last minute in oven, melt a slice of Swiss cheese over each burger. Serve on burger buns with desired toppings.

## Cowboy Brisket

*Found in Country Living Farmhouse Kitchen Cookbook*

- 2 Tbsp cowboy rub (such as McCormick® Grill Mates®)
- 1 Tbsp dark brown sugar
- 2 tsps. Smoked paprika
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 flat-cut brisket (6 pounds)
- 1 large sweet onion, sliced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup chopped fresh cilantro

In a bowl, stir together cowboy rub, sugar, paprika, salt, and cumin. Trim fat from brisket, leaving a thin layer; cut into 3-inch chunks. Rub brisket pieces evenly with spice mixture. In lightly greased 5- to 6- quart slow-cooker bowl, add onions and garlic; arrange meat on top and sprinkle with cilantro. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 9 hours or until brisket pieces shred easily with a fork. Serve drizzled with small amount of cooking liquid, or cover and chill for up to 4 days.

### Variations:

**Tacos:** Try brisket on warmed tortillas with your favorite toppings, such as pico de gallo, crumbled queso fresco, and lime wedges (see photo).

**Open-Face Sandwiches:** Toss shredded cabbage, grated carrots, and diced cucumbers with ranch dressing and a squeeze of lime juice. Pile brisket on large square of toasted cornbread and top with the slaw and sliced green onions.

**Pizza:** Spread pizza dough with bbq sauce. Sprinkle with brisket, shredded pepper Jack cheese, diced red onion, and red bell peppers. Bake according to dough instructions, sprinkling with cilantro just before serving.

**Baked Sweet Potatoes:** Wilt spinach in garlic butter. Split roasted sweet potatoes; fill each with brisket and buttered spinach. Top with a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with chopped bacon and diced red onion.

**Ravioli:** Toss brisket with hot cooked cheese ravioli, fresh arugula, chopped fresh parsley, and halved grape tomatoes. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.



*Every home needs something simmering in the kitchen. This summer, you won't want to heat up the house so this recipe is just what you are looking for! Throw it together and then let your imagination go wild on the variety of meals you can come up with!*

*Bon appetite!*





**Peddlers Permit  
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**  
Issued: 4/1/19  
Expires: **6/2919**



**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:** *If someone comes to my home selling Newspaper subscriptions, are they required to have a door-to-door peddlers permit?*

**Answer:** Yes. **Anyone** going door to door in the North Little Rock City Limits is required to have a peddlers permit and ID issued by the City Clerk’s Office. Other examples include newspapers, pest control, alarm systems, home improvements, etc.

**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](mailto:nlrhistory@comcast.net).

**Effective April 1, the penalty for not renewing or doing business in the city since January 1, 2019 is 25% of the total amount due.**

**Reminder—ALL businesses doing business within the city limits of North Little Rock are required to have a current Business/Privilege License. Businesses that are not licensed are subject to a citation (and court appearance) for operating a business without a license.**

**Please contact 501-975-8617 with any questions regarding North Little Rock Business License requirements and fees.**

*The North Little Rock Convention & Visitor’s Center wants to know about your upcoming events!*

*To submit events, visit [www.NorthLittleRock.org](http://www.NorthLittleRock.org) or call Stephanie Slagle, Public Relations Representative at 501-758-1424.*

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

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

**All Business / Privilege Licenses expired December 31, 2018**  
Renewal notices were **mailed on or about Monday, December 31, 2018.**

Licenses **must be renewed** between **January 2, 2019 and April 1, 2019** to avoid penalties.

**All persons** doing business **of any kind** within the city limits are required to have a Business/Privilege License.

If a business **operates 1 day into the new year**, they **are 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](mailto:Dwhitbey@nlr.ar.gov).

