

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

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Mother's Day

Found at www.history.com

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Jarvis would later denounce the holiday's commercialization and spent the later part of her life trying to remove it from the calendar. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day most commonly falls on the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers, cards and other gifts.

Mother's Day: Historical Precursors

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United

Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted to a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930's and 1940's.

Did you know...more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year? These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37%!

Mothers Day: Early Incarnations

The roots of the modern American Mother's Day date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War (1861-65), Ann Reeves Harvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2.

Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the 1870's. The duo of Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a Mother's Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "the father of Mother's Day."

Mother's Day: Founding by Anna Jarvis

The official holiday arose in the 1900's as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

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

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

Tick Bites on Dogs and Cats

—Protect Your Pet from Ticks

Found at www.tickbites.net

Tick bites on dogs are common in the United States because several tick types can be found in the country, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And because ticks also feed on other animals like cats, tick bites on cats are another widespread situation. What makes the situation alarming is the fact that in both cases, diseases can possibly spread because of the bacteria carried by ticks.

Through their saliva, microorganism is passed to the animals they bite, possibly leading to infections.

It is during the summer months when the weather is warmer that ticks thrive better. For this reason, your pets become all the more vulnerable to tick bites. All the same, there is no need to hit the panic button. If your dog or cat has been exposed to ticks or has been bitten, get rid of the tiny crawlers that prey on them and treat the bite.

Treating Tick Bites on Dogs

Your first defense against ticks so that they are not able to feast on your dogs is to make sure they are not able to invade your home. But as creatures skilled at finding their way to their hosts in order to feed, your dogs could still fall victim to tick bites. Some bites just come and go without any problem, but if your pooch happens to be allergic to tick bites, below are some of the steps you can take to prevent further problems.

1. Consult a veterinarian for a topical cream that may be applied on the skin should your dog develop an allergy due to a tick bite.
2. Tick bites on dogs could result in excessive itching in which case Benadryl could help alleviate itch and inflammation.
3. Some herbs are also used in treating the bites. One is Vidang that works like an acid astringent to

help relieve skin infection. Another is Harida with antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic properties that can help stop the development of allergies and other possible skin conditions.

4. Should symptoms persist and you observe that your dog is getting worse, immediately get in touch with your veterinarian.

Treating Tick Bites on Cats

Preventing the bites from happening is way better than any cure or treatment. Just the same, with so much hair on your feline, ticks could still be hiding beneath it while they manage to enjoy a feast of blood.

1. Immediately remove a tick using tweezers, should you find one on your cat. Wear gloves to protect yourself. Grasp the tick by its head and pull it off in a firm, but gentle manner so that you do not separate the head from the body, leaving the head buried in your pet's skin.
2. A tiny red bump usually marks the bite area. Treat the site with a fast acting topical cream to soothe itch and inflammation.
3. Tick bites on cats may also be treated with baking soda and water paste which you can make at home.
4. Some tick bites could lead to serious illness such as Rabbit Fever or Lyme disease.

Monitoring Reactions

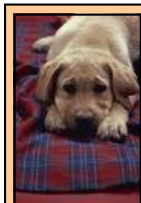
You may have been advised to use an antiseptic or antibiotic treatment on the bite site that became infected. You will

need to look out for possible reactions. Your dog or cat could be allergic to the contents of the ointment or lotion. Tick bites on dogs or cats may be treated with topical solutions but you need to discontinue in case of an allergic reaction. (You may want to consult your veterinarian before using any treatment.)

As you monitor your pets for possible infection after a bite and you have successfully removed the tick from its skin, keep the tick in a jar. You can take the tick to your veterinarian if needed. Tick identification makes it easier for the veterinarian to determine the right medication for an infection.

When dealing with ticks and bites, make sure that you use caution and good hygiene.

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kittens in need of a forever home. Please
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at any State Revenue Office.

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





North Little Rock Fire Department

Campfire Rules

Found at smokeybear.com

Kids...when you go camping this summer, make sure you follow Smokey The Bear's Safety Tips!

In the United States, nearly nine of 10 wildfires are caused by people not being careful. Help Smokey prevent these types of fires by learning to be careful and helping others do the same.

Make sure that the grownups building your next campfire follow all the rules below, and tell them to check out Campfire Safety found at smokeybear.com.

