

North Little Rock e-Newsletter

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The Broadway Bridge opens soon!!!!



The Broadway Bridge reopening!

Summary of story found at Arkansas Business online

—by Sarah Campbell

The Broadway Bridge over the Arkansas River that connects the downtowns of Little Rock and North Little Rock is set to open to north-south traffic this week, about a month earlier than planned.

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department announced last week that contractor Massman Construction Co. of Kansas City, MO, had not yet determined a specific time for the opening but work had progressed well throughout the unseasonably warm winter months.

The bridge closed on September 28, 2016, so Massman could stand to gain between \$2.16 million and \$2.48 million if it opens between 12 a.m. Monday, February 27 and 12 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2017.

According to a news release, Massman will spend the next few weeks completing the tie-in of the south-bound off-ramp that will carry traffic to westbound Highway 10.

The 16-foot shared-use path will not open for several weeks as the contractor works to tie in ramps on both sides of the river to the Arkansas River Trail.

There will be occasional lane closures during off-peak times as miscellaneous tasks are completed.

The Highway Department has scheduled a ribbon-cutting and commissioning for 4 p.m. on April 6, in the west parking lot across from Dickey-Stephens Park. The public is invited to attend the celebration.



"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

Low-Maintenance Pets

Found at www.realsimple.com/work-life/family/pets

If you've been thinking about a pet, but don't think you have the time for the tradition dog or cat, here are a few other options found at the website above.



Birds: Budgies

When your young pirate begs for a parrot, compromise with a budgie (short for budgerigar), a type of parakeet. If these smaller, shorter-lived birds get used to people when they're young, they offer much the same appeal as their more demanding cousins, without the daunting commitment ("Large parrots are

like having a toddler in your home for 35 to 80 years.) Budgies will perch on your finger and mimic words (a skill that's generally stronger in males). And though they're prodigious poopers, their waste dries quickly and doesn't smell much, so you can get away with a weekly cage-cleaning routine.

...Ok, Not *That* Easy...If you have only one bird, humans will become his flock by default, so someone will need to hang out with him for an hour or more daily. Or you can bring in a second budgie, but this will make both birds less motivated to bond with you.

Small Mammals: Guinea pigs

If your child wants a pet that he can cuddle, a guinea pig is a pleasing handful and plenty entertaining. He will squeal with delight at the sound of your refrigerator opening (thus the "pig" in guinea pig), and when he's happy, he'll jump for joy, kicking his heels up in the air. (This is called "popcorning.") Many other pet rodents are nocturnal, which means that they sleep during prime human play-time. Guinea pigs, however, are nappers, so they're usually up for a visit (and a tasty snack) when your kids are. And unlike their hamster brethren, guinea pigs don't tend



to bite or require an exercise wheel that will squeak through the night.

You'll need at least four square feet of cage per animal—a good chunk of real estate to maintain. Quality out-of-cage time with your child is key, too. "If you don't handle your pig regularly, he'll probably be scared and try to leap away from you," says Valerie Tynes, a veterinarian at Premier Veterinary Behavior Consulting, in Sweetwater, Texas.

Reptiles: Leopard Geckos

These beautiful, patterned lizards are known for their gentle disposition and tolerance for handling, says Connie Packard Kamedulski, the owner of Animal Fair, a pet shop in Ridgefield, Connecticut. Also, they don't grow longer than 7 to 10 inches, so you won't end up with a small dinosaur on your hands—unlike some reptiles. Adults can be fed every other day and left alone for a weekend. And since they tend to designate one corner of the cage as the bathroom, keeping their home clean is relatively easy.



Leopard geckos eat live crickets and mealworms (available at pet stores); the worms can be bought in bulk and kept in the refrigerator for weeks. To stay healthy, these guys need a heater under the tank, along with a humid shelter, such as a plastic hideout (available at pet stores) filled with damp mulch. (It could be worse: Other lizards, like bearded dragons, also require a special UV-lighting setup.) Like many reptiles, leopard geckos can carry salmonella bacteria on their skin, says Julie Morris, a veterinarian at Morris Animal Hospital, in Granger, Indiana, so hand washing after handling is a must.

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Need a new addition to your family?

Call

501-791-8577

...we've got the 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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North Little Rock Fire Department

This article was found in the February 2017

—Fire Department Connection

Burning Questions

By Battalion Chief John Pflasterer, Fire Marshal

We've had a few questions lately about laws and/or ordinances concerning burning in the city. This topic can be confusing because there is no city ordinance concerning burning. We depend on the 2012 Arkansas Fire Code and ADEQ (Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality) guidelines for guidance. A burn ordinance proposal has been written by the Fire Marshal's Office but has yet to be adopted by the city.

