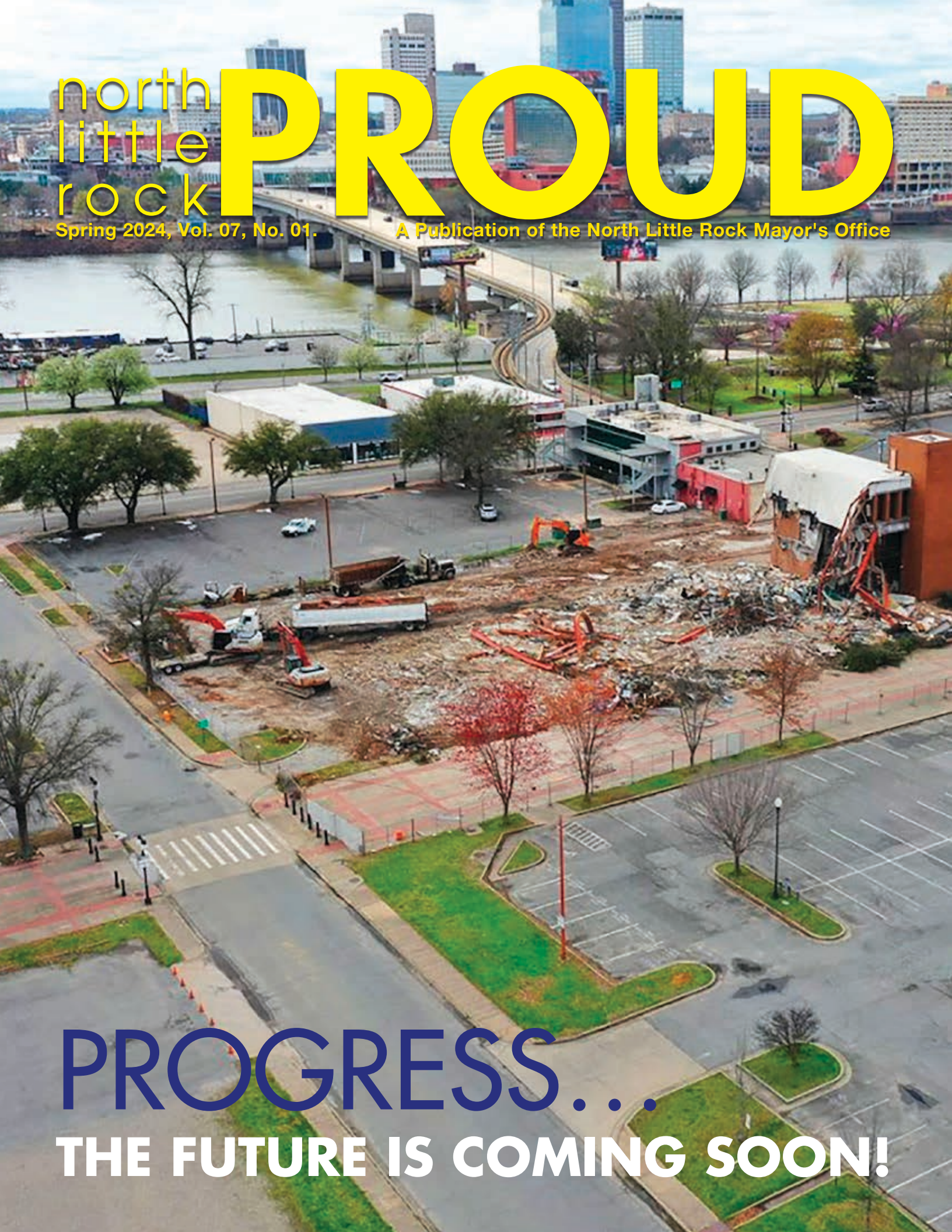


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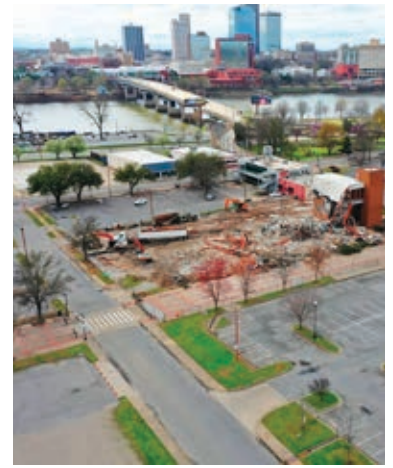
PROGRESS...