- Make sure you are at a site that allows campfires
- Make sure there are no burn bans and it's not too windy
- Dig a pit away from overhanging branches
- Circle the pit with rocks
- Clear a 10-foot area around the pit down to the dirt, removing anything that could catch on fire
- Stack extra wood upwind and away from fire
- After lighting, throw the match into the fire
- Never leave a campfire unattended; an adult should supervise the campfire at all time
- Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby
- Never put anything but wood in to the fire
- Do not pull sticks out of the fire
- Do not sit on the fire ring or rocks around the campfire. They will heat up quickly and they'll stay hot for a long time
- When it's time to put the fire out, dump lots of water on it, stir it with a shovel, then dump more water on it. Make sure it is COLD before leaving the campsite. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!



And remember, Smokey's friends never play with matches, lighters, lighter fluid or other flammable liquids. If you find any of these items, tell a grownup where they are. If you see younger children playing with them, tell them to stop, and then tell a grownup. Kids who prevent wildfires deserve a Smoke Bear Hug!



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 (March events).

UAD—Electric bad debt expense March—\$3,842.00. New accounts installed—1,191. Accounts finalized—1,127. Customer calls: - 1,800, Inside teller payments received—7,785 (Electric); 8,086 (Gas/Water). Drive-thru teller payments received—4,369 (Electric); 5,483 (Gas/Water). Web/IVR payments—7,094.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,441.61 tons (2,883,220 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 372 loads; 10,605.2 cubic yards of mixed debris and green waste. Issued 80 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 6 Citations for non-compliance. Picked up 232 used tires.

Traffic Services—approved 91 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced 285 signs and posts, marked 9 city vehicles with logo, 46 Arkansas One Call location requests.

Police—Burglary/Breaking and Entering Buildings and Vehicles continue to be an issue. Robberies down – 33%. Officers teamed up with United Cerebral Palsy for a paint project with clients. Department is looking into possible purchase of a drone to be used for search and rescue (due to inclement weather) or searching for suspects in difficult or dangerous locations.

Fire—Total incidents—960
Total Unit Responses—1,770
Residential Fires—12
Other fires—0
Vehicle Fires—8
False Alarms/Malfunions—76
Rescue/Emergency Medical—558
Mutual Aid—1
Hazardous Material Response—9
Structure Fire fatalities—0
Vehicle fire fatalities—0
Training hours—4,182
Building Surveys—191

Office of Emergency Services/911—

Total incoming calls: 16,279
Incoming call total Non-911 calls: 7,099
Wired 911: 822 Abandoned Wired 911: 125
Wireless 911: 7,245 Abandoned Wireless: 766
Total dispatch computer entries: 9,387

Planning—Major permits issued: 6—remodel—Zero Mountain, Willow Street Office, McCain Plaza, Martin Knee and Sports, Thea Foundation and Argenta North. Issued 9 new single family residential permits (average \$117,689). Inspectors completed 375 inspections and covered 4,343 miles:126 Electric; 77 Building; 113 Plumbing; 59 HVAC.

Electric Department—38,470 customers, Peak Power—123,484 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,045 (135 repaired), Security lights—4,170 (41 repaired), Smart meters—39,564, Revenue—\$5,734,594. Major outages—(over 1K) 3-12-17 NLRED Levy Stations 1 & 2 lost power due to birds in Entergy's Levy Station—11,000 out for 2.5 hours.

Code Enforcement—128 assigned calls, 850 initiated calls, 28 citations, 562 violation notices, 146 vehicles tagged, 208 structures inspected, 44 rental inspections, 13 food service inspections, 0 search warrants, 2 houses demolished by city, 4 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—116 assigned calls, 71 vacant lots cleaned, 11 lots with structures cleaned, secured 8 vacant houses, vacant lots mowed—22, lots with structures mowed—7, picked up 0 tires.

Last month, North Little Rock Police Department employees helped long-time Secretary Faye Brown (pictured below—center) celebrate her Golden (50th) Anniversary with the Department and the City of North Little Rock!