The burn permit issued by the NLRFD prohibits the burning of leaves as part of the agreement between the resident and the Fire Department. This is merely to keep the possibility of a nuisance to a minimum. The fire code is primarily concerned with protecting the public from the dangers of irresponsible burning, not the potential nuisance of smoke or smells. In fact, the fire code goes on to say that these should be civil matters rather than unlawful acts. To understand what is allowable it is necessary to distinguish the difference between "open burning" and other fires such as recreational fires or burning in portable outdoor fireplaces.



Open burning is just that' burning in the open with no containment. Open burning is considered more dangerous because of the limited ability to control the fuel and/or oxygen. A few examples of open burning are: burning off a field, burning natural wood waste as part of land clearing or burning limbs in a yard.

If someone were burning a pile of limbs smaller than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height, it could

be considered a "recreational" fire which does not require a permit and is legal.

When burning in a pit, chimineas or outdoor fireplace, some control is maintained over either the fuel or air mixture making it more controllable.

The following are types of fires that require a permit:

1. Open burning such as burning for land clearing.
2. Bonfire (outdoor fire used for ceremonial purposes, typically a large fire associated with a crowd).

The following are types of fires that do not require a permit:

1. Recreational fire (an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained. Total fuel area less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height). *Example:* typical camp fire.

2. Warming fires. These are fires that are either built on the ground or in a barrel using wood scraps for the purpose of keeping warm at a job site.
3. Fires in a contained device such as a chiminea, patio fireplace, etc. It is **NOT OKAY** to burn trash or wire in any manner. This is a violation of state law and ADEQ can be called. They have field agents that can write tickets for this.

If a resident wants to use their backyard pit, chiminea, patio fireplace, etc., we recommend (but do not require) that they fill out a burn permit. The permit can be written for a year (or longer). Many times a neighbor will call 911 and report a fire when it is a neighbor using their outdoor fire device. If there is a permit on file, the Fire Department and Dispatch at least have that information to use while responding.



The men and women at the North Little Rock Fire Department are our fire safety experts. If a fire appears to be unsafe they have the authority to make a decision as to how to handle it.

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 (January events).

Neighborhood Services—mailed 4 newsletters to 1,415 households. Updated various Facebook pages. A FOCUS event is scheduled in the Levy community in February.

Hays Center—Trips included Dia de los Muertos Artist Exhibit and lunch, Bryant Senior Center, Dryden Pottery Studio in Hot Springs, Searcy Senior Center, Des Arc to Dondies Seafood Buffet and Argenta Branch Library for Rock painting, and Heber Springs to see Trumpeter Swans. Held a Hearing Loss Class which offered members a chance to see a new innovation in hearing via a large screen. Volunteers provided 1,494 volunteer service hours in various city departments and 93 new members.

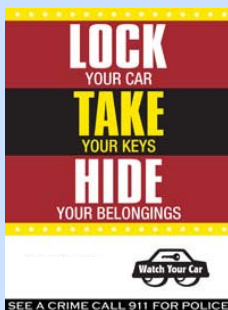
Utilities Accounting—

Electric bad debt expense for January : \$11,015.00
New accounts installed: 831
Accounts finalized: 897
Customer related calls—8,910, direct contact with Customer Service—1,878; inside teller payments received 7,080—electric; 8,157—gas / water, drive-thru teller payments 4,110—electric; 4,359—gas / water, Web/IVR payments—6,425.

Sanitation—Collected and disposed of 1,504.61 tons (3,009,220 lbs) of household garbage/rubbish. Yard Waste crews collected and disposed 270 loads; 7,440.4 cubic yards of mixed debris and green waste. Leaf crews collected 103 loads (3,487.68) cubic yards of mulched leaves. Issued 62 Sanitation Code notices/letters and 7 Citations for non-compliance.

Traffic Services—approved 72 barricade applications for permits. Repaired or replaced 322 signs and posts, marked 8 city vehicles with logo, 39 Arkansas One Call location requests.

Police—crime numbers down 5% overall. Violent Crime –1%, Robberies –10%. Vehicle thefts were up 33% and vehicle breaking and entering up 27% during the last quarter (2016). Many thefts were result of vehicles left running and unattended on cold mornings with key fobs left inside unlocked vehicles. Homicide numbers were down from 2015. North Pulaski Baptist Association provided meals to officers and 911 operators. Officers attended Safety Day at Pike View Early Childhood Center and provided child safety seats to some families.



Fire—Total incidents—951
Total Unit Responses—1,629
Residential Fires—21
Other fires—0
Vehicle Fires—7
False Alarms/Malfunctions—52
Rescue/Emergency Medical—551
Mutual Aid—4
Hazardous Material Response—9
Structure Fire fatalities—0
Vehicle fire fatalities—0
Training hours—4,475
Building Surveys—29

Office of Emergency Services/911—

Incoming call total Non-911 calls: 8,111
Wired 911: 798 Abandoned Wired 911: 123
Wireless 911: 6,137 Abandoned Wireless: 606
Total dispatch computer entries: 8,614

Planning—Major permits issued: 4—remodel—Kamikaito, USA Images, Carlisle, and Hooters. New commercial Boulevard Veterinarian Clinic, Kippers Office, and New Horizons Apartments. Issued 3 new single family residential permits (average \$188,167). Inspectors completed 378 inspections and covered 4,026 miles: 119 Electric; 67 Building; 113 Plumbing; 79 HVAC.

