

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

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Why we eat what we eat on Thanksgiving

By Ethan Trex, Found at <http://mentalfloss.com>

When Americans sit down with their families for Thanksgiving dinner, most of us will probably gorge ourselves on the same traditional Thanksgiving menu, with turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, and pumpkin pie taking up the most real estate on our plates. How did these dishes become the national "what you eat on Thanksgiving" options, though?

The Pilgrims may not have had turkey

Turkey may not have been on the menu at the 1621 celebration by the Pilgrims of Plymouth that is considered the First Thanksgiving (though historians and fans of Virginia's Berkley Plantation might quibble with the "First" part). There were definitely wild turkeys in the Plymouth area, as colonist William Bradford noted in his journal. However, the best existing account of the Pilgrim's harvest feast comes from colonist Edward Winslow, author of *Mourt's Relation: A journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth*. Winslow's first-hand account of the First Thanksgiving included no explicit mention of turkey. He does, however, mention the Pilgrims gathering "wild fowl" for the meal, although that could just as likely have meant ducks or geese.

So why do we chow down on turkey, then?

It helps to know a bit about the history of Thanksgiving. While the idea of giving thanks and celebrating the harvest was popular in certain parts of the country, it was by no means an annual national holiday. Presidents would occasionally declare a Thanksgiving Day celebration, but the holiday hadn't completely caught on nationwide. Many of these early celebrations included turkey; Alexander Hamilton once remarked that, "No citizen of the U. S. shall refrain from turkey on Thanksgiving Day."

When Bradford's journals were reprinted in 1856 after being lost for a century, they found a receptive audience with advocates who wanted Thanksgiving turned into a national holiday. Since Bradford wrote of how the colonists had hunted wild turkeys during the autumn of 1621 and since turkey is a uniquely American (and scrumptious) bird, it gained traction as the Thanksgiving meat of choice for Americans after Lincoln declaring Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863.

Moreover, there were pragmatic reasons for eating turkey rather than, say, chicken at a feast like Thanksgiving. The birds are large enough that they can feed a table full of hungry family members,

and unlike chickens or cows, they didn't serve much utilitarian purpose like laying eggs or making milk. Unlike pork, turkey wasn't so common that it didn't seem like a suitable choice for a special occasion, either. An interesting 2007 piece in Slate discussed these reasons for turkey's prominence, but also made another intriguing point. The publication of *A Christmas Carol* in 1843 may have helped force along the turkey's cause as a holiday delicacy when Scrooge magnanimously sends the Cratchit family a Christmas turkey.



"Where's Mel"? Be the 1st person to call 975-8617 and tell us where you found him hiding in the newsletter and win a prize!

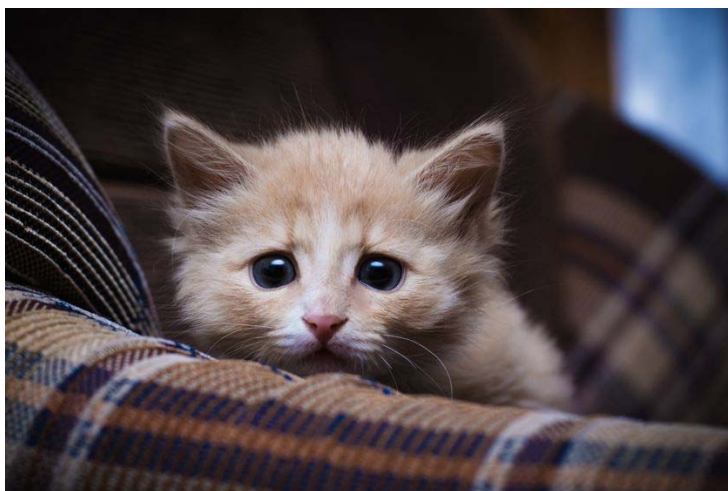
Cat/Kitten Separation Anxiety: Causes, Signs and Treatment

North Rock
Animal Control
 more information call
501-791-8577

Found at drsfostersmith.com

Signs of separation anxiety in cats may occur when the cat is separated from his owner or another companion pet with whom he has a strong bond. A cat with separation anxiety may insist on being with the owner at all times, even following the owner from room to room. When the owner gets ready to leave the house, the cat may sulk and hide, or try to get between the owner and the door. When the owner returns, the cat may show an abnormally enthusiastic greeting.

Some of the behavioral problems triggered by separation anxiety in cats are the same as those seen in dogs: vocalizing after the owner leaves, inappropriate urination or defecation (sometimes near a door or on the owner's personal items) and, less often, destructiveness (chewing, scratching). Cats may also show their distress in other, less obvious ways such as becoming too anxious to eat when left alone; or vomiting only when the owner is not there. A less common sign in cats may be excessive grooming, to the point of creating a bald spot on one or two areas of the body.



What causes separation anxiety? It is not known for sure what causes separation anxiety in cats. It has been speculated that there may be both genetic and environmental factors involved. Being orphaned or being weaned early may predispose a kitten to developing separation anxiety. While future research will give us more information, for now, the best prevention is to try to start out with a kitten that is well-socialized and thus, hopefully, will be

less likely to develop behavior problems of any type.