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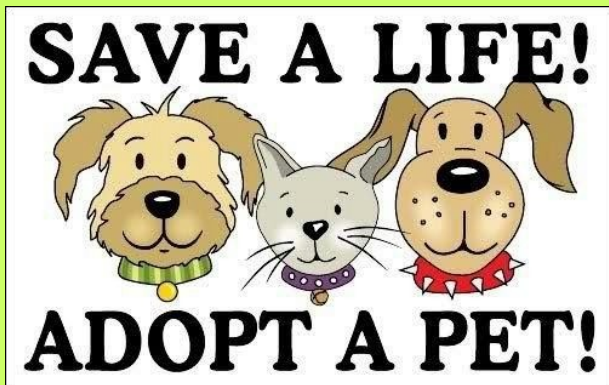


North Little Rock Animal Control—

Incoming animals—148
 Adoptions—58
 Reclaimed—28
 Euthanized—54
 Citations issued—27
 Dogs/cats sterilized—79
 Calls for service—604

Pulaski County

(accepted at NLR)
 Incoming Animals—98
 Adopted—17
 Reclaimed—4
 Euthanized—74
 Picked up 21 pit bulls. **Even though the shelter remained at capacity through the month, no animals were euthanized for space—something we hope will continue!** Reminder! **Please** consider adopting from a shelter! Shelter pets make great additions to any family!



Parks and Recreation—Parks staff and state prisoners cleaned the Old Mill by removing silt from both the upper and lower ponds. Rocks were added to help with erosion. Bollards at the soccer complex were removed and replaced with large rocks. A new Campground Host has been hired.

North Little Rock Visitors Bureau—the Visitors Information Center in Burns Park had 1,003 visitors. The Downtown Riverside RV Park had 541 reservations with an average stay of 2.92 days. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 2,197 visitors, which included 4 overnight groups and hosted 12 special events and 372 volunteer hours. NLR Sports Bureau—Southern Bowling Tournament held their 80th Annual Tournament at Millennium Bowl and Professor Bowl—506 teams with 2,956.

Finance—Revenues (MTD—February)

Taxes	\$ 454,605.57
Licenses/Permits	\$ 407,401.95
Fines/Forfeitures	\$ 312,071.85
Local Option Sales Tax	\$2,627,400.22
Intergovernmental-State	\$ 0.00

Franchises	\$ 253,351.05
Investment/Misc	\$1,099,164.70
User Fees	\$ 87,386.71
Utility Transfer	\$ 56,803.98
Grants & Other	\$ 59,565.75
Transfer from Electric	\$ 923,080.00
Total Revenue:	\$6,280,831.78

Expenditures

Administration	\$ 93,251.37
Animal Shelter	\$ 49,531.31
Special Appropriations	\$ 960,215.06
City Clerk	\$ 23,186.17
Emergency Services	\$ 134,938.09
Finance	\$ 62,826.49
Fire	\$ 1,162,289.54
Health	\$ 6,879.65
Legal	\$ 41,675.46
1st Court	\$ 42,971.10
2nd Court	\$ 67,989.25
Public Defender	\$ 825.10
Human Resources	\$ 83,173.74
Commerce	\$ 23,357.23
Planning	\$ 59,089.56
Police	\$ 1,615,342.05
Code Enforcement	\$ 79,478.68
Public Works	\$ 62,156.14
Neighborhood Services	\$ 11,751.47
Sanitation	\$ 366,554.98
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 61,747.72
Senior Citizens Center	\$ 52,419.23
Communications	\$ 6,953.02
Fit 2 Live	\$ 9,439.80
Total Expenditures:	\$ 5,078,042.21

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Avoid handling them with bare hands or you risk spreading the organisms they carry. Even if you wear gloves when removing, bagging or crushing ticks, wash your hands with soap and water each time you are done.

Keep Playing it Safe

Never take ticks lightly. They can endanger you and your pets. If you discover ticks, get rid of them right away. Always clean your home, keep it disinfected and treated with anti-tick solutions.





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RETIREMENT
TO
GENERAL PARKS
SUPERVISOR
KENNY
JOHNSON
THANK YOU FOR
35+ YEARS OF
SERVICE
TO THE
CITY
OF
NORTH
LITTLE
ROCK**

WE will miss your smile!

What I Believe (medical edition)

by Dr. Ken Davidson, MD

After 12 years of writing these Health Tips, resulting in around 600 total, this one will be my last. For those of you who read my tips regularly, you may recognize some repeated themes in today's message. These are a few of the most important "things that I believe" related to health and medical care.