Electric Department—38,609 customers, Peak Power—131,521 KW, Territory— 60 square miles, miles of wire—555.1 miles, # Transformers—11,252, Street lights—11,042 (264 repaired), Security lights—4,148 (53 repaired), Smart meters—39,410, Revenue—\$6,312,362. Major outages—none.

Code Enforcement—109 assigned calls, 447 initiated calls, 36 citations, 310 violation notices, 0 vehicles tagged, 30 structures inspected, 43 rental inspections, 12 food service inspections, 1 search warrant, 4 houses demolished by city, 6 houses demolished by owner. Code Maintenance—54 assigned calls, 28 vacant lots cleaned, 5 lots with structures cleaned, secured 9 vacant houses, vacant lots mowed—0, lots with structures mowed—0, picked up 8 tires.

North Little Rock Animal Control—

Incoming animals—172

Adoptions—50

Reclaimed—11

Euthanized—66

Citations issued—30

Dogs/cats sterilized—43

Calls for service—625

Pulaski County

(accepted at NLR)

Incoming Animals—97

Adopted—25

Reclaimed—5

Euthanized—45

Picked up 22 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—North Little Rock Community Center Fitness area has been updated with new



equipment which include new cardio and strength equipment, new rubber gym flooring and expansion of the weight room.

North Little Rock Visitors Bureau—the Visitors Information Center in Burns Park had 545 visitors in January. The Downtown Riverside RV Park had 265 reservations with an average stay of 3.89 days. The Arkansas Inland Maritime Museum had 504 visitors, which included 2 overnight groups (42 Boy Scouts from West Memphis & Sheridan) and hosted 2 special events. Volunteer hours totaled 260. The NLR Sports Bureau sponsored the 2017 Region 6 Silver Gloves boxing tournament. 122 boxers from 6 states participated. Soccer tournaments were held in Burns Park. The girls tournament had 98 teams, 1,372 participants. The boys tournament had 74 teams with 1,036 participants. All participants were either from Arkansas or 7 other states. These tournaments resulted in an economic impact of close to \$1 million for central Arkansas.

Finance—Revenues (MTD—January)

Numbers were not available at time of printing.

North Little Rock Police Department Challenge Local Churches

officers, church leaders and residents to attend. During the gathering, North Little Rock Police Chief Mike Davis issued a challenge to all who attended.

The challenge was to either start or become involved in a local mentoring program. Chief Davis said many issues facing today's youth include the lack of a role model in their lives. There are many single parent homes in our community. Many times the single parent works or has other responsibilities. Chief Davis then recommended mentoring as a way to make a difference. The North Little Rock School District has a mentoring program. Mentors visit with youth and provide positive role models. Mentors also provide a much needed person to talk to. When a mentor spends time with a youth, it can be the difference between getting into trouble after school or having someone to help them with their homework, play games, or just listen.

To learn more, contact the North Little Rock Police Department at 501-758-1234.

Last month, members of the North Little Rock Police Department hosted a luncheon and invited members of the community, including police

Apple Crumble

4 cups apples, peeled, cored, and sliced

1/4 cup water

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup granulated sugar

1 tsp ground cinnamon

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 cup softened butter

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a lightly buttered baking pan or dish, about 10" x 6" or 9" square, layer sliced apples evenly and sprinkle water over. In a medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, and salt; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle crumb mixture over apples. Bake for 35-45 minutes, until apples are tender. Serve apple crumble warm, with ice cream if desired.



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Fish: Bettas

In the wild, these brilliantly colored fish live in small stagnant puddles. So a big bowl of treated tap water (at least one gallon and preferable three) will look like the Ritz-Carlton by comparison, especially if you add a plastic plant for your pet to hide behind when he's feeling shy. Unlike goldfish, that other childhood standby, bettas can go to the surface for oxygen rather than drawing it from the water, so they're not as bothered by less-than-pristine surroundings and they don't require a filtered tank. In addition to their hardiness, bettas have other charms. When one male spots another, he'll blow bubble nests and do some dramatic tough-guy posturing (called "flaring"); he'll even put on the same show if he happens to catch sight of himself in a tiny "exercise mirror" in his bowl.

You'll need to clean your betta's home at least weekly," says Kyle Donnelly, DVM, an exotic-animal specialist at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. (This is still far less involved than managing a full-fledged tank.) Male bettas are typically favored as pets for their attractive, longer fins and feisty antics.



However, if you're getting more than one male, they'll each need a separate bowl. They're known as "fighting fish" for a reason.