What should I do if I suspect my cat has separation anxiety? The first step is to discuss the situation with your veterinarian and have your cat undergo a complete physical examination. It is important to make sure that your cat's behavior is not due to an underlying physical problem. For example, a cat which is urinating outside the litter box and/or doing a lot of howling may be developing a urinary tract obstruction or infection. A cat that is over-grooming may have a food allergy. Your veterinarian may recommend some tests including a complete blood count, a chemistry profile, urinalysis, thyroid testing, or a blood pressure check. Because separation anxiety in cats is just beginning to be studied, you may find it helpful to work with an animal behaviorist, who can help you to rule out the other types of anxiety-related behaviors.

How is separation anxiety treated? In dogs, the most effective therapy for separation anxiety often involves a combination of behavior modification and anti-anxiety medication. It is likely that this would be true in the case of cats as well.

It may be possible to make the time surrounding the owner's departure less stressful for the cat, by making some changes in the normal routine. For 15 minutes prior to leaving and upon returning home, the owner should ignore the cat. Leaving a distracting toy can be helpful. Another option is to hide tasty food treats (like cooked chicken) in various places in the house. Other toys the cat especially likes should be taken out just before the owner leaves, and put away once the owner returns. When the owner returns the cat should basically be ignored for approximately 15 minutes.

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 501-791-8577
 ...we've got the perfect companion for you!

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North Little Rock Fire Department

Check your **Smoke Alarms** When you change the **clocks!**

Most fatal fires occur at night. Every home needs working smoke alarms to provide an early warning.

Install smoke alarms in sleeping rooms, hallways that lead to sleeping areas, basements and each additional level of your home.

Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling. Do not install near draft areas (windows, vents). Call the fire department if you are not sure about placement.

A good time to remember to check your smoke alarm (and carbon monoxide detector) and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice a year as daylight savings time begins and ends.

You should also prepare and practice an escape plan! Crawl low under smoke. Plan where to meet outside. Once you're out, stay out!

Remember, almost every day a smoke alarm saves somebody's life.

Found at www.fire.ca.gov



Test your smoke alarms once a month.

A smoke alarm can save your life in a fire. Use the test button to make sure your smoke alarms are working.

You should also test your smoke alarm at least once a month to ensure that they are working.

Did you know that smoke alarms should be replaced every 87,000 hours, or about 10 years?

Carbon Monoxide alarms should be replaced every five years!



Fire Fest 2017, hosted by the NLR Fire Department was a huge hit at McCain Mall! Lots of families came by and visited with fire fighters, city staff, NLR shelter animals and



more!
However, it was a little breezy that night as you can tell by the photo of the American flag!

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 (September events).

Hays Center—64 new members. 11,630 visitors for the month. Health Fair included Baptist Health, hearing test, social security and 17 others. 159 members got information, screenings and giveaways. Provided trips to Bryant Senior Center for dance and lunch, Van Buren County Fair and Murray's Dinner Play House. Transported Public Senior Housing residents to bowling, medical appointments and grocery store. Hays Center volunteers logged 1,232 hours.

Electric Customer Service—Bad debt—\$5,821, New accts—1,090, Finaled accts—1,139. Customer calls—10,383. Direct contact: 2,451, inside teller payments: 7,795 Electric; 7,061 Gas/Water. Drive thru: 4,394 Electric; 4,211 Gas/Water. Online: 7,904.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 2,150.42 tons (4,300,840 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 100 loads; 2,738.2 cubic yards of mixed debris and green waste. Picked up 412 tires. Issued 100 Sanitation Code Violations.

Traffic Services—approved 166 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced 190 signs and posts, marked 4 city vehicles with logo, 88 Arkansas One Call location requests.

Police—Crime numbers for August indicate continued rises in property crimes. 67 thefts from motor vehicles were reported (this number is up from 47 last August). *Burglaries* were 41 reported (down from 2016). Violent crime overall was up 2.7%. 12 officers in various stages of training.

Fire—Total incidents—980
Total Unit Responses—1,702
Residential Fires—11
Other fires—0
Vehicle Fires—5
False Alarms/Malfuncions—52
Rescue/Emergency Medical—589
Mutual Aid—0
Hazardous Material Response—11
Structure Fire fatalities—1
Vehicle fire fatalities—0
Training hours—4,191
Total Building Surveys—189

Office of Emergency Services/911—

Total incoming calls: 15,137
Non-911 calls: 6,764
Wired 911: 921 Abandoned Wired 911: 112
Wireless 911: 6,606 Abandoned Wireless: 525
Total dispatch computer entries: 9,737

Planning—Major permits reviewed 1—Popeyes—Maumelle Blvd. New Commercial average \$890,000. Issued 0 commercial tenant finish out. Issued 8 commercial remodel permits. Issued 15 new single family residential permits (average—\$136,458). Also issued 6 Sign permits and 4 Banner permits. Inspectors completed 447 inspections and covered 4,597 miles: 120 Electric; 108 Building; 119 Plumbing; 100 HVAC.

Electric Department—38,587 customers, Peak Power—201,456 KW, Territory—60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,049 (201 repaired), Security lights—4,210 (40 repaired), Smart meters—39,401, Revenue—\$10,096,287. Major outages—none.

Code Enforcement—177 assigned calls, 618 initiated calls, 43 citations, 443 violation notices, 71 vehicles tagged, 161 structures inspected, 93 rental inspections, 23 food service inspections, 2 search warrants, 3 houses demolished by city, 4 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—196 assigned calls, 82 vacant lots cleaned, 48 lots with structures cleaned, secured 2 vacant houses, vacant lots mowed—82, lots with structures mowed—48, picked up 0 tires.