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

**City Offices located at 120 Main**

IS/Data Processing, Kathy Stephens	975-8820
Finance, Karen Scott	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	753-0733
	Beth White	758-2738
Ward 2	Linda Robinson	945-8820
	Maurice Taylor	690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter	804-0928
	Ron Harris	758-2877
Ward 4	Charlie Hight	758-8396
	Jane Ginn	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 Joe A. Smith	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
Joe A. Smith	
City Clerk & Treasurer.....	501-975-8617
Diane Whitbey	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Fit 2 Live.....	501-975-8777
Isaac Henry	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Jim Billings	

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling  
schedule for the month of June

May 28—June 1 recycle  
*June 3—7 no pickup*  
June 10—14 recycle  
*June 17—21 no pickup*  
June 24—June 28 recycle





# June Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
MELINDA BELL	2ND COURT	10	BRANDON BENNETT	POLICE	12
TODD LARSON	ADMIN	1	CODY BROWN	POLICE	12
ANITA KABAT	ANIMAL CONT	6	SAMUEL MONTGOMERY	POLICE	12
GLEN REESE	CODE	9	ROBERT BRANCH	POLICE	15
YASSIN ALURAIBY	ELECTRIC	2	BRADLEY SIMS	POLICE	15
RICHARD WILSON	ELECTRIC	3	DON MAGGARD JR	POLICE	16
KIMBERLY LOR	ELECTRIC	7	CLINTON O'KELLEY	POLICE	16
JESSICA STEPHENS	ELECTRIC	9	LONNELL TIMS	POLICE	16
THOMAS HANKINS	ELECTRIC	9	STEVEN CHAMNESS	POLICE	17
DANA WALLIS	ELECTRIC	9	JULIE ECKERT	POLICE	17
ROBERT KUYKENDALL	ELECTRIC	11	MARK HOOD	POLICE	17
CHAD ALLEN	ELECTRIC	25	ANGEL ROSADO	POLICE	17
RONALD RIGGIN	ELECTRIC	28	MARK WRIGHT	POLICE	18
OKEY DILLON JR	ELECTRIC	34	CARMEN HELTON	POLICE	20
DANIEL ASHLEY	FIRE	8	GREGORY BLANKENSHIP	POLICE	21
MATTHEW MAYFIELD	FIRE	8	JAY BOODY	POLICE	21
MICHAEL JOY	FIRE	12	DENNIS DORRELL II	POLICE	21
BENJAMIN EVANS	FIRE	19	WILLIAM ELIZANDRO	POLICE	21
EDWIN FAUBION	FIRE	22	THOMAS NORMAN	POLICE	21
JULIA HODGE	HR	17	CARY COOKE	POLICE	22
TERRI TODD	OES/911	15	RONALD MESSER	POLICE	22
KAREN ROLLINS	OES/911	16	KEITH PHIFER	POLICE	22
TELINA MAHAN	PARKS ATHLETIC	3	PAUL RILEY	POLICE	22
DUSTIN MCNAUGHTON	PARKS GOLF	5	MARK WIGGINS	POLICE	22
DENNIS MELTON	PARKS MAINT	1	DON DUKES	POLICE	23
BRANDON USSERY	PARKS MAINT	1	MICHAEL MILLER	POLICE	23
GRALYN CARR	PARKS MAINT	2	KARL SORRELLS	POLICE	23
JENIFER HOLLAND	PARKS REC	6	GEORGE GOREE II	POLICE	25
PAMELA SMITH	PARKS REC	27	JAMES DANCY	POLICE	34
JOHN HALE	PLANNING	5	ALAN HATTER	SANITATION	2
RODGER GREENE	PLANNING	21	JOHN PARKER	SANITATION	2
PHILLIP GANGLUFF	POLICE	2	TOMMY FELS	SANITATION	16
EVAN HENDRICKS	POLICE	2	ANTHONY LOGAN	SANITATION	19
ZACHARY HODGE	POLICE	2	STEVE RABUN	UAD	24
JOHN TEMPLE	POLICE	2	DAVID ARMSTRONG	VEHICLE MAINT	22
PHYLLIS DRONE	POLICE	7	WILLIAM ROBERTSON	VEHICLE MAINT	29

*Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by HR the prior year (i.e. 2019 was provided in 2018). 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 19 years. My total service with the city is 29 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)*