Financial Focus

By Tommy Howard

www.edwardjones.com

Note: the information below is part of an article found in The Daily Record | February 6-12, 2017

Try to overcome 'roadblocks' to a comfortable retirement

Below are the five most common obstacles:

Insufficient investments—Very few of us have ever reported investing "too much" for their retirement. But a great many people regret that they saved and invested too little. Don't make that mistake. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Even if you do participate in your retirement plan at work, you may still be eligible to fund an IRA, so take advantage of that opportunity, too. And always look for other ways to cut expenses and direct this "found" money toward your retirement.

Underestimating your longevity—You can't predict how long you'll live, but you can make some reasonable guesses—and you might be surprised at your prospects. According to the Social Security Administration, men reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until 84.3, while women turning age 65 today can anticipate living, on average, until age 86.6. That's a lot of years—and you'll need to plan for them when you create long-term saving, investing and spending strategies.

Not establishing a suitable withdrawal rate—Once you are retired, you will likely need to start withdrawing money from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw too much each year—obviously, you don't want to run the risk of outliving your

resources.

That's why

you need to

establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation, incorporating variables such as your age, the value of your retirement accounts, your estimated lifestyle expenses, and so on. Calculating such a withdrawal rate can be challenging, so you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor.

Taking Social Security at the wrong time—You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your checks will be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will probably be 66 or 67, or when your payments "max out" at 70. You might not be able to afford to wait until then, but by postponing the date you begin taking withdrawals, you could help yourself considerably.

Ignoring inflation—It's been low in recent years, but inflation hasn't disappeared, and it could rise at exactly the wrong time—when you're retired. That's why you'll want your portfolio to include some investments with the potential to outpace inflation, even during your retirement years.

By being aware of your roadblocks, and taking steps to overcome them, you can help smooth your journey toward retirement—and once you get there, you may enjoy it more.



Protect Yourself from Cyber Attacks

Found at www.dhs.gov



The Department of Homeland Security plays an important role in countering threats to our cyber network. We aim to secure the federal civilian networks, cyberspace and critical infrastructure that are essential to our lives and work.

DHS's National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) is a 24x7 center responsible for the production of a common operating picture for cyber and communications across the federal, state, and local government, intelligence and law enforcement communities and private sector.

The following preventative strategies are intended to help our public and private partners proactively look for emails attempting to deceive users into "clicking the link" or opening attachments to seemingly real websites:

- **Never click on links in emails.** If you do think the email is legitimate, whether from a third party retailer or primary retailer, go to the site and log on directly. Whatever notification or service offering was referenced in the email, if valid, will be available via regular log on.
- **Never open the attachments.** Typically, retailers will not send emails with attachments. If there is any doubt, contact the retailer directly and ask whether the email with the attachment was sent from them.
- **Do not give out personal information** over the phone or in an email unless completely sure. Social engineering is a process of deceiving individuals into providing personal information to seemingly trusted agents who turn out to be malicious actors. If contacted over the phone by someone claiming to be a retailer or collection agency, do not give out your personal information. Ask them to provide you their name and a call-back number. Just because they may have some of your information does not mean they are legitimate!

Other practical tips to protect yourself from cyberattacks:

- **Set secure passwords and don't share them with anyone.** Avoid using common words, phrases, or personal information and update regularly.
- **Keep your operating system, browser, anti-virus and other critical software up to date.** Security updates and patches are available for free from major companies.

- **Verify the authenticity of requests from companies or individuals by contacting them directly.** If you are asked to provide personal information via email, you can independently contact the company directly to verify this request.
- **Pay close attention to website URLs.** Pay attention to the URLs of websites you visit. Malicious websites sometimes use a variation in common spelling or a different domain (for example, .com instead of .net) to deceive unsuspecting computer users.
- **For e-Mail,** turn off the option to automatically download attachments.
- **Be suspicious of unknown links or requests sent through email or text message.** Do not click on unknown links or answer strange questions sent to your mobile device, regardless of who the sender appears to be.

Tips

Most people use passwords that are based on personal information and are easy to remember. However, that also makes it easier for an attacker to guess or "crack" them.

Although intentionally misspelling a word ("daytt" instead of "date") may offer some protection against dictionary attacks, an even better method is to rely on a series of words and use memory techniques, or mnemonics, to help you remember how to decode it.

For example, instead of the password "hoops," use "l!Tpbb" for "[l] [L]ike [T]o [p]lay [b]asket[b]all." Using both lowercase and capital letters adds another layer of obscurity. Your best defense, though, is to use a combination of numbers, special characters, and both lowercase and capital letters. Change the same example we used above to "l!2pBb." and see how much more complicated it has become just by adding numbers and special characters.



Stop.Think.Connect.

The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online.

A Little History about the **North Little Rock History Commission**



In 1975, the North Little Rock City Council adopted Ordinance 4493 which created the North Little Rock

History Commission.

The purpose was to keep and care for the official archives of the city, collect materials bearing the history of North Little Rock from its earliest times, copying and editing official records and other historical materials, encourage historical work and research, and perform work related to the foregoing.