North Little Rock Visitors Bureau—Visitors Information Center in Burns Park had 1,014 visitors in September. Downtown RV Park had 632 reservations/

average stay 2.4 days. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 1,303 visitors.



Parks & Recreation—One Heart Playground is now open! Conquer the Gauntlet event held at

Stone Links with 1,800 participants. **Where's Shep?**

Many of you know Shep works at Parks and Recreation with Ian Hope, Park Ranger. What you don't know is that he is quite the little writer...*it was a dark and stormy night, the geese were nowhere to be found...because it was dark, and stormy.* This month, Shep chased geese, went to meetings, chased more geese—you get the picture. Vestal Park and Emerald Park have seen more than more than their fair share recently.

Now for a bonus—**Where's Shep?** Be the first person to call 501-975-8617 and tell us where he is sitting in the city with his ball and win a prize!



North Little Rock Animal Control—

Incoming animals—139/YTD-1,619
 Adoptions—54/YTD-529
 Reclaimed—15/YTD-215
 Euthanized—65/YTD-809
 Citations issued—27/YTD-296
 Dogs/cats sterilized—54/YTD-512
 Calls for service—538/YTD-5960
Pulaski County (accepted at NLR)
 Incoming Animals—132/YTD-898
 Adopted—12/YTD-185
 Reclaimed—10/YTD-48
 Euthanized—96/YTD-645



YTD=Year to date
 No adoptable animals**

were euthanized for space—something we hope will continue! ****Non-adoptable animals are those that are sick, injured, unweaned (puppies and kittens), vicious, court ordered or by owner request.****

Reminder! Please consider adopting from a shelter! Shelter pets make great additions to any family! And **PLEASE** **spay or neuter your pets!**

Finance—Revenues (MTD—Sept not available)

Taxes	\$
Licenses/Permits	\$
Fines/Forfeitures	\$
Local Option Sales Tax	\$
Franchises	\$
Investment/Misc	\$
User Fees	\$
Utility Transfer	\$
Grants & Other	\$
Transfer from Electric	\$
Total Revenue:	\$

Expenditures

Administration	\$
Animal Shelter	\$
Special Appropriations	\$
City Clerk	\$
Emergency Services	\$

Finance	\$
Fire	\$
Health	\$
Legal	\$
1st Court	\$
2nd Court	\$
Public Defender	\$
Human Resources	\$
Commerce	\$
Planning	\$
Police	\$
Code Enforcement	\$
Public Works	\$
Neighborhood Services	\$
Sanitation	\$
Vehicle Maintenance	\$
Senior Citizens Center	\$
Communications	\$
Fit 2 Live	\$
Total Expenditures:	\$



Brandy Raines

Effective **October 30, 2017** the following **fees** charged by the North Little Rock Fire Department have changed:

Commercial Burn Permit (30-day period) \$200.00

Bonfire Permit (1-8 hour period) \$10.00

All other Burn Permits (3-day period) \$25.00

Anyone with questions regarding any of the above permits should call the North Little Rock Fire Department Fire Marshal's Office at 501-340-5377.



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Making the cat's environment more stimulating may help, also. A comfortable perch that allows a view from a window can provide entertainment, especially if there is a bird feeder in sight. Climbing ledges or carpeted towers with attached toys can be fun also. Leaving a radio or TV on softly can be comforting; some cats enjoy "cat videos" with sounds and pictures of birds and other small creatures. Some cats may be less anxious with another animal in the house, but this depends on the individual cat and may or may not be a good solution.



In some cases, anti-anxiety medication may also be needed for a short time. These medications may include Buspar, Prozac, and Clomicalm. These are not labeled specifically for use in cats, and their use must be prescribed and monitored by your veterinarian.

Future research will give us more information about the incidence, cause, and treatment of separation anxiety in cats, and help us to make life better for our feline friends.

Disaster Prep

Found in The Daily Record which indicated it was provided by the Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet.

Imagine losing everything in a disaster like Hurricane Harvey, then having to list all of your possessions to file an insurance claim — every plate, holiday decoration and piece of clothing for starters.

Without a home inventory, this would be the toughest memory test you'd ever face, and forgotten items could cost you in the form of a lower insurance payout.

"You can lose thousands of dollars because you didn't include everything," says public insurance adjuster David Moore, COO of Jansen/Adjusters International.

A home inventory is a list of all your belongings and ideally includes photos or video of everything and receipts of big-ticket items, such as furniture and TVs. "Having that inventory will help alleviate a lot of stress," says Carrie Bonney, a spokesperson for Farmers Insurance.

Here's how to create an inventory and what to do if you don't have one after disaster strikes.

1—Tools to help. Some insurers offer free home inventory apps that let customers catalog belongings, upload receipts, add item details and create reports. Free and low-cost apps, such as Sortly for IOS and Encircle for Android and IOS, are also available.

2—Making a list from scratch. You can create an in-

ventory on your own. The easiest way is to take a video of everything in your home, room by room, Galbraith says. Here's how:

- Take footage of items on the floors, walls and hanging from the ceiling.
- Include everything in drawers, cupboards and closets. "Don't leave out little things—photos, trophies, knickknacks and books,"

Moore says. "Don't think that something's too small. If it's in your home, it's got some value."

- Capture the make, model and serial numbers of electronic equipment and applications, Bonney says.

After cataloging everything, store the digital inventory in the cloud or on an external hard drive in a secure spot away from home, such as a safe de-

posit box, Bonney says.

