

2023

North Little Rock

# STATE OF THE CITY





January 2024

Members of the North Little Rock City Council, City Attorney, City Clerk, and my fellow residents of North Little Rock, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor during 2023. The City of North Little Rock has accomplished so much by working together last year.

While the March 31<sup>st</sup> tornado caused an enormous amount of physical destruction in our city, it provided an opportunity for our city to come together and be stronger than ever. City employees, residents, business owners and many individuals and organizations from outside North Little Rock worked together in the hours, days, weeks and months following the tornado. I am so proud of the spirit everyone displayed.

We opened the Burns Park Fire Station, broke ground on a new fire station in the east part of our city and demolished the original Argenta School at 13<sup>th</sup> and Main in preparation for the new Central Fire Station which will better serve more of our residents. So many exciting things are happening in all areas of our city. The drainage issues and flooding at Faulkner Lake Road have been corrected and the Park Hill Jumpstart project is now complete. Economic development continues to thrive in all parts of our city. Safe Food expanded their operation, Federal Metals opened in North Little Rock and the Lowe's Distribution Center held their grand opening.

I take pride in how hard our city employees work for our citizens and the spirit of community we all share. I am looking forward to 2024 and all of the plans we have in store for the City of North Little Rock.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry C. Hartwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and 'H'.

# March 31<sup>st</sup> TORNADO







In 2023, the City finished a new hangar, FBO and airport building

at the North Little Rock Regional Airport. The hangar is 16,796 square feet and the FBO/Airport building is 5,729 square feet. The City will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in 2024.

# Animal Services



The North Little Rock Animal Shelter held 27 public outreach events during 2023 focusing on bite prevention, animal care and other topics of interest for residents in our city. The Mobile Unit has become quite popular in North Little Rock and made appearances at 16 events throughout the community. Total Intake 2,988: Dogs=1,954; Cats=1,001; other=33. Adoption Total: 1192, Reclaimed total: 319, Died/escaped: 40, Calls for service: 6705, Citations Issued: 555 and Vouchers Sold: 527.



# COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Department spent much of 2023 working to share information during and after the March 31 tornado, the June storm and also rolled out a new website for the City of North Little Rock. Social media, print, email, YouTube with videos were all utilized in addition to the regular television and print coverage the City received each week during

2023. The Communications Department worked throughout the year to assist other city departments in sharing and promote information on a daily basis. The city continues to see the number of followers increase in our social media accounts and have received numerous thanks for keeping the new website up-to-date during the tornado, June storm and throughout the 2023 leaf season.

The North Little Rock Sanitation Department will continue to remove leaves in our city into 2024.

*Leaf Removal*



Please call 501-371-8340 for an update on the location of the leaf removal trucks.



# CODE

In addition to their regular duties listed in the chart on this page, the North Little Rock Code Department worked in the community during and after the March 31 tornado where they were needed to assist our residents. They work behind the scenes with our residents to ensure our city is safe, clean and in compliance.



	<b>Total</b>
<b>Assigned Calls</b>	7520
<b>Initiated Calls</b>	6011
<b>Follow Up</b>	10647
<b>Meetings with residents</b>	409
<b>Citations issued</b>	137
<b>Violation Notices</b>	8660
<b>Vehicles Tagged</b>	2099
<b>Lots Posted</b>	2017
<b>Structures Inspected</b>	423
<b>Rental Inspections</b>	242
<b>Food Service Inspections</b>	109
<b>Search Warrants</b>	34
<b>Structures Condemned</b>	53
<b>Houses Demolished</b>	181
<b>Assigned Calls</b>	1866
<b>Self Initiated Calls</b>	2677
<b>Vacant Lots Cleaned</b>	1208
<b>Lots Structures Cleaned</b>	407
<b>Vacant Houses Secured</b>	73

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The City received \$670,507 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, along with \$396,150 in Home Investment Partnerships Program, which will provide infrastructure improvements, increased availability of affordable housing, and support for community-based non-profit organizations. This year, CDBG funds supported:

- CareLink's Meals-on-Wheels program.
- The North Little Rock Boys and Girls Club Great Futures Program, which provided summer and after-school care.
- River City Ministry's medical program, which provided emergency services such as prescription and over the counter medications for low income and homeless residents.
- Street and drainage projects in Wards 1, 2, and 3, in collaboration with the City's engineering department.
- The CDA partners with the Pulaski County Neighborhood Alliance for Habitat (PCNAH) to develop affordable housing using HOME funds. In 2023, two newly built, energy-efficient, single-family homes were sold to two low-income homebuyers.
- CDBG-CV (Cares Act) funds were used to replace the HVAC units at the Hays Senior Center. CDBG-CV funds are intended to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19—replacement of the HVAC units improved ventilation and filtration to meet these goals and improve indoor air quality.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In 2023, economic development projects created over \$100,000,000 of capital investment and

nearly 500 new jobs in North Little Rock. The city closed on 19 residential lots totaling \$46,000 and five commercial properties totaling \$1,643,687.