Seven volunteer members were appointed by then Mayor Eddie Powell. They began collecting photographs, documents, artifacts and oral interviews for the city's archives. Active for more than a decade, this commission resigned in 1987, stating it had accomplished what it set out to do, after publishing "*North Little Rock: The Unique City*," a history book authored by commissioner Walter Adams with assistance from the other commission members: Evelyn Eubank, Gene Hull, Grayson Dickson, Pat Davis, Earlene Butterworth, and Alfred Schultz.

In 1989, Mayor Patrick Henry Hays revived the commission. Two years later, Sandra Taylor Smith was hired as director. Archives were stored at the William F. Laman Library at 2801 Orange Street. In 1993, the commission opened an office in the Barth-Hempfling House at 507 Main Street. In 1999, the commission's offices and archives were moved to the historic Park Hill Water Company building at 3427 Magnolia Street.

In 2003, the offices and archives were moved to 506 Main Street, the location of a historic fire station and City Hall. The commission had exhibits in storage and offices and archives were upstairs.

In 2004, during the City of North Little Rock's Centennial Celebration, the commission published another history book titled "*On the Opposite Shore: The Making of North Little Rock*," written by award-winning journalist Cary Bradburn (who joined the History Commission staff in 2002).

In 2006, the Argenta Branch of the William F. Laman Library opened on the first floor of the building at 506

Main. This reduced the ability to display historical items to three small wall-mounted display cases.

The library soon outgrew its space and moved to the old Downtown Post Office building at 420 Main Street in 2014.

Also in 2014, the History Commission was given governance of the entire building at 506 Main. The

building was soon renamed the North Little Rock Heritage Center. Soon after that, the Friends of North Little Rock History, a 501(c)(3) was created.

Now the employees and commissioners work hard to promote and share our city's vast history. Multiple exhibits have been set up, including a Civil War Exhibit, Black Legislators (along with North Little Rock African-American History panels), a collection of historic door-knobs, WWI Exhibit and Baby Boomerers Christmas. The most recent and ongoing exhibit is a dedication to our city being a railroad city and features lots of wonderful Union Pacific and other train memorabilia.

The commission has also hosted statewide Historic District training, the Arkansas Archives Researching Historic Properties Seminar and Jones High School Reunion.

The mission statement of the North Little Rock History Commission is: to preserve, promote, interpret, present, collect and research materials relating to the city's history and serve as the city's official archive.

Archives contain photographs, City Clerk scrapbooks (newspaper clippings), collections related to people (i.e. former Treasurer Mary Ruth Morgan and her husband, retired North Little Rock Police Officer Buddy Morgan, church histories, school district items, bound copies of the North Little Rock Times clip and negative files, detailed documentation on the Argenta area's buildings, detained documentation of Park Hill and various other city records.

The staff is educated, knowledgeable and experienced in our history, historic architecture and more.

To learn more, visit the following: <http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=973>.

Some of North Little Rock's famous residents include Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, and Movie actresses Mary Steenburgen and Joey Lauren Adams.



Slow-Cooker Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti

Found at www.bettycrocker.com/recipes

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon butter, melted
1 tablespoon, Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons seasoned salt
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 package (20 oz) boneless skinless chicken thighs
1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen™ organic fire roasted diced tomatoes, drained
1 can (18 oz) Progresso™ creamy mushroom soup
1 can (4.5 oz) Old El Paso™ chopped green chiles
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, cubed, softened
2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese (8 oz)
8 oz spaghetti, cooked and drained as directed on package
2 tablespoons fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley leaves



Directions:

1. Spray 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In a large bowl, mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt and garlic. Add chicken; toss to coat. Pour mixture into slow cooker.
2. In the same bowl, mix tomatoes, soup and chiles; pour over chicken.
3. Cover; cook on High heat setting 2 to 3 hours or on Low heat setting 3 to 4 hours or until an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the chicken reads at least 165°F.
4. Remove chicken from slow cooker, and transfer to cutting board; let stand 6 minutes or until cool enough to handle. Meanwhile, stir cream cheese and Cheddar cheese into slow cooker. Cover; cook on High heat setting 5 to 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Stir.
5. Meanwhile, shred chicken with 2 forks; return to slow cooker, and stir in cooked spaghetti. Top with parsley.

To make ahead and freeze: In large bowl, mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, seasoned salt and garlic. Add chicken, toss to coat. Pour mixture into 1-gallon resealable food-storage plastic bag. In same bowl, mix tomatoes, soup and chiles; pour over chicken in bag. Seal bag, removing as much air as possible. Lay flat, and freeze up to 3 months. When ready to cook, thaw completely, 8 to 24 hours, in refrigerator. Spray 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Pour thawed mixture into slow cooker. Follow steps 3 through 5.



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.