3—Making a claim without an inventory. Here's what to do if you have to make an insurance claim without a home inventory.

- Mentally go through each room in the house and think of everything you can.
- Use a list of common household items to spark your memory. The United Policyholders spreadsheet lists hundreds of items room by room.
- Check any photos you still have of the inside of your house, perhaps on social media or on your phone, to jog your memory.
- Ask friends and family to share photos taken in your house.



Living in Arkansas, we see a variety of damage caused by natural disasters: straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding or fire, to name some. Be sure you have a your check list and photos in order. With holiday decorating season at hand, it's a great time to inventory some of your items! Be sure to include everything from toothpicks, salt and pepper shakers, spices to your big screen TV. In addition to and inventory list, include serial and model numbers for large items in the event of a theft.

Floodplains 101

*Found in City & Town,
a publication of the Arkansas Municipal League*

By Jennifer Thompson and Nick Batker, PE, CFM

Flooding risks can be dynamic, even aggressive at times, and can change intermittently due to a wide range of circumstances which can include, but aren't limited to, changing weather patterns, new development, and erosion. Floods have been and will continue to be a significant natural hazard for the citizens of Arkansas, as we experienced in our state earlier this year. In addition, the unprecedented flooding that resulted from Hurricane Harvey in Houston and surrounding areas is a solemn reminder that we are all at the mercy of Mother Nature.

According to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) Floodplan Management Program, "Since 1978, flood insurance policy holders have received over \$34.1 million in claim payments. Even though that represents many in insurance payments, most of the State's flood-prone property owners do not have flood insurance." This is why everyone should be aware of what floodplains are, and how they can affect our cities, towns and communities when it is most critical.

In Arkansas, the most Presidential Disaster Declarations from 1965-2004 have occurred in Independence, Jackson, Craighead, Poinsett, Pulaski, and Columbia counties. The next largest group of disaster declarations were in Clay, Greene, Woodruff, Monroe, White, Lonoke, Faulkner, Izard, Stone, Newton, Madison, Hempstead, Ouachita, Union and Bradley counties, according to a map published by the ANRC in its guide to understanding what floodplain management is and why it regulates floodplain development.

Did you know?*

- Flooding occurs in all 50 states, with nearly 12.5 million square miles at risk.
- A six-inch deep creek in the mountains can swell to a 10-foot deep raging river in less than an hour.
- Flood Maps are created to potentially save lives and damage to personal property.
- People outside of mapped high-risk flood areas file nearly 25 percent of all National Flood Insurance Program insurance claims and receive 1/3 of Federal Disaster Assistance for flooding.
- Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters.
- Just one foot of water is enough to make most cars float, and two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including SUV's and pickup trucks.

*Information obtained from www.FEMA.gov and www.RedCross.com.

A floodplain is defined as an area of low-lying ground adjacent to a river, formed mainly of river sediments and typically subject to flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has developed flood maps for communities that are designed to inform with regard to local flood risks. These maps assist communities in setting minimum standards so that they can better manage their floodplains by building safely and resiliently. Additionally, the maps help to determine costs for flood insurance and assist property owners with financially protecting themselves against flooding. How does it work? The lower the degree of risk, the lower the flood insurance premium will be. In areas at high risk of flooding, homeowners may be required to carry flood insurance at a high premium.

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A community must participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, also known as NFIP, in order for its residents to be able to purchase flood insurance. An NFIP community is an appropriate public body (city or county, for example) that has adopted adequate floodplain management regulations for its flood hazard areas. If a community chooses not to participate in the NFIP, or is suspended from the NFIP due to non-enforcement of its floodplain management regulations, not only will flood insurance be unavailable for purchase by residents in the community, but the following restrictions will also be imposed:

- No federal grants or loans will be available to build-ings in the identified flood hazard areas;
- No federal disaster assistance will be provided in identified flood hazard areas for permanent recon-struction and grants;
- No federal mortgage insurance will be provided in identified flood hazard areas;
- Potential limitations on conventional loans;
- Potential liability to the local governing body should flood damage occur.

Through the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program, FEMA is working with communities to collect new and/or updated flood hazard data and then update flood maps to reflect these changes. By in-corporating the best available data into the flood maps, it helps increase public awareness regarding flood risk and provides for more accurate pricing on flood insurance premiums.

While not all waterways have FEMA designated flood-plains, all waterways will flood. Floodplains are designed to store and convey floodwaters. If this storage space is taken away, or encroached upon by new developments or fill, future flooding can be much worse. Therefore, it is critical that communities develop effective floodplain management regulations and enforce them.

Floodplain management is a decision-making process targeted at mass achievement of the wise use of the nation's floodplains, meaning both reduced flood losses and protection of the natural environment and resources, and function of floodplains. It includes the operation of a community program of preventative and corrective measures to reduce the risk of current and future flood-ing. Although floods are inevitable, everyone can play a role in reducing flood risk, from state and federal agen-cies, to local communities and property owners.

You can learn more about floodplains at the following links:

- www.fema.gov
- www.floodsmart.gov
- <https://store.msc.fema.gov> (FEMA Flood Map Store)
- www.redcross.com
- www.arkansasflood.org

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Italian Meatball Buns

These soft little rolls come with a surprise inside—savory Italian meatballs. They're wonderful dipped in marinara sauce, making them fun for everyone! They are also easy to put together! - Trina Linder-Mobley, Clover, SC

Ingredients:

- 12 frozen bread dough-dinner rolls
- 1 pkg (12 ounces) frozen fully cooked Italian meat-balls, thawed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup minced fresh basil
- 1 1/2 cups marinara sauce, warmed

Let dough stand at room temperature 25-30 minutes or until softened.