Immunizations are one of the most important interventions in medical history. Historically, infectious diseases have been one of the primary causes of death. Worldwide, epidemics involving smallpox and influenza have been responsible for killing millions of people. In 1796, Edward Jenner developed a method to immunize people against smallpox by exposing them to a related virus called cowpox. This process became known as vaccination from the Latin word "vacca" that means cow. As a result of worldwide smallpox vaccinations, the World Health Organization announced in 1979 that smallpox was officially eradicated. Vaccines work in cooperation with our immune system and could be considered to be one of the most "natural" means of preventing disease available. Today, around 27 vaccines are available to prevent diseases caused by bacteria as well as viruses. These include immunizations against tetanus, typhoid, Haemophilus Type b (Hib) bacteria, cholera, influenza, shingles, whooping cough, polio, Hepatitis A & B, measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox and pneumococcal disease. There is no denying that vaccines are capable of causing side effects. The facts show, however, that the overwhelming majority of these are minor and transient. In regard to the population as a whole, the benefits that immunizations have produced far exceed any recognized complication that they may have caused.

Be Wise — Immunize™
It's an Act of Love



To add years to your life, consider the habits of groups of people known for living long and productive lives. These groups include Sardinians living on an island off the coast of western Italy, residents of the Okinawa Islands in Japan, and members of the Seventh-Day Adventists Church in California. These groups of people have far less heart disease, cancer, and loss of intellectual ability with aging than most people in the world. The common denominator among these groups appears to be a healthy lifestyle. They remain physically active late into life, are primarily non-smokers, and their diet is based on fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Other important factors thought to be related to longevity in these groups include regular social interaction, spiritual awareness,

and having a purpose in life. The fact that Americans have the lowest life expectancy among the industrialized nations (Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Japan), indicates that access to the most technologically advanced medical system in the world does not necessarily insure long life.

Don't take antibiotics for a viral illness, such as the common cold. Most people know that antibiotics are used to fight infections. Millions of lives have been saved by their ability to combat bacterial infections. Many people are unaware, however, that antibiotics are not effective for all types of infections. Antibiotics are ineffective at shortening the duration or severity of a viral infection such as the common cold. In fact, inappropriate use of antibiotics has been responsible for causing a number of serious problems including the development of antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and a serious type of diarrheal illness. Antibiotic resistance in particular is considered to be one of the world's most pressing public health problems. With inappropriate antibiotic usage, the resulting drug-resistant bacteria may not respond to treatment with previously effective antibiotics. This can lead to serious infections that require more expensive antibiotics including those that can only be delivered through an intravenous line.



Do some type of physical activity every day. Regular, moderate to vigorous physical activity is associated with substantially lower overall mortality compared to sedentary individuals. Exercise has been shown to have positive effects on blood pressure, cholesterol level, blood sugar, body weight, mood, well-being, bone density, balance and energy level. Leisure-time physical activity is associated with a significantly lower risk of developing at least 13 types of cancer including those affecting the lungs, colon, breasts, liver, and head and neck. For adults, the physical activity recommendations for general health promoted by the American Heart Association (AHA) are to do:

• At least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity at least 5 days per week for a total of 150 minutes, or

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Financial Focus

By Tommy Howard
www.edwardjones.com

Note: the information below is part of an article found in The Daily Record | March 27-April 2, 2017

Help protect older adults from financial abuse

Financial exploitation costs older Americans billions of dollars per year; according to several sources, including the National Council on Aging. If you have older parents, could they be vulnerable to financial scams and rip-off artists? And, if so, what can you do to help protect them?

Unfortunately, it is possible for anyone to become a victim. For a variety of reasons, older adults may be easier targets than younger people. And that is why when interacting with your parents, you should look for these warning signs:

Suspicious new relationships—If your parent mentions something about a new friend, a romantic partner or some type of caregiver who seems to have taken a great interest in your parent’s financial situation, you may have reason to be suspicious. Do not be afraid to ask more questions.

Multiple checks written to same person or entity—If you think your parents may be making questionable financial moves, ask to see their checkbook. If you see several checks written to an unfamiliar person or business, you might be viewing evidence of a financial scam. If so, you will want to intercede before your parents get victimized again.

Changing power of attorney or beneficiaries—If your parents suddenly decide to name someone new as their “agent” (the person responsible for carrying out a power of attorney), you may need to investigate. And the same is true if your parents change the beneficiary designation on their investment accounts or insurance policies.

Unusual urgency to make an investment—If you learn that your parents want to make some type of investment “immediately,” you should be concerned. No reputable financial professional would ever pressure them — or anyone else — to “act now” on an investment.



Apart from watching out for the above signs of trouble, what else can you do to help guard your parents from fraudsters?