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 U.S. Census authorized, 1790
- 2 First test flight of L A Concorde, 1969
- 3 Florida became 27th state, 1845
- 4 U.S. Constitution went into effect, 1789
- 5 Boston Massacre, 1770



- 6 Fall of the Alamo, 1836
- 7 Bell granted first patent for telephone, 1876
- 8 Union Pacific Railroad completed, 1869
- 9 Battle of Monitor and Merrimac, 1862
- 10 Bell transmitted first telephone message, 1876

- 11 Confederate Constitution adopted, 1861

- 12 Girl Scouts founded, 1912

- 13 Blizzard of the century, 1993

- 14 Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin, 1794

- 15 Andrew Jackson born, 1767

- 16 My Lai massacre, 1968

- 17 British evacuated Boston, 1776

- 18 Inventor Rudolph Diesel born, 1853



- 19 Traditional return of swallows of Capistrano



- 20 First practical radar device demonstrated, 1934

- 21 Composer Johann Sabastian Bach born, 1685

- 22 Grissom-Young space flight, 1965

- 23 Patrick Henry "Liberty or Death" speech, 1775

- 24 Congress cut Income Taxes, 1948

- 25 Lord Baltimore landed in Maryland, 1634

- 26 Poet Robert Frost born, 1874

- 27 North Sea Oil Rig disaster, 1980

- 28 Mexican War began, 1846

- 29 Last U.S. troops left Vietnam, 1973

- 30 Ether first used (witnessed) Jefferson, GA, 1842



- 31 Knute Rockne killed, 1931



- Last frost (lower south), March 27



Door to Door Sales

The information below was reported by KTHV Channel 11 in May 2016 and found at www.thv11.com/news/local/ and highlights your rights and door-to-door solicitations explained by Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge.

Door-to-door salespeople are hitting the streets, selling home improvement projects, home security systems, newspapers, magazines and much more. Sometimes they use high-pressure sales tactics, and occasionally the salesperson misrepresents the products they are selling. Arkansans may have second thoughts about the purchase and want to cancel the item or service, and Arkansas law protects consumers who find themselves in any of these situations.

The Arkansas Home Solicitation Sales Act gives Arkansans the right to cancel any home solicitation within three (3) days of purchasing the item or services. Consumers can also cancel a sale made at any location that is not the seller's permanent place of business, such as fair booths.

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge released this consumer alert to inform Arkansans about their rights under the Arkansas Home Solicitation Act.

"Arkansas consumers need to know their rights when it comes to door-to-door solicitations," said Attorney General Rutledge. "It can be difficult to say no to a seller standing at your front door, but consumers can cancel a contract at any point during the three-day period, for any reason, even if the seller has already installed the equipment."

Attorney General Rutledge released the following tips to Arkansans who may be faced with a salesperson at their door:

- Because these solicitations can be stressful, prepare a "just say no" script ahead of time and practice it. For example, you could respond to the salesperson by saying, "Thank you for coming by, but we are not in need of your product or service. Have a good day." Then close your door.
- Some cities require that a door-to-door salesperson obtain a license or certification prior to engaging in sales. Check with local authorities before purchasing.
- Take a few days to consider the sales offer (*before you make the purchase*). It may be advantageous to shop around or do research to make sure the deal is legitimate.

- Do NOT allow a salesperson to install any product the same day. However, if equipment is installed in the home prior to the end of the three-day cancellation window, a consumer still has the right to cancel the sale or contract.
- Be wary of "free" installation or equipment deals. Even if something is initially offered free of charge in order to make a sale more attractive, a consumer could eventually pay for the product with high-cost, long-term contracts. Do not give into high-pressure sales pitches, such as offers being "for today only," that a home has been "specially selected: for a deal or that the seller is "trying to get rid of extra inventory."
- Never let a salesperson into your home unless they have provided property identification and you have determined exactly what he or she wants.

The Home Solicitation Act applies to purchases of \$25 or more and requires a salesperson to verbally inform consumers of their cancellation rights at the time of the sale or contract is completed. The seller must leave the customer with two copies of the cancellation form and a copy of the contract or receipt.

The Act has limited exceptions and does not apply when the consumer requests a home visit, for example, to repair personal property, such as heating and air systems or appliances.

For more information on home solicitations and other consumer-related issues or to file a consumer complaint, contact the attorney General's Office at 800-482-8982 or email consumer@arkansasag.gov or visit ArkansasAG.gov.

The City of North Little Rock requires that Door-to-Door Solicitors have a city issued peddlers license. This includes people selling magazines, newspaper subscriptions, tree trimming, lawn care, home security, etc. North Little Rock peddlers permits are valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

If a solicitor comes to your door they must show you their City issued permit (see example on the next page). It will include their photo, the dates it is valid, their description, company they represent and what they are allowed to sale.

If a solicitor comes to your door and does NOT have a city issued permit, please call the North Little Rock Police Department non-emergency number (501-758-1234) and provide the location (your address), description of the person and what they are wearing, vehicle description (and license plate number) if you are able to get it.