Cut each roll in half. Wrap each portion around a meat-ball, enclosing meatball completely; pinch dough firmly to seal. Place on greased baking sheets, seam side down. Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until almost doubled, about 1 1/2—2 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°. Bake buns 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Brush tops with oil; sprinkle with cheese and basil. Serve with marinara sauce.

The recipe above was found in Taste of Home Contest Winning Annual Recipes 2016—Cookbook



What's going on at Laman Library?

Beginning Nov 2—Homeschoolers learn about the culture and art of Nigeria at the Main Branch, 2801 Orange from 1-2pm (Nov 2, 9, 16, 30). Students explore a different country each month. New students are welcome at anytime.

Nov 4—thinking about adopting a dog? The William F. Laman Library, 2801 Orange, and North Little Rock Animals Shelter are hosting — *Dogs on the Cat Walk* at 1pm. While you're there, stop in for a cookie swap and decoration demonstration from 1—3pm in Room 124.

Nov 6—Artist Nathaniel Roe presents *Illiteracy*, including dry plate tintypes of natural and man-made elements at the Main Branch Gallery, Nov 6 to Dec 1. The exhibit focuses on implied narratives, according to Mr. Roe, whose struggles with dyslexia and illiteracy ignited his passion for symbolism in visual storytelling.

Nov 6—Don't get frustrated with technology, get help at the Main Branch Study Carrel, from 2-3:30pm. Tick Tock Tech Time allows 15-30 minutes per person one-on-one time with Lena Hill, Main Branch Adult Department social media coordinator who may be able to help you solve common issues. She won't be able to fix broken devices, but can get you up and running with ebooks, streaming media, email and other issues. Bring your device (fully charged and with passwords).

Nov 6—need to polish your writing skills? go by the Main Branch, Writer's Workshop from 6-7pm. The workshop is for individuals 18 and older who are invited to bring 2 to 3 pages of prose or 3 to 5 poems to discuss.

Beginning Nov 6—Preschoolers learn to the beat with Music and Movement classes at the Main Branch, at 10:30am Mondays (Nov 6, 13, 20, 27), and can enjoy stories and hand-on activities at Storytimes, held at 10:30am Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Main Branch; and 10:30am (Nov 2, 9, 16, 30) at the Argenta Branch, 420 Main. The Main Branch also offers special Baby Storytimes at 10:30 am on Wednesdays



Nov 9—come by for sweet treats and a life-sized game of *Candy Land* at the Main Branch, for Family Night 6-7 pm.

Nov 10—at 1pm come for fun at

Bingo at the Argenta Branch.

Nov 13—Argenta Branch at 1pm—Monday Movie *La La Land*.

Nov 16—the Episcopal Collegiate School Streetcats Street Drum Band will perform and explore percussion heritage from around the world at 7 pm.

Nov 27—Argenta Branch at 1pm—Monday Movie *The Zookeeper's Wife*.

At the Argenta Branch,—children can build with Jumbo Lego Blocks ever Monday from 9-5pm. Paint rocks to his in the community with AR Rocks at 3:30pm on Tuesdays. Race remote controlled cars at 3 pm on Wednesdays. And build reading skills with the Tail Waggin' Tutor dogs at 4 pm **Nov 17**.

Nov 8 and 22—at 10am, relax and be creative with color at the Argenta Branch's Appeal of Coloring Program.

At the Main Branch—stop by Monday—Thursday for kids' after-school activities at 4pm, which includes Lego Lab on Mondays, Terrific Tuesday fun on Tuesdays, video games on Wednesdays and Creation Station Crafts on Thursdays.

At the **Main Branch**, 2801 Orange, **Teen Center** 12 to 18 year-olds are invited to after school events beginning at 4pm which include Movie Mondays, Video Games on Wednesdays (and all day Saturday) and a special party hour Nov 3, 10, 17). There will also be a *Writing Letters to Veterans* Program Nov 9.

Also at the **Main Branch**—Basic Computer Classes 11am-12:30pm Tuesdays (Nov 7, 14, 21). Must sign in at front desk and space is limited.

All of the above and much more are available at the Main and Argenta Branches of the William F. Laman Library in North Little Rock. Call 501-758-1720 (Main Branch) and 501-687-1061 (Argenta Branch) for more information!

Daylight savings time ends Sunday,
November 5, 2017
Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour!



Building of Camp Pike:

Dr. Raymond Screws
of the Arkansas National
Guard Museum

*The information below was obtained
from a podcast by Dr. Screws that can
be found at [www.wwiarkansas.com/
podcasts](http://www.wwiarkansas.com/podcasts)*



CAMP PIKE
NATIONAL ARMY CANTONMENT
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

In April 1917, the United States entered the first World War. There was a need around the country for facilities to train soldiers. In Arkansas, members of the Little Rock Board of Commerce formed a Military Committee with a goal of getting a facility in Arkansas...preferably in the Little Rock area. Delegates traveled to South Carolina and Washington to seek advise on how to obtain a post in Arkansas. Other sites were also considered.