**NLR City Services building (pictured below)**



**Rose City Health Clinic (pictured below)**





**Other projects:** Burns Park: Pickleball, softball fields, soccer roads, some playground and pavilions; Fire Station # 11 Blaze Drive and US Highway 165; Burns Park Fire Station; Patrick Henry Hays Senior Center updates; Central Fire Station, McCain Boulevard landscaping, Faulkner Lake Road and **Park Hill Jumpstart (pictured left).**

**Open for business in 2023:** Magnolia Skillet; Whataburger, Maumelle; Ol Bart's at Diamond Bear; Renowned Music, Park Hill; Glamour Nails, Park Hill; Chipotle, McCain Boulevard; 7 Brew, Maumelle Boulevard; 7 Brew, JFK Blvd; and Draft and Table (formerly Creegans), Main Street.

**Manhattan Road and Bridge, Industry Drive** in Ward 2: Manhattan Road and Bridge is a road construction firm with offices in Little Rock, Northwest Arkansas, and now North Little Rock, has

been awarded a \$87.3 million widening project by the Arkansas Department of Transportation on the west end of Interstate 630. The new location is 8400 Industry Drive in east North Little Rock.

**Central Commerce Center Industrial Park** built a new tilt-wall industrial business park in North Little Rock. The center features convenient truck court access, abundant dock high loading, desirable clear height and span, interstate frontage and visibility, and additional land for yard or future expansion.

**Lowe's Distribution Center (pictured below):** Lowe's distribution warehouse is a 1.2 million square foot bulk distribution warehouse on 115 acres that created 300 new jobs.



**Hale Trailer, Brakes and Wheel Incorporated (pictured below)** built a new 26-acre facility at the corner of Industrial Drive and Interstate 440.



**Safe Foods Expansion:** Safe Foods' organic food wash. The project includes a new 55,000-square-foot packaging facility and warehouse that will allow Safe Foods to manufacture 19 additional product lines for PSSI that they will use to protect consumers from foodborne illness. This expansion created 20 new jobs.

**Federal Metals:** Federal Metal has an average salary of \$49,282; \$1,971,280 in annual new payroll; \$17,840,000.00 in investment in the facility and will create 40 new jobs within four years.

**Projected for 2024:**

- Resorts at Rockwater
- Dollar General Distribution Center
- CFS Technologies
- Pella Windows and Doors Expansion
- Dormitories at Shorter College
- Funky Stretch Pizza, formerly Thrive
- Maly's Entertainment District
- Baptist Health Clinic Rose City
- Ace Glass and Recycling



**Projected for 2025:** North Little Rock Electric Solar Farm

# ELECTRIC

- Over 15,000 customers were without power from the March 31 tornado.
- Total restoration time was 10 days.
- Replaced: 200+ poles and 100 transformers.
- June 25 Wind Storm: Over 28,000 customers were without power. Total restoration time was seven (7) days; approximately 20,000 restored in the first 24 hours. Circuits knocked out: 14. System
- Completed a three phase line extension along Highway 70 to serve the new Lowe's, Dollar General, and future Tulip Farms, Lot 3.
- Completed SCADA connectivity project to all substations to allow for faster and safer breaker operations during outage situations.
- Implemented the first phase of customer-to-service representative chat communication.
- Updated the customer facing Outage Map to be responsive in real time and display planned outages.
- Launched an internal version of the map for customer service. Representatives can now see 'live' details about outages allowing them to be more informed when receiving outage calls from customers.
- Tree trimming remains a major focus. Tree tickets completed by Electric employees increased from 345 to 555.
- Finalized a contract with Today's Power Inc. for a 5MW solar array on Industry Drive and held a groundbreaking event in October. In 2023, 143 new solar application were submitted for review.



# EMERGENCY SERVICES



Emergency Services continues to work toward the consolidation of the 911 centers for North Little Rock, Sherwood, and Maumelle. The Office of Emergency Services spent a considerable amount of time focused on the tornado recovery and is currently still working with Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) and FEMA in the recovery



process. We enrolled in the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) program for Communications Centers. The Office of Emergency Services began meeting with our regional, state, and local partners early in 2023 in preparation for the April 2024 Solar Eclipse. In conjunction with other city departments, we implemented an electronic Freedom of Information Act request system within the center. This allows for our citizens to more easily request and

receive public information that is required to be released under Arkansas law.