To see a list of licensed door-to-door solicitors/peddlers in North Little Rock, go to nlr.ar.gov, then click on the Government tab, followed by City Clerk and Treasurer, and Licensed Peddlers. Click on the name of the individual to see their permit.

Remember...you don't have to answer your door.



**Peddlers Permit
City of North Little Rock**

Issued to: **Mel Dun**
Issued: 1/1/17
Expires: 3/31/17



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 March 1, 2017, there was one person registered to solicit door to door in the city of North Little Rock .

Melvin H. Jackson—Legal Shield Expires 4-9-17

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, Bernadette Rhodes	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 March:


Feb 27—Mar 3 Pickup

Mar 6 — 10 no pickup

Mar 13 — 17 Pickup

Mar 20 — 24 no pickup

Mar 27 — 31 Pickup



March Birthdays

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Dept</i>	<i>Date</i>
MICHAEL THOMPSON	Fire	1	MICHAEL JORDAN	Fire	17
BENJAMIN EVANS	Fire	1	DAMEON JOHNSON	Fire	17
IAN HOPE	PARKS MAINT	1	TODD HUMPHRIES	POLICE	17
TRACY JENKINS	PARKS & REC	1	SHELLEY USSERY	City Clerk	18
CAPRI SALLAAM	PARKS & REC	2	DENNIS POOLE	Fire	18
TAMIA GRADY	PARKS CONCESSION	2	DONALD GARRINGER	Fire	18
DAVID HEISER	TRAFFIC	3	JON FISHER	POLICE	18
CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY	Fire	4	MARK TUBBS	POLICE	19
CODY REESE	TRAFFIC	4	ROBERT SPRIGGS	POLICE	19
ZACHRY LOCKWOOD	Electric	5	JAVIAN JONES	PARKS & REC	19
MICHAEL REYES	POLICE	5	BECKY TAYLOR	City Clerk	21
JUSTIN CROSS	POLICE	5	MARY DENTON	OES	21
RONNIE ADAMS JR	TRAFFIC	7	THOMAS LATINA	POLICE	21
DIANNE WETZLER	Electric	8	DAVID SCHMIDT	POLICE	23
HERMAN BARNES JR	SENIOR CENTER	8	BOBBY BENNETT JR	STREET	23
MARY BROADWAY	PARKS & REC	8	PHILLIP MOORE SR	PARKS & REC	23
MEGAN JOHNSON	PARKS & REC	8	PETE COOK	PARKS GOLF	23
LARRY SHOOD	Fire	9	NATHANAEL DAVIS	PARKS CONCESSION	23
JARROD CARTER	Fire	9	STEPHEN EVANS	Fire	24
TOLLIE WALLAE	PARKS ADMIN	9	BILL MIDDLETON	STREET	24
WARREN ALMON	Fire	10	DEBORAH MIDDLETON	Courts	25
CHRISTOPHER WILSON	Fire	10	DANIEL CUSHING	Electric	26
ROBERT MAULDIN	HR	10	NATHAN KIMES JR	POLICE	27
HEIDI WEBB	POLICE	10	CORNELIUS FENNESSEE JR	Fire	28
JERRI PAGE	POLICE	10	ROBINSON, LAURIE SISSON	Courts	28
HARED NORTHCUTT	Electric	11	DOMINIQUE AMBROSE	UAD	28
ERIC MONTGOMERY	Fire	11	CRYSTAL WILLIS	COMMERCE	28
LESLIE SPENCER	SANITATION	11	ELLISA MCEUEN	POLICE	28
JAMES MURPHY	Fire	12	JULIUS DOLEMAN	PARKS MAINT	28
DAVID ROBINSON	Fire	12	DWIGHT AKINS	SANITATION	29
TRENT HARLAN	Fire	12	THOMAS EVERETT	TRAFFIC	29
RICHARD BEASTON	POLICE	12	JEFFREY CAPLINGER	PARKS SPEC PROJECT	29
GARY THORNTON	CODE	12	VICENT RAY	POLICE	30
TYSON HADDOCK	Fire	13	CARMEN HELTON	POLICE	30
ALTORIA TUCKER JR	SANITATION	13	WILLIAM KINCAID JR	STREET	30
TOMMY MCBRIDE	PARKS & REC	14	TRAVIS DOUGLAS	PARKS MAINT	30
JASON ROE	Fire	15	TYLER BOWIE	AIMM	31
MARK JOSEPH	PARKS GOLF	15	SEAN MCGOWAN	POLICE	31
JACKIE PEACH	Electric	16	DAVID MARSHALL	PARKS MAINT	31
JASON KNIFE	Fire	16			