For starters, urge your parents — repeatedly, if necessary — to never give out personal information over the phone or online. Scammers have gotten quite clever at impersonating legitimate businesses and organizations — for example, unless you are looking closely at the email, you might think the logo of a bank or another company is being accurately depicted. Again, though, reputable businesses typically don’t send messages that are demanding, threatening or otherwise employing some type of extreme language.

Also, stress to your parents that they should never wire money to a random account. Plus, remind them about the truth of “no risk” offers: Any financial offer that sounds too good to be true is just that — untrue. Every legitimate investment carries both risks and rewards.

Here’s another suggestion: Older adults who have debt problems may be especially vulnerable to offers that claim to “clear up” all their debts. But there’s no quick fix to this problem, and any caller who claims otherwise is likely being deceitful. Encourage your parents to discuss their debt situation with an honest, professional debt counselor or a financial advisor.

Finally, if your parents don’t already work with a trusted, qualified financial professional, introduce them to one.

Your parents worked hard all their lives. Do what you can to help them enjoy their “golden years” in dignity.

Most of you know the City of North Little Rock has a website. It is filled with information, telephone numbers and much more!

If you haven’t visited yet, what are you waiting for?

*Come see us at
<http://nlr.ar.gov/>*

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- At least 25 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity at least 3 days per week for a total of 75 minutes; or a combination of moderate- and vigorous- intensity aerobic activity, and
- Moderate- to high-intensity muscle-strengthening activity at least 2 days per week for additional health benefits.

Even people who hate to exercise should recognize that some activity is better than no activity. You don’t have to be a marathoner or spend hours in the gym to reap the benefits of exercise. You just need to figure out some way of getting your body moving each day. Once you start, you’re likely to find that you want to do more and more challenging workouts. Someday you may even discover that you actually enjoy exercising!

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Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing a white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church services. But once Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies. Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even



charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the

government to see it removed from the American calendar.

Mother's Day: Celebrations and Traditions

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated throughout the world, traditions vary depending on the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen, Sirikit. Another alternate observance of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia, where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers, and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families might also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores. At times Mother's Day has also been a date for launching political or feminist causes. In 1968 Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used Mother's Day to host a march in support of underprivileged women and children. In the 1970's women's groups also used the holiday as a time to highlight the need for equal rights and access to childcare.

The GREAT North Little Rock Cleanup

Sponsored by Keep North Little Rock Beautiful

May 6, 2017

Clean up your street, neighborhood, park or playground!

Register your team today! Churches, businesses, neighborhood groups, community groups, schools, scout groups, Adopt-A-Street Sponsors or your BFF!

For more information email Green@knrb.org, visit <http://www.knrb.org> or
Call 501-350-8775

Cleanup from 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. / Volunteer celebration 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
Includes Pizza, Music, Recognition, T-Shirts and FUN for volunteers

At the Shelby Smith Pavilion in Burns Park

Arkansas Geography

— See if you can answer the questions below with the name of an Arkansas City or town.



1. What a boy shoots in his gun?
2. What you do when you come to a bridge?
3. It's not cold and it jumps?
4. What you must have to mail letters?
5. A small stone?
6. A famous Indian maiden?



7. Pilgrims came to America on it?
8. Take out all the "T"s and you have sugar?
9. Add "ER" and it's from McDonalds?
10. A large white blossom in a tree?
11. A U S Law Officer?
12. A hairless door knob?
13. A not false male?
14. Tall, tall hill and your house?
15. Evergreen tree in a steep hillside?
16. Never been used, place where ships dock?
17. Lots of trees and larger than a town?
18. Part of three state's name?
19. A single hardwood tree?
20. A flower not opened?
21. To iron a bed?
22. Boy's name and 2,000 pounds?

23. A fiber manufacturing plant?
24. Nut tree and a hill:
25. Kiss again?



Special thanks to Anthony Gardner, North Little Rock Animal Control for sharing this fun challenge with the City Clerk/ Treasurer's staff!

Did you hear about the
Diaper Drive?



All **North Little Rock Fire Stations**
are participating in a

Diaper Drive

benefiting Caring Hearts Pregnancy Center

Diaper sizes most needed are 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Diapers can be dropped off at any Station between
Mother's Day (**May 14**) and Father's Day (**June 18**)

For drop off information, contact Peggy Borel—Central Station 501-340-5377.