# June Birthdays

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
PETRA	WEBB	ELECTRIC	1	DAN	SCOTT	NEIGHBORHOOD SRV	16
BRIAN	SMITH	ELECTRIC	1	MATTHEW	PEACH	POLICE	17
JAN	SCHOLL	ADMIN	1	TOMMY	WAID JR	STREET	17
TINA	WORRELL	PARKS REC	3	BERNADETTE	RHODES	HAYS CENTER	18
KEITH	IVEY	PARKS MAINT	3	MICHAEL	STANLEY	POLICE	18
DANIEL	DELLORTO	FIRE	4	SHAWN	SPENCER	PLANNING	19
GREGORY	WOODWARD	ELECTRIC	4	CHRISTOPHER	MATLOCK	FIRE	20
MICHAEL	BLEVINS	POLICE	5	KENNY	HIGHFILL	ELECTRIC	20
DANIEL	ASHLEY	FIRE	5	TOMMY	DELANEY JR	STREET	20
LYNN	WILLIAMS	SANITATION	6	MARVIN	GULLETT	ELECTRIC	21
JON	SCHWULST	POLICE	6	DONNA	LAMBERT	SANITATION	21
ROBERT	BIRCH	ADMIN	7	JEFFREY	COMBS	FIRE	21
MICHAEL	COOK	FIRE	7	AMANDA	BONNER	FINANCE	21
JAMES	BONA	POLICE	8	CEDRIC	PAYNE	FIRE	22
TODD	IRBY	FIRE	8	ROBERT	DANIELS	ELECTRIC	22
NAKISHA	MORAGNE	ELECTRIC	8	ALAN	HATTER	SANITATION	22
MATTHEW	ANDERSON	POLICE	8	BRIAN	SCROGGINS	PARKS MAINT	22
MARCUS	JOHNSON	SANITATION	8	GLEN	REESE	CODE	23
DEWEY	GOSHIEN	PLANNING	9	MARK	COLEMAN	FIRE	23
OWEN	HONEYSUCKLE	PARKS MAINT	9	DONALD	EOFF	PARKS MAINT	23
DAVID	SIDERS	ELECTRIC	10	MICHAEL	MERLO	POLICE	23
CONDOROUS	BREEDLOVE JR	SANITATION	10	RICHARD	BIBB	POLICE	23
JEFFREY	COBURN	POLICE	10	VEDA	STEWART PEREZ	ELECTRIC	23
JACOB	LAWRENCE	VEHICLE MAINT	10	DEBI	ROSS	CITY COUNCIL	23
BRYAN	HILL	FIRE	11	MICHAEL	MATHIS	FIRE	24
BRUCE	FEATHERS	UAD	12	CHRISTOPHER	HOLLEY	FIRE	24
GAYLE	LEWIS-MULLINS	POLICE	12	LEONARD	PETTIT	ELECTRIC	25
CHARLES	BOLDEN	ELECTRIC	12	BILLY	HOPSON	SANITATION	25
JASON	CHRISMAN	POLICE	12	NATHAN	OSBON	ELECTRIC	26
LAURIE	ROBINSON	POLICE	14	TRACY	ROULSTON	POLICE	27
ERIC	STOCKMAN	POLICE	14	DAVID	JONES	FIRE	27
SUSAN	RUSSELL	HAYS CENTER	15	ERICK	FREE	FIRE	27
DAVID	FORSTROM	PUBLIC WORKS	15	ROBERT	GRIFFIN	POLICE	28
JERRY	HAWKINS	SANITATION	15	DENISE	LACY	POLICE	28
MARK	TACKETT	FIRE	15	JEREMY	DOWDY	ELECTRIC	29
WILLIAM	ELIZANDRO	POLICE	15	ROBERT	BRANCH	POLICE	30
COREY	PLATT	FIRE	15	CARRIE	HAVENS	PARKS REC	30
WILLIAM	MANN	ELECTRIC	16	WILLIAM	WILLIAMS	POLICE	30

*Due to flooding caused by the rising Arkansas River, please keep your friends, neighbors and co-workers in mind.*

*If you know of someone who may need help, please reach out to them.*

*If you are unable to offer physical or emotional assistance, please consider making a donation to the American Red Cross.*

*Also, if you are approached or contacted by a company offering flood insurance or other services, please make sure they are legitimate. There will be a lot of bad people trying to take advantage of those in need during and after this event.*