THE FUTURE IS COMING SOON!

During 2023, the City demolished the original Argenta School at 13th & Main streets to build a new Central Fire Station, opened the Burns Park Fire Station, and broke ground on a new fire station in the east part of our city. We opened a new City Services building centrally located which will also be home to our new 911 Communications Center. The flooding on Faulkner Lake Road has been corrected and everyone is excited about the new outdoor pickleball facility at Burns Park. Economic Development has continued to soar. Lowe’s Distribution Center, the Federal Metals plant, and numerous restaurants opened and Safe Food expanded their operation. I take pride in how hard our city employees worked during 2024, especially after the March 31 tornado. I believe this will continue to be a great year for the City of North Little Rock. I hope you’re PROUD of the work we are doing and our progress!

Terry C. Hartwick

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick



Old City Services Building
Mayor Hartwick kicked off the demolition of the old North Little Rock City Services Building located at 120 Main Street. The structure was built in 1966 as First American National Bank and later purchased by the City of North Little Rock in 1998 to use as a one-stop-shop to pay your utilities as well as visit the Finance, Planning, Human Resources, Commerce, and IT departments. The demolition will allow for future development downtown near the river.

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2023

STATE OF THE CITY

Mayor Hartwick presented the 2023 State of the City video and printed report to the North Little Rock City Council earlier this year. We are proud of the continued progress we have made in our city during 2023. Please scan the QR code below to view both the video and printed report.



Total Eclipse in the Park

Enjoy the eclipse along the Arkansas River



April 8, 2024

Gates open at 7:30 am
Eclipse Event 12:30-3:15pm

Arkansas Inland
Maritime Museum /
NLR Riverfront Park



For More Information
501-371-8320
info@aimmuseum.org



For More Information
501-906-6300
nlrprevents@nlr.ar.gov

Information about
Parking Passes and
Eclipse



nlr.ar.gov/eclipseinthepark/

\$25 per vehicle

*Limited spaces available
One parking space per vehicle
No vehicles larger than 15 passenger van
No campers/motorhomes/buses/trailers*