Our city grants manager applied for and received an Arkansas Public Safety Communications Grant from the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management. A full time Training Coordinator position was added this year. North Little Rock Emergency Services Dispatcher Brittany Chaperon (pictured right) was awarded Dispatcher of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of Association of Public Safety Officials. Recruiting presentations were made at different school and community events. We are working with the local schools to ensure our youth are familiar with dispatch operations and are aware of the career possibilities. We have only two vacancies as compared to 11 vacancies at the end of 2022. Out of 31 current full-time employees, 13 were hired in 2023. To date 2023 number of calls received by the 911 center: 140,318 total phone calls (911 for police and fire, non-emergency for police, fire and other). Calls answered within 15 seconds: 99.01% (National Standard is 90%). Calls answered within 20 seconds: 99.64% (National Standard is 95%).



# ENGINEERING

## 2023 Completed City/State/Federal Funded Projects

Burns Park Pickleball Facility (pictured below)



Levy Jump Start

Safe Routes to Amboy and Boone Park Elementary Schools

Pike Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (Roundabout to 16<sup>th</sup>)

McCain Median Improvements (North Hills to Fairway)

Faulkner Lake Road Improvements (before & after, pictured below)



**Design/Construction of CDBG Street and Drainage Projects:** College Park Drive: Design 80%; Gum Street: Construction 10%; East 10<sup>th</sup> Street: Design 10%  
West 49<sup>th</sup> Street Ph. 2: Under Construction (WARD 3)

**On-Going City-Funded Projects:** McCain Median Improvements (Fairway to Justin Matthews); Burns Park Golf Path Rehabilitation; Arkansas Travelers': Field Rebuild, Water Damage Restoration, and Design-Build Groundwater Control Project

**Administration of On-Going City/State/Federal Funded Projects:** Burns Park Pavement Repairs (Tornado Recovery): 80% Complete; Ott Park Trail Improvements: Under Construction; Park Hill Jump Start: 90% Complete; Pike Avenue Improvements Design: 90% Complete ; Highway 70, left turn lane improvements; Crystal Hill Rd. Extension Design; and Main Street Viaduct Bridge replacement: Seeking Grant Funding.

**Street & Drainage WARD/Maintenance Construction projects: Completed**

Ward 1: 14 projects; Ward 2: 19 projects; Ward 3: 13 projects; and Ward 4: nine projects.

# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



**SEIS PUENTES PRESENTA...**

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*Hispanic Heritage Month*  
**ART AND FOOD FESTIVAL**

Free Admission / Entrada Gratuita

**¡Camiones de comida! ¡Arte Música ¡Y Mas!**  
Food Trucks, Art Vendors, Live Music and More!

**SEPTEMBER 16 10AM-2PM**  
**ARGENTA PLAZA 510 N. MAIN ST**

**Ballet Quetzalli - Los Sierreños**  
**Kaluas Paeteria & Botanas**  
\$10 Salsa Competition / \$10 Competencia De Salsa

Served on the North Little Rock Chamber Education, Leadership

Program, North Little Rock School District Superintendent's Advisory Committee and partnered with the American Museum of Fine Arts. Served on the NLR CARES Youth Coalition to plan the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Job Fair at NLRHS to eliminate youth violence. Worked with Seis Puentes Hispanic Outreach on the Hispanic Heritage Festival and the Seis Puentes summer program.

# FIRE



Purchased land and demolished an existing building at 1301 Main for the new Central Fire Station. Worked with architect and designed the new Central Fire Station. (below)

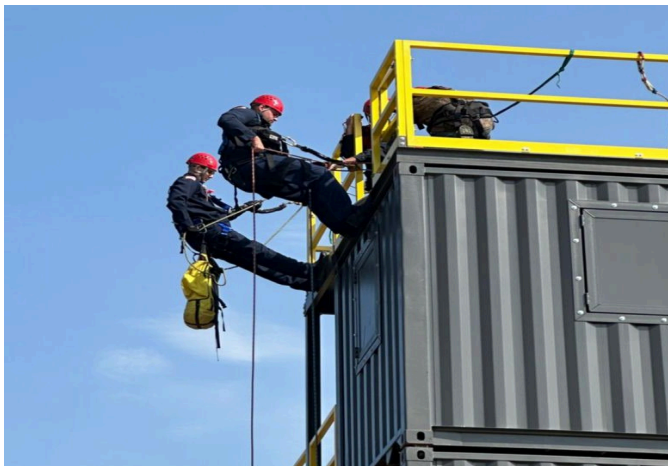




Purchased two new fire engines for Burns Park station 8 and Indian Hills Station 9.  
Purchased a new aerial truck for the Central Fire Station.  
Battalion 1 and Battalion 8 received new vehicles.  
North Little Rock Firefighters completed over 47,000 hours of training.  
Broke ground for new station 11 at 1000 Blaze Drive in the east part of our city. (below)