Retired North Little Rock Alderman Bruce Alan Foutch, 63, of North Little Rock, passed away March 29, 2017. He was born November 3, 1953 in Biloxi, Miss., to George and Josey Foutch. He is survived by his wife Jan, mother Josey, daughter Stefanie Pooley, sister Evelyn Anderson and several nieces. He was preceded in death by his father George Kenneth Foutch.

Bruce graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1972. He joined the US Navy in March 1974 and retired as a Chief Petty Officer in December 1994. He worked at Pathfinder, Inc. from December 1994 to October 2015, and retired as Director of Contract Services. With a lifetime of service to others, it was only fitting that Bruce would run for public office. He was an alderman for the City of North Little Rock, Ward 3, working diligently for his constituents, from April 2011 to December 2016, when he retired due to illness.

Services were held Monday, April 3, 2017, at Smith Family Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Pathfinders, Inc., PO Box 647, Jacksonville, AR 72078.

North Little Rock Charging Wildcat BBQ

Thursday, May 18, 2017



BBQ Plate includes meat, beans, slaw, bun and sauce—
\$7.00 donation

Pick Up from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Parking Garage Under Tower “A” NLRHS

For information or to place a group order (must be 10 or more)
call Kriston Melton at 920-1928



North Little Rock High School Wildcat Foundation Golf Tournament

Friday, May 19, 2017

Burns Park Golf Course

Lunch—noon 1:00 p.m. Tee Time

For more information or to enter, go to:

www.thewildcatfoundation.com

The Wildcat Foundation strives to support the teachers and students of NLRHS by providing financial and operational support. We have a passion for NLRHS and the NLR community.

The Wildcat Foundation supports the students and teachers of NLRHS in their pursuit of excellence.

Last chance!!!

- Core Values:**
1. Promoting Excellence in Academics
 2. Recognition of Student Activities and Accomplishments
 3. Involvement of Alumni and the Community

Various Phenomena Chronological Events

found in *Grier's Almanac 2017*

First
published
in 1807



and
every year
since

1 First Yellowstone National Park dedication, 1872

2 Battle of Chancellorsville, 1863

3 First Medical School opened in Philadelphia, PA
1765

4 First Pro baseball game played, 1871

5 Alan Shepard, 1st astronaut in space, 1961

6 Hindenburg Airship exploded, 1937

7 Battle of Vicksburg, 1863

8 *Paramount Pictures* founded,
1912



9 Columbus set sail on 4th and last voyage, 1502

10 Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse began, 1864



11 Songwriter Irving Berlin born,
1888

12 *Florence Nightingale* born,
1820

13 U.S. declared war on Mexico,
1846

14 Vaccination discovered, 1796

15 U.S. Department of Agriculture
created, 1862

16 First Academy Awards, 1929

17 New York Stock Exchange organized, 1792

18 Mt. St. Helens erupted, 1980

19 Rabies treatment perfected, 1884

20 Lindbergh started for Paris, 1927

21 Clara Barton founded American Red Cross,
1881

22 First U.S. train robbery, 1868

23 Ben Franklin invented bifocal, 1785

24 Brooklyn Bridge opened, 1883

25 Constitutional Convention opened Philadelphia,
1787

26 Last Confederate troops surrendered, 1865

27 *Golden Gate Bridge* opened, 1937



28 Earliest known prediction of solar
eclipse 585 B.C.

29 Sir Ed Hillary conquered Mt. Everest,
1953

30 Joan of Arc burned at stake, 1431

31 U.S. Copyright Law passed, 1790



Memorial Day—May 29, 2017 City Offices Closed!

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 29, 2017,
in observance of Memorial Day.

Garbage, trash and recycling routes will run one-day
delayed all week. (*i.e. Monday's pickup Tuesday and so*



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 4/1/17
Expires: 7/31/17



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

North Little Rock History Commission



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

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



The North Little Rock Convention & 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.

All North Little Rock Door-to-Door Peddlers permits issued in 2016 expired Dec 31, 2016.

Persons wishing to go door-to-door in 2017 must reapply with the City Clerk/Treasurer.

Permits are valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

As of April 30, 2017, the following were registered to solicit door to door in the city of North Little Rock.

**Melvin H. Jackson—Legal Shield
Expires 7-12-17**

**John Barnes and Ryan Schatz
Mid South Direct Mail Expires 6-14-17**

**Brandon Kimbrough—Fresh Mansions
Kirby Vacuums Expires 6-16-17**

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.