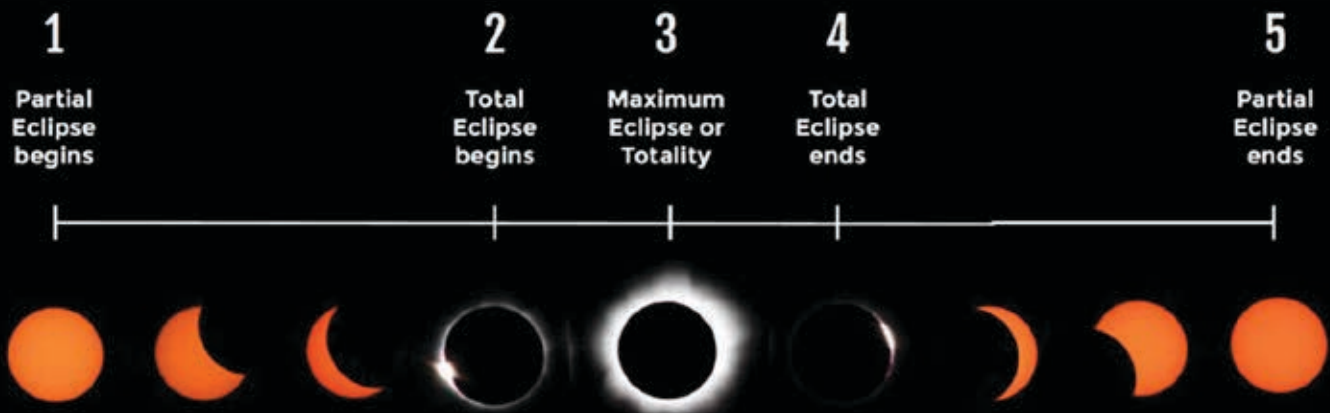


**NO alcohol
allowed**

Information Guide for the Solar Eclipse 2024

Eclipse Time Schedule for Monday, April 8, 2024

- 1. Start of partial eclipse: 12:34 p.m.**
- 2. Start of total eclipse: 1:51 p.m.**
- 3. Maximum eclipse: 1:52 p.m.**
- 4. End of total eclipse: 1:54 p.m.**
- 5. End of partial eclipse: 3:12 p.m.**



Free eclipse glasses are available for all North Little Rock residents at W.F. Laman Library.

The City of North Little Rock has been diligently preparing for the Total Solar Eclipse for over a year now. We have been collaborating with multiple surrounding agencies, as well as state and federal agencies, to ensure that the city is fully equipped and ready for the event. Our city departments have been working together to ensure all allocated resources are being utilized effectively. To provide visitors and residents with the best information about the eclipse, we have published a comprehensive Solar Eclipse Information Guide and organized pertinent information. North Little Rock Tourism has also created a list of eclipse events for visitors to view.

To ensure the safety of everyone, our Police, Fire, and Emergency Services will be fully staffed during the event. The city has been communicating regularly on social media, email, and through media outlets to share information with churches, neighborhood associations, all employees, and the entire community, ensuring that everyone stays informed and prepared for this exciting event. To view the information guide, scheduled events or to locate glasses for the event, visit: <https://nlr.ar.gov/eclipse-2024>

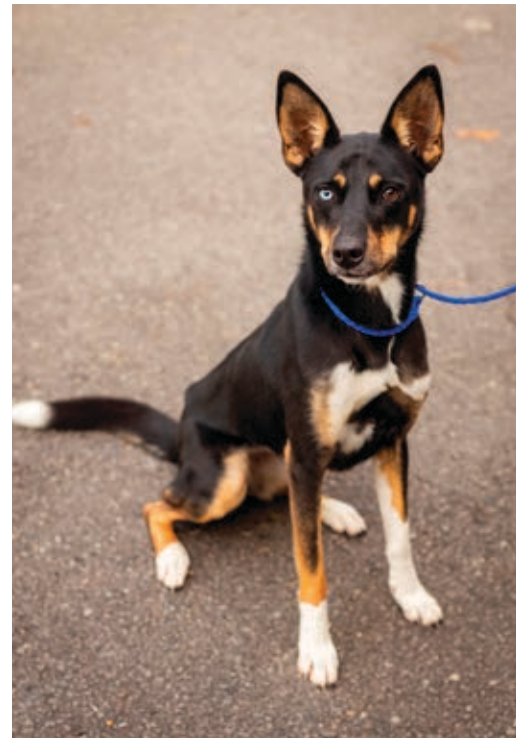
Animal Shelter Addition & Adoptions



Animals are definitely a priority with North Little Rock residents. Mayor Hartwick and his team have finalized plans for a 1,800 square foot addition and renovation of the existing North Little Rock Animal Shelter. The new facility will continue to serve the needs of animals in our city through adoption services, sterilization and effective animal control. In addition, the new facility will provide on-site event room for educational training and pet-community focused events. Construction is scheduled to begin very soon. Estimated completion date: 2025



A few volunteers from the Mayor's Youth Council gave a pup named Luke a much needed bath! Luke has since been adopted!



Marcie is a mixed breed adult female. She was adopted from the North Little Rock Animal Shelter in January 2024.