Opened Burns Park Fire Station 8 after the tornado damage was repaired. (below)





- Posted 172 vacancy announcements.
- Processed 2113 applications.
- Worked diligently to create an effective and proactive employee benefits program to assist employees with various benefits such as: prescription coverage, medical billing assistance and appeals, short and long-term disability, Medicare, retirement questions and any other questions pertaining to benefits.
- Facilitated the Mayor's Summer Youth Program with

youth interns placed in city departments throughout the city during the summer.

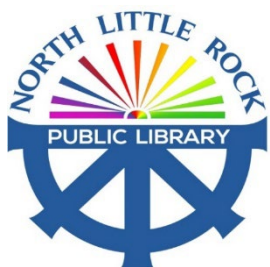
- Worked to recruit qualified and diverse applicants by attending various job fairs in Central Arkansas, worked with the Communications Department to help recruit through social media, the PROUD magazine and various local outlets and partners.
- Developed a partnership with Arkansas Work-Force Mobile Unit to enhance our recruiting goals.
- Conducted annual Supervisor Training. Preparing to implement an electronic performance appraisals system (NEO-GOV).



- Done-In-A-Day, focused on developing a cultural of wellness.
- Installed a gym at the North Little Rock City Services Building.
- Enrollment has doubled since 2022 in the employee gym reimbursement.
- Employees participated in the Nami Walk,

Heart Walk, MS Walk, Lupus Walk and Breast Cancer Walk in partnership with ARORA.

- Over 160 city employees participate in the 2nd Annual Employee Wellness Screenings and each received a \$50 incentive.
- Employees participated in the BLUE AND YOU Challenge from Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Held FIT2LIVE after school classes at Sherman Park and Glenview Community Centers for children.



- Checked out over 217,906 physical and electronic items.
- Added 3,505 new library card users, bringing the total up to 51,837. Added over 7,191 new items for the community to check out for free.



- Computers at North Little Rock Public Library System (NLRPLS) were used over 27,479 times for over 23,577 hours.
- Answered over 114,730 questions, that is an average of 330 questions a day.
- Outreach librarians made 239 visits to residents that are homebound, delivering over 1,049 items.
- Added over 5,000 items to their Little Free Libraries.



- Over 196,578 people visited the NLRPLS, 170,025 visited the library's website.
- The NLRPLS social media and email marketing had over 1,632,318 impressions and interactions, that's a 23% increase from 2022.
- Processed over 3,986 passports and expanded their passport services.
- Creative and entrepreneurial equipment was used over 2,370 times.
- Hosted over 2,436 free programs for all ages inside and outside of the library.

In July 2023, the Neighborhood Library Rover (Rover for short), NLRPLS' mobile library, rolled into the library system. Rover offers a browsable collection for all ages, issues new library cards, provides Wi-Fi access, offers printing services, and hosts an array of free library programs. The Neighborhood Library Rover was made possible by a \$200K grant from the City of North Little Rock - Government and a generous donation from the Nathan Hughes Hamilton Estate. Thus far, Rover has made 17 stops and has had 1,778 visitors.

# MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

There are 106 members in the North Little Rock Mayor's Youth Council ages 14 to 18. Members are required to participate in four hours of service per month and complete a community project of their choice. The total hours served by the Council is over 10,000. The Council is in its 25th year in North Little Rock and during 2023, served 69 nonprofits and agencies. Examples of these are knitting hats and scarves for the unsheltered, provided sandwiches to unsheltered, participating in schools' fall festivals, the annual sidewalk art event for the THEA Foundation, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army and filling Little Food Pantries in our city and Christmas stockings for children. Council members also contribute regularly to five Little Free Libraries throughout our city, participate in the NLR Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program as well as the Pulaski County Vision 2025 Leadership Institute.





# NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

- Mailed information for 20 neighborhood organizations.
- Loaned equipment to more than 63 events.
- Processed 21 applications for special events.
- Produced six issues of our publication Neighborhood News which were mailed to approximately 8,400 households. This brings us to more than 169 issues spanning the past 28 years.
- Supported the 11 neighborhoods that participated in National Night Out events.
- Hosted the Community Garden Managers meetings and the Community Garden Advisory Committee meetings. The City Beautiful Commission allocated a total of \$20,000 to six projects across the city.