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.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Dept	# Years	Name	Dept	# Years		
GARY	ERWIN	AIRPORT	1	CAMILLE	FLEMING	HR	3
PATTY	JONES	Animal Control	22	SHAWN	SPENCER	PLANNING	15
ANITA	KABAT	Animal Control	4	LINDA	FELTON	POLICE	19
ANTHONY	GARDENER	Animal Control	19	REBA	CRAIG	POLICE	15
TIM	VANYA	Comm Dev	13	JOHN	BARBER	POLICE	14
LEEANN	SADLER	OES	8	JEN-CHUAN	KING	POLICE	20
LINDSEY	HOWARD	OES	8	MICHAEL	MERLO	POLICE	20
ROY	MCPHAIL	Electric	44	CHRIS	GANN	POLICE	20
JACKIE	HALSEY	Electric	19	PATRICK	GARRETT	POLICE	18
CHRISTOPHER	NICHOLAS	Electric	12	DONALD	STEELE	POLICE	16
RICHARD	POZZA	Electric	19	JON	CROWDER	POLICE	15
LANA	GREGORY	Electric	19	MATTHEW	THOMAS	POLICE	16
MARTIN	DUNLAP	Electric	1	DANIEL	HALEY	POLICE	14
JAMES	HOUSTON	Electric	15	JOHN	ALSTON	POLICE	20
CHRISTOPHER	RAY	Electric	12	BRYAN	KINKAID	POLICE	13
JAMES	WILSON	Electric	10	MICHAEL	BLEVINS	POLICE	17
ZACHARY	BROWN	Electric	10	DENISE	LACY	POLICE	17
DONALD	FRIDAY JR	Electric	6	JOSHUA	FORNEY	POLICE	17
AMANDA	BONNER	Finance	17	ROBERT	CUPPS	POLICE	14
PHIL	POUNDERS	Fire	32	CHRIS	WILBOURN	PUBLIC WORKS	6
RENALDO	BENNETT	Fire	32	WALTER	GUNN III	PUBLIC WORKS	5
STEVEN	GRIMES	Fire	32	WAYNE	WRIGHT	SANITATION	13
BENJAMIN	MUNDY	Fire	26	DAVID	RODGERS	SANITATION	3
CHARLES	BLACK	Fire	28	EDWARD	JERNIGAN	STREET	10
TERENCE	METCALF	Fire	26	CLIFFORD	LEE	STREET	3
STEPHEN	EVANS	Fire	27	JASON	STEELE	STREET	10
GERALD	TUCKER	Fire	27	BOBBY	BENNETT JR	STREET	1
RICKY	ALBERS	Fire	27	KRISTOPHER	ROARK	STREET	3
MATTHEW	DIXON	Fire	26	RICKY	PRIDMORE	VEHICLE MAINT	6
CHARLES	PLATT	Fire	27	SHARON	WRIGHT	SENIOR CENTER	2
BILLY	JONES	Fire	23	JOHN	KNIGHT JR	SENIOR CENTER	1
AARON	CHASSELLS	Fire	18	BRYAN	SPEARS	PARKS MAINT	12
AARON	HENDERSON	Fire	6	ANTHONY	RIPPEE	PARKS MAINT	4
DANTANIEL	DURAN	Fire	6	TRAVIS	DOUGLAS	PARKS MAINT	3
CODY	WORTHAM	Fire	6	PATRICIA	HOLDER	PARKS & REC	6
JACOB	SCHMIDT	Fire	6	RENEE	HENSON	PARKS & REC	30
ROSS	COTHREN	Fire	1	KATRINA	WILBON	PARKS & REC	29
MARIE-BERNARDE	MILLER	Legal	1	KEITH	JOHNSON	PARKS & REC	1
JOSPEH	BREEN	Courts	5	KEVIN	SANDERS JR	PARKS & REC	3
KAREN	FLETCHER	UAD	29	RONALD	BARENTINE	PARKS GOLF	3
BRECK	MAXEY	UAD	23	ROSLYN	TILLMAN-ASIRIFI	PARKS CONCESSION	1
BETTY	ANDERSON	HR	16	BERNADETTE	RHODES	FIT 2 LIVE	6

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.

Oopsie! Our apologies to Davin Reynolds, NLRPD whose name was mistyped in the February e-Newsletter. Davin has been with NLRPD 1 year. Congratulations!





Twenty Seventh Annual Gala Carousel Ball

will be held ***Saturday, April 8, 2017***

at the ***Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center***
401 Pershing Boulevard, North Little Rock

Dinner • Dancing • Entertainment

Live and Silent Auctions

Dancing to the Tommy Henderson Band

Black Tie Optional

Master of Ceremonies

North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce President
John Owens

\$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible)

Table Reservations Required

RSVP by April 3, 2017

For more information call

501-772-0768

Proceeds benefit **North Little Rock Heritage-Bowker-Willow Houses**
the **Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center**,
and other **community service projects** of the
North Little Rock Woman's Club

North Little Rock Lions Club
Annual Bob Moore Memorial

Fish Fry
April 21, 2017



Pond Raised Catfish And Breaded Chicken Strips
With All The Trimmings

Serving 4:30PM Until 7:00PM

Burns Park Hospitality House In North Little Rock

Adults—\$12 Children Under 12—\$10

Tickets Available At The Door

Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local 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.



We Serve