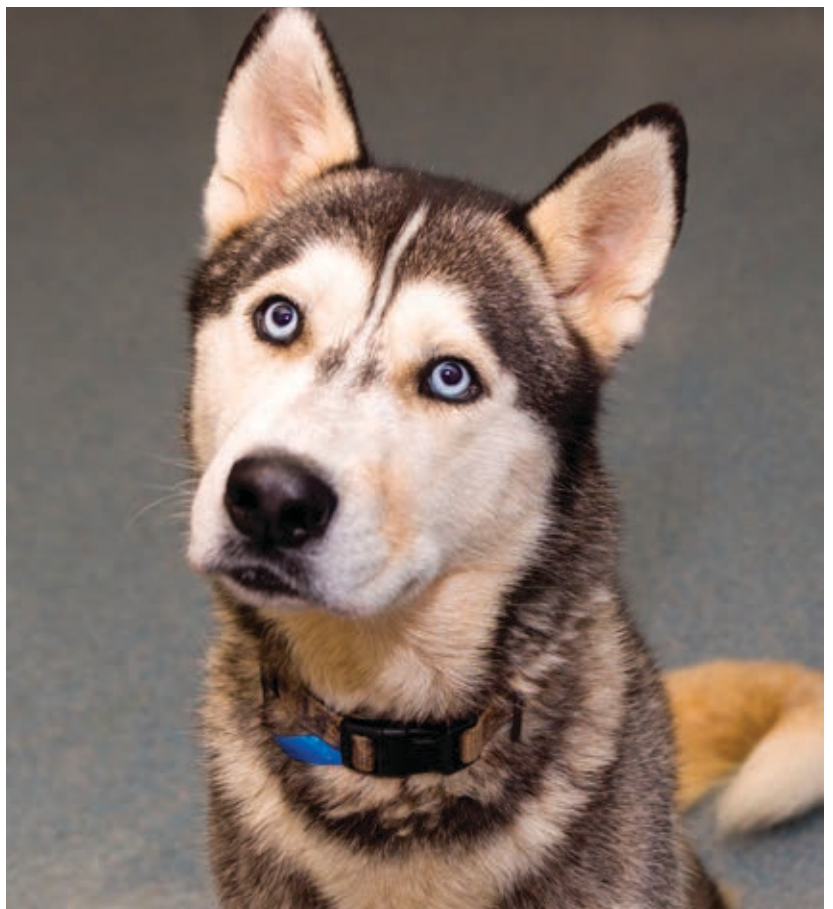
Visit the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at 1 Championship Drive in Burns Park or our Mobile Adoption Unit to find the next furry member of your family! Per state law, all pets are spayed/neutered before going to their new home. The adoption fee covers the cost of Spay/Neuter. For more information, e-mail the North Little Rock Animal Shelter at animalservices@nlr.ar.gov or call 501-791-8577. Adoption hours: Monday – Friday, 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please note, phones are not answered on Saturdays. To view pictures of animals available for adoption, visit the North Little Rock Animal Shelter Adoptables page on Facebook.



Hobo was spoiled on his Doggy Day Out! Volunteers paraded Hobo around our beloved town of North Little Rock. Hobo was adopted after his Doggy Day Out made its way onto social media!



Groomers from Hounds Lounge in North Little Rock volunteered their time and services to trim nails for all the adoptable animals at the shelter! Pictured is Poppy, the groomer, and Hoss who is still up for adoption! When Hoss arrived at the shelter in August of 2023, he had an eye condition called Entropion or an inversion of the eyelids. Hoss received the necessary corrective surgery through Medi-Paws fund and no longer has any eye issues. Hoss has been awaiting his forever home ever since!



The North Little Rock Animal Shelter worked with a local rescue, Hauling Tail, to coordinate getting Buffalo into a foster home where he is receiving heartworm treatment while he waits to meet his new family.

Funland in Burns Park



ONE YEAR since the March 31 tornado



Opening July 4th




Baptist Health Clinic Rose City



The new Baptist Health Clinic Rose City is nearing completion. The ribbon cutting for the 6,500 square foot facility will be held this summer. Sitting at the corner of Arkansas State Highway 165 and 70, the facility is positioned to serve residents in the east part of North Little Rock. Baptist Health will staff the clinic with modern equipment to serve residents in the east part of North Little Rock. Estimated completion date: April 2024 🎉

A graphic for a live chat service. On the left is a smartphone screen displaying a live chat form. The form has a blue header with a speech bubble icon and the text "Live Chat". Below the header, it says "North Little Rock Electric Customer Service Representatives are available to chat during normal business hours: M-F, 8:00am-4:30pm (excl. holidays)." There are four input fields labeled "First Name *", "Last Name *", "Phone Number *", and "Account Number". On the right is a large blue speech bubble containing the text "WE HAVE! CHAT!" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below the speech bubble is the text "ASSISTANCE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS" in white, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom right is the North Little Rock Electric logo, which consists of the letters "NLR" in a stylized font above the word "ELECTRIC" and a stylized electrical plug symbol.