- Served in the Emergency Operations Center for the March 31<sup>st</sup> tornado and the June straight line wind storm.
- Assisted with identifying addresses needing debris pick up.
- Assisted with operating the volunteer check in/assignment and donation pickup site at 1300 Pike Avenue for the tornado.
- Contacted owners of damaged properties to find out their plans for their damaged houses and tried to tie them to resources.
- Attended local Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) meetings to network with service providers for those needing assistance with tornado damage.
- Participated in meetings planning for the total solar eclipse in 2024.
- Renovated an empty building on the Historic Park Hill Water Complex to provide office space for the Community Garden Program in 2024.

# Community Gardens

Fifteen active gardens in the program: one new garden, Calm & Confidence at Baring Cross, one interested garden for 2024: LPOA, and 2024 Pilot Program in the workshop phase. According to the Nonprofit Leadership Center, one volunteer hour is valued at \$31.80/hour. This equates to a volunteer labor value of \$103,032 for the year.

Other numbers for 2023:

- 4,350 lbs. of produce harvested
  - \$23,253 distributed to gardens
  - 3,240 of volunteer hours logged
  - 79 cubic yards (c/y) of soil amendments distributed: 29 c/y compost, 37 c/y mulch, 7 c/y super-soil and 6 c/y coffee grounds.
- Worked with Clinton School of Public Service Graduate Student to develop a Best Practices report for the year.
  - Little Free Pantry Project Martin Luther King National Day of Service
  - Partnered with EngageAR, St. Joseph Center of Arkansas to facilitate a state-wide hunger relief/food security initiative.
  - Distributed 25 Little Free Pantries (LFP's) around Central Arkansas, 10 to North Little Rock neighborhoods.
  - Served as a guest speaker for garden workshops and demonstrations around the state.
  - The Community Garden Program was featured in all 2023 editions of NLR PROUD Magazine, on THV11, KATV & The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and in an interview on air



for KABF 88.3 FM. Collaborated with the Arkansas Resource Conservation and Development Council to produce a video highlighting gardens in North Little Rock. Produced 2023 Summer Program Video. Assisted with six in-state urban agriculture events: 1) Watermelon Crawl: Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, 2) Urban Sustainability Fair: Urban Patchwork, 3) Urban Garden Build: Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, 4) Planting Lessons: North Little Rock School District, and 5) Urban Gardening 101: North Little Rock

Tourism, Hospitality Hour, Seis Puentes, and 6) Raised Bed Distribution.

# PARKS & REC

Kenny Stephens was named the Director of Parks and Recreation. Burns Park hosted the Second Annual Arkansas Open Disc Golf tournament on October 14-15 at Stone Links Disc Golf Course. The tournament had 86 players from 16 states. We proudly opened the new North Little Rock Outdoor Pickleball Complex and held the first tournament November 17-19, 2023. The March 31 tornado closed down the season for Funland, Easter egg hunts at all five (5) community centers, cleaned debris from tornado, Movies in the Park were held at Glenview, North Heights, Rose City Centers as well as the main North Little Rock Community Center. Organized Frosting with Frosty at the North Little Rock Community Center.

## Sherman Park Community Center

- ASpire Afterschool Program
- Youth Basketball Teams
- Compassion Project Resource Fair
- Valentine Photos
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training
- Sapling Summer Program
- Movies in the Park
- Safe Food Donations
- Pink Out! Day
- Halloween Carnival
- Photos with Santa and Grinch

## Rose City Community Center

- Pickle Ball Sessions
- Teen Open Volleyball
- Basketball Skills and Drills
- Adult Basketball Open Play
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Rose City Dayz
- Give Back Day
- Community Health Fair
- Rose City National Night Out
- Halloween Game Night
- Breast Care, 2 mile run/walk
- Adult Christmas Game Night

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PARKS & RECREATION

# SPRING BREAK CAMP

**March 20-24, 2023**  
**7:30am to 4:00pm**

**Locations:**  
Gullah Gullah Island (GVCC)  
Noni Noni Island (NHCC)  
Shush Shush (SPCC)

**All Week Pass: \$35.00\***

- Limited Enrollment
- Lunch and Snack Provided
- Open to K-5th Grade Youth

Scan QR code to register or visit [nlrpr.org](http://nlrpr.org)

North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Spring Break Centers (K-5th)

Glenview (GVCC) 4800 E 19th Street 501-945-2921	North Heights (NHCC) 4801 Allen Street 501-791-8576	Sherman Park (SPCC) 624 N Beech Street 501-340-5373
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## Glenview Community Center