Within three months, the Little Rock Committee selected the site where Camp Robinson is located today (in North Little Rock) because there were not a lot of people living in the area and the land resembled the terrain in Europe, especially France where there were a lot of hills and trees.

However, there were some issues. The biggest concern was that there were malaria carrying mosquitoes. Another issue was a lack of a railroad service into the area. There was also an issue with the lack of a water supply.

The issues above were quickly addressed. The state paid for the eradication of mosquitoes. A well was drilled in Argenta, which was the perfect location because it was close to the post and could supply at least 1 million gallons of water per day. Finally, there was a main rail line close to the post so a quick spur line could be built.

The site was secured June 11, 1917, and construction soon began.

However, prior to construction, the Board of Commerce had to raise money from the public. In the first two days, they raised \$230,000, which was an astronomical amount at the time. By the start of construction in July, they had raised \$325,000.

The military named Major John Fordyce as Construction Quartermaster. He was sent to Arkansas from Washington, D.C., but was a native Arkansan.

Funds raised by the committee were used for the following:

\$187,000 purchase 3,000 acres for cantonment area,
\$60,000 to lease 10,000 acres for training,
\$50,000 to eradicate mosquitoes, and,
\$5,000 for wells.

Before the railroad spur line was completed, Fordyce built a road to the post. (Note: the railroad spur line was completed in July, 1917.)

There was an attempt to stop construction. Bad reports were being sent to Washington about the progress, which came from some officers at Fort Roots, which is also in North Little Rock and close to Camp Robinson. General Leonard Wood visited the site and decided there were no issues and construction would continue.

The contractors were to build 1,100 buildings and tents. At its peak, the workforce consisted of 10,000 men, and 1,500 were from Puerto Rico. The weekly

payroll for the entire workforce was \$3,000.

At the height of construction over 1,000 feet of lumber arrived at the site daily.

In one three-month period, the quartermaster ordered 6,000 tons of hay, 4,000 tons of oats, over 1,400 tons of straw, 2,400 tons of coal (for the blacksmith), 2,500 tons of ice, 1,000 tons of fresh beef and over 60,000 gallons of gasoline.

At this point, the post was completed and the first troops arrived September 5, 1917.



One Soldiers Story:

Tom Wing, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Drennen-Scott Historic Site

The information below was obtained from a podcast by Tom Wing that can be found at www.wiarkansas.com/podcasts

Born November 11, 1885, Dunham Scott, was the son of Fannie Dunham Scott and Phillip D. Scott. He took his first name from his mother's maiden name, a nod to her father, Joseph Starr Dunham, who published the Van Buren Press Newspaper. Dunham's father was Phillip Drennen Scott, son of Charles and Caroline Scott and grandson of Van Buren founding father, John Drennen. Dunham's great-grandfather's friends included Sam Houston, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor and Albert Pike. As well as his work with the Cherokee as Regional Superintendent of Indian Affairs at the close of the Trail of Tears.

Dunham Scott entered Officers Training School at Fort Roots, Arkansas, May 7, 1917. Upon completion, he was commissioned Captain of Infantry and assigned to the 347th Infantry Commanding Company C. He was stationed at Camp Pike from September 1917 until July 1918. That month, he and the 347th received orders to move from Camp Dix, New Jersey and prepare to join the war effort in France. In August, 1918, he was assigned Special Duty and sent to an Advanced School. He had orders to complete school then link up with his



men at the front. However, circumstances would interfere. The ship his company was traveling on was torpedoed by a German U-boat. None of the men were lost, but all of the equipment was. The loss delayed their deployment by five weeks while they waited for delivery of guns and ammunition.

Captain Scott finally met up with his men November 4, 1918, with orders to proceed to the front lines. Hostilities ended November 11, before Scott and his men could make it to the fighting. With their services no longer required, they were sent home.

Scott later said "the German Navy saved my life." The life expectancy for an Infantry Officer was around 45 minutes.

While traveling around the state, we come across many wonderful and historical sites. While visiting the Drennen-Scott Historic Site in Van Buren this month, I was looking at some of the items they had on display and discovered a connection one of the family members, Dunham Scott had with Camp Pike (now Camp Robinson) in North Little Rock.

University of Arkansas Fort Smith, Drennen-Scott Historic Site and Assistance Professor—History directed me to his podcast about the connection. I hope you enjoyed this information on this page and the previous page as much as I did! *Diane Whitbey*

Closings for the upcoming November holidays

North Little Rock City Offices will be closed the following days in November:

November 10, 2017—in observance of Veterans Day

Garbage and trash routes will run as scheduled Friday, November 10

November 23 and 24—in observance of Thanksgiving Holidays

Garbage and trash routes will be delayed one-day November 23—24

(i.e. Thursday's pickup will be Friday and Friday's pickup will be Saturday)