Young Heads Airport

Virginia Young has worked in city government for 36 years, 16 years as a mayor. Young started in finance before moving to planning, engineering, and then served six years in the elected capacity of clerk/treasurer. Married to Larry Young, she and her husband share seven children, 10 grandchildren and attend First North Little Rock. Young holds a Master's degree in Public Administration/Human Resource Development and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management. Young's experience with finance, education, and leadership in city government will be beneficial as she works to take the North Little Rock Regional Airport to the next level. 



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK

BRING YOUR EXPIRED OR UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO BE SAFELY DISPOSED

DEA NATIONAL  TAKEBACK

McCain Mall - South Parking Lot

WE WILL BE HERE 

Saturday, April 27th
10am to 2pm

McCain Mall - South Parking Lot
3929 McCain Boulevard
North Little Rock, AR 72116



NEW FIRE STATIONS

Central Fire Station 1 (1300 Main Street)



The old Argenta School located at 13th and Main Streets has been demolished and the ground has been prepared for the new Central Fire Station. The new fire station will provide fire fighters faster access to more residents in the Mid City Neighborhood in Ward 1 as well as faster access to Interstate 40. The current Central Fire Station was built in 1962 and is the oldest fire station still in operation in North Little Rock. The historic location is ideal for the new Central Fire Station and will be an asset to the continued revitalization of the Mid City neighborhood in North Little Rock. The new station will feature a baby drop as well as a state-of-the-art decontamination area. Estimated completion date: November 2025.

NLR Fire Promotes First Black Battalion Chief

North Little Rock Fire Captain Ricky Cranford was recently promoted to Battalion Chief. Chief Ricky Cranford is the first black firefighter promoted to Battalion Chief in the North Little Rock Fire Department. Chief Cranford joined the North Little Rock Fire Department in 1996. During his time as a firefighter, Cranford attended school to become certified as an EMT and also a Haz-mat Technician. Cranford was motivated to move up through the ranks and spent time preparing himself for promotional exams. In 2005, Cranford was



Chief Ricky Cranford

Fire Station 11 (Blaze Drive)



The City broke ground late in 2023 on a new, 7,600 square foot fire house off Arkansas Highway 165 to serve residents and businesses in the east part of North Little Rock. The site was selected because it will provide quick access to Highways 165 and 391 as well as U.S. Interstate 440 which will enable the North Little Rock Fire Department to quickly respond to all parts of Ward 2. The station will be an upgrade from the current 2,000 square foot house that has a detached engine bay which slows response times. The new, modern two-bay fire station will allow room to grow as the east part of our city continues to develop. The modern industrial design of the new station will match its location and will help encourage further commercial and residential growth in Ward 2. Estimated cost is \$4.6 million and the station should be completed in 2024. CBM Construction is the construction manager. Estimated completion date: December 2024

promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to serve Rose City where he was first exposed to the Haz-Mat team. In 2015, Cranford was promoted to Captain and selected to serve as the North Little Rock Fire Department Administrative Staff Captain. Then North Little Rock Fire Chief Jim Murphy recognized the untapped potential in Cranford and began to expand his duties. Cranford was assigned first as the Haz-Mat team coordinator and later was placed over Recruiting for the department. Cranford has been a beacon for minorities considering a career in public service. He also had the challenging task of being the fire department coordinator for IT and liaison with communications. Ricky aspired to enter the chief officer ranks and throughout his career has felt the desire to be in a leadership role. This desire was encouraged by many people along the way who recognized his potential but Cranford ultimately credits Chief Jim Murphy for mentoring him and really putting him on the path to pursue the rank of Battalion Chief. Chief Cranford hopes to continue to move even higher in rank in the North Little Rock Fire Department.