- Provided over 500 hours of activities for 249 youth in the ASPire Afterschool Program.
- Summer Activities Program (SAPling) provided a 9-week summer experience for 311 elementary youth.
- Specialty Mini Skills camps: Sports, Creative Arts and Dance/Cheer for 61 youth.
- Over 100 youth registered for seasonal one week camps: Fall Break Camp, Winter Holiday Camp, and Wild & Wacky Spring Break Camp.
- NLRPR Youth Basketball Program had 12 teams and 114 youth registered for the winter league.
- Sixty participants registered for Recreation & Competitive Youth Cheerleading.
- Volunteer service hours = 2,640 hours total from eight teen participants in the Junior SAPling Volunteer Program over a span of 10 weeks.
- Youth Athletics had three volunteer coaches totaling over 72 hours of mentoring and coaching youth participants in basketball and cheerleading.



**NR PARKS & RECREATION**

# SAPling CAMP 2023

**Camp Sessions**

- Session 1: June 5—June 23-\$85.00
- Session 2: June 26—July 14-\$80.00
- Session 3: July 17—August 4-\$80.00
- Mini Skills Camp: August 7—August 11-\$25.00

**Youth entering 1st-5th Fall 2023**

- Sibling discounts available. Must be registered under the same household account
- Must submit copy of last school year report to SAPling site to complete registration.
- Current NLRPR membership is required. NLR Residents-\$15; Non-Residents-\$20

**Early Registration**  
**\$225.00 for all three SAPling Camp Sessions if paid by May 26th**  
*\*Early registration does not include Mini Skills Camp*

**To Register Visit**  
[www.nlrpr.org](http://www.nlrpr.org)

**MINI-SKILLS CAMP | AUGUST 7—11**  
 Each center will host a 1-week mini camp. Each camp will concentrate on specific skills and technique. Must bring own lunch.

- Basketball Camp (GVCC)
- Cheer & Dance Camp (NHCC)
- Creative Arts Camp (SPCC)
- Middle School Sports & Arts Camp (RCCC)

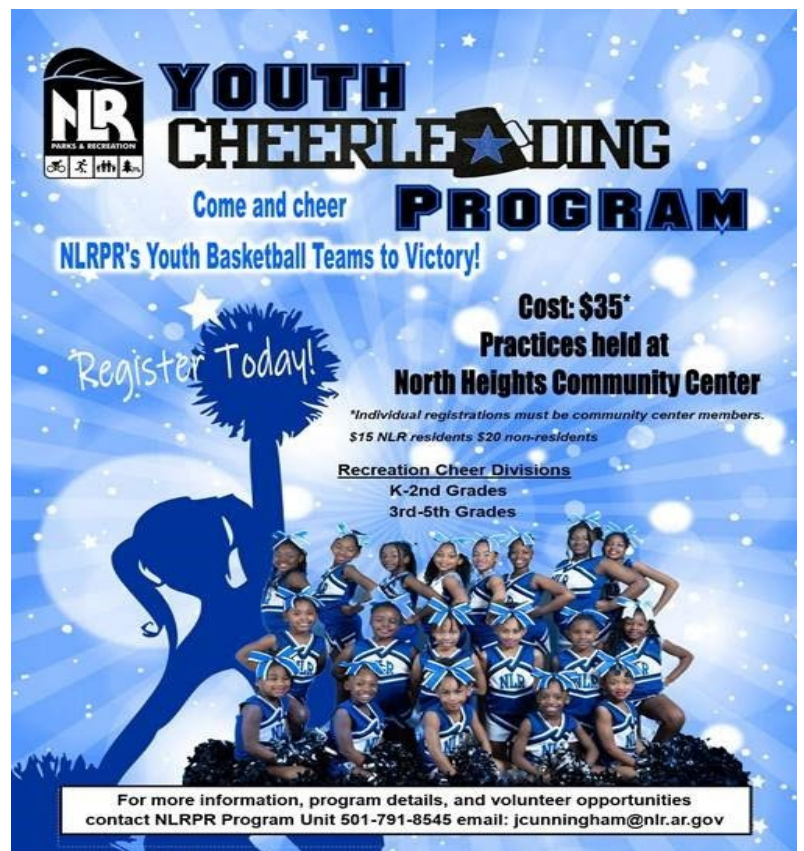
**ONE Groovy SUMMER!**

## North Heights Community Center

- Basketball FUNdamentals Day
- Community Education STEAM Fest
- PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness

## North Little Rock Community Center

Coordinated with FEMA and State agencies to provide a shelter for people misplaced from storms and provided temporary local offices for multiple disaster recovery agencies. Pickleball continues to be a popular sport at the community center. Served as both a Cooling Center during the summer and a Warming Center during the winter months.