Various Phenomena Chronological Events— November

found in *Grier's Almanac 2017*

First
published
in 1807



and
every year
since

1 U.S. tested first hydrogen bomb, 1952

2 Daniel Boone
born, 1734



3 Russia launched Sputnik II with dog, 1957

4 King Tut's tomb discovered, 1922

5 Susan B. Anthony fined for voting, 1872

6 Abraham Lincoln elected 16th President, 1860

7 Lewis & Clark reached Pacific, 1805

8 First dial number phones used in Norfolk, VA,
1919

9 Massive power failure in N.E. U.S., 1965

10 Marine Corps established, 1775

11 Armistice ended World War I, 1918



12 Univ of Pennsylvania founded, 1749

13 Holland tunnel between N.Y. & N.J. opened,
1927

14 Sherman began March to Sea, 1864

15 Articles of Confederation adopted, 1777

16 Alaskan pipeline approved, 1973



17 Suez Canal opened, 1869

18 First Ticker Tape Parade, NYC, 1919

19 Lincoln delivered Gettysburg Address, 1863

20 Sen. Robert F. Kennedy Born, 1925

21 First hot air balloon flight, 1783

22 Pres. John F. Kennedy assassinated, 1963

23 William "Billy the Kid" Bonney born, 1859

24 Texas Rangers organized, 1835

25 Temperance leader Carrie Nation born, 1846

26 College founder John Harvard born, 1607

27 Magellan rounded the Horn, 1520

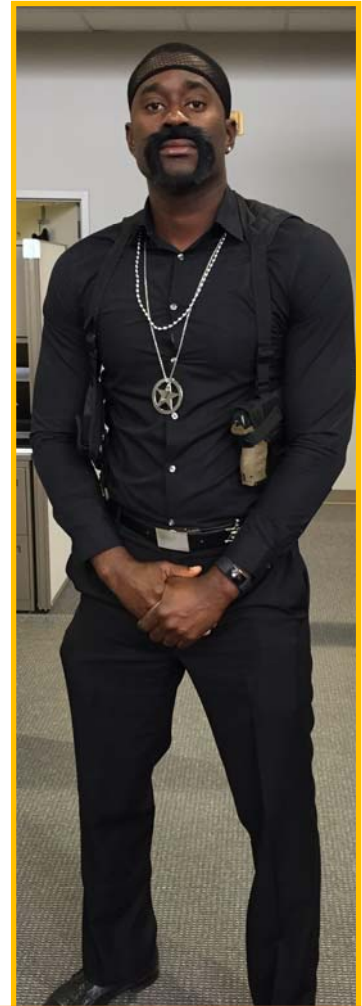
28 First U.S. Post Office established, 1783

29 Adm. Byrd flew over South Pole, 1929

30 Threshing machine invented, 1784

Halloween

' From team North Little Rock!





Spooky!



North Little Rock City Employees work hard year round!...
...so on Halloween they had a chance to let our hair down...
or put on someone else's!
We hope you all had a safe, happy and spooky Halloween!



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 9/1/17
Expires: **12/31/17**



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 issued by the City Clerks Office.

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.

Leaf Vacuums!

Will be back on the streets this month (November). For the start date (sometime around November 6) and locations, please call 501-371-8340 or visit our website at www.nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Government Tab, then scroll down the A-Z Department List to Sanitation and look for the Leaf Vacuum Status.

If you don't want to wait, bag your leaves and they will be picked up weekly with your yard waste.



The North Little Rock Convention & Visitor's Center wants to know about your upcoming events! To submit events, visit www.NorthLittleRock.org or call Stephanie Slagle, Public Relations Representative at 501-758-1424.

As of November 1, the following is registered to solicit door to door in the city of North Little Rock.

Legal Shield Expire 12-31-17
Melvin Jackson

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.

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, 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 Beth White	753-0733 758-2738
Ward 2	Linda Robinson Maurice Taylor	945-8820 690-6444
Ward 3	Steve Baxter Ron Harris	804-0928 758-2877
Ward 4	Murry Witcher Charlie Hight	835-0009 758-8396

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 C. Jason Carter	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 November
Oct 30—Nov 3—Recycle