TREVINO

Inducted into the Hall of Fame

Karen Trevino's accomplishments and volunteerism have most definitely made a positive impact in the Arkansas tourism industry earning her a place in Arkansas' Tourism Hall of Fame. North Little Rock is proud of Karen and the contribution she has made to our city, state and region. Trevino is the president and CEO of North Little Rock Tourism, formerly the North Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Karen has served on a long list of public and private committees and has held board roles in numerous, notable and worthwhile organizations. She has earned several travel industry certifications: Certified Diversity Travel Professional, Certified Culinary Travel Professional, Certified Travel Industry Specialist and Certified Tourism Marketing Professional. *Arkansas Money & Politics* magazine named Karen among its Power Women in 2022 and 2023. Over the years, Trevino has served on a long list of public and private committees and has held board roles over the years, including: Argenta Community Theater, Argenta Downtown Council, Arkansas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, Arkansas Dance Network, Arkansas Festivals and Events Association,



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARKANSAS STATE TOURISM

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders presented Karen Trevino with the Tourism Hall of Fame award.

Arkansas Hospitality Association, Arkansas River Cities Sports Commission, Arkansas Tourism Development Foundation, Arkansas Travel Council, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute Advisory Board, Heart of Arkansas Tourist Association, Junior League of North Little Rock, North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, Pulaski Technical College, Riverfest, 600 Main Property Owner's Association, Southeast Tourism Society, Skål International Arkansas, Skål International USA and the Susan Komen Runway for the Cure.

AY Magazine named her among its Intriguing Women in 2019. Karen has consistently won awards for her efforts both locally and nationally. Mayor Hartwick and the North Little Rock City Council recently recognized Karen as the newest member of the Arkansas Hall of Fame for Tourism. Congratulations, Karen! 🎉

Free Community Events in Argenta!

ARGENTA VIBE MUSIC SERIES

April 26th *The Cleverlys*

June 28th *Arkansauce*

May 24th *King Cabbage Brass Band*

DOG TOWN THROWDOWN
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR
April 12th & 13th
May 10th & 11th


NLR North Little Rock Tourism
A° ARGENTA DOWNTOWN COUNCIL

For more information, visit argentaartsdistrict.org


COMMUNITY GARDENS



Volunteers celebrating a job well done at the Garden of Eating.

North Little Rock Community Gardeners program staff and several volunteer Garden Managers attended the Arkansas Grown/Arkansas Made conference where they learned about all the agricultural happenings in the Natural State. The team explored vertical gardening techniques, composting, and integrative pest management. Plans are underway to partner with Every Arkansan/North Little Rock Dream Center to host a month-long food drive. Gardeners will work to collect non-perishable food items and hygiene supplies to distribute to Little Free Pantries across our city. Gardeners also hosted a work day at the Garden of Eating in collaboration with AmeriCorps, Our House, and Engage AR. Community gardeners were able to repaint their on-site pantries and prepare their garden for spring planting! Our trusted Garden Advisory Board chose to fund six (6) community gardens within city-limits, totaling \$17,500. We welcomed two new gardens, Boone Park Elementary Garden and the Lakewood Community Garden, to the program! 

Dustin Free Named as Director of Senior Center

Mayor Terry Hartwick appointed Dustin Free as the Director of the Patrick H. Hays Senior Citizens Center earlier this year. Dustin began working for the North Little Rock Fire Department in 1999 and retired during 2023. While working for the fire department, Dustin earned the rank of Captain and served as the Assistant Fire Marshal and Public Information Officer for the North Little Rock Fire Department. He has also served as the President of the Arkansas Fire Marshal's Association and the State of Arkansas delegate for Vision 20/20 Community Risk Reduction. His experience in leadership, fire and building codes, communications, public education, and public speaking are skills that will benefit and best serve the members of the Patrick Henry Hays Senior Citizens Center in North Little Rock. 



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