**NR PARKS & RECREATION**

# YOUTH CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

Come and cheer

**NLRPR's Youth Basketball Teams to Victory!**

**Cost: \$35\***  
**Practices held at North Heights Community Center**

*\*Individual registrations must be community center members.  
 \$15 NLR residents \$20 non-residents*

**Recreation Cheer Divisions**  
 K-2nd Grades  
 3rd-5th Grades

**Register Today!**

For more information, program details, and volunteer opportunities contact NLRPR Program Unit 501-791-8545 email: [jcunningham@nlr.ar.gov](mailto:jcunningham@nlr.ar.gov)



### 2023 Numbers per Center as of December 5, 2023

Center	Rentals	Attendees	Rental \$	Annual Member	ASP (spring)	ASP (fall)	SAP	Aquatics \$	Aquatics #
RCCC	95	5555	\$ 6,715.00	56	6	0	32	NA	NA
SPCC	208	5020	\$ 6,460.00	78	28	12	37	\$1,034.00	1034
NHCC	132	3112	\$ 4,480.00	220	50	51	50	\$,916.00	1458
GVCC	242	10395	\$ 15,883.00	134	50	51	50	Free	650
NLRCC	467	41373	\$ 51,460.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA





The **Burns Park Tennis Center** kicked off all of their indoor Burns Park Tennis Leagues this year. They converted the entire department to Rec-1, made numerous repairs both inside and outside to the center including damage from the tornado and organized the Burns Park Junior Tennis Academy.

They also painted all of the railings around the entire complex, installed interior emergency lighting and added signage to the concession area. The tennis hosted numerous large state tennis tournaments for the state including Juniors and Adults.



## ARKANSAS INLAND MARITIME MUSEUM

December 7 Pearl Harbor Event and News, hosted North Little Rock Firefighter confined training, Brunch Brothers Catering Event, Family Gathering/Wedding Reception, Quapaw Area Council Honor Awards, Undercover Police Officers Mixer Greet and meet, and Irreverent Warriors. Reunions held: Razorback 80<sup>th</sup> Keel Laying & Final reunion, USS Darter, USS Guitarro, USS Trout, USS Ulysses S Grant, Berlin Airlift Crew, and Sub Ron Six Smoke.



# PATRICK HENRY HAYS SENIOR CENTER



The entryway was renovated and now has a state-of-the-art security system with cameras and LED lighting for seniors. The HVAC system was also updated. Programs: We expanded the pickleball and crafting programs and also added the newly popular, Cornhole. Members participated in four local trips monthly and also visited Alaska and Niagara Falls during 2023.



# POLICE

Two classes of the Joint Police Academy (Class 2023-A and Class 2023-B) were held during 2023. Each class was 19 weeks and was attended by recruits from North Little Rock, Sherwood and Jacksonville Police Departments. The department hosted the C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) Bleed Blue Blood Drive at the Justice Center. The department hired a Civilian Traffic Accident Investigator and rolled out Atlas One App. Lieutenant Steven Chamness graduated from the FBI National Academy (Session #287) for executive-level supervisors. Joint Police Academy classes, 2023-A and class 2023-B graduated from the police academy. The first all-female recruit class graduated from the Joint Police Academy. The department honored those who have fallen in the line of duty with the fallen officers' memorial. In May, members of the NLRPD and numerous other local, state and federal partners ran the Final Leg of the 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas.



**2023 Unsheltered Outreach Fair**

120 Riverfront Park Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72114

October 13, 2023  
10am to 3pm

For more information  
501-975-8780 or  
nirunsheltered@nlr.ar.gov

Officer Shana Cobbs  
Liaison to Unsheltered Community,  
North Little Rock Police Department

The department honored those who have fallen in the line of duty with the fallen officers' memorial. In May, members of the NLRPD and numerous other local, state and federal partners ran the Final Leg of the 2023 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Arkansas.

**New hires/sworn-in:** William Whitaker, Zachary Lindsey, Sean Berryman and Dave Thomas were sworn in to the department. Officer Jessica McCaa was sworn in as a member of the North Little Rock Police Department. In June, two Park Rangers were sworn in.

**Community:** The Drug Take Back was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and netted 630.4 pounds of prescription medication. North Little Rock Police Department (NLRPD) hosted the National Victims' Rights Week Community Victim Resources and information session at the Justice Center. Boots and Badges Blood Drive at the Justice Center collected 67 units of blood which exceeded our goal of 50 units.

The City of NLR is hosting an Unsheltered Outreach Fair for individuals in the unsheltered community.

The purpose of the Outreach Fair is to share resources to our unsheltered community and improve the quality of life for citizens needing assistance.