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
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
Fit 2 Live, Isaac Henry	975-8777
Information	975-8888
Human Resources, Betty Anderson	975-8855
Planning, Shawn Spencer	975-8835
Purchasing, Mary Beth Bowman	975-8881
Utilities Accounting, David Melton	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	
Legal.....	501-975-3755
C. Jason Carter	
Communications.....	501-975-8833
Nathan Hamilton	
External Relations.....	501-975-8605
Margaret Powell	
Special Projects.....	501-975-3737
Jim Billings	

North Little Rock Curbside Recycling
 schedule for the month of May:

May 1-5—Recycle
May 8-12—NO
May 17-21—Recycle
May 22-26—NO
May 30-Jun 3—Recycle



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Dept	Date	Name	Dept	Date		
KIMBERLY	LAURENT	OES	1	BRYAN	SPEARS	PARKS MAINT	16
SKYLER	AUSTEN	AIMM	1	SHANE	DOUGAN	Fire	17
KAREN	ALLEN	Electric	2	VICTOR	RODRIGUEZ	Courts	17
DARRON	KEMP	PARKS & REC	2	STEVEN	LANKFORD	Fire	18
GREGORY	ZONNER	AIMM	3	SAMANTHA	THOMPSON	POLICE	18
JESSE	BOOTH	SENIOR CENTER	3	ANITA	KABAT	Animal Control	19
JASON	WOODWARD	POLICE	4	STEVEN	GRIMES	Fire	19
WESLEY	HONEYCUTT	POLICE	5	JACOB	SCHMIDT	Fire	19
CAROLINE	PRENTICE	PUBLIC WORKS	6	RUSTY	GARTRELL	POLICE	19
JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	PARKS & REC	6	CHARLES	DAVIS JR	Fire	20
JESSICA	BEINS	Animal Control	7	RICKY	SHOSHONE	Fire	20
BILLIE	BLACK	PLANNING	7	STEVEN	HUBBARD	STREET	20
CHARLES	HARRIS	STREET	7	SUSAN	BURLESON	UAD	21
KENNETH	SARTIN	Fire	8	LONNELL	TIMS	POLICE	21
SEAN	WALKER	Fire	8	MARCUS	FIELDS	PARKS & REC	21
DEMARIO	HAYDEN	Fire	8	MICHAEL	HOLLEY	Fire	22
CHRISTINE	FERRY	UAD	8	JEFFREY	GLOVER	POLICE	22
TONY	PATE	PARKS & REC	8	JOHN	BELASCO	PARKS MAINT	22
DOUGLAS	ELMS JR	Fire	9	MARCUS	WILLIAMS	PARKS & REC	22
JERRI	DAUGHTERY	POLICE	9	DEXTER	STANTON	PUBLIC WORKS	23
RYAN	DAVIDSON	POLICE	9	GARY	WHITE	PARKS & REC	24
DONAD	LARSON	PARKS GOLF	9	ARNOLD	COLEMAN	PLANNING	25
SARAH	BORNHAUSER	POLICE	10	LARRY	MICKEL	POLICE	25
DANNY	DILLON	TRAFFIC	10	JEFFREY	ALTSTATT	OES	26
JOHN	BARBER	POLICE	11	STEPHANIE	TURNER	PARKS & REC	26
CALRIYUNNA	BOLTEN	PARKS CONCESSION	11	LEILA	KERR	PARKS & REC	26
JOHN	HARRIS	Electric	12	JAMES	TYSON	PARKS GOLF	26
LYLE	GRISHAM	AIMM	12	EUGENE	TYREE JR	POLICE	27
PATRICK	GARRETT	POLICE	13	KATHRYN	DILLON	VEHICLE MAINT	28
BRYAN	KINKAID	POLICE	13	ADDISON	DUNBAR	PARKS CONCESSION	28
AMY	COOPER	POLICE	13	KRASTAL	DUCKERY	UAD	29
KRISTOPHER	ROARK	STREET	14	KARL	SORRELLS	POLICE	29
GALEANA	GEE	Fire	15	RICHARD	ROSS	CODE	30
JOSEPH	GREENE	POLICE	15	CHARLES	BARNES	POLICE	31
JENIFER	HOLLAND	PARKS & REC	15	MATTHEW	BARBER	POLICE	31
JIM	BILLINGS	Admin	16				

Information regarding employee anniversaries and birthdates is provided by HR the prior year (i.e. 2017 was provided in 2017). 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!