Nov 6—10—NO
Nov 13—17—Recycle
Nov 20—24—NO
Nov 27—Dec 1—Recycle

November Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>		
KANDACE	SANDERS	POLICE	1	JOHN	HALE	PLANNING	13
RODERICK	QUINN	Fire	2	DAVID	MATCHETT	Fire	14
CLINTON	O'KELLEY	POLICE	2	JASON	RHODES	PARKS MAINT	14
TERRY	KUYKENDALL	POLICE	3	RAGAN	HERNANDEZ	POLICE	14
DIANA	LUNA	POLICE	3	SAVANNAH	FINCH	UAD	14
PATRICK	LANE	STREET	3	JUDY	WEST	Courts	15
TYRONE	MAYWEATHER	STREET	3	SHELBY	HUNTER	POLICE	16
BRIANNA	DAVISON	UAD	3	RANDY	FLIPPIN	POLICE	16
JAMES	BRAY	Electric	4	SEAN	SPECKELS	Fire	17
GREGORY	CHEATHAM	PARKS MAINT	4	TERENCE	METCALF	Fire	17
SHARON	WRIGHT	SENIOR CENTER	4	DESHAWN	BRYANT	PARKS & REC	18
KATHY	STEPHENS	UAD	4	DANA	BOWERS	POLICE	18
BETTY	ANDERSON	HR	5	COY	BENNETT	STREET	18
MARIE-BERNARDE	MILLER	Legal	5	JULIE	FISHER	Admin	19
MACEY	COLEMAN	PARKS & REC	5	RAUL	DALLAS	POLICE	19
EMORY	REED	Electric	6	DAVID	MOORE	POLICE	19
BRUCE	MOYSTER	POLICE	6	ROBERT	BROWN	STREET	19
DANTANIEL	DURAN	Fire	7	DUSTIN	MCNAUGHTON	PARKS GOLF	20
JOSH	BURKS	Fire	7	DEAN	GATLIN	STREET	20
JUSTIN	JONES	Fire	7	BRIAN	FISCHER	PARKS GOLF	21
CHARLES	STANFORD	PARKS MAINT	7	B J	JONES	PLANNING	21
TINA	OFFORD	SANITATION	7	TATIYANA	STACKHOUSE	PARKS CONCESSION	22
DENNIE	HUNTER	STREET	7	DONALD	PAYNE	Fire	23
TOBY	HARRINGTON	Fire	8	LAUREN	FORD	PARKS CONCESSION	23
SANDRA	KEEFE	POLICE	8	TODD	NEBLING	STREET	23
JUSTIN	BRADSHAW	Fire	9	SAM	BROOKS JR	STREET	23
MICAH	GARVIN	POLICE	9	DANIEL	HALEY	POLICE	25
SYLVIA	NORMAN	UAD	9	JOSHUA	FORNEY	POLICE	25
MICHAEL	JOHNSON	CODE	10	TONY	SMITH	PUBLIC WORKS	26
WYNNONA	HEARN	OES	10	DENNIS	DORRELL II	POLICE	27
RUSSELL	GOODNIGHT	PLANNING	10	JOHNATHAN	WIMBERLY	PARKS & REC	29
CODY	STROUD	POLICE	10	PHYLLIS	DRONE	POLICE	29
LINCOLN	MARTIN	SENIOR CENTER	10	EDGAR	RAMIREZ	POLICE	29
JEFFREY	WHITE	STREET	10	JOHN	KNIGHT JR	SENIOR CENTER	29
YANCY	TOLLETT	POLICE	11	DUSTY	FULLER	VEHICLE MAINT	29
GORDON	WITTENBURG	Fire	12	CHRISTOPHER	PLY	Electric	30
KEISA	STEWART	PLANNING	12	THOMAS	HANKINS	Electric	30
BRECK	MAXEY	UAD	12	THAYER	TUCKER JR	POLICE	30
DONALD	BOSS	PARKS MAINT	13	JAMES	NEELEY	POLICE	30

November Anniversaries

Name	Dept	# Yrs	Name	Dept	# Yrs
MARY BETH BOWMAN	COMMERCE	4	THOMAS LATINA	POLICE	29
NORITH ELLISON	Electric	30	Laurie ROBINSON	POLICE	29
KATHRYN SNIDER	Electric	7	GAYLE LEWIS-MULLIS	POLICE	21
DOUGLAS THURMOND	Electric	17	JOHN BRECKON	POLICE	29
ARVILLE BENTON	Electric	1	CARRIE BROWN	POLICE	6
LEWIS HARPER	Electric	9	CAROLINE PRENTICE	PUBLIC WORKS	7
ROGER ROBINSON	Fire	29	DAVID COOK	PUBLIC WORKS	2
CYNTHIA YANCEY	Fire	19	ROBERT BUTLER	SANITATION	2
MICHAEL MATHIS	Fire	3	ERIC SMITH JR	SANITATION	15
WYNNONA HEARN	OES	21	ANTWONE YOUNG	SANITATION	12
CAROLINE SPENCER ALLINSON	PARKS & REC	1	AALIYAH MONSON	SENIOR CENTER	1
ERNEST PEOPLES	PARKS & REC	25	STEVEN ADAMS	STREET	35
TAMMARRAH BRYANT	PARKS & REC	3	BILL MIDDLETON	STREET	1
MARCUS FIELDS	PARKS & REC	1	CHRIS TERRY	STREET	23
LEILA KERR	PARKS & REC	1	COURTNEY RHODES	STREET	1
WILLIE ROMES	PARKS MAINT	35	DANNY DILLON	TRAFFIC	37
TROY PRINCE	PARKS MAINT	1	JACOB MAHAN	TRAFFIC	11
OWEN HONEYSUCKLE	PARKS MAINT	17	PAMELA RABUN	UAD	3
JASON BARBER	PARKS MAINT	3	JONATHON DICUS	UAD	4
B J JONES	PLANNING	17	KATHRYN DILLON	VEHICLE MAINT	8
JIMMY JONES	POLICE	7	RONALD CASH	VEHICLE MAINT	21

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by HR the prior year (i.e. 2017 was provided in 2016). 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 17 years. My total service with the city is 27 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)



The joy of giving...found on the internet

Giving is not in a monetary sense. Giving is of yourself — sharing what you have, what you are made of with those around you.

Little things are so important. It's the smile, it's the helping hand, it's the kind word, it's the giving of yourself. This is what you need to do.

In doing this, you Light the world. You can feel the kindness that comes from this 'giving energy. Please — give those little things. It is then of yourself.

With this you will expand, and in expanding you help the world — not just the one you are giving to. You expand and spread the joy of giving.

Feel the joy — experience it deep within — because it will then be of yourself.

There are many local charities you can donate to during the holidays, including: The Salvation Army, Compassion Center, NLRPD Season of Giving, Goodwill, Our House, Friendly Chapel F.L.A.M.E., North Little Rock Friends of Animals and more. We encourage you to consider a donation of your time, food, money, etc. to help others during the holidays.



North Little Rock Lions Club

Annual Fruit Sale

Orders must be booked by December 06, 2017

Pickup after 11:00AM on

December 13, 2017

Peck Baskets \$30.00

Half Peck Baskets \$20.00



For more information or to Order,
Please Lion Larry Tadlock at 501-835-5025



Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities.

From involving members in local projects such as cleaning up an area park or as far reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community.