**Awards:** In March, Lieutenant Chauncey Sims (Sergeant Sims at the time) was presented with a Life Saving Award from the North Little Rock School District for life saving measures he engaged in when a school district employee suffered a medical emergency. Detectives Eric Imhoff and John Alston receive Merit Awards for their work on securing an arrest on a suspect responsible for numerous commercial burglaries and compiling a massive case file containing property crimes the suspect had committed. Officer Danielle Donley was presented with a lifesaving award for her actions when she responded to a call involving an overdose. The



Chamber of Commerce hosted an Awards Banquet for the city's first responders. Four members of the NLRPD were presented with awards: Sergeant Haley, CHI St. Vincent's Acts of Human Kindness Award; Detective Noel, Leadership Award; Officer James Edwards, Chief's Award; and Lieutenant Sims, Life Saving Award.

**Retirements:** Officer First Class Nathan "Scout" Kimes - 28 years, Officer Scott Harton, Sergeant Robert Griffin - 32 years, and Lieutenant Craig Edwards - 28 years.

**Promotions:** Sergeants Chauncey Sims and Brandon Bennett were promoted to Lieutenant. Officers Gary Jones, Tyler Loudon and Josh Forney were promoted to rank of Sergeant.

An advertisement for the Atlas One app. The background is a photograph of a city street with a large classical building. In the top left, the "ATLAS ONE" logo is displayed. The main text reads "Introducing, Atlas One North Little Rock PD's new public safety app!". Below this text is a QR code and two buttons: "GET IT ON Google Play" and "Download on the App Store". On the right side, a smartphone screen shows the app's interface. The screen displays the time "9:41", signal strength, and battery icons. Below the status bar is a back arrow, the "NLRPD" name, and a profile icon. The main content area shows the North Little Rock Police Department badge and a message: "Thank you for contacting the North Little Rock Police Department. This page is NOT monitored 24/7. For emergencies dial 911. For non-emergencies dial 501-758-1234. We will respond to any messages left on this page as soon as we can." Below the message is a "View Profile" button and a "Message..." input field. At the bottom, a keyboard is visible with the text "I Haha I'm" entered.

# TRAFFIC



Service Request Completed: 252  
Signs Repaired or Replaced: 802  
Signs Fabricated: 488  
City Vehicles Marked: 41

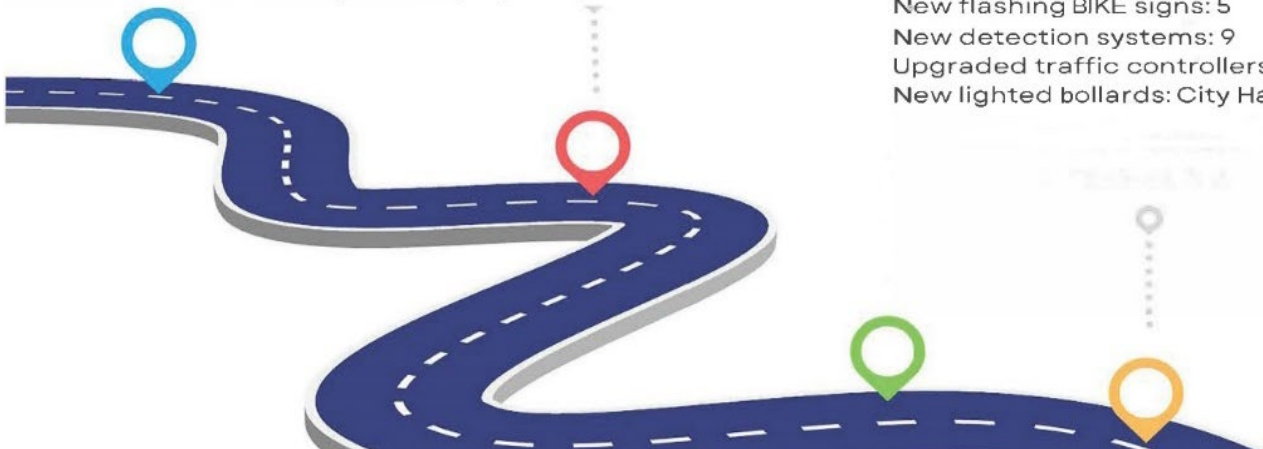
## Speed Studies

Speed Studies Performed: 18 locations  
Traffic Counts: 4 locations  
Speed Display Trailer: 5 locations

## Signals

Repairs: 144  
Call requests: 626  
Emergency calls: 6

New Traffic Management Center  
New flashing STOP signs: 16  
New flashing BIKE signs: 5  
New detection systems: 9  
Upgraded traffic controllers: 13  
New lighted bollards: City Hall





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