Notice: to be eligible to offer a discount to North Little Rock City Employees, a business must be properly Licensed to do business in the city and current on all monies due to the City of North Little Rock.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>		<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>	<i>Name</i>		<i>Dept</i>	<i># Yrs</i>
GLINDA	CRAIGMYLE	Admin	7	ERNEST	SCOTT JR	PUBLIC WORKS	4
CLAY	ROGERS	AIRPORT	6	DEXTER	STANTON	PUBLIC WORKS	1
JOHN	ALEXANDER	Animal Control	17	GEORGE	BYNUM	SANITATION	1
KIMBERLY	LAURENT	OES	17	CHARLES	HARRIS	STREET	6
NICHOLAS	BECK	OES	1	COY	BENNETT	STREET	1
DIANNE	WETZLER	Electric	1	KENNY	BROCK	VEHICLE MAINT	25
JAMES	BRAY	Electric	42	JUSTIN	MCDUGAL	VEHICLE MAINT	10
HELEN	WILLIAMS	Electric	1	DUSTY	FULLER	VEHICLE MAINT	2
JEAN	HOBBY	Electric	17	RAYMOND	ANDERSON	SENIOR CENTER	1
JEFFERY	ELLISON	Electric	35	RUTH	SCARBOROUGH	SENIOR CENTER	14
EBBIE	USSERY	Electric	28	DONALD	BOSS	PARKS MAINT	3
MARVIN	GULLETT	Electric	39	JOHN	BELASCO	PARKS MAINT	1
APRIL	MARKHAM	Electric	1	TIMOTHY	DEAVER	PARKS MAINT	1
CHRISTOPHER	PLY	Electric	13	GREGORY	CHEATHAM	PARKS MAINT	1
WALLY	BARRINGTON	Electric	5	JASON	RHODES	PARKS MAINT	4
ANDREW	JOHNSON	Electric	5	JON	BRUNETT	PARKS MAINT	1
CODY	FUNDERBURG	Electric	2	STEVEN	DEPREAUX	PARKS MAINT	2
KAREN	SCOTT	Finance	4	JOSHUA	LEWIS	PARKS MAINT	1
CHARLES	BASS	Fire	37	TINA	WORRELL	PARKS & REC	14
CHARLES	REDDING	Fire	37	JENNIE	CUNNINGHAM	PARKS & REC	22
WARREN	ALMON	Fire	23	FLOYD	BEARD	PARKS & REC	14
ERIC	MONTGOMERY	Fire	2	CAPRI	SALLAAM	PARKS & REC	1
BILL	BROWN	Legal	15	STACI	BROOKS	PARKS & REC	1
CHRISTINA	YIELDING	Legal	17	DESHAWN	BRYANT	PARKS & REC	2
SANDRA	TARKINGTON	UAD	10	STEPHANIE	TURNER	PARKS & REC	1
CYNTHIA	BOONE	UAD	33	JUANTISHA	WALKER	PARKS & REC	3
DAVID	MELTON	UAD	8	MICAH	TURNER	PARKS & REC	6
LINDA	WILLIAMS	UAD	10	CALEB	GARDNER	PARKS & REC	3
CHRISTOPHER	COLLINS	UAD	3	KAILON	HINES	PARKS & REC	1
KRASTAL	DUCKERY	UAD	10	JAYLA	WHITLEY	PARKS & REC	4
AUDRIANNA	BARNES	UAD	3	NICHOLAS	LACY	PARKS & REC	1
SAVANNAH	FINCH	UAD	2	GARY	WHITE	PARKS & REC	1
STEVEN	WROTEN	AIMM	5	JOE	RALSTON	PARKS GOLF	3
SKYLER	AUSTEN	AIMM	1	KRISTAN	STUART	PARKS GOLF	1
KEISA	STEWART	PLANNING	6	KATHERINE	BUFORD	PARKS CONCESSION	1
JANICE	JENSEN	POLICE	7	LAUREN	FORD	PARKS CONCESSION	1
TERRY	KUYKENDALL	POLICE	22	TAMIA	GRADY	PARKS CONCESSION	6
CRAIG	EDWARDS	POLICE	22	KIARA	LEGGs	PARKS CONCESSION	1
ELLISA	MCEUEN	POLICE	6				